



WESTWOOD

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Think Spring!

After a winter with lots of snow, plan to embrace all that spring invites!

Memorial Day Parade! Todd Schwartz Memorial Softball Classic! And More!

David Burnes named Recreation Director



On February 14, 2011, David Burnes assumed the duties of Recreation Director for the Town of Westwood. For the past eleven years, David was employed by the City of Boston Centers for Youth & Families, most

recently serving as Deputy Director of Recreation since 2004. David is currently pursuing his Masters in Public Administration from Northeastern University and has a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston College where he played baseball and later became the Assistant Baseball Coach. David is very excited to assume his new role with the Westwood Recreation Department, which he recognizes as having a tremendous reputation regarding the well-rounded services and programs it provides to the community.

Sue Perry and Staff Extended Kudos

The Town wishes also to express its most sincere appreciation to Sue Perry who served so capably as the Interim Recreation Director these past six months and all of the Recreation staff for their commitment to the children of the community they serve.

We encourage residents of the Town to participate in the Recreation Department's 3rd Annual *March into Summer* being held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and meet the new Director and the Recreation Staff. ❖

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH INTO SUMMER RETURNS!

Saturday, March 12, 2011
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Westwood Recreation
All Ages Welcome – **Free!**



Activities

- Information Booths
- Interactive Activities & Observation
- Summer Playland, Crafts, Games
- **10% Discount on Summer Programs** (paid in full)
- Prizes & Surprises

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY AT BUCKMASTER POND

Saturday, May 14, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

It's a "reel" good time!

Youth Division: 8:00-11:00

Free: Ages 15 & under.

Prizes will be awarded.

Participants must bring their own poles.

Adult Division: 7:00-11:00

Fee: \$10. Ages 16 & up.



Prize will be awarded for the largest fish caught. Adults must obey all Massachusetts Fish & Game regulations. Adult division is required to register at Buckmaster Pond that day.

Concession Stand: Coffee, donuts, soda, hot dogs and worms will be sold.

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Did You Know . . .

- Did you know that the average American consumes more than two times the daily recommendation of salt (sodium)? The **Westwood Board of Health** would like you to know that the American Heart Association has set new dietary guidelines for salt (sodium) consumption at **1500 mg per day**. Most people consume more than 4000 mg per day. High salt consumption puts you at a higher risk for high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke. Be a label reader, check the salt (sodium) content of the foods you buy and eat. One quarter of a teaspoon of salt contains 600 mg. One teaspoon of baking soda contains 1,000 mg. Ways to reduce salt consumption: Take the salt shaker off your table, use pepper, lemon juice, or other salt free seasonings. Select low sodium products whenever possible, limit salty snacks, choose fresh, or frozen instead of canned. Salt is an acquired taste so it will take about 8-12 weeks for you to adapt to less salty foods and not miss the taste. Try to reduce your salt consumption to less than 1500 mg per day. The American Heart Association is working to reduce salt in the food supply; but this will take time. So you have to do what you can now to reduce your risk of high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke. For more information, please contact the Westwood Board of Health at 781-320-1026/1027. ❖
- Did you know that *March is National Social Work month*? The Social Work profession was established more than 100 years ago to provide as many people as possible with the tools and support they need to overcome adversity and reach their full potential. Westwood is home and workplace to many professional social workers, and here are just a few:
 - Tracy Gabriel, M.S.W., LICSW and Danielle Sutton, M.S.W., LICSW of the Westwood Youth and Family Services Department
 - Sheryl Goodloe, M.Ed., LCSW and Lois Riley, M.Ed., LCSW of the Westwood Public Schools
 - Private practitioners and consultants, Alicia Fitzpatrick, LICSW; Debra Greenberg, LICSW and Nina Johnston, LICSW

If you know a social worker in Westwood, make sure to celebrate them, and their important work, this month! ❖
- Did you know that the **Westwood Board of Health** and the **Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project** has begun planning mosquito control for 2011? The project conducts mosquito control on properties on a request basis only, weather permitting. However, if you **do not** want your property sprayed you must notify the Westwood Town Clerk, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 in writing, with a copy to the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project, Building 34 Endicott Street, Norwood, MA 02062, by *March 1, 2010* although the Project will honor exclusion requests any time during the mosquito season. The law (State Regulation 333 CMR: 13:04) requires this notification as well as a requirement to post your property. This is very important if you **do not** want adult mosquito control so that Project personnel can exclude your property from these applications. For more information please contact the Westwood Board of Health at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project at 781.762.3681 or go to the Project's website at <http://massnrc.org/ncmcp/>. ❖
- Did you know every three years, each town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is required to revalue all properties in its jurisdiction. The Town of Westwood is scheduled to establish new values for Fiscal Year 2012. **The Assessors' office** is currently reviewing all 2010 sales to determine how assessed values compare to those sales. This project should be completed by the fall of 2011. The Assessors' office will notify the residents by placing an article in the local newspaper. Look for the article around late October of 2011. The residents will have a short period of time to review the values before they are certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any questions regarding this should be directed to the Assessors' office. ❖

News from the Government and Charter Study Task Force – Did You Know?

- Westwood's governing Charter has not been updated since its adoption in 1970.
- The Selectmen appointed a 9-member Government and Charter Study Task Force in October 2009 to review our town government's structure and practices.
- The Task Force met with Westwood boards, committees, residents and state officials.
- Each section of the current Charter was discussed and alternatives were debated among the Task Force members. The group concluded that Westwood functions well; however, the Charter needs to better document current functionality and to incorporate modern "best practices".
- In December, a proposed revised Charter was available for residents' review and comments, and the Task Force has updated the proposed Charter to include some of the feedback received.
- To review the proposed Charter, go to www.townhall.westwood.ma.us and look under the Government Study Task Force Committee publications.
- Residents can learn more and ask questions on the

Westwood Community Blood Drive — the Red Cross Teams with Westwood

Be a hero! Be there!

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, and every pint donated could save up to three lives. The American Red Cross-Northeast Division must distribute 3,000 units of blood each day just to meet the basic needs of local patients. Donors who are at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible. Make an appointment by calling 800-REDCROSS, or at

www.redcrossblood.org/. Walk-ins are also welcome. Be sure to bring a positive form of ID.

The Westwood Community Blood Drive will be held on April 2, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at the:

Westwood Masonic Building,
655 High Street
(Rt. 109 – across from the Library). ❖

Westwood Youth & Family Services Single Parent Support Group

Westwood Youth and Family Services holds an eight-week Single Parent Support Group for single parents in Westwood each summer. This popular program consists of weekly evening meetings from the end of June through August and offers parents the opportunity to discuss such topics as raising children alone, time management, finding time for personal interests, parenting strategies, and stress management. Group membership and childcare are provided free of charge, along with pizza and snacks for both kids and parents, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Westwood Young Women's Club and the Westwood Early Childhood Council. For more information and/or to register for this summer's Single Parent Support Group, please contact Tracy Gabriel, LICSW of Westwood Youth & Family Services at 781.251.2575 or tgabriel@townhall.westwood.ma.us/. ❖

Annual Rabies Clinic Set for April 9th. *Calling all dogs and cats!*

The Annual Rabies Clinic, sponsored by Vincent Durso, DVM of the **Westwood Animal Clinic**, the **Westwood Rotary Club** and the **Westwood Board of Health**, will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the:

Carby Street Municipal Office Building,
50 Carby Street, in Westwood (off of Dover Road).

Both dogs and cats will be vaccinated. The cost per vaccine is \$15.00. For more information about the rabies

clinic please contact the Westwood Board of Health at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or Dr. Durso at the Westwood Animal Clinic at 781.329.7785.

Please note: The Town Clerk's office will not be licensing dogs at the clinic as the date for dog licenses was changed at Town Meeting in May of 2010. If you have questions about licensing your dog, please contact the Westwood Town Clerk at 781.326.3964. ❖



Memorial Day Events

Volunteer Opportunities and Parade Information

From the Department of Veterans' Services and the Westwood American Legion Post 320

Please join us on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 a.m. for Westwood's Annual Memorial Day Parade. On this day we take time to remember those men and women who have sacrificed so much in order to protect those freedoms we enjoy everyday.

For those that wish to volunteer in preparation of the Memorial Day ceremonies, on Friday May 27th we will be meeting in the New Westwood Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. to refresh the flags on all the Veterans' graves in the New Westwood Cemetery and also the Old Westwood Cemetery. On Saturday, May 28th, we will again meet at 9:00 a.m. in the New Westwood Cemetery to plant geraniums on the graves of Veterans. Everyone is welcome to participate.

For more information, please contact the **Department of Veterans' Services** at 781.320.1008. ❖

Westwood Community Chest Camperships Available To Help Families Afford Summer Camp

Westwood Community Chest (WCC) is announcing its 2011 Campership Program. This program provides scholarships to help Westwood families afford to send their children to summer camp.

All school age children residing in Westwood are eligible, and funds are awarded based on financial need. Camperships will be awarded in three grant rounds; application deadlines are March 15, April 15, and May 15. Applications can be found online at <http://www.wcc.cfsites.org> or at the Westwood Public Libraries, the Police Station, Fire Station, Westwood Senior Center, Town Hall, Recreation Department, Westwood Youth and Family Services, and the Post Office. The application process is strictly confidential.

“Camperships provide the opportunity for physical, social, and emotional growth to Westwood children whose families could not otherwise afford summer programs,” said WCC President Megan Licameli. Last year, WCC awarded camperships to 30 Westwood families.

Also at the WCC website is a resource information page, which lists area camps and possibilities for additional financial aid which may be available through each individual camp.

In addition to funding camperships, WCC also helps residents in financial difficulty by awarding funds which help with basic needs such as medical expenses, housing, and utility payments. Applications for basic needs assistance can be found online and at the locations listed above.

The WCC is able to fund camperships and provide help with basic needs thanks to the generosity of fellow Westwood residents. For more information about Westwood Community Chest, go to our website at www.wcc.cfsites.org. Donations are accepted on an ongoing basis online or at Westwood Community Chest, P.O. Box 250, Westwood, MA 02090. ❖

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— Megan Licameli

SAVE THE DATE: The Todd J. Schwartz Charity Memorial Softball Tournament needs you! See Recreation Department information on next page for more details.

In November 2002, 19-year-old Todd Schwartz, the brother of Laura and Amy and friend to everyone, lost his battle with rhabdomyosarcoma. After witnessing Todd's 2-year battle with cancer, his friends felt the need to carry on his fight.

Todd Schwartz was a genuine people magnet. If he met you, young or old, he remembered you and would do all that he could to be a friend. He wanted nothing more than to be a funny, loving, smart, creative teen. Todd should have turned 28 this May and been leading a life as a young adult full of adventure and purpose. Instead, it is his friends and family who have found the purpose and are hoping the Westwood community will join in.

Todd was an avid Red Sox fan. He was the patient spokesperson for the Red Sox when they took their bid to the State House to gain approval for the Red Sox License plate. At the State House he was thrilled to meet Johnny Pesky, Mike Andrews and Stacey Lucchino. So it seemed only fitting that his friends would organize a softball tournament with the proceeds going to the Jimmy Fund.

The kick-off year of the event raised \$20,000 in just one day. Now 9 years later, the event has an annual goal of \$50,000!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

The committee has accepted a new goal of bringing back “Westwood Days” (remembered from the past as a community event bringing together town residents in a day full of fun and games) and re-establishing a town-wide focus of caring, giving and community. The charity softball games are open to everyone, players and fans alike. There truly is something for everyone!

For families there will be musical entertainment, a caricaturist, moonwalk, ice cream and games. Senior citizens can enjoy the day and eat free just by signing up! Boston Red Sox tickets and autographed sports memorabilia as well as many gift certificates are part of the huge silent auction. You won't want to miss it!

The committee welcomes corporate sponsors as well as gift certificates or items for the silent auction. It's a great opportunity to get the word out about your business as more than 500 people have come out to support the Jimmy Fund in recent years. Sponsorship benefits include signage and T-shirts for all.

Admission includes a barbeque lunch, a commemorative t-shirt and ice cream. ❖

**From the
Town Clerk's Office**

**Time Lines for Voter Registration,
Town Election & Town Meeting**

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

- Last day for residents who are unregistered voters to register so that they may be eligible to participate in the Annual Town Election & Annual Town Meeting.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

- Annual Town Election. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 2, 2011

- Annual Town Meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Westwood High School.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781.326.3964 or dpowers@townhall.westwood.ma.us if you have any questions regarding the Annual Town Election or Annual Town Meeting. ❖

TODD J. SCHWARTZ SOFTBALL CLASSIC
9th Annual Charity Memorial Fund Raiser to Benefit
The Jimmy Fund Clinic and
The Todd J. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Fund at
Westwood High School

Saturday, June 11, 9:30-4:00
 Council On Aging, Westwood

**Fun-Filled
Family Event**

Donation Packages

Fan Package - \$25 (One Person)

Includes: T-Shirt, Barbeque and Entertainment.

Player Package - \$75 (One Person)

Includes: Softball, T-Shirt, Barbeque and Entertainment.

Family of Four - \$100 (\$5 Per Additional Member)

Includes: T-Shirts, Barbeque and Entertainment.

Westwood Senior Citizens - Free

For more information: JSchwartz@fortodd.org



TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

- March 12 Recreation Department "March Into Summer" Preview, 10 am-2 pm, High School
- Apr 2 Blood Drive, 9 am-3 pm, Masonic Building
- Apr 9 Rabies Clinic, 9-noon, Carby Street
- Apr 6 Last day to register to vote
- Apr 18-22 Schools closed – Spring vacation
- Apr 26 Annual Town Election
- May 2 Annual Town Meeting
- May 14 Fishing Derby – Buckmaster Pond, 7-11 am
- May 30 Schools & Town Hall closed – Memorial Day
- June 23 Last day of School (...at the time this newsletter went to press!)

John J. Cronin Public Service Award

The insert in this newsletter is for your use to nominate an individual to receive the John J. Cronin Public Service Award. The insert lists the criteria to consider when nominating an individual. Instructions to submit your nomination are also within the insert.

The selection committee accepts nominations by phone, fax, email, or mail. If using the insert provided, please fold, stamp, and seal the edges before mailing – or fold and insert it into a mailing envelope.

This annual award is presented to the selected individual at the Annual Town Meeting. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2011. ❖

New Library Construction Updates

Final bids for the new library project were due on February 18th. Twelve general contractors and more than eighty sub-contractors took out plans and specifications. The bid opening will be managed by project managers, Design Technique and the Town Purchasing Agent. The Permanent Building Committee will award the contracts based on the recommendations of the Library Building Committee.

A committee of Library Trustees, Friends of the Library, and town officials will plan for the new library ground breaking ceremonies. It is expected that the ground breaking will take place in late March or early April.

Once construction is underway, there will be no parking at the Main Library lot for the duration of the project. While the Main Library will stay in operation, the hours will change to provide greater access at the Islington Branch. Check the Library's web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org for more details. ❖

Pakistani Shadow Internship Comes to Westwood

Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) is working with the Institute for Training and Development based in Amherst under a two year grant from the U.S. Department of State to host 75 government officials from Pakistan who will be spending up to six weeks in four exchanges in professional development in cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. Westwood has a long standing commitment to participation in such programs and will be offering to co-host with the Town of Dedham two of the fifteen public administrators who will be here for the first exchange from April 13th through May 14th. As a host community, we will provide a greater understanding of professional coordinated service delivery to the community to these shadow interns. Any residents or group interested in participating as family hosts or introducing these officials to American culture and entertainment or in any other manner are encouraged to contact Michael Jaillet, Town Administrator at 781-326-4172 or by email at mjaillet@townhall.westwood.ma.us. ❖

Hale Reservation Welcomes Westwood Residents to the Board of Directors

"I've been a Westwood resident for over 40 years, and a Conant Road neighbor of Hale for 15 years, yet I still learn something new about Hale every time I am there. It is a fabulous organization, and I am proud that I will now be a small part of it."

— Bill Reissfelder

At their March Annual Meeting, Hale Reservation's Board of Directors (BOD) welcomed Westwood community members Jen Antonucci, Bill Reissfelder, Wayne Smith and Myles Collins to serve as members.

Antonucci, a parent and participant in the Membership Beach Program, will bring her experience as a teacher and administrator to facilitate her place as a board member. Reissfelder, who has a background in finance and accounting, is a neighbor to Hale and a parent himself who will add his own insight and expertise to his new BOD position. Churchill Road resident, Wayne Smith, will likely call on his years of work in the construction industry to advise on some of the on-going facility improvements at Hale.

New to the Corporate Board is Myles Collins who has been actively volunteering at Hale for a long time. His involvement with the Hale Triathlon is a major reason the event has been so successful. Collins, a technology consultant, has been setting up and managing online registration for the event as well as working other technical tasks.

"We look to have a cross section of people as we develop and recruit for our Board of Directors. We are very fortunate to have so many skilled and dedicated people willing to volunteer their time for Hale," said Executive Director Eric Arnold.

Onika Clark Jenkins and Stephanie Merritt, both Boston residents and Curt Stevenson of Walpole, are also new board members at Hale.

Other Westwood Residents currently serving include Chris McKeown, Maureen Bleday, Deb Brennan, Bill Chamberlin, John Cronin, Jim Elcock, Maureen Erickson, Joanna Kjellman, Weezie Lawrence, Dave Liebrock, Mike Terry, John Walsh and Jack Wiggin.

Although several board members come from Westwood, there are many members from other towns including Dover, Dedham, Medfield, Boston, Natick, Quincy, Norwood and Needham.

If you are interested in learning more about Hale Reservation please visit www.HaleReservation.org. ❖



News from Dedham Savings:

Consider joining Dedham Savings, along with other home industry exhibitors, at the Hometown Expo on May 21, 2011 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 pm at the Boylston Schul-Verein on Route 109 in Walpole. Dedham Savings will be there to answer all of your financing questions. Food, entertainment, and promotions will be available. Door prizes will be awarded. Admission is free. We hope to see you there! ❖

Did You Know – continued from page 2

proposed Charter at the Annual Town Meeting Public Hearing on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 pm, WHS Little Theater.

- Annual Town Meeting will consider the revised Charter on May 2, 2011.
- If approved at Town Meeting, the Charter will be submitted to the MA Legislature and, when approved, included on the ballot of a subsequent Town election. ❖

News from Rotary Club of Westwood

The Rotary Club of Westwood has been very busy since the last newsletter.

The Rotary Club of Westwood held another successful Holiday Concert at Westwood High School. The Charles River Chorale Society and Snug Harbor Community Chorus under the direction of Roy Kelley entertained those in attendance. Surprise guests included Santa, the Grinch, and one of Santa's elves. Children received a gift from Santa and the opportunity to have their picture taken with one of the special guests.



The Rotary Club of Westwood also participated with Westwood Family Services in providing holiday gifts to children of the Westwood community.

Recently, Michael Ellis, Rotary District 7910 District Governor inducted two new members to the Rotary Club of Westwood. Lindsay Gale and Brian



Anderson, employees of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, became members in December.

The Rotary Club of Westwood sponsors programs for local and international communities such as Recognize A Youth (RAY) awards which recognizes youth in the community that participate in community service projects. The club also sponsors a free Holiday Concert, the Annual Pancake Breakfast, and holiday gifts for children of Westwood. Internationally, the club assists with the Gift of Life program which provides heart treatment for children from foreign countries and a water project in Nigeria.

The Rotary Club of Westwood meets Tuesdays at 12:15 for lunch at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary or would like to become a member, please contact Michael Razza at stxx@aol.com.

Annual Pancake Breakfast

On April 10, 2011, the Rotary Club of Westwood will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Westwood High School from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Special characters will be visiting so be sure to bring your camera. For \$5.00, those age five and older, will receive pancakes, sausage, juice, milk or coffee.

Calling any town organizations, any community endeavor activists: Your Stories, Events, News Items Wanted! The next quarterly newsletters are due to be delivered to homes on or about June 15, September 15, and December 15, 2011. Please submit articles for consideration 6 weeks prior to the expected delivery dates. Newsletter correspondence can be sent to:

Diane Thornton, Editor, Westwood Community Newsletter, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090
or email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Talking Trash and Water Conservation in Westwood

The following two pages contain information on water conservation and trash recycling. The pages were designed to clip and save for your future reference.

Trash Recycling Changes

As reported in the Winter edition of the Westwood Community Newsletter, town residents can now mix all their recycling materials in a regular trash barrel. The idea is to make it easier for residents to recycle. If residents are already separating recyclables, they do not have to change anything, but all recycling now goes into one collection truck. A resident can use their existing recycling containers or any 32-gallon container with handles that is clearly marked with special stickers that can be obtained at Town Hall, the DPW office, or the Westwood Main Library. The stickers are paid for by Waste Management. Information is available on the town website for the new program [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/]. Recycling collection is still every other week, following the green and blue bin schedule that DPW has sent to every household. Page 9 presents a helpful flyer that can be clipped and saved for future reference, as it contains information on what can be recycled.

Water Conservation

Page 8 contains a listing of water conservation efforts for inside and outside water use. Many practical hints are offered to save water. Without much effort at all, you can simply be mindful of water use and be successful at conserving this precious resource. ❖

Clip and Save Pages 8 and 9 for Future Reference



Conserve Water & Save Money

Conserving water doesn't mean you have to change your entire lifestyle. Being mindful of what you do in and around the house can save you both water and money. Here are some helpful hints for conserving our water.

In the Kitchen, Bathroom, and Laundry

- When purchasing a dishwasher, consider a water-efficient model.
- Scrape, don't rinse your dishes before loading in the dishwasher. Wait until you have a full load before using your dishwasher.
- Steam rather than boiling your vegetables when ever possible. Rinse your vegetables in a pan of water and use the leftover water to water some household plants.
- Use your garbage disposal sparingly at the end of cooking or cleanup periods. Start composting your kitchen waste.
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave and not under running water.
- Installing a low flow toilet could cut your toilet water use in half. The toilet is one of the biggest water user in the house.
- Reduce the volume of each flush by placing a toilet dam or a water-filled plastic bottle in your tank . This displaces some of the space normally taken by water while allowing normal flushing to occur.
- Check bathroom faucets and pipes for leaks and replace leaky drain plugs in sinks and bathtubs.
- Shower rather than taking tubs.
- Install water saving showerheads.
- Install a low flow faucet aerators. The aerator mixes air with tap water to reduce the flow to 1.5—2.5 gallons per minute. Faucets without aerators may be using 3-7 gallons per minute.
- For washing machines with variable settings for water volume always select the minimum amount per load. If load size cannot be set operate the washer with a full load.
- Use the shortest wash cycle for lightly soiled loads and pre-treat stains to avoid rewashing laundry.
- Check hoses regularly for leaks.

Outside Water Use

- Water your lawn when it shows signs that it needs it. Stressed grass is wilted and doesn't spring up after you walk on it. Poke your fingers into the soil about 1/2 inch down. If the soil feels dry, then water.
- Lawns only need about 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water at a time.
- Water on calm days not on windy days. Avoid overwatering, if runoff occurs stop watering.
- Check sprinkler systems and timing devices regularly to make sure they are working right.
- Drip irrigation is the most effective method of watering shrubs, trees, and plant beds.
- Deep penetration through soaking is more effective for most lawns.
- Fertilizers promote plant growth and increases water consumption. Fertilize only when needed.
- Cut your grass at the highest recommended height for your turf species or the highest setting on your lawn mower.
- Leave short grass clippings where they fall. This helps reduce the lawn's need for water and fertilizer.
- Irrigate your landscape in the late evening or early morning to avoid evaporation.
- Don't use your hose to clean your driveway. Use a broom to sweep away the dirt.
- Use a pail and sponge instead of running hose when you wash your car. Use a hose nozzle that shuts off the water when you are not wetting or rinsing the car.
- Check all faucets, hoses, and connectors periodically for leaks and to make sure they are in good working condition. Make sure faucets are closed when not in use. If you find a leaky facet, change the washer after you turn off the shut off valve.
- If you have a swimming pool consider a new water-saving pool filter.
- Cover your spa or pool to reduce evaporation.
- Avoid purchasing recreational water toys that require a constant stream of water.
- Avoid the installation of ornamental water features such as a fountain unless the water is recycled.



Westwood Mixed Recycling Guide

It's easy!

You can now place all recyclables in one container!



Opened Mail and greeting cards



Paper egg cartons



Clean Paperboard boxes



Plastic tubs & jars



Plastic bottles & jugs & caps



Envelopes



Metal cans and lids



Paper



Glass bottles and jars



File folders



Newspapers and magazines



Aluminum foil and trays



Clean Cardboard boxes



Empty aerosol cans



Paperback books

NO

- Plastic bags*
- Styrofoam® packing or containers
- Hard-back books*
- Scrap metal*
- Tyvek® envelopes
- Plastic 6-pack holders*
- Needles or syringes
- Paper ream wrappers
- Mirrors, ceramics or Pyrex
- Light bulbs, plates or vases
- Drinking glasses, window glass
- Hazardous waste
- Plastic other than those listed
- Tissues, paper towels, napkins*
- Waxed paper, cardboard*

**May be recycled or composted elsewhere*

Please flatten all cardboard boxes and place them inside your container

YES

- paper clips
- stamps
- address labels
- staples
- tape wire
- metal fasteners
- rubber bands
- spiral bindings
- plastic tabs

Empty and rinse all containers

Turn a trash can into a recycle container by affixing a "Recycle" sticker available at DPW, Town Hall and libraries, courtesy of Waste Management

OR

Continue to use any type of recycling bin



All Together NOW!

Mixed Recycling

Recycling will continue to be collected every other week



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March

2011

page one

Dear Westwood Residents,

I hope that by the time you are reading this newsletter that winter is behind us! The seemingly relentless snowstorms posed several challenges for the Westwood Public Schools, and spring will be a welcome relief.

At the district level, we are in a time of great transition, as two valued members of the central office team are retiring at the end of the school year. Director of Curriculum **Dr. Avalin Green**, and Director of Student Services **Audrey Seyffert** both have left their mark in Westwood, and will be sorely missed.



I have decided to restructure Dr. Green's job to an assistant superintendent, and I recently appointed current WHS Principal **Emily Parks** to fill that new role. Emily is a tremendous leader who is highly respected throughout the district and the state. I am excited to partner with her in our continued effort to make Westwood the number one school district in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great spring!

John Atanasi

Bus Transportation Passes Now Available Online

If you are interested in Bus Transportation for your child next fall, please go to the Westwood Public Schools' website at www.westwood.k12.ma.us and click on the Bus Transportation button on the home page. After reading through the Frequently Asked Questions page, which should answer most of your questions about transportation, you will be able to fill out an application form and pay for transportation online. A valid registration, which includes an application with payment, must be received prior to June 30th. After June 30th, there is no guarantee that a seat will be available.



Please note that parents registering students for transportation will now need to have access to their child's Student ID number which can be found in several places: elementary school lunch invoices, middle school lunch cards, report cards or Westwood High School ID cards. Please make sure to enter the grade that the student will be entering next fall.

We are excited about our online registration and payments process and hope that you find this new system easy to use and informative. We started this process last year and it was very successful thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,

Heath Petracca

Director of Business and Finance

NO NEED TO WAIT!

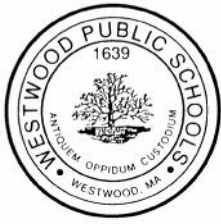
Sign up online now for next fall!



Transportation rates will *not* be increasing for the upcoming year.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact the business office at businessoffice@westwood.k12.ma.us or at (781) 326-7500 x1343

All applications with payments are due June 30th!




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Westwood Students Earn Distinguished Art Awards

The Westwood Public Schools' Art Department is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards. More than 3,500 Massachusetts students in grades 7 through 12 entered the 55th annual Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards. The competition's most distinguished prize, the Gold Key, was awarded to 150 students (six of which were awarded to WHS students!). There were also 291 Silver Keys and 459 Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to all of our winners! (See three winning entries on this page.)



Winning artworks by Gold and Silver Key recipients will be on display at the Transportation Building in Boston from February 14 to April 8, Monday through Friday, 9 A.M.-5 P.M., except for holidays. 

GOLD KEY

- Celia Condrick, grade 9
- Abigail Keaveney, grade 11
- Ailyn Pestana, grade 12 (two Gold Keys)
- Chloe Snyder, grade 10
- Katherine Vanasse, grade 11

SILVER KEY

- Lisa Petrie, grade 10
- Olivia Smith, grade 10
- Max Cope-Flanagan, grade 7



photo by
Kate Vanasse,
grade 11

HONORABLE MENTION

- Shannon Cotter, grade 10
- Kathryn Gilliland, grade 12
- Ned Kelly, grade 9
- Beverly Kwong, grade 12
- Alex Lo, grade 9
- Jack Murphy, grade 9
- Sydney Petta, grade 11
- Patrick Sleight, grade 12
- Olivia Smith, grade 10
- Jack Swartz, grade 11
- Calla Tiberi, grade 11
- Ada Wong, grade 11



graphic design by Ailyn Pestana, grade 12



logo design by Chloe Snyder,
grade 10

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY — Winter/Spring 2011

Main Library Programs for Preschoolers

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the library building project, the location for the following programs has been changed to:

Westwood's Temple Beth David
7 Clapboardtree Street

Registration will be required for these programs.

Children **must** be the appropriate age by the first day of each session.
There are no sessions during public school vacations.

Preschool Literacy Adventures – Ages 2 & up with caregiver
Mar 22–May 3 Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Storytime – Ages 3 and up
Mar 23–May 4 Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. (New time)

Babies & Books – Under 2 years with caregiver
Mar 25–May 6 Fridays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

Special Programs at the Main Library

PLEASE NOTE: The following programs will be held at the library.

A Series of Fortunate Library Events – Celebrating our favorite stories.

Mar 14 *The Magic of Magic Tree House*
Monday, 4:00 p.m.
Grades 1-3. Registration is required.

April 4 *Sinister and Silly Characters*
Monday, 4:00 p.m.
Grades 1-5. Registration is required.

Storytelling Saturdays – Folktales & more on a Saturday morning.
Ages 2½ and up with families. Registration begins 1 month prior.
April 2 Saturday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Please check with Library for final details
for this popular event!**

Mike Monaghan Jazz Concert
Location & Time: TBA
Date: April 3 or 10



Islington Branch Programs

Storytime – Ages 3 and up
Mar 24–May 5 Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Young Readers Book Club – Grades 2-4. Registration is required.
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 Tuesdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Snacks provided!

Adult Book Share

Bring a book you love to share with the group.
Mar 15 Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.
May 17

Main Library Teen Programs

Crafts For Teens – Grades 6-12
Registration is required, please call the Reference Department.
Mar 11 Leather and Bead Necklaces
Mar 18 Loom Weaving
Mar 25 Felt and Embellishing

Main Library Adult Programs

PAGETURNERS

Reading suggestions old and new, presented by Nancy Hogan.
Registration is not required.
June 10 Fridays, 3:00 p.m.

Westwood Sings! *Toe tapping, sing-a-long Music for ages 0-100+!*

Presented by Westwood's Early Childhood Council, Senior Center,
and Public Library.

****All programs held at the Westwood Senior Center****

The Noteables: An all women acappella group sings music of the 30s-60s!
March 9 Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

David Polansky: A rousing Patriotic sing-a-long!
April 13 Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

Registration begins 2 weeks prior to events, please call ECC 781-461-9548

*For additional programs and further information, please call the Main Library Children's Department at 781-320-1042
or the Islington Branch Library at 781-326-5914 or visit the web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org*

Change to School Schedule Due to Snow Days

Specifically due to snow days, the Westwood School Committee voted to make Friday, March 18 a regular school day. It was previously scheduled as a teacher in-service day.

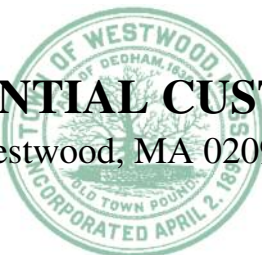
At the time of the printing of this newsletter, the last day of school for students is Thursday, June 23.

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News About The John J. Cronin Public Service Award

The John J. Cronin Public Service Award will be presented each year to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service to the Town of Westwood. This award is named for the late John J. Cronin, Town Treasurer, who for many years selflessly gave his time for the betterment of the community both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities. To recognize this same spirit of community involvement, as exemplified by John Cronin's life, the Town will select an individual annually for this award which will be presented to the recipient at the Annual Town Meeting.

Nominations for the John J. Cronin Public Service Award

When submitting a nomination for this award please consider the criteria which the nominee should possess and use these as guidelines in your description: leadership, exceptional service to the community, years of dedication, strong work ethic, integrity, cooperation, diversity of service, volunteerism, impact on the town, and dedication to the Westwood community.

Nominations are to be submitted by March 31, 2011

John J. Cronin Public Service Award Committee
Town Hall
580 High Street
Westwood, MA 02090

Phone Number: 781-326-4172
Fax: 781-329-8030
Email Address: selectmen@townhall.westwood.ma.us

In your nomination please provide all of the information listed below:

1. Full name of nominee _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

2. The nominee's single most important contribution
Describe the nominee's most outstanding contribution to the well-being of the community.

3. Achievements and Contributions
Provide a 25-30 work summary of the nominee's achievements and or contributions to the community
(please attached another page if needed)

4. Your full name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

5. Date of submission _____

All information will remain confidential with the Selection Committee

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SELECTION COMMITTEE

The committee is comprised of Nancy C. Hyde, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; John J. Cronin Jr.; Thomas Viti, Library Director; Michael Jaillet, Town Administrator; and past recipients: Jack Patterson, Maureen Bleday and John Wiggin.