



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A True Community Effort

Westwood Community Group Makes a Real Difference for Residents In Need

In the summer of 2014, Dottie Powers, the Westwood Town Clerk, discovered that a homeless family was living at the Budget Inn on Route 1. Powers recalled, "I received a birth certificate with an address at the Budget Inn and called the new father. He confirmed they were living there and disclosed some of the unmet needs with which they were dealing, such as not having transportation to well visits for their newborn. I spoke to Mike [Jaillet, Town Administrator], and said we need to help them out." At that time, as now, there were several temporary shelter sites established in hotels and motels across the state in an effort to assist the homeless population. With the school year approaching, the town administration learned from the school department, who were informed by the state, that there were in fact seventeen families residing at the Budget Inn.

Knowing these families were in need of resources and support, Westwood Town Administrator, Michael Jaillet, acted fast. He contacted Danielle Sutton, Director of the town's Youth & Family Services Department, asking her to take the lead on forming a group that would pull together any and all Westwood residents, leaders, groups and municipal workers to offer humanitarian support for these new Westwood residents. Jaillet said, "Danielle was right there, ready to go and take this on. She received a similar response from everyone she invited to participate. After a few meetings, people were asking to be included."

Formally known as the Transitional Assistance Group, they met for two hours each month for the next twenty months to discuss

the needs of the residents, current resources, and new protocols that could be created to best support this isolated population. Avi Glaser, Westwood resident, and group member said, "I was honored and proud to be a part of a group that assisted the homeless families in Westwood and helped to make their temporary stay a little easier." Some of the other group members who graciously volunteered time and resources were:

Representative Paul McMurtry; Dottie Powers, Westwood Town Clerk; Abby Hanscom, Director of Student Services for Westwood Public Schools; Linda Shea, Health Director of Westwood Board of Health; Sergeant Paul Sicard, Westwood Police Department; Trish Tucke, Westwood Food Pantry; Harry and Ula Patel, owners of the Budget Inn; Kathy Ford, Abundant Table in Norwood; Janet Lucey, Westwood Early Childhood Council; Reverend Chris Dodge, First Parish Church; Deborah Shields, Department of Community and Housing Development (DCHD); Marissa Marlowe, Director of the Department of Public Health's F.O.R. Families Program; Moira Wilcox and Jonathan McCurdy, F.O.R. Families Caseworkers; Gretchen Golz, Clinical Coordinator, Department of Public Health's F.O.R. Families Program; Rev. Dr. Stephanie A. Salinas, First Baptist Church of Westwood; Rev. Dr. Jennifer M. Phillips, St. John's Episcopal Church of Westwood; and Connie Rizzoli, Westwood resident, Westwood Disability Commission, and Project Bread representative. "As time went on, different entities in the area that were assisting folks with basic living needs offered to incorporate these families into their envelope of services," said Jaillet.

In addition to meaningful discussion and idea sharing, this group made real changes for the residents at the Budget Inn.

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2016 Roy London Humanitarian Award Recipients, including the Transitional Assistance Group.

Did You Know...

Westwood Community and Economic Development Public Meeting Agendas

Did You Know... Agendas for every public meeting are posted to the Town's webpage at least 48 hours in advance of each meeting.

This includes agendas for meetings of the Board of Selectmen, Finance & Warrant Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Commission, Public Safety Task Force, Islington Center Task Force, Permanent Building Committee, Library Board of Trustees, and many others.

Residents can access these agendas directly from the town's webpage at any time. Residents are also encouraged to join the Town's Listserv to receive public meeting information on a weekly basis.

Once you have enrolled in the Town's Listserv, you will receive an email notification every Sunday night advising you of all public meetings which have been posted for the coming week. Each weekly email notification will contain links for every posted meeting. Clicking on any meeting link will take you directly to the posted agenda for that meeting. If you have any questions about a meeting or a particular agenda item, you may then call or email the staff person associated with that meeting.

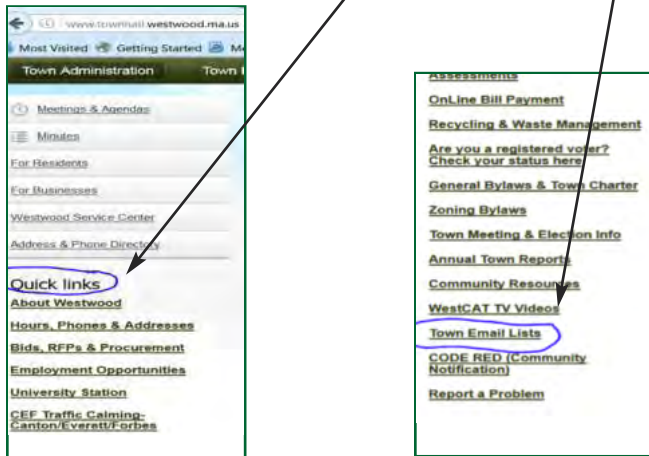
Take a few minutes now to join the Town Listserv so that you will always be in the know!

Follow these simple directions to join the Town's Listserv:

STEP 1 – Go to the Town's webpage –

www.townhall.westwood.ma.us

STEP 2 – Scroll down to “Quick Links” and click on “Town Email Lists”.



STEP 3 – Go to “Weekly Web Events Email List” and enter your email address in the space provided. Then click the “Subscribe” button.



Town Planner

Earth Work Permitting Reminder

Did You Know... Property owners considering significant earth work related to new construction, or regrading to obtain a more level yard, should be aware that they may need prior approval from the Planning Board. If the grade changes will require more than 200 cubic yards of soil, gravel, rock or other material to be moved onto or off of your property, then a special permit must first be obtained from the Planning Board. This special permit requirement is explained in Section 7.1 of Westwood's Zoning Bylaw <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us>.



Section 7.1 was adopted to provide an opportunity for review of the transportation of earth material and the effects on the neighborhood. To learn more about filing requirements and possible exemptions, please contact the Planning Office at 781.251.2581 or the Building Department at 781.320.1090.

Contributed by Abigail McCabe

Westwood Public Library The Great Courses DVDs

Did You Know... That the Westwood Public Library has an extensive collection of *The Great Courses* that you can check out?

Over the past several years, Charles and Nancy Donahue of Westwood have donated nearly 50 Great Courses DVDs to the Westwood Public Library. These DVDs bring engaging professors from the best universities directly to our patrons. Great for high school students and adults of all ages!



Here's a sampling of what is available!

- Art: Great Artists of the Italian Renaissance; History of European Art; From Monet to Van Gogh-A History of Impressionism
- Biology: Superstrong Theory: The DNA of Reality; Understanding Genetics
- Business: Critical Business Skills for Success
- Economics: America and the New Global Economy
- History: Living History; The American Revolution; Pompeii; the Mysterious Etruscans
- Literature: Masterworks of the Early 20th Century Literature; William Shakespeare
- Mathematics: Algebra I; Geometry: Algebra II; Change and Motion – Calculus Made Clear
- Music: How to Understand and Listen to Great Music
- Physics: Great Ideas of Classical Physics; Einstein's Relativity and the Quantum Revolution
- Science: The Joy of Science; Chemistry; Cosmology – The History and Nature of Our Universe; Great Scientific Ideas that Changed the World
- Teaching: The Art of Teaching – Best Practices from a Master Educator

The courses are donated in memory of Mr. Donahue's parents, Charles and Katherine Donahue. Katherine was a fourth grade teacher and Charles was the Chairman of the Norwood School Committee. Special thanks to Charles and Nancy Donahue for their support of this extensive collection.

Contributed by Tricia Perry

Did You Know...

Westwood Public Library Museum Passes

Did You Know... That the library has MUSEUM PASSES? The warm weather is here, and it's a great opportunity to explore using the Museum and Destination Passes available at the Westwood Public Library. Pawtucket Red Sox, Boston Harbor Cruises, Museums and Zoos are just a few of the options. New in 2016 is the Mass Parks Pass, which allows free day parking at over 50 facilities in the Massachusetts State Parks System that charge a day-use parking fee. Locations include Horseneck Beach; Hopkinton State Park (think canoes, paddleboards, kayaks and swimming); Nantasket Beach; Borderland State Park and many other locations. A list of the Library's current passes is shown below. You can reserve up to 30 days ahead – and there are so many places to explore! Visit our website: www.westwoodlibrary.org

Reserve online with your Westwood Library Card

Thank you to the Friends of the Library and all of our community sponsors for making these passes available!

AUDUBON SOCIETY-DRUMLIN FARM & OTHER AUDUBON SANCTUARIES
Sponsored by Westwood Rotary Club
ADMITS 4—\$2.00 PER PERSON

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Sponsored by Coldwell Banker and the Westwood Schools PTOs
www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org
ADMITS 4—1/2 PRICE PER PERSON

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS
Sponsored by the Boston Harbor Alliance
Boston's Best Cruises, Long Wharf Boston
<http://bostonharborcruises.com/>
2-for-1 Ferry Passes to Boston Harbor Islands—Weekdays Only

FAIRBANKS HOUSE
Sponsored by the Fairbanks House
www.fairbankshouse.org
ADMITS 2

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART
Sponsored by Rockland Trust Bank
www.icaboston.org
ADMITS 2—\$5 PER PERSON

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM
Sponsored by Holly Joe Interiors
www.gardnermuseum.org
ADMITS 4—\$5 PER PERSON

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
Sponsored by Patterson Insurance
www.jfklibrary.org
ADMITS 2—\$3 PER PERSON

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
Sponsored by Dedham Savings Bank
www.mfa.org
ADMITS 2—\$10 PER PERSON

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE
Sponsored by New England Baptist Hospital
www.mos.org
ADMITS 4—\$10 PER PERSON

MYSTIC AQUARIUM
Sponsored by Mystic Aquarium
www.mysticaquarium.org
ADMITS 4—SAVE \$5 PER PERSON

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM
Sponsored by Wegmans Food Market, Westwood
www.neaq.org
ADMITS 4—\$10 PER PERSON

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM
Sponsored by Quinobequin Quilters Guild
www.nequiltmuseum.org
ADMITS 2

PAWTUCKET RED SOX (April 2016)
Sponsored by AAA New England
Westwood Office
www.pawsox.com
With Library Pass: (6) General Admission tickets for \$27; or \$5 per ticket up to (6) tickets—at Box Office

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM
Sponsored anonymously by a Westwood resident
www.pem.org
ADMITS 2—
\$6 PER PERSON WEEKDAYS
\$12 PER PERSON WEEKENDS

PLIMOTH PLANTATION
Sponsored by Roche Bros.
www.plimoth.org
2 ADULTS/ \$12 PER ADULT
2 CHILDREN/\$8 PER CHILD

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO
Sponsored by the Westwood Early Childhood Council
www.rwpzoo.org
ADMITS 4—
\$11.95 PER ADULT
\$9.95 PER SENIOR
\$6.95 PER CHILD

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM
Sponsored by the USS Constitution Museum
www.usconstitutionmuseum.org
Free Admission—groups of up to 9 people
2015/16 Touring Old Ironsides is a separate activity and is subject to dry-docking schedule.

ZOO NEW ENGLAND
Sponsored by the Westwood Early Childhood Council
Franklin Park Zoo—Boston
Stone Zoo—Stoneham
www.zoonewengland.org
ADMITS 6—
\$6 PER ADULT
\$4 PER CHILD

MAY 2016!

MASS STATE PARKS PASS

Borrow a ParksPass and discover your Massachusetts State Parks
Free parking at over 50 facilities in the Massachusetts State Parks System that charge a day-use parking fee
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/>

News Items Wanted! Please send suggestions, observations, or feedback to the editor at newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us.

If you want a story to be considered for inclusion in the *Westwood Community Newsletter*, please submit your article, by August 5, 2016.

The *next* quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about September 15, 2016.

Diane Thornton, *Editor*, Westwood Community Newsletter, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090

Email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

News from the Department of Public Works

Highway Department Paving Update

The Department of Public Works will begin this summer's Paving Projects on July 1st. Below is the list of locations that will be receiving surface treatments:

- Nahatan Street
- Whitewood Road
- Juniper Road
- Russell Ave
- Circuit Road
- Churchhill Drive
- Grove Street
- Washington Street

Fields and Grounds

The Flahive Field Complex will be receiving a brand new turf and track surface. The work is scheduled to begin July 1st and should not disrupt the Fall sports schedule.

Please check out the new Deerfield Field Complex as it is now open to all user groups. The field features 2 state-of-the-art softball diamonds along with a 1/3 mile walking trail along the perimeter of the complex. The field is also home to Youth Soccer, Lacrosse, and any other user groups the Recreation Department will permit.

Traffic Calming

The Canton Street Traffic Calming Project is scheduled to be completed by this summer. Please check the Town's website for any updates regarding the project and future follow-up neighborhood meeting dates and times.

Trash and Recycling

Save the Date: The Department of Public Works is pleased to announce Waste Management has agreed to perform 2 annual bulk item pick-ups *free of charge* to residents (PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THIS OFFER IS VALID FOR ONLY 1 ITEM PER HOUSE-HOLD). The first scheduled free pick-up will take place the week of October 3rd. Please check the Town's website for further information as the event nears.

Compost bins are now available and on-sale at the Department of Public Works for \$35.00 each.

Contributed by Todd Korchin

Cemetery Department

The Department of Public Works is nearing the completion of the expansion project at the New Westwood Cemetery. The newly developed area will include 612 double depth burials and 256 niches for the inurnment of cremains. A new committal area will feature two flag poles overlooking a floating fountain in the pond. The Department is extremely happy with the project and would like to thank G&R Construction, BSC Group, CHS Consulting and Watertown Engineering for their hard work and dedication improving our cemetery.

Contributed by Brendan Ryan

Sewer Division

Some projects that the sewer division will be working on in the next few months are:

- Addressing recommendations from our Sewer Pump Station Facility Report. The facilities are located at Arcadia, Brook, Conant, Stevens Farm, and Sycamore.
- Performing Phase I of our next Infiltration & Inflow Reduction Contract. This will entail closed circuit TV inspection of sewer main pipes and sewer manholes.

Contributed by Jeff Bina



News from the Early Childhood Council

In addition to our regular monthly programs this spring, the Westwood Early Childhood Program hosted Charlie Appelstein, a well-known author on Strength Based Parenting, Parents of children ages birth to 10 years participated in this four part series held on Monday evenings. Participants raved about his techniques and detailed approaches to successful parenting. Each of the four nights was well attended by over 50 parents in the Community Room of the Library! The grant for this series was graciously provided by the Foundation for Westwood Education!



Charlie Appelstein

"Kids at Play.....Brains at Work"

The **Brain Building in Progress Campaign** aims 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. This year, we coordinated two programs based on our five senses! *An Interactive Discovery Program* was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

Forty children ages 3 and up gathered at the Main Library and learned about each of the five senses through stories, engaging activities and experiments. Teachers from local early childhood programs facilitated this parent/child activity.



Thank you to MMO Nursery School, St. John's Nursery School, The Tobin School, Westwood Children's School, Westwood Montessori School, Westwood Nursery School, Westwood Public Integrated Preschool and Westwood Public Library for supporting Brain Building in Progress!

The second event, *Make SENSE of Nature: A 5 Senses Walk* was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Trading Post in Hale Reservation. A Naturalist from Hale led a hike that explored the outdoors using the five senses. Despite the poor weather, the children who attended used their senses to make discoveries!

Thank you to Hale Reservation for supporting Brain Building In Progress.



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. Through fundraising, we are able to offer monthly programs and special events free of charge to Westwood families with young children.

For questions or more information on Westwood Early Childhood contact:

Janet Lucey, Early Childhood Coordinator
Westwood Public Schools
<http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/early-childhood-council/>
jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us
(781) 461-9548

For more information on Brain Building In Progress go to <http://www.brainbuildinginprogress.org>

Health Department

Prevention of Substance Abuse grant

The Town of Westwood in conjunction with the Towns of Needham, Norwood and Dedham has been awarded a multi-year state grant for the prevention of underage drinking and other drug use through their respective Health Departments. The \$300,000 Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (SAPC) grant was awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) includes renewal options that could extend the three year funding commitment to a seven year commitment, for a total funding of \$700,000.

The four communities have formed a Regional Leadership Team, which includes representatives from Public Health, Fire, Police, Schools, Town Government, Substance Abuse Coalitions, Youth and Family Services, faith-based organizations, and interested residents and organizations from each community. The Community's existing Westwood Cares Committee members serve as our representatives. Each community is in the process of conducting on-line parent surveys to gather data on underlying problem and causes of underage drinking and drug use.

The grant fits in nicely with the ongoing efforts of the Westwood Cares Committee, formed by Westwood Youth & Family Services, to provide information and resources to the families of Westwood, regarding substance use and abuse, and related issues. Westwood Cares works towards the healthy and safe development of our youth, providing assistance and information to families seeking such support. The organization consists of a wide range of representatives from the community, including parents, students, educators, and municipal and school officials and staff.

The group is conducting community assessments as part of a strategic planning process to address youth alcohol and drug use. The assessment involves reviewing youth survey data; conducting key stakeholder interviews with community leaders, key stakeholders, and residents of all ages; and holding listening sessions with parents and youth. So far, the collaborative and its consultants have determined that the four communities are quite similar in several ways and different in others. The staff and community representatives are in the process of identifying areas that are most concerning to each community and options to address these areas in each.

For more information, please contact Westwood Health Director, Linda Shea at lshea@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call 781.320.1026.

Contributed by Linda Shea



News from the Council on Aging

Come out of the heat and into the cool at the Westwood Senior Center. We have lots going on (check out our newsletter on line or stop by and pick one up) and would love to have you join in on the fun! Happy Summer Everyone!

Here are just a few of our wonderful regular summer programs (and your first class is always free):

CURRENT EVENTS *with Susan*

A News Program for People Who Want to Stay Engaged and Up to Date

- ▶ Every other Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- ▶ \$20 donation for four sessions

Campaign 2016 is unlike any other and the topics are limitless. What message are voters sending to Washington? The Supreme Court will be handing down major decisions concerning abortion, immigration and voting rights to name a few. Come join the friendly conversation whether you are a political or news junkie or simply looking to keep up with breaking news.

MAH JONGG *with Cynthia*

- ▶ Beginners: Thursdays, 11-12:30 p.m.
- ▶ Advanced: Thursdays, 12:30-3 p.m.

Cynthia's beginners group always welcomes new players as some of the beginners are now playing with the advanced group. Come join the fun and exercise your brain.

TAI CHI *with Scott*

- ▶ Tuesdays 1 p.m.
- ▶ \$3 donation

Tai Chi helps one to relax and regain balance in all aspects of life...and it is the only sport that improves with age! It helps with balance and strength as well as breathing. All levels welcomed.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE *with Eileen*

- ▶ Monday and Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- ▶ \$3 donation

As you head outside, you want to look and feel your best! So join us for this fun low impact exercise class that you can do in a chair. This class is great for stretching and toning your muscles. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle and a smile!

YOGA *with Bonnie*

- ▶ Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ \$3 donation

Our yoga class is growing and we invite you to grow with us! Yoga is for everyone, men, women of all ages and levels of fitness. You do what you can, and don't worry about what you can't. We practice breath work, stretching/strengthening in a chair or on the floor. We end with a guided meditation. All levels welcome.



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Transitional Assistance Group *continued from page 1*

Mike Jaillet and Danielle Sutton accepting an official citation from Rep. McMurtry

Several resources were already available in Westwood for residents in need such as Westwood Community Chest, Summer Camp Scholarships, the Westwood Food Pantry, counseling services and more. However, given the isolated location of the Budget Inn, and lack of transportation among this population, those helpful resources could not easily be accessed. The most pressing need was food. Sutton and the group worked to implement a routine in which Budget Inn residents could fill out a form, much like a grocery list, on a Tuesday, and receive food from the Food Pantry by Thursday of the same week. The middle steps, including picking up the forms from the Budget Inn, bringing them to the Food Pantry, filing the food requests, and finally transporting the groceries back to the Budget Inn, were all coordinated and facilitated by volunteers. Not only did group members step up to support this effort, but students were recruited from Westwood High School's Transition Program, to find, sort, and bag the groceries at the food pantry. This saved time for other group members, and also provided an important and meaningful job for these high school students. Tucke shared, "From the food pantry, to the high school students, all of the volunteers that brought donations, it was truly a community effort."

To say that the community came together for this cause is an understatement. In addition to the regular Transitional Assistance Group members, there were numerous other residents, groups and businesses that gave money, time and resources to best support these residents in need. Though there are too many to mention here, some exemplary instances include the following.

Abundant Table in Norwood delivered healthy dinners to residents at the Budget Inn each Wednesday and Friday evening, along with Holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The owner of Papa John's in Norwood and Westwood resident,

Michael Krone, established a weekly pizza delivery to families in need at the Budget Inn at no cost for either the food or the delivery. Westwood Eye Care & Optical donated eye exams and glasses for those children in need.

The Westwood Public Schools went above and beyond for the school-aged children and families in their care, creating a lending library for children in the lobby of the Budget Inn, coordinating social and educational opportunities through the Extended Day program and various summer camps, and connecting students and families to local resources as needed. Hale Reservation offered free summer camp to all age-eligible children in the summer of 2015 and Laura Mac and her team at Dedham Savings Bank donated funds for transportation between the Budget Inn and Hale Reservation. The Westwood Rotary Club and Westwood Youth & Family Services both coordinated gifts during the holiday seasons for the children residing at the Budget Inn. Thanks to donations from individual Westwood residents, the Transitional Assistance Group was able to begin a taxi voucher program through Veteran's Taxi and White Cab/Norwood Taxi, providing much needed rides for these families to schools, appointments, job interviews, bus and MBTA lines. Finally, local parishioners from several faith groups donated money to assist with the many needs of this homeless population.

When it was announced this winter that the state would be phasing out their emergency shelter program at the Budget Inn in Westwood, as well as in ten other hotels across the Commonwealth, the Transitional Assistance group evolved their efforts to support families as they moved into more permanent housing. Local faith groups and individuals offered household items and the Westwood Community Chest provided new mattresses so that families would be able to start out in their new homes.

Jaillet has said many times that this is what Westwood is all about – stepping up to help each other in times of need. Jaillet felt so strongly about the amazing work this group and the town had accomplished, that he nominated the Transitional Assistance Group for a Roy London Humanitarian Award (RLHA) in March 2016. The RLHA honors late Westwood resident, Roy London, who volunteered in many ways to selflessly make his community a better, kinder place. The RLHA Committee agreed with the important work the Transitional Assistance group did, and has chosen the group as one of the three 2016 award recipients. Jaillet reflected, "I knew Roy London personally. Roy London would not only have been proud of what this group accomplished, he would have been sitting there with us each month."

Contributed by Westwood Youth & Family Services

White Oak Cottages Memory Café

MEMORY CAFÉ: A SOCIAL GATHERING OFFERED FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

WHAT: Join us for our next Memory Café, a welcoming place for people with memory problems and other changes in their thinking. It is also intended as a social time for family and friends who are caregivers. The goal of the White Oak Memory Café is to offer an opportunity to meet others in the community who are experiencing similar challenges. The café offers conversation, refreshments and a shared activity that allows everyone to explore something new. Below are the upcoming Memory Café dates:

WHEN: Tuesday – June 28, 2016; 2:15-3:30pm

WHERE: **NEW LOCATION: Westwood Senior Center | 210 Nahatan St, Westwood**

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 via email at guide@whiteoakcottages.com.

Contributed by Kristin Torsiello

Hale Reservation

Westwood residents and Hale

David Gerber, Sara Runnels, Larry Herman, and Tom Prior of Westwood and Caryn Brune Steckmast, formerly of Westwood all became members of the Board of Directors or Corporate Board at Hale this spring. Each has a personal connection to the organization and will bring unique skills but shared enthusiasm for the organization.

Hale's Executive Director Eric Arnold remarked, "Being part of the board is a commitment that folks take very seriously. Hale is in the midst of some wonderful, transformative growth. With the centennial anniversary approaching in 2018, the establishment of some new programs and expansion of others, it is imperative that we have strong leadership in place. These new board members will enhance our board and help us as we navigate the next few years at Hale."

At the Annual Meeting, it was also announced that Westwood's Jennifer Antonucci would take over as the board president.

"It has been a pleasure to work with Jen for the past few years while she has served on the board, but I am really excited to see her in a role where she will now lead her peers," said Arnold.

Hale is in the midst of the *Do More, For More Capital Campaign*, an effort to raise \$3,000,000 for a variety of initiatives which include repairs to facilities, increased program offerings, and much needed upgrades to the Noanet Dam, the lifeblood of Hale's aquatics programs.

Contributed by Paula McLaughlin

Westwood Young Women's Club

Summer Concert Series returns

The Westwood Young Women's Club's Summer Concert Series returns this summer with a jam-packed lineup of kids' entertainment!

The free concerts are held on the front lawn of the Westwood Senior Center. Pizza and snow cones will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket or chair and make it an evening out!

- July 11, 6:30 p.m. – The Bubbleman,
- July 18, 6:30 p.m. – The Jitterbugs
- July 25, 6:30 p.m. – Jedlie's Totally Interactive Magic Circus!



The Summer Concert Series is organized with special sponsorship from The Toast Office, Life Time Athletic and the generous support of the Westwood Recreation Department.

Save the date for our first Annual Town Wide Yard Sale!

October 15, 2016, \$25 per participating residence. Fundraiser to benefit WYWC and ongoing repairs of the School Street Playground. More details to be released in August.

Through your generous support, the WYWC donated \$1,700 this spring to the Rec Department for repairs at the School Street Playground. *Thank you, neighbors!*

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to learn more about our events.

Contributed by Jamy Pombo Sesselman

WestwoodWinds

WestwoodWinds invites musicians for seventh season

WestwoodWinds, Westwood's community concert band, invites all Westwood-area musicians to participate in its seventh concert season. Rehearsals are scheduled on six consecutive Mondays from 6:30 – 8:30 in the WHS Band Room starting June 13, 2016. The first rehearsal is an "Open House" where any interested musician can sit in with no obligation to join.

WestwoodWinds will perform a free public concert Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the WHS Cafeteria Court Yard. Additional concerts will be held at Fox Hill Village, August 2 and on Westwood Day, September 24.

WestwoodWinds will be featuring a special guest at one of its concerts. Ron Della Chiesa, the narrator of Boston Symphony Orchestra WGBH-FM radio concerts and of his own Strictly Sinatra radio show on WPLM-FM will be narrating the August 8 concert. Mr. Della Chiesa is very knowledgeable about Frank Sinatra, the American Song Book and Classical music.

James Giurleo, former Westwood Public Schools K-12 Director of Performing Arts, first organized WestwoodWinds the summer of 2009. Under his direction, musicians ranging in age between 14 and 80 with skill levels spanning amateur through professional, performed rousing concerts each year since. Reflecting upon the past four years, Giurleo says, "I look forward to greeting returning band members and look forward to meeting new ones. Many members are my former students and it is wonderful to see how music still plays such a powerful role in their lives. WestwoodWinds is a great way to bring back the joy of making music with neighbors and friends. Anyone who successfully participated in their high school band will feel comfortable with the musical challenges of WestwoodWinds."

For more information, go to the WestwoodWinds web site at <https://sites.google.com/a/westwood.k12.ma.us/westwoodwinds> 3/ or contact James Giurleo by email at westwoodwinds1@verizon.net or 781.708.3492.

Contributed by James Giurleo

R.A.Y. (Recognize-A-Youth) Program

Recipients Honored at Rotary Luncheon

The Westwood Rotary and Westwood Youth & Family Services proudly announces the recipients of 2016 R.A.Y. Award. These young people were honored at Rotary Club Luncheon in early June for their initiative and commitment to community service. The recipients through their actions have demonstrated an ethic of caring for others that is essential for the health of our community. Along with the chance to celebrate their accomplishments at lunch with their families and those that nominated them, the honorees received a certificate of appreciation, and a gift courtesy of the Westwood Rotary.

Congratulations to this year's honorees:

Marisa Blum Courtney Cronin
William Collins Emily Dukeman
Caroline Fitzgerald



Westwood Youth
&
Family Services

Islington Center Update

The Unique Village-Style of Islington Center Undergoing Exciting Happenings



Islington Center Task Force requests your feedback

Many exciting things are happening in Islington Center! From the rehabilitation of Morrison Park, to the construction of the new Islington Fire Station and the design of the East Street Bridge replacement, this treasured section of Westwood has seen a lot of recent attention. In addition to these ongoing public improvements, a private development project proposed by Supreme Development was granted a special permit from the Westwood Planning Board. That special permit will allow Supreme Development to renovate the Islington Pizza/Wild Blossom building and to construct a new mixed-use building next door, with two commercial storefronts and 12 one-bedroom apartments above.

Along with the potential for great change comes the desire for careful guidance. Toward this end, the Westwood Board of Selectmen formed the Islington Center Task Force (ICTF) to spearhead a well-coordinated, proactive approach to redevelopment. The task force is comprised of representatives from various Town boards and committees, Islington residents, business owners, and Town staff. This dedicated group has been meeting monthly since November 2015, and will continue to meet over the next two or three years to review and discuss all issues affecting Islington Center. The ICTF will focus its attention on Washington Street between Fairview Street and Clapboardtree Street, on School Street between Washington Street and Schaefer Avenue, and on East Street between Washington Street and the East Street Bridge. The task force will identify the most significant character-defining elements of Islington Center, consider obstacles and opportunities for improved pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular circulation, and encourage building, site, and infrastructure improvements appropriate to this area's unique village style of development. The ICTF will consider all aspects of Islington Center and make recommendations to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen as either board considers decisions affecting Islington Center.

The ICTF recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to explore options for the potential redevelopment and/or reuse of various town-owned properties along Washington Street. That RFP invites interested parties to submit creative proposals for possible uses of various town-owned properties, including the Municipal Parking Lot, Wentworth Hall and the Islington Community Center. Interested bidders can obtain RFP documents by signing up on the

town's Procurement webpage. Bidders will be required to demonstrate the financial capacity to move forward with their proposal, and must meet other requirements, such as compensation for community space presently associated with these properties, including the Islington Branch Library, Youth & Family Services offices, and several Recreation programs. Bidders are also encouraged to provide a home for the MMO Nursery School, which has operated in Islington for more than 40 years.

The Islington Center RFP is intentionally open-ended to encourage creative responses. It does not obligate the town to sell or lease any of these properties, and requires an exhaustive public process before a sale or lease could even be considered. That public process will involve the open review and competitive analysis of proposals by the ICTF and by the Board of Selectmen. If any proposals warrant further pursuit, the Board of Selectmen may negotiate a disposition agreement with selected bidders. If a proposal reaches this point, its developer will be directed to apply for all necessary approvals, and to follow the normal permitting process with the Planning Board and all other relevant boards and commissions. If the required permitting approvals are eventually granted for a project requiring a property transfer, residents will then have an opportunity to decide at Town Meeting whether or not to authorize the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the proposed transfer. Active public participation will be encouraged at every stage of the review process, so that residents truly have a say in the future of Islington Center.

Take the Islington Center Survey

In addition to inviting creative proposals through the RFP process, the ICTF has also prepared a survey to solicit information from residents about their ideas for Islington Center. This survey is intended to obtain information about how Islington Center is viewed today, and to gather opinions about how this area might be improved. The task force would like to hear your thoughts about Islington Center—its present, past, and future. Please take 15 minutes out of your day to share your ideas and help the task force better understand your thoughts and desires for this prominent village center.

Take the Islington Center Survey here:
<http://goo.gl/forms/XcNs1B5w39>

Contributed by Nora Loughnane



Board of Selectmen

25 Years of Service to Westwood

Each year, the Board of Selectmen recognizes employees who have served the Town in various positions for 25 years. The employees are invited to a Board of Selectmen meeting where the Board publically recognizes them and presents each employee with a personalized clock to thank them for their service to the Town.



Pictured: Patrick Ahearn, Pamela Dukeman, Sheila Nee, Michael Walsh, Eladio Sanchez and Nancy Hyde (not pictured, Leigh Hardy)

Pam Dukeman – Finance Director

On November 7, 1991, Pamela Murray was introduced to the Board of Selectmen as the best candidate for the newly created part-time position of Budget Analyst. After two years in that role in October 18, 1993, Pamela Dukeman was reintroduced to the Board of Selectmen as the selected candidate for the newly created Finance Director position. In that presentation Pam was likened to the Magic Johnson of the Municipal Operation, the person who could coordinate and provide financial direction for Municipal Government.

Over Pam's 25 years with the Town of Westwood the municipal financial operations have evolved from an operation that primarily functioned with accounting ledgers to a highly efficient and effective computerized operation that manages all of the Town's financial affairs. Under her management the finance staff—comprised of Marie O'Leary, Sheila Nee, Debbie Robbins, Kathy Foley and formerly Patricia Conley—has won both national and state-wide acclaim including but not limited to 19 successive years of receiving a Certified Annual Financial Report Award, repeated national awards for the quality of municipal budget and the achievement of the AAA Bond Rating. Pam and her staff receive repeated praise from the auditors as the most organized and comprehensive financial management team that it has as clients. Pam's financial presentations, which culminate with her annual PowerPoint to open town meeting, have been praised by everyone as being extremely comprehensive and so clearly presented that everyone, regardless of their financial acumen, can understand. In her 25 years of service Pam and her staff have guided the town to a most enviable achievement of true fiscal balance and stability related to the town's long range financial condition. The town has achieved an operational level of capital investments and reserves that can be expected to see the town through any reasonable financial shocks.

But ask Pam what is her most crowning achievement, she would say her marriage to Stephen Dukeman and their two very fine, upstanding children Ryan and Emily, who they are very proud of.

Sheila Nee – Finance and Warrant Commission Administrator/ Finance Analyst

Sheila Nee first began working at the Westwood Town Hall in the Fall of 1991, where she served as the Finance Commission Administrator. In this role, Sheila was responsible for coordinating the activities and meetings of the Finance Commission, serving as a liaison for the FinCom to the School and Town departments, and preparing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Book that is mailed to every home in Westwood. Sheila has been consistently praised by the many Finance Members and Chairman she has worked with for her reliability, professionalism, attention to detail and her good nature!

Notable achievements during her time with the FinCom include: significant enhancements to the Annual Town Meeting book and creation of the annual new members training workshop.

Sheila's role with the Town has expanded to include serving as Financial Analyst, which included supporting the Finance Director and Finance Departments with any and all financial matters. Sheila has provided high quality support on many assignments, including helping with the annual budget preparation, financial presentations, CAFR report, bond sales, OPEB issues and many other assignments. Sheila is perhaps most famous for the high quality financial presentation she produces. Everyone in Town has probably seen at least one of the finance presentations, whether at Town Meeting, or a budget Meeting or Selectmen Meeting, and it is Sheila's skills which have resulted in such high quality presentations.

After living in Westwood for almost 40 years, Sheila and her husband Marty have recently moved to Dennis.

Leigh Hardy – Administrative Assistant, Police Department

Leigh started her service with the Town in 1991 working for the School Department where she worked until 1999. In 1999, she came to the Police Department and has worked as the Administrative Assistant and Office Manager to the Chief of Police.

Leigh is the backbone of the administrative support staff and assists with everything from payroll, AP/AR to sensitive personnel issues. Making a career of working silently behind the scenes, Leigh has provided invaluable assistance not only to the Chief, but to the entire staff at the police department as well. Her concern for others is rivaled only by her work ethic, and she is a critical player on the team of workers at the Police Department.

She is married to her husband, Tim, has two grown children, and is the proud and recent grandmother of two grandchildren.

Eladio Sanchez – Police Officer

Officer Sanchez came to the Police Department by way of the Lexington and Newton Police Departments respectively where he started his policing career in 1983. In addition to various patrol duties, Officer Sanchez served as a hostage negotiator and advanced communicator for MetroLEC (the Metropolitan Boston Law Enforcement Council) which is an elite group of police officers throughout the state who formed to share resources and assist in times of need.

In addition to his community service as a police officer, Officer Sanchez is also well known for coaching youth soccer which he did for almost 15 years. In that role, Officer Sanchez mentored hundreds of children providing guidance not only as a coach, but as a community role model as well.

Officer Sanchez has received recognition for his work on numerous occasions, and is well respected as a caring, competent and compassionate member of the Police Department. He is the proud father to three sons, and is the loving companion to his partner Barbara.

from the

Town Clerk's Desk



Dog Licensing Deadline for 2016 was March 31, 2016

Failure to license your dog on or before March 31, 2016 will result in a fine of \$25.00, per town bylaws §184-10.B.(1)

You may license your dog by mail, provided you include a copy of a current rabies certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you are licensing your dog for the first time, proof of spay or neutering is also required.

Licenses will be valid from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2016.

You must license your dog on an annual basis.

If you own more than 4 dogs this is considered a "Personal Kennel" per MGL c. 140 §136A.

You must go through a special permit application process through the Zoning Board of Appeals to license a kennel.

Licensing Fees are as follows:

Dogs not Neutered or Spayed: \$15.00

Dogs Neutered or Spayed: \$10.00

Kennel fees-please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Please be sure to include the correct licensing fee. If you are unsure, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781.326.3964.

The **Annual Town Census** was sent to each household in December, If you have not returned it, you will be receiving a second one shortly; 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 to Remember

Friday, August 19, 2016—Last day to register new voters for the State Primary

Thursday, September 8, 2016—State Primary, polls open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016—Last day to register new voters and change party enrollment for the State Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016—State Election (Presidential), polls open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the following newly-elected Town Officials

Board of Assessors (3 yr. term): Michael P. Krone

Housing Authority (5 yr. term): Juliet W. Onderdonk

Board of Library Trustees (3 yr. terms): Jessica M. Cole
Paul T. Fitzgerald

Moderator (1 yr. term): Alice E. Moore

Planning Board (3yr. terms): David L. Atkins, Jr.
Michael L. McCusker

School Committee (3 yr. terms): Carol S. Lewis
Anthony M. Mullin

Selectman (3 yr. term): John M. Hickey

Sewer Commissioner (3 yr. term): James M. Connors

Westwood Elected Officials

Term expires

Assessor

Maureen H. Bleday 2018

Michael P. Krone 2019

Mark F. Murphy 2017

Collector of Taxes

Albert F. Wisialko 2017

Housing Authority

David Atkins 2018

John J. Cummings III 2019

Juliet W. Onderdonk 2021

James M. O'Sullivan 2017

Christine E. Previterra 2020

Library Trustee

Jessica M. Cole 2019

Paul T. Fitzgerald 2019

Mary Masi-Phelps 2018

Mary Beth Persons 2017

Amelia R. Rands 2017

Wendy W. Thornton 2018

Moderator

Alice E. Moore 2017

Planning Board

David L. Atkins, Jr. 2019

Trevor W. Laubenstein 2018

Michael L. McCusker 2019

Steven H. Olanoff 2018

Christopher L. Pfaff 2017

Regional Vocational School Committee

Charles Flahive 2016

School Committee

Charles L. Donahue, Jr. 2017

Josepha A. Jowdy 2017

Brian Kelly 2018

Carol Lewis 2019

Anthony M. Mullin 2019

Selectmen

Clerk John M. Hickey 2019

3rd Member Nancy C. Hyde 2018

Chairman Michael F. Walsh 2017

2016 Annual Town Meeting Results*Attendance: 376 Registered voters; 48 Visitors*

ARTICLE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	VOTE
1	Supplemental appropriations FY16	Passed by a Unanimous vote in favor declared by the Moderator
2	Supplemental appropriations FY16	Passed by a Unanimous vote in favor declared by the Moderator
3	Unpaid prior year's bills	There being no unpaid bills of the previous year, no action taken on this article
4	FY17 Salary & Expense Budgets	Passed by a Unanimous vote in favor declared by the Moderator
5	Appropriation – Municipal Capital Improvements	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
6	Appropriation – School Capital Improvements	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
7	Appropriation – Sewer Capital Improvements	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
8	Appropriation – Sewer Capital Improvements	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
9	Appropriation – Other Capital Improvements	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
10	Appropriation – Stabilization Fund - FY17	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
11	Appropriation – OPEB Liability Trust Fund - FY17	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
12	Appropriate Free Cash to Specifically Reduce the Tax Rate	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
13	Home Rule Petition to Appropriate Funds to the Aid to the Elderly Trust Fund for Relief	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
14	Accept Local Option Hotel Tax Increase	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
15	Police Headquarters Article	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
16	Street Acceptance	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
17	Road Improvements	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
18	Complete Street Sidewalk Design – Gay Street/Route 109	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
19	Collection Bin Bylaw	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
20	Amendment of General Bylaw Section 321 [Retail Stores]	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
21	Home Rule Petition – Sale of Wine for off-premise consumption at Farmer's Market	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator
22	Historic Structure Demolition Bylaw	Passed by a 2/3 standing vote in favor declared by the Moderator 204 YES, 36 NO
23	Amendments related to Senior Housing; Section 8.3 [Open Space Residential Development (OSRD)], Section 8.4 [Senior Residential Development] and Section 8.5 [Residential Retirement Community (RRC)]	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
24	Amendments to Allow Outdoor Seating as an Accessory Use; Section 4.3.1 [Table of Accessory Use]	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
25	Amendments Related to Calculating the Required Affordable Units; Section 9.5.14 [Housing Affordable Requirements], Section 8.4 [Senior Residential Development], Section 8.3 [Open Space Residential Development] and Section 9.7 [University Avenue Mixed Use District]	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
26	Amendments to Allow Administrative Review for Minor Alterations of Existing Wireless Facilities; New Section 9.4.5.5	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
27	Amendments Related to Joint Off-Street Parking	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
28	Housekeeping Amendments	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
29	Amendments to Project Area in the FMUOD-1	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor declared by the Moderator
30	Petition Article – Dover Terrace Residents	Indefinite postponement of this article passed by a 2/3 vote declared by the Moderator

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 Public Library. Forms can also be obtained at www.massculturalcouncil.org.

All applications must be completed and postmarked by October 15, 2016. Please send applications to the Westwood Cultural Council, Westwood Town Hall, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA, 02090.

Individuals and organizations can apply for projects such as workshops, lectures, exhibitions, festivals, science education and performing arts projects, as well as the PASS funding.

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

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

Contributed by Joan Murphy

Westwood Historical Society

Thanks to all of you for our Successful Plant Sale

The Society wants to thank the following commercial sponsors of our May Plant Sale: Costco, Dedham; Hillcrest Gardens, Needham; Lovell's Garden Center Medfield; Shaws, Medfield; Southridge Farm, Walpole; Sudbury Farms, Needham; The Captured Garden by Deborah Trickett; Volante Farm, Needham; Westwood Gardens, Westwood. Thank you all for contributing and supporting our Plant Sale. We appreciate everyone's efforts, those who donated plants, our sales force, and our shoppers! It is a great show of support for our educational and historical programs.

Third Grade School Program, "1800s School Day"

Charlie Donahue has stepped up to the plate to oversee our School Program, taking the reins from Irene Buonopane who ran the program for many years following Joan Swann. The Fisher School is transformed every year into a historic classroom with antique school desks, teacher's desk, dunce cap and stool, to welcome each of Westwood's third grades for an "1800s School Day." Students, dressed in period clothing, step back in time to read from McGuffey's Third Reader, figure problems on individual slates from Warren Colburn's 1847 arithmetic book, write with quill pens and ink, participate in a spelling bee, and play old-fashioned games. Charlie is looking for volunteers to assist with the program. Call him at 781.326.2028.

Memberships are Due

The Society relies on your dues and donations to help ensure that Westwood's heritage is preserved. Amounts above the basic membership of \$25 help with the upkeep of our Fisher School on High Street, our school and community programs, and our conservation projects. Dues are payable May 1st for an annual membership and can be mailed to PO Box 2575, Westwood, MA 02090. Many thanks for your continued support of our efforts to preserve Westwood's past.

Contributed by Lura Provost

Foundation for Westwood Education

Foundation for Westwood Education Seeks Additional Board Members for Fall 2016

For the past quarter of a century, The Foundation for Westwood Education (formerly known as Westwood Educational Foundation or WEF) has been raising money we then use to award grants to community groups, teachers, and schools that submit proposals for innovative and meaningful educational and cultural enrichment programs. By providing a source of funding not otherwise available, the Foundation supports high-quality education for our schools and the community at large. This year, the Foundation is celebrating not only its 25th year, but also the anniversary of having invested more than \$1 million in the Westwood community.



Over the years, the Foundation has enhanced the cutting-edge engineering program at Westwood High School by providing funds for its first 3D printer, supported musician trainings and a pilot initiative for science olympiads at the elementary schools, a self-defense course for Westwood High School senior women, and endowed Westwood's first real cultural immersion program between Westwood High School and Lycee Merleau-Ponty in Rochefort, France. A Foundation grant financed "Bridges Together," an intergenerational bridge-building program between senior citizens and Thurston Middle School students, as well as "Great Decisions," a community-wide discussion group on international affairs at the Westwood Public Library. The Foundation has also funded numerous guest speakers for the town, including the psychologist Lynne Lyons, who spoke on the topic of "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents" and ADHD expert Edward Hallowell, who gave a talk entitled "Crazy Busy", putting into perspective the lives most of us lead.

Sponsoring all these programs takes money, generously donated year after year by Westwood residents and businesses. It also takes time. We need new members to help our all-volunteer board gather information about the needs of the community, ensure that we have the resources we need to continue subsidizing programs, and make decisions about how our funds should be distributed. If you are interested in making connections within the town, meeting new people, and helping to keep Westwood the peaceful yet vibrant place it is, we would love to have you join our board.

Please contact info@foundationforwestwoodeducation.org

Contributed by Leslie Greffenius



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Westwood Youth & Family Services

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Westwood Youth & Family Services is a town department that provides community-based programs and free confidential counseling for the children and families of Westwood. The following is the upcoming offering of programs that will be offered in the Fall:



Westwood Youth & Family Services

Register at: www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs

FRIENDS NETWORK

Who: Westwood residents in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades

When: November 2016 – April 2017, Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Patricia Carty-Larkin Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street

What: The Friends Network program matches young Westwood residents with high school aged residents in 1:1 pairs that meet weekly to engage in games and activities in a relaxed setting. This is a great way for children to engage with a positive role model while forming a special friendship and having fun!

Contact: Sarah Baroud, LICSW at 781.320.1006 or sbaroud@townhall.westwood.ma.us



GIRLS ONLY! GROUPS

Who: Westwood girls in 4th – 6th grade

When: Sept. – Dec., Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: Islington Community Center

What: These 12-week groups will focus on navigating friendships and cliques, avoiding peer pressure, managing bullying situations, and improving body image, confidence and self-esteem. We utilize art projects, videos and games to help reinforce these important topics in fun and creative ways!

Contact: Joanna Bengel, LICSW at 781.320.1006 or jbengel@townhall.westwood.ma.us

STRUCTURED PLAY GROUPS

Who: Westwood residents in Kindergarten – 5th grade

When: Fall 2016 – Spring 2017, one afternoon per week from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Islington Community Center; Hanlon and Martha Jones Extended Day programs

What: These 8-week groups are designed to emphasize the continued development of adaptive social and conflict-resolution skills as well as self-esteem and social confidence. Organized play and drawing activities are used to reinforce weekly topics such as initiating & developing friendships, working cooperatively as a team, appropriate communication, decision-making, as well as appreciating one's own strengths and the differences of others, etc.

Contact: Joanna Bengel, LICSW at 781.320.1006 or jbengel@townhall.westwood.ma.us



Westwood Youth & Family Services

Westwood Youth & Family Services would like to thank all of the high school students who volunteered with our Mentor Program this year, providing over 1,500 community service hours to the Town of Westwood. We would also like to thank our school and community partners who helped make this year a success!



Westwood Youth & Family Services

Friends Network

Aaron Burke
Abby Diehl
Anna Meglan
Becky Persons
Billy Wallace
Georgia Lucas
Georgia Salvatore
Hannah Smith
Jonny Phan
Lizzie Casavant
Madeline Medina
Marissa Mealey
Marissa Walsh
Marykate Brown
Nancy Aleid
Noah Leslie
Omar El-Zaru
Rachael Gilroy
Tori Anderson
Zane Rahabi

Body Safety Theater

Ashwin Gowda
Brett Iarrobino
Gioia Cianciarulo
Jeffery Wong
Joseph Abraham
Kevin Deeb
Libby James
MacKenzie Draper
Maddie Mackey
Madeline McDonough
Marybeth Hogan
Max Cope-Flanagan
Nastia Kukunova
Richard Li
Timothy Kearns
Will Gettings

Bully Prevention Theater

Ashwin Gowda
Beamelak Getachew
Caroline Stebbins
Dante Giugliano
Emily Foscaldo
Gioia Cianciarulo
Hattie Rowe
Julia Marcantonio
Julia Serrecchia
Kevin Deeb
Leena Dolabany
Libby James
Maddie McDonough
Max Cope-Flanagan
Nastia Kukunova
Richard Li
Sydney Devaney
Tiffany Law
Tim Kearns
Will Danforth
Will Gettings

Thurston Thursday Club

Ally Ng
Andrea Yessaillian
CJ Adouran
Connor Deehan
Georgia Lucas
Justin Tso
Katie McKinnon
Kelly Drew
Kevin Deeb
Marissa Walsh
Mark D'Angio
Mark Horsfall
Matt Kutzer
Nancy Aleid
Thomas Leone
Zane Rahabi

Teen Center

Amanda Mundy
Andrea Yessaillian
Briana Heaney
Brigitte Farah
Caroline Lawlor
David Polansky
Haley Fedorowicz
Ian Moscaritolo
Jamie Burke
Jenna Burke
Kevin Deeb
Kathleen Hernandez
Luke McIntyre
Marissa Walsh
Molly McKeeney
Nancy Aleid
Olivia Morgan
Paige Walker
Rose Kearns
Samie Griffin
Shannon Rooney
Sophia Devin
Talia Bornstein

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Summer 2016

MAIN LIBRARY

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.

Children's Department Programming

*Don't forget to sign up for the
2016 Collaborative Summer Reading Program,
On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!*

When you read this summer you can win prizes!
Come in to the library for more details.

The fun starts on the last day of Westwood's schools – June 22!

Summer Programs for Birth—Pre-School

Please check out website for up-to-date schedule adjustments

***Little Listeners Storytime:** For families with children ages 3-5. (Siblings of these children are always welcome.) Children will hear stories, songs, rhymes, watch short films, and make a craft.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. ***Registration Required**
July 5th – August 9th

Wondrous Wednesdays Storytime: All ages, no registration required. This drop-in storytime will feature stories, rhymes, songs, and children will participate in other fun activities.

Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
July 6th – August 10th

Read, Play, Sing: For ages 0-5. Join us as we read, sing, and play in this storytime filled with movement, music, songs, play, and craft activities! No registration required.

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m.
July 6th – August 24th

Babies & Books: Babies ages 0-24 months & a parent/caregiver, no registration required. Babies & their parents/caregivers will hear very short stories, and learn new rhymes and songs together. After storytime there is the opportunity to stay, chat, and make new friends! (No registration required)

Fridays, 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.
July 8th – August 12th

Play Time Fun at the Library: For ages 2-5. Come to the main library for some play time fun with Miss Jenny! No registration required, just drop in!

Saturday, July 16th, 10:30 a.m.

***Preschool Soccer:** For ages 2-5 & a parent/caregiver. Come have a kick-about with us! We will have fun learning the basics of how to kick the ball and play some fun, easy, and low-key soccer based-activities. All skill levels welcome! Program will be rain or shine (indoors if rain!). ***Registration Required**

Monday, July 11th and 18th, 10:30 a.m.

Shake, Rattle, & Roll! Kids ages 2-5, no registration. This movement program will feature music, dancing, rhythm instruments, and organized movement activities. This is a drop-in program and does not require registration.

Fridays, 11:30 – Noon
August 5th, 12th, & 19th

Kindergarten-6th Grade (Ages/Grades during the summer are determined based on what grade the child will be in September)

Mario Kart Live: For kids entering grade 4-6th. Are you a master of the wii game Mario Kart? Think you can manage if you were literally in the kart (or cardboard box in this case) and have to make your way through a course? Come find out! No registration required.

Wednesday, June 22nd, 2:00 p.m.

Wii Gaming Fridays: For kids and tweens. Join us for Wii Gaming Fridays, and test your skills playing Super Mario Bros, Just Dance, Sonic... and more! The Children's program room will be open Friday afternoons this summer between hours 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. to play Wii. No registration required.

Fridays, July 1st – August 26th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wii Just Dance: For kids entering grades K-2. Come play wii Just Dance – bring friends, make new friends, or challenge your librarian!

Tuesday, July 12th, 2:00 p.m.

***Mr. Lemoncello's Library Escape:** For kids entering grades 4 – 6. Can you crack the codes and escape from Mr. Lemoncello's library? Come see if your team is the one to beat and make it out of the library. The losing team must remain in the library for the rest of the summer (just kidding! – maybe).

Thursday, July 14, 3:00 p.m. ***Registration Required**

***Mix it up (Collaborative Art Program):** For 1st and 2nd graders. Grab a paintbrush and let your creativity flow! Get ready to roll up your sleeves as you experiment with color, shape, and line in a collaborative painting project inspired by the work of picture book author/illustrator Herve Tullet. ***Registration Required** and is for all three weeks.

Mondays, July 18, 25, Aug 1, 4:00 p.m.

***Library Olympics:** Kids entering grades 4-6. Come see who is the fastest, most agile, or just the best at not falling down during one of our fun races, obstacles, and challenges. Gold, silver, & bronze medals will be awarded in a number of fun categories – see if you have what it takes to take one home at the 2016 Library Olympics.

Thursday, July 28th, 3:00 p.m. ***Registration Required**

Dance Party!: For kids entering grades 3-6, drop in program. It's going to get LOUD! Come to the first ever library dance-a-thon. We will play sick beats, have video projections, shout-outs, and whatever else we feel like – whoever's feet lose the beat is out. Let's see who can dance the longest and win some serious bragging rights. Drop-in program, no registration required.

Tuesday, August 2nd, 2:00 p.m.

Creature Teachers: For kids in grades K-6. LIVE animals at the library! We invite awesome Rick from Creature Teachers back to Westwood to tell us about animals from around the world! See why some animals are well suited for certain areas and why some are not in this fun and educational program.

Thursday, Aug 4th, 2:00 p.m.

***Art INC.:** Tie-Dye: For kids entering grades 4-6. Come learn the basics of tie-dyeing and potentially go home dyed a weird shade of purple. Please wear clothes you don't care about, and bring your own white tshirt (or 2) for dyeing. All dyes and rubber bands will be provided.

Wednesday, August 10th, 2 – 2:45 p.m. ***Registration Required**

Summer Reading BookShare: For kids entering grades 3-6. Come hang out and chat about your favorite books so far from the 2016 Summer Reading List. Have a favorite you think everyone just HAS to read before September rolls around? Come tell us about it!

Thursday, August 4th, 6:30 p.m.

Family Programs

Family Fort Night: All ages, no registration. Come build a reading fort with your whole family! Make sure you bring a parent – even if you make them read their own book, they are at least tall so they can give you serious edge when building the fort you've engineered. Please bring your own sheets or other (light-weight) blankets. Drop-in program, no registration.

Wednesdays, July 13th & August 17th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Mid-Summer Reading Celebration: All ages. Come celebrate all the great reading you've been doing! We will have games, crafts, face painting, book raffles, and popsicles! Drop-in program, no registration.

Thursday, July 21st, 3 p.m.

Main Library Teen Events

Teen Summer Reading Program

Who: Teens in grades 6 – 12

When: July 1 – August 26

Read a book get a book! (& small incentive prize while they last). Each book you read earns you an entry in the end-of-summer raffle. Write an original thought provoking review to get an extra entry in the raffle. Sign up at the Information desk, online at <http://www.readsinma.org>, email: wwdtab@minlib.net, or call 781.320.1045.

***Hula Hooping with Pinto Bella:** Join Pinto Bella for an hour of Hula Hooping interactive entertainment, part hula hoop instruction, part performance and part Hoop Jam! Hoops are supplied by Pinto Bella Hoops. Sign up at the Information Desk, call 781.320.1045 or email wwdtab@minlib.net

Wednesday, July 20, 4:00 p.m. ***Registration Required**

Main Library Adult Dept. Programming

1ST ANNUAL ADULT SUMMER READING

Adults: Exercise your Mind and Read this summer!

The Westwood Public Library invites you to take part of the new Adult Summer Reading Program! No registration is required– all you need to do is read what you'd normally read and tell us about it! You could win one of the library's themed baskets! There are two ways to earn tickets & increase your odds of winning:

1. Submit book reviews for our Patron Picks Display, and/or
2. Complete tasks on the 2016 Westwood Library Summer Reading Challenge.

Patron Picks Book Review bookmarks and Reading Challenge Scorecards are available at the Main Library and the Islington Branch Library. There is no limit on how many book reviews an individual may submit.

Once you complete a task on the reading challenge, or complete a Patron Picks Reviews, come up to the 2nd Floor Information Desk for your tickets! *Saturday, September 3rd is the deadline to submit book reviews & complete reading challenges.* Open to all

ages 18+. *Drawing will be held Tuesday, September 6th.* Visit the Library's website or call 781.320.1045 for more information!

Healthy & Appy: Evaluating Fitness Apps: Fitness Apps are a dime a dozen– it's nearly impossible to figure out which app is best for you! Bring your device and come to this workshop to learn about popular Android & iOS apps for running, yoga and personal training, and how to judge what app is right for you! No registration is required and all are welcome! *This event is part of "Live Simple, Live Better—A Year of Wellness at Westwood Library" program series.*

June 22, 7:00 p.m.

July 12, 10:30 a.m.

Friday Morning Book Group: Join our book discussion group on Friday mornings! No sign-up necessary—read the book, join the conversation! We are looking for members, please join us! Books will be available at Main Library at the Circulation Desk.

June 24, 10:30 a.m.

The Wonder of All Things by Jason Mott

July 29, 10:30 a.m.

The Magician's Lie by Greer Macallister

August 26, 10:30 a.m.

This is your Life, Harriet Chance! by Jonathon Evison

Monday Night Mysteries: Join our book discussion group on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.! No sign-up necessary—read the book, join the conversation! We are looking for members, please join us! Books will be available at the Main Library Circulation Desk.

July 11, 7:00 p.m.

Think Twice by Lisa Scottoline

August 8, 7:00 p.m.

Still Life by Louise Penny

September 12, 7:00 p.m. *The Last Policeman* by Ben H. Winters

***Brain Games:** Join us once a month as we highlight games that keeps the mind moving, such as Bananagrams, Left Right Center, Rummikub etc.! Registration is required; please call 781.320.1045 to sign-up! ***Registration Required**

June 28, 11:00 a.m.

July 26, 11:00 a.m.

August 23, 11:00 a.m.

Adaptations: A Book to Movie Discussion Group: A quarterly book and film discussion group. Participants can attend one or both events. Books will be available at Main Library at the Circulation Desk. The summer selection is *The Finest Hours* (Walt Disney Pictures, 2015, PG-13). This docudrama depicts the incredible true story of a daring Coast Guard rescue operation off of Cape Cod during a ferocious storm in the winter of 1952. Craig Gillespie directed this adventure drama, which stars Chris Pine, Ben Foster, and Eric Bana. No registration required.

Book Discussion: Friday, August 5th, 10:30 a.m.

The Finest Hours: The true story of the U.S. Coast Guard's

Most Daring Sea Rescue by Michael J. Tougas.

Film Screening & Discussion: Friday, August 12th, 10:30 a.m.

The Finest Hours (Walt Disney Pictures, 2015, PG-13).

Simply Better DIYs: A new workshop series for creating your own health, beauty and organizational products at the Main Library. Registration is required – please call 781.320.1045 to sign-up! *This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library. This event is part of "Live Simple, Live Better—A Year of Wellness at Westwood Library" program series. All are welcome!* ***Registration Required**

Bath Bombs (Wednesday, June 29th, 7:00 p.m. or

Friday, June 17th, 10:30 a.m.)

Lip Balm (Wednesday, August 17th, 7:00 p.m. or

Friday, August 19th, 10:30 a.m.)

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Westwood Library Quilters: Bring your hand or machine quilting projects to work on in the friendly company of other local quilters. An iron, ironing pad, cutting mat & cutting tools will be available. All are welcome!

June 27, 6:30 p.m.

July 25, 6:30 p.m.

August 29, 6:30 p.m.

***Yoga 101:** Join Sue for a complimentary yoga class at the library! All are welcome to this beginner's class: from those looking to start a yoga practice, to seasoned yogis who want some of the basic poses broken down. Come experience yoga for yourself in a relaxed and non-competitive setting. Registration required. Yoga mats provided. Comfortable clothing suggested. *This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.*

July 19, 10:30 a.m.

***Registration Required**

ISLINGTON BRANCH PROGRAMS

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.

Islington Children's Programs

Branch Storytime: For kids ages 2 & up, no registration. Children will participate in stories, songs, films, and crafts. Drop-in program, no registration.

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

July 7th – August 11th

Firefly Storytime: For kids ages 3 & up, no registration. Children can come to the School Street Playground and bring a special stuffed animal or blanket to hear stories and songs in the warm evening air. You may even see a firefly or two! Drop-in program, no registration.

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

June 15th, July 20th, & August 17th

***Dewey Knit? Yes we do!:** For children entering grades 4 – 6. Whether you are interested in learning to knit or already know how, come to the Islington Branch this summer and over the course of six weeks complete a knitting project, start to finish. Supplies are provided.

Tuesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

***Registration Required**

July 12th – August 16th

Sarah's Summer Singalong: For children ages 0-5 and their families. Miss Sarah sings summer classics from Down By the Bay to Under the Sea and more to get kids bouncing and grooving along. Come join the music fun! No registration required, just drop on in!

Thursday, July 7th, 9:30 a.m.

Islington Branch Mini Golf: Families with young children are welcome to come to the Islington Branch for a library version of mini golf! No registration required, just drop on in!

Wednesday, July 27th, 6:30 p.m.

Little Olympics: For ages 3-6. To celebrate the Summer Olympics 2016 come to the Islington Branch to try your hand at Olympic sports made just for little ones! Compete in all 6 events and every participant will receive a special certificate. Drop-in program, no registration.

Thursday, August 18th, 9:30 a.m.

Islington 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, July 12th, 10:30 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.

DROP IN PROGRAM

July 13th *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

August 10th *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf

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

Color Me Happy: Adult Coloring: Coloring is said to decrease stress while enhancing creativity. Join us at the library, where relaxing music & new friends await! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. No registration required!

July 6th, August 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

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

WESTWOOD DAY

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS!

A community event for all ages!

Westwood High School

Rain or Shine



KICK OFF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- FOOTBALL GAME 7:00 PM
Westwood Wolverines host Hopkinton Hillers at Flahive Field
- FIREWORKS 9:00 PM
Display will follow the football game approximately 9:00 PM at WHS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 5K 9:00 and Fun Run 10:00
- ACTIVITIES 10:00-3:00
- ENTERTAINMENT 10:00-3:00
- VENDOR VILLAGE 10:00-3:00
- FOOD COURT 10:00-3:00



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www.WestwoodDay.com





MAKE A SPLASH WITH SUMMER AQUATICS!



TRIATHLON WEEK ages 7-12

Julie Harrington, Aquatics Specialist
 Week 4: Jul 18-22, Mon-Fri, 2:00-4:00
 \$120 (5 classes) Min 6 /Max 12

Triathlons for kids are an extremely popular sport. Participants will be introduced to the three sports; swimming, biking, and running. Bike, helmet and running shoes must be provided by the participants. Bikes will be needed every day of the class. On Friday the camp will conclude with a triathlon. To extend the day, participants may attend open swim from 4:00-5:00 PM.

SWIM TEAM ages 6-18

Julie Harrington, Aquatics Specialist
 May 31 – Aug 13, \$180

Do you love to have fun? Want to challenge yourself? Make friends? Summer Swim Team is the sport for you! In a relaxed atmosphere, novice and experienced swimmers learn stroke development and refinement with emphasis on speed and endurance work. There are two meets per week for a total of eleven meets in the season. Six meets will be at home and five will be away at neighboring towns. At the conclusion of the season there will be A and B Regional Championship Meets. To compete in team meets you must be a Westwood resident, per league rules. Sign up today to be part of the fun!



SWIM CLINIC ages 8-18

Susan Perry, Aquatics Manager
 Julie Harrington, Aquatics Specialist
 Week 8: Aug 15-19, Mon-Fri, 9:00-3:30
 \$225 (1 week) Min 15/Max 30

This clinic is for the competitive swimmer who is serious about becoming the best swimmer they can be. Participants must have competitive swimming experience and/or have passed American Red Cross Level 4 and be proficient in all four competitive strokes. The week will include two daily swim sessions, dry land training, instructional videos and underwater videotaping. To extend the day, participants may attend open swim from 3:30-5:00 PM.



SWIM LESSONS

Whether you are a beginner or would like to refine your strokes, Aquatics has the instructor to help fulfill your swimming needs. American Red Cross group swim lessons offered include: Water Babies, Parent and Child, Preschool, and Levels 1-6. Private lessons provide one-on-one instruction for all ages and abilities from beginner to advanced, both recreational and competitive. All teachers are certified Water Safety Instructors.

OPEN AND LAP SWIM – SUMMER SCHEDULE JUNE 27-AUGUST 31 (CLOSED JULY 4)

Monday-Friday: 5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim/ 11:30-1:00 Lap Swim/ 3:30-5:00 Open Swim/ 7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim
 Saturday: 6:30-8:00 AM Lap Swim/ 11:30-1:00 Lap Swim/ 1:00-2:15 Open Swim
 Sunday: 11:30-1:00 Lap Swim/ 1:00-2:15 Open Swim

Membership	One Month	Three Months (10% off)	Six Months (15% off)	One Year (25% off)	Daily
Pool Single	\$25	\$65	\$125	\$225	\$5
Pool Family	\$40	\$105	\$200	\$360	
Pool Westwood Senior	\$15	\$45	\$90	\$180	\$5

Westwood Senior Memberships are available to residents 60 years or older for \$15 per month.

Membership Forms are available at the Pool, Recreation Department, and online at www.westwoodrec.com

SEE YOU AT THE POOL!

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DEERFIELD FIELD RE-OPENED

On Saturday, April 30 the Deerfield Field was officially re-opened following a complete renovation. The field was expanded, re-graded, and fitted with an irrigation system. Two softball diamonds were installed complete with backstops, skinned infields, and fenced dugouts. Rounding out the development is a walking trail around the perimeter of the grounds with access to the library.

The grand re-opening ceremony coincided with the annual Westwood Little League parade. With warm weather and blue skies, the crowd on hand enjoyed the parade, a flag raising ceremony during the national anthem, and a ribbon cutting. The field was officially opened with Selectman Michael Walsh cutting the ribbon and retiring Selectman Patrick Ahearn throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. Other fun activities included Wally the Green Monster, face-painting, a pitching speed station, and a softball scrimmage.

Westwood Recreation would like to thank New England Development for providing the funding for the Deerfield Field project and the town of Westwood Board of Selectmen, DPW, Police, Fire, Public Schools, Little League, Youth Softball, Soccer and Lacrosse for their support with the project and celebration.



WESTWOOD YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB DONATES TO SUPPORT PLAYGROUND

The School Street Playground is a well-utilized resource for both active and passive recreation within the community. Stop by the playground on any given day and you will see children and parents enjoying the play structures. The equipment is designed for children between the ages of 3 and 12 with unique items including climbing rocks, spinner bowls, and a star net. The extensive use of the playground requires regular inspection, maintenance, and equipment replacement. These repairs require financial investment.

Westwood Recreation is pleased to announce that the Westwood Young Women's Club (WYWC) has offered to support equipment upgrades with a generous donation of \$1,700. The funds donated were raised at the WYWC's annual Winterfest event this past December. The WYWC was instrumental in the original design and funding of the playground which sought to create a play area that challenged kids physically and mentally.

The Westwood Young Women's Club is a non-profit volunteer organization committed to enhancing Westwood and surrounding neighborhoods. Since 1959 the Club has been offering wonderful events, and sponsoring and supporting community organizations through fundraising. The WYWC is always looking for new members and more information can be found at www.wywc.org.

Westwood Recreation and DPW plan to use this donation to fund repairs and replacements of several of the play structures in the playground. The work will be done by a contracted playground installation company with additional upgrades being completed by Westwood's Department of Public Works.



SUMMER ADULT BASKETBALL

Morrison Park Outdoor Basketball Court

Ages 18 and older

June 13-August 17 (10 Weeks)

\$700 per team

Looking to play outdoor ball in an organized league? Recruit your friends and put a team together. Games are played on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 7:30-9:30 PM with a maximum of two games per week. A minimum of 6 teams are needed to run the league.

If interested, contact Mike Griffin
mgriffin@townhall.westwood.ma.us



FIREMAN'S FOAM SUDZ OF FUN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

2:00-3:00

SHEEHAN SCHOOL FIELD

ALL AGES LOVE IT!

DANCE IN PILES OF FOAM WITH
DJ-MAGIC MARK

Special thank you to
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It's a Westwood Day Save the Date
Chip Clip Magnet!!!

Available at Westwood Recreation
(chips not included)



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- ELECTRONIC BROCHURES & FLYERS
- PROGRAM UPDATES & SPECIAL EVENTS

REGISTER AT www.westwoodrec.com




SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM



THE PLAYGROUND PROGRAM is for ages 5 to 10. Participants will take part in a variety of activities and special events. Our caring, well-trained staff will provide a positive atmosphere that encourages confidence, creativity, developing skills, making new friends, and having fun! To assist parents needing more flexibility, this program is now offering extended hours and transportation from Westwood Public School Enrichment Program.

LOCATION
Deerfield School

STAFF
Mike Griffin, Steve Cromack and Recreation Staff

ENRICHMENT
The Playground Program **will provide transportation** for participants attending the Westwood Public School Enrichment Program. Children will be picked up at 12:00 noon from the Thurston Middle School by Recreation Staff, and transported to Deerfield School by a town vehicle. To utilize this option, register for the 11:30 AM-3:30 PM time slot.



EXTENDED DAY HOURS
Full day 7:30-3:30 and 3:30-5:30



SPACE
Gym, cafeteria, classrooms, fields, playground, outdoor basketball court

ACTIVITIES
Arts and crafts, sports and games, scavenger hunts, recreation play, water activities, Friday pizza, specials, inflatables, and more.

WALKING TRIPS
Walking trips to the library, fire department, and or police department may occur. Trail walks to Rice Reservation for campfire and toasted marshmallows. Parents will be notified ahead of time.

DROP OFF & PICK UP
Drop off and pick up will take place at Deerfield School's front circular driveway. There will be staff at the front entrance to meet you and escort your child (ren) into the building. Parents who choose to walk their child into the school will need to park in one of the dedicated spots.

LUNCH AND SNACKS
Participants will need to bring **nut free** AM & PM snacks, drinks, and their lunch **except on Fridays, see below**. No refrigeration is available. Cold drinking water is provided throughout the day.

PIZZA FRIDAY
The Playground program provides pizza lunch on Fridays. Each child will receive a pizza order form on Monday and are asked to return it by Thursday.



WHAT TO BRING
The program features a mix of indoor and outdoor play. It is required that participants wear sneakers or closed toe shoes (no crocs) to prevent injuries, and comfortable clothing that can get dirty. Bring swimsuit and towel for water activities. Please apply sunscreen in the morning and send an extra bottle in a plastic bag with your child's name. Children will be encouraged to reapply throughout the day. Hats are always a great accessory. Be sure to label your child's belongings with his or her name. Please do not have your child bring any toys or special items to the program. Cell phones are to be kept in their backpacks until the end of the day. **NO ELECTRONICS ALLOWED**. Westwood Recreation is not responsible for any lost items.

REGISTER TODAY
Westwood Recreation
Online: www.westwoodrec.com
Walk In: Public Office hours
Questions: 781-461-0070



Themes	Weeks	Days	7:30-3:30	9:00-3:30	11:30-3:30	3:30-5:30
Game On!	1: Jun 27-Jul 1	Mon-Fri	\$190	\$175	\$130	\$50
Superheros	2: Jul 5-8	Tue-Fri	\$152	\$140	\$104	\$40
Olympic Week	3: Jul 11-15	Mon-Fri	\$190	\$175	\$130	\$50
Anything Goes!	4: Jul 18-22	Mon-Fri	\$190	\$175	\$130	\$50
Red Light, Blue Light	5: Jul 25-29	Mon-Fri	\$190	\$175	\$130	\$50
H2O – WOW	6: Aug 1-5	Mon-Fri	\$190	\$175	\$130	\$50
Treasure Island	7: Aug 8-12	Mon-Fri	\$190	\$175	\$130	\$50





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Capital Needs Study Public Forum

by *Heath Petracca, Director of Business and Finance*



The Westwood Public School's Capital Needs Study Public Forum was held on May 11, 2016 at the Thurston Middle School. The purpose of this forum was to lay out proposed plans to bring the Westwood


Public School buildings at the elementary level up to code, as well as to address building and educational inefficiencies among the five schools. The overall goal of creating a sustainable, affordable educational model was put forth at the forum after two years of building study and educational assessment by the architectural firm Symmes Maini & McKee Associates.

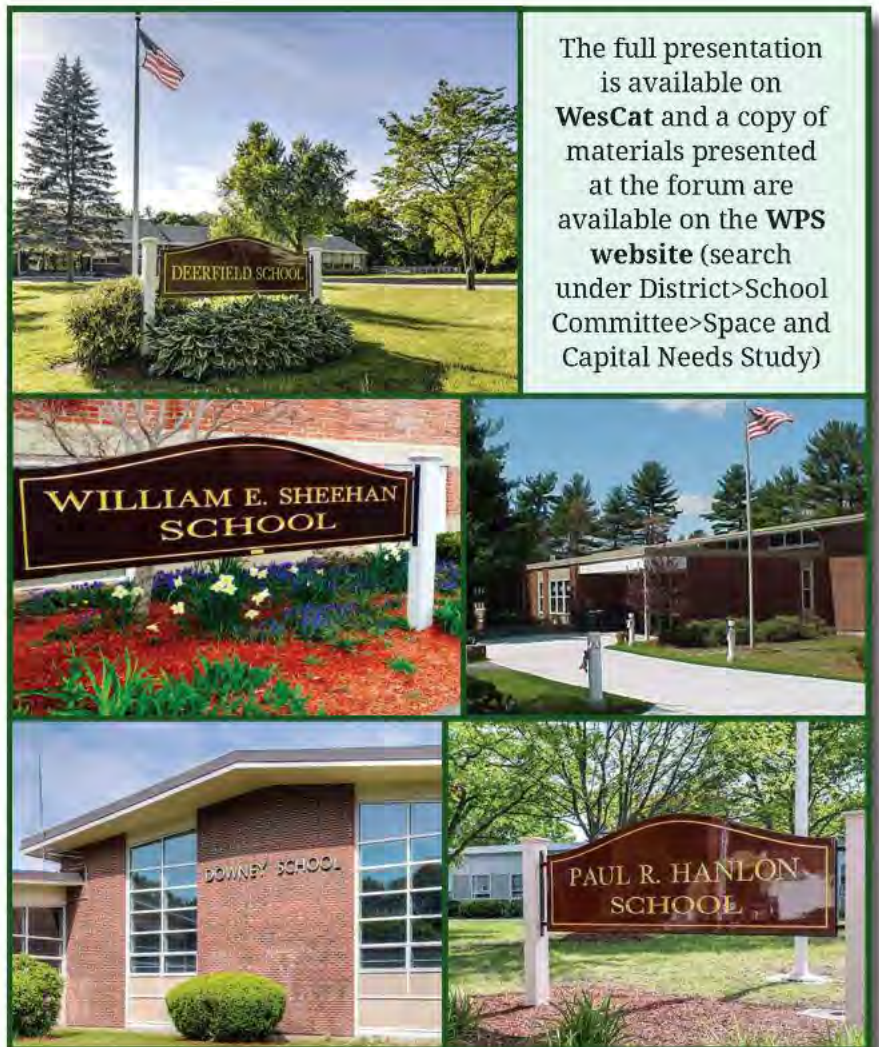
All in all, there were ten different options presented, broken out into four categories. The first category was "The Status Quo" which essentially brings all existing buildings up to code but does not address any educational needs.

The second category of options involves keeping all five elementary schools and building additions to better address the educational needs of the system. In these options the buildings would be first brought up to code as with "Status Quo" and then would be added onto.

The third and fourth categories of options involve consolidation of buildings that would result in one or two buildings being closed. These options address

building deficiencies as well as educational needs, and result in a more streamlined, efficient, and sustainable educational model for the school system.

Thank you to all those residents who came out to voice their opinions. There will be many more opportunities for residents to help in the process of selecting the best option for the Westwood Public Schools. As Superintendent **John Antonucci** has said, "We have to address our aging infrastructure and create the best educational model that is possible for Westwood. Doing nothing is not an option." 



The full presentation is available on **WesCat** and a copy of materials presented at the forum are available on the **WPS website** (search under District>School Committee>Space and Capital Needs Study)



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ONLINE BUS REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2016-2017 year will run from
March 1-June 30, 2016

To register:

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



Click on **Online Payment** and then
Bus Transportation Registration & Payment

Read the FAQ's and then **register and pay online** for
transportation.



Note: Parents will need their child's Student ID # (except for Kindergarten) which can be found on elementary school lunch invoices, middle school lunch cards, report cards or high school ID cards. Please make sure to enter the grade your child will be entering **next** September.

*Transportation rates will not increase for the 2016-2017 school year. The annual bus fee will be **\$180 per student**, with a **family cap of \$450** for all students in Grades K-12.*

*Bus stickers will not be issued to middle and high school students. At the end of August, parents should **check the Aspen Portal** to see what bus # their child(ren) have been assigned. Bus routes will be posted on the district website and in the local newspaper.*

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

Questions? Email us at busregistration@westwood.k12.ma.us
or call the Business Office at 781-326-7500 x1343

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Westwood Town Hall

Eagle Scout Service Project:

Nicholas A. Fusco, a resident and boy scout from Troop 1 in Islington, approached Town officials inquiring about an Eagle Scout project he was planning that would benefit the Town of Westwood. We have fully supported his project.

This project entails replacing the current handicap parking signage at Westwood public schools, athletic fields and all municipal buildings with a new Accessible icon. Pavement signage will be repainted and the metal handicap signs will be replaced.

According to Nicholas, “the current handicap icon depicts disabled people as immobile and depending on others for mobility. The icon does not accurately reflect today’s active populations of people with disabilities. The new icon features a person in a wheelchair moving under their own power.”

For years, handicap parking spaces have been labeled with an icon of a motionless person confined to a wheelchair. Awareness has increased and movements are underway to replace the handicap icon with one that symbolizes a more active handicapped community.

Nicholas got the idea for his project through the “Accessible Icon Project” which is an ongoing work of design activism. It starts with a graphic icon, free for use in the public domain, and continues its work as collaboration among people with disabilities and their allies toward a more accessible world.

For more information regarding this movement go to <http://accessibleicon.org/about/>.

Nicholas will be reaching out to family, friends and fellow scouts to assist him with this project. He plans to provide training prior to implementation of these new signs.

The cost of the project is approximately \$2000.00. He has contacted local groups such as the Rotary Club of Westwood and Dedham Savings bank who have agreed to make a donation to this wonderful project that will benefit the Town and the people of Westwood with disabilities.

If you are interested in making a donation please contact: Nicholas Fusco: nickfusco9@gmail.com

This is the new
accessible icon



This is Westwood’s
current handicapped icon



What would you like to see at Islington Center? Take our Survey here: <http://goo.gl/forms/XcNs1B5w39>

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