



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Community Tours Give Westwood Residents Inside View of Deteriorating School Buildings

Westwood residents – some with children in the public schools and some without – took part in guided tours of the Deerfield, Hanlon and Sheehan elementary schools last weekend. The tours were coordinated by Superintendent of Schools Emily Parks as part of the District’s efforts to give residents an opportunity to see for themselves the deteriorating state of the buildings.

“This is the beginning of a long process of engagement on the part of the School District,” said Superintendent Parks. “It is important for people to understand that, while these schools are functioning well today, we need to consider how to deal with buildings that are decades old and in need of costly repair or replacement.”

Helen Gee was among those who took the tours of the Deerfield School led by Principal Josh Baumer. Her children have graduated from the school system.

“I came just to get perspective, if these are the oldest schools and we need to do something about them, whether we consolidate or upgrade each of the schools,” Gee said. “I think we need to invest, but how do we do it in the best way?”

Maya Plotkin is a parent and is running for school committee. She said it would be hard for people to understand the issues with the schools without seeing them up close.

“I knew the physical conditions of the buildings was a problem; I didn’t realize the academic portion was such a problem. I think they’ve done a great job trying to address the issues that they have, but clearly it’s not an ideal building for modern day teaching. That surprised me a little bit,” she said.

Residents taking the tours learned that the District is focused on these three schools because they are the Town’s oldest elementary schools. The Sheehan was built in 1948 and still has much of its original plumbing, windows and wiring. The Hanlon was built in 1951 and has a roof dating back to the early 1980s, in addition to aging pipes, wiring and windows. The Deerfield, which was originally built as a bomb shelter in 1953, has a temporary modular section that was added in 1995. It also has original systems that are deteriorating.



Tours and community outreach have been initiated to give all residents a chance to better understand the challenges facing the physical space of the schools.



Guided tours of the Deerfield, Hanlon and Sheehan elementary schools were held on March 3 weekend.

During a tour she led at the Hanlon, Superintendent Parks highlighted the many “cloffices,” a term coined for former closets turned into offices, used by the school psychologist and other specialists.

“These buildings were built after WWII, when I don’t know if they even had psychologists in the schools at all. Learning has changed a lot and, the way we teach our kids [has changed],” noted Ellen Larkin-Rollings, a parent, who attended the Westwood Public Schools as a child. “I would like to see those facilities and services have dedicated space.”

Westwood has taken initial steps to secure state funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), which could help pay for construction, renovations, and repairs to the aging elementary schools. The MSBA voted to invite Westwood into its eligibility period, during which time specific plans will be formulated with input from the community.

Colin Cassidy, whose children attended the Deerfield School several years ago, said he came with his wife because they want to better understand the District’s goals. He conceded the condition of the library and art room are “pathetic.”

“The conditions are not ideal, I grant you that. But, on the other hand, the school population is declining. There is smaller enrollment now than when our kids were in the school,” Cassidy said.

Superintendent Parks initiated the tours and community forums so all residents can better understand the choices and the challenges Westwood faces. *The next community forum will be held March 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hanlon School Gym.*

“I appreciate residents’ interest in touring our schools and learning more about our needs. It was great to have the opportunity to talk with folks about the condition of our buildings and our programs,” said Parks.

Westwood Media Center, (formerly WestCAT), attended tours at all three schools and will broadcast their videos later in March.

People can follow the School District’s social media channels, or visit its website, www.westwoodschoolbuilding.com, for more information on the Westwood Schools Building Project.

Did You Know...

Westwood Health Department

National Colorectal Awareness Month

Did You Know... that March is National Colorectal Awareness Month? The Westwood Health Department would like to inform residents that colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the United States and the second leading cause of death from cancer. Colorectal cancer affects all racial and ethnic groups and is most often found in people ages 50 and older. You may also be at higher risk if you are African American, smoke, or have a family history of colorectal cancer.

The best way to prevent colorectal cancer is to get screened regularly starting at age 50. There are often no signs or symptoms of colorectal cancer – that’s why it’s so important to get screened.

Everyone can take these healthy steps to help prevent colorectal cancer:

- Get screened starting at age 50.
- Encourage your family members and friends over age 50 to get screened.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Get plenty of physical activity and eat healthy.

Talk to your health care provider to see what screening options are right for you. For more information visit healthfinder.gov/.

New Public Health Nurse

Did You Know... Westwood has a new Public Health Nurse? Tiffany McCarthy, BSN is our new Public Health Nurse. Her office has been relocated to 50 Carby Street and her hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. She will be at the Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. If you are in need of nursing services please contact Tiffany to make an appointment. She can be reached at tmccarthy@townhall.westwood.ma.us or 781.251.2576.

Westwood Department of Public Works Paving Plan Summer 2018

Did You Know... the DPW has completed its pavement management plan for the Spring/Summer? The following streets are scheduled to be paved this upcoming construction season:

- Stanford Drive, Shoestring Lane, Gloucester Road, Lancaster Drive, York Way, Wicklow Drive, Warwick Drive, Wessex Drive, Westchester Drive, Salisbury Drive, Lanark Drive, and Summer Street.

We have notified utility companies of our plans for the upcoming work. We recommend residents reach out to utility companies as well for any potential hook ups. Once these roads are paved there will be a 5 year moratorium preventing any trench work. If there are any questions please reach out to the DPW office at 781-320-1037.

Westwood Health Department

Mosquitoes–No Spray Notification Information Aerial Larvicide Applications

Did You Know... that it is time to plan for mosquito control for 2018? As you may know, truck-based mosquito spraying is conducted by the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District in the summer months by request only, weather permitting. Applications are based on requests and the NCMCD sprays area-wide in neighborhoods to most effectively control area-wide mosquito problems. If you do not want your property sprayed during these applications, you must now use an on-line form hosted by the MA Department of Agriculture. To utilize the form, conduct a simple web search for “Mass pesticide exclusion” and you will find a link to the online form. These online exclusion requests are immediately forwarded to the Mosquito Control District and the exclusion will be effective within 2 weeks. Requests can now be made at any time of year but do need to be resubmitted each year - exclusions cancel on December 31 of each year.

It is good to keep in mind that these truck-based mosquito control applications are “area-wide,” meaning the trucks drive on streets and apply at a large scale. The applications are not designed to be individual property sprays and the District does not drive the spray trucks onto properties.

The District is also preparing for aerial application of the biological larvicide Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*) to control mosquito larvae. Helicopter applications will potentially be conducted between mid-April and early September over specific large wetlands in Westwood and other communities within the county. The District almost always conducts an aerial larvicide application in mid-April. Please note that these aerial applications are not ‘sprays,’ but instead are granular applications to wetlands with the most environmentally sensitive product available. Specific information on these applications, the products used, and maps of the wetlands to be treated will be available on the website as spring approaches.

For more information please contact the Westwood Health Department at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District’s website at norfolkcountymosquito.org or call 781.762.3681.



Did You Know...

Westwood Football was featured in a Super Bowl Commercial this year!?

What a nice surprise! This picture is a screen shot of the players in the commercial.

Contributed by Christine McCarthy

NEWS from the Town Clerk's Office



Dog licensing for 2018 is ongoing through March 31, 2018.

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

Licenses are valid from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018.

You must license your dog on an annual basis.

If you own more than 4 dogs this is considered a "Personal Kennel" per MGL c. 140 §136A. You must go through a special permit application process through the Zoning Board of Appeals to license a kennel.

Failure to license your dog on or before March 31, 2018 may result in a fine of \$25.00, per town bylaws §184-10.B.(1)

Licensing Fees are as follows:

Dogs not Neutered or Spayed: \$15.00

Dogs Neutered or Spayed : \$10.00

Kennel fees—please contact the Town Clerk's office

Please be sure to include the correct licensing fee. If you are unsure, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781 326-3964.

The Annual Town Census was sent to each household in January.

If you have not returned it please do so; Failure to return the Census may cause a voter to be designated as inactive on the voting list (M.G.L, Ch.51, § 4). If you did not receive one please contact the Town Clerk's office.

Important Dates to remember:

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

- Last day to register new voters for Town Election and Town Meeting.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

- Annual Town Election, polls open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 7, 2018

- Annual Town Meeting-Westwood High School Auditorium, check-in 7:00 p.m., meeting begins 7:30 p.m.



Trash and Recycling Information

Save the Date! Bulk Collection Event

Did You Know...the Town of Westwood Bulk Collection Event is the **week of March 26, 2018?** Free curbside pickup of ONE bulk item on your regular trash collection day per household. Bulk items include a piece of wood furniture; couch; mattress or a box spring. For more information and a list of accepted items, please visit the Town of Westwood Trash and Recycling Information website. [<http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/gov/depts/pubworks/managernw/trashpickup.htm>]

Trash and Recycling Information

Save the Date! Westwood Recycling Day April 28, 2018 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Did You Know...the Department of Public Works and the Westwood Environmental Action Committee host **Westwood Recycling Day?** This year the day will be Saturday, April 28, 2018. Residents can come to the Department of Public Works at 50 Carby Street, to recycle electronics, appliances, rigid plastics, textiles, books, metal, bikes and many other items! As we get closer to the event, please visit the Town of Westwood Trash and Recycling Information website for fees and other information.

What you need to know about Contamination in Recycling Collection?

Did You Know...the largest leading cause of increased cost to recycling collection is due to contamination? Major culprits being found in recycling barrels are plastic bags, cords, coat hangers, and food items. If Waste Management notices contamination in the recycling barrel, the barrel will not be emptied. Please help us keep Westwood's Recycling free of contamination!

A handy page of information from Waste Management on Common Contaminants can be found on page 14. You're invited to tear out the page to post near your recycling containers for easy reference. A list of Common Recycling Contaminants is also available on the Town of Westwood website.

Extra Recycling Barrels are now available at the DPW!

Is your recycling overflowing and you are in need of an extra barrel? Good news, you can now request an extra recycling barrel by calling the DPW at 781-251-2587. Residents will be charged a onetime fee of \$60.00 for the extra barrel. Thank you for your help in promoting recycling!



Westwood
Youth
&
Family Services

Westwood Youth & Family Services Late Spring Registration

Did You Know... Online registration will open in late spring for the following programs through

Westwood Youth & Family Services:

- Structured Play Groups (K – 5th)
- Girls Groups (4th – 6th)
- Friends Network (3rd – 5th)

Online registration <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs>

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



PHOTO: WY&FS

Westwood Council on Aging

SPRING NEWS

Spring is a great time to get in shape, clean out your desk and get back on the road! And we are here to help!

GET IN SHAPE with our exercise programs:

PILATES with Mary

Thursdays, 11am (\$3 donation)

Mary's class targets muscles that help with posture, reduces back pain and helps with flexibility, not to mention makes you look and feel great! Please bring your own mat, towel and water bottle.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE with Sherri

Mondays at 1pm / Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

No class on Monday, April 16 (\$3 donation)

Sherri will get you moving and stretching (all done in a chair). This class will help you with your balance and your core strength. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle.

FUN FIT EXERCISE with Stephanie and Christine

Mondays, 9:30-10:15 / Wednesdays and Fridays 9-10 am

No class Monday, April 16 (\$3 donation)

This is a high energy, fun aerobics class that will get your heart pumping as well as strengthen your muscles. It includes aerobics, strength training balance and stretching exercises. Please wear comfortable clothing, sneakers and bring a water bottle.

CLEAN OUT YOUR DESK with our Mobile Shredding Day:

MOBILE SHREDDING DAY AT THE CENTER

Sponsored by District Attorney Michael Morrissey

Thursday, April 26th from 10 am – 1 pm (No cost to this program)

Westwood residents are invited to safely dispose of sensitive and personal documents (3 box/bag maximum) to further protect themselves from identity theft and fraud from 10-1. This is an opportunity to shred personal documents safely and free of charge. Residents are welcome to pull up to the mobile shredding truck for assistance with their boxes and bags of documents to shred. Gail Bellotti from the DA's Office will be here to answer any of your questions or concerns.



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.



GET BACK ON THE ROAD with our day and overnight trips:

DAY TRIPS 2018

Lobster Bake Luncheon and Foxwoods gambling

Tuesday, May 1 – Includes transportation, lunch and afternoon gambling at Foxwoods- \$80 per person

Newport Rail Tour RI

Tuesday, June 19 – \$95 per person – Includes transportation, bus tour of Ocean Drive lunch while on rail tour of Newport RI

Nantucket Day Trip

Thursday, July 12 – \$105 per person – Includes transportation to and from ferry as well as ferry ride – lunch and shopping in Nantucket on your own

Gloucester Lobster Cruise

August 21 – \$95 per person – Includes transportation, cruise, lunch and walk around town.

OVERNIGHT TRIPS 2018

Saratoga Spectacular

August 6 & 7 – \$375 single/ \$325 double – includes transportation, overnight accommodations, grand stand seats at the race, dinner and breakfast.

Canyon Country Tours with Collette Tours

October 2-9 – \$4119 single, \$3369 double – includes air fare, transfers, overnight accommodations, tour Sedona, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon and Zion.

For more details, stop by the Center and pick up a flier or a newsletter. Hope you will come join us!

Contributed by Lina Arena-DeRosa

The Board of Selectmen recognize Michael Krone for his Dedicated Service to the Town of Westwood

On Tuesday, January 30, 2018, Michael Krone was honored by the Board of Selectmen. The Board thanked Michael for over 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of Westwood. Michael recently resigned from the Board of Assessors due to relocating out of town. He served as Chair of the Board of Assessors multiple times, working on multiple valuations, review and recommendations on tax split rates. He was known for being a mentor to new members of the Assessors and staff since he joined the Board in the 1980s. In 1995, Michael also served on the Finance Commission and was a valuable member of the Long Range Financial Planning Committee since its start in 2013.

Thank you, Michael, for your dedication to the Town.

Enjoy your retirement!



St. John's Nursery School



PHOTO CREDIT: ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL

The children from St John's Nursery School in Westwood recently collected mittens for the Cradles to Crayons organization. The collection effort was part of their theme of "Giving" during the holidays. Each child who brought in mittens shared with the class what they did at home to help their parents and 'earn' the mittens to contribute.

St. John's Nursery School is a non-denominational NAEYC accredited school and is located at 95 Deerfield Avenue. St. John's Nursery School offers programs for both 3- and 4-year olds and are continuing to accept applications for the 2018-2019 school year.

Westwood Early Childhood Council

Can You Help a Young Child In Need?

Did you know that there are families in Westwood that cannot afford preschool due to a family crisis, job loss, or medical emergency? The Westwood Early Childhood Council is seeking financial assistance for Westwood children.



In an attempt to help these families, the Westwood Early Childhood Council established a tuition assistance program. This fund was created in memory of Kathy Scales, a long time Westwood resident and much loved preschool teacher.

Please donate today to make a difference in the life of a child in our community. Your donation, no matter how big or small, may be the difference between a child going to preschool or missing out on a very valuable experience. Preschool programs provide supportive environments where children can learn and develop age appropriate skills.

Together we can build a foundation for a lifetime of learning for children in need. Thank you for your generosity.

Please make checks payable to:

Westwood Early Childhood Council
Hanlon School
790 Gay St.
Westwood, MA 02090

For more information please contact:
Janet Lucey (781) 461-9548 or jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us

Contributed by Janet Lucey

Westwood Cultural Council

Grant applications now required online

The Westwood Cultural Council has completed reviewing the eighteen applications it received for the 2018 grant year and has chosen the recipients. The Council is now seeking applications for the 2019 grant year.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council distributes funds to local Cultural Councils who then grant funds to arts and humanities projects in their own communities. The local Councils are free to make funding decisions that best meet the particular needs of their own communities. The Westwood Cultural Council's priority is to fund projects that reach residents of all ages and which promote cultural diversity and art education.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council requires online applications only and the application must be received by October 15, 2018. For more information, contact the Westwood Cultural Council at westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com or visit www.mass-culture.org/.

Contributed by Joan Murphy

MOMS Club of Westwood

Introducing MOMS Club of Westwood

Spring is coming and the members of the MOMS Club of Westwood are looking forward to the opportunity to get back outside and enjoy the weather during one of our outdoor playgroups! So far this year we have had several activities planned around town and are gearing up for a year of fun events along with continuing our involvement in various community service projects around the local area.

Our chapter is part of an international nonprofit organization, that focuses on Moms Offering Moms Support. Whether you stay at home or are a working mom and you are looking to meet other moms and kids in town, email us at momsclubofwestwood@yahoo.com or check out our website at <http://momsclubofwestwood.org/>. You can also find us on Facebook at MOMS Club of Westwood.

Contributed by Jen Magnan
MOMS Club of Westwood President

The Foundation for Westwood Education's 22nd Annual Spelling Bee



On Friday, January 5, braving arctic temperatures, more than 270 Westwood 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders plus families and friends made their way to Westwood High School to participate in an afternoon of tense excitement at the Foundation for Westwood Education's 22nd Annual Spelling Bee. All three- and four-person teams had picked distinctive names for themselves and had studied long lists of words. Many came to the bee dressed in shirts, hats, or whole ensembles bearing their teams' creative names. Competition was fierce but fun; some successfully spelled words were so difficult that audible gasps emanated from the audience of adults cheering on the extraordinary spellers.

Emily Parks, Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools, moderated the third grade bee. Winners of the bee were members of the "Common Bombus" team from the Hanlon School: Elyse B., Claire K., Emma K., and Duanmu J. The winning word was "bungalow." See photo at top right.

Winners of the fourth grade bee, from the Sheehan School, were the "ADIDAS – All Day I Dream About Spelling" team, with team members Liam W., Ryan W., Harrison H., and Nolan C. Sean Bevan, Principal of Westwood High School, moderated the bee. The winning word was "interesting." See photo at right.

Fifth grade bee winners were "Green Machine" with team members Colin G., Joseph C., and Rocco W. from the Sheehan School. Alison Borchers, Assistant Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools, moderated the fifth grade bee. The winning word was "pueblo." See photo at bottom right.

WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT!

Over the past 27 years, grants from the Foundation have made possible this and other spelling bees plus dozens of programs enabling Westwood students to meet and learn from inspiring professional authors, artists and musicians. Teachers have used our grants to launch innovative programs in the critical areas of science, engineering, and literacy. And, we've brought musical performances, wellness lectures, book studies, and parenting workshops to our wider community. We rely on your financial support to continue providing educational and cultural enrichment programs for Westwood residents. Please donate what you can to the Foundation online at www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org

Your contribution will double its impact if you participate in a corporate matching program. Please ask your employer for details.

Contributed by Leslie Greffenius



COMMON BOMBUS, third grade spelling bee winners, pose with Moderator Emily Parks, Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools.



Moderator Sean Bevan, Principal of Westwood High School, with ADIDAS, the winning team of the fourth grade spelling bee.



The fifth grade winning team, GREEN MACHINE, poses with Assistant Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools, Alison Borchers.

Westwood Women's Club (WWC)

Upcoming calendar of events and invitation to join

2018 Westwood Women's Club Program Calendar

April 19 "Touring Headquarters"

Council on Aging at 1:00 PM

Chief Jeffrey Silva welcomes the Club to the Westwood Police Department's new station! Carpool from COA; Pizza, soda & cake lunch on site.

Co-Hostesses: Jeanne Giblin & Mary Masiello

Bring a bag of dry or canned dog food; healthy treats for Duke.

May 17 Annual Luncheon & Meeting

Venue TBA at 11:30 PM

Dues checks will be collected before the meeting.

June 7 Picnic on the Lawn

Council on Aging at 1:30 PM

Casual outdoor sandwiches, salads and refreshing drinks. All members sign up to bring a favorite food to share.

WESTWOOD WOMEN'S CLUB



WWC Mission Statement:

The objective of the WWC is the promotion of cultural and civic interests, encouragement of united thought with action in the community. Attendance at every meeting is a service to the Club and an inspiration to club loyalty.

If you are interested in becoming a member, you are invited to contact mргеis@comcast.net.

Contributed by Margaret Rustrian, President

American Legion Post 320**Rich in traditions after nearly 85 years**

American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair.

The league still stands atop the traditional values upon which it was founded nearly 85 years ago.

Since 1925, American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of wealthy bankers' and industrial workers' sons, and erasing any social divide between them. Most importantly, American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to raise families or play the sport at the highest level.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN LEGION BASEBALL

With an alumni base that includes more than half of current Major League Baseball players, American Legion Baseball is one of the most prominent and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues in existence.

Westwood Post 320 sponsors both a Junior Team and a Senior Team. Players 19 years old or younger and who either reside, or attend High School in Westwood are eligible to tryout for the teams. In addition, Players who have been cut from a nearby Legion team or reside in a community which does not have an American Legion team can tryout for the Westwood American Legion teams.

For more information, please contact Coach Paster at 781.326.1412 or email the Post at: information@westwoodalpost320.com

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

Westwood Artists**Being creative is not a hobby. It's a way of life. ~unknown**

The Facebook page of a local group of artists known as *Westwood Artists* ([facebook.com/westwoodartists/](https://www.facebook.com/westwoodartists/)) utilizes the headline of this story at the top of their Facebook page. A busy, supportive, creative group of Westwood residents with a common interest...create.

During the month of March, Westwood Artists are displaying their artwork at the Westwood Public Library Gallery, a lovely space that is open during library hours. A varied display of their artwork can be seen on the walls and in the glass cases of the gallery. Stop in and take a moment, or more, to visit the gallery and linger at what catches your attention. Maybe you'll get inspired, too.

Westwood Artists work in the following mediums: ceramics, fiber arts, watercolor and acrylic painting, photography, jewelry, glass and calligraphy...to name a few.

Plan ahead

The Westwood Artists plan to participate in Westwood Day on Saturday, September 29, 2018. They will also repeat an annual tradition of a Holiday Marketplace at The Fisher School on Friday, November 30 and Saturday December 1, 2018.

Westwood Artists are always looking for more artists to add to the group for future shows. Contact them at westwoodartists@gmail.com for more information.

Contributed by Karen Cagan

**Rotary Club of Westwood Plans Annual Spring Breakfast Event**

The Rotary Club of Westwood has planned its fund raising event for Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 9 am to 11:30 am at Westwood High School. Our Chef du Jour is Joe Falcione from Fox Hill Village. This year's event will include breakfast, music, face painting, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny will have something special for children and may bring some friends. Great time for photos so bring your cameras! All this comes with an entry fee of \$5.00 per person. So gather your children, family, and friends and join us for breakfast and fun!



Sponsors can advertise on placemats for the event by contacting Laura Macs at laura.macs@dedhamsavings.com or Helena Drolette at 508-816-7000. Business card size ads are \$50.00 and a larger ad is \$250.00.

Proceeds from this event are used for local scholarships and projects as well as international clean water and educational opportunities. Rotary Club of Westwood meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Chiara's in Westwood from 5:00 to 6:30 for dinner and interesting speakers. Please contact Marcia Hirshberg if you would like to attend an upcoming meeting at hberg40@verizon.net

Hope to see you on March 25th!

Contributed by Helena Drolette



Temple Beth David



The Sunday Sandwich Hevre (SSH) makes and delivers nearly one hundred bagged lunches for hungry people



Sunday Sandwich Hevre at Temple Beth David

What is a *hevre*? *Hevre*, a Hebrew word, means a group of friends who do things together. At Temple Beth David, students in grades K through 6, parents and adult volunteers from the Social Action Committee have joined together to form a hevre with a special purpose. The Sunday Sandwich Hevre (SSH) makes and delivers nearly one hundred bagged lunches for hungry people at Father Bill's & MainSpring in Quincy on Sundays once a month.

Father Bill's & MainSpring have been working for more than thirty years to end and prevent homelessness in Southern Massachusetts. They work with families and individuals to prevent them from losing their housing and if necessary, provide emergency housing, food and services. Learn more about their work at <https://helpfbms.org>.

The Sunday Sandwich *Hevre* is looking forward to making and delivering many more lunches this year. Donations and volunteers are welcome.

Contributed by Amy Cook and Rabbi Karen Citrin

The Westwood Young Women's Club (WYWC)

2017 Highlights and Upcoming events

WYWC is a volunteer organization dedicated to serving the community by raising funds through supportive programs, events, and volunteer efforts.

Looking Back

In the fall, WYWC showed their appreciation of some of Westwood's bravest with our "Westwood Heroes 2018 Calendar." This wholesome family calendar captures glimpses of the lives and personalities of our local firefighters. Proceeds from sales of the calendar go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Want one? It is not too late! We still have calendars available and we'd love your help. Please email us at wycw2008@gmail.com to get yours.

During a 3 week drive in October, the WYWC partnered with Dignity Matters to collect donations for women and girls who have little to no access to feminine hygiene products and undergarments. We were truly overwhelmed with the outpouring of support, from the generous donations from the community to the 20+ local organizations and businesses who provided space for collection bins and helped us raise awareness about this important issue. We thank you all. You can learn more about Dignity Matters by visiting their website at www.dignity-matters.org.

Each year during the holidays, the club organizes a gift drive in Westwood for abused and neglected children in the care of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF). The drive is run by DCF and helps to ensure that every single child in DCF care has a special and memorable holiday season. This year a total of 90 children felt love from our WYWC ladies in collaboration the Westwood MOMs Club!

In December, families from Westwood and surrounding towns joined WYWC as we celebrated another successful Winterfest at Westwood High School. Winterfest offered festive activities like crafts and cookie decorating, train rides, pictures with Santa, and an awesome performance from Miss Janet's Dance School. Winterfest has become a seasonal tradition for many families, and

all proceeds go to charitable donations on behalf of the WYWC.

Looking Ahead

You don't want to miss this...

Save the date for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Westwood High School on March 25 at 11am. Fun for the whole family and free for all ages, with activities, games, and over 2,000 eggs filled with candy, toys, and more! Bring your own basket, have breakfast with the Easter Bunny, and join the hunt!

Join us for our annual Touch-a-Truck event which will take place on Saturday, June 9 from 10am to 1pm. A huge hit with families, this event takes place at the Westwood High School and features fire trucks, large construction vehicles, a helicopter and much, much more!

We are always working towards something, so "like" us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter to stay updated. Also keep an eye on our website for upcoming events and programs: www.wywc.org.

Join Us

WYWC offers a wonderful way to make new friends and connect with other families and residents while doing something meaningful. We enjoy socializing with each other as much as we enjoy doing our part to make a difference in the community. The WYWC meets monthly, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, and new members are always welcome. Visit our website to learn more about us: www.wywc.org.

Contributed by Sara Mirson



Westwood Cares

Vaping: What you need to know

On Tuesday, January 9th, Westwood Cares was happy to host a community event, “*Vaping: What Parents Need to Know*”, presented by Dr. Michael Siegel, Dr. Richard Saitz and Dr. Emily Rothman of the Boston University School of Public Health.

Thank you to all of the parents and other community members who came out to learn more about vaping. Thanks, also, to the various people and organizations who helped bring the event to Westwood, including the Westwood High School PTO and Westwood Youth & Family Services.

We have summarized the key points from the presentation for you below. Our hope is that the presentation, a video of which can now be found on the Westwood Media Center website, will be helpful to you in understanding the risks of vaping and how parents can respond to these concerns.

Key takeaways:

All e-cigarettes share certain characteristics that adults should know and understand. They are:

- How a vaporizer works (a liquid is heated very quickly by a battery and the resulting aerosol is inhaled into the lungs), what chemicals comprise most system’s e-liquid, and that nearly all devices contain nicotine, which is addictive and harmful to developing brains.
- Many of the devices—and specifically Juuls—are sleekly produced, appearing similar to a thumb drive and charged through a USB port. Understanding what they look like is critical to identifying them in the home.
- Vaping is very difficult to detect: there is no second-hand ‘smoke,’ the devices deliver a hit almost instantly by simply pressing a button, and many are designed in such a way that they can easily blend into a teens’ other possessions, like thumb drives. The speakers advised concerned parents to look for behavior in their teens that would suggest that they were concealing their actions. Or better, they can ask their teen outright if they have tried vaping or are currently vaping.
- It is illegal in MA to sell e-cigarettes to a person under 21. It is not illegal for a person under 21 to be in possession of e-cigarettes. However, **having an e-cigarette at school or at a school event is prohibited; being found with an e-cigarette will result in significant disciplinary consequences.** Additionally, using or possessing an e-cigarette is a violation of the MIAA’s chemical health policy.

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IMAGE FROM: stamfordadvocate.com/technology/businessinsider/article/the-company-behind-the-iphone-of-vaporizers-is-9176938.php



Not all e-cigarettes are the same:

- One segment of the e-cigarettes market is comprised of devices that deliver low doses of nicotine. Many of these are inexpensive (often disposable) devices that are sold in convenience stores and other locations. Additionally, devices and juice pods can be purchased online.

E-CIGARETTES ARE ALSO COMMONLY CALLED:



GRAPHIC FROM: e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/default.htm

- Of greater concern, the most popular device, the Juul, uses a nicotine salt to deliver a “hit” that closely resembles the user experience of tobacco cigarettes. As a result, the addiction potential of these devices is much higher than that of other non-Juul devices.
- Schools report that Juuls are the most popular device among teens and possibly even largely responsible for the sudden rise in vaping. News outlets report that Juul has quickly become the top-selling e-cigarette brand on the market.

E-cigarettes and tobacco cigarettes are (mostly) very different:

- Since vaping eliminates the process of combustion, the carcinogenic properties attributed to tobacco cigarettes are minimally or not at all present in vaping devices.
- However, the devices deliver nicotine to the user’s system; nicotine is highly addictive and detrimental to healthy brain development in teens.

- ! While the short-term health effects of vaping might not be acute, the long-term health effects are unclear: each of the speakers voiced concern that there could be long-term health consequences to the lungs, brain, and heart. The products are simply too new to know what those effects may be. The best choice is not to use e-cigarettes at all.
- ! The speakers all agreed that our current understanding about addiction can be applied to e-cigarettes. Specifically, rates of addiction are closely correlated to the age at which users first began their usage: the younger a user is when they start, the more likely they are to become addicted.
- ! The industry remains lightly regulated, and the chemicals (or their concentrations) may not be entirely accurate.

We received many responses from attendees and will be using that feedback to inform future programming. Finally, for more information about vaping, please check out:

Big Tobacco Targets Kids, a brochure developed by the MA Dept. of Public Health that contains an overview of e-cigarettes. [<http://files.hria.org/files/TC3463.pdf>]

The Surgeon General’s report on E-cigarette Use among Youth and Young Adults is a great resource on this topic and has information, including a tip sheet for parents. [<https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/default.htm>]

Respectfully Submitted by Westwood Cares

Seventy Westwood Children Supported with Holiday Giving Program



This past December, for the seventeenth year in a row, Westwood Youth & Family Services (WY&FS) managed the Holiday Giving Program for the town. The WY&FS Holiday Giving Program connects local sponsors with Westwood families in need of support during the holidays. This year, thirty-eight Westwood families and a total of seventy children were supported due to the generous donations of fellow Westwood residents and businesses. Sponsors provided holiday gifts for children in a confidential program coordinated by the department. WY&FS happily distributed over 300 gifts.

WY&FS would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support of the program: Dedham Savings Bank, The Rotary Club of Westwood, Westwood Girl Scouts, Century 21 Commonwealth, The Tobin School Westwood, Westwood Children’s School, Westwood Montessori, Order of the Eastern Star Westwood, First Baptist Church of Westwood, Colantuoni Bros. Corp, Friends of the Westwood Library and the Thurston Middle School Advisory Groups for Ms. Peterson, Ms. Bridgham and Ms. Evanoff.



Bullying Prevention Theater Program Is A Success!

Since 2011, Westwood Youth & Family Services has coordinated the Bullying Prevention Theater (BPT) Program. This unique program was developed by both adult staff and high school students, with a primary goal of creating a realistic and powerful way to educate and support

the sixth-grade students of Westwood on the topic of bullying, particularly the effectiveness of bystanders. Given its distinctive approach and creative content, BPT won a Governor’s Citation Award in 2011.

This year’s BPT program began in September 2017 with twenty-eight high school mentors spending over 750 total hours preparing and rehearsing for the performances which took place at Thurston Middle School in January. Mentors captivated the sixth-grade class at Thurston with five skits about bullying, followed by thoughtful classroom discussions and related activities. The 270 sixth-graders were presented with real-life scenarios about bullying based on stereotypes, gender differences, and peer pressure, among other topics. Mentors acted out various ways in which bystanders can help to stop bullying from happening and offered strategies to take the power away from bullies.



The success of the program would not have been possible without support from the faculty and staff at both Thurston Middle School and Westwood High School. Most of all, Westwood Youth & Family Services wants to thank the high school mentors for their dedication to rehearsals and the performances, despite their very busy schedules! The 2017-2018 BPT Mentors were: Joe Abraham, Justin Anderson, Annabel Cimbal, Smita Chatterjee, Will Danforth, Sydney Devaney, Leena Dolabany, Helen Dong, Mackenzie Draper, Cynthia el-Choueiri, Bemalek Getachew, Ashwin Gowda, Dante Guigliano, Ava Gundal, Dan Hiller, Melanie Homsy, Mark Horsfall, Tim Kearns, Hunter King, Tiffany Law, Annie Li, Richard Li, Thomas Leone, Allison Marcus, Maddie McDonough, Alexa Merheb, Roisin O’Keeffe and Grace Polvay.



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www.WestwoodDay.com



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Football Game 7:00 PM
- Fireworks 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 5K 9:00 and Fun Run 10:00
- Activities 10:00-3:00
- Vendor Village 10:00-3:00
- Food Court 10:00-3:00

CONTACTS:

SPONSORSHIP: Nicole Banks nbanks@townhall.westwood.ma.us

VENDOR VILLAGE: Zach Krause zkrause@townhall.westwood.ma.us

FOOD COURT: Sue Perry sperry@townhall.westwood.ma.us

ENTERTAINMENT: Richard Adams radams@townhall.westwood.ma.us

ACTIVITIES: Taryn Crocker tcrocker@townhall.westwood.ma.us

VOLUNTEERS: Jodi Steverman jsteverman@townhall.westwood.ma.us

LOGISTICS: Kristin Scoble kscoble@townhall.westwood.ma.us





POOL SCHEDULE

SPRING April 1 - June 24 (Closed: April 1, 16, May 28, June 3)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	6:30-8:00 AM Lap Swim	
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1:00-2:15 Open Swim	1:00-2:15 Senior Swim	1:00-2:15 Open Swim	1:00-2:15 Senior Swim	1:00-2:15 Open Swim	1:00-2:15 Open Swim	1:00-2:15 Open Swim
7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	Enjoy your swim!		

SUMMER June 25 - August 31 (Closed: July 4)

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7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	*7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	*7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	*May be delayed due to swim meet.		

Membership	One Month	Three Months	Six Months	One Year	Daily
Pool Single	\$30	\$75	\$135	\$235	\$7
Pool Family	\$45	\$115	\$210	\$370	
Pool Westwood Senior	\$15	\$45	\$90	\$180	\$5

Membership registration is available at the Pool, Recreation Office, and online

www.westwoodrec.com



APRIL VACATION PROGRAMS

KIDS PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Westwood Recreation – Pool Lobby
 Melanie Guerra
 Tue & Wed, Apr 17 & 18
 Grades 3-5, 9:00 -11:00
 Grades 6-8, 12:30 – 2:30
 \$130(2 classes) Min 4/Max 6



This will be a creative, fun-filled workshop where kids will learn about camera settings, composition, the importance of lighting, photographing motion and more. We will play some photography games, experiment with what we've learned and even learn a little bit about film photography and see a collection of old cameras and flashes! This will definitely be a "learn by doing" experience! Kids can use **any** digital camera with settings (CoolPix, PowerShot or other "point and shoot" or a mirrorless or a DSLR! Sorry, smart phone cameras won't work in this workshop), and access to a computer for downloading their work is preferable.

SCIENCE MAGIC *grades K-5*

Sheehan School Cafeteria
 Wicked Cool for Kids Staff
 Tue-Fri, Apr 17-20, 9:00-12:00
 \$199 (4 days) Min 10 /Max 20



How did you do that? Explore some fascinating science "magic" while we make water disappear, grow glowing cubes and reveal beasts that expand to 800 times their size. Create shimmering crystals that grow on a sponge. Watch colors change before your eyes and make balloons and toothpicks move using the power of science! Please bring a nut free snack and water.

BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING *ages 5-12*

Morrison Park
 Bob Phillips and Staff
 Mon-Fri, Apr 16-20, 9:00-12:00
 \$135 (5 days) Min 15/Max 40

Participants will be grouped by appropriate age and skill levels. Each player will receive individual instruction to follow for the spring season. Instruction will include drills and games emphasizing the fundamentals of batting, throwing, fielding and pitching. Cold drinks and peanut free snacks will be provided. Please bring sneakers/cleats and baseball glove.

ADVENTURE DAYS *ages 3-5*

Islington Community Center
 Recreation Staff
 Tue, Apr 17, 9:00-1:00
 Wed, Apr 18, 9:00-1:00
 Thu, Apr 19, 9:00-1:00
 \$40 (1 class) Min 6/Max 14

It is all about having fun! Enjoy a packed day with crafts, stories, games, dramatic play, songs, outdoor play, and more. Participants should be prepared for outdoor play. Participants need to bring nut free snacks and lunch.

OPEN SWIM *all ages*

Tue-Fri, Apr 17-20, 1:00-3:00
 Current membership or daily fee of \$7 per swimmer Join your friends at the pool and make a splash. Participants must be able to swim independently or be accompanied by an adult.

TENNIS

Westwood High School Courts
 Jayson Sellers, Tennis Pro
 Tue-Thu, Apr 17-19, Min 4/Max 6

Little Lobbers: Lessons are for those who are new to tennis or have had little instruction. Specific balls are used to aid in development and consistency. The forehand, backhand and volley will be emphasized in stroke development. Racquets are provided.

Beginner: Players who are new to the game or have had little instruction. Focus on fundamental skills including: ready stance, grip, forehand, backhand and serve. Participants need to bring a racquet.

Clinic: The clinic focuses on fundamental skills, proper techniques of grip, footwork, ground-strokes, volleys, serves, rules and etiquette. Participants will need their own racquet.

In the event of rain, programs will be canceled and the make-up will be held on Friday, April 20.

Level	Ages	Time	Fee (Min 4/Max 6)
Little Lobbers	5-6	11:30-12:30	\$45 (3 lessons)
Beginner	7-11	12:30-1:30	\$45 (3 lessons)
Clinic	8-13	1:00-3:00	\$105 (3 days)



INTRO TO PADDLE BOARDING *ages 8 & up*

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS *ages 18 & up*

SPRING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS *ages 18 & up*

ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY I WORKSHOP *ages 18 & up*

ADULT PHOTOGRAPHY II WORKSHOP *ages 18 & up*

KIDS AT PLAY *ages 3-5*

APP MAKING *grades 3-8*

SLIME TIME *grades K-5*

EGG CRASH CARS *grades K-5*

SUPER SPORTS *grades K-2*

SUPER SOCCER STARS *ages 2-5*

FLAG FOOTBALL *grades 3-5*

SPRING PROGRAMS ~ REGISTER TODAY! www.WestwoodRec.com



FISHING DERBY

SATURDAY, MAY 12
7:00-11:00 AM
BUCKMASTER POND

YOUTH DIVISION ages 15 & under - FREE
Prizes will be awarded! Participants must bring their own fishing pole.

ADULT DIVISION ages 16 & up - \$10
Prizes will be awarded for largest fish caught. Adult participants must obey all Massachusetts Fish & Game regulations. Adults register on the day of the event at the Concession Stand.

CONCESSION STAND
Coffee, Donuts, Water, Soda, Hot Dogs and **WORMS!**

Sponsored by:
North Walpole Fish and Game
Westwood Permanent Firefighters Local 1994
Bass Pro Shops

art badge scout party

Islington Community Center
Lisa WB Walker

\$175 for up to eight participants
\$18 for each additional participant
Minimum age 6-years



A deposit of \$50 is required to save your date. Reservations can only be held with this deposit.

Contact: Kristin Scoble kscoble@townhall.westwood.ma.us



pool parties

Great for all ages & any occasion!

The \$250 fee includes staff for two hours. One hour of swimming followed by one hour in the pool lobby.
All pool rules apply. Maximum of 50 people. To request your pool party, e-mail sperry@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Fireman's Foam



WEDNESDAY, JULY 11
2:00-3:00 PM
SHEEHAN SCHOOL FIELD
ALL AGES LOVE IT!

Dance in piles of foam with DJ Magic Mark
(Foam is made with dish soap, water + air)

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WESTWOOD COMMUNITY CHEST: Part of Westwood's Safety Net



Westwood Community Chest just celebrated its 6th annual fundraising event, which was held at Chiara Bistro on January 29th, 2018. A generous local family hosted the first event 6 yrs ago and it's become an important community event, which quickly evolved into a collaborative effort between Roche Bros, our sponsor, and Chef LaCount, our host. We offer a big shout out to Kevin O'Brien who coordinates all the wine and represents Roche Brothers so well and of course to Chef LaCount for his generosity and good will. The food and the wine pairings are always terrific. Thank you to Chef LaCount and Roche Bros for your continuing support! It was a wonderful evening to meet and greet old friends and make some new ones.

First and foremost, our unwavering mission has been to provide financial assistance to our neighbors. As our funds have grown, we have increased our impact on the community. Last year, our awards totaled almost \$90,000. We granted 76 awards and helped send 52 children to camp.

There's no typical case. Here are a few examples:

- Though our typical award is \$1,000, we helped a senior citizen who requested only \$88 for an unexpected car repair.
- We helped a single mom with more significant car repairs allowing her to get her disabled daughter to medical appointments in Boston.
- We helped a 60 year old who is working full-time while caring for his spouse who has a degenerative disease.
- We filled the oil tank of a resident during the coldest week in December.

We are fortunate to live in Westwood where there is a safety net. WCC maintains strong collaborative relationship with town offices, which helps us to identify emergency needs and address them rapidly and collaboratively. Dottie Powers (Town Clerk), Lina Arena-DeRosa (Council on Aging) and Danielle Sutton (Youth and Family Services) are some of the engaged community representatives on our board who make things happen! Their caring and competence is appreciated. We also value the support of our new superintendent Emily Parks.

Our motto is *Neighbors helping Neighbors*, and our work couldn't happen without the caring of Westwood residents. Our money does not come from the state or the town – we raise it primarily through donations from residents and businesses, plus several special events through the year. We have a town wide mailing in the fall and a smaller mailing in the spring. The "Chiara" event is our major fundraising event.

This year, several local businesses made sizable contributions and funded some of our most coveted auction items, including tickets to the Boston run of Hamilton! In addition, several local businesses have held annual events designed to support WCC by donating all or a portion of the proceeds. Thank you to Décor and More, Core Asset Fitness and High Street Market for your consistent support. Residents such as the Joe Family raised monies at home parties, while others donated proceeds from art sales held at local homes. Thank you to Stefanie Wolf Designs, www.stefaniewolf.com and Poor Farm Pottery, www.poorfarmpottery.com for contributing portions of your sales. For the last two years, Martha Jones students donated proceeds raised at "Talent

for a Cause." This year, WCC has appreciated the increase in donations designated in memoriam or to honor a friend, family member or colleague.

Our board represents a cross section of Westwood residents from young parents to retirees. We expect to have some board positions opening for next year. If you are interested in serving on Westwood Community Chest, please contact us at

westwoodcommunitychest@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to the businesses who sponsored auction items at our 2018 "Chiara" fundraiser.

Arch Orthodontics • Basil Restaurant • Blue Hills Bank • Blue Moon Café
 • Byblos • CCRM Boston Fertility, Aaron Styer, MD • Chiara Bistro
 • Coldwell Banker Westwood • Core Asset Fitness • The Dog House
 • Ginna Gracey Pet Sitting • Holly Joe Interior Design • The Heritage
 • Kelstrom Landscape • Lauren Leonard • Medfield Wine Shoppe • Mind Body Barre • Needham Bank • Noon Hill Grill • Norfolk & Dedham Group
 • Nosh & Grog • Pamela Anderson Yoga • Princess Party Productions
 • Theresa Ramos • Rockspot Climbing • Roche Bros • Rockland Trust
 • Silver & Sage Floral • Sisco + Berluti • Stacy's Juice Bar • Steel & Rye
 • Tangerini's Spring St Farm • Trustees of the Reservation • United Private Car Service • Westwood Fire Department • Westwood Fitness Club • Westwood Police Department

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop # 74100 for volunteering to run the coat check. A vital job on a cold wintry night!

And thank you to the Westwood Community Chest board members for your caring, commitment and hard work, which contributed to a successful event but more importantly, another meaningful year with Westwood Community Chest.

Westwood Community Chest welcomes donations all year long! Your donation helps our neighbors!

Donations accepted all year round at www.wccchest.org

Contributed by Byrna Bornstein and Roger Christian

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These items will negate a pick up of your recycling barrel.

Tear this page out to keep handy near your recycling. Refer to story on page 3.



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Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



NO Recyclables in Plastic Bags

Empty loose recyclables in bin but leave the plastic bag out.



NO Food & liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



NO Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. Check earth911.com for a local drop off site.



NO Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.



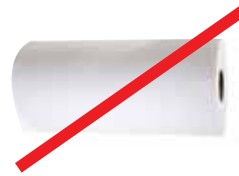
NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



NO Plastic Bags, Film/Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging

Take plastic bags back to a local grocer to keep bags clean and dry, and prevent them from shutting down recycling facilities. Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org to find a drop off location near you.



NO Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups & Tissues

Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



NO Polystyrene Foam

Foam and plastic to-go containers are not recyclable curbside. Find drop off programs for items like foam packing peanuts at earth911.com.



NO Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash) Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. Contact local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options, or check earth911.com for a drop off center near you.



NO Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may be able to schedule a bulky item pickup - otherwise throw it in the trash or order a roll off bin by contacting Waste Management Customer Service.



NO Medical Waste (Find safe & secure disposal near you.)



NO Non-Recyclable Plastic

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food & beverage bottles, jugs and tubs.

For more information on recycling, visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

or call 800-972-4545



Spring Programs 2018

All library programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Kids' Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY

660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090
wwdchildrens@gmail.com - (781) 320-1042

The library is for everyone and all children's programs are inclusive. If you have questions about a specific program, please contact Lizzy, the Head of Children's Services, at ehmcgovern@minlib.net to discuss ways to ensure our programs are enjoyable for your child.

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

For Kids 0-5:

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
March 6-April 10 and May 1-22

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
March 7-April 11 and May 2-23

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
March 9-April 13 and May 4-25

Saturday Storytimes: All ages, no registration. Kids and their parents/caregivers are welcomed to come hear stories, rhymes, and songs!

Select Saturdays: March 17, April 14, May 19
10:30-11 AM

School Aged Kids

Mother-Daughter Book Club: For kids in grades 3-5 and a female adult. Share your enthusiasm for reading with other book lovers and join us for a lively discussion, a game of Pictionary, snacks, and fun! Books will be available at the Children's ASK! Desk. Email Lizzy at ehmcgovern@minlib.net for more info.

Tuesdays, March 6, April 10, May 10 @ 6:30 PM

Half Wednesday Hangtime: Kids in grades K - 8 are invited to come for drop-in crafts, activities, games and more! Come for 10 minutes or an hour. Kids in grades K-3 must be accompanied by an adult.

Early Release Wednesdays: March 14, April 11, May 9
1:30 - 3 PM

***Creative Kids:** For Kindergarten and 1st graders, registration required. Children will have lots of fun as they participate in creative dramatics and arts & crafts activities.

Thursdays, @ 4-4:45 PM March 8-April 12
***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

April Break:

Spring Sing-along: All ages. Families are welcome to join us for a special sing along program where we will sing and tell stories that celebrate all things spring and more! Get those voices ready for favorite children's songs!

Tuesday, April 17 @ 10:30 AM

***Spring Plantings:** Ages 5 and up are welcome listen to garden themed story and then decorate planters and plant sunflowers in celebration of spring!

Wednesday, April 18 @ 10:30 AM
***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

PJ STORYTIME AND Family Fort Night: Come and build a blanket fort at the Branch! Wear your favorite PJs and bring a blanket and a flashlight to family fort night.

Wednesday April 18, 6:30 PM @ ISLINGTON BRANCH

***Ways of Color: Mosaic Workshop:** Ages 8-10 are welcome to make mosaic suncatchers in this hour long tutorial with Leslie from *Ways of Color*.

Tuesday, April 17 @ 2:00 PM
***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Animal World Experience: Meet a variety of exotic animals from around the world in the most popular program ever! Children get to truly "experience" mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates like never before.

Thursday April 19, 9:30 AM @ ISLINGTON BRANCH

Kids' Programs at the ISLINGTON BRANCH

280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090

To register, please call: (781) 326-5914

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

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 AM
March 8-April 12 and May 3-May 24

PJ Storytime: For kids ages 3 & up. Children can come to the Islington Branch in their PJs with a favorite stuffed animal to hear stories and songs.

3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30 - 7:15 PM
March 21, April 18 (Family Fort Night), May 16

LEGO-mania: Kids in grades K & up. Come and build with library LEGOs!

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:30 PM, March-June

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PJ STORYTIME AND Family Fort Night: Come and build a blanket fort at the Branch! Wear your favorite PJs and bring a blanket and a flashlight to family fort night.

Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 PM @ ISLINGTON BRANCH

ANIMAL WORLD EXPERIENCE: Meet a variety of exotic animals from around the world in the most popular program ever! Children get to truly “experience” mammals, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates like never before.

Thursday April 19, 9:30 AM @ ISLINGTON BRANCH

Teen Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY

660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090
wwdmail1@gmail.com - (781) 320-1045

For more info about teen programming, please call 781-320-1045, email wwdmail1@minlib.net, or find us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @westwoodplma.

YAB: For tweens/teens in grades 6-12. Join the new and improved YAB (Youth Advisory Board)! Yabbers will work with Lizzy and Molly to revamp the Teen Department at the Westwood Public Library by planning events, picking out books, movies and games for the YA collection, and decorating the teen space. Registration is required- email Lizzy (ehmcgovern@minlib.net) or Molly (mriportella@minlib.net) with to sign-up, or call 781-320-1045. YAB will meet the second Wednesday of every month.

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM, April 11, May 9

Fri-Yay! For tweens/teens in grades 6-12. Come hang out with your friends in a relaxed informal setting. Eat, play video or board games, listen to music and catch up on new movies and books. Each week you can get your craft on with new projects! We need you there to make sure something interesting is always happening!
Fridays @ 3:00PM

Half Wednesday Hangtime: Kids in grades K-8 are invited to come for drop-in crafts, activities, games and more! Come for 10 minutes or an hour. Kids in grades K-3 must be accompanied by an adult.

Early Release Wednesdays: 1:30-3 PM, March 14

Teen Book Club: For kids in grades 6-8, no registration. Take a break from homework and join Lizzy to talk about books and enjoy snacks! Books will be available at the library. Have a question? Email Lizzy at ehmcgovern@minlib.net for more information.

**2nd Early Release Wednesday of the month:
April 25, May 23 @ 1:30 PM**

VOLUNteens: For grades 6-8. Requires application and registration. Interested in volunteering at the library? Want to become a member of library Team Reads? Join us every first Wednesday night of the month for a library volunteer project. Typical activities may include: Sorting and shelving library materials, adopt a shelf program, assisting with special projects and producing materials for library programs, miscellaneous work, and special event programs (i.e. Westwood Day and Harry Potter Night). Make a difference at the library! (If interested in joining, please email Lizzy to be on the waitlist @ ehmcgovern@minlib.net).

**Wednesdays @ 6pm-7:30pm
March 7, April 4, May 3**

Westwood Public Library

Westwood Public Library welcomes new Children's Librarian, Kristy Pasquariello!



The Library is pleased to welcome Kristy Pasquariello as the newest addition to our Library staff. A mother of two (Lucia and Leo), Kristy holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida. She also holds two master's degrees from Simmons College; a Master of Arts (History) and a Master of Science (Library Science). Kristy began her career as a professional librarian working as an archivist for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum and Library. Several years ago, Kristy made a transition from archivist to children's librarian. And she has worked with children and teens in this capacity for several years, most recently as a part-time children's librarian at the Wellesley Free Library.

Working with children and families over the past nine years has allowed Kristy to do the thing she loves most: Connecting people with books and technology that will hopefully enrich or improve their lives in some way. As a book reviewer for Horn Book Guide and School Library Journal, Kristy is constantly engaged with current publishing trends for both kids and teens.

We invite everyone to stop by the Children's Room to welcome Kristy to the Westwood community!



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MAIN LIBRARY****660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090**
wwdmail1@minlib.net - (781) 320-1045*Please check out website for up-to-date schedule adjustments*

Dr. Gary Hylander presents America: 1968: 2018 marks the passage of 5 decades since 1968, a turbulent year in American History. In this three-part series Dr. Hylander will discuss the Tet Offensive (3/7), the Assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy (3/21) and the Presidential Election of 1968 (4/4). Come to one or come to all the lectures! No registration is required and all are welcome!

Main Library: Wednesdays at 7 PM

March 7–The Tet Offensive

March 21–The Assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy

April 4–The Presidential Election of 1968

Irish Genealogy with Michael Brophy: A broad overview of Irish genealogy with three major religious groups will be presented: Catholic, Presbyterian and Anglican. The lecture will start with the central event in the history of Irish genealogy, the destruction of the Public Records Office in Dublin on June 30, 1922. The effects of this, including unique challenges and realistic expectations for Irish ancestral research, will be discussed. Vital records, immigration documentation, and unique resources will be presented. Examples will be shared that emphasize key principals and record holdings such as the lineage of notable Irish-American Grace Kelly. The overall goal of the lecture is to give attendees a practical guide to finding the origins of their Irish ancestors in a broad overview lecture. This is a program intended for beginners. Registration is required- please call 781-320-1045 to register.

Main Library: Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 PM**Book Buzz Panel: Favorite Reads from your Westwood**

Librarians: Join us for a cup of coffee and hear about some great titles to add to your “to-be-read” pile! No registration is required and all are welcome!

Main Library: Thursdays at 7:00 PM**March 29 and May 31**

Poetry Reading: Lynne Viti and Heather Bryant: Celebrate National Poetry Month by listening to local poets Lynne Viti and Heather Bryant read from their recent publications. Books will be available for purchase and signing following the reading. Viti’s first collection of poems, *Baltimore Girls* was released by Finishing Line Press in 2017, and her newest chapbook, *The Glamorganshire Bible*, will be released in May 2018. She is a senior lecturer in the Writing Program at Wellesley College, and a Westwood resident. Heather Bryant is also a lecturer in the Writing Program at Wellesley College. *Eve’s Lament* is Bryant’s new poetry collection

Main Library: Monday, April 9 at 7:00 PM**Monet’s Magic: Pastel Paint Monet’s Wondrous Water Lilies:**

Award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack will return to Westwood Public Library to present an adult hands-on workshop, “Monet’s Magic: Pastel Paint Monet’s Wondrous Water Lilies.” Imagine using the actual imagery that inspired Monet to paint his “Water Lily” paintings. In this new, highly researched two-hour workshop, participants create their own pastel painting, freely experimenting with hundreds of the artist’s professional grade pastels, pastel pencils, and pastel paper, in this fun pastel painting

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workshop. This pastel painting workshop is designed for sheer beginners to experienced artists. Seats may fill quickly so please call 781-320-1045 to register. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Westwood Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

Main Library: Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 PM

Author Talk: Benjamin Ludwig & Ginny Moon: Full of heart and unexpected humor, you are bound to fall in love with Ginny Moon, who discovers a new meaning of family on her unconventional journey home.

Based loosely on the author’s personal life and family, *Ginny Moon* is the story of an exceptional 14-year-old girl with autism who, having bounced from one foster care placement to another, has finally landed at her “Forever Home.” But there are complications, and through Ginny’s eyes, we glimpse an often-confounding and confusing world, with adults who misunderstand, a system that frequently fails her, and, underneath all, deep wounds that desperately need healing.

April is Autism Awareness Month and this book talk is scheduled in conjunction with the Library’s April gallery exhibit sponsored by the May Institute: Faces, Voices and Lives of the May Institute.

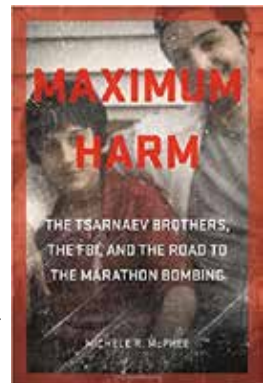
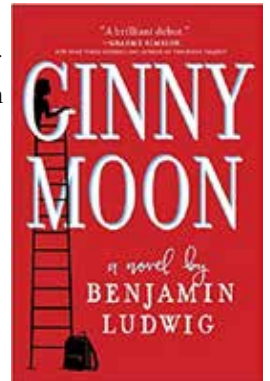
The May Institute is a nonprofit organization that provides educational, rehabilitative, and behavioral healthcare services to children and adults with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities, brain injury, mental illness, and other behavioral healthcare needs. This program is made possible through the support of the Friends of the Westwood Public Library and the May Institute. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Main Library: Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 PM

Mystery Making: How They Do It: Four stellar mystery authors, Elisabeth Elo, Stephanie Gayle, Julie Hennrikus, and Hank Phillippi Ryan, will construct mystery plots using bits of information randomly elicited from members of the audience. No registration is required and all are welcome. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Main Library: Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM

Author Talk: Michele R. McPhee & Maximum Harm: The Tsarnaev Brothers, the FBI, and the Road to the Marathon Bombing: In *Maximum Harm*, veteran investigative journalist Michele R. McPhee unravels the complex story behind the public facts of the Boston Marathon bombing. She examines the bombers’ roots in Dagestan and Chechnya, their struggle to assimilate in America, and their growing hatred of the United States—a deepening antagonism that would prompt federal prosecutors to dub Dzhokhar Tsarnaev “America’s worst nightmare.” The difficulties faced by the Tsarnaev family of Cambridge, Massachusetts, are part of the public record. Circumstances less widely known are the FBI’s recruitment of the older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, as a “mosque crawler” to inform on radical



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separatists here and in Chechnya and the disenchantment, rage, and growing radicalization of Tamerlan and Dzhokhar, along with their mother, sisters, and Tamerlan's wife, Katherine.

Maximum Harm is an compelling examination of the Tsarnaev brothers' movements in the days leading up to the Boston Marathon bombing on April 15, 2013, the subsequent investigation, the Tsarnaevs' murder of MIT police officer Sean Collier, the high-speed chase and shootout that killed Tamerlan, and the manhunt in which the authorities finally captured Dzhokhar, hiding in a Watertown backyard. McPhee untangles the many threads of circumstance, coincidence, collusion, motive, and opportunity that resulted in the deadliest attack on the city of Boston to date.

Copies of the book will be available for signing and purchase. No registration is required and all are welcome.

Main Library: Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM

Author Talk: Dan Kennedy & *The Return of the Moguls: How Jeff Bezos and John Henry Are Remaking Newspapers for the Twenty-First Century*: *The Return of the Moguls* chronicles an important story in the making, one that will affect more than just the newspaper business—it has the power to change democracy as we know it.

Over the course of a generation, the story of the daily newspaper has been an unchecked slide from record profitability and readership to plummeting profits, increasing irrelevance, and inevitable obsolescence. The forces killing major dailies, alternative weeklies, and small-town shoppers are well understood—or seem obvious in hindsight, at least—and the catalog of publications that have gone under reads like a who's who of American journalism. During the past half-century, old-style press barons gave way to a cabal of corporate interests unable or unwilling to invest in the future even as technological change was destroying their core business. The Taylor family sold the Boston Globe to the New York Times Company in 1993 for a cool \$1.1 billion. Twenty years later, the Times Company resold it for just \$70 million. The unexpected twist to the story, however, is not what they sold it for but who they sold it to: John Henry, the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox.

In just a few days, the sale of the Globe was overtaken by much bigger news: Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon and one of the world's richest people, had reached a deal to buy the Washington Post for \$250 million.

The newspaper business is at a perilous crossroads. This essential book explains why, and how today's new crop of media moguls might help it to survive.

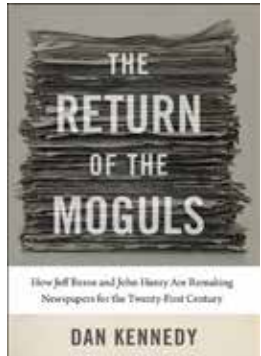
Copies of the book will be available for signing and purchase. No registration is required and all are welcome.

Main Library: Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00 PM

Cozy Movie Afternoon: Come sit by the fire and enjoy a movie every third Thursday of the month! No registration is required and all are welcome!

Main Library: Thursdays at 3:00 PM

March 15th—DUNKIRK, April 19 (TBD) and May 17 (TBD)



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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 and 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 and the Islington Branch. Registration is required. Please call 781-320-1045 or email wwdmail1@minlib.net for more information.

Main Library: Thursdays at 7:00 PM

February 15—Waning of Pax Americana?

March 22—Russia's Foreign Policy

April 19—China's Geopolitics

May 17—Media and Foreign Policy

Individual Computer Classes: One-on-one computer classes are available at the Main Library. Register for a 40 minute appointment with Kristen. Appointments must be made in advance. To register call 781-320-1045 or stop by the Information Desk on the 2nd Floor.

Main Library: Mondays, 2:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Technology Help Drop-in: 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! Call 781-320-1045, or email wwdmail1@minlib.net for more information.

Main Library: Mondays at 6:00 PM

YA for Adult Book Club: You're never too old for YA! Join like-minded adults to discuss Young Adult literature! We'll have laughs, we'll have tears, we'll enjoy all the delicious angst without ever having to step inside a high school. Please join us at Chiara Bistro for an excellent literary time! Copies of the book are available at both the Main Library and Islington Branch. Appetizers will be generously provided by the Friends of the Library.

Chiara Bistro: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

March 13—*The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Steifvater

April 24—*I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson

Friday Morning Book Club: Join us for a monthly book discussion! No registration is required. Copies of the book are available at the Main Library and the Islington Branch Library. Call 781-320-1045 or email Molly at mriportella@minlib.net with questions.

Main Library: Fridays at 10:30 AM

March 23 - *Wonder* by RJ Palacio

April 20, 2018 - *Tapestry of Fortunes* by Elizabeth Berg

May 18, 2018 - *Cruel Beautiful World* by Caroline Leavitt

Westwood Library Quilters: Bring your hand or machine quilting projects to work on in the friendly company of other local quilters. Show and tell is encouraged! An iron, ironing pad, cutting mat, and cutting tools will be available. No registration required.

Main Library: Mondays at 6:30 PM

March 19, April 30, May 21

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Zentangle Pendants: Adults will create 2-3 Zentangle pendants in this 2.5 hour workshop. Instructor Pam Lisak has a BS degree in Education from Framingham State University and is a Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT). She has taught Zentangle in area libraries, shops and for various groups. Pam's artwork appears in two publications; 'The Beauty of Zentangle' by Suzanne McNeill and Cindy Shepard, and '500 Tangled Artworks' by Beckah Krahula. Registration is required—please call 781-320-1045 to sign-up.

Main Library: Thursday, May 10 @ 6:30 PM

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ISLINGTON BRANCH**
280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090
wwwmail2@minlib.net - (781) 326-5914

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

Islington Branch BookShare & Staff Picks: Bring a book you have read to share with the group as you enjoy a cup of coffee with fellow readers! Staff will share some new books to check out!

Islington Branch: Tuesday, March 20 @ 10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 15 @ 10:30 AM
DROP IN PROGRAM

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

Islington Branch: Wednesday, March 14 @ 6:30 PM
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Wednesday, April 11 @ 6:30 PM
These is my Words by Nancy Turner
Wednesday, May 9 @ 6:30 PM
New Boy by Tracy Chevalier
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!

Islington Branch: Wednesday, March 7, April 4, May 2 @ 6:30 PM
DROP IN PROGRAM

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

**Memory Café
at the
Westwood Public Library**



**Friday
April 27, 2018
1 pm - 2 pm**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Presented by Bridges by EPOCH and the Westwood Public Library, the Memory Café will feature music therapy with local musician, Paul Doolittle.

The Memory Café is free and open to all, and provides an important space for individuals with memory loss and their caregivers to meet, socialize and build friendships with others on the same journey. Light refreshments will be served.



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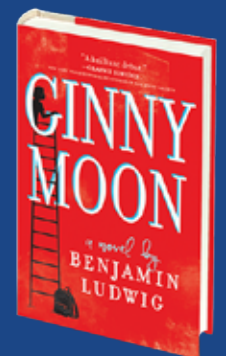
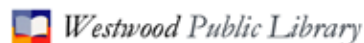
**AN EVENING WITH
BENJAMIN LUDWIG**

THURSDAY
APRIL 12 @ 7:00 PM

Ginny Moon is full of heart and humor, and you are bound to fall in love with the 14-year old narrator, Ginny Moon, who discovers a new meaning of family on her journey home.

The novel also reflects the overwhelming lifestyle change Ludwig and his wife experienced when they adopted a teenager with autism.

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Martha Jones Students Dominate MAEA Youth Art Month Poster Contest!

by Martha Jones Principal **Donna Tobin**

Each year, the Massachusetts Art Education Association sponsors a state-wide poster contest for students in grades K–12. This year, Martha Jones students took home first place in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4! Having four winners in a statewide contest is an amazing feat and we are very proud of our young artists. A special thank you to Art Teacher **Mrs. Maggie Pasquan** for submitting our students' work, and more importantly, for the incredible work she does with our students each and every day. Her classroom is truly an "artists' studio." Students are encouraged to explore different mediums, express their own ideas, and create their own masterpieces. From sculpting clay, to designing *papier-mâché* animals, to producing interactive iMovies, the students at Martha Jones School are allowed many opportunities to cultivate their imaginations through art. The winners (*pictured below*) will have their artwork displayed this month, followed by an awards ceremony and family celebration on March 4th at the State Transportation Building in Boston. Congratulations to our students and all of the artists across the state. 



Clockwise, from top left: **Julia Tartufo** (grade 3), **Katherine Santos** (grade 2), **Colin Hennessy** (grade 1), and **Tea Pagnotti** (grade 4)



Colin Hennessy



Tea Pagnotti



Julia Tartufo



Katherine Santos


Thurston Middle School Students Trained as Peer Leaders

by Thurston Assistant Principal **Matthew Kuklantz**

An exciting opportunity for a group of interested 7th and 8th graders at TMS began this school year in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League and the school coordinators, **Mr. David Lamb** and **Ms. Diana Robbins**. Students were trained over four days by the ADL as part of their Peer Leadership Program,



learning about social justice issues and developing and refining their leadership skills. After this initial training, students continued to meet with Mr. Lamb and Ms. Robbins to refine their

skills and understand their roles not just in the world at large, but specifically at TMS. The Peer Leaders have chosen to use their position of leadership within our 6th grade Advisory classes to lead discussions and activities focused on making the school a more inclusive and uplifting place. Since students have a powerful impact on each other's attitudes and behaviors, we anticipate TMS benefiting greatly from these young leaders. 



WHS Developing Innovative, Immersive Program for June

by WHS Principal **Sean Bevan**

Westwood High School students will participate in a new, different kind of learning experience this June, one that the high school staff and administration have been working on for more than a year: for a five-day period to finish the school year, students will participate in an immersive, all-day course on a topic that they may be passionate or curious about, taught

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by a WHS teacher who shares that same interest. The objective of the program is to offer students an opportunity to delve deeply into a new topic that interests them but that may not be something we are able to offer during the school's conventional 7-period school day. The format and design of the courses will allow students to engage in their learning something new without many of the demands of the regular school day and location.

While each J-Term course is unique, all courses will culminate in:

- a final product or performance, and/or
- a shared experience, and/or
- a reflection upon what was learned

Though the courses vary greatly, many will be 'hands-on' and highly applicable to the real world. The course catalog offers something for everyone. Options include: Basic Carpentry and Wiring, Top Chef Westwood, Expression Through Songwriting

and Music Production, and Summit New England's Peaks. Overall, there are more than 35 courses. To learn more, visit www.whsjterm.org.

Students were alerted to their course placements in the first week of February. In the coming months, teachers will make final preparations for the program, which is scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 14, barring any adjustments to the calendar for snow days. 

No need to wait! Act now to complete your

ONLINE BUS REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-2019 year will run from
March 1-June 30, 2018

To register:

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

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

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

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

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

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



*Transportation rates will not increase for the 2018-2019 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. All drivers will have a list of registered 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.*

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Westwood Historical Commission

Celebrating the history of the Colburn School



The Westwood Historical Commission along with Helen Riegle of HER Designs just completed the installation of an exhibit celebrating the history of the Colburn School. The exhibit is located in the Community Meeting Room at the main branch of the Westwood Public Library. The Colburn School, which is posted on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1874. Westwood children attended the school until the 1950s when the school closed and the building became the home of the town's School Administration offices. When the new library was built, the building was moved across the driveway and refurbished as condos and a bank. In 2007, the Selectmen, Library Trustees, and Westwood Historical Commission signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Massachusetts Historical Commission that allowed the school to be moved to facilitate the construction of the new library building. The Historical Commission and the Westwood Public Library plan to host a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the exhibit later this year. The Historical Commission wishes to thank the library director, Tricia Perry, the Library trustees, and the Board of Selectmen for their support of this project.

Contributed by Mary Ellen LaRose

Community Newsletter Stories Welcomed!

Please send suggestions, observations, or feedback to the editor at: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us
If you want a story to be considered for the next *Westwood Community Newsletter*, please submit your article(s) by **May 4, 2018** to our email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

The *next* quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about *June 15, 2018*.
Articles will be considered on a first come, first served basis. The articles should feature a community theme and connection to Westwood.

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