



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

First Responders have seen enough

Westwood First Responders

Advice and helpful resources from concerned town officials

Despite the best efforts of legislators, members of law enforcement, first responders, clergy and family members, the national epidemic of opiate abuse continues—even in Westwood. The Fire and Police Departments as well as far too many families and friends, have seen the tragic results of drug addiction which can result in seizures and death.

The Westwood Fire and Police Department personnel carry the reversal drug Naloxone, also known as Narcan. They have carried it for well over 10 years. Each member of the department is trained in its use. The medication has been administered hundreds of times and saved countless lives.

If you suspect that someone has overdosed, call 911 immediately so medical attention can be promptly administered.

If you suspect a friend or a loved one is suffering from addiction, we encourage you to continue to seek professional help. The Governor has made this issue a priority and there are more professional resources being made available at the local, county and state level.

If you are interested in learning where to obtain Narcan and how to use it today, call Dispatch at 781-320-1000 and ask to speak with one of the paramedics about Narcan information and education and we will assist you. Your questions will be addressed immediately and confidentially.

You can get Narcan from a pharmacy, with or without a prescription, under a standing order made available through the Department of Public Health (DPH). CVS and Walgreens pharmacies participate in the program. Please call or visit your local pharmacy for more information. An up-to-date, state-wide list can be viewed on-line at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/quality/boards/pharmacy/pharmacies-so-naloxone.pdf>

Additional resources are available for those who may know someone who suffers from addiction:

Learn to Cope is a support organization that offers education, resources, peer support and hope for parents and family members coping with a loved one addicted to opioids or other drugs. Weekly meetings are held statewide to offer support, education, resources, and most importantly HOPE for recovery: <http://learn2cope.org/>

DPH (Department of Public Health) website contains links for prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery support and other key resources:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/substance-abuse/dph-responds-to-opioid-epidemic.html>

DPH has also created a pamphlet that includes information about how to respond to an opioid overdose, and how to assemble the nasal adaptor. This pamphlet can be found at: www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/quality/boards/pharmacy/naloxone-pamphlet.pdf.

Norfolk County District Attorney's Office has created several programs and partnerships in an effort to combat drug abuse. A YouTube demonstration on how to administer Narcan can be watched at <http://www.mass.gov/norfolkda/substanceabuse.html> Narcan

Mass Substance Abuse Helpline 800-327-5050;
TTY: 888-448-8321 www.helpline-online.com

Mass Organization for Addiction Recovery 877-423-6627

Alcoholics Anonymous 617-426-9444

Narcotics Anonymous 866-NA-HELP-U (866-624-3578)

www.ndtreatment.samhsa.gov

Contributed by Town Hall

Upcoming Islington Center Task Force (ICTF) meetings

See story beginning on page 11 for much more information and background.

Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 pm
Islington Community Center
to begin its review of the Petruzzello Proposal.

Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm
Location to be determined
to hear a formal presentation by the proponent.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend both sessions and to share their opinions with the task force.

Did You Know...

Westwood Board of Health **FLU CLINIC Save the Date!**

Did You Know...The Westwood Board of Health will be holding the **Annual Flu Clinic on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Westwood High School gymnasium?**

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

Mosquitos

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

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

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

To avoid mosquitoes please consider the following:

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

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

Contributed by Linda Shea

Westwood Board of Health **Asbestos Regulations Revised**

Did You Know...The Westwood Health Department would like to inform residents that the Asbestos Regulation (310 CMR 7.15) has been revised and now requires that an asbestos survey be conducted by a MA Licensed Asbestos Inspector prior to renovation/demolition activities.

In June of 2014, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection revised the Asbestos Regulations, including a clarification that all renovations and demolitions require an asbestos survey prior to site work. Specifically, owners/operators need to determine all asbestos containing materials at the site that will be impacted by the proposed work prior to conducting any renovation or demolition activity. Except as exempted pursuant to 310 CMR 7.15(4), (Owner-occupied, single family residence involving asbestos abatement of solely non-friable Asbestos Containing Material), an asbestos survey is required regardless of the age of the building.

At a minimum, a Pre-Demolition/ Pre-Renovation Checklist must be completed and submitted by the Permit Applicant prior to receiving a Building Permit.

All Commercial Properties and all residential properties conducting partial/total demolition activities must submit this survey to the Health Department for review prior to receiving a demolition permit.

For more information, please contact Health Director Linda Shea at lshea@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call 781-320-1026/1027. The Checklist is available on the Town of Westwood Website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us

Contributed by Linda Shea

Meet Our New Selectman

John Hickey, Westwood's newly elected Selectman, and his wife Wendy moved to Sexton Avenue in 2007 where they are raising their three children. John, who has his Law Degree from Suffolk University, is the Director of Employee and Labor Relations at the Boston Medical Center. He has job experiences in both the public and private sector, which provides him with an understanding and appreciation for the differences in in both sectors.



John Hickey

John appreciates all of the support he received at and since the election and intends to serve the best interest of the entire Westwood community over the next three years.

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Dedham Savings

Upcoming Community Events!

Dedham Savings' Shred Day — September 17, 2016

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

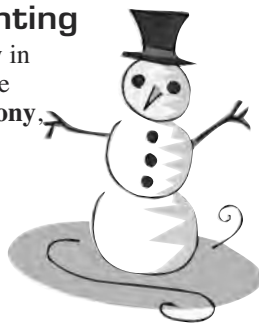
Westwood Day – September 24, 2016

Visit our booth on Westwood Day. Spunky will be back!

Contributed by Laura Eric Macs

Annual Town Hall Tree Lighting

Mark your calendar for the first Sunday in December. You don't want to miss the **Annual Town Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony**. Sunday, December 4, 2016 beginning at 4:00 p.m. (new start time).



- There are special plans!
- dancer teams
 - a class to turn the lights on
 - music, activities for kids
 - a special guest

Holiday Giving Program Sign-up Begins

The Westwood Youth & Family Services Department is pleased to announce sign-ups for our annual Holiday Giving Program. Having taken place since 1999, this is a confidential process in which gifts are donated by residents, groups and businesses and given to Westwood families in need.

If you or anyone you know may need help during the upcoming holiday season, please have them contact us at youth@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call us at (781) 320-1006 by Friday, November 4th.



MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Alerts Before Concord Tornado Allowed Residents to Take Shelter

FRAMINGHAM, MA – The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) encourages all residents of the Commonwealth to use their cellphones to receive emergency alerts and warnings about imminent severe weather and other threatening situations. The morning of August 22, many residents of the Concord, Massachusetts neighborhood that was hit by a tornado were awoken fifteen minutes before the tornado hit by emergency alerting systems on their cellphones. The advance warning allowed those residents to move to safety within their homes before the tornado hit.

Using the emergency alerting capabilities of your cellphone to be informed during emergencies is an important component of emergency preparedness. Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts, including at least one with an audible alert to wake you in the middle of the night.

“The tornado that struck Concord in the overnight hours on August 22nd while residents were sleeping was a reminder of the importance of receiving emergency alerts,” said Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Director Kurt Schwartz. “Residents in the tornado warning area received alerts through the Wireless Emergency Alerts system on their cellphones. Additionally, alerts were sent to cellular devices loaded with MEMA’s free Massachusetts Alerts app. These warnings allowed residents to take shelter before the tornado struck.”

Excerpted from full Emergency Alert released by MEMA on August 24, 2016. For full article including links to important apps for cell phones, refer to the following website: <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/mema/news/press-releases/emergency-alerts-to-keep-you-safe.html>

from the Town Clerk's Office

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

Monday, October 24-November 4—

Early Voting Period

Tuesday, November 8, 2016—

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



Voting and Election Updates

As a result of the recent Election reform bill the following changes have been made:

Early Voting

- Beginning with the November 8, 2016 State Election, Massachusetts will be allowing all registered voters to cast early ballots in biennial state elections.
- All registered voters will be eligible
- Voting will take place at a designated early voting location to be determined.
- Early voting will begin Monday October 24, 2016 through 11:59 a.m., Friday, November 4, 2016.

Early Voting hours will be as follows:

Monday, October 24.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Tuesday, October 25.....8:30am-8:00pm
 Wednesday, October 26.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Thursday, October 278:30am-4:30pm
 Friday, October 28.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Saturday, October 29.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Sunday, October 30.....1:00pm-5:00pm
 Monday, October 31.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Tuesday, November 1.....8:30am-8:00pm
 Wednesday, November 2.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Thursday, November 3.....8:30am-4:30pm
 Friday, November 4.....8:30am-11:59am



Pre-Voter Registration

- Effective August 1, 2016, 16- and 17-year-olds are eligible to pre-register to vote.
- Applicants may pre-register to vote in person (at the office of the Town Clerk), by mail (using a mail-in pre-registration form), through the Commonwealth's online voter registration system (www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/), and at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.
- Once the pre-registrant has attained the age of eligibility (18 years old) they will be registered as a voter and an acknowledgement notice will be sent.

WESTWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING**The Senior Center is growing and so are our programs!**

This fall along with our many regular programs we will be offering lots of special programs. Below are a few samples (check out our newsletter on the town website for all of our programs and events) that we hope you can attend... remember aging well is for everyone and our goal is to keep anyone 60 and older connected, educated and active!

YOGA with Bonnie

- ▶ Tuesdays & Thursdays – *No class Sept. 8*
- ▶ 8-9 Mat Yoga; 9:30-10:30 Chair Yoga
- ▶ \$3 donation

Starting in September, we will be adding mat yoga at 8:00 a.m. We will focus on lots of stretching and strengthening from lying, seated, and on all fours. All classes will begin with breath work and end with meditation at the end. Chair yoga continues from 9:30-10:30. We breathe, stretch and strengthen our bodies. We do a lot of strengthening in the legs that helps maintain the ability to raise ourselves up from a seated position. Why spend \$10 or more at a yoga studio when the same class is at the Center for \$3? So stop by and check us out!

MEDITATION with Soni

- ▶ Tuesdays October 11 & 25
- ▶ 11:15-noontime – No cost for this program

Come explore a way to have peace of mind in your life with Meditation. Understand what triggers peacefulness in our lives and learn how to harness your inner powers to maintain a stable and unshakable mind in any situation. The session will be done while seated comfortably on a chair. All are welcome!

MEMORY SCREENING with Alicia

Sponsored by Bridges by Epoch of Westwood

- ▶ \$2 donation – You must sign up for an appointment
- ▶ Monday September 26, 11:30-3:30
- ▶ BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Where did I put those keys? Complimentary Memory Screenings where exams available that indicates if memory loss should be discussed with a doctor or if your keys are simply misplaced – Alicia Seaver Director of Memory Care for Epoch Senior Living will be available to conduct screenings. Space is limited.

FIVE WISHES with Nicole

Sponsored by Hospice Services of Massachusetts

- ▶ Monday Sept. 25 at 9am
- ▶ \$2 donation. *Call the Center to sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.*

The Five Wishes is a legal document that allows adults of all ages help plan how they want to be cared for in the event of serious illness or injury. Hospice Services of MA will discuss advanced planning and highlight legal requirements for the Five Wishes. Light refreshments will be available.

NINETIES BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**at The First Baptist Church**

Sponsored by the COA Board and the Friends of the COA

- ▶ Thursday October 20 –noontime
- ▶ No cost but please call the Center to sign up by October 6, so we know how many to expect

Are you a Westwood senior 90 plus years young? Then join us for a free lunch at the First Baptist Church and fun entertainment. For questions and to sign up, call the Center and speak to Trish.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Sponsored by White Oaks at Fox Hill Village

- ▶ Tuesdays September 13 and October 11
- ▶ 11-1; No cost and a light lunch is included

This is a relaxed and fun gathering for those living with memory impairment and their caregivers; moreover it provides a chance to meet others who are caring for someone with memory loss and related issues. The café includes time to socialize and a unique interactive program every month. A light lunch will be served. Come join us, and spread the word to others who might enjoy the café.

CONSUMER FRAUD PROTECTION with Julie Beckman

Sponsored by Blue Hills Bank

- ▶ Monday Sept 12 at 10am -
- ▶ No cost but please call the Center to sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

Come find out how to avoid consumer fraud, the common warning signs of various scams and learn about resources on how to protect yourself and where to get help should this happen. Light refreshments and handouts will be available.

FIRE SAFETY AND FALLS PREVENTION BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Westwood Fire Department

- ▶ Friday September 30 – 8:30am
- ▶ No cost but please call the Center to sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

The Westwood Fire Department once again will offer a one hour discussion on Fire Safety and Falls Prevention. This important program will include ways to keep you safe at home. There will be an opportunity to sign up for home inspections as well fire alarm replacement. A light breakfast will be offered as well.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE CENTER**Meals on Wheels Program and Intergenerational Program**

- ▶ *Please note that to volunteer for these programs, you should be mobile and able to drive*

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity, the Westwood Senior Center is looking for volunteers for the Meals on Wheels Program. If interested, please call 781-329-6514 and speak to Elaine. We are partnering with Early Education to offer an intergenerational program at Powisett Farm on Sunday Sept. 18 at 11:30. Volunteers are needed to help with picking produce and cooking a light brunch with 7-9 year olds. Call Lina at the Center if you are interested.

ELDER LAW INFORMATION —**Protecting your home (and vacation home!)**

Sponsored by Dedham Law Firm of Samuel, Sayward & Baler LLC

- ▶ Friday Sept 30 – 10 am
- ▶ \$2 donation – Please call the Center to sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

Do you worry about what would happen to your home if you need long-term care? Do you wonder if you should have an irrevocable trust? This is a vital presentation on Protecting your Home from loss to long-term care costs. Learn the rules and hear about planning options. Light refreshments will be offered.

CURRENT EVENTS with Susan

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

- ▶ Wednesdays 9:30-11:30
- ▶ Sept 14 & 28 / Oct 12 & 26
- ▶ \$20 for all four sessions

The race is on! In the weeks leading up to one of the most unusual elections ever, we will dive deep into exactly what the candidates envision for America. The choice is stark. The economy, guns, social justice, fighting ISIS ... lots to think about, discuss and learn. Join us for some thoughtful conversation about our world and these challenging times.

Westwood Council on Aging

60 Nahatan Street

Telephone: 781-329-8799

Hours:

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fri.: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



A note from Temple Beth David
Rabbis are settling in

This past spring, we were honored that the Westwood Quarterly published an article announcing our election as Co-Rabbis to Temple Beth David. After much anticipation and excitement, we arrived this summer to begin settling into our home and start our service at Temple Beth David.

We feel a profound sense of gratitude to have landed in Westwood and the surrounding towns. Our neighbors in Islington have graciously welcomed us, and we sense the commitment to family and community embodied by the town. Not only do we look forward to growing Temple Beth David as a welcoming house of worship for the Jewish community, we seek to deepen interfaith connections with neighboring religious communities. In this way we hope to contribute to the peace and well being of Westwood.

In just a few weeks, we will enjoy the crisp beauty of fall in New England. It will also be the season of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. During the New Year, Jews eat apples dipped in honey to symbolize our hopes for a sweet and good year ahead. This year will be extra sweet for us and for our children as we begin to call Westwood home. We look forward to getting to know fellow residents at interfaith events, our kids' soccer games and music performances, at Temple Beth David, perhaps tail-gating at Patriot games, or even, God willing, in Boston at a Red Sox World Series parade. Thank you for welcoming us to town!



*Rabbi Micah Citrin and
 Rabbi Karen Citrin*

Youth & Family Services



Westwood Youth
 &
 Family Services

The Youth & Family Services Department and our Advisory Board are happy to introduce our new Youth Services Counselor and two graduate interns who will be with us for the 2016-2017 school year.

Youth Services Counselor



Nina Banozic

Nina Banozic will be joining us as our new Youth Services Counselor. She was chosen from a competitive pool of applicants. For the last year, Nina has served in the role of WY&FS Interim Youth Services Counselor. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Psychology and completed her Masters of Social Work at Boston College. Before coming to us she was a Case Manager and Clinician at the Manville School in Boston. Nina was born in Bosnia & Herzegovina and spent most of her childhood in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She now lives in Allston. In her spare time she enjoys practicing yoga, mindfulness, painting and drawing.

WY&FS Graduate Interns



Stephanie Miller

Stephanie Miller is a graduate student at Simmons College working on her Masters in Social Work. Stephanie completed her undergraduate degree in psychology at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Since 2014, she has served as a childcare provider/after school coordinator at the Walker Home and School for Children in Needham. At UMass she was a teaching/research assistant in the Child Development Lab and Psychology Departments.



Stefanie O'Brien

Stefanie O'Brien also comes to us from Simmons College, where she is studying for her Masters of Clinical Social Work. Stefanie graduated from University of Massachusetts, Amherst from the Commonwealth Honors College with a Bachelor in Business Administration/Management. She volunteers at Horizons for Homeless Children as a PlaySpace Activity Leader and worked at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in the Bone Marrow Transplant Program.

The staff of Youth & Family Services Department provides clinical services and supportive community programs to foster the healthy growth of children 4-18 years old and their families. Please visit our website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs or call us at (781) 320-1006 for more information.

Youth & Family Services

Seeking 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders to Join Friends Network!



Westwood Youth
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The Friends Network program matches 3rd, 4th and 5th grade 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! Please note: Admission to the Friends Network Program is free and based on a matching process which is heavily dependent on the number of high school mentor participants. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a spot for all applicants. The Program runs November 2016-April 2017, Wednesdays from 5:15-6:16 PM or 6:30-7:30 PM at the Patricia Carty-Larkin Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street.

For more information and to register go to our website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs

Questions? Please contact: Sarah Baroud, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or sbaroud@townhall.westwood.ma.us

To stay up to date on Youth & Family Services programs, like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/westwoodyouthandfamily> and follow us on Twitter and Instagram at @westwoodyfs.



Westwood Young Women's Club

The Westwood Young Women's Club is hosting our **First Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale** on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hold your yard sale on this day with the support and publicity of our community organization!

A \$25 dollar registration gets sellers a featured spot on yard sale event map, advertising on social media platforms, balloons delivered to your door on the day of the event and pre-arranged pickup of leftover items at the end of the sale.

Register here
www.wywc.org/westwood-yard-sale. Deadline is October 7th.

Save the date for our annual Winterfest at the Westwood High School! Bring your family on December 3rd and join the WYWC for some holiday fun!

Come ride the Polar Express, have your photo taken with Santa and test your skills in his workshop! There's face painting, dance shows, crafts and lots of holiday fun for the whole family!

Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook or visit our Website for more information!



Who has the best playground in the Boston area?
 See page 13!

American Legion Post 320

Westwood American Legion Post 320 announces officers for 2016-2017

Commander: Richard D. Paster

Adjutant: Christopher C. Henes

Finance Officer: J. Kenneth Foscaldo

Service Officer: James Sullivan

Membership Chairman: Paul Mullen

Chaplain: Christopher C. Henes,

Directors: Edward Richardson

Robert Harrington

The regularly scheduled business meetings for the Post for the 2016 – 2017 year are listed here. All members are welcome to attend all that you find convenient.

2016

BUSINESS MEETING 9/12/2016

BUSINESS MEETING 10/3/2016

BUSINESS MEETING 11/7/2016

VETERAN'S DAY 11/11/2016 * 11:00 AM at Veteran's Park

BUSINESS MEETING 12/5/2016

2017

BUSINESS MEETING 1/9/2017

BUSINESS MEETING 2/6/2017

BUSINESS MEETING 3/6/2017

BUSINESS MEETING 4/3/2017

BUSINESS MEETING 5/8/2017 * Nomination of Officers

MEMORIAL DAY 5/29/2017 * 10:00 AM Parade at Town Hall

BUSINESS MEETING 6/5/2017 * Annual Election of Officers

The agenda for all Business Meetings are:

- Social ½ hour 6:30-7:00 PM

- Complimentary Dinner 7:00-8:00 PM

- Meeting 8:00 PM

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

FIRST ANNUAL WESTWOOD TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE

Host your own
 yard sale and
 keep all proceeds!

Saturday
 October 15, 2016
 9 am – 1 pm
 Rain or Shine

Register to get
 more traffic & sell
 more stuff!

Invite friends &
 neighbors to
 participate!

YOUR REGISTRATION AND MINIMUM \$25 DONATION GETS YOU:

- A featured spot on our official yard sale event map •
- Advertising on social media platforms, Internet & print media •
- Pre-arranged pickup of leftover items at end of sale, if desired •
- Balloons delivered to your door day-of event •

For more information or to register by the October 7th deadline, please visit:

<http://bit.ly/WYWCyardsale>

Brought to you by
WYWC
 Westwood Young Women's Club
www.wywc.org



All proceeds benefit the WYWC and the ongoing repairs of the School Street Playground.



WESTWOOD DAY

Celebrating 5 Years

Kick Off: Friday, September 23

- **Football Game 7:00 PM**

Westwood Wolverines host Hopkinton Hillers at Flahive Field

- **Fireworks 9:00 PM**

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

Westwood Day: Saturday, September 24

Westwood High School

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rain or Shine

www.WestwoodDay.com





**WESTWOOD
DAY**
CELEBRATING 5 YEARS!



**TRANSPORTATION SHOW
& TOUCH A TRUCK**

**Saturday, September 24, 10:00-3:00
Westwood High School**

**Spectator Voting Begins at 10:00
Trophies Awarded at 2:30**

Trophy Categories: BEST PAINT, PEOPLES' CHOICE, BEST IN SHOW, MOST UNIQUE, BEST ENGINE

We'd love to have you bring your classic vehicle to be part of Westwood Day's Transportation Show. Fill in below and mail it in or email Taryn this information! Come join the fun!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Transportation Description: _____

Year: _____ Make/Model: _____

FREE REGISTRATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 20 OR REGISTER DAY OF THE SHOW

MAIL: WESTWOOD RECREATION, 240 NAHATAN STREET, WESTWOOD, MA 02090

EMAIL: tcrocker@townhall.westwood.ma.us



www.WestwoodDay.com



5K & FUN RUN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016
WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

5K ROAD RACE 9:00 AM

\$15 On-line Registration (Closes September 22)

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

Free 5K T-Shirt for those who register by September 7

1 MILE FUN RUN 10:00 AM

Free On-line Registration All Ages Welcome (Closes September 22)

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

(Parents are welcome to run along with their children.)

School Spirit Trophy Westwood Day 2015 Winner-Sheehan School

The Westwood Elementary School with the greatest number of participants and school spirit will be awarded this perpetual trophy to proudly display at their school until Westwood Day 2017.



WestwoodDay.com



WESTWOOD DAY SHUTTLE BUS

Locations: Hanlon School, 790 Gay Street and Sheehan School, 549 Pond Street.
Pick-up & Drop-off locations will be posted at each location.



Shuttle bus or carpooling are highly recommended!

Hanlon School Departs to WHS: Every half hour

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

Sheehan School Departs to WHS: Every half hour

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

WHS Departs to Hanlon and Sheehan: Every half hour

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

Parking near Westwood High School

St. Margaret Mary's Church, 845 High Street

First Baptist Church, 808 High Street

Thurston Middle School, corner of Nahatan and High Street

Side streets across from WHS – Parking is on one side only and will be clearly posted.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



September 23 & 24

Fun-filled community celebration seeks friendly volunteers!

Westwood Day depends on the help of many volunteers who assist with set-up, parking, monitoring activities, greeting visitors, the clean-up crew and more. Volunteers sign-up for 2.5 hour shifts and receive an event t-shirt and a good time!

Help is needed for:

- Event set-up on Friday afternoon
- Event set-up Saturday early AM
- Saturday Activities between 10 and 3
- Saturday Clean-up after 3 PM

Sign up at www.WestwoodDay.com or contact Jan Parr at jparr@townhall.westwood.ma.us or by phone at 781-461-0070.

Pull the center pages out to bring to the ICTF Meetings on Sept. 8 and 15.

Proactive Approach, Expanded Participation of Community sought towards Islington Center Improvements

Islington Center Update

Islington Center has seen a lot of attention lately, including the recent rehabilitation of Morrison Park, the construction of the new Islington Fire Station, and the pending design of the East Street Bridge replacement. In addition to these ongoing public improvements, a private development project proposed by Petruzzello Properties was granted a special permit from the Westwood Planning Board. That special permit will allow Petruzzello Properties 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.



Rendering of the new mixed-use building under construction on Washington Street that will house two commercial storefronts and 12 one-bedroom apartments.

Last September, the Board of Selectmen formed the Islington Center Task Force (ICTF) to spearhead a well-coordinated, proactive approach to redevelopment of this highly visible section of Westwood. 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. Islington Center Task Force meetings provide an expanded opportunity for active public participation in detailed discussions about potential improvements and redevelopment opportunities.

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 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.

Creative input from residents and board members would be expected to further shape the details of any redevelopment plan.

As one of its first endeavors, the task force developed the Islington Center Survey to solicit input from residents about their current experiences with Islington Center and their desires for the future of this treasured part of town. The online survey questions were designed to obtain information about how Islington Center is viewed today, and to gather opinions about how this area might be improved. Survey respondents were encouraged to weigh in on the desirability of specified commercial uses, from apparel and sporting good stores to pharmacies and veterinary offices. They were also asked to explain what aspects of Islington Center could be improved and to note any characteristics they wished to see remain.

The survey was announced in the June edition of the *Westwood Community Newsletter* delivered quarterly to all Westwood addresses, and was scheduled to run through June 30th. It was also discussed in several ICTF, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen meetings, and was covered in an article and weekly announcements by the Westwood Press. A link to the online survey was posted in a prominent location on the town's webpage, and printed copies of the survey were made available at both libraries, the Westwood Senior Center, the Town Clerk's Office and the Office of Community & Economic Development. In response to continuing interest, the survey link was kept open active through July 27th. As of closing, a total of 667 responses had been received. For the sake of comparison, that number is equivalent to more than 13% of Westwood households.

The Islington Center Survey was not designed to obtain statistically significant data, but rather to allow for the collation of residents' thoughts and ideas about character-defining elements and potential redevelopment opportunities in Islington Center. The survey was offered to provide another mechanism for public participation in decisions affecting the future of Islington Center, by capturing the opinions of residents who might not have the time

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The Islington Center Task Force of the Town of Westwood wants to keep you informed about ongoing discussions regarding the redevelopment of Islington Center.

If you would like to be apprised of open meetings about this project and others, please join the town's listserv at <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/index.cfm/page/Town-Email-Lists/pid/26876>

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or inclination to attend public meetings. Participants were given an opportunity to express themselves through multiple open-ended responses. The survey results indicate strong feelings about current community uses and facilities, including the Islington Branch Library, Morrison Park, the School Street Playground, and the Mothers Morning Out (MMO) Nursery School. Some appreciate the existing architecture, while others feel that there is significant room for improvement. Many note the need for traffic and pedestrian/bicycle safety improvements. The survey results also indicate a strong desire for additional food service establishments, including restaurants, coffee shops, ice cream/yogurt parlors, delis, and specialty food shops. Complete survey results may be found on the Town of Westwood website at: <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/townofwestwood/file/Islington%20Center%20Survey%20Results%20073016.pdf>.

In addition to the online survey, 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 invited 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. The town received one response to that RFP from Petruzziello Properties—the same developer who recently received a special permit for a mixed-use development in Islington Center. The Petruzziello Proposal calls for a mix of commercial, residential, and community uses in new and restored buildings.

The Petruzziello Proposal responds to the RFP with a concept level design for the town’s consideration. If that concept is found to be both appealing and feasible, more detailed plans would be developed for further review. Creative input from residents and board members would be expected to further shape the details of any redevelopment plan.

The initial concept proposal calls for the relocation of Wentworth Hall – home of the Islington Branch Library – to the site of the current CVS building. It proposes the construction of a full basement under the relocated Wentworth Hall to increase library programming space, and adds a 10,000 sq. ft. addition to the rear of Wentworth Hall to house a new MMO nursery school with a community center above. This proposal also calls for the construction of a mixed-use building on the northwest corner of Washington Street and School Street, where the Café Diva building and the municipal parking lot are today. That new building would be designed to include approximately 9,000 sq. ft. of commercial space on the first floor and up to 28 one-bedroom apartments on the second and third floors. The Petruzziello Proposal would construct a new 12,000 sq. ft. CVS building on the northeast corner



Proposed mixed-use building at the corner of Washington and School Streets

of Washington Street and East Street where the Islington Community Center now stands. Finally, that proposal would relocate the historic Blue Hart Tavern to the rear of the former Westwood Tailor Shop parcel at 9 School Street, and would restore that building before turning it over to the town for office or community use.

Residents may download the full Petruzziello Proposal from the Town of Westwood website at: http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/townofwestwood/file/Response-Packet-Petruzziello_webnew.pdf.

In addition to the ICTF’s online survey and RFP, the Department of Community & Economic Development recently held an Islington Center Visioning Session to give residents yet another opportunity to express their thoughts on the future of Islington Center. That session, which took place in the Westwood High School cafeteria on July 26 and was attended by more than 60 residents, involved small group discussions of potential redevelopment plans for the municipal and privately owned parcels involved in the Petruzziello proposal. Each group then presented its suggestions to the larger audience. Most suggestions involved a mix of community and commercial uses, while some included new residential uses and additional public open space. The Visioning Session was recorded by Westwood Community Access Television (WestCAT) for local viewing. ICTF members and members of the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board will be able to watch the WestCAT video to gain additional perspectives on residents’ varied desires for the future of Islington Center.

The ICTF will meet next on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 pm in the Islington Community Center to begin its review of the Petruzziello Proposal. **The ICTF will meet again on Wednesday, September 15th, at a location to be determined, to hear a formal presentation by the proponent. Members of the**

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Petruzziello Proposal Concepts

Mixed-use building

Library and Community Center

CVS building on the corner of East and Washington Streets



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public are encouraged to attend both sessions and to share their opinions with the task force.

The ICTF will consider the Petruzzello proposal in light of the sentiments expressed by residents at the task force meetings, respondents to the Islington Center Survey, and attendees of the recent Islington Center Visioning Session. The ICTF will then send a recommendation on the merits of the Petruzzello proposal to the Board of Selectmen when that Board considers the proposal later this fall. If the Board determines that the proposal warrants further pursuit, it may negotiate a disposition agreement with the proponent. Following the endorsement of such an agreement, the proponent would then 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 have an opportunity to decide at Town Meeting whether or not to authorize the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the proposed transfer.

For further information on matters affecting Islington Center, please see the ICTF webpage at: <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/index.cfm/page/Islington-Center-Task-Force/pid/38186>. You will find a direct link to the Survey Results on the left side of the page. There is also a link to WestCAT's recording of the Visioning Session through that organization's home - page: <http://westcat.tv>.

Please direct any questions or comments to Nora Loughnane, Director of Community & Economic Development, at nloughnane@townhall.westwood.ma.us or to Abby McCabe, Town Planner, at amccabe@townhall.westwood.ma.us.

Contributed by Nora Loughnane

Important dates and links for continuing information on the proposed redevelopment of Islington Center:

Review of Petruzzello Proposal

Thursday, September 8, 7:00 pm

Islington Community Center

(download full proposal from: www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/townofwestwood/file/Response-Packet-Petruzzello_webnew.pdf)

A formal presentation by the proponent

Wednesday, September 15, 7:00 pm

Location To Be Determined

ICTF webpage at:

<http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/index.cfm/page/Islington-Center-Task-Force/pid/38186>

WestCat TV:

<http://westcat.tv>

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School Street Playground

#1 on the Boston Moms Blog of the 15 Top Fenced-In Playgrounds in Greater Boston

“This park has some really cool climbing equipment. There is good shade in the afternoon and lots of benches for caregivers to relax on while the kiddos burn off energy!”*

(*by Emily Fahle on July 26, 2016: boston.citymomsblog.com/things-to-do/15-top-fenced-playgrounds-greater-boston/)

On June 16, 2007, the School Street Playground re-opened after a year and a half of fundraising by members of the Westwood Young Women's Club and other town departments, local businesses and private donors. What does it say that almost 10 years later the playground is Numero Uno on a popular Moms Blog? It speaks volumes of the dedication of individuals and town departments to our town, our children and our community.

DPW Director, Todd Korchin, was very happy to bring this article to our attention. Pride in his staff, specifically Jimmy McCarthy, Harry Mikortarian, and Brendan Ryan, for maintaining the playground and securing safety certifications were the first things he wanted to share. “They deserve kudos on this one!!!”

Online research brought me to a Wicked Local post from June, 2007 (westwood.wickedlocal.com/x1479661766). The article highlighted the efforts of a community who came together to rejuvenate the playground after the original wood structures had seen better days. Town Administrator, Mike Jaillet remarks, “The town hasn't forgotten those efforts and still wants to thank the Westwood Young Women's Club for conducting the fundraising and management of this community asset when it was constructed years ago. It came at a time when the town could not afford to do

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Westwood Environmental Action Committee

Solar Fair expects to show residents solar options to guarantee savings

Interested in saving money on your electricity bill? Solar power could be just the thing. Home consultations are free of cost and payment plans are flexible, including zero money down. As energy costs continue to rise, solar energy offers a safe, affordable investment, and substantial savings over time. Solar power is also a clean form of electricity, keeping the environment healthy for you and your family.

After a very successful solar forum in January, the Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEAC) is holding a solar fair, currently planned for Saturday, November 5th, 2016 from 1-4 PM at the Westwood Library. Several solar companies will be in attendance to present Westwood residents with a variety of solar options for their homes. WEAC is not able to endorse these companies, but all have a strong record in the solar industry.

According to The Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, solar power usage has skyrocketed across Massachusetts over the last several years. As of June 2016, solar power installation accounted for more than 1,200 megawatts, or enough to power over 160,000 Massachusetts homes. Solar companies also employ over 12,000 workers across the state of Massachusetts. The state is encouraging further adoption of solar panels through multiple grants and incentives, making it easier than ever for Massachusetts residents to purchase solar panels.

In a world of uncertain investments, solar power guarantees a safe return on your hard earned money. Purchasing solar panels has a payback of five to six years, while lasting for up to thirty years. Interested parties who don't want to pay the upfront cost can still save on their electric bill by leasing solar panels. Solar power is a rapidly growing industry that promises significant monetary savings for homeowners. Westwood's upcoming solar fair is the perfect opportunity to capitalize on this opportunity.

Contributed by Stephen Shinopoulos

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such a project, given the priority capital demands we were confronted with at the time. The design and layout of the park equipment was brilliantly done – hence the recognition we received. This is really a hats off to the Young Woman's club membership and leadership at the time.”



Town Hall — Press Release

For the second time, Westwood awarded grant as a Green Community

Michael Jaillet, Town Administrator for Westwood announced on June 28 that Westwood was awarded a second competitive energy efficiency grant by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). Three years ago, Westwood became a Green Community. Since becoming a Green Community, the Town has applied twice for grants to fund energy efficiency efforts in the Town and has twice been awarded a grant.

Background

Tom Philbin, the Westwood Energy Manager, and Patricia Healey, a DPW Administrative Assistant, filed for a Green Communities Grant in March 2016 for \$210,000. The proposed projects covered in the grant included a new control system at the Downey School and conversion of lighting to LEDs at Downey School, Martha Jones School, and at the Senior Center.

Tom Philbin and James McCarthy, the Town Facilities Manager, attended the award ceremony in Auburn on June 28, where the 2016 awards were announced. Westwood received 100 percent of its application amount which is an indication of the high quality of the proposed projects and the completeness of the application. This is due in great part to the fact that Westwood's Energy Manager, Tom Philbin has a longstanding and a broad level of expertise in energy conservation. His effort was complimented by Patricia Healey's hard work, dedication, and efficiency in preparing the application and assembling monthly energy usage data from all departments.

In addition to Green Community funding, Westwood will receive incentives from Eversource. Westwood works with Eversource in their Municipal program and receives help by way of financial incentives and project cost control through the use of pre-approved contractors. The Eversource Municipal program has proved to be a great benefit to towns in Massachusetts over the past ten years.

“We're thrilled that Westwood has once again succeeded in securing a Green Communities Grant in recognition of their hard work to make the town more sustainable and energy efficient,” said Penni Conner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource. “We share the town's commitment in our own buildings, including at our Westwood offices where we've been awarded prestigious LEED Existing Building and Energy Star certifications.

It should be noted that part of the money committed to pay for Tom Philbin's services came to Westwood in the form of an earlier grant from DOER. Once these new improvements which are funded by this new grant are made, the Town will see an ongoing annual reduction in its energy costs which are directly attributed to the projects covered by this grant.

The Town is expected to sign a contract with the Commonwealth on how the grant funds will be expended. The Town will be required to report back to the state on the progress of the projects in order to receive full reimbursement.

As a Green Community, under Tom Philbin's direction, Westwood is committed to continue to reduce its energy consumption by 20% over a five year period. These newly funded projects, as well as others completed in past years and others that are being planned for the future, will contribute to the achievement of this goal. Additionally, the Town has committed to design enhancements at the proposed new Fire Station and Police Station which will make these facilities 30% more energy efficient than required by current building codes.

For further information, please contact: Thomas Philbin, Energy Manager for the Town of Westwood. 50 Carby Street; 781-320-1036.

Contributed by Town Hall

Hale Reservation

“End their day the Hale Way”

Looking for an after school activity for your middle schooler? Hale has a program that offers fun and adventure for local children. Activities include canoeing, rock climbing, environmental studies, mountain biking, teambuilding, fishing, and there’s transportation from Thurston Middle School at the end of the day. Plus, there is always time for homework.



Orienteering is just one of the many activities of the Hale After School Program.

Today’s teens are challenged with balancing increased school pressures and the constant draw of time in front of a screen. In addition, the first few years in Middle School mean earlier release time at the end of the day, and for many, more unsupervised time after school. Maybe most notable in middle school are the challenges that come with new friends, navigating social groups and feeling like you belong. Hale’s Afterschool Program is designed to address all the challenges of tween and early teen years by creating an accepting and welcoming community that introduces students to lifelong outdoor recreation and education activities, a healthy lifestyle, and provides some time designated to keep up with the steady increase in homework.

No cliques, no walls, one group, and an expedition at the end of every day – “End Your Day the Hale Way.”

Visit www.halereservation.org for more information.

Contributed by Paula McLaughlin

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 November 4, 2016. The *next* quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about December 15, 2016.

Diane Thornton, *Editor*, Westwood Community Newsletter,
580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090
Email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Westwood Cultural Council

The Westwood Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local community cultural programs. The Council’s priority is to fund projects that reach residents of all ages. This includes gatherings that celebrate local history and cultural diversity, school programs that promote art education and field trips, programs for residents ages 30-60 without a parenting theme, and programs for senior citizens.

The grants are awarded after consideration of the benefit to the community, the qualifications of the individuals and organizations, the planning process, and the population segment served. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis.

Online applications will be available on September 1st, and can be accessed at www.mass-culture.org. The application deadline is October 17, 2016. The Westwood Cultural Council will still accept paper applications, including those for field trips. These must be postmarked by October 17, 2016, and mailed to the Westwood Cultural Council, Westwood Town Hall, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA, 02090.

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

Contributed by Joan Murphy

Westwood Youth Softball

Spring and Summer Wrap Up



The Westwood Youth Softball spring and summer seasons were great fun and a success. Grades 1 and 2 were able to play on the new fields at Deerfield this spring and WYS also experienced a rise in overall player enrollment.

Over 100 people participated in WYS’s night at the Red Sox on June 3rd. Ava Themistocles, a 3rd grade player, represented WYS as Leader of the Pack and was recognized on-field behind home plate before the game. WYS also participated in the Play Ball Initiative and two players (Dahlia Leyden and Maggie Fahey) were part of NESN pregame show.

This summer season was our second season participating in the competitive Hockomock league. The 14U summer travel team wrapped up the season by playing in the Championship of the Hockomock Girls Summer Softball League (HGSSL) after finishing the regular season at 7-2-1. The 14U team lost to an undefeated team from Stoughton, but still had a great season in the very competitive HGSSL. The 10U and 12U teams fought hard this summer but did not make it to the playoffs.



*WYS in the Play Ball Initiative at Fenway
Left: Dahlia Leyden Right: Maggie Fahey*



Front row (left to right): Amy Lambert, Allie Bakas, Taylor Alessi and Meghan Swindon. Back Row(left to right): Coach Mike Jud, Coach Phil Giordano, Gabi Daher, Angela Giordano, Sydney Champagne, Christina Yebba, Maggie Fahey, Sydney Jud and Head Coach Tom Alessi. Missing from photo: Alex Ponte, Lauren Griffin, Stephanie Dailey and Carmen Yebba.

The fall season is just around the corner and runs from mid-September thru October. The travel teams for grades 3-9 will play in the Metrowest Girls Softball League. There are no practices in the fall season, only weekend games. Registration is now open on the Westwood Youth Softball website: www.westwoodyouthsoftball.org. And, keep an eye out for free softball fall clinic with Westwood High School coach Jonas Sherr and varsity players.

Contributed by Lauren Danieli

Rotary Club of Westwood

The Rotary Club of Westwood installed a new slate of officers at a recent dinner at Victory Bar and Grille in Dedham. Karin Gaffney, Assistant Governor, District 7910 performed the installation for the following list of officers for 2016-2017:

Dottie Powers	President
Alicia Yeh	President Elect 2017-2018/Secretary
Laura Macs	Treasurer
Anthony Amico	Chair of Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast
Michael Razza	Foundation Chair
Helena Drolette	Program Chair

The following are also members of the Board of Directors:

Anthony Amico	Suzanne Comer	Helena Drolette
Robert Folsom	Marcia Hirshberg	Michael Razza
	Michael Walsh	



Rotary Club of Westwood installed new officers at a recent dinner. From left, Michael Walsh, Karin Gaffney, Assistant Governor District 7910, Anthony Amico, Dottie Powers, Alicia Yeh, Laura Macs, Marcia Hirshberg, Suzanne Comer, and Michael Razza. Missing from photo: Robert Folsom and Helena Drolette.

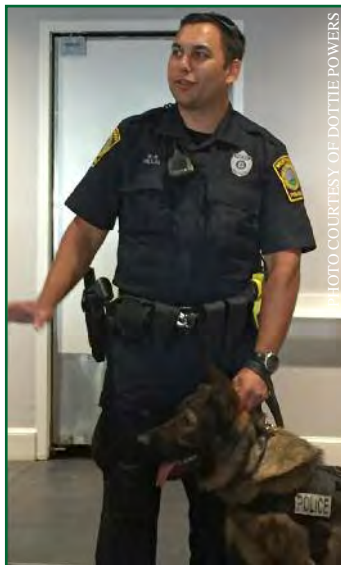
Fall Recycle Date is Set

On **October 1**, the club will hold a **Fall Recycle Event** at the First Baptist Church, 808 High Street, Westwood. Visit our website at www.westwoodrotary.com for further information and cost.

The Rotary Club of Westwood has made changes to its meeting schedule. The club now meets two nights a month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at Victory Grille, 233 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026. Check www.westwoodrotary.com for our meeting dates and location or contact Dottie Powers at dpowers@townhall.westwood.ma.us.

Founded in 1960, Rotary Club of Westwood is part of one of the oldest service organizations in the world, Rotary International. There are over 1.2 million Rotarians today collaborating each month around the world, following the principals of the 4-Way Test: Is it the TRUTH?; Is it FAIR to all concerned?; Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?; and Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? From the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Recycling Events to providing support to the Westwood Winds at a recent concert, the Rotary Club of Westwood is committed to serving its community.

Contributed by Laura Macs and Alicia Yeh



At a recent meeting, K-9 Officer Sean Pillai came and spoke with K-9 Police Dog, Duke.

IAM STRONG FOUNDATION

IAM STRONG FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The IAM Strong Foundation, which seeks to shatter the stigma surrounding teen mental health issues, is pleased to announce the beginning of its Fall grant cycle.

Grant applicants must be non-profit organizations or affiliated individuals who share a vision that aligns with the values and mission of the IAM Strong Foundation.

The IAM Strong Foundation began in January of 2015 and since its inception has made great strides in opening the conversation about adolescent mental health. Last fall, the IAM Strong Foundation presented "An Evening With Kevin Bree" in Norwood, where the nationally acclaimed comedian and mental health activist spoke to a full house, and a panel provided a thoughtful and honest discussion about mental health. Last winter, the organization sponsored "Messages For Hope," where people of all ages gathered at the Westwood Senior Center to compose uplifting messages for teens that struggle with mental health issues. Hundreds of uplifting cards were created.

The very first grant cycle for the IAM Strong Foundation was held in the fall of 2015, and grant cycles have continued twice a year since then. This past spring, grants totaling \$25,000 were awarded to individuals and organizations. These included a grant for the Boston Arts Academy High School to support mental health services for its high school age students; a grant for a multi-media platform project which will explore autism awareness, destigmatization, and services; a grant for the Judge Baker Children's Center in Boston for comprehensive assessments for youth at risk; and a grant for the Norwood High School TASC program, which will expand opportunities in the culinary arts, art therapy, and additional coping skills for students participating in the Therapeutic, Academic, Supportive Classroom program.

The IAM Strong Foundation welcomes grant applications from Westwood and all local communities. All applications must be received by October 1, 2016, and applicants will be notified by November 1, 2016. Grant applications and details about the grant process are available at: www.iamstrongfoundation.org. Email: grants@iamstrongfoundation.org with any questions or requests for further information.

Contributed by Antonia Nedder

St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball

Getting ready for the next season!

The St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball Program is preparing for the upcoming season and will be accepting basketball season. Eligibility requires players must live within the boundaries of St. Margaret Mary parish or must be registered parishioners of St. Margaret Mary parish. Anyone interested in playing this season can obtain a registration form online at the St. Margaret Mary parish website www.saintmmparish.org/; click on Ministries; and then on CYO Basketball. Registrations should be mailed to the address on the form.

CYO basketball has seven divisions: Boys grades 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, and 11 & 12; Girls grades 5 & 6, 7 & 8, and 9 thru 12. Additional information regarding CYO Basketball can be found on the St. Margaret Mary parish web site. If there are any questions please email Ken Foscaldo: kenfos4766@gmail.com.

Practices will begin the first week of November and the games will be played on weekends from December thru February. All registrations must be submitted prior to October 15.

Anyone interested in volunteering to coach in the program should contact Ken Foscaldo (kenfos4766@gmail.com).

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

Foundation For Westwood Education

Foundation For Westwood Education Seeks New Board Members



The Foundation for Westwood Education is seeking new members to serve on its Board of Directors. If you are interested in making connections within the town, meeting new people, promoting learning and cultural enrichment programs for the entire community, please consider joining the Board.

Over the years, the Foundation has funded many programs and events in Westwood that would not have taken place otherwise. Just a few grant highlights from the recent past include:

- 3D printers for Westwood High School’s engineering program
- “Bridges Together,” an intergenerational bridge-building program between senior citizens and Thurston Middle School students
- A pilot initiative for science olympiads at Westwood elementary schools
- Self-defense course for Westwood High School senior women

- “Great Decisions,” a community-wide discussion group on international affairs at the Westwood Public Library
- Town-wide lectures by renowned psychologist Lynne Lyons (“Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents”) and ADHD expert Edward Hallowell (“Crazy Busy,” putting into perspective the lives most of us lead.)

Sponsoring these and many other initiatives takes money, generously donated year after year by Westwood residents and businesses. It also takes time. The Foundation needs new members to help its all-volunteer board gather information about the needs of the community, ensure that it has the resources it needs to continue subsidizing programs, and make decisions about how funds should be distributed.

To find out more about the commitment involved in becoming a board member, please contact info@foundationforwestwoodeducation.org

May 2016 grants approved:

At its May 11, 2016 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Westwood Education voted to approve the following grant applications:

Grant Name	Beneficiaries	Purpose
Crocodile River – African Arts in Education Residency	Martha Jones – K-5	To finance a three-day residency exploring the music, art, and dance of West Africa
Westwood Winds 2016 Concert Season with Ron Della Chiesa	Westwood Residents of all ages	To invite Ron Della Chiesa, of WGBH BSO concerts, to perform in town with Westwood Winds
Taylor’s Message	Parents of Thurston Middle School and Westwood High School	To fund a lecture on risky teen behavior caused by drugs and alcohol
Engineers Teaching Algebra	Thurston Middle School eighth grade students	To bring engineers into the school to present lessons in applied Algebra
Elementary and Middle School After-school Video Production Class	All Westwood elementary and Thurston Middle School Students, grades 4-8	To purchase materials and run an after-school introductory video production class
The Coaching of Reading Institute	Westwood teaching staff	To finance a four-day professional literacy training program for Westwood teachers

St. Margaret Mary Parish

St. Margaret Mary parish has undertaken the project of renovating the church.

Phase One of the project started this summer. Phase One involves making the building handicapped accessible. This work includes an elevator, making the restrooms ADA compliant and enlarging the restrooms on the lower level of the church. The main entrance is also being reconstructed. The plan is to have Phase One completed by October.

Once Phase One is completed, plans will be underway for the fundraising of the second part of the plan which will be to remodel the lower level of the church, including the kitchen.

The primary use of the lower level is for the parish’s religious education program. Once this phase is completed the lower level



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEN FOSCALDO

Part of the Phase One renovations at St. Margaret Mary’s church is making the church more accessible to people with disabilities. Elevators are being installed inside and the main entrance is being reconstructed.

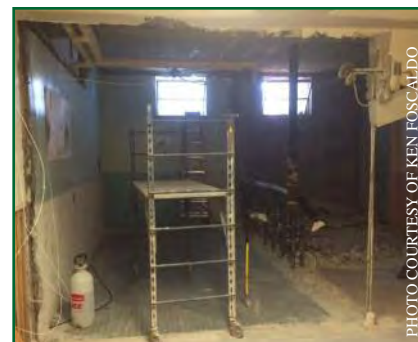


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Restrooms in the lower church have been removed to make room for an elevator.

will provide a better environment for religious education classes and other parish activities.

There is still a need for additional funds for both phases. Anyone who would like to support these efforts financially should contact the parish office: 781.326.1071.

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo



Fall 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

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

Birth – Preschool

STORYTIMES

***Little Listeners:** For children ages 3-5. Children and their parents/caregivers are invited to come hear stories, sing songs, watch short films, and make a craft.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 AM
September 6 – October 25
November 15 – December 20

***requires registration**

Wondrous Wednesdays: For children ages 2-5 and a parent/caregiver. Children and their parent/caregiver are welcomed to come listen to stories, songs, and rhymes. This is a drop-in program, no registration is required.

Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11 AM
September 7 – October 26
November 16 – December 21

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! No registration required.

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM
September 7 – October 26
November 16 – December 21

Babies & Books: For babies birth-24 months and a parent/caregiver. Our littlest library patrons are invited to come listen to short stories, and sing along with their parent/caregivers. Participants old and new alike will also learn new rhymes to build pre-literacy skills and develop fine motor skills. This is a drop in program, no registration is required.

Fridays, 10:30 – 10:50 AM
September 9 – October 28
November 18 – December 23 (No B&B on Nov. 25)

Saturday Storytime: For children of all ages. Come enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and more at this fun, Saturday morning storytime! Perfect for working parents!

Select Saturdays, 10:30 AM
September 10, October 15, November 19, December 1

Halloween Storytime & Parade: For kids ages 0-5 and a parent/caregiver. All of Westwood's littlest ghosties are welcomed to come to celebrate Halloween with us! Librarians will be in costume to tell (not very scary) Halloween stories, rhymes, and songs. We will then troupe through the library in a magnificent costume parade!

Monday, October 31, 10:30 AM

SENSORY FRIENDLY PROGRAMS

Sensory Storytime: For children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other development delays and a parent/caregiver. We will listen to stories together, sing songs, and learn new rhymes. Storytime will last for 20 minutes, followed by 15 minutes of optional playtime. For more information about this program please contact Hannah at hgavalis@minlib.net.

Select Tuesdays, 4 – 4:45 PM
September 13, October 4, November 8, December 6

Sensory Playtime: For children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other development delays and a parent/caregiver. This sensory-friendly program will feature simple activities perfect for parents/caregivers to interact one-on-one with their child, for parallel-play, or for kids to do together.

Select Early Release Wednesdays, 1 – 1:30 PM
September 14: Painting
November 2: Make and Take: Cloud Dough

Second Saturdays Sensory Movies: We will be show a family-friendly movie in a sensory-friendly environment – with the lights and subtitles on and the sound down. Our large, movie-style theatre projection screen is perfect for practicing for the 'real-thing' or just enjoying a movie together in a friendly, understanding environment. We encourage you to bring any fidget toys or assistive devices that will make your viewing enjoyable.

Second Saturdays, 1 PM
September 10 – Finding Nemo (rated G)
October 8 – Monsters Inc. (rated G)
November 12 – The Sound of Music (rated G)
December 10 – Frozen (rated PG)

Kindergarten-6th Grade

Mother/Daughter Book Group: For kids in grades 3 – 5 with a female adult. Share your enthusiasm for reading with other book lovers and join us for lively discussion, a game of Pictionary, snacks, and fun! Check the library website for a listing of the book to be read. Books will be available at the ASK! Desk in the Children's Department.

Select Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
September 13 (book: *Fenway and Hattie* by Victoria J. Coe);
October 18, November 15, December 13

***Creative Kids:** For kids in grades kindergarten – 1st grade. Children will exercise their creative minds as they participate in creative dramatics and arts & crafts activities.

Thursdays, 4 – 4:45 PM
September 22 – October 20 ***requires registration**
November 10 – December 15 (excluding Nov. 24)

***Intro to Engineering with Legos:** For kids in grades 2 – 3. In this workshop lead by Westwood High School's own Robotic Team, children will learn starting concepts of engineering using Lego Wedo kits. These children will be able to experience the vast world of STEM in a fun, hands-on fashion that gives them a chance

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to be emerged in both the building side of engineering and the programming/computer science side of engineering. To teach the building process, we will be using the Legos and sensors that come with the kits that create numerous different designs. To teach the computer science aspect, we will be showing the kids how to use an easy block-style coding program to make their creations come to life.

Mondays, 4 – 5 PM

September 19, 26; October 3

***requires registration**

ABOUT WHS Robotics Team 1757

Hello, we are the Westwood High School Robotics Team (FRC Team 1757). The team was founded in 2006, and every year, we participate in the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC), an international competition for high schoolers. Through this team, the students are provided with the experience of engineering in the real world. We are given opportunities to engage in not only mechanical engineering and programming, but also in finance, public relations and project management.

Additionally, this team has allowed the upperclassmen, who traditionally teach the new members, to develop and hone their leadership skills.

Art Around the World: For kids in grades 3-5. Join local author/artist Sam Valentino as he leads kids in this 4 week session where they will explore cultures from around the world through stories and art. Kids will create their own pieces of artwork each week.

Tuesdays, 4:00 PM

(Please note, registration is for all 4 weeks).

October 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1

***requires registration**

***Art INC:** For kids in grades 3-5. Come do an art project at the library! All supplies & basic instruction will be provided.

Wednesday, November 16, 1 PM

***requires registration**

Family Programs

Author Victoria J. Coe Visits Us!: The author of the Summer Reading hit *Fenway & Hattie* will be at the Westwood Public Library to share her inspiration for writing the book, what it's like to be a writer, and answer YOUR questions! Books will be available for purchase & signing at the event. Keep your eye out for a special Fenway & Hattie-themed raffle in the Children's Department during the month of September!

Sunday, October 2, 3 PM

Winter Ornament Decorating: Come decorate a winter-themed ornament to hang on your tree or simply brighten up a window in your house during this glitter-fueled family craft program. Bring photos to be photocopied for your ornament. A limited number of ornaments will be available for decoration so registration is required.

Wednesday, December 21, 2 PM

***requires registration**

MAIN LIBRARY TEEN EVENTS

Just for Fun Teen Book Club: For kids in grades 5 – 8. Take a break from the stresses of class and read a book just for fun! We will do some fun activities, chat about the book, and have some yummy snacks! More information about book selections will be available online, at the Children's ASK! Desk or in the Teen Room.

Main Library: 1st Early-Release Wednesday, 1:30 PM

September 14: *The Encyclopedia of Me* by Karen Rivers

October 5: *Unspoken* (The Lynburn Legacy Bk1) by Sarah Rees Brennan

November 2: *I AM Princess X* by Cherie Priest

December 7: *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

Teen Advisory Board: For tweens/teens in grades 6-12

New Members Welcome! Come sign up at the Reference Desk or email wwdtab@minlib.net

Main Library: Wednesday, September 14; 2:30 PM

Altered Books with Tricia London: For tweens/teens in grades 6-12. Have you ever wanted to dissect and transform old books into something new? Here's your chance! We'll be using old/recycled books to create brand new works of art.

Main Library: Monday, September 19; 8:00 PM

Casual Fridays! For tweens/teens in grades 6-12. Come hang out with your friends in a relaxed informal setting. Play video or board games, listen to music and catch up on new movies and books. We need you there to make sure something interesting is always happening!

Main Library: September 16, 23, 30; November 4, 11, 18, 25; 3:00 PM

Make It, Build It, Smash It!: For kids in grades 6-8. Come build structures (and see which one is the last to crumble under pressure) and build a basic catapult to see just who has the best aim.

Main Library: Wednesday, September 28, 2 PM

Teen Knitting: 6th grade and up. Join us Monday nights in October for knitting in the Teen room. We are going to knit hats and blankets for preemies, which will be donated to Children's Hospital and Boston Medical. Supplies will be provided.

Main Library: Beginning October 3, 7 PM

DIY Pumpkin Scrub: For tweens/teens in grades 6-8. Do you LOVE Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte? Love it so much you want to smell like one? Join Molly and Lizzy to create delicious smelling hand and body scrub!

Main Library: Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 PM

Middle School Monster Mash: For kids in grades 6-8. Come in costume (or not) to enjoy spooky music and hang out with friends. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded and snacks will be provided.

Main Library: Friday, October 28, 3 – 4 PM

MAIN LIBRARY ADULT DEPARTMENT PROGRAMMING

Local Author Series: Evenings, 7:00 PM. Copies of books will be available for purchase and signing by the authors. This event series is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library. Free and open to all!

October 5 – Bob Begin: *Scott, Amundsen, and Shackleton: The Race To The South Pole*. Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton all have a permanent place in the history of exploration of the Antarctic. They were colleagues and rivals. They strove to gain fame not only for themselves, but equally for their country. The terrain they struggled with was barren, lifeless, and hostile. They met no indigenous peoples there to assist or guide them. All they had were themselves, each pushing themselves to their own human limits. Death was an ever-present consequence. They knew the risks involved, and committed themselves to the challenges. Some would fail, some would be lucky, and some would demonstrate incredible leadership and courage. Join Bob Begin, local historian and lecturer, as he examines the leadership style and organizational skills of each explorer and discoverer. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

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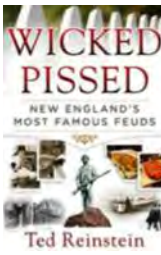
Library Programs

October 13 – Tom MacDonald presents his third book in the Dermot Sparhawk Series: *The Revenge of Liam McGrew*.



Born in Dorchester and raised in Braintree, Massachusetts, Tom MacDonald resides in Boston and works in Charlestown for St. Mary–St. Catherine of Siena Parish as Director of Social Ministries and Director of Harvest on Vine Food Pantry. Tom also teaches creative writing at Boston College. In this third book in the series, Dermot Sparhawk travels from his native Charlestown, Massachusetts, to his ancestral Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he faces an inevitable showdown with the man attempting to kill him.

November 1 – Ted Reinstein presents *Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds*.



From sports to politics, food to finance, aviation to engineering, to bitter disputes over simple boundaries themselves, New England's feuds have peppered the region's life for centuries. They've been raw and rowdy, sometimes high minded and humorous, and in a place renowned for its deep sense of history, often long-running and legendary. Bringing to life many of the fights, spats, and arguments that have, in many ways, shaped the area itself, Reinstein, a reporter for WCVB-TV's "Chronicle," demonstrates what it really means to be Wicked Pissed.

November 3 – Marjorie Turner Hollman presents *Easy Walks and More Easy Walks in Massachusetts*.



Do you wish you knew some new places to get outdoors with your family and friends? Come get a peek at some of the woodland trails, hidden access points along the Charles River, and short walks to sweeping views that are "right around the corner" from where you live! Local author and Bellingham resident Marjorie Turner Hollman will present a slideshow of photos taken along paths included in

her new book, "More Easy Walks in Massachusetts" which provides details about walking trails close to Westwood, including trails in Dover, Walpole, Natick and Framingham. Fifteen towns and 35 trails are highlighted with location maps (including parking information) for each trail.

November 10 – Stephen Puleo presents *American Treasures: The Secret Efforts to Save the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address*.



Stephen Puleo weaves exciting stories of freedom under fire – from the smuggling of the Declaration and Constitution out of Washington days before the British burned the capital in 1814, to their covert relocation during WWII – crafting a sweeping history of a nation united to preserve its democracy and the values embodied in its founding documents.

Weekly Computer Help Sessions*: For all levels beginners to advanced. Get help with: the internet, e-mail, Macbooks, iPods, iPads and iPhones. 40 minute one on one sessions.

Main Library: Beginning Monday, September 12

***requires registration**

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: September 30, 10:30 AM – *The Circle* by Dave Eggers

October 28, 10:30 AM – *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware

November 18, 10:30 AM – *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

Monday Night Mysteries: Join our book discussion group on Monday nights at 7:00 PM! 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: September 12 – *Before I Go to Sleep* by S.J. Watson

October 17 – *The Boy in the Suitcase* by Lene Kaaberbol

November 14 – *A Catered Thanksgiving: A Mystery with Recipes* by Isis Crawford.

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 fall selection is *The Taliban Shuffle/Whiskey Tango Foxtrot*. SNL alumnus Tina Fey steps into the well-worn shoes of journalist Kim Barker in Paramount Pictures' adaptation of Barker's memoir *The Taliban Shuffle: Strange Days in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, which details her time as a reporter in the two countries, beginning in 2002. No registration required.

Main Library: Book Discussion: Friday, October 7, 10:30 AM
The Taliban Shuffle : Strange Days in Afghanistan and Pakistan by Kim Barker.

Film Screening & Discussion: Friday, October 14, 10:30 AM

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 or call 781-320-1045 to set up an appointment!

Main Library: Mondays 6:00-8:00 PM

Islington Branch: Thursdays 2:00-3:30 PM

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!

Main Library: September 26, October 24, November 28

Brexit: Q&A with Professor Peter Moloney: Brexit has been headline news since the June 23 vote. Come with questions to ask Peter Moloney Ph.D, a visiting assistant professor at Boston College. Professor Moloney recently co-hosted a discussion on the recent United Kingdom referendum at the Center for the Study of Europe, a regional center of the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies at Boston University. Professor Moloney studies the evolution of modern international governance, focusing on the European Union and its forerunner, the European Economic Community (EEC). This program is a special public event from the library's Great Decisions discussion series, and is generously sponsored by the Foundation for Westwood Education. All are welcome!

Main Library: Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 PM

ISLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY

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.

Branch Storytime: For kids ages 2 & up. Children will participate in stories, songs, films, & crafts.

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 AM

September 8 – October 27

November 17 – December 22

PJ Storytime: For kids ages 3 & up. Children can come dressed in their pajamas with a special stuffed animal and a blanket to hear stories and songs.

3rd Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 – 7:15 PM

September 21, October 19, November 16

***Dewey Knit? Yes we do!:** For kids in grades 3 – 5.

Whether you are interested in learning to knit or already know how, come to the Islington Branch this fall and learn to complete a knitting project, start to finish. Supplies are provided.

Tuesdays, 3:30 – 4:45 PM

***requires registration**

Sept. 6 – Oct. 4

LEGO-mania: For kids in grade kindergarten & up. Come and build with library LEGOs.

Tuesdays, 3:45 – 4:45 PM

October 11 – December 27

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 AM

DROP IN PROGRAM

September 13 and November 15

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

Select Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

DROP IN PROGRAM

September 14 – *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

October 12 – *All the Stars in the Heavens* by Adriana Trigiani

Trigiani

November 9 – *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman

December 14 – *The Red Coat* by Dolley Carlson

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!

1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM

Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

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 AM – 12:00 PM **DROP IN PROGRAM**

For additional programs and further information, please call the Main Library Children's Department at 781-320-1042, the Main Library Adult Services Department at 781-320-1045, or the Islington Branch at 781-326-5914 or visit the web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org

TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

Fall 2016

September 8	State Primary Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
September 8	Islington Center Task Force meeting Islington Community Center 7 p.m.
September 13	Memory Cafe Council on Aging 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
September 15	Islington Center Task Force meeting Location To Be Determined 7 p.m.
September 17	Dedham Savings Shred Day Dedham Savings Main Office 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
September 23	Westwood Day Kickoff and Fireworks Flahive Field 7:00 p.m.



September 24	Westwood Day High School 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
October 11	Memory Cafe Council on Aging 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
October 15	Flu Clinic High School gymnasium 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
October 15	WYWC Town-Wide Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
November 8	State Election (Presidential) Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
December 4	Annual Town Hall Tree Lighting Town Hall 4:00 p.m.





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September 2016

Dear Westwood Residents,

I am very excited for the start of the 2016-2017 school year. The Westwood Public Schools

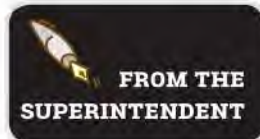
is running on all cylinders thanks to our immensely talented faculty and staff, our supportive families, and all of our residents who provide support in so many ways. Because of that, we have developed into one of the Commonwealth's elite districts, and our schools are a tremendous draw for families looking to move into the area. That said, delivering on our promise of a first-class education is not an easy task, and we remain committed to continuous growth and improvement. Our students, and our Town, deserve no less.

One of our challenges is to keep the entire community abreast of what's happening in our schools on a regular basis. At right are a few suggestions on how to stay connected to our school community.

Also, my staff and I are always available if you have any questions or concerns. Don't hesitate to reach out by e-mail at jantonucci@westwood.k12.ma.us, or by phone at 781-326-7500 x1340. Thank you, and have a great year!

Sincerely,

John Antonucci
Superintendent, Westwood Public Schools



Connect with WPS!

Our recently re-designed district website contains a wealth of information for all residents, including a calendar of events, news, pictures, announcements, forms & publications, and much more.

www.westwood.k12.ma.us

The district has a large presence on social media, and depending on your interests, it is an easy way to keep up-to-date with the Westwood Public Schools. Check us out on:

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WHS Student Updates Signs for Eagle Scout Project

by Sean Bevan, WHS Principal

In early August, a work crew quietly completed the last steps of a project initiated by Westwood High School junior **Nick Fusco**: to update the handicapped

parking symbols at the schools with a more active, in-motion version of life with a physical disability. As part of his Eagle Scout project, Nick proposed to update the signs as part of a growing movement to change the "International Symbol of Accessibility" to emphasize ability rather than disability. The signs (pictured below) were changed in

"The current handicap icon depicts disabled people as immobile and depending on others for mobility. The new icon features a person in a wheelchair moving under their own power."

WHS Junior and Eagle Scout Candidate **Nick Fusco**

the spring, and the parking spots were painted in the first week of August. Congratulations, Nick!



WPS Welcomes new School Committee Member, Tony Mullin!



Tony Mullin graduated from Boston College with a BA in Economics and earned his MBA from MIT Sloan School of Management. His

professional career has been spent in the business world with the Boston Consulting Group engaged on long term strategy and the last six years with Biogen in Human Resources. He is the father of two girls who attend Thurston Middle School and Martha Jones School. He has been an active volunteer in Westwood sports as a basketball coach, soccer coach, and serving on the Westwood Youth Soccer Board. He has also been a volunteer in the schools. Personal interests of Tony including running and traveling.

Tony looks forward to serving on the Westwood School Committee for the next three years and is thankful for the support that Westwood residents have given him.



More information on The Westwood School Committee can be found at www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/school-committee/

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