



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Leisure reading ahead for Tom Viti



The face and smile that everyone knows, Tom Viti.

Retiring

In June, the Westwood Board of Library Trustees regretfully accepted the retirement notice of our dedicated Library Director of thirty-four years, Thomas Viti. Effective early November, Tom will leave the position that he has successfully fulfilled during decades of significant changes and advancement in library technology. Tom's commitment to public libraries over his forty-two year career has been remarkable. Here in Westwood, he has had many achievements, including:

- Joined the Minute Man Library Network to greatly increase staff efficiency and expand resources for library users.
- Oversaw multiple renovations at the Main and Branch libraries to improve the experience for handicapped users, children and adults.
- Conducted several town-wide reading programs with books like *The Great Gatsby* and used grants and Friends of the Library support to present discussion panels, guest speakers and concerts.
- Secured a \$3.7 million grant for building construction from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and was involved in other grants and fundraising efforts totaling almost \$1 million.
- Opened a new 32,000 sq. foot Main Library in 2013 that serves as both library and community center utilizing innovative technology.

Tom's career has been filled with accomplishment. However, the Trustees would especially like to acknowledge the work Tom has done toward completion of the new Library and the follow-up with pending construction issues. Tom worked tirelessly for more than 10 years to complete the process and has been as diligent as ever right up until his retirement, while simultaneously performing his other Director duties.

Beyond the outstanding work that Tom has done for the Library, he has also served on the Executive Function Group for the Town's Human Resources Group. Additionally, Tom fostered a wonderful cooperative relationship with the Westwood School Department, the Permanent Building Committee and other municipal offices to maximize the best service to all town residents.

The Trustees will miss the talents and wisdom of Tom Viti. Additionally, fellow librarians, patrons, municipal employees, Friends of the Library and donors, all of whom have benefitted from Tom's professional contributions, will miss his steady judgment and his cooperative nature. We wish him the best for his retirement and a long list of good books to read.

The work began immediately in June for the Trustees to find a new Director. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 78 provides for written employment contracts between Trustees and Directors. The Trustees met and formed a Selection Committee, which is chaired by Jane Wiggin, Chairman of the Westwood Board of Library Trustees, and consists of two other members of the Board of Trustees, a Library staff member, a Friends of the Library representative, Mary Beth Bernard, Human Resources Director and Michael Jaillet, Town Administrator. The Trustees updated the job description of the Library Director.

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Did You Know...

Board of Health

Flu Clinic

- **Save the Date!** Did you know The Westwood Board of Health will be holding the **Annual Flu Clinic** on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Westwood High School gymnasium?

This family flu clinic is open to all Westwood residents 5 years of age and older. Residents under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult. Vaccine is administered on a first come first served basis. There is no cost to residents for the vaccine but we do ask that you bring your insurance or Medicare card with you so that we may bill your health insurance. We will be accepting monetary donations for the Westwood Food Pantry. Hope to see you and your family at the flu clinic! For more information please visit our website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us or contact the Health Department at 781-320-1026/1027.

Mosquitoes

- Did you know that mosquito populations are active into the fall? The Westwood Board of Health would like to remind residents to take action to avoid mosquito bites and reduce mosquito populations. The risk of contracting Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) from an infected mosquito is heightened through early October. Mosquitoes can carry disease until the first hard frost.

EEE is a rare disease with serious life threatening symptoms. Symptoms are high fever, stiff neck, headache and lack of energy followed by inflammation and swelling of the brain (encephalitis). There is no treatment, few people fully recover from the illness and 50% do not survive.

WNV usually causes mild or no illness in humans. In rare cases, it can cause encephalitis (swelling of the brain) or meningitis (swelling of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). Less than 1% of people infected with WNV develop serious illness. At the present time there is no preventable vaccine.

To avoid mosquitoes please consider the following:

- Limit your time outdoors during peak periods of mosquito activity (dusk and dawn) or if you must remain outdoors, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and socks.
- Use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) and follow the directions on the label.
- Take special care to cover up the arms and legs of children playing outdoors. When you bring a baby outdoors, cover the baby's carriage or playpen with mosquito netting.
- Fix holes in your screens and make sure they are tight-fitting on all doors and windows.
- Remove standing water around your home. Make sure water does not collect and stagnate in ceramic pots, trash cans, recycling containers, old tires, wading pools, birds baths, etc. Remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of roof gutters.

For more information, please visit the District's website at www.norfolkcountymosquito.org or call (781) 762-3681. If you have general questions about mosquito control efforts please visit the Board of Health website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us or email at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call the office at (781) 320-1026.

Town Clerk

NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

New Voter Registration

Last day for new voters to register to vote or registered voters to change party enrollment for the State Election is Wednesday, October 15, 2014. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to accommodate those residents.

State Election

The State Election will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Special Town Meeting

The Special Town Meeting will take place on Monday, November 17, 2014 at Westwood High School Auditorium. The last day for new voters to register to vote in order to vote on warrant articles presented at the Special Town Meeting is Friday, November 7, 2014. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. to accommodate those residents.

Check-in will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Town Census information

Every household will be receiving an Annual Town Census in late December.

Please make any updates and corrections to the form and return it to the Town Clerk's office within ten days of receipt.

Failure to return the census may cause a registered voter to become inactive on the voting list.

You may not register to vote or change party enrollment on the census form.



Where in Westwood is this?

Answer is revealed elsewhere in this issue.

Westwood Young Women's Club

All new Winterfest is almost finalized

Santa's Elves are busy putting the finishing touches on an all new Winterfest 2014! The Westwood Young Women's Club is sponsoring the annual event in early December at the high school! Bring your family for a day packed with Reindeer Games, visits to Santa's workshop, and winter wonderland activities! Be sure to check our website wywc.org as we finalize plans for this ALL NEW town tradition!!!

Contributed by Jamy Pombo Sesselman

Town of Westwood

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Fun for all ages! The trees in front of the Town Hall will be lit on Sunday, December 7th beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the steps of Town Hall. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served, carols will be sung and a very special guest is expected to make an appearance. Come one, come all and share some good cheer! This is always a memorable event.

White Oak Cottages

Memory Cafe offered on Sept. 30th, 2-3:30 pm

There is a growing number of people with dementia, and local initiatives have begun to address the need to help those with memory loss to live safely in their own communities for as long as possible. White Oak Cottages wants to bring the initiative, known as "the Dementia Friendly Community" concept, to Westwood.

There are two components of this initiative: the *Memory Café*, and offering those providing essential community services dementia training and support.

Staff members of White Oak Cottages will host the *Memory Café*, to be held at the Westwood Public Library. There is no charge for the Café for any guest who needs personal care assistance to have a carer present.

White Oak is developing materials that explain the disease trajectory of Alzheimer's, the unique stresses that memory loss places on caregivers, and tips for how to problem solve and communicate more effectively with this vulnerable population.

Call 781-320-1999 and ask for Janis Taylor for any questions about the Memory Cafe, or for more information on the second component.

September 26 and 27



Kick Off: Friday, September 26

- **Football Game 7:00 PM**

Westwood Wolverines host Medfield Warriors at Flahive Field

- **Fireworks 9:00 PM**

Display will follow the football game approximately 9:00 PM at Westwood High School

Westwood Day: Saturday, September 27

Westwood High School

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rain or Shine

See pages 9-12 for lots more info and a Sneak Peek of what is in store for everyone!

Mark your calendars!!

Westwood Farmer's Market

Take advantage of freshness until Oct. 14th

The Westwood Farmers Market is back for its third year. The market began on June 17th and will run every Tuesday until October 14th. This year has been another success, with the market moving to its new location and adding new vendors.

The market's new location, in case you don't already know, is behind St. Margaret Mary's Church at 845 High Street. Father Linehan has been a great help, working with the town to put together this year's market and for offering the church parking lot as a market location.

The market has been a great weekly event for the community. Westwood residents of all ages have attended the market and truly enjoyed the experience of shopping from local farmers.

New vendors have joined the returning farmers for this year's market. Products sold at the market include fresh produce, seafood, freshly baked goods, jams, jellies, and much more!

Don't delay! There is likely to be pumpkins and apples and wonderful tastes of fall right up until the final day of October 14th!



Clapboardtree Nursery School presents:

PumpkinFest, Saturday, October 18th

Capture the spirit of Autumn in New England at Westwood's Annual PumpkinFest to benefit Clapboardtree Nursery School. PumpkinFest will take place on **Saturday, October 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rain or shine.**

PumpkinFest will feature baby farm animals visits, Family Music Makers, police and fire truck, balloon maker, face painting, prizes, crafts, silent auction, bake sale and Elsa from 11-1! Don't miss this fun-filled day for the whole family. The event will take place at Clapboardtree Nursery School on the corner of Clapboardtree and Nahatan Streets in Westwood. For more information, visit <http://www.clapboardtreepumpkinfest.org>.

The families and staff of Clapboardtree would like to sincerely thank our sponsors. The generous support of our sponsors help to make PumpkinFest a successful community event.



What could be sweeter than a visit from some baby farm animals!

Clapboardtree Nursery School is a NAEYC (www.naeyc.org) accredited pre-school established to meet the needs of the four-year old nursery school child. Founded in 1972, it was the first preschool in Westwood, MA. To learn more about Clapboardtree Nursery School, please visit <http://www.clapboardtree.com> or call 781-326-5405.

Contributed by Katie Gavin

Household Hazardous Waste Day

**September 20, 2014 (9-12 pm),
50 Carby St**

Do you have household hazardous waste that you've been holding onto all year? Great! Because now is the time to bring it down to the Department of Public Works for our annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Cars will be charged \$10 to take part in the collection.

Important safety tips to remember:

- Remain in your vehicle at all times
- Tighten caps and lids leaving materials in original labeled containers
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper
- Sort and pack separately paint/pesticides/household cleaners
- Avoid spills and do not place in garbage bags
- NEVER mix chemicals
- Pack your car and drive directly to the site
- Never smoke while handling hazardous materials

**** We reserve the right to refuse unidentified materials and large amounts of hazardous waste.****

Below is a list of acceptable items. Any unacceptable items will remain in your car.

Acceptable Waste at HHW Event

Aerosol Cans	Paint Thinners, Solvents, Stains, & Varnishes
All Batteries except Alkaline	Photo Chemicals, Chemistry Sets
Antifreeze, Engine Degreaser	Poisons, Insecticides, Weed Killers, Mothballs
Carburetor Cleaner, Brake & Transmission Fluid, Car Wax, Used Motor Oil	Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
Cleaning Supplies	Rug & Upholstery Cleaners
Dry Cleaning Solvents	Solvent Adhesives
Fiberglass Resins	Swimming Pool Chemicals
Fluorescent Bulbs	Tires Without Rims
Furniture, Floor, & Metal Polishes	Waste Fluid (Kerosene Gasoline)
Gas Grille Propane Tanks	Wood Preservatives (Except Penta)
Lighter Fluid	
Oil Based Paints and Strippers	
Oven & Drain Cleaners	

Unacceptable Waste at HHW Event

Ammunition	Latex Paint – dry out and put in trash
Asbestos	Penta Brand Wood Preservatives
Commercial Waste	Pesticides Containing 2-4-5 T
Compressed Gas Cylinders	Radioactive Wastes
Driveway Sealer	Silvex
Explosives	Smoke Detectors
Fireworks	Syringes
Industrial Waste	TVs
Joint Compounder	



Westwood Cultural Council

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 arts projects, as well as PASS funding to enable schools and youth groups to take students from Pre-K to Grade 12, to attend cultural performances outside school.

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, email westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com.

Contributed by Joan Murphy, Cultural Council member

Westwood Community Chest

Westwood Residents' Support Helps WCC Provide Even More Assistance To Those in Need

For almost two decades, Westwood Community Chest (WCC) has dedicated itself to helping Westwood residents in need through temporary financial assistance. Over the past fiscal year, WCC provided over \$36,000 in financial awards. These awards were used by applicants to pay essential utility, medical and housing related expenses. Additionally almost \$15,000 was provided in campership awards to Westwood families.

Over the course of the past year WCC has held a number of successful fundraisers including our annual appeal sent to all Westwood residents, our Chiara Event sponsored by Roche Bros., the Fill the Chest campaign at High Street Market, Holiday Shopping Night at Decor and More, Thanksgiving Core Asset Boot Camp and the very popular Free Throw Tournament. "The support from businesses and individuals this year was tremendous. Their generous support allows us to continue to provide additional financial support to our neighbors in need for FY14. We are raising our financial assistance grants from \$600 a year to up to \$750 per resident," remarked incoming WCC President, Peter Cahill.

Applications for assistance can be found at www.wcc.cfsites.org, Westwood Town Hall, Council on Aging, Main Post Office and Police Department. If you have any questions please call the WCC hotline 781-366-0470 or email WCC at westwoodcommunitychest@gmail.com.

Contributed by Mary Ellen LaRose

Westwood's American Legion Post 320

New members invited

For those currently on active duty, serving the United States honorably, anywhere in the world, or have served honorably during any of the following eligible war eras, the Westwood American Legion Post 320 extends an invitation to become a member of The American Legion. For more information go to <http://westwoodalpost320.com> or call 781-329-6241.

- Aug. 2, 1990 to today (Gulf War/War On Terrorism)
- Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990 (Panama)
- Aug. 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (Lebanon/Grenada)
- Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (Vietnam War)
- June 25, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955 (Korean War)
- Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II)
- April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 (World War I)

All current members as well as those eligible to become members are invited to the monthly meetings which are listed below.

The 2014–2015 meeting schedule is as follows:

September 8	March 2
October 6	April 6
November 3	May 11
December 1	June 1
January 5	July – No Meeting
February 2	August – No Meeting

All meetings commence at 8:00 p.m., and are preceded by a social half hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Nominations for officers and directors for one year terms are accepted from the floor at the May meeting and the election is held at the June meeting.

The Executive Board meets the third Monday of each month in the lower level hall commencing at 7:30 p.m., all members are welcome.

The current 2014-2015 Post Officers are:

Commander:	Richard D. Paster rpaster@prclawoffice.com
Adjutant:	Christopher C. Henes ch45@aol.com
Finance Officer:	J. Kenneth Foscaldo
Service Officer:	James Sullivan
Membership Chairman:	Paul Mullen mullen1591@verizon.net
Chaplain:	Christopher C. Henes ch45@aol.com
Directors:	J. Kenneth Foscaldo kenfoss@aol.com Edward Richardson ejr339@verizon.net Robert Harrington bobharrington@comcast.net

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo, Executive Board, Westwood Post 320

Town of Westwood

Public Safety Task Force

Westwood is rightly proud of the great work our first responders do in service to our community. Yet, the facilities they work in are all over 40 to 50 years old and have not had significant upgrades since being built. The Westwood of today is strikingly different than the Westwood of 50 years ago. Most recently, the planned significant redevelopment of the University Station area, as well as the already identified inadequacies of the fire and police facilities, prompted an in depth study of the facilities and how they should respond to the changes in staffing and service delivery which are expected to evolve over the next thirty years.

Last summer, the Selectmen appointed a Public Safety Task Force comprised of both town employees (including the two chiefs) and representation from town boards (including the Finance and Warrant Commission). That Task Force has met monthly for the past year to develop a comprehensive plan to upgrade the two fire stations and police station. Before any actual plans for new facilities were developed, the Task Force, using the recommendations of an independent study, analyzed how our police and fire services have changed over time the past half-decade and how they it will evolve in the foreseeable future. This entailed a detailed look at demographics projections and the nature of a 21st century public safety force to establish the appropriate future staffing levels. For the fire department, this means a larger, highly trained force that is just as proficient in emergency medical response as it is in traditional fire and rescue response. For police, a review of the regulatory and societal changes over the past three decades has turned the current 6,000 square foot facility obsolete.

The Task Force considered these issues and the necessary staffing adjustments to determine the optimal station configuration and location for the police and fire stations. Initially, the Task Force explored the possibility of adding a third fire station, relocating the current Islington station to a location closer to University Station as well as the possibility of a combined police and fire station in Islington. After a thorough review of operational and fiscal concerns and feasibility, the Task Force, with the input of the Selectmen, Finance and Warrant Commission, and the two Chiefs, concluded that the most effective town-wide solution was to upgrade the fire substation in Islington in its current location while developing contingency plans for University Park if the future build-out of that area warrants the addition of an additional substation in closer proximity to University Avenue.

With the decision to leave the current configuration intact – a main police and fire station and a single sub-station in Islington – the Task Force turned its attention to planning the appropriate upgrade of all of the buildings for these services. With the assistance of an architect specializing in public safety design, the Task Force analyzed 19 different options. Each option was looked at not only for its impact to public safety but also for its cost, risk, effect on the Town's master plan, and development risk. Options included overall consideration of combining police and fire stations, new separate stations and additions and renovations to the existing stations.



Islington Fire Station

In August of this year, the Task Force concluded that analysis with the Public Safety Facility Capital Plan, the first phase of which will be presented for financing at the November Special Town Meeting. The Capital Plan calls for a new 11,000 square foot substation at the same location as the current substation in Islington center; a new approximately 20,000 square foot police station to be located behind the current station, which will include the acquisition of a parcel and a major upgrade to the connection between Westwood Glen Road and the Deerfield School; and a small addition and repairs to the main fire station located on High Street.

Since the Plan is only conceptual at this time, any projection of final cost is highly speculative. However, based on early budgets, the total cost of design and construction of the Public Safety Capital Plan is expected to be between \$28 and \$30 million in 2015 dollars and be phased in over 5 years. The first phase will include an appropriation of approximately \$2.0 million to design the new Islington substation and the new police station. Subsequent town meetings would be requested to vote on construction of those



Westwood Police Station

Task Force - continued from previous page

facilities once secure bids are in hand. As part of the plan, the Board of Selectmen has developed a financing plan it is confident can be funded through a bond that can be annually paid for within existing and projected revenue sources.

The Task Force conducts its meetings in accordance with the public meeting laws. While the Task Force has held several advertised meetings and has developed a website (<https://sites.google.com/site/westwoodpublicsafety/Home> or go to the Town of Westwood website and click on the "Public Safety Task Force" tab) to provide a forum for residents to learn more about the plan, it also intends to significantly increase its outreach this Fall.

To that end, the Task Force will be presenting its report to several town boards, including Selectmen, Finance and Warrant Commission, School Committee, and Planning Boards. In addition, it will convene a public forum to provide an opportunity for the public to educate itself on the plan and offer its input on the projects before they move into design. The website also includes all minutes from Task Force meetings, current and past designs and schedule information.

If you have any question concerning the work to the Task Force, please go to the website and click on the comments tab.

Upcoming Meetings

The chart below is a posting of meetings scheduled after September 15th (the day this newsletter is due to be delivered). It is provided to aid residents planning to attend meetings. Make note and watch for other news in local media as the Task Force publicizes it's findings to the residents.

Meeting Description	Date	Time	Location
Planning Board	September 30th	7:30pm	50 Carby Street
Public Forum	October 2nd	7:30pm	TBD
Finance and Warrant Commission Hearing	October 20th	7:30pm	Library
Fall Town Meeting	November 17th	7:30pm (check-in 7:00pm)	Auditorium, Westwood High School

For more information and for a list of upcoming meetings, please visit <https://sites.google.com/site/westwoodpublicsafety/Home> or the Town's website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us and click on "Public Safety Task Force Info"

*Quick Reference of OTHER TOWN EVENTS
For Fall 2014*

- September 20 **Household Hazardous Waste Day**
10-2 p.m. DPW, Carby Street (*see page 4*)
- September 26 **Westwood Day Football and Fireworks**
7 p.m. High School Complex (*see pages 9-12*)
(fireworks at completion of football game)
- September 27 **Westwood Day**, High School Complex
10-3 p.m. Free to all residents! (*see pages 9-12*)
- October 14 **Burma**, presented by Marilyn Downes
7:30 p.m. Westwood Historical Society, Fisher School
- October 18 **Annual Flu Clinic**
9-12 noon Board of Health, High School Gymnasium
- October 18 **Westwood Recycling Day**
8-12 noon DPW, Carby Street (*see page 15*)
- October 18 **Pumpkinfest**
10-2 p.m. Clapboardtree Nursery School (*see page 4*)

- November 4 **State Elections**
7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Local Polling Buildings (*see page 2*)
- November 11 Westwood Historical Society, Fisher School
7:30 p.m. **Museum Of Fine Arts Jewelry Collection**
presented by Emily Banis Stoehrer
(Kaplan Curator of Jewelry MFA)
- November 17 **Special Town Meeting** (*see page 2*)
7:00 p.m. Doors open.
7:30 p.m. Meeting begins.
- December 7 **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**
4:30 p.m. On the steps of the Town Hall, High Street (*see page 3*)

Foundation for Westwood Education



Greetings from the Foundation for Westwood Education

First of all, we wish to thank the many Westwood businesses and residents who contributed to the Foundation during this past year's Annual Appeal and Entertainment for Education effort. Through your generous support, the Foundation has been able to fund several programs including a Tech Savvy program at the Martha Jones and Hanlon Schools, new chick incubators for the Deerfield and Martha Jones kindergarten classrooms, an author visit at the Sheehan, and an all-school reads program at the Downey School. We have also awarded grants for two speaker series at the Senior Center as well as *Crazy Busy*, a town-wide presentation by New York Times best-selling author and renowned adult and child psychiatrist Edward Hallowell.

This fall, the Foundation is looking forward to continuing our commitment to enhance learning opportunities for Westwood residents of all ages. We accomplish this by raising funds that we then award as grants to community groups, schools, and teachers who submit proposals for innovative and meaningful educational programs in town. We also organize special events in Westwood such as the annual elementary school spelling bee. Falling outside the town's budgets, these programs and events can take place only because of the generosity of donors like you. This year, we are looking forward to funding even more learning and enrichment programs for Westwood residents of all ages. Thank you for helping to make Westwood the vibrant community that it is.

Please visit our website at www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org where you can learn more about us, find information about upcoming events, download grant applications, or donate to the Foundation.

Contributed by Leslie Greffenius

Foundation for Westwood Education Calendar of Events

October 15, 2014	Fall Grant Applications Due
December 2014	Annual Appeal Please watch for our mailing. Your donation makes grants for outstanding educational programs possible.
January 9, 2015	19th Annual Elementary School Spelling Bee (registration will open in early November, 2014)
March 2015	Entertaining for Education (E4E) E4E is a great way to get together with friends and neighbors and support community education at the same time.
April 15, 2015	Spring Grant Applications Due

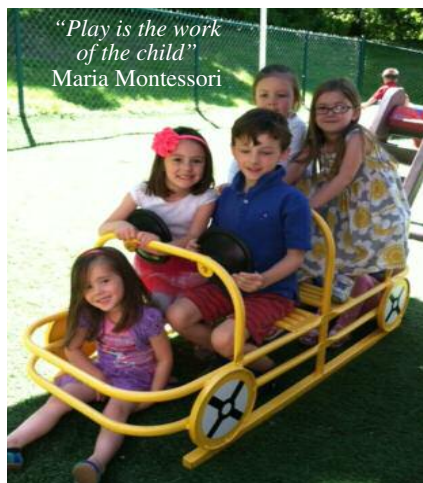
Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events!

Westwood Montessori School

The Westwood Montessori School is a committed program in which your child is respected as an individual and encouraged to develop at his or her own pace, laying the foundation for a "Love of Learning for Life."

Call for more info:
781-329-5557 or email:
wwmont@verizon.net.

Or there is information on the website at westwoodmontessori.org.



The wheels on the bus...

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The Selection Committee will review the updates to the job description, as well as the goals and priorities of the new Director, as set forth by the Trustees. A job posting, brochure and advertisement will also be produced and distributed in August.

The Selection Committee will:

- Study the job description prepared by the Board of Trustees
- Review applications
- Conduct preliminary interviews of those applicants who show the most potential for fulfilling the job description
- Recommend at least two finalists for the Board of Trustees to interview for the final decision; deadline October, 2014.

The Board of Trustees is to be apprised of the progress of the Selection Committee at its monthly meetings.

Contributed by Mary Beth Persons



SNEAK PREVIEW

LINE UP AS OF AUGUST 27. MORE TO COME!

ENTERTAINMENT

MAIN STAGE

- 10:00 Westwood Swing Band
- 10:40 Westwood Winds
- 11:30 Help Wanted
- 1:00 Board of Selectmen Welcome
- 1:20 New Sounds Assembly Chorus
- 2:00 Richard Travers Studio

CHILDREN'S STAGE

- 10:30 Westwood Chinese School
- 11:00 Bubble Man
- 1:20 Ethan Rossiter and the Jamberries

ACTIVITIES

- 5K Road Race and Fun Run
- Transportation Show & Touch a Truck
- Inflatables
- Animal Craze
- Pumpkin Painting
- Caricature Artist
- Valve Car Racers
- Hockey Shoot and Score
- Lacrosse Wall Ball
- Scorpion Soccer
- Soccer Kick Fest
- Eye Mobile
- Giant Twister
- And More to come!



VENDOR VILLAGE

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| Becker Glass | Independent Power Systems |
| Board of Health | Ivory Inspiration Piano Studio |
| Café West | K and L Ceramics |
| Celestial Lodge | Kulkea LLC |
| Century 21 Shawmut Properties | Mass Sport and Spine |
| Charles River Running | New England Sports Academy |
| Clark House of Fox Hill Village | Next Step Living |
| Coldwell Banker - Westwood Office | Ocean Girls Jewelry |
| Conservation Commission | Planning Department/planning Board |
| Core Asset Fitness Training | RJ Square LLC |
| Council on Aging | Russell Kassatly |
| Cutco Cuttery | Silver N Such |
| Day St Sports | Temple Beth David |
| Department of Public Works | The ARC of South Norfolk |
| Economic Development | The Pampered Chef |
| Everpresent | Town Clerk |
| Falun Dafa Association of NE | Troop 3 Westwood, Boy Scouts of America |
| Firefly Yoga Westwood | Tupperware/Avon |
| First Baptist Church | Westwood Animal Clinic |
| First Parish of Westwood | Westwood Goes Green |
| Folsom Funeral Service | Westwood Hometown Weekly |
| Fullout Dancewear N Apparel | Westwood Land Trust |
| Gibson Sotheby's Int'l. Realty | Westwood Library |
| Hale Reservation | Westwood Veterinary Care |
| Harmony Jewels by Marilyn | Westwood Young Women's Club |
| | William E Sheehan PTA |



FOOD COURT

- Bubbling Brook – Ice cream, water
- Chiara – Sausage, jumbo franks, drinks
- Harrows – Chicken Pie
- Lion Club – Pop corn, Cotton Candy
- Lobster Dog – Lobster Rolls, hot dogs, drinks
- Tuscany – Pizza, drinks



WESTWOOD DAY BUS SHUTTLE

Locations: Hanlon School, 790 Gay Street and Sheehan School, 549 Pond Street

Hanlon School Departures to WHS: Every half hour

9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15

Sheehan School Departures to WHS: Every half hour

9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15

WHS Departures to Hanlon & Sheehan: Every half hour

10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30

Pick-up & Drop-off locations will be marked by signs at each location.



PARKING

- St. Margaret Mary's Church (High Street)
- First Baptist Church (High Street)
- Thurston Middle School (Nahatan/High Street)
- "The Maze" Side Streets off of Nahatan Street – One side of the street only, will be clearly marked

BUS SHUTTLE AND CARPOOLING ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER AND ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES!

Looking for assistance with Friday and Saturday Set-up, Saturday Activities, and Clean-up.

TO SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT GO TO www.WestwoodDay.com

Click on Westwood Day Adult Volunteers

QUESTIONS

Contact Kristin Scoble at kscoble@townhall.westwood.ma.us
or call 781-461-0070

Volunteers will receive a T-shirt.



YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



5K AND FUN RUN

WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

5K ROAD RACE 9:00 AM
 Register: www.WestwoodDay.com

Online Registration: \$15
 (Registration closes September 25)

Day of Event Registration: \$20
7:30-8:30 AM

**FIRST 100 TO REGISTER WILL
 RECEIVE A 5K T-SHIRT**

REGISTER TODAY!



1 MILE CHILDREN'S FUN RUN 10:00 AM
 Register: www.WestwoodDay.com

Online Registration: Free
 (Registration closes September 25)

Day of Event Registration: Free
7:30-9:30 AM

(Parents are welcome to run with their children.)

School Spirit Trophy
 Westwood Day 2013 Winner-Sheehan School

The Elementary School with the greatest number of participants and school spirit will be awarded the perpetual Westwood Day Trophy to proudly display at their school until Westwood Day 2015.

TRANSPORTATION SHOW AND TOUCH A TRUCK

WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL 10:00-3:00

**5 TROPHIES
 SPECTATOR VOTES**

- Best Paint
- Peoples' Choice
- Best in Show
- Most Unique
- Best Engine



**SPECTATOR
 VOTING STARTS
 10:00**

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

**TROPHIES
 AWARDED
 2:30**

Registration Form: www.WestwoodDay.com



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Noteworthy Contributions

Lending a helping hand

Boy Scout troop builds ramp for Wareham family with disabled son

By Caitlyn Flaherty

Originally published in the Wareham Courier on April 3, 2014

For three years Mark and Carol Orcutt of Wareham have been trying to build a ramp from their house to the backyard for their disabled son Derek, but could not afford it because of medical expenses.

Now, thanks to a local Boy Scout troop, Derek, 22, will soon be able to get out and enjoy some fresh air.

"I'm eager to get in the backyard and to get out more, especially in the summer," Derek said. "I can't wait."



Derek Orcutt, center, pictured with Troop 3 Westwood scouts and leaders.

Troop 3 Westwood braved the cold and rain this weekend to construct the ramp for Derek, who has muscular dystrophy and is unable to move without a wheelchair. Derek Orcutt said he can't wait to get outside.

"This is awesome," Derek's dad, Mark, said. "It will give Derek an opportunity to come out and enjoy the backyard. Now he can spend more time with the rest of the family."

Family members said they often don't hang out in the backyard because it's tough to maneuver Derek's wheelchair through the front door and around the back of the house. And, if it starts to rain, it's not fun going back in either.

"One time I got caught outside and it just started down-pouring all of a sudden. It was not good. I don't like getting wet," Derek said.

The ramp and outside access will also make things a lot safer for Derek, who otherwise wouldn't be able to get out of the house by himself.

"If, God forbid, anything were to happen, I know he would have a way to get out of his room. It makes us more comfortable knowing that," Mark said.

The project got started when one of Derek's doctors suggested adding a door and building a ramp. Through word-of-mouth at church, Troop 3 Westwood leaders heard that the family needed help.

At a November meeting, one Scout suggested combining a service project with a campout for their December activity. The other Scouts were on board right away, Troop 3 Westwood leader Rich de Reyna said.

"It's great. They get to learn a lot of useful life skills while also learning to give back to the community, which is one of the

fundamental parts of being a Scout," he said. "I'm very grateful they had this opportunity."

In December the Scouts completed the first phase of the project that included preparing the site for construction and the completion of 16 concrete footings.



The boys took charge of the project while the adults offered guidance.

Boy Scout Matt Berlutti said he and the other boys took a liking to Derek right away and knew they wanted to offer a hand. "It really touched me that he is such a bright guy and got accepted into some prestigious universities but couldn't go because he was physically limited," Berlutti said. "We wanted to do whatever we could for him."

Fellow scout Bob Maughn agreed, adding it was an easy decision. "It's simple. We just wanted to help somebody who can't help themselves," Maughn said.

As the crew worked Saturday afternoon, Derek was happy to hear the sounds of hammers and saws. The scouts worked through the rain.

"It's great that they're taking the effort and time out of their day to help make something for me," Derek said with a smile.

The First Baptist Church of Westwood supplied most of the donations, but the Scouts are still in need of more funds to complete the project. They are also looking for a contractor to install the door.

Donations can be made out to Troop 3 Westwood – Service Project Donation and mailed to:

Vickie DeVoy – Troop 3 Westwood

c/o First Baptist Church, 808 High St., Westwood, MA 02090

Contributed by Nora Loughnane

Scouts from Westwood Troop 3 who participated in this project

Graham Bayer	Cameron Doherty	Max Montalto
Skyler Beach	Owen Duffy	Ian Moscaritolo
Matthew Berluti	Andrew Feeney	Max Moscaritolo
Gregory Campion	Gregory Fleming	Noel Moscaritolo
Cameron Clasby	John (Jack) Foley	Dave Polansky
Michael Clasby	James Friedeborn	John Rogers
Rocco Cufone	Samuel Gantert	Liam Rooney
Andrew Cutler	Steven Harrington	Sean Ross
Carl D'Angio	Ronan Hebard	Cameron Valentine
Marco D'Angio	Andrew Luke	Mengjun Wei
John de Reyna	Ian Marten	Brenden White
Peter de Reyna	Ryan Marten	Anthony Wickett
Dan DeVoy	Bob Maughn	Cole Zaleski
Malcolm DeVoy	Matthew Montalto	Sam Zonderman

Announcement by the Town of Westwood

Roy London Humanitarian Award

Do you know a special resident or organization that deserves to be nominated for the **Roy London Humanitarian Award**?

Many of us marvel at the work of others in our community. Now is the time to recommend these people as nominees for the 6th Annual Roy London Humanitarian Award. Roy London was a Westwood resident who did many special things to help others within our community. In 2010, the Town of Westwood established this award in Roy's honor. This award is presented annually to a resident or organization in the Westwood who by their actions embody the spirit of Roy London.

Candidates for this award are those people who have demonstrated compassionate or charitable action to make Westwood a better community. Past recipients include Fran and Colleen Champion, Robert Folsom, Chester Ansley Smith, Glad Rags Thrift Shop, Megan Licameli, Kenneth Foscaldo, the Ouellette Family, Westwood Community Chest, the Westwood Food Pantry, Joseph Gantert, Paula McLaughlin, Larry Walsh, Charles Domina, Wendy Muellers, Denise Singleton and Jessica Cole.

The nomination of a resident or organization that meets the descriptive criteria of the Roy London Humanitarian Award should be submitted to Christine McCarthy at Westwood Town Hall. The award(s) will be presented at a Board of Selectmen meeting. Please contact Christine at cemccarthy@townhall.westwood.ma.us or 781-326-4172 with any questions or to make a nomination. For additional information, please go to www.townhall.westwood.ma.us and click on Roy London Humanitarian Award – Nomination Papers under the Board of Selectmen's page.

Dedham Savings

Upcoming Community Events!

Dedham Savings employees truly enjoy spending time out in the community. From greeting people at town events to Bank-sponsored activities, they hope you will be able to join them at some or all of these upcoming events. As these dates get closer, please check their website and Facebook page often for additional details.

September 26-27th: Westwood Day. The festivities begin with the high school football game on Friday night. Dedham Savings will be there with Radio Disney to announce the winner of their Westwood High School community scholarship contest! Following the game there will be a fireworks display. The celebration continues Saturday morning with the annual 5K road race. Afterwards, come out and enjoy all kinds of fun activities, games and a food court. (Westwood High School Complex, Nahatan Street)

October 4th: Dedham Savings' Shred Day. Stop by the Dedham Savings' Main Office and get rid of those documents that you have been holding onto for so long. Highland SHREDDING On Demand will be available from 9AM-12PM to shred up to 2 boxes per car. This community event will be open to all and you can shred your documents, credit cards, CDs and more all safely, securely and for FREE! (55 Elm Street, Dedham)

Contributed by Laura Macs

St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball Program

About CYO Basketball Program

CYO Sports is one component of our parish's comprehensive youth ministry program. It enables the partnership of parents, coaches and adult leaders to manage and support a sports program that allows youth to grow in their relationship with God and come to better understand themselves. *The CYO Basketball Program is open to all faith denominations.* Eligibility is limited to those youth who live within the parish geographical boundaries.

Registration

In order to participate in Saint Margaret Mary's CYO Basketball program, players must provide each of the following by October 18:

1. a completed registration form;
2. a copy of the player's birth certificate; and,
3. payment for the registration fee.

The registration fee is \$190 payable to "St. Margaret Mary Athletics." Registrations received after October 18 will be accepted on as roster space is available.

Please mail registration documents to:
St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball
c/o Mr. Ken Foscaldo
35 Norfolk Avenue
Westwood, MA 02090

Games and Practices

Practices will begin the first week of November and are held for 90 minutes once or twice a week based on available gym time.

Games will be played on weekends. There are other parish teams from Medfield, Dedham, Needham, Natick, Westwood, Norwood, Franklin, Wrentham, and Plainville. Home games are played at Westwood High School. Games will begin on Saturday, December 6th and continue on weekends through February. The season concludes with the EMASS – Archdioceses Tournament for all teams that have a 70% or higher winning percentage.

St. Margaret Mary Team Uniforms

Players are provided basketball uniforms which will be returned to the coaches at the end of the season.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Foscaldo at 781-329-7672 or kenfoss@aol.com. Otherwise you can send correspondence to:

St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball
c/o Mr. Ken Foscaldo
35 Norfolk Avenue
Westwood, MA 02090



WESTWOOD RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, October 18, 2014 – 8 am to 12 pm
50 Carby Street (DPW)

WHAT YOU CAN BRING

	All electronics and appliances	All TVs - \$12 All monitors - \$5 All large appliances - \$10
	Large plastic items (such as lawn chairs, toys, coolers, etc.)	Free
	Clean clothing and other textiles, pillows, old stuffed animals, shoes, backpacks	Free
	Scrap metal	Free
	Tires (collected by Hogan tires)	\$2

This event is for Westwood residents only.

See www.westwoodrecycling.com for more information.

Sponsored by Department of Public Works and Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEACT)

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MORE WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Programs for Fall 2014

***Get Connected with Digital Media @ Your Library:** For Children ages 8 and up with parent/caregiver. Would you like to learn how to download free eBooks, audiobooks, and more to your tablet, computer, or mobile device? Come to the Children's Department to find out how!

3rd Friday of the month: Sept 19th, Oct 17th, Nov. 21st,
Dec. 19th @ 4:00-5:00 p.m. ***Registration Required**

Movies for Munchkins: Come to the children's program room to enjoy picture books on the big screen! We will watch short picture book films perfect for preschoolers.

Mondays, Sept. 29th, Oct. 27th, Nov. 24th, and Dec. 29th
@ 10:30 a.m. **DROP IN PROGRAM**

Crafternoon: Halloween Edition: Children of all ages are welcomed to the Children's Department to make a spooktacular craft and have a ghoulishly good time! Supplies are limited and crafts will be available on first come, first served basis.

Wednesday, October 29th
@ 3:00 p.m. **DROP IN PROGRAM**

Saturday Crafternoons: Come to the library to enjoy some fun arts and crafts activities.

Select Saturdays, Sept. 20th, October 18th, Dec. 27th
@ 1:00-4:00 p.m. **DROP IN PROGRAM**

MAIN LIBRARY

Adult Department Programming

Pageturners: A book review program for adult readers. Circulation Supervisor Nancy Hogan will review a combination of fiction, mystery, non-fiction, and biography books. Informal and informative, Pageturners is an entertaining look at what's new in the library.

Bring a friend! No sign ups necessary.
Select Fridays @ 3:00 p.m. September 19th and
November 21st. **DROP IN PROGRAM**

ISLINGTON BRANCH PROGRAMS

Children's Programs

***Storytime:** Ages 2 and up. Children will participate in stories, songs, films and crafts.

Sept 11th-Oct. 16th and Nov. 6th- Dec 11th
Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m. ***Registration Required**

***PJ Storytime:** Ages 3 and up. Children can come in their jammies and bring a special stuffed animal and blanket to hear stories and songs.

3rd Wednesday of the month Sept 17th, Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th,
Dec. 17th @ 6:30-7:15pm ***Registration Required**

***LEGO Mania:** Come and build Lego creations with library Legos. For K and up.

Sept. 9th-Oct. 14th and Nov. 4th-Dec. 9th
Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m. ***Registration Required**

Adult Programs

Islington Branch BookShare: Bring a book you have read to share with the group as you enjoy a cup of coffee with fellow readers!

Tuesdays, September 16th and November 18th
@ 10:00 a.m. **DROP IN PROGRAM**

Islington Branch Book Group: Join us at the Branch to discuss some great reads!

Select Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
September 10th: *The Hundred Foot Journey*
by Richard Morias
October 8th: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

DROP IN PROGRAM

All Library Programs are Free.

Registration begins one month prior to program start date.

To register for Main Library Programs, please call 781-320-1042.

To register for Islington Branch programs, please call 781-326-5914

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

News Items Wanted!

The next quarterly newsletters are due to be delivered to homes on or about December 15, 2014, March 15, 2015, and June 15, 2015. 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:

Diane Thornton, *Editor*,

Westwood Community Newsletter

580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 or email:

newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Thank you!



Where In Westwood is this? Answer: Have you figured it out? This issue's close up is of a couple of balloon flowers! Kathryn Kevorkian fashioned many fanciful balloon creations at every Wednesday afternoon! Hello! The unusual colors caught the eye of the photographer. This particular summer evening was beautiful weather and Kathryn was doing her entertaining out in front of the restaurant.

Early Childhood News

Brain Building In Progress

Last spring, Westwood Early Childhood, along with many community partners joined the statewide Brain Building in Progress Initiative. The Brain Building In Progress campaign emphasizes that whenever you see children interacting and learning in enriching environments, what you're really seeing is brain building in progress. The campaign was launched by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and United Way. The goal is to bring communities together around early education with the knowledge that the investments we make supporting children and their families from the start pays dividends for the future of our entire community. To learn more about brain building go to brainbuildinginprogress.org.

Westwood Early Childhood Offers New Programs for Young Children and Parents

StoryWalks

Westwood Early Childhood now offers StoryWalks! StoryWalks offer an opportunity for parents, caregivers, and children to spend time outdoors, get some exercise, and enjoy literature. Created by Vermont resident Anne Ferguson in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library, StoryWalks are posted in a public place for families to utilize at their own leisure. Westwood Early Childhood partnered with Westwood Public Library and Westwood Recreation to provide Westwood's first StoryWalk. Throughout the month of August, children and families enjoyed reading, *The Ugly Vegetables* by Grace Lin. Funding for this project came from the Museums/Libraries Project of The Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant, Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.



This fall, Westwood Early Childhood has partnered with the Westwood Public Library, Westwood Young Womens Club and Hale Reservation to provide a StoryWalk series. Throughout the months of September and December, StoryWalks will be featured at Hale Reservation.. For details go to <http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/index.cfm?pid=14678> or contact Janet Lucey, Westwood Early Childhood Coordinator at (781) 461-9548 or jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us.

Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM)

Thanks to generous funding from the MA Early Education and Care, Westwood Early Childhood now provides monthly STEM workshops for children ages 3-5 and a parent/caregiver. The STEM program kicked off last spring with a series of parent child STEM sessions. Children were Savvy Scientists, used Tools for Technology, became Energetic Engineers, and Motivated Mathematicians. For information on STEM programs available this fall go to <http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/index.cfm?pid=14678> or contact Janet Lucey, Early Childhood Coordinator at (781) 461-9548 or jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us.

Contributed by Janet Lucey

Rotary Club of Westwood

The Rotary Club of Westwood had a busy summer. The summer began with the club welcoming four new members, Michael Walsh, Marcia Hirshberg, Alicia Yeh, and Donald Brown and it



installed a new slate of officers. For the 2014-2015 year, Co-Presidents are Rebecca Schofield and Laura Macs, President Elect Mary Perry, Treasurer Laura Macs, and Secretary Alicia Yeh.

The Rotary Club provided ice cream treats for those in attendance at this summer's WestwoodWinds concert. Needham Bank provided the funds for the treats and the club accepted donations for its Polio Plus program.



Upcoming events:

September 27th – Come visit our booth at Westwood Day.

This fall, the club will hold its Fall Recycling Event. *Watch for more details!*

The Rotary Club of Westwood meets weekly at the Holiday Inn in Dedham on Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:30. Meetings include lunch and speakers on a variety of topics. Some of this summer's speakers were Don Brown and David Ostrowsky, authors, Michael Powers, New England District Manager for the United States Post Office, and representatives from On the Rise and Cradles to Crayons. The club consists of business men and women that either work or live in the Westwood area. If you would like to join us, please contact Michael Razza at stxx@aol.com.

Contributed by Laura Macs



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Dear Westwood Residents,

As I begin my tenth year as Westwood's superintendent, I am as excited as ever about what lies ahead for our students in 2014-2015. The talent and experience of our faculty and staff, coupled with the unwavering support from our residents, has helped the Westwood Public Schools achieve its status as one of Commonwealth's elite districts. Despite our success, I remain firmly committed to continuous growth and improvement, and look forward to another great year for our students and their families.



If you want to keep abreast of what's happening in our schools on a regular basis, I encourage you to follow us on social media (see a few suggestions below). Have a great year, and as always, thank you.



District Twitter: [@westwood_ps](https://twitter.com/westwood_ps)
WHS Twitter: [@WestwoodHS](https://twitter.com/WestwoodHS)
WHS Athletics Twitter: [@WHSAthletics1](https://twitter.com/WHSAthletics1)



District Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westwoodschoools>

After twelve years working as a classroom teacher and literacy specialist in the Sudbury Public Schools, I feel extremely proud and fortunate to be joining the Westwood Public Schools community as the new principal of the Deerfield Elementary School. It is clear from the interactions I have already had with students, families, and staff members throughout



Meet Josh Baumer

Deerfield School Principal

the district that Westwood Public Schools is a district that strives to ensure an engaging, challenging, and rewarding educational experience for each and every one of its students. I am committed to learning about

the practices, cultures, and traditions that contribute to the strength and health of the Deerfield school community. I look forward to joining the Deerfield staff, Deerfield families, and Westwood community members in providing children with the academic, social, and emotional learning they need to be successful within and beyond the walls of our school.

"I will [seek to] gain a deeper understanding of what is...working well at Deerfield, and...where we can improve upon Deerfield's success."

Modeled after the work of Barry Jentz and Joan Wofford (2012), I have developed an entry plan that


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will guide the work I do during the initial months of the school year. I will engage in a series of interviews, meetings, and additional activities that will allow me to gain a deeper understanding of what is strongly valued and working well at Deerfield, and to identify areas where we can improve upon Deerfield's success. The plan reflects the core values of the Deerfield School: Cooperation, Academic Excellence, Acceptance, Respect, Responsibility, and Effort. I look forward to partnering with staff, students, families, and community members to support student growth and learning, and to set priorities for our future work together. 

I couldn't be more thrilled to begin my role as principal of the Hanlon Elementary School. With 15 years of experience teaching grades 3-6 in Newton and Brockton, I am excited to take on a leadership role. As principal, I will foster the culture of challenge, support, and growth that makes students and teachers thrive.

While in Newton, I mentored new teachers, helped to implement Professional Learning Communities,



worked closely with parents, and served on numerous committees devoted to school improvement.

Some leaders use the phrase,

“As principal, I will foster the culture of challenge, support, and growth that makes students and teachers thrive.”

“Hit the ground running,” but I prefer, “Hit the

ground learning.” My focus this year will be to listen and learn as much as I can about Hanlon and the Westwood Public Schools.


I plan to spend my first few months at Hanlon building positive relationships with staff, students, and families. In fact this work

has already begun, as many teachers and families have come in to meet with me over the summer. During these entry interviews, I am learning about Hanlon's culture, values, and traditions. I have been immediately impressed with the loyalty and pride of Hanlon's staff and families. They speak highly of this close-knit community, collaborative atmosphere, and dedication to continuous learning for both children and adults.

Meet Sarah Cronin

Hanlon School Principal

As I continue my entry plan this fall, I will delve deeper into what

people value and hope to preserve about Hanlon, as well as identify areas deserving of a new principal's attention. Ultimately my goal is to continue the academic excellence of Hanlon, while supporting the social and emotional needs of its students. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to join the faculty and families of Hanlon, as well as the Westwood community as a whole. I look forward to a busy and successful school year! 

Welcome to Westwood!

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Westwood, MA 02090

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Call 781-320-1048 for further information

MAIN LIBRARY

Children's Department Programming

Programs for Pre-School Children

STORYTIMES:

***Little Listeners:** Ages 3-5. Children will hear stories, songs, watch films and make a craft.

Tuesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Sept. 9th- Oct 14th and Nov. 4th- Dec 9th.

(Please Note: No Storytime Nov. 11th)

***Terrific Twos:** Children aged 2 will hear stories, songs, rhymes and make a craft.

Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

***Registration Required**

Sept. 10th- Oct. 15th and Nov. 5th- Dec. 10th

***Babies and Books:** Children under 2 years old with a parent/caregiver. There will be short stories, songs, dance, and puppets.

Fridays 10:30-11:00 a.m.

***Registration Required**

Sept. 12th-Oct. 17th and Nov. 7th- Dec. 12th

Halloween Storytime: We invite Westwood's young tricksters (babies-age 5) to come enjoy Halloween stories and songs with their caregivers. We will then troupe through the library in a fun-filled costume parade!

Tuesday, Oct. 28th @ 10:30 a.m.

DROP IN PROGRAM

Family Storytime: Come drop in for this family friendly storytime. Children of all ages will hear stories, rhymes, and sing songs! Please note that though all ages are welcome, stories are geared to ages 2-5.

Saturday, Oct 11th, Fridays Nov. 28th and Dec. 26th

@ 10:30-11 a.m.

DROP IN PROGRAM

Programs for School Aged Children

***Creative Kids:** Children K-1 will have lots of creative fun as they participate in creative dramatics and arts & crafts activities.

Thursdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Sept. 11th -Oct 16th. And Nov. 6th-Dec 11th.

***Registration Required**

***Comics/Zine Club:** For 2nd-4th graders. Join us as we discuss our favorite comics and graphic novels, learn how comics are made, and participate in creating our very own comics and other activities.

Tuesdays, Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st and Nov. 18th, 25th, Dec 2nd

@ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

***Registration Required**

***Gizmo, Gadgets, and Goo (G3 Club):** For Children ages 8-10. Come run experiments, build contraptions, and gadgets. Each session we will learn about science, technology, art & design, and engineering through demonstrations and hands on activities.

Mondays, Sept. 22nd, 29th, Oct. 6th and Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th

@ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

***Registration Required**

Kids Movie Afternoon: For school aged children. Come to the library to enjoy a fun movie afternoon. BYO drinks and nibbles. Call the library or check the website for movie details.

Wednesdays, Sept. 10th, Oct. 8th, Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd

@ 2:00 p.m.

DROP IN PROGRAM

Special Programs for Children at Main Library

Chalk in Hand: For preschoolers with parent/caregiver. Young Picassos, Mastisses and Monets aged 2-5 are invited to come bring the Children's Reading Garden to life with their own original chalk creations! A variety of sidewalk chalk and chalk paint will be available for the young artists' convenience.

Monday, Sept 8th @ 10:30 a.m.

DROP IN PROGRAM

Celebrate Going Back to School! For elementary aged students. Visit the library and get ready for success this school year. Enjoy some family friendly games, a library scavenger event, and learn how the library can help you with homework and school projects!

Wednesday Sept. 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

DROP IN PROGRAM

**More library programs are listed on page 16!
Don't forget to look!
Islington Branch programs too!**