



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Recognition deserved throughout our town

This is what Westwood is all about

John Cronin Public Service Award

The John Cronin Public Service Award Committee was honored to present *James J. Gavin* as the 2017 Recipient. Jim has served on numerous boards and committees in Town providing financial guidance throughout his tenure. From 1997 through 2008, Jim served on the Finance and Warrant Commission, the Permanent Building Committee and was elected as Town Treasurer in 2003. After winning the election, Jim worked with the staff to issue the \$45 million bond for the High School, the largest bond issued by Westwood. In 2012, lead the financial team through a process called refunding meaning refinancing the remaining balance of the High School bond saving the Town \$2.7 million in interest.

Over the last 15 years, Jim, serving as Treasurer, has issued over \$95 million in bonds for various school and municipal projects and capital investments. His knowledge, expertise and understanding of municipal bonds repeatedly secure bonds at the lowest interest and terms in the best interest for the Town. In 2014,

the Town's credit rating was upgraded to an AAA rating, the highest a community can receive. Jim's leadership and guidance over the years was a significant contribution to the Town achieving this. Jim has and continues to oversee the Treasurer's Office and its staff working closely with the Finance Director to ensure all the key functions and duties are carried out and automated to best serve the community and its residents.

Jim has also served as the Town Treasurer on the Aid to the Elderly and Infirm, Long Range Financial Planning Committee, OPEB Liability Task Force, Budget Steering Committee and as the Custodian Tax Title Representation.

A lifelong resident of Westwood, Jim and his wife Diane of 31 years have raised four children, Katelyn, Jimmy, Kevin and Danny and is the grandfather of Keagan Shaw. He has also been a coach of Youth Hockey, Soccer, Baseball and Pop Warner Football. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Rockland Trust/Peoples Federal Charitable Foundation.



Jim Gavin (center) accepts the John J. Cronin Public Service Award at the May Town Meeting. Presenting the prestigious award are John Cronin Jr and Nancy Hyde.

Recognize A Youth (R.A.Y.) Award Recipients honored at Rotary reception

The Rotary Club of Westwood and Westwood Youth & Family Services (WY&FS) proudly announce the recipients of the 2017 Recognize A Youth (R.A.Y.) Award. Two Westwood High School students and two Thurston Middle School students were honored recently at a Rotary Club reception at the Library. The recipients, through their actions, have demonstrated an ethic of caring for others that is essential for the health of our community. This year's honorees are *Sophia Paravalos, Cameron Valentine, Cate Herndon* and *Erica DiDonato*.



Westwood Youth & Family Services

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From left to right: Danielle Sutton, Director of WY&FS, Cameron Valentine, Sophia Paravalos, Cate Herndon, Erica DiDonato, and Dottie Powers, President of The Rotary Club of Westwood.

Roy London Humanitarian Award

Stepping up to help each other in times of need

The Roy London Humanitarian Award (RLHA) honors late Westwood resident, Roy London, who volunteered in many ways to selflessly make his community a better, kinder place. The RLHA Committee has chosen the following as 2017 award recipients.

Jeffrey Greenwald is a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital, active at Temple Beth David including the Mini-Walk for Hunger. The Mini-Walk was organized as a multi-faith and multi town effort, where residents of Westwood, Norwood and Walpole come together to recognize the needs within our communities and to take action to alleviate that need in our communities. Jeff is also active in Family Table project in Canton. Family Table provides healthy food on a monthly and emergency basis to individuals and families in physical need, but also works to address some of

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Did You Know...

Aid to the Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund

Did You Know... that the Town has an Aid to the Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund?

- The Fund was established by Town Meeting in 1999 to provide real estate tax relief assistance to qualifying, low income Westwood elderly and disabled residents.
- Over the years, the Fund has assisted many long-time Westwood residents who wish to remain in the Town and homes they love.
- Since its inception, the Fund has provided assistance to a number of these qualified residents by directly paying a portion of their tax bill.
- In FY17, the fund distributed \$56,000, approximately the same as FY16.
 - ❖ Approximately 39 residents received a payment ranging from \$800-\$1,500. The typical recipient in FY17 was 88 years old; had lived in Westwood for over 60 years; and lived in a home valued at approximately \$425,000.

If you, or a fellow resident may be helped by the fund, applications are available at the Tax Collector's office at Town Hall, the Senior Center on Nahatan Street, the Library, and is downloadable from the town website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/.

If you would like to make a donation, you may send a check payable to:

Town of Westwood – Aid to the Elderly & Disabled Trust Fund
Tax Collector's Office
Westwood Town Hall
580 High Street
Westwood, MA 02090

If you have any questions, about applying or donating to the fund please contact the Collector's Office at (781) 320-1015.

Contributed by Pam Dukeman

Town of Westwood

Interactive Kiosk Unveiled at High School

Did You Know... that on May 17, 2017, the Town of Westwood and Ameresco, Inc., (NYSE:AMRC), a leading energy efficiency and renewable energy company, co-hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to unveil a new interactive kiosk located in the lobby at Westwood High School. The kiosk serves as an informational tool and educational display in support of the Town's sustainability efforts. The interactive kiosk displays the environmental benefit of solar, and provides information about the Town's solar arrays at the Westwood High School, Thurston Middle School, and the Martha Jones and Downey Elementary Schools.

"We're excited the solar arrays at the schools are complete and are operational and that the kiosk, donated by Ameresco, has been installed," said Thomas Philbin, Energy Manager, Town of Westwood. "Ameresco's technical expertise and experience has afforded us a valuable partner in helping Westwood to drive our energy strategy forward. In addition, the kiosk will provide our students and the community with an informational tool that helps to further enhance the learning environment."

Ameresco designed, built, owns and will operate the four roof-top renewable energy arrays. The multi-million dollar, renewable energy project includes approximately 1,800 panels installed on the roofs of the schools, creating energy savings for the Town of upwards of \$2 million over the 20-year term of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The PPA provides purchase of the

Westwood Council on Aging Celebrating 50 years!

Did You Know... the Westwood Council on Aging, established in 1967, will be celebrating its 50th year this summer! So much has happened and so much has changed!

A little background: In 1965 the Medicare program was approved which was a new concept to help those over 60 with their health insurance. With this in mind, Massachusetts created an Executive Office of Elder Affairs to help with understanding its aging population and then created "Councils on Aging".

In Westwood, Richard Hart, along with Winifred Hubert, John Farrell, Anne Slocomb and Edith Phillips created a committee and planned an afternoon party at the Pine Hill School. The local paper said that 60 seniors enjoyed a "Get Acquainted Program."

The Council grew and by 1967 over 100 seniors had signed up to be members at a cost of \$1 annually. From the beginning, the Council was aware that there were three primary needs: a Center to house programs, transportation for those who no longer drove, and a way to distribute information for anyone over 60. Housing also became a huge issue as Westwood's affluence and taxes soared.

In the late 90s, Pat Larkin, then Director of the COA, began to put together a combination of state and local funding as well as grants and donations from numerous individuals and foundations and built the Westwood Senior Center. It was later renamed the Patricia Carty Larkin Senior Center. Over 1200 seniors use it regularly and that number continues to grow.

As Westwood's population continued to grow, so did the needs of its aging population. Today the Center hosts programs that help anyone 60 or older stay healthy, stay connected and age well. At 50 years, the Westwood Council on Aging hosts over 30 regular programs (from Art to Zumba), travels near and far, offers a five day transportation initiative as well as outreach services that assist Westwood seniors with food security, housing information and referral services.

Massachusetts Senior Centers (Council on Aging) around the Commonwealth are vital institutions for any 60 plus citizen; moreover the Westwood COA is proud of its tradition, its significance and its many accomplishments.

Happy 50th Birthday Westwood Council on Aging!

Contributed by Lina Arena-DeRosa

generated electricity at a fixed rate that is lower than it currently pays to Eversource, resulting in annual utility budget savings.

John Antonucci, the Westwood Superintendent of Schools continued, "Our solar initiative was fiscally prudent for the Town's bottom-line and it provides an important educational opportunity for our community. In addition, as a Green Community, it helps support our commitment to minimizing climate change effects and environmental stewardship. This project allows us to save approximately \$100,000 annually in energy expenses, all without incurring any capital costs by the Town or our schools."

"Ameresco is truly honored to work with the Town of Westwood and we commend the Town and School System's leadership for their commitment in embracing this renewable energy project..." said Michael T. Bakas, Senior Vice President, Ameresco. He continued, "Ameresco is delighted the project is installed, and we're happy to be able to unveil the interactive kiosks that will function as a valuable educational and informational tool for the Westwood schools and community at large."

Excerpted from the press release on May 15, 2017

Westwood Council On Aging

Information from the Westwood COA

The Westwood Council on Aging continues to grow and expand its programming! So we invite you to come travel and play with us! We offer day and overnight trips and even an international trip to Africa! We also offer a number of “special programs,” so check out our newsletter (available online or stop in to pick one up).

A few of our adventures:

TANGLEWOOD -Sunday, August 6 – \$168 per person – 10-6 p.m. Enjoy a magical afternoon in Lenox MA! The day includes luxury coach transportation, a delicious lunch at Michaels Restaurant and then a special concert starring Cellist YoYo Ma. Space is limited so sign up early.

RED SOX vs ATHLETICS at FENWAY PARK – Thursday September 14 – \$100 per person – 10:30-5:30. Come enjoy a luxury coach drive to Fenway Park and third base grandstand tickets to cheer on our favorite team! Space is limited so please sign up early.

ULTIMATE AFRICAN SAFARI WITH OVERSEAS

ADVENTURE TRAVEL – March 14-31, 2018 – 17 days/\$6000 all inclusive (42 meals, transportation, game viewing drives, park fees, 15 nights accommodations, taxes, fees and gratuities included). Have you ever wanted to travel to Africa (alone or with a friend)? Then this is your trip! This group tour is limited to 14 people – details available at the Center.

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.



SOME OF OUR SPECIAL PROGRAMS

(check out our newsletter for other programs!)

ANTIQUES BOOK ROAD SHOW – The Value of Old and Rare Books Sponsored by New Pond Village of Walpole on Tuesday, June 6 at 11 am. Do you own old or first edition books and have wondered what they are worth? Then join us at our first annual Antiques Book Road Show. Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of Boston’s Brattle Book Shop, will discuss the value of old and rare books. A frequent guest appraiser on PBS’ Antiques Roadshow, he will explain the joy of old books. Following the lecture, he will give free verbal appraisals of books that attendees bring. Please call the Center to sign up so we know how many to expect. A \$2.00 donation is requested.

BYE BYE BIRDIE at the Norwood Theater on Wednesday, June 7th (lunch at noontime – Performance at 1:30 pm) \$30 per person. The Center is once again proud to partner with the Norwood Theater to offer a wonderful opportunity of lunch and theater in June. Space is limited, so you must sign up in advance.

And finally, stop by the Center anytime! We are warm and welcoming and offer numerous opportunities for you to stay healthy, connected and informed.

NEWS from the Town Clerk’s Office

Congratulations...

...to the following Westwood Residents who were elected to their prospective offices at the Annual Town Election on April 25, 2017:

Board of Assessors (3 yr. term): Mark F. Murphy

Board of Library Trustees (3 yr. terms): Mary Beth Persons & Maureen Murphy VonEuw

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

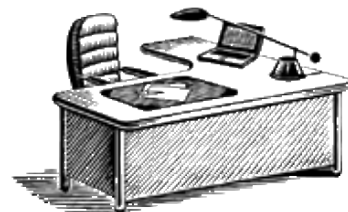
Planning Board (3yr. term): Brian D. Gorman

School Committee (3 yr. terms): Charles L. Donahue, Jr. & Joseph A. Jowdy

Selectman (3 yr. term): Michael F. Walsh

Sewer Commissioner (3 yr. term): Francis X. MacPherson, Jr.

Tax Collector (3 Yrs. term): Albert F. Wisialko



2017 Annual Town Meeting Results

Attendance Monday, May 1, 2017 • 538 Registered Voters & 47 Visitors

Attendance Tuesday, May 2 2017 • 214 Registered Voters & 19 Visitors

Article No.	Article Description	Vote Needed	Vote Needed
1	Supplemental Appropriations FY17	*Majority	Passed by a Unanimous vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
2	Supplemental Appropriations FY17	*Majority	Passed by a Unanimous vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
3	Unpaid Prior Year's Bills	*4/5	There being no unpaid bills of the previous year, no action taken on this article.
4	Town Operating Budgets – FY18	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
5	Appropriation – Municipal Capital Improvements	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
6	Appropriation – School Capital Improvements	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
7	Appropriation – Sewer Capital Improvements	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
8	Appropriation – Other Capital Improvements	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
9	Appropriation – Stabilization Fund – FY18	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
10	Appropriation – Capital Stabilization Fund	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
11	Appropriation of Free Cash to Reduce Tax Levy	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
12	Appropriation – OPEB Liability Trust Fund FY18	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
13	Street Acceptances (Phillips Way, Fox Meadow Drive and Deerfield Avenue Extension)	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
14	Street Acceptances (Wilson Way)	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
15	Road Improvements (Chapter 90 Funds)	*2/3	Passed by a Unanimous voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
16	Clapboardtree Easements and Takings	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
17	Clapboardtree/Washington Intersection Construction Funding	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
18	Complete Street (Design Next Projects)	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
19	Town Bylaw Amendment – Prohibit the Consumption/Use of Marijuana on Public Property	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
20	Zoning Amendment Related to Recreational Marijuana	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
21	Housing Demolition Moratorium Petition	* Majority	Indefinite Postponement passed by a Majority vote in favor 319-YES 179-NO declared by the Moderator.
22	Zoning Amendment Related to Uses Permitted in FMUOD 6 (Washington Street Business District) and FMUOD 7 (High Street Business District)		
	1. Motion for Indefinite Postponement	Majority	1. Indefinite postponement failed by a Majority vote declared by the Moderator.
	2. Article as amended	2/3	2. Amendment from floor failed by a 2/3 voice vote declared by the Moderator.
	3. Reconsideration on Original Article	2/3	3. Reconsideration failed, standing vote 233-YES 188-NO, 2/3 vote not achieved, declared by the Moderator.
23	Zoning Amendment Related to Project Area in FMUOD 6 (Washington Street Business District) and FMUOD 7 (High Street Business District)		
	1. Motion for Indefinite Postponement	Majority	1. Indefinite postponement failed 161-YES 197-NO, Majority vote declared by the Moderator.
	2. Article as amended	2/3	2. Amendment failed by a 2/3 voice vote declared by the Moderator.
	3. Reconsideration on Original Article	2/3	3. Reconsideration on article failed 165-YES 151-NO, 2/3 vote not achieved declared by the Moderator.
24	Zoning Amendment Related to Accessory Apartments	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 vote in favor 148-YES 472-NO, declared by the Moderator.
25	Zoning Amendment Related to Storage Facilities	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
26	Zoning Amendment Related to Large Scale Solar for Residential Properties	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
27	Zoning Amendment Related to Earth Material Movement Permit Process	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.

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Article No.	Article Description	Vote Needed	Vote Needed
28	Zoning Amendment Related to Exterior Lighting for Nonresidential	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
29	Zoning Amendment Related to Nonconforming Uses and Structures	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
30	Zoning Amendment Related to Corner Clearance	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
31	Zoning Amendment Related to Penalty for Noncriminal Complaint	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
32	Housekeeping Amendments to Zoning Bylaw and Official Zoning Map	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
33	Rescind the Vote Taken at the September 9, 1946 Special Town Meeting for MGL Chapter 48, Sections 42, 43 and 44	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor, 131-YES 61-NO declared by the Moderator.
34	Amend Town Charter, Section 8-2-2 "Fire Department"	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
35	Amend Town Charter, Adding Chapter V, "Fire Chief"	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
36	Amendments to Westwood General Bylaw Article 1, Section 6 to establish a due date and interest rate for the payment of municipal charges and bills in a manner permitted by MGL Chapter 40 Section 21E [Municipal charges and bills; interest]	*2/3	Passed by a 2/3 voice vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
37	Acceptance of MGL Chapter 40 Section 58 [Municipal Charges Lien] – Building Division Fees and Fines	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
38	Acceptance of MGL Chapter 40 Section 58 [Municipal Charges Lien] – Board of Health and Health Division Fees and Fines	*Majority	Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator.
39	Acceptance of MGL Chapter 40 Section 58 [Municipal Charges Lien] – Conservation Commission and Conservation Division Fees and Fines		Passed by a Majority vote in favor declared by the Moderator

WestwoodWinds

Musicians invited for eighth season

WestwoodWinds, Westwood’s community concert band, invites all Westwood-area musicians to participate in its eighth concert season. Rehearsals are scheduled on six consecutive Mondays from 6:30 – 8:30 in the WHS Band Room starting June 12, 2017. The first rehearsal is an “Open House” where any interested musician can sit in with no obligation to join. Refreshments will be served.

WestwoodWinds will perform a public concert Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the WHS Cafeteria Court Yard. Additional concerts will be held at Fox Hill Village, August 1 and on Westwood Day, September 23.

James Giurleo, former Westwood Public Schools K-12 Director of Performing Arts, first organized WestwoodWinds the summer of 2010. Under his direction, musicians ranging in age between 14 and 80 with skill levels spanning amateur through professional, performed rousing concerts each year since.

Reflecting upon the past seven years, Giurleo says, “I look forward to greeting returning band members and to meeting new ones. We’ve had approximately 100 band members join the band over the years and some have faithfully returned every year. Many members are my former students and it is wonderful to see how music still plays such a powerful role in their lives. WestwoodWinds is a great way to bring back the joy of making music with neighbors and friends. Anyone who successfully participated in their high school band will feel comfortable with the musical challenges of WestwoodWinds.”

For more information, go to the WestwoodWinds web site at www.westwoodwinds.org or contact James Giurleo by email at westwoodwinds1@verizon.net or call (781) 708-3492.



It's summertime and the entertainment is brought to you by WestwoodWinds.

Town Hall

#endthestigma

There is something that we as a community, as humanity, can do to assist in alleviating the opiate epidemic. First, understand that no one chooses to become addicted. Addiction, also referred to as substance use disorder, is a chronic disease, much like high blood pressure and diabetes. Like high blood pressure and diabetes, addiction can be successfully treated.

Second, addiction is not the result of a person's moral failings nor is it a lack of willpower. Addiction causes physical changes to the brain's circuitry, resulting in cravings and destructive behaviors. Using derogatory terms such as "junkie" and "degenerate" only serve to deepen the stigma associated with the disease of addiction. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), stigma results in prejudice, avoidance, rejection, and discrimination against people who have a socially undesirable trait or engage in culturally marginalized behaviors, such as drug use (Link, 2001). The stigma of addiction also afflicts the family and friends and discourages them from seeking help for their loved one.

Effective ways for individuals to help reduce stigma include:

- Offering compassionate support
- Listening while withholding judgment
- Seeing a person for who they are, not what substances they use
- Treating people with substance dependency with dignity, respect and compassion
- Avoiding hurtful labels
- Sharing your own stories of stigma (Villa, 2017)

As this article was being written, emergency crews successfully resuscitated another individual suffering from an opiate overdose in our community. This is the third opiate overdose in the last several weeks. If you or a loved one is suffering from substance abuse, please reach out for help. You can contact the Town of Westwood's Youth and Family Services department at 781-320-1006.

Contributed by Opioid Task Force

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Link, B. G., & Phelan, J. C. (2001). *Conceptualizing stigma*. *Annual review of Sociology*, 363-385.

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Westwood Young Women's Club

Mondays in July = Family Fun

"Summer: Hair gets lighter. Skin gets darker. Water gets warmer. Drinks get colder. Music gets louder. Nights get longer. Life gets better."
— unknown

So far 2017 has been a fantastic year for the Westwood Young Women's Club. We have loved the opportunity to invest in our community, develop new friendships, strengthen old friendships, and have fun. With summertime approaching we are delighted to invite you to our annual WYWC Summer Concert series. Bring your picnic blankets, lawn chairs and summer cheer and join us during the month of July for this free, fun-filled event. The concerts begin at 6:30 pm on the Westwood Senior Center lawn. Pizza, water and snow cones will be for sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday, July 10: The Bubbleman

Monday, July 17: Judy Pancoast

Monday, July 24: Jenny The Juggler

Monday, July 31: The Bubbleman

If you would like more information regarding the Summer Concerts or the Westwood Young Women's Club you are welcome to visit our website www.wywc.org or Facebook page www.facebook.com/WestwoodYoungWomensClub.

Contributed by Laurien Bean

Westwood Cultural Council

Applications sought for consideration

The Westwood Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local community cultural programs. The Cultural Council's priority is to fund projects that reach residents of all ages, promote cultural diversity and art education, as well as school programs and field trips.

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

The Council is now accepting applications for the next grant cycle. The Massachusetts Cultural Council now requires online applications only. For more information contact the Westwood Cultural Council at westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com or go to www.mass-culture.org.

Contributed by Joan Murphy



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RAY Award Honorees

Sophia, a gifted musician, is a senior at Westwood High School. Early in high school Sophia suffered from anxiety and found it helpful to write songs about her struggles which she soon shared with friends. As a result her friends opened up to her about their own struggles with mental health issues and this inspired Sophia to become an advocate for mental health awareness. She now performs her powerful songs at fundraising concerts for non-profits in the area and last fall produced and headlined a benefit concert for IAM Strong.

Cameron, an Eagle Scout is a junior at the high school. He has volunteered thousands of hours with the Boy Scouts, including designing and building an outdoor chapel at the First Baptist Church. Cameron also serves in various leadership capacities with the Order of Arrow BSA, Student Council, WHS Site Council and is a WY&FS Mentor.

Cate and Erica are 8th graders at Thurston Middle School in Westwood. They are the founding members of the "Choose to Be Nice Club," a community service and school climate club designed to spread kindness throughout their school and the community.

At the ceremony, all the honorees celebrated their accomplishments with their families and those that nominated them.

The Rotary Club of Westwood focuses its service efforts in six areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. The club supports the R.A.Y. Awards as a way to encourage and recognize the community service performed by the youth in Westwood. For more information about the Rotary Club of Westwood, please visit www.westwoodrotary.com.

Nominations for the R.A.Y. Award are accepted year-round. For more information on the program and a nomination form please go to the WY&FS page at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us

Contributed by WY&FS

American Legion Post 320

Schedules for Junior and Senior League Baseball Games

Junior Division

Date/Time	Teams	Location
Fri 6/16 5:45 PM	Franklin Jr @ Westwood Jr	Westwood High School
Sun 6/18 5:00 PM	Norwood Jr @ Westwood Jr	Westwood High School
Mon 6/19 5:45 PM	Westwood Jr @ Needham Jr	Needham High School
Wed 6/21 5:45 PM	Hudson Jr @ Westwood Jr	Westwood High School
Fri 6/23 5:45 PM	Newton Jr @ Westwood Jr	TBA
Mon 6/26 5:45 PM	Westwood Jr @ Franklin Jr	Franklin High School
Tue 6/27 5:45 PM	Norwood Jr @ Westwood Jr	Westwood High School
Wed 6/28 5:45 PM	Needham Jr @ Westwood Jr	Westwood High School
Fri 6/30 7:00 PM	Westwood Jr @ Hudson Jr	Riverside Park
Sun 7/2 5:00 PM	Westwood Jr @ Newton Jr	Newton South HS
Wed 7/5 5:45 PM	Westwood Jr @ Franklin Jr	Franklin High School
Fri 7/7 7:30 PM	Westwood Jr @ Norwood Jr	Balch School
Sun 7/9 5:00 PM	Westwood Jr @ Needham Jr	DeFazio Field
Tue 7/11 5:45 PM	Hudson Jr @ Westwood Jr	Westwood High School

Senior Division

Date/Time	Teams	Location
Thur 6/15 5:45 PM	Franklin @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Fri 6/16 5:45 PM	Westwood @ Walpole	Bird Middle School
Sun 6/18 7:00 PM	Westwood @ Norwood	Balch School
Tue 6/20 5:45 PM	Westwood @ Needham	Needham High School
Thur 6/22 5:45 PM	Westwood @ Foxboro	Foxboro High School
Fri 6/23 5:45 PM	Norfolk @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Sun 6/25 5:00 PM	Medfield @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Tue 6/27 7:30 PM	Westwood @ Franklin	Franklin High School
Thur 6/29 5:45 PM	Walpole @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Fri 6/30 5:45 PM	Norwood @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Wed 7/5 5:45 PM	Needham @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Thur 7/6 5:45 PM	Foxboro @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Fri 7/7 5:45 PM	Westwood @ Norfolk	Norfolk Agricultural
Sun 7/9 5:00 PM	Westwood @ Medfield	Medfield High School
Mon 7/10 5:45 PM	Franklin @ Westwood	Westwood High School
Tue 7/11 5:45 PM	Westwood @ Walpole	Bird Middle School

St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball Awards

On Sunday evening May 7 at St. Margaret Mary Church the annual CYO Awards Night was held. The event was attended by over 150 players, coaches, parents and friends. Each of the players from the nine teams sponsored by St. Margaret Mary parish was recognized for their participation and accomplishments during the past season.

McCoy Award presented



In appreciation and recognition of his years of contributions to the St. Margaret Mary Parish CYO Basketball Program, Coach John Henderson (pictured in the center of the accompanying photograph, along with Ken Foscaldo, on left, and Mrs. Paula McCoy, wife of Terence P. McCoy, on right) was awarded the Terence P. McCoy award. John is a true role model and outstanding coach possessing the positive attitude necessary for mentoring the youth of our town.



The Foundation for Westwood Education

Foundation For Westwood Education Funds New J-Term Pilot Program

Board members of the Foundation for Westwood Education voted, at their May 10, 2017 meeting, to fund J-term, a pilot program at Westwood High School. Scheduled to take place after the final exam period in 2018, J-term is a five-day experiential learning program designed for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. J-term courses will differ substantially from those traditionally taught at the high school and will allow students the opportunity to delve deeply into an area of current interest or explore a new interest during an immersive learning experience of their own choice. Proposed J-term courses range from the very practical, such as “Basic Carpentry and Wiring,” to the more esoteric, such as “Exploring the Development of Truth from Socrates to Snapchat.”

The board also voted to endow the following grants:

Grant Name	Beneficiaries	Purpose
Talking Hands Puppet Theater	Westwood Integrated pre-school	To bring Talking Hands Puppet Theater to the Westwood Integrated Pre-school to perform a puppet show
BioBuilder Club Grant	Biobuilders' club, WHS	To further high school student research on real-world applications of synthetic biology
Robotics and Coding	3rd grade Sheehan School	To fund a pilot program designed to assess resources for planned third-grade robotics and coding curriculum
Math Tools for K-1	All kindergartens and first grades in the Westwood Public Schools	To purchase Stearns Blocks, a physical tool that helps students understand numerical relationships and the properties of operations
Expanding Expressions Tool	All K-5 students at the Hanlon School	To purchase an expanding expression tool that provides multi-sensory means for improving oral and written language
Expanding 3-D printers	Westwood High School	To acquire an Ultimaker 3 dual-extrusion printer for engineering classes
Thurston Middle School 8th Grade Woodcarving	Thurston Middle School 8th graders	To buy the materials necessary to incorporate a woodcarving unit into the 8th grade art curriculum

Your gift will make outstanding educational opportunities possible!

Over the past quarter century, the Foundation has awarded over \$1,000,000 to support high-quality educational and cultural enrichment programs for Westwood schools and community organizations. These are programs that secure Westwood's reputation as a peaceful yet vibrant place to live but that cannot take place without your continued generosity.

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RLHA Award Honorees

the spiritual needs of the families who seek the resources of the agency. He is also a part of the Rasin Foundation which is dedicated to collaborating with the people of Leogane, Haiti to improve the physical and mental health of the community and assist in economic and technology development. Although he was happy to contribute his medical expertise in treating people, he knows that his true impact will come in empowering the local care givers, almost all nurses and nurse assistants, to provide that health care themselves.

Hannah Paterson is a Senior at Westwood High School and will be attending Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in biochemistry next year. She is a member of the varsity swim and dive team, and the Ultimate Frisbee team. She also belongs to the Spanish Club and made the honor roll every term for the last four years. During the summer, Hannah works as a lifeguard and swim instructor and really enjoys being outside on adventures. For the past three years, Hannah has gone on month long trips with a group of 20 teenagers and 5 leaders backpacking, white water rafting, climbing, biking and kayaking in the Mountains in North Carolina, Washington, Oregon and Alaska. Hannah was just invited back to Washington and Oregon this summer to attend a leadership course so she can be one of the leaders of similar groups in the future. Hannah was nominated for the RLHA for volunteering since she was a freshman with St. John's Church Youth Group at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan. It didn't take too long before Hannah realized that the center there was lacking in children's books, so Hannah brought in her childhood books. When she exhausted her collection, she began buying books with her own money at second hand bookstores and local neighborhood sales. She soon realized that books that included people of color helped instill self-esteem in the children at the center so she began to look specifically for those kinds of books. When St. John's heard about what Hannah was doing, they began sending books to the center with Hannah. Soon, she was able to fill the shelves with all kinds of books for the children to read. But Hannah didn't stop there. She realized that most of the children didn't have books at home. So, she began a lending library in the name of a fellow tutor that had recently passed away. Hannah is now collecting enough books so that the children can keep them for themselves at their homes.

Pam and Peter Kane are founding members of the Westwood Environmental Action Committee (WEAC) and are very hands-on workers at all of the electronic recycling days each year. Pete has long been a proponent of renewable energy and energy conservation, including spearheading the adoption of the Stretch Energy Code for the Town of Westwood. Peter also led the way for Westwood to become a Green Community, making available upwards of \$1 million in grants. Over the years, the Kane's have opened their home to tours of their zero net home for others to learn and explore ways to conserve energy. Some of the first solar panels in Westwood are from Peter's efforts. As a former member of the Finance and Warrant Commission, Peter actively advocated for new energy efficient buildings in Town. As members of the First Parish Church in Westwood, Pam and Peter helped with the energy efficient addition to the existing building. Peter obtained his teaching certification and is now teaching science at Norfolk Aggie where he created courses in environmental



A wonderfully happy group of your friends and neighbors who were honored with the Roy London Humanitarian Award. From left to right: Pam and Peter Kane; Members for IAM Strong: Antonia Nedder, Karen Jordanicdes, Carol Morrison Deustch, Cheryl Morrison Deustch, Emily Medina; Hannah Paterson; and Jeffrey Greenwald.

science and climate change and is spearheading a proposal to place new solar panels on the roofs. Pam is also an active member in the community including still serving on WEAC and with the League of Woman Voters. She managed the brick program for the entrance at the High School and is now doing the same at the First Parish Church. Pam and Peter together have hosted four exchange students who have attended Westwood High School. Pam takes each student to Washington, D.C. to see the sights and continues to keep in touch with all of them. After the death of a friend, Peter and Pam welcomed his overwhelmed wife from Vietnam into their home and taught her how to cope with day to day issues. Because of their help she is now living at their home.

The IAM Strong Foundation was created in February of 2015, after the passing of Isabelle Medina, a Westwood adolescent who took her life. In creating the organization, friends and family sought to open the conversation about adolescent mental health and to shatter the stigma around mental health struggles. The title of the organization, "IAM Strong" honors Isabelle, as "I.A.M." are her initials. In the early days of the organization, the IAM Strong Foundation's presence on social media platforms was met with overwhelming support from the Westwood community as well as neighboring towns and cities, across the country, and across the globe. Their first 5K fundraising event, which took place at Westwood High School just three months after the organization began, drew over 700 participants. Since that time, IAM Strong has continued to grow and become a significant and positive presence in the mental health arena, funding almost \$100,000 in grants and programming to date. IAM Strong grants have brought mental health speakers to schools, provided critical training to school personnel, provided mental health services for teens, supported programs for coping skills for teens in the classroom, as well as funded many other initiatives. In addition to providing much needed grants, the IAM Strong Foundation sponsors an event each year entitled Messages of Hope, where community members of all ages gather at the Senior Center to create homemade cards for teens who are receiving inpatient treatment. The organization also sponsors a free event for the community each year featuring nationally known speakers, with a goal to support and educate the community around mental health. All of outreach and grant programs were created with an important goal— to shatter the stigma of mental health struggles and to continue to open the conversation about adolescent mental health.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Westwood Youth & Family Services is a town department that provides community based programs and free confidential counseling for the children and families of Westwood.

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



FRIENDS NETWORK

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

When: November 2017 – April 2018, Wednesdays from 5:15 – 6:15 PM or 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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

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

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

GIRLS GROUPS

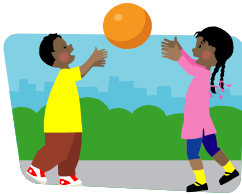
Who: Westwood girls in 4th – 6th grade

When: Fall 2017 – Spring 2018, one afternoon per week from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Where: Islington Community Center, 288 Washington Street

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

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STRUCTURED PLAY GROUPS

Who: Westwood residents in Kindergarten – 5th grade

When: Fall 2017 – Spring 2018, one afternoon per week from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Where: Islington Community Center and at Extended Day programs at Elementary Schools

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

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News Items Wanted!

Please send suggestions, observations, or feedback to the editor at: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us
If you want a story to be considered for inclusion in the *Westwood Community Newsletter*, please submit your article, by August 4, 2017. The *next* quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about September 15, 2017.

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

Email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us



Westwood Youth & Family Services would like to thank all of the high school students who volunteered with our 2016-17 Mentor Program, providing **over 2,000 community service hours** to the Town of Westwood. We would also like to thank our school and community partners who helped make this year a success!

Friends Network

Aaron Burke
Abby Diehl
Alex Doran
Alexandra Brind
Allison Deininger
Anna Meglan
Billy Wallace
Courtney Platt
Danielle Sutrich
David Maggiasco
Despina Aslanidis
Emma Harte
Georgia Lucas
Grace Lonergan
Grace Perrone
John D'Angelis
Jonny Phan
Julia Kelly
Katherine Brennan
Katie Fafara
Lauren Malster
Lauren Onanian
Lily Murray
Lizzy Casavant
Marissa Walsh
Megan Brown
Michelle Bernard
Noah Leslie
Rachel Gilroy
Sam Keleher-Fusco
Zane Rahabi

Body Safety Theater

Allison Marcus
Annabel Cimbali
Brendan Flatley
Brett Iarrobino

Elizabeth Delfeld
Emily Foscaldo
Fiona Garrity
Grace Burke
Helen Dong
Joe Abraham
Justin Anderson
Leena Dolabany
MacKenzie Draper
Maddie McDonough
Mark Horsfall
Melanie Homsy
Oriana Attridge
Richard Li
Roisin O'Keeffe
Rose Kearns
Smita Chatterjee
Sydney Devaney
Tiffany Law
Timothy Kearns

Bullying Prevention Theater

Allison Marcus
Brendan Flatley
Brett Iarrobino
Dan Hiller
David Polansky
Grace Burke
Justin Anderson
Leena Dolabany
Mackenzie Draper
Maddie McDonough
Mark Horsfall
Richard Li
Rose Kearns
Smita Chatterjee
Sydney Devaney
Thomas Leone

Tim Kearns
Will Danforth

The Dub Club

Alex Doran
Allison Marcus
Ashley Nolte
Ally Ng
Amanda Mundy
CJ Adouran
Connor Deehan
Dante Giugliano
Despina Aslanidis
Jack Deehan
Justin Tso
Katy Brooks
Marissa Walsh
Mark D'Angio
Matt Kutzer
Rose Kearns
Sarah Werth
Sophia Hamdan

Thurston Middle School Dances

Allison Marcus
Amanda Mundy
Andrea Yessaillian
Ashleigh Galley
Ashley Nolte
Ashley Walker
Cameron Valentine
Clara Melhem
Collin Fergus
Coralie Vanderydt
Courtney Lyons
Courtney Platt
Danielle Sutrich
Danielle Yanoff

Dante Giugliano
David Polansky
Despina Aslanidis
Elena Nichols
Elizabeth Delfeld
Emily West
Gabrielle Ouellette
Grace Burke
Helen Dong
Jackie DeLorey
Jonny Phan
Julia Kelly
Justin Anderson
Katie Fergus
Lauren Klaff
Lauren Krokowski
Lauren Witherrell
Marissa Walsh
Olivia O'Shea
Paige Walker
Rose Kearns
Samie Griffin
Sarah Werth
Shannon Rooney
Smita Chatterjee
Sophia Devin

Teen Scene @ The Library

Allison Marcus
Nicholas McQuarry

Thurston Middle School After-School Activities

Katy Brooks
Lauren Krokowski



Fireman's Foam

Wednesday, July 12

2:00-3:00 PM

Sheehan School Field

All ages love it!

Dance in piles of foam with music by DJ Magic Mark

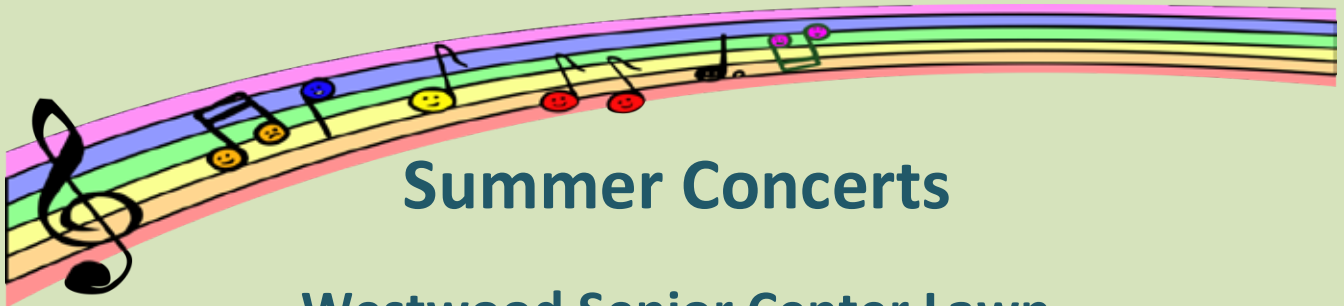
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Summer Concerts

Westwood Senior Center Lawn

July Mondays at 6:30 PM – FREE!

- July 10: Bubbleman
- July 17: Judy Pancoast
- July 24: Jenny the Juggler
- July 31: Bubbleman

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the concert.

Pizza, water, and snow cones available!

WESTWOOD YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB & WESTWOOD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

WESTWOOD DAY



Kick Off - Friday, September 22

Football Game - Westwood vs. Holliston 7:00 PM

Fireworks follow the game approx. 9:00 PM

Saturday, September 23

5K 9 AM and Fun Run 10 AM

10 AM - 3 PM:

Activities - Entertainment - Vendor Village - Food Court

Westwood High School
Rain or Shine



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WESTWOOD ELECTED OFFICIALS

Office	Name	Term Expiration
Assessor	Maureen H. Bleday.....	2018
	Michael P. Krone.....	2019
	Mark F. Murphy	2020
Collector of Taxes	Albert F. Wisialko	2020
Housing Authority	David Atkins	2018
	John J. Cummings III	2019
	Juliet W. Onderdonk.....	2021
	Christine E. Previtera	2020
	Vacant.....	2017 State Appointee
Library Trustee	Jessica M. Cole.....	2019
	Paul T. Fitzgerald	2019
	Mary Masi-Phelps	2018
	Mary Beth Persons	2020
	Wendy W. Thornton.....	2018
	Maureen VonEuw.....	2020
	Moderator	Alice E. Moore
Planning Board	David L. Atkins, Jr.	2019
	Brian Gorman	2020
	Michael L. McCusker.....	2019
	Trevor Laubenstein.....	2018
	Steven H. Olanoff.....	2018

Office	Name	Term Expiration
Regional Vocational School Committee	Charles Flahive.....	2020
	Charles L. Donahue, Jr.	2020
School Committee	Josepha A. Jowdy	2020
	Brian Kelly	2018
	Carol Lewis	2019
	Anthony M. Mullin	2019
Selectmen	<i>Chairman</i>	John M. Hickey
	<i>Clerk</i>	Nancy C. Hyde
	<i>3rd Member</i>	Michael F. Walsh
Sewer Commissioner	Anthony J. Antonellis.....	2018
	Frank X. MacPherson.....	2020
	James M. Connors	2019
	Town Clerk	Dorothy A. Powers



US STEAM Academy

Robots and High-Tech engage students

US STEAM Academy is a local organization in Westwood that provides high-quality after-school Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) education to students in grades K to 12. US STEAM Academy instructors recently supported the Westwood High School Robotics Team, competing at FIRST New England Regional Championship April 6-8, 2017 at the University of New Hampshire. The robotics team proudly finished up the best competitive season in its 10-year history.

US STEAM Academy was the “Featured Guest” of the Sheehan STEM Festival on March 22, 2017. Students at the festival were excited to see the Lego robots, Virtual Reality 3D glasses, miniature engine, flying magic and all the high-tech exhibits.

US STEAM Academy strives to spark students’ interests in learning STEAM (represented in the two photos to the right) and lead them to success in their future careers. Students from the five Westwood elementary schools, Thurston Middle School and Westwood High School have benefited from the STEAM program. There are many classes to choose from, such as Computer Programming, Robotics, Mathematics, Electronics Engineering, Science and Engineering, Drawing, and Chess.

US STEAM Academy welcomes talented teachers and high school students to join them in promoting STEAM education. Please visit the website: <https://ussteam.org> for more details about the STEAM program.

Contributed by Catherine Qiu

Students at Sheehan School crowded the tables at the Sheehan STEM Festival last March. Pictured is the Featured Guest, US STEAM Academy information table.



Westwood High School Robotics Team competed at FIRST New England Regional Championship.



PHOTO: CATHERINE QIU

Temple Beth David
Pursuing Peace

On April 1 and 2, more than 100 members of all ages of Temple Beth David gathered together at the Warren Center in Ashland, MA for a community retreat. Led by Rabbis Karen and Micah Citrin, they engaged in spirited prayer, engaging study, adult time, family time and kids activities, all with the theme of pursuing the peace (shalom) of Shabbat (Sabbath). Electives led by Rabbi Emeritus Hank Zoob, Rabbi Karen and Rabbi Micah Citrin, members of the teen youth group and congregants included sports, art projects, singing and study. Due to the New England weather, games were played outside in the snow and the campfire was moved to an indoor fireplace-but that did not stop the fun!

Contributed by Amy Cook



Rabbi Micah and Rabbi Karen Citrin with Cynthia and Harvey Atkins, founding members of the congregation

The Rotary Club of Westwood
Busy Spring updates



The Rotary Club of Westwood celebrated its Annual Pancake Breakfast on April 9 on Palm Sunday. Those who attended enjoyed music by Jeannie Mac and face painting by Christopher and Julie Warner. There were pancakes and sausages, and lots of pictures with the Easter Bunny and Mickey Mouse. At 11:00 AM there were a scurry of little feet running to the Egg hunt sponsored by the Westwood Young Womens Club. It was a fun day for the whole family.

On May 26, the Rotary co-sponsored the Veterans Day Breakfast with the Westwood Council on Aging with featured speaker Len Sandler who spoke about SFC Jared Monti's story. To learn more about Rotary, visit us on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 PM at Chiara Bistro, 569 High Street, Westwood or visit at www.westwoodrotary.com or on facebook @ rotarywestwood.

Contributed by Alicia Yeh



Top row from Left to Right:
 Rotarians: Michael Walsh, Anthony Amico, Jaclyn Biancuzzo, Laura Macs, Helena Drolette;

Second row from Left to Right:
 Easter Bunny: Bryan Truscott and attendees, Jeannie Mac;

Bottom row from Left to Right:
 Serving Pancakes: President of the Rotary, Dottie Powers with volunteer Colin Patton & face painter, Julie Warner;

Present but camera shy:
 Robert Folsom

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JUNE 17 TH
9:30—1**

***PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY AT 781-320-1042
TO PRE-REGISTER FOR A SPECIFIC TIME SLOT!***

***ALL MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED — JUST BRING ALONG
YOUR CREATIVE ENERGY!!!***

***Program is open to participants of all ages: kids, teens and
adults! Special thanks to the Friends of the Library and Buddy's
Tile Outlet of Norwood for their sponsorship of this program.***

Westwood Town Hall

Quality of Service Survey

The Town appreciates the 1,181 responses from 22% of the households to the Quality of Service Survey included in this year’s census.

The survey asked residents about familiar general government, finance, public safety, human services, public works, recreation, seniors and community, and economic development services. Residents who returned the survey, ranked the level of satisfaction and commented on improvements that could be made to the services.

For the most part, the scores were in the favorable range for all services, most especially for public safety, youth and family and senior services, where the comments often cited the professionalism and helpfulness of the staff.

The survey included many comments and suggestions for improvement. For example, there were several mentions for expanded, more frequent leaf pick up that extend later in the fall and for consideration of acquiring or engaging a vacuum truck, the value and ease of early voting, and the desire for more adult recreation programming. All of the comments and suggestions received will be considered going forward.

Again we would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to complete and send in the survey. We will do everything in our power to make it catalyst a for improving the services municipal government provides.

Contributed by Michael Jaillet

Westwood Town Hall

Westwood Ranks As One of the Safest Towns in Massachusetts



Everyone feels better knowing they live in a safe place! It’s important.

It provides a sense of comfort and security. Westwood has been deemed one of the safest towns in the entire state of Massachusetts.

Using licensed data, each city’s crime index was rated against the state and national average crime index, LendEDU reports that Westwood was ranked as the 25th safest city/town in Massachusetts!

The full report can be found at this link: <https://lendedu.com/blog/safest-cities-state/>

Contributed by Michael Jaillet



The Foundation for Westwood Education



Announces 2017’s Shining Star

Congratulations to Celeste Mahoney, winner of the Foundation for Westwood Education’s first annual Shining Star Award. Ms. Mahoney, nurse at the Martha Jones School, was chosen as 2017’s Shining Star for her outstanding physical and emotional care of children. Nominators recounted Ms. Mahoney’s prowess and kindness in everything from treating minor scrapes to ensuring the safety of children with serious conditions such as food allergies and diabetes. “Ms. Mahoney goes above and beyond her job description in caring for our kids,” say parents. “Children feel comfortable going to see her whether they are sick or need to talk, or even if they simply want a hug.” Ms. Mahoney was chosen for the Shining Star Award from among nearly one hundred nominations.

Seth Lucash, social studies teacher at the Thurston Middle School, and Erica Haupt Yennior, music teacher at the Sheehan School, received honorable mentions for their inspirational classes and their help and encouragement of students outside of class.

The Shining Star Award is a Foundation for Westwood Education fundraising initiative designed to further the Foundation’s mission by recognizing one individual each year for his or her exceptional contribution to the educational and cultural environment of Westwood.

Shining Stars featuring the names of all those nominated were on display in the lobby of the Westwood Public Library, main branch, throughout the month of May.

Contributed by Leslie Greffenius



(Above) Pictured, from left to right are: Celeste Mahoney* (nurse, Martha Jones School), Courtney Krupinsky (board member, Foundation for Westwood Education), John Antonucci (superintendent, Westwood Public Schools) and Emily Parks (superintendent-elect, Westwood Public Schools)

*Celeste Mahoney is the Shining Star Award recipient



(Left) Looking at the stars! Shining Star nominees were displayed at the main library for the month of May.



Summer 2017

MAIN LIBRARY

All Library programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

All Library Programs are Free and are generously supported by the Friends of Westwood Library. Registration begins one month prior to program start date. 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

SUMMER READING 2017: BUILD A BETTER WORLD

Don't forget to visit the library to sign up for the 2017 summer reading program. There will be prizes, giveaways, games, and fun! Read all summer and earn raffle tickets for great prizes! Open to children in grades K-6th (we even have a birth-preK summer reading challenge too!). Sign up begins June 5th.

Kids' Programs at the Main Library

660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090

wwdchildrens@gmail.com – (781) 320-1042

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

Book to Movie Club: Kids will read the book prior to meeting and then have a short discussion of each book before watching the movie together. This program is geared for independent readers who are old enough to enjoy reading both the book and watching the movie. Movie ratings are listed below and parents are encouraged to decide the appropriateness of each title for their child.

Select Wednesdays @ 6 PM

June 28th: *Beezus and Ramona* by Beverley Cleary,
Ramona and Beezus (2010, Rated G)

July 19th: *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine,
Ella Enchanted (2004, Rated PG)

August 23th: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins,
The Hunger Games (2012, Rated PG-13)

LEGO Family Fun: For families with kids of all ages, no registration. Come to the library each Saturday in July and August to build with library LEGOs. Each child will get to have one creation be on display in the Kids' Department for the next week after it's built. Stay for just a few minutes, or stay all the way until noon.

Saturdays, 10:30 – Noon

July 1st – August 26th

A Hop, Skip, and a Jump: Kids ages 2-5 with a caregiver, no registration. Kids ages 2-5 and their caregiver are invited to come participate in a variety of outdoor activities to build fine and major motor skills. This program will have multiple stations of play where caregivers are encouraged to participate and interact with their youngster. This program is not one session, but kids are welcome to attend more than one meeting if they wish – some activities will be repeated each meeting.

Monday, July 10th @ 11 – 11:45 AM

Tuesday, July 18th @ 3 – 3:45 PM

Monday, August 14th @ 3 – 3:45 PM

Wiggle & Giggle Storytime: For all ages, no registration. Kids and their caregivers are welcome to come and wiggle and giggle with us as we enjoy music, movement, storytelling, and more!

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

July 11th – August 15th

Wondrous Wednesdays Storytime: For all ages, no registration. Children and their caregiver are welcome to come listen to stories, songs, rhymes, and more! A short activity will be available for those who wish to stay after storytime.

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM

July 12th – August 16th

Read, Play, Sing: For all ages, no registration. Join us as we read, sing, and play in this storytime filled with movement, music, and craft activities!

Wednesdays, 4 PM

July 12th – August 16th

Picture Book Movies: For kids of all ages, no registration. Come watch favorite picture books come to life on film! Each week we will show a variety of stories.

Thursdays, 3 – 3:20 PM

July 13th – August 17th

Baby Rhyme Time: For babies 0-24 months and a caregiver. Come enjoy the magic of rhymes and music with your little one! Lizzy will lead everyone in traditional rhymes and music as well as wonderful new favorites!

Fridays, 10:30 AM

July 14th – August 18th

Summer Sing-Along: For kids of all ages, no registration. Come celebrate summer with your librarians! We will sing songs, share in rhymes and movement activities together, and maybe even a story or two!

Monday, July 17th @ 10:30 AM

Rolie Polie Guacamole: For kids of all ages & their families, no registration needed. Rolie Polie Guacamole is straight out of New York and will be up to rock your socks off at the library! Get ready to listen to some great tunes and dance to the beat (or to your own).

Thursday, July 20th @ 6:30 PM

Drive-In Movie: For kids and their families, no registration required – but first come, first serve for one of 50 “cars.” Kids are welcomed to come decorate their own (cardboard) car and then stay for a “drive-in” screening of Cars on the big screen!

Tuesday, July 25th

Decorating cars will begin at 5:30 PM

Movie will begin at 6 PM

Science Tellers Building Tall Ships & Pirate Tales: For children ages 5 & up, no registration required. Science Tellers are back! Ahoy! People don’t just build on land. They build on water, too! Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to construct a ship before all hope is lost ... at sea! Planks, sails, rigging, rails... what else could building a pirate ship possibly take?! Come join us for this interactive, participatory, science-based adventure!

Monday, July 31st @ 2 PM

Toy Car Wash: For kids of all ages, no registration. All young motorists are welcomed to come wash, wax, shine, and detail their favorite toy vehicle at the library. Hand washing supplies will be provided as not to chip the paint of your favorite whip. We ask caregivers to stay and participate in this hands-on program in order to help enrich the experience for the child.

Thursday, August 10th 1 – 2 PM

***Russian Math for Preschoolers:** Children ages 4-5 are welcome to come to this Russian School of Mathematics program perfect for preschoolers. Kids will engage with math through hands on activities.

Fridays, July 14th – August 18th @ 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Kids’ Programs at the Islington Branch

280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090

(781) 326-5914

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

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

Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:15 AM

July 6th – August 17th

LEGO-mania: For children ages 5 & up, no registration. Kids are welcome to come build with library LEGOs.

Tuesdays, 3:45 – 4:30 PM

July 11th – August 29th

Firefly Storytime @ the Park: For kids ages 3 & up, no registration. Come join Jenny at the School Street Playground and bring a special stuffed animal or blanket to hear stories and songs in the warm evening air. You may even see a firefly or two!

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

July 19 & August 16

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***Dewey Knit?! Yes, We Do!:** Whether you are interested in learning to knit or already know how, come to the Islington Branch this summer and over the course of six weeks complete a knitting project, start to finish. Supplies are provided.

Thursdays, 3 – 4:30 PM

July 20th – August 17th

**Registration Required.*

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

Thursday, August 3rd @ 9:30 AM

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

Wednesday, August 23rd @ 6:30pm

Teen Programs at the Main Library

660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090

wwdtab@minlib.net – (781) 320-1045

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

Teen Summer Reading: for grades 6-12

For every book you read you: *Get a free book (along with a small incentive prize)* Earn an End of Summer raffle ticket. Earn extra raffle tickets by writing a brief book review.

Sign up: At the Reference Desk, email wwdtab@minlib.net or call 781-320-1045.

Registration begins June 5th

Teen Summer Reading Kickoff: Westwood Public Library – Escape Room.

Join with friends and/or friends-to-be to in solving puzzles and riddles before time runs out. This teen game is based on the popular “locked room mystery phenomenon sweeping the country.” Sign up if you are up to the challenge! (Limit 10 teens each session). Register at the Reference Desk, email wwdtab@minlib.net or call 781-320-1045.

Monday, June 26, 2017 @ 3:00-4:00 or 4:30-5:30

Teen Summer Movies: for grades 6-12. No registration required. Snacks provided!

Inferno (PG-13)July 11

Max Steel (PG-13)July 18

Middle school: the worst years of my life (PG).....August 1

Passengers (PG-13).....August 8

Arrival (PG-13)August 15

Ghostbusters (PG-13).....August 22

End of Summer Teen Raffle Prizes:

1st prize, \$50 gift voucher for Legacy Place Showcase Cinema

2nd prize, \$25 gift voucher Canellas Restaurant Westwood

3rd prize, \$25 gift voucher Starbucks Westwood

4th prize, \$25 gift voucher Dunkin Donuts Westwood

Bonus prize, The Lunar Chronicle box set

Friday August 25 @ 4:00pm

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Library Programs**Adult Programs at the Main Library**

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The Westwood Public Library invites you to take part in the **2nd Annual Adult Summer Reading Program!** No registration is required– all you need to do is read what you'd normally read and tell us about it! You could win one of our major prize baskets! The theme for this year's reading challenge is "Build a Better World."

There are two ways to earn tickets & increase your odds of winning:

1. Complete tasks on the 2017 Adult Summer Reading Challenge, and/or
2. Submit Book Reviews for our Patron Picks Display

There is no limit on how many book reviews an individual may submit. Patron Pick Review Bookmarks are available at the Main & Islington Libraries.

Once you complete a task on the reading challenge, or complete a Patron Picks Reviews, come to the Main Library Circulation Desk, the 2nd Floor Information Desk, or the Islington Circulation Desk for your tickets! Open to all ages 18+. Visit the Library's website or call 781-320-1045 for more information. *The Adult Summer Reading Challenge is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Library.*



Summer PrePub Picks: Are you looking for new favorite beach read? Are you tired of finding out a popular new book is out, but the waitlist is long? Be "in the know" about what highly anticipated books are being published this summer! Molly will present the best reviewed books of the summer, and you will have the opportunity to get yourself on the list- before the wait is too long! No registration is required and all are welcome!

Friday, June 16th @ 10:30 AM

Keepsake Garden Stepping Stones: Children, Teens and Adults of all ages are all welcome to create personalized stepping stones! It makes a great "Father's Day" gift and looks fabulous in any garden! To register for a time slot, please call the Children's Department at the Library at 781-320-1042, or sign up for a time slot on your next visit to the Westwood Public Library. Supplies are kindly provided by Buddy's Tile Outlet of Norwood, MA and the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, June 17th @ 9:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Friday Morning Book Club: 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 and at the Islington Branch Library.

Friday, June 30, 2017: *Olive Kitteridge* / Elizabeth Strout

Friday, July 28, 2017: *The Invention of Wings* / Sue Monk Kidd

Friday, August 25, 2017: *Lilac Girls* / Martha Hall Kelly

Friday, September 29, 2017: *Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair That Shaped a First Lady* / Susan Quinn

Monday Mysteries: Join our mystery book discussion group on Monday 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 and at the Islington Branch Library.

Monday, July 10, 2017: *1st to Die* / James Patterson

Monday, August 25, 2017:

The Bughouse Affair/ Marcia Muller & Bill Pronzini

Monday, September 11, 2017:

Faceless Killers / Henning Mankell

The 45 Million-Dollar-Flower Pastel Workshop: Award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack presents his newest workshop: Pastel Paint the 45-Million-Dollar Flower. This two-hour pastel painting workshop will have all participants producing their own rendition of Georgia O'Keeffe's elegant Jimson flower. This program is supported by a grant from the Westwood/MA Cultural Council. Registration is required–call 781-320-1045 to sign-up!

Monday, July 24th @ 10:30 AM

Great Decisions with Tina McCusker: Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading an article about a particular global issue, watching the DVD & meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Copies of articles are available at both the Main Library & the Islington Branch.

Thursday, August 24 @ 7:00 PM and the topic is U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum

Adult Programs at the Islington Branch

280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090
 wwmail2@minlib.net – (781) 326-5914

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

Islington Branch: Tuesday, July 18th @ 10:30 PM

Tuesday, September 19th @ 10:30 PM

DROP IN PROGRAM

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

Wednesday, June 14th @ 6:30 PM:

Station Eleven/Emily St. John Mandel

Wednesday, July 12th @ 6:30 PM: *Plainsong*/Kent Haruf

Wednesday, August 9th @ 6:30 PM:

Commonwealth/Ann Patchett

DROP IN PROGRAM

Color Me Happy: Adult Coloring: Coloring is said to decrease stress while enhancing creativity. Join us at the library, where relaxing music & new friends await! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month! No registration required!

Wednesday, June 7th @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, July 5th @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 2nd @ 6:30 PM

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, 10:30am-12:00pm

DROP IN PROGRAM

All Library Programs are Free and are generously supported by the Friends of Westwood Library. Registration begins one month prior to program start date. 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



Westwood Public Library

National Library Week 2017

More Library Special News

Senator Michael Rush and Representative Paul McMurtry paid a surprise visit to the Westwood Public Library recently and presented Library staff with citations recognizing National Library Week! Thank you Senator Rush and Representative McMurtry for your continued support of public library services!

Contributed by Tricia Perry



Just like the sign says: Happy National Library Week! Notice the two official citations displayed on the table.



Library staff are all smiles when a surprise visit by Senator Michael Rush and Representative Paul McMurtry bestowed honors to our public library.



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Dear Westwood Residents,

June 2017

As you may know, I will be leaving Westwood at the end of the school year to assume a new position as the Superintendent of the Duxbury Public Schools. The last 12 years in Westwood have been the most rewarding of my life, and it has been an honor to lead this district, one of the finest in the Commonwealth. However, as a relatively young superintendent I've always known that I would take on another challenge in my career, and the timing of this one seemed right, especially as my own children near the end of high school. I want to thank everyone in Westwood for the incredible level of support you have given me over the years, but more importantly, for providing our students the resources they needed to have a first-class educational experience.



I also want to introduce to you the new Superintendent, **Emily Parks**, who has spent her entire career here in Westwood, most recently as Assistant Superintendent. Having worked side-by-side with Emily for 12 years, I can say with confidence that the Westwood Public Schools is in great hands. She is a visionary leader, a tireless advocate for faculty, staff, and students, and an incredibly hard worker. She is also just a great person, and it has been my privilege to work with her. I will miss Westwood tremendously, but I am very excited to see what the future holds with Emily at the helm. Please join me in congratulating her, and welcoming her to her new role.

Finally, on behalf of my entire family, thank you for welcoming us into your community 12 years ago. Westwood is a special place, and we feel fortunate to now call it "home." I look forward to seeing you around town! Thank you.

Best,

John J. Antonicelli



Welcome to new
Superintendent of the
Westwood Public Schools
Emily Parks



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ONLINE BUS REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 year will run from
March 1-June 30, 2017

To register:

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



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

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

**Deadline is
June 30th!
Register
today!**

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

Transportation rates will not increase for the 2017-2018 school year. The annual bus fee will be **\$180 per student**, with a **family cap of \$450** for all students in Grades K-12.

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

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

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

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Meet the Trustees of the Westwood Public Library

Following Town Elections and Town Meeting, the Westwood Public Library Board of Trustees convened on Monday, May 8, 2017 to welcome a new member of the Board, Maureen Von Euw, and to select new officers. Both Maureen Von Euw, and re-elected Trustee, Mary Beth Persons have been elected to three year terms. As part of the reorganization of the Board at the May 8 meeting, the Trustees also voted unanimously on new officers, selecting Paul Fitzgerald as Chair, Jessica Cole as Clerk, and Maureen Von Euw as Trustee Liaison to the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

Library Trustees are responsible for setting policy for the Library and are instrumental in working with the Library Director, library staff, Friends of the Library, 21st Century Foundation members, library patrons and municipal and local staff, agencies and groups to advance and promote the library's mission and vision.

Pictured at right are the current members of the Board of Library Trustees, Westwood Public Library 2017-2018.



Top Row (L-R) Maureen Von Euw, Wendy Thornton, Jessica Cole
Bottom Row (L-R): Mary Masi-Phelps, Paul Fitzgerald, Mary Beth Persons



Summer Registration is happening NOW!

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Aqua Fitness
Art Studio
Hip Hop

Top Secret Science
Safety Town
Dog Training Programs
Driver Education
Tennis

Soccer
Baseball
Basketball
Flag Football

Golf
Volleyball
Softball
Boot Camp

Fencing
Lacrosse
Field Hockey

There is something for everyone @westwoodrec.com!

Register Early - Space is limited