



# WESTWOOD

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## A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Westwood Historical Commission

## Westwood Historical Commission proposing an *Historic Structure Demolition Bylaw* for the Spring Town Meeting

The Westwood Historical Commission (WHC) is proposing an *Historic Structure Demolition Bylaw* for the Spring Town Meeting. The Bylaw would affect approximately 180 historic structures in Town built before 1911, and would call for a waiting period of up to 6-months before a demolition permit can be issued.

The WHC brought a similar bylaw to last year's Town Meeting, and failed to secure the necessary two-third majority for approval by 5 votes. Addressing concerns voiced at that meeting and in subsequent discussions on ways to improve the Bylaw, the WHC is reintroducing it this spring in hopes of gaining the necessary support for approval.

The WHC elected to keep the date for structures considered historic, as December 31, 1910; any structure built on or before this date will be reviewed under this bylaw. If a 6-month waiting period is imposed, the waiting period begins from the time the original application for demolition was filed with the Building Inspector; the WHC will work with the property owner to find an alternative to demolition or at a minimum document the structure prior to its destruction (the Bylaw does NOT prevent demolition).

The WHC will hold a public meeting to discuss the Bylaw and answer any questions residents have on **Thursday, March 3, 2016, 7PM, at the Fisher School**. Residents with homes built before 1911 are encouraged to attend.

*Contributed by Peter Paravalos*

### Community Meeting Notice for Proposed Police Headquarters

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## The Foundation for Westwood Education Hosts Town-Wide “Entertaining for Education” Party



FOUNDATION FOR  
WESTWOOD EDUCATION

For the past several years,  
residents of Westwood

have stepped up to sponsor Entertaining for Education (E4E) parties, one of the Foundation for Westwood Education's most important fundraising efforts. E4E parties have supported a variety of educational grants, from programs teaching students to build robots, to science fairs, to numerous cultural and artistic events. Funds from E4E parties have been used to invite guest speakers to share their expertise with residents, bring museum programs to pre-schoolers too young for field trips, create a bridge program between senior citizens and middle school students, and much more.

This year, to commemorate the Foundation's 25th anniversary and \$1 million in grants awarded to the town, the Foundation for Westwood Education will host its own town-wide E4E celebration. Join the Foundation for a 25th anniversary party on Friday, May 6 from 7:30-11:30 at Venezia, Boston's premier waterfront restaurant, featuring sumptuous food, music, dancing, and an array of exciting auction items.

This event offers an exceptional opportunity for you or your business to support educational enrichment for Westwood residents of all ages. Please attend and consider joining the party as a Foundation sponsor, advertiser or auction donor. For information on donating and advertising opportunities please visit the Foundation's website at [www.foundationforwestwoodeeducation.org](http://www.foundationforwestwoodeeducation.org).

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# Did You Know...

## Westwood Youth & Family Services Online Registration Available

**Did You Know...** Online registration will open in the spring for the following programs through Westwood Youth & Family Services:

- Structured Play Groups (K–5 grades)
- “Girls Only!” Groups (4th–6th grades)

Please visit our website this spring to sign-up!

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



Contributed by Mary Ellen LaRose

## Westwood Board of Health Summer Camps March 2016 Newsletter

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

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

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

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

Contributed by Linda Shea

## Westwood Board of Health No Spray Notification Information Aerial Larvicide Applications

**Did You Know...** that it is time to plan for mosquito control for 2016? As you know mosquito spraying is conducted in the summer months by request only, weather permitting. However, if you **do not** want your property sprayed you must notify the Westwood Town Clerk, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 in writing, with a copy to the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District, Building 34 Endicott Street, Norwood, MA 02062, by March 1, 2016, although the district will honor requests at any time. State law requires this notification as well as a requirement to post your property. This is very important if you **do not** want adult control so that District personnel can exclude your property from these applications.

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

For more information please contact the Westwood Board of Health at [mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us) or the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District's website at [www.norfolkcountymosquito.org](http://www.norfolkcountymosquito.org) or call 781.762.3681.

Contributed by Linda Shea

## Westwood DPW Tree Removal

Do you know what these blue flags are for?



Eversource has submitted their tree removal plan for the upcoming season. The company has committed funds to remove problematic trees on town property. The following streets have blue tagged trees slated for removal: Nahatan Street, Pond Street, Clapboardtree Street, Coach Lane, Brook Street, Oak Street, and Winter Street. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Department of Public Works at 781-320-1037.

Contributed by Brendan Ryan

## News Items Wanted!

Please send suggestions, observations, or feedback to the editor at [newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto: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 May 6, 2016. The next quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about June 15, 2016.

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

**Email:** [newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

# News from the Department of Public Works

## Paving Update

The Department of Public Works will be paving or performing preventative pavement measures in the following locations beginning July 1, 2016:

- Nahatan Street
- Route 109
- Washington Street
- Whitewood Road
- Juniper Drive
- Russell Ave
- Grove Street

**Did you hear?**  
*Westwood roads received a top rating! A related story regarding the great job the DPW is doing for Westwood's roads was published on BostonGlobe.com on January 12, 2016.*  
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/regionals/south/2016/01/12/westwood-roads-receive-top-ratings/IQwB46RJ3f38rltQRRUMnO/story.html>

## Trash and Recycling

The Department of Public Works has recently signed a contract extension with Waste Management through July 1, 2021. This new contract will offer (2) annual bulk item pickups that will allow each resident to dispose of (1) bulk item during each scheduled pickup. Please refer to the Trash and Recycling calendar or the Towns website for the specifically scheduled dates.

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with WEAC, will host a recycling day on April 30th from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 50 Carby St. Please refer to the town website for event description and accepted materials.

## Fields FYI

Please take a moment to check out the newly constructed Deerfield Field that features two new softball diamonds and a walking trail around the perimeter of the entire complex. The field is scheduled to open late Spring of 2016.

*Contributed by Todd Karchin*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**The Department of Public Works and WEAC will host a Recycling Day:**

**April 30, 2016**  
**8:00-12:00**



**Please see the DPW website for additional Information**  
**Westwood Residents ONLY**

## Cemetery Department

The Department of Public Works has signed a contract with G & R Construction for the cemetery expansion project. The Town has worked at great lengths with both BSC Group and CHS Consulting and all parties are extremely excited about this project. The construction will be confined to the lower section of the new cemetery near and around the pond area. There will be 306 new double depth grave lots as well as 256 niches for cremation. It will also include a fountain in the pond and a committal area overlooking the pond. Estimated project completion is late Spring. If you have any questions please contact the cemetery department at 781-320-1037.

*Contributed by Brendan Ryan*

# Community Meeting Notice Proposed Police Headquarters



Check out the website  
<https://sites.google.com/site/westwoodpublicsafety/Home>  
for videos, presentations and much more information.

Watch on  after the meetings!

*Two Opportunities to View Presentations, Design, Budget and Annual Town Meeting Information*

**Thursday, March 10, 2016**  
**7:30 pm at the**  
**Downey School Cafeteria**

**Thursday, March 24, 2016**  
**7:30 pm at the**  
**Thurston Cafeteria**



## News from the Council on Aging



Westwood Council on Aging invites you to *stay healthy, age well and stay connected* with our variety of programs (from A to Z ~ Art to Zumba!).

We have some special programs scheduled this spring but please stop by and pick up a newsletter for details on these and our many other programs.

To begin with we are celebrating a Presidential Election Year with special lectures, conversations and opportunities.

**ELECTION YEAR LECTURES** with Professor Gary Hylander  
We are pleased to have Professor Gary Hylander join us for eight free lectures focusing on elections past and present. *These lectures are free but please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.*

Thursday, April 7th ~ 10am ~ **The Election of 1796** sponsored by our friends at **New Pond Village of Walpole**. Washington is not running for President but who will be next and how will the nation make sure that the process of electing a president is fair?

Thursday, April 14 ~ 10am ~ **Lincoln's First Election and The Beginning of the Civil War** sponsored by our friends at **Rehab Associates**. Lincoln has won the election but the South is talking about revolution; is Civil War on the horizon?

Thursday, May 5 ~ 10am ~ **The Election of Harry Truman** sponsored by our friends at **New Pond Village of Walpole**. Mr. Truman's election was pivotal and volatile. Come learn how he won and what he tried to accomplish.

**CURRENT CONVERSATIONS** with Susan Sprecher, former PBS journalist

Wednesdays, March 9 & 23; April 13 & 27 ~ 9:30-11:30  
\$20 donation for all four sessions

Come join us as we dissect the events of the day and welcome anyone looking for good and stimulating conversation. The



current headlines dictate the topics but in addition to that our first March meeting comes just one week after SUPER TUESDAY! The parties will have their candidates and the race is on! At Current Conversations, we go beyond personalities and mudslinging to learn what the candidates really think. We will select key campaign issues and dig deep! So come join the conversation!

**Or stop by and learn about Long Term Health Insurance, something everyone should consider....**

**Long Term Health Insurance ~ A Discussion with Hans Hug**  
Thursday, April 28 ~ 10am

Light refreshments will be served ~ Free but please sign up in advance

Independent Insurance broker and expert, Hans Hug will present a free one hour workshop on the fundamentals of Long Term Health Insurance. Mr. Hug will explain how to design coverage, discuss the range of care policies, and how to file a claim. He will provide detailed handouts as well. *Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.*

**... Or if you want to get away for a day, join us on our day trips (below are just a few we are offering this spring).**

April 27 ~ **Foxwoods Casino Luncheon and Show** ~ Includes transportation, luncheon buffet and \$10 casino slot play as well as matinee show featuring a musical tribute to Dolly Barton and Kenny Rogers. \$85 per person ~ Details at the Center; *Space is limited so please sign up soon.*

May 10 ~ **Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and 9/11 Memorial** ~ Includes transportation, ferry to Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island (lunch and dinner on your own), and a visit to the 9/11 Memorial. \$95 per person ~ Details at the Center; *Space is limited so please sign up soon.*

*Contributed by Lina Arena-DeRosa*



### Westwood Early Childhood

#### 3rd Annual KIDS AT PLAY....BRAINS AT WORK

For the third year in a row Westwood Early Childhood will engage the community in the **Brain Building In Progress** Campaign. Gather with other families with young children as we celebrate with enriching environments and meaningful interactions among parents, caregivers and children.

#### **Exploring Our Five Senses STEM Celebration**

Wednesday, March 30, 2016; 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Westwood Main Public Library

Explore how we learn about our world! Discover how and why our five senses work. Teachers from local early childhood programs will facilitate fun activities and experiments. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/wecc5senses>

#### **Make SENSE of Nature: A 5 Senses Walk**

Tuesday, April 12, 2016; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at The Trading Post at Hale Reservation

Join a naturalist from Hale for a special nature walk that explores the outdoors using our five senses. This is a parent/child activity so all ages are welcome! Let's see what you will discover! Register at <http://tinyurl.com/wecc5swalk>

#### **Painless Portraits by Lisa Hull** will once again be offered on Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, 2016!

This is a convenient way to get a professional family photograph in an outdoor setting for a very reasonable fee! You will receive a package with one 8x10, two 5x7, and 4 wallets with the sitting fee. Slots are limited however your early registration will assist with obtaining your preferred date and time. We hope you will support our annual fund raising event. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to funding our parent/child activities and enhancing our programs for families in Westwood. For more information go to <http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/early-childhood-council/>



PHOTO: WEC



PHOTO: WEC



PHOTO: LISA HULL

*Contributed by Janet Lucey, Early Childhood Coordinator*

## Westwood American Legion Post 32

### Invitation to join Westwood American Legion Post 320

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.



It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time. American Legion Baseball is one of the nation's most successful amateur athletic programs, educating young people about the importance of sportsmanship, citizenship and fitness. The Heroes to Hometowns program connects local Legionnaires with recovering wounded warriors and their families, providing a variety of support activities. The Legion raises millions of dollars in donations at the local, state and national levels to help veterans and their families and to provide college scholarship opportunities.

The American Legion is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization with great political influence perpetuated by its grass-roots involvement in the legislation process from local districts to Capitol Hill. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans in Washington. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

The Westwood American Legion invites all veterans to join us as a member. Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month from September thru June at our post, located at 90 Deerfield Avenue. The meetings include a complimentary dinner preceded by a social hour. **Annual membership dues are \$30.00.** Membership is open to all those who have served honorably during war time.

**We invite all members of the Westwood Community to learn about and take advantage of the American Legion's community programs. These programs are open to boys and girls who either live in Westwood or attend school in Westwood (Westwood HS or Xaverian Brothers) which include:**

- Boys' and Girls' State (held each June at Stonehill College)
- American Legion Baseball: boys under 19
- Student Trooper
- National Oratorical

To find out more about membership, our monthly meetings or any of the American Legion's community programs check out our web site at:

[www.Westwoodalpost320.com](http://www.Westwoodalpost320.com)

*Contributed by Ken Foscaldo, Executive Board, Westwood Post 320*

## Dedham Savings

### The Investment Center at Dedham Savings presents the second seminar in a three-part Fall Roadmap to Retirement Series

The first step in reaching your financial goals is finding a partner who can help you get there. At Dedham Savings, they've created a series of seminars that can provide the guidance to help you make informed financial decisions and plan for your future. After the success of the first seminar entitled, "Social Security – Important 2016 Updates" the Roadmap to Retirement Series continues with, "Retirement Income Planning" hosted by Bob Breslin, SPF\* Financial Advisor, on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in Avita, 880 Greendale Avenue, Needham, MA 02492 and again on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the Main Office Board Room, Dedham Savings, 55 Elm Street Dedham, MA 02026. This informative seminar will include: setting retirement goals, strategies for saving, potential income from retirement assets, and making retirement savings last.

Reserve your seat today by emailing [tom.benson@mybd.com](mailto:tom.benson@mybd.com) or calling 781-355-7384.

Please feel free to visit [www.dedhamsavings.com](http://www.dedhamsavings.com) or call 781-329-6700 for more information.

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## Dedham Savings Loves Animals

Dedham Savings, Westwood Branch, initiated a donation drive for the Medfield Animal Shelter which ran from September 2015 through January 2016. A collection site was displayed in the main lobby of the bank, encouraging customers and employees to contribute items from the shelter's wish list. Due to Westwood's animal loving community, the outcome was a big success! Donations were plentiful and generous; items included used crates, bagged and canned food, toys, office supplies, towels, cleaning provisions, bird seed and more. Dedham Savings would like to

extend their gratitude to all who donated.

Because this event was such a positive experience, the branch continued the program with our St. Valentine's "We Love Animals" Campaign.

*Contributed by Laura Macs*



## Westwood Historical Society

On March 8th at 7:30 in the evening, well known historian Anthony Sammarco will present a talk on Boston's Irish - the nineteenth and twentieth century immigrants who came from Ireland and the institutions that were founded by and for them. These institutions include many churches, hospitals and schools, including Boston College. This lecture is funded by the Westwood Cultural Council.

On April 12, Eric Arnold, Director of Hale Reservation, will present an overview of Hale's history, as well as Hale's current role in Westwood. At present, Hale contains an excess of over 1137 acres of land and 60 buildings and provides programs for over 15,000 people.

Both programs will be held at the Fisher School at 7:30 in the evening and are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

*Contributed by Joan Murphy*

## Quarter Century Award

The Westwood Historical Society proudly announces that the Quarter Century Award recipient is Tony Antonellis. Tony has served the citizens of Westwood for many years. He was Selectman for 12 years, Town Moderator, and currently serves as Sewer Commissioner. Earlier he served on the Historical Commission and Board of Directors of Open, Westwood Land Trust, Pop Warner, Little League and more. A graduate of Westwood High School and Wesleyan University, he has contributed his time and talent to Westwood for many years.

The Historical Society's award is presented each year to a person or couple who have made an outstanding contribution to the community for more than 25 years, making Westwood a better place to live. The contribution could be in any field such as education, religion, arts, civic, or social service. Previous recipients of the honorary tribute are: Yetta and Alexander Fisher, Barbara and Allan Beale, Donald MacLellan, Allen Baker, Richard Youlden, Ellie and Roy London, Lillian Perkins, Robert Wood, Gordon Youlden, Tom Dunn, Joseph Weider, Emlen and Jim Wheeler, Duncan and Ellen McFarland, Shirley Howard, Joe and Joy Clancy, Irene and Ralph Buonopane, Barbara Friedman, Mike Beaumont, Joan Swann, Lura Provost, Russ and Marilyn Downes, Ann and Jerry Cronin, and Joan Murphy.

The honorary award will be presented on Thursday evening, April 7th at 7:30 PM at the Fisher School, 830 High Street. Please join in celebrating Tony Antonellis's dedication to Westwood.

*Contributed by Lura Provost*

## Westwood Environmental Action Committee

### Solar Panel Forum Packs Senior Center

Forty people packed the community room at the Westwood Senior Center in January to learn how to get free, clean electricity from the sun.

The Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEAC) hosted the forum "Put your roof to work: Solarize and save." The greater efficiency, fast falling price, and tax/cost incentives make solar power a cost saving way to power your home now.



Craig Dwyer, the manager of

*Incentives were one of the hot topics discussed at the Solar Panel Forum at the Sr. Center.*

commercial solar developer Brightergy, discussed the technical aspects of home solar installations. He covered roofing requirements, inverters, and how a rooftop PV system connects to the grid with a bidirectional meter. He recommended buying "Tier 1" panels for the best quality. Solar panels prolong the life of a roof, and help keep them snow free.

Incentives make owning or leasing solar photovoltaic panels cost effective.

- System owners receive a 30% Federal tax credit for the installation cost, which was just extended through 2019.
- Net metering currently credits a residential solar generator for the cost of every excess watt they put on the system. That credit is applied to electricity used when the panels aren't producing. Mr. Dwyer noted that panels generate some power even when it's cloudy and rainy.
- For every megawatt hour (1000 kWh) a system produces, the owner can receive Solar Renewable Energy Credits, currently valued at \$275, or 28c/kWh.

Tom Philbin, Westwood's Energy Manager announced that the Town is bidding out a Solar Opportunity project, in which 1.2-1.5 MW of solar capacity will be installed on several municipal building rooftops, saving an estimated \$200,000/year. He detailed the Town's numerous energy and cost saving projects, funded

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## 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:** Select Tuesdays, 2:15-3:30 p.m. – March 22; April 19; May 24; and June 28

**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](mailto:guide@whiteoakcottages.com).

*Contributed by Kristin Torsiello*

## from the Town Clerk's Desk



### Dog licensing for 2016 is ongoing through March 31, 2016

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

#### 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 Clerks office at 781-326-3964.*

**The Annual Town Census was sent to each household in December. If you have not returned it please do so; 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:

**Wednesday, April 6, 2016:** Last day to register new voters for Town Election and Town Meeting.

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016:** Annual Town Election, polls open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 2, 2016:** Annual Town Meeting at Westwood High School Auditorium, check-in 7:00 p.m., meeting begins 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, August 19, 2016:** Last day to register new voters and change party enrollment 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.

## Veteran's Corner



You may have noticed that several of the "Veteran's Square" plaques had been removed. They have now been replaced after being re-painted. The process of refurbishing the plaques will continue over the summer so if you are curious why some are missing, they are getting a much needed and over-due face lift.



*Signage around our Veterans' Squares are being refreshed over the next few months.*

## Memorial Day 2016 falls on Monday, May 30

#### Events are as follows:

*Friday, May 27,* the American flags at Veterans' grave sites, in both cemeteries, will be refreshed.

*Saturday, May 28,* geraniums will be planted at Veterans' grave sites.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for these very meaningful events are welcome to gather at the New Westwood Cemetery on either or both days, at 8:30 a.m.

On Monday, May 30, the annual Memorial Day Parade will step off from Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. The parade will march down Rt. 109 (High Street) to the Old Westwood Cemetery and gather at the Band Stand for Memorial Day services. Please plan to join us as we remember and honor all those who served and fought to preserve our freedoms.

*Contributed by Paula Scoble*

*Let freedom ring!  
Bring out your red, white and blue on Memorial Day and join your neighbors for a parade in honor of our service men and women.*



### Finance and Warrant Commission 2016 Meeting Schedule:

Monday, March 7, 2016 at Westwood Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at Westwood Public Library, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)

**Public Hearing – Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article Summaries**

Monday, March 28, 2016 at Westwood Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Westwood Public Library, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)

**Final Public Hearing – Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

## Westwood Cultural Council

The Westwood Cultural Council has completed its grant awarding process for this year. Their primary purpose in deciding which projects to fund was to fund projects that reached residents of all ages. This included a grant to the Westwood Integrated Preschool which funded a program on Owls, presented by the Blue Hills Trailside Museum. The Martha Jones School received a grant funding a program on African Folklore and the Sheehan School received a grant to host a four day World Rhythms program. The Model United Nations Club at Westwood High School received funds to offset costs to take students to a conference at Boston College. The Westwood Public Library received two grants -- one to fund an Irish story and song program in March and the other to fund Gregory Maichack's pastel painting workshop in May. The Council on Aging also received two grants, both for musical performances. The Senior Center will host Richard Travers in March and Tommy Rull in July. The Westwood Historical Society received a grant to host Anthony Sammarco's program on Boston's Irish and , finally, the Cultural Council joined other Cultural Councils in granting funds to the Fuller Craft Museum. The Museum is hosting a year long series -- Artkitchen Café. This series includes thirty programs featuring poetry, live music, craft activities and more. All these programs are during the evening and on weekends so that everyone may enjoy them.

The Westwood Cultural Council is always looking to provide grants for community wide gatherings that celebrate local history and cultural diversity, as well as school programs that promote art education and field trips. They also would like to fund programs for residents ages 30-60 without a parenting theme. Individuals and organizations can apply for projects such as workshops, lectures, exhibitions festivals, and performing arts projects. Applications must be completed and postmarked by October 15, 2016 and sent to the Council at Town Hall. Forms can be obtained at [www.massculturalcouncil.org](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org) and more information can be obtained by emailing [westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com).

*Contributed by Joan Murphy*

## IAM Strong Foundation

### Save The Date: IAM STRONG FOUNDATION TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

The IAM Strong Foundation, which seeks to shatter the stigma surrounding teen mental health issues, will hold its Second Annual 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, May 1st. Monies raised will allow the IAM Strong Foundation to continue its mission to open the conversation about adolescent mental health, to provide support to those who are struggling, and to provide education for parents, teachers, and adolescents.



Thanks to the success of the 2015 5K Run/Walk, IAM Strong was able to establish a grant cycle to support individuals and organizations in creating programs and initiatives focusing on adolescent mental health. Last Fall, the grants that were awarded funded an adolescent development speaker series at Thurston Middle School, teacher and staff attendance at a regional mental health conference, and a girl scout project for an original film about adolescent mental health struggles. A second grant cycle was recently announced, and grant applications will be accepted through April 1st. Grant applicants must be non-profit organizations or affiliated individuals who share a vision that aligns with the mission and values of the IAM Strong Foundation. Grant applications and details about the grant process are available at [www.iamstrongfoundation.org](http://www.iamstrongfoundation.org). Or, email [grants@iamstrongfoundation.org](mailto:grants@iamstrongfoundation.org) with any questions or requests for further information.

The IAM Strong Foundation's Second Annual 5K will be a great opportunity to both support the mission of the IAM Strong Foundation and to give our community an opportunity to come together to support mental health for all adolescents. Last year's 5K brought together over 800 participants, and the organization looks forward to another vibrant community event this year. Details about how to participate or to contribute can be found at [www.iamstrongfoundation.org](http://www.iamstrongfoundation.org). There will be a 1.5 mile option for those who are interested in a shorter route. Pre-registration will extend through April 11th.

For more information about the work and mission of the IAM Strong Foundation, visit [www.iamstrongfoundation.org](http://www.iamstrongfoundation.org), view their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/IAMStrongFoundation](http://www.facebook.com/IAMStrongFoundation), or check out the IAM Strong Instagram, @iam.strong.foundation.

*Contributed by Antonia Nedder*

## REMEMBER TO...



April 26	Annual Town Election
May 2	Annual Town Meeting
September 8	State Primary
November 8	State Election



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## Westwood Young Women's Club

The Westwood Young Women's Club will be hosting an *Easter Egg Hunt* on Sunday, March 20 at the high school during the Rotary Club's breakfast with the Easter Bunny! The hunt will begin at 11 a.m. Please have your child bring their Easter Basket!

The club is also hosting our annual *Touch-A-Truck* in early June at Westwood High School. We will have a petting zoo, games, face-painting, an obstacle course and a food truck. (Date to be determined)

Mark your calendars for our ever-popular *Summer Concert Series* on the lawn in front of the Westwood Senior Center. We've lined up some fun entertainment for kids of all ages. July 11: *The Bubbleman*; July 18: *The Jitterbugs*; and July 25th: *Jedlie's Totally Interactive Magic Circus!!* Pizza will be available for purchase, and the Snowie Bus will be selling make-your-own snow cones.

Details for all our events are posted on our website [wywc.org](http://wywc.org). Be sure to "like" us on Facebook! The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, and we are happy to welcome any new members interested in joining!

*Contributed by Jamy Pombo Sesselman*



**Temple Beth David of Westwood****UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP****AT TEMPLE BETH DAVID OF WESTWOOD*****Congregation elects Husband and Wife to serve as Co-Rabbis and Co-Educators***

At an overflowing Congregational meeting on Thursday evening January 14, 2016, the congregation of Temple Beth David of Westwood voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Rabbi Karen Citrin and Rabbi Micah Citrin as Co-Rabbis and Co-Educators beginning in July 2016. Together, the Rabbis Citrin will serve as the fourth elected rabbi for this Reform congregation in its 55-year history. They succeed long-time Rabbi (Emeritus) Henry Zoob, Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein and Interim Rabbi Darryl Crystal. Rabbis Karen and Micah Citrin are husband and wife, and presently serve as Co-Rabbis at Temple Israel in Tulsa, OK.

Said Temple President David Wang: "Tonight's vote represents the culmination of a process which began almost a year ago. Since my term began in July of 2014, I have stressed the importance of 'Kehilla' or Community. Tonight that Community came together to ratify the hard work performed by all those involved in selecting these extraordinary Rabbis who will ably and joyously lead our congregation into the future."

Rabbi Karen, originally from Belmont, Massachusetts and a graduate of Brandeis University, was ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles in 2003. Prior to serving in Oklahoma, Rabbi Karen served as Associate Rabbi and Rabbi/Educator at Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo, CA for ten years. In addition to leading worship, lifecycle events and fostering pastoral relationships, Rabbi Karen directed a variety of education programs including a nationally recognized Shabbat family education experience. Rabbi Karen values partnering with congregants to create and communicate vision, empowering innovation and involvement.

Rabbi Micah, originally from Albuquerque, New Mexico (although born in Brookline, MA) and a graduate of the University of Oregon, was ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles in 2005. Rabbi Micah has also served as Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, CA, and Director of Community Life and Learning at Kehillah Jewish High School in Palo Alto, CA. He worked with Rabbi Karen and the clergy team at Peninsula Temple Beth El for three years in San Mateo, CA as Rabbi/Educator, especially focusing on teen engagement. Rabbi Micah strives to build



*Rabbi Micah Citrin and Rabbi Karen Citrin*

connections through worship, study, and lifecycle moments. He believes in empowering congregants to become more knowledgeable in the Jewish tradition so that they can find personal meaning and feel inspired to make a difference in the world.

Both Rabbis hold Master's Degrees in Jewish Education from the highly esteemed HUC-JIR Rhea Hirsch School of Education. They are the proud parents of twin 3rd grade boys.

The congregation thanks Interim Rabbi Darryl Crystal for his leadership and guidance.

Temple Beth David of Westwood was founded in 1960 and is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. It serves approximately 250 families in Westwood, Medfield and surrounding towns. For more information visit: [www.templebethdavid.net/](http://www.templebethdavid.net/).

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*Contributed by Amy Cook and David Wang*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WESTWOOD  
DAY**

**September 24, 2016**

[WESTWOODDAY.COM](http://WESTWOODDAY.COM)

**Foundation for Westwood Education** *continued from page 1*

The Foundation for Westwood Education is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Tickets for the Friday, May 6 event are on sale now at [www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org](http://www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org)

Also please note: The spring deadline for grant applications is April 15, 2016.

*Contributed by Leslie Greffenius*



SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

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## DEERFIELD FIELD PROJECT

The Deerfield Field redevelopment project is nearly complete. The new field space has been expanded and hosts two softball fields complete with backstops, skinned infields and irrigation. The fields are now properly graded to facilitate drainage. The entire field area has been covered with sod. The warm and dry weather this past fall has allowed for the completion of the sod installation in a timely manner.

Other improvements include a perimeter walking path that connects the school with the public library and the walking path to High Street. This footpath diverts foot traffic off of the playing fields and includes 1/3 mile circuit of trail for exercise. The walking path to High Street will be maintained throughout the winter to ensure safe passage for students as they travel to and from school.

The Deerfield field project was funded through a housing mitigation payment made to the town by University Station. The Department of Public Works, Recreation Department and School Department worked collaboratively to plan and oversee the project with significant input from neighbors, abutters and sport user groups. Sodding the field was made possible by the very generous support of Westwood Youth Soccer, Westwood Youth Softball and Westwood Youth Boys Lacrosse.



## FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY, MAY 7

7:00-11:00 AM

BUCKMASTER POND

**YOUTH DIVISION** ages 15 & under - FREE

Prizes will be awarded! Participants must bring their own fishing pole.

**ADULT DIVISION** ages 16 & up - \$10

Prizes will be awarded for largest fish caught. Adult participants must obey all Massachusetts Fish & Game regulations. Adults register on the day of the event at the Concession Stand.

### CONCESSION STAND

Coffee, Donuts, Water, Soda, Hot Dogs and WORMS!

### SPONSORED BY

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Westwood Permanent Firefighters Local 1994

## SUMMER CAMP

Westwood Recreation Department is gearing up for another fun and exciting summer! Summer of 2015 was a big year for Summer Days, as we leveraged new relationships with affiliated organizations to improve our camp program. After completing a stringent best practices process, Summer Days attained official state licensing from the Westwood Board of Health to operate as a camp. Westwood Recreation contracted with CampDoc.com to implement an electronic health record system that centralizes and secures camper health information. The Recreation Department also developed a partnership with Dedham Medical Associates to have a Health Care Consultant oversee and guide us in our handling of any medical and health related issues. The Department is planning for an adventurous summer and we're excited to see both new and familiar faces to experience the fun of Westwood Recreation Summer Camp!

## Westwood Youth Softball

### Spring is just around the corner!

**Westwood Youth Softball (WYS) has exciting news and announcements for the upcoming softball season.**

WYS is partnering with Dirt Dawgs in Canton, MA to offer clinics dedicated to pitching and catching. This is a wonderful opportunity for players in grades 3-8 to further develop their pitching and catching skills. Starting in Grade 3, players begin to pitch and catch in the Metrowest League. Three clinics are being offered and each includes four one-hour sessions on Sunday afternoons for \$60.

Also this spring, the two new softball fields at the Deerfield School will be open. The new fields will be used primarily for our in-town program (Grades 1 and 2) and may also be used for games by our travel teams as needed.



The annual WYS Red Sox outing will be on Friday night, June 3rd. What better way to end the season and kickoff summer with a game at Fenway Park! Tickets are only \$40. Please join us in the outfield grandstand for what will be a memorable game against the Toronto Blue Jays.

WYS has recently implemented many new programs and enhancements including, free fall and spring player clinics, coaches clinics, WYS nights at Fenway Park and opportunities to win prizes with contests and raffles -- just to name a few!

Please visit our website at [www.westwoodyouthsoftball.org](http://www.westwoodyouthsoftball.org) for more details about current and upcoming programs, including the spring pitching and catching clinics and the June 3 WYS night at the Red Sox.

*Contributed by Laureen Danieli*

## WEAC Solar Forum *continued from page 6*

largely through \$380,000 in Green Community grants and Eversource incentive programs.

At the end of the presentations, a panel of three Westwood residents described how owning, leasing and power purchase agreements worked for them, and all took numerous questions from the audience.

Jan Galkowski explained that in his effort to get off fossil fuel led him to purchase a high efficiency 10 kW system, which has been performing admirably even in his tree shaded lot since December 31. With the tax credit, net metering and SRECs, the \$50K cost should be paid off in 7 years, with free electricity after that.

WEAC member Emmy Behlau installed a system last year on her east-west facing roofs at no cost, and signed a Power Purchase Agreement with the panel owner. She will pay a low fixed rate of 18c/kWh (total) for electricity produced by the PV system to the installer for 20 years, at which time she will own the panels.

John Cummings has been leasing a 33 panel system on his south facing roof for four years to help save the world for his kids. He paid approximately 1/3 the cost of the system as a leased price over 20 years, and has no electric bill from May through October. His return on investment will be 3.5 years. The company gets the tax credit and SRECs, he gets free electricity.

For more information, or to reach any of the presenters/homeowners, join the Westwood Neighbors Forum at <http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/westwood/>.

*Contributed by Claire Galkowski, Westwood Environmental Action Committee*

## Rotary Club of Westwood

### What has the Rotary Club of Westwood been doing?

The Rotary Club of Westwood worked with the Garden Club of Fox Hill Village to **create holiday centerpieces**. Fox Hill Village graciously hosted the event and provided a delicious lunch. The centerpieces were distributed to the Westwood Food Pantry. Families that visited the Food Pantry had the opportunity to choose a centerpiece to take with them. Centerpieces were also distributed to several shut-in residents.



A few weeks later, the club again visited Fox Hill Village to have a **luncheon meeting with member, Al Courtney**. Al was also the speaker for the meeting sharing his experiences from his time in Rotary as well as his time serving in the military. Experiencing war at a young age left a lasting impression on Al. Being a part of Rotary allowed him to try and bring a positive influence to the world. Al was the former District Governor for District 7190 in New York before becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Westwood in District 7910.



The Rotary Club of Westwood will be holding its **Annual Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Westwood High School from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. The price for breakfast is \$6.00 per person and free to those under 3 years old. The Easter Bunny along with some friends will be there so bring your cameras. Music will be provided by Jeannie Mack from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The Westwood Young Women's Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00.

The Rotary Club of Westwood continues to **collect travel size toiletries** for On The Rise, a daytime shelter for homeless women in Boston. Donations are accepted at Dedham Savings, 673 High St., Westwood.

### Save The Date!!

On May 14, 2016, the Club will host a **Recycling Event** at the First Baptist Church, 808 High St, Westwood, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [www.westwoodrotary.com](http://www.westwoodrotary.com) for more information. Proceeds from this event will help the club to support its project locally and internationally.

The Rotary Club of Westwood meets weekly for lunch every Tuesday from 12:15 to 1:30 at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Laura Macs at [laura.macs@dedhamsavings.com](mailto:laura.macs@dedhamsavings.com)

*Contributed by Laura Eric Macs*



**Westwood Youth & Family Services**

*Contributed by WY&FS staff*

Find out more about programs, see pictures of our community in action, and read up on parenting tips and suggestions!



## Bullying Prevention Theater Program Is A Success

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

This year's BPT program began in September 2015 with twenty-one high school mentors spending over 500 total hours preparing and rehearsing for the performances which took place at Thurston Middle School in January. Mentors captivated the sixth-grade class at Thurston with five skits about bullying, followed by thoughtful classroom discussions and related activities. The nearly 290 sixth-graders were presented with real-life scenarios about bullying based on stereotypes, gender differences, and peer pressure, among other topics. Mentors acted out various ways in which bystanders can help to stop bullying from happening and offered strategies to take the power away from bullies.



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The success of the program would not have been possible without support from the faculty and staff at both Thurston Middle School and Westwood High School. Most of all, Westwood Youth & Family Services wants to thank the high school mentors for their dedication to rehearsals and the performances, despite their very busy schedules! The 2015-2016 BPT Mentors were: Max Cope-Flanagan, Will Danforth, Kevin Deeb, Sydney Devaney, Leena Dolabany, Mackenzie Draper, Emily Foscaldo, Beamelak Getachew, Will Gettings, Dante Giugliano, Ashwin Gowda, Libby James, Tim Kearns, Nastia Kukunova, Tiffany Law, Richard Li, Julia Marcantonio, Maddie McDonough, Hattie Rowe, Julia Serrecchia, and Carley Stebbins.

## R.A.Y. Program Nominations



Find the nomination form and a set of guidelines at [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs). The deadline to submit a nomination is March 31, 2016.



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

Westwood Rotary and Westwood Youth & Family Services (WY&FS) are seeking the public's help in identifying young people in our community that have demonstrated a commitment to helping others. We would like to celebrate these individuals by honoring them with the R.A.Y. (Recognize-A-Youth) Award. Recipients will have distinguished themselves through their initiative and commitment to community service and have demonstrated an ethic of caring for others that is essential to the health of our community. If you know of a young person that should be honored please nominate them for a R.A.Y. Award.

This spring, members of the Westwood Rotary will select the outstanding young people to be recognized from the pool of nominees. Recipients will be honored at a Rotary luncheon, receive a certificate of appreciation and a small gift, courtesy of the Westwood Rotary. The R.A.Y. Program will recognize more than one person should a group of young people be nominated for a group community service effort.

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## Westwood Youth & Family Services

### Seventy-Seven Westwood Children Supported with Holiday Giving Program

This past December for the 15th year in a row, Westwood Youth & Family Services managed the **Holiday Giving Program** for the town. The WY&FS Holiday Giving Program connects local sponsors with Westwood families in need of support during the holidays. This year 44 Westwood families and a total of 77 children were supported due to the generous donations of fellow Westwood residents and businesses. Sponsors provided holiday gifts for children in a confidential program coordinated by the department. This year WY&FS happily distributed over 250 gifts.

WY&FS would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support of the program: The Rotary Club of Westwood, Dedham Savings Bank, Century 21 Commonwealth, The Barn Yard Childcare Center, Westwood Montessori, The Tobin School Westwood, National Charity League, Order of the Eastern Star Westwood, Westwood Girl Scouts, Universal Wilde, and Colantuoni Bros. Corp.

A picture from last December, of a good number of the donations gathered while awaiting distribution to local families in need. In total, 77 children were supported through the Holiday Giving Program managed by the WY&FS.



PHOTO: WY&FS



## Spring 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

#### Spring Programs for Pre-School Aged Children

**STORYTIMES:** Storytimes are presented in 6 week sessions. We encourage families to attend consistently all 6 weeks in order to get the most learning opportunities from storytime.

**\*Little Listeners:** Children ages 3-5. Children will hear stories, songs, rhymes, watch short films, and make a craft. Please note: Registration is for all 6 weeks of the session.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. **\*Registration Required**  
Spring Session: March 1-April 5 and April 26-May 24

**Wondrous Wednesdays:** All ages storytime. In this drop-in (no registration necessary) storytime children will hear stories and rhymes, dance, sing songs, and participate in other fun activities.

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. **Drop-in program**  
Spring Session: March 2-April 6 and April 27-May 25

**Read, Play, Sing:** For all ages. Join us as we read, sing, and play in this storytime filled with movement, music, songs, play, and craft activities!

Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. **Drop-in program**  
March 2-April 6 and April 27-May 25

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

Fridays, 10:30-10:50 a.m. **Drop-in program**  
Spring Session: March 4-April 8 and April 29-May 27

**Saturday Storytime:** For families of young children ages 0-5. Families will hear stories, rhymes, songs, & more at this special, Saturday morning storytime. What a perfect way to start the weekend!

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. **Drop in program**  
March 26, April 9, May 14

#### Spring Programs for School Aged Children

**\*Creative Kids:** Children in grades K-1. Children will see their favorite stories come alive by participating in creative dramatics as well as arts & craft activities.

Thursdays, 4-4:45 p.m. **\*Registration Required**  
Spring Session: March 3-April 7 and April 28-May 26

**\*Farm Storytime:** For families with children ages 0-5. Come visit the librarians as we have storytime in the thick of all the action at Powisset Farm. Powisset Farm has graciously agreed to host us for this fun, interactive storytime on a real, working farm. Storytime will be outside, weather depending, so bundle up and dress weather appropriate. This program is located at Powisset Farm, 37 Powisset St. Dover.

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. **\*Registration Required**  
April 4, 11, 25

**\*Monday Funday Club:** For kids in grades 2-3. Bring fun back into Monday as we explore favorite book series and participate in related games, crafts, and other activities!

Mondays, 4:00 p.m. **\*Registration Required**  
March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 and 11

#### Special Programs for Children

##### APRIL VACATION

**\*Family Yoga @ Islington Branch:** Adults with children ages 3-6. Come to the Islington Branch for an engaging yoga program for the little guys. Partner with your toddler in simple animated poses, games, music and breathing exercises that help strengthen coordination and build body awareness.

Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. **\*Registration Required**

**Movie Night at the Library:** Join us at the library to see movies on the big screen! This is a great family friendly event. We will be playing a G rated movie at 4:00 p.m. and a PG movie at 6:00 p.m. Movie titles to be announced. Check website for details.

Tuesday, April 19, 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. **Drop-in program**

**\*Our Feathered Friends:** For children ages 3-5 and parent/caregiver. Come celebrate spring by listening to a story and making a (peanut butter free!) bird feeder.

Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. **\*Registration Required**

**\*ART Incubator—Zentangle:** For kids in grade 4–6. Art Incubator sessions we will learn a new and unique art technique. Join us for Zentangle! We will provide all the materials & some basic instruction.

Wednesday, April 20, 2-2:45 p.m. **\*Registration Required**

**Family Fun Night:** We will have the library set up for some fun for families with children of all ages. Board games, card games, wii, toddler bowling, and snacks! Come spend quality time together at the library.

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. **Drop in program**

**Candyland @ Islington Branch:** Come and play a life sized version of Candyland at the Branch! We will be turning our beloved Islington branch into a delicious candy themed land where you must try to be the first to get to Candy Castle.

Thursday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Drop in program**

**Color Me Crazy!** Coloring program for kids and their parents: Coloring is fun for all ages! Come and color with your child, we will provide age appropriate coloring books for children and adults as well as markers, crayons, and colored pencils. Spend some quality time with your child with some good ole fashioned coloring!

Thursday, April 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. **Drop-in program**

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**APRIL VACATION** *continued*

**Pet Parade:** Join us for the first annual Westwood Library pet parade! Do you love your pet and want to show the world how awesome he/she is? Bring your well-behaved pet to the library for a parade! Be ready to tell people about your pet. If your pet has a trick, please share it with us! All pet parade participants will receive a certificate. More details to follow. This event is rain or shine.

Saturday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.

**Main Library Teen Events**

**Just for Fun Teen Book Club:** For students in grades 5-8. Come to the library and take a break from homework, talk about books, and eat snacks! This new book group is led by WHS Senior Illana Goldberg on early-release Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Extra copies will be available to pick up at the library. Check the library website or call the library for details and book title: 781-320-1045.

March 3: Group Choice-TBA

April 13: Individual choice-TBA

**\*Karaoke with Kevin Cain!** For students in grades 6-12. Karaoke with on-screen lyrics, wireless microphone systems and an electronic music database. Snacks provided! Call 781-320-1045 or email [wwdtab@minlib.net](mailto:wwdtab@minlib.net).

Friday, March 18, 3:00 p.m.

**\*Registration Required**

**Meet the Frisbee Guy!** For students in grades 6-12. Gary Aeubach is a "Freestyle" World champion. He will demonstrate his advanced skills by doing moves, tricks, and stunts. He finishes with a "Hands on Frisbee Fun" activity. Snacks provided! Call 781-320-1045 or email [wwdtab@minlib.net](mailto:wwdtab@minlib.net)

Friday, April 15, 3:00 p.m.

**Main Library Adult Department Programming**

**Author Talk-Peter Zheutlin, author of *Rescue Road: One Man, Thirty Thousand Dogs, and a Million Miles on the Last Hope Highway*.** The extraordinary story of one man who has driven more than 1 million miles to rescue thousands of dogs from hunger, abuse and neglect and given them a second chance at life and love. For years, Greg Mahler struggled to keep the last of his family-run restaurants afloat in Ohio. When it finally closed, he was broke and unsure what to do next. Then a stranded van-load of puppies changed his life forever. Join journalist Peter Zheutlin as he travels with Greg from Ohio to the Gulf Coast on his Rescue Road Trips to bring hard-luck dogs from the deep South to loving "forever families" up north, with the help of many selfless volunteers along the way. The book will be available for purchase and autographing following the presentation. All are welcome!

**Main Library:** Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

**Color Me Happy: Adult Coloring:** Coloring is said to decrease stress while enhancing creativity. Join us at the library, where relaxing music and new friends await! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. No registration required - it's ok to drop-in anytime between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.!

**Main Library:** Thursday, March 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Eating Right for Your Family:** Join Westwood Schools' Food Director and nutritionist Colin Boisvert as he talks about the best way to eat right for you and your family. No registration is required and all are welcome! This event is part of "Live Simple, Live Better--A Year of Wellness" program series at the Westwood Public Library.

**Main Library:** Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.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.

**Main Library:** March 25, 10:30 a.m. - *Inside the O'Briens*  
by Lisa Genova

April 29, 10:30 a.m. - *Between the Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys

May 20, 10:30 a.m. - *The Island of Worthy Boys*

by Connie Hertzberg\*

\*Special book discussion with the author!

**Gallery Display & Presentation - Rob Franco: Assateague**

**Island Wild Ponies:** This show will begin on Saturday, April 2 and will run through April 30. Franco will lead a presentation and video on the Wild Ponies of Assateague Island in Eastern Maryland. The presentation will include a show and tell of objects found on the Eastern Shore from shipwrecks and natural objects washed up after coastal storms.

**Main Library Display:** Saturday, April 2 and will run through April 30.

**Main Library Presentation:** Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.

**Get Organized:** Tricia Nelson from Finely Functional will speak about simple and effective ways to organize and manage the living space around you. There will be time for Q/As. No registration is required and all are welcome! This event is part of "Live Simple, Live Better--A Year of Wellness" program series at the Westwood Public Library.

**Main Library:** Wednesday, May 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

**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 both the Main Library Circulation Desk.

**Main Library:** March 21st @ 7:00 p.m. - *The Beekeeper's*

*Apprentice* by Laurie R. King

May 2 @ 7:00 p.m. - TBA

June 6 @ 7:00 p.m. - TBA

**Intro to Digital Photography I: Unlocking the Mysteries of Your Digital Camera:** Award-winning Westwood photographer Melanie Guerra will be offering her Intro to Photography workshop! This workshop will help you understand how to use the settings on your Digital SLR camera to take better photos! You will also learn tricks of composition and focus, plus how to take great indoor photos without using a flash. Also get an overview of lenses and their uses. Whether you are taking family photos, picking up photography as a hobby, or wondering if photography is something you'd like to pursue, this workshop will help you understand basic principles of photography and allow you to take more polished, professional looking shots! No registration required! This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library, and this event is part of the "Live Simple, Live Better- A Year of Wellness at the Westwood Public Library.

**Main Library:** Tuesday, May 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

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### **Main Library Adult Department Programs**

**New Movie Tuesday:** Join us once a month as we screen a new film on its DVD release day! All are welcome, but please note some films may be rated R.

**Main Library:** Check our website, or call the Information Desk at 781-320-1045 for updated dates and times!

**Pastel Painting Workshop with Greg Maichack\*:** Pastel paint “stunning still lifes” like the masters with Greg Maichack. Maichack will provide all the materials and guide you with your painting. His workshops in the past years have been very successful and satisfied participants have been proud of their final products. **Registration required**, call 781-320-1045 to sign-up.

This program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Westwood Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Main Library:** May 20th, 1:00 p.m. **\*Registration Required**

**Technology Help Drop-ins:** Do you have a new laptop, tablet or e-reader, and are looking for a little help getting started? Have you heard about getting free e-books, audio books, tv shows & movies from the library, and want to learn more? Or do you want to learn a new language at home & at no cost? Grab your device & come to our Technology Help Drop-In!

No registration is required, but be sure to bring your device, your library card, and any passwords or other information that might help get you hooked up! If none of the drop-ins work with your email, email [mriportella@minlib.net](mailto:mriportella@minlib.net) or call 781-320-1004 to set up an appointment!

**Main Library:** Mondays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Fridays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Islington Branch:** Thursdays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Unlaunch'd Voices, an Evening With Walt Whitman:** Celebrate National Poetry Month with Stephen Collins as he performs as Walt Whitman! Hear Walt Whitman recite his work from *Leaves of Grass*, and reflect on his work as a nurse of the battlefields of the Civil War. No registration required, and all are welcome! This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

**Main Library:** April 6, 7:00 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](http://www.westwoodlibrary.org)**

## **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**

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

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

**Drop in program**

March 3-April 7; April 28-May 26

**Pajama-Rama Storytime:** Ages 2 & up. Children can come in their jammies and bring a special stuffed animal and blanket to hear stories and songs.

3rd Wednesday of the month

**Drop in program**

March 16, April 20, May 18, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

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

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

**Drop in program**

April 5- May 31

### **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, 10:30 a.m.

**Drop in program**

March 15 and May 17

**Islington Branch Book Group:** Join us to discuss some great reads! (Note venue change in May.)

**Drop in program**

Islington Branch, Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

*The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri

Main Library, Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.

*Elephant Company* by Vicki Constantine Croke

**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**



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Teen Study Nights a huge success. See related story on page 20.



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eBooks, audiobooks and comics. Consumer Reports, the Boston Globe, Mango Languages, Health Reference Resources, the Historical New York Times, legal forms, nursing information and online test resources for the SATs or a variety of other exams are just a sampling of the options available. Most of these resources are available from any internet connection. All you need for easy access is your Minuteman Library card number.

And when you have a question about a resource, or are looking for a suggestion for a new author or title, or have an information need, the staff of the Westwood Public Library are there to provide direction and assistance.

### Technology Improvements

This past year the Westwood Public Library was closed for 11 weeks for ceiling construction work. This provided an opportunity to add new technology components in the very well-used Community Room. Improvements include:

- Installation of an FM Hearing Assistance System. This easy-to-use system is available for up to four individuals at any one time and includes four receivers with earspeakers or a neckloop device. The neckloop device is intended to be used by individuals with hearing aids. Funding for this was very generously provided by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.
- A large rolling cart with a flat panel television has also been installed. This will allow for additional viewing capability in the library's community room – and provides a mobile screen so that individuals sitting as part of a panel or forum are able to view what is being projected on the large screen without having to relocate into the audience.
- SCAN TO FAX and SCAN TO DROPBOX options are now available at the scanning station area on the second floor. Just ask the Reference staff for assistance; we'll be happy to help! Cost per page (within the USA) is \$.25; cost per page for faxes sent internationally is \$.50.

### Programming and use of the Library as a community space

Meeting Room reservations are increasingly popular. The small study rooms on the second floor are the most coveted space in the new library building and are in use throughout the day. Multiple library events and programs take place on a regular basis, including new adult and 5th to 8th grade bookgroups, movie screenings, teen and children's programming; and special community events are planned, such as the upcoming "Great Decisions" program, "Harry Potter Book Night," and the "Live Simple Live Better—A Year of Wellness @ the Westwood Public Library" program.

Meetings of town committees and organizations are regularly scheduled in the two meeting rooms located on the first floor – including groups such as FinCom, the Planning Board, Brownie Troops, Daisies and Girl Scouts, Eagle Scouts, a local Chess Club, Chinese Storytime, and many others. The Islington Branch also continues to offer a variety of programming initiatives for all ages. Book Groups, Book Shares, Legos, Pajama Storytimes and Family Yoga are a few of the options that have taken place just this past month at the Islington Branch Library.

Statistics are often cited as a way to measure a library's efficiency or efficacy. And while circulation statistics are important, we remain conscious of some of the other measurements of a library's importance to the community it serves, especially understanding how the Library is being used by residents from the town.

In October, the Main Library closed for construction. Circulation figures for the Main Library will necessarily be reduced for 2015 because of this closure. But there was a concurrent increase in circulation at the Islington Branch Library. From October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, circulation at the Islington Branch numbered 15,691. This corresponds to an average of nearly 2500 items checked out each week by patrons at the Islington Branch while the Main Library was closed. Last year, in FY2015, the number of materials circulating at the branch and the main library was 262,598, of which 29,930 were items circulated at the branch. During this same time period, attendance (patron visits) for the Main Library totaled 130,113, while the branch counted 27,000 visitors.

### Strategic Plan for the Westwood Public Library—An Invitation to the Community

Beginning in February 2016, the Westwood Public Library Trustees and staff will be working on the development of a new strategic (long-range) plan for the Library. A **Community Focus Group** is being formed to assist in the formulation of the plan. Libraries exist to serve the needs of their community, and we believe that residents have insights and opinions that would be valuable to hear. It is only with your input and assistance that we can ensure that we are growing in the best possible direction.

The goal of the Community Focus Group is to engage in a public discussion relating to the future and values of the Westwood Public Library—including the components of the library's mission such as literacy, innovation and community engagement. Participants will explore the role and value of the Westwood Public Library and provide feedback and information that will guide the formulation of the library's strategic plan.

The time commitment for participation in the Community Focus Group will include reading materials provided prior to the planning session and attendance at one three hour meeting which will be held in the evening in March/early April (date and time tbd).

Members of the Westwood community who would be interested in participating in this Community Focus Group for the Westwood Public Library planning process are invited to indicate their interest by providing their contact information to Tricia Perry, Library Director at [tperry@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:tperry@townhall.westwood.ma.us) (781-320-1041) or Library Trustee Chair, Mary Masi Phelps at [masiphelps@comcast.net](mailto:masiphelps@comcast.net).

We will be finalizing plans soon, so if you are interested in participating, please indicate your interest by March 20th. We are looking for three self-selected "at large" members of the community to join the group, so if more than three individuals express interest, three names will be randomly selected to join this Community Focus Group.

*Contributed by Trisha Perry, Library Director*





# WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Westwood Residents,

March 2016

In late January I presented to the School Committee my proposed FY'17 School Department budget. I believe strongly that securing resources for our public schools is of critical importance. It is not a stretch to say that the quality and reputation of the Westwood Public Schools has an impact on every household in town.

To that end, it is important to me that residents have the information they need to make informed decisions about local spending initiatives. If you would like more information on our budget, you can visit the district website at [www.westwood.k12.ma.us](http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us) (School Committee > Budget), or you can call my office at 781-326-7500 x1341 and I will mail you a copy.

In addition, although it is a few months away, please mark your calendar for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. Very important business is conducted at these meetings, most of which impacts each and every Westwood resident. I encourage you to attend Town Meeting to have a voice in local government. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for your continued support of the Westwood Public Schools!



## "Valentines for Veterans" Allows Fifth Graders to Give Back

by Sarah Cronin, Hanlon School Principal

The final year of elementary school is a very special one. Talk to any fifth grader, and you'll hear sentimental reflections on the past, as well as enthusiastic anticipation for the future. Students in Grade 5 serve as role models for the entire school, and they take that responsibility very seriously. At Hanlon School, fifth graders participate in one or more altruistic projects as a way to give back to the community.

This year, the Hanlon fifth graders partnered with Student Council and the Westwood Department of Veterans' Services to lead a "Valentines for Veterans" project. There are 22 local veterans currently in hospice care, and many more in the hospital facilities in West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and

Brockton. Hanlon's fifth graders wanted to honor the veterans' service, as well as give them something to smile about.

Fifth grade students volunteered to stay after school to create valentines, and encouraged Hanlon students of all ages to bring in their homemade valentines for donation to veterans.

Teachers jumped on board and orchestrated times for multiple grade levels to join together to create valentines for the project. For example, in one classroom, fifth graders worked with second graders to brainstorm and write their valentines together. In today's age of store-bought, candy filled valentines, it was quite a sight to see students



Hanlon fifth graders with their Valentine creations

cutting out hearts, writing their own sentiments, and decorating their work. Once collected, there were enough valentines to fill a large shopping bag! The Hanlon community is proud to showcase the volunteerism of our fifth graders!



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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](http://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.*

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

Questions? Email us at [busregistration@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:busregistration@westwood.k12.ma.us)  
or call the Business Office at 781-326-7500 x1343

*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.*


## WPS Launches a Smartphone App for School Menus

by **Colin Boisvert**, Food Service Director

**Y**es, even with school lunch, there is an app for that!

In today's technology-driven world, the nutrition program at Westwood Public Schools is both keeping pace and leading the charge. The nutrition program is one of the first school nutrition programs in the nation to launch the mobile app for school menus.

The free app, called **School Lunch by Nutrislice**, is available in the Apple App Store for iPhones and in Google Play for Android phones. The menu information is also available via [westwoodps.nutrislice.com](http://westwoodps.nutrislice.com).

The smartphone app shows each day's menu, including pictures and descriptions of the foods. It also lists nutritional information for each food and makes finding common allergens simple. 



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### Westwood Public Library

## Your Westwood Public Library – *It's so much more than books!*

The Westwood Public Library recently held Teen Study Nights for students at the High School. Hosted by the Westwood Public Library and the Westwood High School PTO, nearly 400 students took advantage of extended library hours for the mid-year exam period. This event in itself was a truly collaborative effort; it was made possible with the support of High School Principal Sean Bevan, dedicated members of the High School PTO and Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

On Thursday evening, the last night of the study period, a walk-through of the second floor found many Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors studying independently, in small groups, and in larger gatherings. When asked how to describe their experience, the comments included, “Awesome,” “It Rocked,” “Amazing.” And then there was the comment, made separately by two individuals, that their experience was “Laced Up.” Not having the foggiest idea of what the term “Laced Up” meant, parents from the PTO and I asked a couple of the students and looked at the online urban dictionary. The most common meaning, made popular by Cleveland rapper Machine Gun Kelly:

(1) To step your game up and get ready to rage. (2) The process of getting ready for a fight, stemming from the process of lacing up boxing gloves, or to beat or knock some one out in a fight.

400 students prepping for exams, “laced up” and working collaboratively in a beautiful community space – studying, doing research, and socializing within a safe environment. Just one example of why there is so much more than books at your Westwood Public Library...

In the world of public libraries, as in many other fields, change is rapidly occurring. Traditional physical collections of books and DVDs and audiobooks are still a staple of the library's collections, but new formats give people many more options for access. Westwood patrons can borrow, instantly stream and download dynamic content – or check-out physical books and dvds and cds – all of it free! – with a valid Westwood Library card.

### **But what is the true merit of a public library?**

This is the ability to connect users with the resources and information that they need. Access to information, and staff who are able to assist users in finding that “just right” resource, is the true strength of the public library. The commitment to user services and accommodating our varied patron base is the true standard for excellence.

**Overdrive** offers downloadable e-books, audiobooks and videos. **Hoopla** supplements this digital option and provides online and mobile access to thousands of movies, tv shows, music,

