



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Westwood Receives AAA Rating

As part of a recent bond sale, the Town underwent a credit review by Standard and Poor's (S&P). S&P upgraded the Town's rating to AAA. This is the highest credit rating a municipality can hold and is a great rating for a small community like Westwood. A high credit rating is a statement of a Town's overall fiscal health and can result in lower interest costs on long-term bonds.

S&P stated the high rating reflects the Town's very strong economy, very strong management, strong budgetary flexibility, strong budgetary performance and stable revenue profile, documented financial policies, commencement of commercial development and strong performance on reserves and liabilities as positive credit factors.

This rating is a wonderful reflection on Westwood, something all our residents should take pride in.

This rating reflects the professional way our residents conduct the business of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting, as well as our residents payment of their tax bills consistently and in a timely manner.

This rating also reflects the great services provided to our community by our School and Town Officials and staff. In particular, our top quality school system not only provides a high quality of life for the community, but also is an important component of maintaining our property values.

The Board of Selectmen has been committed to getting the Town in a strong financial position. The Selectmen have maintained conservative, well-structured operating budgets, and have addressed other areas of financial needs, including the capital budget, reserve accounts, debt level and long-term liabilities.

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The Board of Selectmen appreciates the hard work and assistance contributed by other committees including the Long Range Financial Planning Committee, the OPEB Task Force, the Finance and Warrant Commission, the Planning Board and the Audit Committee, as well as Town

staff and elected Financial Officers including the Town Treasurer, Town Collector, and Board of Assessors.

While the Town will need to remain vigilant with financial matters going forward, this high rating is a great reward for all the hard work done by the community over the last several years.

After receiving the rating, Town Treasurer James Gavin sold a \$2,970,000 bond. The bond is for projects approved at the May 2012 and 2013 Annual Town meetings and will provide for road improvement work, DPW equipment, and Sewer infrastructure improvements. The bond was sold as a 10-year bond issue with the extremely low interest rate of 1.62%. The low rate saves the Town money in debt repayment.

A great Town wide effort with great results.



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Did You Know...

- **Did you know...**...this past year, Town employees converted from weekly to biweekly payroll, saving the Town money in payroll processing costs. In addition, the payroll process has “Gone Green”. Employees now access their payroll information online. Eliminating the printed hard copy payroll advice saves paper and money!

Tidbits from the Town Clerk’s office:

Mark your calendars for the following important events:

- August 20 Last day to register to vote or change party enrollment for the State Primary (8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Town Clerk’s office)
- September 9 State Primary
- October 15 Last day to register for the State Election
- November 4 State Election

Election Results

The following are the April Election winners. A detailed account of the number of votes by precincts can be found at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/ under Town Meeting and Elections.

- Assessor: Mark F. Murphy
 Collector of Taxes: Albert F. Wisialko
 Housing Authority: John J. Cummings III
 Housing Authority (to fill a vacancy): David Atkins
 Library Trustee (to fill a vacancy): Mary E. Masi-Phelps
 Library Trustee (2): Mary Beth Persons; Amelia R. Rands
 Moderator: Alice E. Moore
 Planning Board: Christopher A. Pfaff
 School Committee (2): Charles L. Donahue, Jr.; Josepha A. Jowdy
 Selectmen: Michael Walsh
 Sewer Commissioner: Francis X. MacPherson, Jr.

Town Meeting Results

Twenty-eight Warrant Articles were addressed this April. The actions and votes on these articles is available to residents at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/.

Pakistani Exchange

Municipal and School Departments hosted Najma Preveen from Gilgit Baltistan Territory and Aisha Bugti from Quetta Balochistan, Pakistan, over two weeks in May.

Town Bulletin Board

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Westwood Building Department

The construction, alternation, or repair of a building or structure requires a permit. **Why should I bother getting a Building Permit?** The simple answer is: not only is it the law, but it ensures your family safety.

Other than the few exceptions listed in the amended 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) and International Building Code (IBC) Section R105.2 and 105.2 respectively, the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or structure requires a permit. Permits are also required for plumbing, electrical, gas and mechanical projects. When a resident is unsure whether a permit is needed or not, a call to the Building Department (781-320-1091) is the best first decision. Beware of contractors who suggest that a permit is not needed. The Building Department will only require a permit if one is needed. Failure to obtain a permit when required, and the failure to obtain all necessary inspection – including a final inspection, can be very costly.

In an effort to elaborate on the importance of proper permitting, a few local permit snafus are illustrated here for educational purposes only.

Seller of a million dollar home lost his buyer because of the discovery that the attic and the basement had been completely finished, including an unpermitted full bath and full kitchen. In addition to losing the sale, permits had to be pulled and much of the work had to be dismantled so inspections of the plumbing and wiring could be completed.

The potential buyer of a new home reviewed the building records on file at the Building Department and found that their potential purchase had a remodeled basement, including a full bath that had been installed without permits. After inspections were conducted, it was discovered that the plumbing and electrical had not been properly installed. Some sections of the project also did not meet building codes. Fortunately, the work needed to bring the property up to code did not stop the transaction, but did significantly delay the sale. The cost of repairs was significant.

A new home owner began substantial renovations without permits. During the renovation process the fireplace was being used to keep the chill out of the house and to dispose of some debris. Unknown to the owner, there was a crack in the chimney flue and the house ignited in the middle of the night sustaining severe damage. Two days after the fire, the insurance appraiser came in to see the property’s building records. When he was informed there were no permits, he stated that he didn’t think the owner would be able to collect under those circumstances.

A permitted project of an accessory structure was very close to completion but had not yet obtained a final inspection and occupancy certificate. Unfortunately, the structure was destroyed in a fire. The builder attempted to collect on his liability insurance policy but was rejected because of a clause that excluded coverage of accessory structures. The owner attempted to claim the loss through their home owner’s policy and was rejected because the occupancy certification had not been issued.

Some other key points to keep in mind

- Permitted projects are not complete without final inspections and sign off. A permit is the cheapest insurance a resident can

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American Legion Baseball



American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair. The league still stands atop the traditional values upon which it was founded nearly 85 years ago.

Since 1925, American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of wealthy bankers' and industrial workers' sons, and erasing any social divide between them. Most importantly, American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to raise families or play the sport at the highest level.

How to Participate in American Legion Baseball

With an alumni base that includes more than half of current Major League Baseball players, American Legion Baseball is one of the most prominent and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues in existence. Westwood Post 320 has continuously sponsored a team for nearly half a century. Players 19 years old or younger and who either reside or attend High School in Westwood are eligible to tryout for the team. In addition, players who have been cut from a nearby team or reside in a community which does not have an American Legion team and who live closest to Xaverian Brothers High School, can tryout for Westwood.

Thank you to the following sponsors who have generously contributed to our baseball program. Patterson Insurance Agency, Westwood, Dempsey Insurance Agency, Norwood, Rotary Club of Westwood, Dedham Savings Bank, Atlantic Power, Garnett Properties, LLC, Holden Dunn & Lawler Funeral Home, Advanced Energy, Ltd., and the Yawkey Foundation.

More information and schedules can be found at westwoodalpost320.com.

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo, Finance Officer/Director, Westwood American Legion Post 320

John Cronin Public Service Award



Anthony Antonellis is the twelfth recipient of the John J. Cronin Public Service Award. Tony is a lifelong resident of Westwood, graduating from Westwood High School. For more than 19 years, Tony has been involved in some fashion of government in the Town of Westwood. Tony was appointed to the Westwood Historical Commission in 1995. In 1997 he was elected to his first of four terms to the Board of Selectmen, serving as Chairman in 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006. In 2006, he ran, was elected and continues to serve on the Sewer Commission. In 2008, Tony was elected Town Moderator where he presided over seven Town Meetings, three Special Town Meetings and one Fall Town Meeting. Tony stepped down from Town Moderator this year and the Town thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

See p. 6 for the Roy London Humanitarian Award recipients



Maddi Groton Memorial Tree

Last Fall, a beautiful maple tree was planted at the Sheehan School Playground to memorialize town resident Maddi Groton who passed away in 2012 after a battle with Melanoma. The tree was donated by the Groton family. Maddi was a substitute teacher in the Westwood Elementary Schools for many years. She loved working with kids so this was a fitting and lasting way to remember her. If you would like to donate to Melanoma Research, her kids are running a half marathon in June. More information on the run can be found at www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/RunForMadsTakeTwo/castleawardshalfmarathon-seekonkma.

Contributed by Cal Groton

School Spirit Day



"Within the child lies the fate of the future"

— Maria Montessori

School Spirit Day at
Westwood Montessori School
westwoodmontessori.org

Westwood Department of Public Works

Revisions to Cemetery Rules and Regulations Announced

The Department of Public Works and the Cemetery Commission have established revisions to the cemetery rules and regulations, which were approved by the Board of Selectman and implemented February 1, 2014.



The most important and significant changes for lot owners is what is allowed at each gravesite. Safety, aesthetics, and neighboring lots being encroached upon by others were all major factors in having the

necessary revisions accepted. Lot owners are only allowed a planting bed of 18" in front of their upright monument for annuals and perennials. No shrubbery, trees, mounding, borders, mulching or other decorations are allowed, including on the sides or backs of monuments. No personal items such as hats, shepherds hooks, glassware, and stuffed animals are allowed. As the weather gets warmer and families begin to care for lots, the Cemetery Commissions asks that lots conform to these new regulations. The Cemetery Department will begin modifications to non-conforming lots in July 2014.

A copy of the guidebook with these changes can be downloaded from the Town website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/ in the Cemetery Commission section under the Public Works tab. Books are also available at the Cemetery Office at 50 Carby Street. Letters were mailed to lot owners' families in April. If there are any questions about these changes, please contact the Cemetery Department at 781-320-1037 (office) or dpw@townhall.westwood.ma.us.

Thank you for helping with Westwood's efforts in enhancing our beautiful cemeteries. The Department maintains a great deal of pride in the level of service it provides and hopes the community will continue this support into the future.

Contributed by Brendan Ryan, Highway and Grounds Superintendent

Introducing Westwood's New Recycling Coordinator



The Department of Public Works has hired Janice Paré as the new Recycling Coordinator to develop and implement the town's recycling strategy. Paré will focus on education and providing technical assistance to Town residents, employees, and waste contractors regarding regulations and promotion of the recycling effort. The goal of the position is to reduce Westwood's disposal costs – recycling costs less than trash tipping fees – by educating residents how to waste less, reuse more, and recycle better.

Paré's background is in educational development and environmental health, but her passion for trash and recycling runs deep. While working toward her MPH, she worked with Mass DEP's Bureau of Waste Prevention and has been learning as much as she can about material and waste management ever since. She is active in her community as a member of the Arlington Recycling Committee, and on the Steering Committee of Sustainable Arlington. Most recently, she finished up a two-year public health fellowship at the US EPA, and has been implementing a business recycling initiative in the Town of Hingham.

Paré's duties will include a trash audit to find out how many Westwood residents are participating in bi-weekly recycling. She will be taking pictures of trash barrels and taking notes in order to get a better understanding of how residents use the 2-cart system and overflow bags. This information will help her target areas that need more education in order to increase participation rates over the course of the next 18 months.

In the coming weeks, Paré will be working hard to get valuable resources up on Westwood's website related to proper disposal of hard-to-dispose items—check out the Westwood Recycling and Waste Management website! She is here to serve as a resource for trash and recycling related questions and initiatives, so please be in touch. Her ultimate goal is for residents to understand the value of the materials they want to throw out so that they will think twice about tossing everything in the trash. Remember, once recyclable and otherwise reusable materials are burned, they are gone for good!

Visit www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/index.cfm/page/Recycling-and-Waste-Mgmt./pid/25609 for more information.

Westwood Community Blood Drives

During the summer months, area hospitals traditionally experience an increase demand for blood. Therefore, two Westwood Community Blood Drives have been scheduled to help alleviate shortages.

The first will be on **Saturday, July 19** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Dana Farber/Brigham and Women's Hospital bloodmobile will be at the Westwood Masonic Building, 655 High Street (Rt. 109-across from the new library.) All blood products collected will go directly to the blood bank at these hospitals for immediate use by the patients at these facilities. To make an appointment, send an email to celestial.lodge.westwood@gmail.com and indicate a desired time for your appointment. If you cannot make this drive, the American Red Cross will return to the Westwood Masonic Building on **Saturday, August 23** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To make an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

Walk-ins will be accommodated at both drives and breakfast will be served as always.

Contributed by Jeff Jarvis



Your Pictures, Feedback, Stories, Events, Suggestions, News Items Wanted!

The *next* quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about September 15, 2014. Please submit articles for consideration 6 weeks prior to these expected delivery dates. Please send any submissions, suggestions, observations, or feedback of any kind to:

Editor

Westwood Community Newsletter,
580 High Street,
Westwood, MA 02090

or *email*:

newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Westwood's Youth & Family Services



Westwood Youth & Family Services would like to thank all of the high school students who volunteered with our Mentor Program this year, providing a total of 1,156 community service hours to the Town of Westwood. We would also like to thank all of the parent volunteers as well as school and community partners who helped make this year a success!

Body Safety Theater

Abi Gowda
Abigail Drolshyansky
Alex Griffiths
Bridget O'Sullivan
Cameron Wise
Chris Keeler
Colin Burke
Dominic Giugliano
Gioia Cianciarulo
Halley Husted
Kate McMurray
Kristen Cuccoli
Libby James
Liz Collins
Max Cope-Flanagan
Melissa Ligure
Nastia Kukunova
Nick Draper

Patrick Sennott
Sarah Danforth
Scott McManus
Will Delfeld

Thurston Thursday Club

Abigail Drolshyansky
Austin Russell
Bridget O'Sullivan
Casey Nanna
Celia Johnston
Chris Keeler
Dominic Giugliano
Holly Erickson
Jen Feldman
Jessie Kreinsen
Keisi Ikonomi
Kevin Tso
Kevin Deeb
Kristin Abijaoude

Liz Collins
Patrick Sharpe
Rachel Fergus
Rahmeh Fares
Stephanie Homsy

Teen Center

Caroline McLaughlin
Celia Johnston
Chris Keeler
Dominic Giugliano
Elena Bartholomew
Faridat Ilupeju
Gabriella Taghian
Greg Scannell
Heather Jeong
Holly Erickson
Jen Feldman
Juliana Barounis
Karla Bachiller

Katie Babbins
Kayla Doherty
Keisi Ikonomi
Kimberly Sykowski
Kristin Abijaoude
Leah Elkhoury
Lily Damasko
Maddy McKeown
Meghan Filbin
Melissa McManus
Michael Riley
Michelle Nocera
Rahmeh Fares
Ryan Fedorowicz
Samantha Brooks
Stephanie Homsy
Zoe Luiz

Friends Network

Abby Diehl
Celia Johnston
Chris Keeler
Colin Burke
Drew Adams
Greg Scannell
Hannah Smith
Harley Pease
Jake Salvatore
Karla Bachiller
Killian Lonergan
Lizzie Casavant
Marissa Mealey
MaryKate Brown
Matt O'Connor
Rachel Hoang

Westwood Youth & Family Services is opening registration for a number of its Summer and Fall programs for children and parents.



Single Parent Support Group

Wednesday evenings, June – August
at the Islington Community Center

A popular summer program that consists of weekly evening meetings from the end of June through August and offers single parents in Westwood the opportunity to get together and discuss such topics as raising children, time management, finding time for self-care and 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 in part to sponsorship from the Westwood Young Women's Club, Westwood Early Childhood Council and other local organizations.

Contact: Joanna Bengel, LICSW, at (781) 320-1006 or jbengel@townhall.westwood.ma.us



Structured Play Groups

For Westwood residents in grades K – 5
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015, one afternoon per week
from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at Islington Community Center; Hanlon
and Martha Jones Extended Day programs

These 8-week groups are designed to emphasize the continued development of adaptive social and conflict-resolution skills as well as self-esteem and social confidence.

Contact: Joanna Bengel, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or jbengel@townhall.westwood.ma.us

GIRLS ONLY! Groups

For Westwood girls in grades 4th – 6th
Fall or Winter, one afternoon per
week, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Held at the Islington Community
Center



These 12-week groups will focus on navigating friendships and cliques, avoiding peer pressure, managing bullying situations, and improving body image, confidence and self-esteem.

Contact: Joanna Bengel, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or jbengel@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Friends Network

For Westwood residents in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades
November 2014 – April 2015, Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Held at Patricia Carty-Larkin Senior Center
(60 Nahatan Street)



The Friends Network program matches young Westwood residents with high school aged residents in 1:1 same-gender pairs that meet weekly to play games and do activities in a relaxed setting.



Contact: WY&FS Office at (781) 320-1006 or via email at youth@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Foundation for Westwood Education

Educational Grants Awarded Thanks to Westwood Residents

This spring, the Foundation for Westwood Education received numerous funding requests for dynamic and varied educational programs across town. Thanks in large part to the efforts of the many residents who decided to Entertain for Education in March and April, nine new grants were awarded to fund these requests. The awards ranged from a few hundred to nearly ten thousand dollars. The programs enabled by these grants serve a wide span of ages, from elementary learners to seniors.

Be on the watch next year for these excellent opportunities and educational enrichments, among many others:

- Sugar Shockers, a nutritional awareness program at the Senior Center Museum of Fine Arts Virtual Visits, allowing expanded art exploration for classes at the Martha Jones, Deerfield, Thurston Middle and High Schools
- WeDo Robots, a pilot intruding robotics and basic programming to students at the Martha Jones school, with High School mentors
- Visiting Artist Ben Bataclan, who will visit all elementary schools to teach about the positive power of art, and the joy of giving art to others for free (which he has done around the globe!)



- Read & Write for Google, made available district wide to enhance writing for all grade levels, as well as serving needs of special education students
- Android Devices, for High School computer science classes to learn about computer programming by developing apps for androids through a program developed by MIT

The presentation of these grants feels all the better knowing how many residents joined together to raise the money to make them possible. As part of the Entertaining for Education effort, members of our community held over twenty parties, privately planned and organized, and all to the benefit of the Westwood Educational Foundation. Members of the Foundation's board were truly grateful for the efforts of these hosts, their guests and supporters. The E4E effort raised over \$26,000 to support the Foundation's mission to support high quality education in our public schools and enhance learning opportunities for Westwood residents of all ages. Parties were fun and creative, including a Downton Abbey Tea, an 80s Prom, and Bookswaps, as well as March Madness and St. Patrick's Day themes. **Thank you all for your generous support!**

If you would like more information about the Foundation, or wish to donate, please visit our website at www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org.

Roy London Humanitarian Award



Congratulations to the 2014 Roy London Humanitarian Award Recipients. The Board of Selectmen recognizes the contributions that the Recipients have made to the town of Westwood:

Charles Domina is the neighbor everyone wants to have. He is always willing to lend a hand where needed, cleaning up yards and raking leaves.

Denise Singleton coordinates the Pan Mass Kids Bike Ride each year, helping to bring our community together for a common cause in raising money for the Jimmy Fund.

Jessica Cole is an active Sheehan School PTA member, Girl Scout Leader and Boy Scout Pack Advancement Coordinator in the Westwood Community.

Wendy Muellers is an active member of WEAC and the Green Initiative in the town of Westwood.

Westwood Young Women's Club is sponsoring Touch-a-Truck Fun Fest! Saturday, June 21

Come see, touch and explore a number of trucks and vehicles. There will also be a **4H Club Petting Zoo!**

The first hour of the event is **Honk-Free** for sensitive ears!



Don't miss this fantastic family-friendly event!
Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Westwood High School,
200 Nahatan Street



\$10 per child, with a maximum of \$25 per family.

Westwood Lodge

Westwood Lodge Presents Mental Health Topics to Local Police

Westwood Lodge staff presented various mental health topics to police officers at their annual training and education series held in March and April. Westwood Lodge was invited to present at the Police Department training program by Chief Jeffrey Silva as a result of discussions held between himself and hospital Chief Executive Officer Gregory Brownstein over the last several months.

Topics covered in the series included "Elements of General Psychiatry," presented by Medical Director Byron Garcia, M.D.; Recognition and Intervention with Suicidal Persons, presented by Gary Jacobson, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; and De-escalation Tools and Strategies, presented by Dwayne Henderson, Interim Facilities Manager and Co-educator for Handle With Care and CPR employee training programs.

In the first presentation, Dr. Garcia discussed major psychiatric conditions including Affective Disorders, Psychosis, Anxiety Disorders, Antisocial Personality Disorder and Addictions Disorders. He addressed their etiology, symptoms and treatment modalities. The session aimed to give police officers "a glimpse into the work we do at Westwood Lodge," Dr. Garcia said. "Being able to recognize some of these conditions may assist in how you help with those you come across in the community." Other topics included suicide recognition and intervention presented by Dr. Jacobson, and verbal de-escalation presented by Mr. Henderson.

After each session, police officers were given the opportunity to ask questions to Westwood Lodge staff, which also included Mr. Brownstein; Lucille Force, Director of Nursing; Katie Adair, Director of Risk Management; and Mihaela Deliu, Manager of Clinical Services. This allowed officers to not only address any questions they had as they connected what they heard during the presentations to their duties in the community, but also to discuss openly their concerns regarding interactions when called to the hospital. Due to its success, Westwood Lodge has been invited back to next year's educational series.

As noted by Police Chief Silva, "I am grateful to Mr. Brownstein and his staff for this training to better help our officers address the mental health needs of our community and the public we deal with. The partnership with Westwood Lodge is an essential ingredient in my quest to provide the highest level of service possible by using industry best practices."

In addition, in recognition of the strengthened community partnership that the hospital has with the Town of Westwood and Police Department, an agreement was signed in January allowing use of the soccer field on the grounds of the hospital. The field has not been used for several years and will now help fill a community need for more recreational space. It is anticipated that the fields will begin being used by the town for community soccer in late Spring or early Summer.

Westwood Lodge is accredited by The Joint Commission and licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. The hospital is an 89 bed facility with inpatient and partial hospitalization/intensive outpatient programs for children, adolescents and adults.

CYO Golf Tournament

Registration is now open for the 75th annual CYO Golf Tournament, to be held July 21 – 24 at Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton.



Young men and women aged 10 to 18 are welcome to participate in the oldest Junior Golf Tournament in New England.

Since 1940, the Archdiocese of Boston has sponsored the competition which has hosted generations, and more than 10,000 young golfers from Provincetown to Newburyport, from Leominster to Saunderstown, RI.

Former champions and competitors include PGA touring pro James Driscoll, Champions Tour pro Allen Doyle and a host of club and teaching professionals.

Boys aged 10 to 18 will compete in Cadet, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. Girls' flights will be Cadet and Senior.

In addition to trophies and bragging rights, the Senior winner will accrue 75 MGA points toward golfer of the year.

Participants are urged to register at www.ONE4Boston.org/CYOGolf/ or contact Ken Foscaldo at kfoscaldo@rcab.org.

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo, Athletic Director Archdiocese of Boston



SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

All ages welcome

Mondays 6:30 PM

Westwood Council on Aging, Front Lawn

- 🎵 **June 30 Westwood Community Swing Band**
- 🎵 **July 7 Bubble Man**
Children's Concert and Bubble Show
- 🎵 **July 14 Stacey Peasley**
Children's Band
- 🎵 **July 21 Jeannie Mac**
Children's Band
- 🎵 **July 28 Carl Eisman Band**
Modern Jazz

Sponsored by
Westwood Young Women's Club and Westwood Recreation



WESTWOOD DAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

A community event for all ages!

Westwood High School • Rain or Shine

Kick Off: Friday, September 26



7:00 PM Football Game

Westwood Wolverines host Medfield Warriors
@ Flahive Field

9:00 PM Fireworks

Display will follow the football game (approx. 9:00)
at Westwood High School



Westwood Day: Saturday, September 27



9:00 AM 5K Road Race

10:00 AM Fun Run - 1 mile

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Activities • Entertainment • Vendor Village • Food Court



Contacts:

Activities:	Taryn Crocker: tcrocker@townhall.westwood.ma.us
Food Court Vendors:	Sue Perry: sperry@townhall.westwood.ma.us
Vendor Village:	Julie Harrington: jharrington@townhall.westwood.ma.us
Sponsorships:	Nicole Banks: nbanks@townhall.westwood.ma.us
Volunteers:	Kristin Scoble: kscoble@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Rotary Club of Westwood

The Rotary Club of Westwood has been very busy this spring. We held our Annual Pancake Breakfast where Oscar the Grouch visited this year along with the Easter Bunny. Oscar was advertising for our Spring Recycling and Shred event. The Westwood Young Women's Club held an Easter Egg Hunt and Jeannie Mack provided music for the children. Kathryn Kevorkian created some very impressive balloon designs.



At our Recycling and Shred event, we were able to fill one and half trucks with items that will be recycled locally in Massachusetts. We also collected 2.800 pounds of shredded paper.

The Rotary Club welcomed two new members, John Gould and Dottie Powers, pictured below, with District Governor Douglas Detweiler (center).

John Gould was born and educated in Canada in the fields of math and physics. He worked in the insurance field consulting in the areas of pensions and risk management. He is an actuary. John has three children and five grandchildren

Dottie Powers has lived in Westwood for 20 years. She has five daughters ranging in age from 20 to 30. Dottie has worked in various positions in town and has been Town Clerk for the last seven years. She has participated in volunteer programs, especially those serving the senior population.

Pictured at right are Michael Razza, Suzanne Comer, Barbara Friedman, Barry Friedman, all from the Rotary Club of Westwood worked along with other Rotarians to pack nutritious meals to be sent children in Haiti. With these meals, children are able to spend more time in school as they do not have to go home for lunch.



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Westwood Recreation



FIREMAN'S FOAM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2:00-3:00

SHEEHAN SCHOOL FIELD

FUN FOR ALL AGES

**COME AND COOL OFF IN PILES OF SUDS!
IT'S THE SUMMER EVENT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS.**

White Oak Cottages

WHITE OAK
COTTAGES
AT FOX HILL VILLAGE

AARP National Council Members Visit Westwood

On Thursday, May 8th, the National Policy Council of the AARP kicked off their three-day visit to Boston for the annual AARP Spring National Conference with a visit to White Oak Cottages at Fox Hill Village in Westwood. The purpose of their visit was to learn more about White Oak Cottages' mission and specialized approach to memory care, based on the Green House Project model of long-term care. After concluding a luncheon, they toured the two White Oak assisted living cottages, each housing twelve residents.



The AARP Spring National Conference was a three-day conference focusing on "Life @ 50+." Attendees participated in a variety of sessions, days of service and celebrity lectures. For more information on the conference, visit: www.aarp.org/about-aarp/events/national_event/boston/.

WESTWOOD FARMERS MARKET

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 6:00 PM
June 17 – October 14



PRODUCE • SEAFOOD • BAKED GOODS

- Sunshine Farms – Produce
- EL Silva Farm – Produce
- Jordan Brothers – Seafood
- Great Harvest – Bread
- Copper Kettle Bakery – Welsh Cakes and More
- LemonThyme Farm – Jams, Jellies, Honey
- And More!

NEW LOCATION!

Saint Margaret Mary Church
Parking Lot — 845 High St.



Support your local Farmers Market
Information on becoming a vendor: phechenbleikner@townhall.westwood.ma.us
Member: Federation of Massachusetts Farmers Markets
Sponsored by Westwood Economic Development and Westwood Recreation

Westwood Cultural Council Accepting Grant Applications

The Westwood Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local community cultural programs and PASS, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children. Application forms are available at the Westwood Town Hall and both branches of the Westwood Library. Forms can also be obtained at www.massculturalcouncil.org.

All applications must be completed and postmarked by October 15. Please send applications to the Westwood Cultural Council, Westwood Town Hall, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA, 02090.

The Westwood Cultural Council is part of a grass-roots network of 329 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The program is the largest, most decentralized one of its kind in the United States. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which then allocates funds to each local council.

Individuals and organizations can apply for projects such as workshops, lectures, exhibitions, festivals, science education and performing art projects. PASS funding to enable schools and youth groups to take students from pre-K to Grade 12, to attend cultural performances outside school, is also available.

Grants are awarded after consideration of benefit to the community, the qualifications of the individuals and organizations, the planning process, community interest, and the population segments served.

For more information, e-mail westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com.

Contributed by Joan Murphy

Westwood Community Chest Lending a Helping Hand



For almost two decades Westwood Community Chest has provided financial support to Westwood residents in need. Through a strictly confidential application process, residents in need can apply for up to \$600 of immediate financial assistance per year. WCC typically covers utility, medical, housing or other basic needs directly.

Who do we help? Here are a few examples.

- Seniors living alone on a fixed income struggling to make a house payment so they can stay in the home and the community they love.
- Families where a sudden debilitating illness has caused medical bills to pile up and jobs to be put on hold.
- Families that are dealing with prolonged unemployment.

If you notice a neighbor in need or you yourself need assistance, please reach out to us. Westwood Community Chest is funded entirely by the thoughtful donations of individuals and businesses. For more information or to apply for assistance go to www.wcc.cfsites.org, visit us on Facebook, or call us at 781-366-0470.

Westwood Community Chest will be at Westwood Day on September 27th. Stop by our booth, say hello and find out more about what we do.

Contributed by Mary Ellen LaRose

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buy. The Building Department staff is here to protect you and to ensure that your project is completed within the requirements of multiple State Codes.

- A permit is the easiest background check on the quality of a contractor's work. A contractor who tells you that no building permits are required is more likely to cut corners and not satisfy all the codes, leaving you with inferior work and the consequences.
- Whether you hire a contractor or you do the work yourself, from it's a small bathroom remodel, an entire kitchen rehab or even an addition, acquiring the proper permits will ensure the work is done right, inspected properly, meets all state codes including building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and even fire, to ensure the safety of you and your family and all future occupants.
- If proper permits are not pulled, the violation could be subject to triple the fee of what would have been originally charged.

If existing unpermitted work is identified, it is subject to the existing building codes and could cost the owner a substantial amount of money to inspect, replace and/or repair to meet the current codes. For example, an unpermitted bathroom that did not have electrical or plumbing inspections would need to have

sections of the dry wall removed in order to expose the utilities for inspections.

The fact that the unpermitted work is being assessed and taxes are paid does not make your project legal without permits.

In the event of an insurable loss, collection on a homeowner's insurance policy may not be possible if there were no permits or final inspection, and no issued occupancy permit.

Future permits will be delayed until permitted work has been inspected, updated and signed off.

Contractors taking responsibility for someone else's work could charge more than if they were involved from the beginning.

Ask to see the building permit before you hand over a large sum of money to the contractor – both before the project starts and after it is complete. You can always call the Building Department to verify issuance and sign offs.

In a tough real estate market, the last thing you need is to be responsible for the delay of the sale of your home because proper permits were not obtained either by you, or a previous owner.

If you have any questions, please contact the Building Department at 781-320-1091



JOIN US FOR THE 3RD Annual RIDE FOR FOOD



Sunday, September 21, 2014

Noble and Greenough School
10 Campus Drive, Dedham, MA

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

<http://www.threesquaresne.org>

ptucke@townhall.westwood.ma.us

3 Course Options:

12 miles
25 miles
50 miles

Early registration is suggested
Rider spots are limited
Ride for Food is the major fund
raiser for the Westwood Food
Pantry!

Entry Fee: \$75

Each Rider receives:

Breakfast and Lunch from Whole
Foods

Swag Bag filled with lots of
goodies

Raffle Tickets for great prizes



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Dear Westwood Residents,

The 2013-2014 school year has been nothing short of exceptional. The Westwood Public Schools continue to produce students who are ready for the challenges of college and career. We owe a debt of gratitude to you, the residents, for supporting us in so many different ways. On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, thank you.

This year we say goodbye to three talented administrators who are moving "onward and upward:"

Hanlon School Principal **Beth Herlihy**, Deerfield Principal **Allan Cameron**, and High School Dean of Students **Katie Ricard**. All have made significant contributions to the Westwood community, and they have been great colleagues and friends. As we wish them well, we also welcome their replacements, new Principals **Sarah Cronin** (Hanlon) and **Josh Baumer** (Deerfield), and new Dean of Students **Amy Davenport**.



I am confident all three are great fits for Westwood, and I know they are excited about joining our school community.

Have a great summer. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Preschool in the High School is a Win-Win

by **Aprile Albertelli**, Preschool Director

The Westwood Integrated Preschool functions as an integral part of the educational programs offered by the Westwood Public Schools. The



preschool program provides a high-quality educational experience for three- and four-year-old children with and without disabilities using developmentally appropriate research-based practices. The curriculum is child-centered and adapted to each individual child's

needs following the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Frameworks and Standards.

The preschool is attached to the high school which has afforded our preschoolers many exceptional experiences. Our collaborative relationships with several high school departments has allowed the preschoolers to attend pep rallies and winter concerts. We have had students from the Robotics Team give robot demonstrations;


students from the TEC class read to the preschoolers; celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with high school readers; and visits from Otis, WHS's therapy dog.

This year the preschool teachers have partnered with high school students from the new Early Childhood Education class, taught by **Brian Shuman**. The high school students are learning theory in their class and then observing, interacting, and applying their knowledge with the preschoolers.

Members of the Asian Culture Club, and teachers **Christine Chu** and **Lisa Spollen**, visited the preschool on January 30th to teach the preschoolers about Chinese New Year, culture, customs, and traditions. The students learned how to say some



words in Chinese and got to try on dragon heads. Then on January 31st, the preschoolers paraded through the high school with the colorful dragon body (see photo). It was such a fun experience, and we are looking forward to next year!

As you can see, location is everything! Having the preschool at the high school is a win-win for Westwood's youngest and oldest students. 



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Lunch Prices Increasing

by Eileen Hicks, Director of Food Services

The Westwood Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services is dedicated to advancing our children's health and physical well-being by providing nutritious meals. We follow the USDA guidelines by offering

meals that include whole grain-rich foods, fresh fruits, and vegetables.

Due to the increased food costs over the past five years, as well as new regulations, we will need

to increase lunch prices for next year. The price for milk will be increasing from \$.40 to \$.50 at all schools next year. The Elementary Schools lunch price will remain the same at \$2.75. The Middle



School lunch, now at \$2.75, will increase to \$3.00 next school year. The High School lunch, now at \$3.00, will increase to \$3.25 next school year.

Food Service account balance emails are sent out twice a month and letters are mailed monthly to those who have negative balances. Please remember this is a prepayment system and the state requires us to collect all outstanding balances prior to the end of the school year. We are currently contacting parents/guardians in regard to overdue balances from now until the end of the school year.

In order to maintain the high quality of the program, we need to be assured of payment from student lunches. We are self-supporting and the funds that we collect are used to pay for the operation of Food Service Department.

Thank you for your support and have a great—and nutritious—summer! 

Act now to complete your

ONLINE BUS REGISTRATION!

Deadline is June 30th for the 2014-2015 year!



How to register:



1 Visit the Westwood Public Schools' website at www.westwood.k12.ma.us



2 Click on "Bus Transportation" on the main page



3 After reading the FAQ's, complete a registration form and pay online

TRANSPORTATION RATES WILL NOT INCREASE FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE ANNUAL BUS FEE FOR 2014-2015 WILL BE \$180 PER STUDENT, WITH A FAMILY CAP OF \$450 FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT BUSREGISTRATION@WESTWOOD.K12.MA.US

OR CALL THE BUSINESS OFFICE AT 781-326-7500 x1343

To guarantee a seat on the bus, a completed registration form with payment must be received by the June 30th deadline

**Local
Postal Customer**



WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Programs for Summer 2014

Call 781-320-1048 for further information.

MAIN LIBRARY

Children and Teen Summer Reading Programs

Don't forget to visit the library to sign up for the 2014 summer reading programs. There will be prizes, giveaways, games, and fun!

Sponsored by The Westwood Public Library, Dedham Savings, the MA Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the MA Board of Library Commissioners.

Sign up:

Jun 13 **Spark a Reaction** For grades 6–12. Teen Dept.
Registration deadline and Kick Off!

Jun 21 **Fizz, Boom, Read** For grades K–6
Children's Department

Children's Department Programming

StoryTimes:

Jul 7–Aug 11 **Little Listeners*** For children ages 3–5
Mondays, 11:00–11:45 a.m.

Jul 9–Aug 13 **Terrific Twos*** For children age 2
Wednesdays 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Jul 11–Aug 15 **Babies and Books*** For children under 2 years
and caregiver
Fridays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.

Jul 2, 16, &
Aug 6 **Under the Big Blue Sky** For children ages 2 and up
Westwood Tot Lot Playground.
Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Drop-in program—no registration necessary!
(Weather permitting, no rain dates.)

Special Programs for Children at the Main Library

Jul 1–29 **Movies for Munchkins** For preschoolers and
caregivers. Picture books on the big screen.
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. **Drop-in program**

Jul 7, 28 &
Aug 4 **Mad Scientist Club*** For children ages 6–8
Hands-on science! Mondays, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Jul 8–Aug 12 **Science Movie Madness** For families with
children. Check the library website for listings.
Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m. **Drop-in program**

Jul 9 **Deep Down Science*** For ages 7–9
Ocean discovery
Wednesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Jul 10 **Beaker Buddies*** For children ages 2–5
Thursday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Jul 14 **The Night Sky*** The Science Museum visits
Mon. to show the wonders of the night sky.

Session I For children ages 5–7, 1:00–1:30 p.m.

Session II For children ages 8–12; 2:00–2:30 p.m.

Jul 17–31 **TEAM S.T.E.A.M.*** For children ages 9–12
Science, art, math, technology and design!
Thursdays, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Jul 21 **Robots on the Run*** For youth ages 10–14
Workshop by RI Computer Museum shows how
to build a simple robot!
Monday, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Jul 23 **Rosie Revere, Engineer Day*** For girls ages 5–10
Story and hands-on project for girls who rock!
Wednesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Jul 30 **Sci-Fi Book Club*** For children ages 9–12
Wednesday, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Special Programs for Teens at the Main Library

Jun 13 Teen Summer Reading Program **Spark a Reaction**
Registration deadline and Kick Off! For grades 6–12
Check library website for details.

Jul 21 **Robots on the Run*** For youth ages 10–14
Workshop by RI Computer Museum shows how
to build a simple robot!
Monday, 2:00–4:00 p.m.

ISLINGTON BRANCH PROGRAMS

Islington Branch Children's Programs

Jul 10–Aug 7 **Storytime*** For children ages 2 ages up
Thursdays, 9:30–10:15 a.m.

Jun 19–Aug 21 **Pajama Storytime*** For children ages 3 and up
3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30–7:15 p.m.

Jul 8–Aug 12 **Lego Builders*** For children ages 5 and up
Tuesdays, 3:45–4:45 p.m.

Jul 31 **Magic of Science*** For children ages 3 and up
The science behind magic tricks
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

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

*Registration is required as space is limited.

All library programs are free. Registration begins one month prior to program start date.

Westwood American Legion Baseball Club

American Legion Post 320



Summer Game Schedule for Juniors

Mon. 6/16	5:45 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Norwood Jr.	Balch School
Wed. 6/18	5:45 p.m.	Quincy Jr. @ Westwood Jr.	Thurston Middle School
Fri. 6/20	5:45 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Braintree Jr.	Braintree JV Field
Mon. 6/23	7:00 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Hudson Jr.	Hudson
Wed. 6/25	5:45 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Canton Jr.	Canton High School
Fri. 6/27	5:45 p.m.	Cohasset Jr. @ Westwood Jr.	Westwood High School
Sun. 6/29	5:00 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Franklin Jr.	Dean College
Tue. 7/1	5:45 p.m.	Foxboro Jr. @ Westwood Jr.	Westwood High School
Thu. 7/3	5:45 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Holbrook Jr.	Joyce Field
Wed. 7/9	5:45 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Needham Jr.	DeFazio Field
Fri. 7/11	5:45 p.m.	Norwood Jr. @ Westwood Jr.	Westwood High School
Mon. 7/14	5:30 p.m.	Westwood Jr. @ Quincy Jr.	Adams Field
Wed. 7/16	5:45 p.m.	Braintree Jr. @ Westwood Jr.	Westwood High School
Fri. 7/18	5:45 p.m.	Hudson Jr. @ Westwood Jr.	Westwood High School

Summer Game Schedule for Seniors

Sun. 6/15	5:00 p.m.	Needham @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Mon. 6/16	5:45 p.m.	Medfield @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Wed. 6/18	5:45 p.m.	Norwood @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Fri. 6/20	5:00 p.m.	Westwood @ Norfolk	Millis Town Field
Sun. 6/22	5:00 p.m.	Walpole @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Mon. 6/23	5:45 p.m.	Brookline @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Wed. 6/25	5:45 p.m.	Franklin @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Sun. 6/29	5:00 p.m.	Foxboro @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Mon. 6/30	5:45 p.m.	Westwood @ Needham	Needham High School
Wed. 7/2	5:45 p.m.	Westwood @ Medfield	Medfield High School
Thu. 7/3	7:30 p.m.	Westwood @ Norwood	Balch School
Mon. 7/7	5:45 p.m.	Walpole @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Tue.. 7/8	5:45 p.m.	Norfolk @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Wed. 7/9	5:45 p.m.	Westwood @ Brookline	Warren Park
Fri. 7/11	5:45 p.m.	Westwood @ Franklin	Dean College
Mon. 7/14	5:45 p.m.	Westwood @ Foxboro	Mansfield High School
Tue. 7/15	5:45 p.m.	Needham @ Westwood	Westwood High School

Top four teams advance to District Playoff Tournament, 7/18 through 7/23

One winner advances to Department Double Elimination Tournament, 7/26 through 7/30

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo, Finance Officer/Director, Westwood American Legion Post 320