



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Proposed Westwood Street Lighting Project

The Town of Westwood is considering joining a growing number of Massachusetts communities by converting its Streetlights to LED technology. Streetlights are unmetered and are billed based on an estimated usage using approved formulas. In order for a Town to be able to employ a new Streetlight technology, the utility has to have an applicable rate they can use to compute the billing. A warrant article will be presented at the upcoming Spring Town Meeting to authorize this project. It is anticipated that the conversion could be completed by August of 2015.

In June 2012, NSTAR (now Eversource) began allowing communities that own their streetlights to switch to the LED technology. Since that time, over forty communities in Massachusetts have chosen to make the switch including the City of Boston and the 14 communities on the Cape. The largest deployment in the United States has been in the City of Los Angeles which has over 140,000 LED lights. Westwood has watched and learned from the experience of these communities. The experience has been overwhelmingly positive. In addition, over the past two years, the cost of LED lights has dropped considerably and their energy efficiency has improved.

LED lighting is more than twice as energy efficient as the light it will replace and LED lighting provides a much more effective white color that properly renders colors and improves nighttime vision. After evaluating several proposals, the Town has chosen to work with George Woodbury of LightSmart Energy Consulting who will assist with the design and implementation of the program. The LightSmart proposal was substantially less expensive and Mr. Woodbury was the consultant that originally assisted Westwood with the acquisition of the Streetlights. Mr. Woodbury also helped the Town with a previous energy efficiency program, was the author of the legislation that allows communities in Massachusetts to acquire their Streetlights, and is also recognized as a leading expert on street lighting matters.

Converting the system to LED technology will save almost 65% of the current energy consumption of the lights. These savings will be used to help cover the cost of the project. In addition, Eversource will provide incentive monies for the project through its municipal program.



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Memorial Day Events 2015

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 25 this year. Please mark your calendars for the annual Memorial Day Parade! The parade will step off promptly at 10:00 AM from the rear of Town Hall and proceed down High Street to the Old Westwood Cemetery on Nahatan Street where the Memorial Day services will commence.

Any local groups wishing to participate should call the Office of Veterans Services at 781-320-1008 for approval.

Please note: It has been tradition in Westwood, in compliance with General Logan's Order #11 issued on May 5, 1868 to the Grand Army of the Republic, that on the Friday preceding Memorial Day, flags on veterans graves will be refreshed. Therefore on Friday, May 22, we will meet at the New Westwood Cemetery at 8:30a.m. to replace the flags and on Saturday, May 23 we will again meet at the New Westwood Cemetery at 8:30 a.m. to plant geraniums on those Veterans' graves

This is always a very meaningful and satisfying project and all volunteers are welcome! The placing of flags and planting of

geraniums is the essence of honoring and remembering our deceased Veterans on Memorial Day.

"Let us, then, at the time appointed gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with the choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us a sacred charge upon a nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan." *General Orders No. 11, Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868*



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Did You Know...

Westwood Public Library More than books

Did You Know... The Westwood Public Library is not just about books and dvds and cds? The Library also subscribes to a variety of newspapers and more than 200 periodicals – so no matter what your interests are, you are sure to find something interesting to read.

Current magazine issues can be read in the Library and past issues are available for patrons to check-out.

The magazine collection includes titles that cover sports (including Golf and Running) as well as a variety of titles on subjects such as antiques, home repair, physics, psychology, parenting, lifestyle, vacationing, gardening, cooking, fashion and finance.

Some of the most popular periodicals include:

Banker & Tradesman	People
Linn's Stamp News	Entertainment Weekly
The Economist	Popular Mechanics
ValueLine	Cook's Illustrated
The Harvard Health Letter	Consumer Reports
Runner's World	O Oprah Magazine
Yankee Magazine	Real Simple
Reader's Digest – Large Print Edition	

Complimentary copies of **The Book Page**, a monthly book review, are also available for patrons to take home and browse through at their leisure thanks to the generous support of our Friends of the Library.

Westwood Board of Health Summer Camp Licenses

Did You Know... that the Westwood Board of Health inspects and licenses summer camps held in Westwood? Summer will soon be here and families are in the process of choosing summer programs for their children. The Health Department would like to inform parents that summer camps, including day, residential, sports, travel and trip camps, are governed by 105 CMR 430.000 of the State Sanitary Code, Chapter IV, Minimum Sanitation Standards for Recreational Camps for Children.

In order to protect campers and ensure that they have a fun, safe experience, camp operators are required to do the following:

- Conduct criminal background checks on all staff and volunteers
- Hire a health care consultant to approve a medical plan and standing orders
- Hire a health supervisor who is overseen by the health care consultant, to care for injured or ill campers and staff, to dispense medication, to follow the approved medical plan and to review camper and staff medical records
- Hire enough staff to ensure proper ratios of campers to staff
- In programs with high-risk activities, such as swimming, boating or horseback riding, the camp has to ensure that all staff is trained appropriately and that all precautions have been taken
- Provide written policies on discipline, abuse and neglect, disaster, lost swimmer, lost camper, transportation, care of mildly ill or injured campers, to name a few.

If you would like more information regarding summer camps, please contact Health Director Linda Shea at the Westwood Board of Health office at lshea@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call 781-320-1026. The goal of the Health Department is to ensure a safe summer for all.

Westwood Public Library Museum Passes

Did You Know... Museum Passes are also available at the Main Library, and the list of passes that are available is growing? Museum passes are available to Westwood residents and town employees. A resident or employee must have a valid Minuteman library card in order to borrow passes. Passes may be reserved up to 30 days in advance online, in person, or by phone. Visit the Library's website at www.westwoodlibrary.org or call the Circulation Desk at 781-320-1048. Passes are made possible through the efforts of the Friends of the Westwood Public Library and the generous support of several local groups and businesses.

Below is a list of museum passes currently available at the Westwood Public Library:

Audubon Society-Drumlin Farm and other Audubon Sanctuaries

Sponsored by Westwood Rotary Club

Boston Children's Museum

Sponsored by Coldwell Banker and the Westwood PTOs

Fairbanks House

Sponsored by the Fairbanks House

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Sponsored by Holly Joe Interiors

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum

Sponsored by Patterson Insurance

Museum of Fine Arts

Sponsored by Dedham Savings Bank

Museum of Science

Sponsored by New England Baptist Hospital

Mystic Aquarium

Sponsored by Mystic Aquarium

New England Aquarium

New England Quilt Museum

Sponsored by the Quinobequin Quilt Guild

Plimoth Plantation

Sponsored by Roche Bros.

Roger Williams Park Zoo

Sponsored by the Westwood Early Childhood Council

Winter Skate At Patriot Place

Sponsored by Patriot Place & Harvard Pilgrim Health Care

Zoo New England (Franklin Park and Stone Zoo)

Sponsored by the Westwood Early Childhood Council

Westwood Assessors Office Revaluation

Did You Know... Every three years, each town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is required to revalue all properties in its jurisdiction. The Town of Westwood is scheduled to establish new values for Fiscal Year 2016. The Assessors' office is currently reviewing all 2014 sales to determine how assessed values compare to those sales. This project should be completed by the fall of 2015. The Assessors' office will notify the residents by placing an article in the local newspaper. Look for the article around October of 2015. The residents will have a short period of time to review the values before they are certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any questions regarding this should be directed to the Assessors' office.

**Department of Public Works
Proposed Projects**

Did You Know...The Department of Public Works has presented a Town Meeting Article for this Spring’s Annual Town Meeting to replace every street light with an LED fixture? (See related article on page 1.) If approved, this will provide the Town with a far more efficient light fixture, along with saving the Town thousands annually in energy savings. The fixtures will also have technology such as meter reading capability, light setting options, and security that could benefit the Town in several ways throughout the years to come.

- The Department of Public Works has bid out the following paving projects for the Summer:
Clapboardtree Street Downey Street Blue Hill Drive
Smith Drive East Street Grove Street
- The Canton/Everett/Forbes Road Traffic Calming project will be underway this Spring/Summer as well as the Downey Safe Routes to School Project.
- The construction for the new phase for the Westwood Cemetery is slated to begin this Summer/Fall
- The Deerfield field renovations will be underway this coming Summer.
- The Sewer Department is currently putting together the next phase for the Town’s Inflow and Infiltration Program.

**Westwood Board of Health
No Spray Notification Information**

Did You Know... that it is time to plan for mosquito control for 2015? As you know mosquito spraying is conducted in the summer months by request only, weather permitting. However, if you do not want your property sprayed you must notify the Westwood Town Clerk, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 in writing, with a copy to the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District, Building 34 Endicott Street, Norwood, MA 02062, by March 1, 2015, although the district will honor requests at any time. State law requires this notification as well as a requirement to post your property. This is very important if you do not want adult control so that District personnel can exclude your property from these applications.

The District is also preparing for the spring aerial application of the biological larvicide Bti to control mosquito larvae. Helicopter applications will be conducted in mid-April over specific large wetlands in Westwood and other communities within the county. Specific information and maps of the wetlands to be treated will be available on the website as spring approaches.

For more information please contact the Westwood Board of Health at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District’s website at www.norfolkcounty-mosquito.org or call 781.762.3681.

Did You Know...



Online registration will open in the spring for the following programs through Westwood Youth & Family Services:

- Single Parent Support Group
- Structured Play Groups (K – 5)
- “Girls Only!” Groups (4th – 6th)

Please visit our website this spring to sign-up!

For more information, please call Westwood Youth & Family Services at 781-320-1006.

Westwood Youth & Family Services

Holiday Giving Program Wraps up 14th year

Did You Know... The WY&FS Holiday Giving Program, now in its fourteenth year, connects local sponsors with Westwood families in need of support during the holidays? Sponsors provided holiday gifts for children in a confidential program coordinated by the Youth & Family Services department.

Thank you to the many residents and businesses for their donations including Rotary Club of Westwood, Dedham Savings, Keller Williams Realty, Century 21 Commonwealth, The Barn Yard Childcare Center, Westwood Montessori, The Tobin School Westwood, National Charity League, Order of the Eastern Star Westwood and 10 troops of Westwood Girl Scouts in grades 2-10.

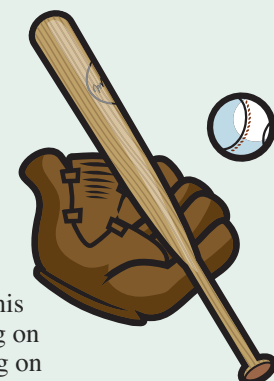
33 Westwood Resident and Business Sponsors
47 Families Served
79 Children supported
+ 237 Gifts Received
= A Joyful Holiday Season



Deerfield School Field Redevelopment

The Westwood Recreation Commission formed a subcommittee to study and recommend a redevelopment plan for the athletic fields at Deerfield School. The project scope includes re-grading the fields and installing an irrigation system. The plan includes two softball fields and multipurpose field space to be used for soccer and other athletic programming.

The subcommittee has met regularly to solicit input from key stakeholders including Town and School Departments, neighbors, sports groups, and emergency services. The Town is preparing a full design plan to utilize up to \$500,000 from the University Station housing impact mitigation fees available for this project.



Please express your opinion on this athletic field improvement by voting on this request at Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2015.

News From The Town Clerks Office

- If you have not licensed your dog or dogs, please do so as soon as possible to avoid late fees. Town bylaws require all dogs to be licensed each year on or before March 31st.
- The Annual Town census was sent to each household in early January. If you have not already done so, please return your completed census to the Town Clerk's office. Failure to return the Census may cause a voter to be designated as inactive on the voting list (M.G.L., Ch.51, § 4).

Important Dates

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 — Last day to register voters for Annual Town Election & Annual Town Meeting. Town Clerk's office from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, April 27, 2015, 12:00 p.m. — Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot for the Annual Town Election

If you are planning to vote by Absentee Ballot you may download and complete an application available at the following link: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howabs.htm> or by visiting the Town Clerk's office. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Clerk's office approximately three

weeks before the Election. Absentee Ballots may be used for voting if you will be absent from Town on Election Day, have a physical disability that prevents you from voting at a polling location, or you cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs.

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 — *Annual Town Election*, polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The four polling locations in Westwood are as follows:

Pct.1 Westwood Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street

Pct. 2 Sheehan School, 549 Pond Street

Pct. 3 Paul Hanlon School, 790 Gay Street

Pct. 4 Downey School, 250 Downey Street

If you are unsure of where to vote please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-320-3964 or the Secretary of State's website: <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.aspx>

Monday, May 4, 2015 — *Annual Town Meeting, Registration at 7:00 p.m.*, Westwood High School Auditorium

If you have any questions please contact the Town Clerk's at 781-326-3964.



Town Meeting Guidelines from The Town Clerk's Desk

Town Meeting is the legislative branch of local government in Massachusetts. It has the two basic powers of a legislature, the power to adopt laws (general and zoning bylaws), and the power to appropriate money.

Westwood is governed by Open Town Meeting. The essential feature of open town meeting government which sets it apart from all other forms of local government is that all registered voters of the town are entitled to vote on all issues which are presented at town meeting. In the early years of town meeting government, attendance was mandatory and fines were levied for non attendance. Today attendance at an open town meeting is a matter of the voter's personal decision. Open town meeting is the oldest existing form of direct popular government having continuously served its citizens for some 350 years.

Our Annual Town Meeting for 2015 will be on Monday, May 4, 2015. Per town bylaws, Town Meeting is always held on the first Monday in May.

Every town meeting shall be called in pursuance of a warrant signed by the Selectmen. The warrant shall be posted at least seven days prior to town meeting by a Constable stating the time, place and subject of Town Meeting, on not less than four bulletin boards erected in Town and in at least 8 other public places equally distributed amount the four precincts.

The warrant must contain all subjects to be acted upon at Town Meeting. The Selectmen may, at its discretion, include in the annual Town Meeting any warrant articles submitted to them. Such articles are usually by the various boards, officers, or committees of the town or by the Selectmen themselves.

The Selectmen must include any article submitted to them by a petition of 10 or more registered voters of the town. The petition must include the text of the article, the signatures of the

petitioners together with their residence including street and number, if any. The petition must be submitted by the Selectmen to the board of registrars for certification of signatures.

When arriving at Town Meeting, voters will be checked in before entering the meeting hall. In order to vote on articles, you must be a registered voter in Westwood. If you are not a registered voter, you will be asked to sit in a specially designated visitor's area. The number of registered voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any Town Meeting held for the transaction of municipal business shall be one hundred and seventy five (175).

Once a quorum is established the meeting is called to order by the Moderator who presides at the meeting and regulates proceedings, publicly declares all votes and decides all questions of order. No person may address the meeting without first obtaining the Moderator's permission.

A record of all votes and transactions of the town meeting as announced by the Moderator, are kept by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk's record is the only official record of a town meeting vote. All information pertaining to Town Meeting is kept in the Town Clerk's office and is accessible to the general public upon their request.

Please make every effort to attend Town Meeting. Important decisions regarding the Town Budget, Zoning, and General bylaws which govern our Town are decided at Town Meeting.

For further information regarding Westwood's Town Meeting rules, you may look at the Town General Bylaws, Chapter 138: TOWN MEETINGS online at <http://ecode360.com/13014649>

Also, for general information see the Massachusetts Citizens guide to Town Meetings at the following webpage: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twnidx.htm>

Or contact the Town Clerk, Dottie Powers at 781-326-3964.

News from Blue Hills Regional Technical School

Blue Hills Regional Technical School located in Canton, MA, provides excellent academic and vocational education to students from Westwood. The school also offers a variety of outstanding goods and services to the public during the school year at lower than commercial costs.

By utilizing these goods and services, you are supporting technical education, as well as saving substantial money at no sacrifice in quality as compared with what is available commercially.

For example, our student-operated restaurant, the Chateau de Bleu, is open for full-course lunches on weekdays from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., except for holidays and school vacations. The bakery also has delicious items such as cookies, pies and other pastries. The restaurant can also be booked for luncheons held by community organizations.

The Automotive Technology and Collision Repair and Refinishing programs perform selected services on vehicles that meet certain specifications.

Our Construction Technology program is currently accepting applications for residential and commercial additions, alterations, and repairs. They are also accepting decks and other larger projects that are wood framed construction for the next school year. Residents or property owners within the nine Blue Hills Regional district towns including Westwood are eligible to submit applications. You must be a resident or property owner for a minimum of five years. Please see additional information on the Blue Hills Regional home page at www.bluehills.org.

The Cosmetology program offers haircuts, manicures, and facials by appointment.

These and other services offered by Blue Hills Regional Technical School are listed, along with details and contact information, at www.bluehills.org on the home page under the Tech Programs tab on "BHR Services for the Public."

As your Westwood Representative, I take great pride in the exceptional ability of the students at Blue Hills Regional Technical School, therefore I strongly encourage the citizens of Westwood to take advantage of superb goods and services these young men and women work so hard to provide. They would be honored to serve you.

*Contributed by Charles W. Flahive
Vice Chairman and Westwood Representative to the
Blue Hills Regional District School Committee*

LED Streetlights *continued from p. 1*

The Town is also examining the option of using intelligent controls as a part of this project. These controls will set up a Radio Frequency (RF) mesh over the Town that will not only allow for dimming after certain hours increasing the overall savings but also could support automated water meter reading, links with traffic signal controllers, automated parking systems, and a variety of other applications that help improve service to the citizens of the Town. This enhancement to the Streetlights positions Westwood to participate in the "smart city" concept that is now beginning to emerge. The City of Cambridge has just recently installed LED streetlights with these intelligent controls and is already working with Eversource to implement new applications. Both Fitchburg and Randolph will be installing a similar system in the coming months.

Contributed by Todd Korchin

Bullying Prevention Theater Program

Bullying Prevention Theater Makes a Successful Return!

In 2011, with the support of Westwood Youth & Family Services and a grant from the Foundation for Westwood Education, work began on creating the Bullying Prevention Theater (BPT) Program. This unique program was developed by both adult staff and high school students, with a primary goal of creating a realistic and powerful way to educate and support the sixth-grade students of Westwood on the topic of bullying, particularly the effectiveness of bystanders. Given its distinctive approach and creative content, BPT won a Governor's Citation Award in 2011.



BPT Mentors perform their skits for the 6th grade students

This year's BPT program began in October 2014 with twenty-seven high school mentors spending over 560 total hours preparing and rehearsing for the performances which took place at Thurston Middle School this winter. Mentors captivated the sixth-grade class at Thurston with five skits about bullying, followed by thoughtful classroom discussions and related activities. The nearly 275 sixth-graders were presented with real-life scenarios about bullying based on stereotypes, gender differences, and peer pressure, among other topics. Mentors acted out various ways in which bystanders can help to stop bullying from happening and offered strategies to take the power away from bullies.



Hard work and dedication are celebrated by the mentors from the BPT program after another successful presentation.

The success of the program would not have been possible without support from the faculty and staff at both Thurston Middle School and Westwood High School, along with Patty Comeau from Westwood's Information Systems Department. Most of all, Westwood Youth & Family Services wants to thank the high school mentors for their dedication to rehearsals and the performances, despite their very busy schedules! The 2014-2015 BPT Mentors were: Colin Burke, Grace Burke, Gioia Cianciarulo, Liz Collins, Max Cope-Flanagan, Kevin Deeb, Abigail Drokhyansky, Lucie Duffy, Rahmeh Fares, Shaye Firmin, Will Gettings, Dante Giugliano, Dominic Giugliano, Marybeth Hogan, Stephanie Homsy, Halley Husted, Libby James, Tim Kearns, Richard Li, Melissa Ligure, Caroline Loiacono, Kate McMurray, MaryKate Murphy, Bridget O'Sullivan, Hattie Rowe, and Carley Stebbins.

Contributed by Sarah Cleveland

Rotary Club of Westwood

Rotary Club of Westwood Upcoming Events

March 29, 2015

The Rotary Club of Westwood will be holding its Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at the Westwood High School from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast is \$6.00. There will be no charge for those 3 years of age and younger. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny, a famous Mouse, and some of their friends. Jeannie Mack will provide musical entertainment from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. A balloon artist will create some wonderful balloon designs. The Westwood Young Women's Club will be providing an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00. Bring your appetite and your camera and join us!

May 2015

The club will hold its Spring Recycle Event. Shredding will also be available. Check our website for further details, www.westwoodrotary.com.

Ongoing Projects

The club is collecting travel size toiletries for *On The Rise*. *On The Rise* provides a place where homeless women can stay during the day to shower, do laundry, receive mail, and stay safe. Drop off location is Dedham Savings, 673 High Street, Westwood.

The club is also taking donations of new and slightly used children's clothing for *Cradles to Crayons*. Drop off location is Rockland Trust (Peoples Federal Savings Bank), 670 High Street, Westwood.

Rabies Clinic

Rover (aka Michael Razza) greeted the dogs and cats that attended the recent Rabies Clinic held on January 31, 2015.



Back Row: Shown is Rover (Michael Razza), Marcia Hirshberg, Dottie Powers, Suzanne Comer, Alicia Yeh
Front Row: Laura Macs

Investing in Education

Hundreds Attend Westwood Spelling Bee



Several hundred Westwood residents turned out for an afternoon of tense excitement on Friday, January 9, as over 250 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders vied with each other for the championship at **The Foundation for Westwood Education's Nineteenth Annual Spelling Bee**. In preparation for the bee, all three- and four-person teams picked distinctive names for themselves and studied lists of more than 600 words. Many came to the bee dressed in shirts, hats, or both, bearing their teams' creative names. Competition was fierce but fun; some of the words were so difficult that audible gasps emanated from the audience of adults cheering on the extraordinary spellers.

John Antonucci, Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools moderated the third grade bee. Winners of the bee were members of the "Common Bombus" team from the Hanlon School: Baili Jiang, Edgar Klosi, Luis Li, and John Carlo Ortega. The winning word was "hypothesis".

Winners of the fourth grade bee, from the Martha Jones School, were the "BEEstroyers," with team members Joey Hannon, Dante Mariani, Donald Varnerin, and Bernard Xu. Sean Bevan, Principal of Westwood High School moderated the bee. The winning word was "simile".

Winning the fifth grade bee, with the word "agnostic," were "The Fiery Elmos," with team members Christos Deamantopoulos, Tarun Kumaran, and Padraig Lombard from the Downey School. Neil Kulik, Language Arts Teacher at the Thurston Middle School, moderated the fifth grade bee.

Sign up to host an Entertaining for Education (E4E) party

Urging all potential hosts: We need your support! THIS MONTH OR NEXT.

As hundreds of Westwood residents attending E4E parties over the years have discovered, philanthropy can actually be fun. E4E

parties are a unique opportunity to invite friends and neighbors for an afternoon or evening get-together for which guests are encouraged to make a tax-deductible donation of \$50 per person, proceeds to benefit the Foundation for Westwood Education. Parties can take place in private homes, restaurants or other venues. The events don't have to be elaborate or fancy, but they can be whatever you would like them to be. Last year's hosts held E4E cocktail and dinner parties, an E4E Fifties Gala, a St. Patrick's Day bash and even a Downton Abbey tea. E4E parties are important fundraisers for the Foundation. Over the years, E4E parties have brought in more than \$200,000, funds that were then used to award grants for enterprising educational programs benefiting all members of the community. But E4E parties do more than raise money; they also foster community spirit and increase awareness of the work of the Foundation. For this reason, we hope to encourage a broad cross-section of residents to host an event. It's easy to sign up!

Here's how it works:

- 1) You choose any date – preferably in or near March – for your party and invite your guests.
Party ideas include: Mardi Gras, March Madness, St. Patrick's Day, Spring Fling progressive dinner, cocktail party or an intimate dinner party.
- 2) We supply party invitations and donation envelopes. Party guests are asked to make a donation to the Foundation. The suggested donation is \$50 per guest.

For more information or to schedule your party, contact:

Linda Hunter (781-724-9537) at

E4E@foundationforwestwoodeducation.org

Deadline for spring grant proposals is April 15, 2015

The Foundation welcomes grant proposals from nonprofit organizations for innovative educational or cultural learning projects that will benefit the Westwood public schools and/or community.

Contributed by Leslie Greffenus

Westwood Community Chest

WCC continues to be there for Westwood residents in need

Back in January on the evening of our first blizzard of the season, Westwood residents braved the elements and gathered at Chiara Bistro for the 4th annual 'Evening of International Food and Wine' to benefit Westwood Community Chest (WCC). The evening featured fine wines from Roche Bros paired with distinctive international selections from Chef LaCount of Chiara Bistro. WCC would like to thank Roche Bros. for generously sponsoring the evening.

Through the proceeds raised through ticket sales, silent auction/raffle purchases, the WCC's annual appeal, and other fundraising events during the year WCC assisted almost 100 households in town through our financial assistance and campership grants.

If residents know of a neighbor that is facing temporary financial struggles, please suggest they apply for assistance. Applications are available online at, www.wcc.cfsites.org. WCC will begin accepting applications for campership scholarships in March and continue through Mid-June. For more information on campership and an application please visit the website listed above.

Contributed by Mary Ellen LaRose

The Masons of Westwood

Community blood drives

The Masons of Westwood (did you know that there are four separate lodges that meet regularly at 655 High street?) are the sponsors of periodic community blood drives.



About every eight weeks, the Dana-Farber/Brigham & Women's mobile unit rolls into the lodge parking lot on a Saturday morning. Four blood donors at a time can be accommodated and it takes less than an hour. Donors must be 17 or older and donations must be eight weeks or more apart.

The blood collected is used to save lives at both Boston medical facilities, used for transfusions of whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma. With the help of donors, blood is available as needed for patients with various conditions — when it is needed.

Masonic lodges in the area have been sponsoring blood drives for several decades, with some of the older "regulars" having given for 60 years or more.

The Westwood Masons, who were due to have had a drive on Feb. 21 and will do it again April 25, urge you to mark your calendar today and plan to support their efforts. And they will offer all donors and their companions a robust breakfast, usually including waffles and pancakes, yogurt, granola and fruit.

Please help the Masons — of Celestial, Rabboni, Prospect and West Roxbury-Dorchester lodges — in this especially important effort. Look for the big white banners — displayed across the street from the Westwood library — two weeks before every Masonic blood drive.

Reservations for a donation time of your choice, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., can be made by calling 617-632-3206 within the two weeks prior to the event. Walk-ins are welcome but there may be a wait, hopefully brief.

Anyone interested in learning about the Masons is urged to call Charles Liftman of Celestial Lodge at 508-543-1392(h) or 508-254-5362(c).

Contributed by Charles Liftman

Westwood Young Women's Club

The WYWC is ready to hop into spring with some fun-filled family events!

Please join the Westwood Young Women's Club at the high school on March 29th at 11 a.m. for our Easter Egg Hunt at the Rotary Club's annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"! Please have your children bring their Easter baskets!



In June, the WYWC be holding its annual Touch-A-Truck, where children can climb on a number of trucks, diggers and trains! We're working on a date, so stay tuned!

We've already lined up bands for our Summer Concert Series, which will be held Monday evenings in July on the Senior Center lawn. This year's entertainment includes the Bubbleman, Jeannie Mack Children's Band, Stacey Peasley Children's Band and Rick Goldin.

Interested in joining the Westwood Young Women's Club? Come to our April 1st meeting at 7:45 p.m. at the Senior Center and see what we are all about.

Be sure to check our website, wywc.org, and like us on Facebook for more information about our events!

Contributed by Jamy Pombo Sesselman

White Oak Cottages at Fox Hill Village

Memory Café: A Social Gathering Offered for Those With Memory Loss in Westwood

WHAT: The café provides a stress-free and positive social gathering of caregivers and care receivers whose illness tends to isolate them. Staff members of White Oak Cottage will host the café, offering light snacks, refreshments, conversation, connection and activities.

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 31, 2015; 2-3:30pm**
Joined by Musician Tom Madden

Tuesday, April 28th, 2015; 2-3:30pm
Featuring Musical Duo "The Joneses"

Tuesday, May 26th, 2015; 2-3:30pm

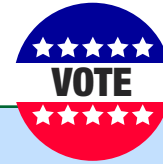
WHERE: **Westwood Public Library, 660 High Street**

WHO: Hosted by White Oak Cottages at Fox Hill Village
6 Longwood Drive, Westwood MA 02090

COST: Free of charge. For guests requiring personal care assistance, a caregiver must be in attendance.

CONTACT: If you would like more information on the Memory Café, please contact Janis Taylor via email at jtaylor@whiteoakcottages.com.

Proposed Islington Fire Station



The proposed Islington Fire Station (represented at right) is about to be bid to obtain the construction cost to be presented for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 4th in the High School Auditorium. The design, which has been evolving over the last several months, has achieved the following:

- The designed building meets the Fire Department space and functionality needs
- Three apparatus bays, functional office and living space and built-in training room
- Construction materials are high quality and low maintenance
- Imagery sets the tone for the redevelopment of Islington
- Projected energy consumption is 31% lower than just meeting existing base building code
- Design meets LEED Silver and Advanced Buildings Tier 2 Energy
- Costs are comparable with other recently built Eastern Massachusetts' Fire Stations
- Construction will be complete by Fall 2016



More information is available at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/westwoodpublicsafety/Home>

Visit Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/WestwoodPublicSafetyFacilities>

Residents can contact the Town Administrator at
 781-326-4172 if they have any questions.

WESTWOOD RECYCLING DAY

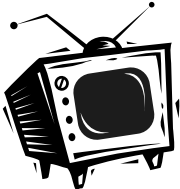
The Department of Public Works and the Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEAC) will sponsor our annual Westwood Recycling Day again this spring!

This event is for Westwood residents only.

Saturday, May 2, 2015 – 8 am to 12:00 pm
Westwood, Carby Street (DPW)

WHAT YOU CAN BRING

All electronics and appliances



- All TVs
- All monitors
- All large appliances

Pricing to be determined

Large plastic items (such as lawn chairs, toys, coolers, etc.)

- Free



Scrap metal

- Free



Clean clothing and other textiles, pillows, old stuffed animals, shoes, backpacks

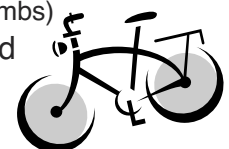
- Free



Tires (collected by Hogan tires)

- \$2

Bikes (sponsored by Bikes not Bombs) \$10 donation suggested



> Turn the pages for a Sneak Peek of **University Station** –

Westwood's exciting new lifestyle destination featuring **shops, restaurants, recreation, luxury apartments** and more.






Shop, Dine & Connect @ the Station

This conveniently located 2 million square foot mixed-used project is just off University Avenue, Exit 13 on Route 128/I-95 and adjacent to the Route 128 MBTA Commuter Rail/Amtrak Station. Openings start throughout March with Target, Marshalls/HomeGoods, Nordstrom Rack, Smashburger, Panera Bread, New England's first Life Time Athletic, Gables Residential featuring 350 luxury apartments, memory care facility Bridges® by EPOCH, and more. Acclaimed grocer Wegmans is slated to open in the fall, creating a complete one-stop destination for Westwood shoppers. University Station is a development of New England Development, Eastern Real Estate and National Development.



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 Bonefish Grill • Charming Charlie • Chipotle
 David's Bridal • dressbarn • Famous Footwear
 Fidelity Investments • Kay Jewelers • MiniLuxe
 Noodles & Company • Orange Leaf • Panera Bread
 PetSmart • Smashburger • Starbucks • Supercuts
 ULTA Beauty • Visionworks • Yankee Candle
Opening Fall • Wegmans Food Markets
 Not Your Average Joe's • Blue Hills Bank



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One Stop. Many Choices.

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Store opening dates vary. Visit website for details.

A Vibrant New Community & Gathering Place

Gables University Station

Westwood's new luxury apartment complex by Gables Residential, offers one- and two-bedroom apartment homes with open designs and contemporary interiors. Luxury features include gourmet kitchens with granite countertops and hardwood flooring; spa bathrooms with custom-framed mirrors and porcelain soaking tubs; and full-size washers and dryers.

The community includes an array of resort-style amenities, including a state-of-the-art fitness club and pool, two private courtyards with grilling and dining area, a private cinema room with a widescreen HDTV, video-gaming room, and a full business center with meeting rooms.

Gables University Station will open an onsite leasing trailer in early April with the first move-ins expected in June. To inquire, visit www.gables.com or call 866-261-9386.

Life Time Athletic Westwood at University Station

Opening later this summer, Life Time - The Healthy Way of Life Company will be opening its first exquisite sports, professional fitness, family recreation and spa resort in Massachusetts. Life Time Athletic Westwood will be located at 44 Harvard Street and will be a game changer as a new comprehensive, family-friendly destination as part of the new University Station development.

The three-story, 128,000-square-foot destination will offer a health and fitness experience unlike any other. Highlights of the new center include an indoor and outdoor aquatic center, two full-size basketball courts featuring leagues and training programs, a full service salon and spa, a fast casual restaurant featuring a healthy menu and grab-and-go items and a Kids Academy packed full of classes such as music, yoga, science, Spanish Immersion, tumbling and more.

For more information, people can visit the Preview Center is currently open at 315 University Ave., Suite 2200, call 781.381.7100, visit lifetimeathletic.com/westwood or facebook.com/LifeTimeAthleticWestwood.

Bridges® by EPOCH at Westwood

Opening this summer, Bridges® by EPOCH is a memory care assisted living community where remarkable people deliver exceptional care to those with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Visit www.bridgesbyepoch.com for more information.



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Westwood Early Childhood



The Westwood Early Childhood Office is funded through the Department of Early Education and Care: Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant, local grants and generous donations. It is supported by the Westwood Public Schools.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is underway. If you are planning to send your child to kindergarten in the Fall and have not already registered, your may do so online at www.westwood.k12.ma.us and bring the supporting documentation to your elementary school.

Kindergarten Parent Night is on May 19, 2015 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at each of the five elementary schools. Kindergarten teachers and administrators will present a program describing the kindergarten year.

Kindergarten Classroom Visits will take place on May 21 or 22, 2015. Please contact the administrative assistant at your school to sign up. This visit is for the kindergarten child and his/her parent only.

Wheels on the Bus is an opportunity for future kindergarten students to board a real school bus. Officer Brad Pindel will review safe bus behavior. Session 1 will take place at the Deerfield School on June 8th at 6:00 p.m. Session 2 will take place at the Downey School on June 9th at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to attend either session.

2nd Annual Brain Building In Progress Celebration!

Brain Building in Progress details are being finalized for the weeks of April 4th-18th! Please see the Early Childhood website for more information on this two week long celebration. We hope you can join us at several of our programs and events!



Annual Painless Portraits Fundraiser!

"Painless Portraits" by Lisa Hull will take place on Saturday, May 16th and Sunday May 17th. Family or individual portraits will be taken in an outdoor setting (weather permitting). Registration details can be found on our website or by contacting Janet Lucey. This is our annual fundraising event. We appreciate your support!



Please contact:

Janet Lucey, Early Childhood Coordinator
Westwood Public Schools

<http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/index.cfm?pid=14678>

jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us
(781) 461-9548



Brain Building in Progress details are being finalized for the weeks of April 4th-18th! Please see the Early Childhood website for more information on this two week long celebration.

News from the Pool

Westwood Recreation Department

New Pool Program

Swim Clinic, a new and exciting aquatic program, is being offered this summer at the Westwood Recreation Department. This week-long program offers a swimmer ages 8-18, who is proficient in the four competitive strokes, or who has passed the American Red Cross Level 4, an opportunity to give his/her full and undivided attention to everything about swimming!



Meeting five consecutive days, 9:00-3:30 p.m., with a free extended day option from 3:30-5:00 p.m. for open swim. The program will provide dry land work, two swimming sessions, viewing of videos and individualized video-taping of the participants. Lecture and discussion regarding nutrition, exercise, rest, hydration and injury prevention will be presented.

This clinic is for the competitive swimmer who is serious about becoming the best they can be in swimming. For more information on this new program, contact sperry@townhall.westwood.ma.us.

Westwood Recreation Department

Summer Camp

Westwood Recreation's Summer Days Program has a fresh new name and face with the same great offerings! Summer Days is now called Summer Camp. **CAMP STARFISH** (Ages 3-5), **CAMP STINGRAY** (Entering Grades K-6) and **CAMP SUMMERTASTICS** (Entering Grades 7-8).



Westwood Recreation's summer day camp is for children ages 3-5 and grades K-8. Camp provides a variety of age appropriate activities. Participants take part in arts & crafts, sports & games, water activities, recreational play, special events, and theme activities. Our caring, well-trained counselors encourage confidence, creativity, developing skills, making new friends and having fun!

As required by Section 430.190 of the State Sanitary Code, Chapter IV (105 CMR 430.000), this camp must comply with regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and be licensed by the Board of Health.

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring 2015

Call 781-320-1048 for further information

MAIN LIBRARY

Children's Programming

Programs for Pre-School Children

STORYTIMES:

Registration for spring storytimes will begin on March 2nd

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

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. ***Registration Required**
Spring Session: March 23rd – May 12th

***Terrific Twos:** Children ages 24-36 months. Children will hear stories, songs, rhymes, and make a simple craft.

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. ***Registration Required**
Spring Session: March 25th – May 13th

Babies & Books: Babies ages 0- 24 months & their caregivers will hear short stories and participate in rhymes & songs. After storytime there is the opportunity for children and their parents to play and make new friends.

Fridays, 10:30-10:50 a.m. **Drop-in Program**
Spring Session: March 27th – May 15th

Drop-In Storytime: Children ages 2-5. In this drop-in (no registration necessary) children will hear stories and rhymes, dance, and sing songs.

Mondays, 11:30-Noon **Drop-in Program**
Spring Session: March 22nd – May 11th

***Sensory Storytime:** A storytime designed for children ages 2-5 with Autism Spectrum Disorders, sensory integration challenges, or other developmental delays & their parent/caregiver. Children will listen to short stories, rhymes & fingerplays, and participate in other activities. A social story about visiting the library is available for each family upon request. This program is funded through a grant from the Foundation for Westwood Education.

Select Mondays, 4-4:30 p.m. ***Registration Required**
March 30th & April 27th

Programs for School Aged Children

***Creative Kids:** Children in grades K-1 will love this fun new program where they will participate in creative dramatics as well as arts & craft activities.

Thursdays, 4-4:45 p.m. ***Registration Required**
Spring Session: March 5th – April 9th

***Gizmos, Gadgets & Goo:** Children grades 3-4. Come run experiments, build contraptions and gadgets and try not to let the occasional slime soak in through your sneakers! Each session we will learn about science, technology, art & design and engineering through demonstrations and hands-on experiments.

Mondays, 4-4:45 PM ***Registration Required**
Spring: March 3rd, 10th & 17th

Special Programs for Children at Main Library

***Toddler Art:** Ages 2-5. All young Matisse's, Picassos and Monets are invited to participate in this toddler-friendly Art Program. Each week we will complete a different craft project in honor of National Youth Art Month!

Wednesdays, March 4th, 11th & 18th, 10:30-11:15 a.m. ***Registration Required**

Dadurday Storytime: Come spend some special dad-time at the library at some of these special dad-themed programs! Stories will be geared to children ages 2-5, but all children and a parent/ caregiver are welcome.

Saturday, April 18th, 10:30 a.m. **Drop-in Program**

Table Art Afternoon: Come add your masterpiece to one of our paper-covered tables in celebration of National Youth Art Month!

Monday, March 9th, 1-9 PM **Drop-in Program**

Spring Crafternoon: The library welcomes all young crafters, artists and DIYers to come and make a fun craft to take home during one of our Crafternoons. Program is offered during the hours listed, while supplies last.

Saturday, March 21st, 1-3 p.m. **Drop-in Program**

Movies for Munchkins: Newly minted film buffs are welcome to come to the Children's Department program room to enjoy picture books on the big screen! We will watch short films based on popular picture books that are perfect for preschoolers!

Monday, March 23rd, 10:30 a.m. **Drop-in Program**

***Parachute Play!** For children ages 3-5. Come on down as we play parachute games, sing songs, dance, and enjoy other playful activities. This is a Brain Building Program and is part of the celebration for the Week of the Young Child.

Thursday, April 16th, 2:00 p.m. ***Registration Required**

NEW! Keepsake Garden Stepping Stones: Children of all ages and families are invited to join us for this new annual event! Come and create your very own stepping stone, personalize with stones to create mosaic patterns, or better yet handprints and footprints create a memorable addition to your stepping stones. All materials provided, just bring your artistic spirit. This is a drop in/drop by program but for planning purposes please email or call the Children's Department to let us know what time slot you will be coming by at.

Saturday, June 20th, 9:30-1:00 p.m. **Drop-in Program**
(Pick up stones on Sunday, June 21st)

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring 2015 (continued)

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.

Friday, March 13th @ 3:00 p.m. **Drop-in Program**

Irish Voices: Come and enjoy a dramatic offering by actor Stephen Collins as he brings to life the works of Yeats, Joyce, Heaney, McCourt and other prominent writers.

Wednesday, March 18th at 7.30 p.m. **Drop-in Program**

Lawrence of Arabia, The Arab Revolt, and Palestine: This illustrated talk by Bob Begin will look at the fall of the ottoman empire at the close of WWI and the role Lawrence of Arabia played in the Arab Revolt against the Turks.

Wednesday, March 25th at 7.00 p.m. **Drop-in Program**

Teen Events

TAB (Teen Advisory Board): The TAB is a group of teens (grades 7-12) who want to take an active part in the running of the teen department. It is also a social gathering where members meet friends, talk about books, chat and enjoy time spent at the library. To join TAB email: wwdtab@minlib.net, or call 781-320-1045.

Monthly Meetings: March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 10th

Outside the Box: Apps and Games for Teens – Come to the library for an afternoon of gaming fun. We will play free fun app games (projected on the big screen!) and teach you to play classics like Solitaire, Sudoku, word games, and other brain games. Enter a raffle to win prizes and enjoy snacks provided by the library. Devices welcome, but not required. Funded through donations made to the Friends of the Westwood Library.

Thursday, March 5th, 3:00-4:30 p.m. **Drop-in Program**

April Vacation Children's Programs

***Create Your Own Book Workshop:** Aspiring authors unite! In this fun workshop, children's book author Suzie Canale will teach kids how to create their very own storybooks utilizing skills within writing, illustrating and most importantly, imagination!

Tuesday, April 21st, 4-5:30 p.m. ***Registration Required**

***Plant the Seeds of Summer:** For children in pre-school to 1st grade. Come celebrate Earth Day with us by listening to a springtime story or two and help us plant the seeds that will be planted into our Reading Garden later in the spring. This program is part of the Full STEAM Ahead series funded through a grant from the Foundation for Westwood Education.

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2 p.m. ***Registration Required**

***Science Explorers:** For Children in grades 2 and 3. Children will use their scientific powers to explore myths involving chemistry and physics with fun hands-on activities.

Thursday, April 23rd, 2 p.m. ***Registration Required**

***Fun with Folktales:** For children in grades K–2. Come explore the magic of folktales by listening to some favorites and completing a fun craft.

Friday, April 24th, 2 p.m. ***Registration Required**

Kids Movie Afternoon: For families with 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.

Friday, April 24th, 3:00 p.m. **Drop-in Program**

Crafternoon: The library welcomes all young crafters, artists and DIYers to come and make a fun craft to take home during one of our Crafternoons. Program is offered during the hours listed, while supplies last.

Saturday, April 25th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. **Drop-in Program**

Islington Branch Programs are listed on page 16.

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

Westwood Historical Society

The Westwood Historical Society will be presenting two interesting programs this spring.

On Tuesday, March 10th, Anthony Sammarco will give an overview of the immigration of the Irish to Boston in the 1800s. As part of the program, he will be discussing the role of the soldiers of the Irish regiments in the American Civil War. Mr. Sammarco will conclude with an overview of Irish Boston from 1870 until the early 1900s.

On Tuesday, April 14th, Gary Hylander will discuss America's Gilded Age 1865–1900. Join us as he discusses post-Civil War America from reconstruction to the turn of the century. Mr. Hylander will discuss post war South, westward migration, the industrialization revolution and the urbanization of America, as well as the beginning of America as a world power in the aftermath of the Spanish American War.

The programs will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Fisher School, 830 High Street, Westwood, MA. All events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Contributed by Joan Murphy

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ISLINGTON BRANCH PROGRAMS

Children's Programming

Storytime: For children ages 2 & up. Children will hear stories, and participate in songs, films and crafts.

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Drop-in Program

March 26th–May 14th

PJ Storytime: Ages 3 & 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:

Drop-in Program

March 18, April 15th, May 13th, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

LEGO Mania: For grades K & up. Come and build LEGO creations with library LEGOs.

Every Tuesday, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Drop-in Program

***Animal World Experience:** Come to the branch library and celebrate Earth Day with the Going Green around the World animal program. Children will even get the chance to get up close and pet live animals in this fun interactive program!

Thursday, April 23rd, 9:30 a.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, March 17th, May 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Drop-in Program

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

Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30 p.m.

Drop-in Program

Death Comes to Pemberly by PD James

Sit and Knit: Join us for a morning of knitting, crocheting, needlepointing, cross stitching or hand quilting.... Bring your own projects and supplies with you. Sit and knit while enjoying the comfort of the Branch and check out a new craft book or knitting mystery....

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Drop-in Program

All Library Programs are Free.

Registration begins one month prior to program start date.

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



Westwood Public Library – Main Branch

Keepsake Garden Stepping Stones

Saturday, June 20th From 9:30 – 1

On Saturday, June 20th, Westwood residents of all ages are invited to join us for a new event: KEEPSAKE GARDEN STEPPING STONES.

All materials and supplies will be provided; you only need to bring your own special artistic spirit. If you would like to personalize your stepping stone, you may want to bring along special items from home – popular choices include stones, seashells, bits of glass or other items to create your own personalized mosaic pattern. For the youngest artists, handprints and footprints are always a memorable addition to your stepping stones.

This is sure to be a very popular event, and while we will have plenty of supplies and materials, it is helpful for us if we can schedule some of the participants for specific time slots. You can pre-register for a time slot by calling the Children's Department at the Library at 781-320-1042, or you can sign up for a time slot on your next visit to the Westwood Public Library.

Children, Teens and Adults are all welcome to participate! It makes a great "Father's Day" gift and looks fabulous in any garden!

1. Save the Date: Saturday, June 20th from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
2. Bring your artistic spirit!
3. All materials will be provided, but if you have shells, glass stones, or other items which you would like to add to your stepping stone, you may wish to bring them with you! And – a special thanks to Buddy's Tile Outlet of Norwood, MA for their donation of tiles that all participants are invited to use to create their own creative and personalized stepping stones!
4. This is a drop-by and drop-in activity. No need to pre-register.
5. Stepping Stones must be left overnight to set up, so you'll need to return to the library walkway anytime on Sunday or Monday to retrieve your stepping stones.

Nursery Schools to Merge

Clapboardtree & St. John's Nursery Schools to Merge

After over forty years working in close partnership as sister schools, St. John's and Clapboardtree Nursery Schools will finally merge in the Fall of 2015. Since their founding in the early 1970s, each of the schools has developed a curriculum finely tailored to the needs of their respective students with St. John's serving 3-year-olds and Clapboardtree serving 4-year-olds. While the schools have worked closely over the years to provide high-quality complementary programs, they have maintained separate operations including separate faculties, facilities, parent boards and NAEYC accreditation.

At various times over the years, the schools have considered merging but the timing was never quite right. When it became clear that Clapboardtree would need to relocate due to the recent sale of the First Parish Meeting Hall, the schools' leadership saw an opportunity to finally come together. The directors, together with the executive boards, began in earnest to explore the possibility of finally merging. After much discussion and planning for how the two programs will come together in St. John's current space, the two boards voted unanimously to merge.

It is clear in speaking with Kris Blue, Clapboardtree Director, about the careful thought the group has already put into the merger that the leadership of the two schools has truly found a shared vision for how they will come together. One of their top priorities is to maintain the integrity of the specialized



Back row left to right:
Becky Cuoco, Michele Cooke, Kris Blue, Pam Potts, Debbie Neidermire
Front row left to right:
Tracy Kelly, Nancy Isberg, Louise Sennott, Brita Gleason

curricula for the 3- and 4-year-old programs that the sister schools have thoughtfully refined over many years. Michele Cooke, Director of St. John's is excited for the schools to come together and for their students to "thrive on the consistency and familiarity of our quality 3- and 4-year-old programs all under one roof!"

University Station

Housing Update at University Station

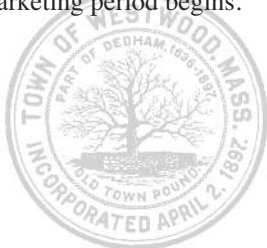
The Town of Westwood has been informed that the marketing and application period for Gables at University Station will be starting soon. Gables is the first building that will be completed in the rental housing complex at the development. This lovely building will have one and two bedroom apartments and expects to be leasing by June or July 2015.

Fourteen of the 130 units will be designated as affordable units. These will be rented to households who are income qualified. Local preference will be available to households with a household member who is a current resident of Westwood, a town employee, an employee of a Westwood business, or a student in the Westwood schools. Affordable rents are projected to be \$1251 for a one bedroom unit and \$1387 for a two bedroom unit. These rents are subject to final approval from the Department of Housing & Community Development.

Anyone wishing to receive more information on this housing opportunity is invited to contact the lottery agent, Brian Engler of S-E-B, at 617-782-6900. Please follow the prompts to the extension for the Gables at University Station.

Applications and information will be available on the Town's website when the marketing period begins.

Contributed by Town Hall



Saturday, October 3, 2015

How can you help? Please contact :

- **SPONSORSHIPS:**
Nicole Banks
nbanks@townhall.westwood.ma.us
- **FOOD COURT VENDORS:**
Sue Perry
sperry@townhall.westwood.ma.us
- **VENDOR VILLAGE:**
Julie Harrington
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- **ENTERTAINMENT:**
Kristin Scoble
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- **ACTIVITIES:**
Taryn Crocker
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- **VOLUNTEERS:**
Jan Parr
jparr@townhall.westwood.ma.us



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March
2015

Dear Westwood Residents,

The relentless winter weather has been challenging for everyone, but it hasn't slowed us down. As we enter the second half of the 2014-2015 school year, the Westwood Public Schools continue to thrive, and I could not be prouder about the efforts and accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff.

At the district level, we are in the middle of the FY'16 budget process. As with last year, my recommended budget will allow us to maintain a high level of service, which is something we should not take for granted. If you are interested in learning more about the school budget, please visit our website at www.westwood.k12.ma.us (About our District > FY'16 Budget Information).



Thank you for your continued support.

WHS Students Bring Computer Science Programming to Martha Jones

by Donna Tobin, Martha Jones Principal

Under the director of Computer Science teacher **Mark Holthouse** and Science Department chair **Ellen Russell**, 24 Westwood High School students designed and implemented a Lego® WeDo™ robotics program for 44 Martha Jones second grade students. Ms. Russell notes, "Members of the high school science department recognize the importance of exposing our students to as much computer science



as possible. Our own high school students also recognize its value, and are willing to work hard to master the thinking and problem-solving skills it both demands and develops. Providing opportunities for younger students to experience computer science in fun and engaging ways will help ensure their continued interest in developing

a skill that will certainly be advantageous, and may be a necessity in many work environments." Over a six-week period, at the end of their own school day, WHS students would arrive at Martha Jones School ready to tackle computer programming with small groups of seven- and eight-year-olds. The students would work together to build robotic structures and then write programs to instruct the robotic figures to move, dance, carry objects, and kick a ball. The students used a specially designed Lego® program to engage the younger students in this exciting project. The project started with WHS students introducing the Martha Jones students to computer coding, the vocabulary of computer programming, the ins and outs of following programming codes, and getting students motivated to engage in every aspect of the project. The WHS students offered instruction, guidance, support and most importantly, encouraged perseverance in



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WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March
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Act now to complete your

ONLINE BUS REGISTRATION!

Deadline is June 30th for the 2015-2016 year!

How to register:



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



Click on "Bus Transportation" on the main page



After reading the FAQ's, you can register and pay online

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

TRANSPORTATION RATES WILL NOT INCREASE FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR. THE ANNUAL BUS FEE WILL BE \$180 PER STUDENT, WITH A FAMILY CAP OF \$450.

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Questions?

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sticking with it until success was achieved. By the end of the six-week session, second graders were able to build structures

"The WHS students offered instruction, guidance, support and most importantly, encouraged perseverance in sticking with it until success was achieved."

and complete the computer programming component with greater independence and a significantly deeper interest in and understanding of computer programming and coding. This project was done in coordination with Martha Jones second grade teachers Stacey Hartwell and Mary Mundy, and with support from the Martha Jones technology team of Mark Goguen and Randy Miller. It was made possible by a grant from the Foundation for Westwood Education and we thank them for recognizing the potential to leverage our high school students' talent as a means of introducing elementary classes to meaningful, grade-level appropriate experiences in computer science.

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