



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Thomas McCusker retiring after 44 years as Town Counsel

Thomas P. McCusker announced in November 2018 that he would be retiring from Town Counsel at the end of December. A dedicated employee in the Town of Westwood, Tom has served the Westwood Community for 50 years.

After moving from Roslindale to Westwood with his wife Josie, Tom ran for and won a seat on the Board of Selectmen in 1968 and served two terms until 1974. After stepping down from the Board of Selectmen, Tom sought the position of Town Counsel, a position he then held for the next 44 years. Over the course of those years, Tom has provided invaluable legal advice, opinions, counsel and defense to various town officials, boards and committees, and attending all of Annual, Special and Fall Town Meetings held during his tenure.

Although never in the lime light, Tom's advice and opinions have shaped the community to what it is today by providing guidance to board

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Thomas P. McCusker,

members, staff and residents on a variety of issues. As Town Counsel, Tom was responsible for meeting with department heads, staff and officials to advise them on legal matters

including wording of decisions, ethics, public documents, open meeting and conformance with General Laws, Federal Laws and the Westwood Charter and Bylaws. He would also represent and settle matters before Superior Court, District Court, Land Court, Appellate Tax Board and Industrial Accident Board and with individuals and companies. Finally, Tom prepared warrant and zoning articles to be brought before Town Meeting and assist the Town Moderator in preparation for the conduct of Town Meeting.

The Town Officials, staff and residents want to wish Tom the best of luck in his retirement and know he will stay close by in his hometown of Islington.

Westwood's Thomas Philbin recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at annual awards ceremony given to recognize clean energy initiatives

Thomas Philbin, Westwood's Energy Manager, was honored at the Massachusetts State House on December 6, 2018 with a Public Sector Individual Award in the 12th annual Leading by Example (LBE) awards. These awards, given by the Baker-Polito administration, recognize those who promote clean energy and sustainable initiatives. Additionally, Philbin was awarded congratulatory citations on the LBE award by the Massachusetts State Senate and Legislature.

Philbin received this honor for introducing numerous clean energy initiatives and encouraging broad stakeholder collaboration across the Town of Westwood. Initially Philbin's position was funded by a DOER Green Communities Energy Manager two year grant award. Since that time, the town has enthusiastically continued funding the Energy Manager position based on Philbin's early accomplishments which include efforts advancing the installation of 780 kW of solar in the town, extensive energy efficiency projects, initiating efforts for DOER Green Community designation, and planning for future "near zero energy" buildings.

"DOER is proud to partner with state and local agencies through our Leading by Example Program to provide them with the tools they need to remain on the cutting edge of clean energy innovation", said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner

“These awards recognize those who promote clean energy and sustainable initiatives.”

Judith Judson. "These investments mean real savings – not only in emissions and energy use, but also in operational costs for municipalities, colleges and facilities."

"We are pleased to recognize the efforts of today's awardees and the many public agencies that work hard to fulfill the Commonwealth's commitment to energy sustainability," said Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Commissioner Carol Gladstone.

Over an extensive career in the energy field, Philbin has been involved in numerous power projects throughout the world and specifically in Energy Efficiency efforts for over 20 years. Philbin is a resident of Westwood and has served as Westwood's Energy Manager since 2013. The award and congratulatory citations were presented to Philbin by Nick Connors, the Green Communities Director. The Westwood Select Board also honored Philbin at their board meeting on December 17, 2018.

Philbin is an alumnus of the Manhattan College with a BS in Physics and the University of Michigan with a Masters and PhD in Environmental Health Sciences.

Contributed by Patricia Healey
Excerpted from a Press Release on December 12, 2018

Did You Know...

Westwood Fire Department

Fire Safety Tips for Spring Cleaning

Did You Know... it's not too soon to start thinking about spring cleaning? Even though it's still chilly outside, when making a spring cleaning list consider these fire safety tips:

- **Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a reported home fire in half.** Make sure you have working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button; replace batteries twice a year when we change the clocks and immediately if the alarm "chirps" a warning that the battery is low.
- **The leading cause of home dryer fires is failure to clean the lint filter.** Clean the lint filter after every load of laundry and remove any lint that has collected around the drum.
- **Chimney's should be inspected and cleaned at least once a year.** Having your chimney serviced in the spring will get rid of the buildup that could potentially cause more damage if left until the fall. Chimney technicians usually have more availability in the spring, too.

Contributed by Carolyn Wade



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

Funding awards to promote cultural diversity and education

The Westwood Cultural Council, part of the larger Massachusetts Cultural Council, has finalized its grant awarding process for the 2019 grant year. They received sixteen applications and awarded 8 grants.

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

This year the Council funded, either whole or in part, a variety of projects. The COA will receive funding for a musical performance by Tommy Rull. The Westwood Historical Society received money to sponsor a program by author William Martin to discuss his novel *Back Bay*, including the historic development of Boston's Back Bay, and the Westwood Players received funds towards the presentation of the musical, *Junie B. Jones*.

The Library received funding for two programs: Gregory Maichack will be presenting another of his well-received pastel painting workshops; and in April the community will have the opportunity to hear various instruments from around the world, including the hammered dulcimer and the Celtic harp, when Magical Strings perform.

The schools received grants as well. The Integrated Preschool will host a program by the New England Aquarium. The Martha Jones School students will have the opportunity to enjoy the Crabgrass Puppet Theater and some Westwood High Students will be able to Be A Maker — a J term hands-on experience.

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

Contributed by Joan Murphy

Stories Welcomed!

Please send suggestions, observations, or feedback to the editor at: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

If you would like to contribute 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.

Thank you,

Diane Thornton, *Editor,*

Email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Westwood Community Newsletter

580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090

NEWS from the Town Clerk's Office

Dog licensing for 2019 is ongoing through March 31, 2019.

- You may license your dog by mail, provided you include a copy of a current rabies certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you are licensing your dog for the first time, proof of spay or neutering is also required.
- Licenses will be valid from January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2019.
- You may license your dog online by going to the following link: <https://www.doglicenses.us/MA/Westwood/>
- 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, 2019 may result in a fine of \$25.00, per town bylaws §184-10.B.(1)
- Any person 70 years of age or older, upon proof of age, shall be exempt from the annual fee for one dog, per household, per year. The owner of a kennel license, age 70 years of age or older, shall be excluded from this exemption. Dogs must still be licensed on or before March 31 of any given year per Town Bylaws § 184-10C (1).



Licensing Fees are as follows:

- Dogs not Neutered or Spayed:* \$15.00
- Dogs Neutered or Spayed:* \$10.00

Kennel fees-please contact the Town Clerk's office

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

The Annual Town Census

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 your household did not receive a 2019 Annual Town Census form please contact the Town Clerk's office or you may download a form at the following link: http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/gov/depts/town_administration/tclerk/atcensus.htm

Upon completion it may be either returned by mail or scanned and emailed to: census@town.westwood.ma.us

Important Dates to remember:

- Wednesday, April 10, 2019:** Last day to register new voters or change party enrollment for Town Election and Town Meeting.
- Tuesday, April 30, 2019: Annual Town Election** Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 6, 2019: Annual Town Meeting** Westwood High School Auditorium, check-in 7:00 p.m., meeting begins 7:30 p.m.

Westwood Community Electricity Aggregation

Save Money. Go Green.

The Select Board is co-sponsoring an article with the Westwood Environmental Action Committee for the spring Town Meeting that aims to offer residents lower, more stable electricity rates and renewable energy options while reducing reliance on carbon-producing fossil fuels.



Working with the Town's Energy Manager, Tom Philbin, this article will authorize the Town through its Select Board to select a company to aggregate electricity for its residents and businesses which will encourage the supply of electricity produced by renewable energy. Community Electricity

Community Electricity Aggregation



Aggregation (CEA) is a state-approved program that allows towns to purchase energy in bulk and pass savings along to residents. Over 125 Massachusetts communities already use CEA. Communities in this area include Dedham, Ashland and Holliston. CEA costs the town nothing and does not raise taxes on residents. An example of savings from Sudbury's program, which includes 5% more renewable energy than the state minimum requirement, are shared in the following chart.

Rates from Sudbury's Current CEA Program

Eversource winter rate for Basic Service (Jan. 2019-June 2019)	Sudbury's Aggregation Rate (fixed for 3 years)
13.59 cents per kWh	10.75 cents per kWh

Would this program replace Eversource as my electric utility?

No. Eversource would remain the electric utility for Westwood and would continue to deliver your electricity.

This program would change the **supplier** on your Eversource bill, and it would change the rate that is used to calculate the **Supply** charges on your Eversource bill. You would continue to receive your bill from Eversource, you would continue to pay Eversource, and you would continue to call Eversource if your power goes out.

Would I need to sign a contract?

No. There is no contract to sign and no installation of any equipment. You can leave the CEA program without penalty at any time. You can choose to opt out of the program.

How would I join the program?

Customers currently receiving Eversource's default basic service would be automatically enrolled in the CEA program. However, you can choose to opt out of the program. Customers who currently have their electricity supplied by a competitive supplier would need to opt into the program.

Where Can I Learn More?

Visit www.bit.ly/ceaww or attend a public meeting on the topic:
March 12th at 1:00 pm at the Westwood Senior Center or
March 19th at 7:00 pm at the Westwood Main Library.

Contributed by Stephen Harte

Westwood Council on Aging

SPRING NEWS

The Westwood Council on Aging invites you to stay healthy, stay connected and age well at the Senior Center! Along with our 20 regular programs (see our newsletter) here are a few special programs that you might want to consider:

CAN YOU RECOGNIZE A FALL RISK?

Sponsored by Big Y Supermarkets of Norwood and Walpole
Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30

\$4 donation (must sign up in advance).

Falls are the #1 factor in deaths for seniors. Do you know the main causes of falls? Do you know the best ways to avoid them? Come join us as Big Y brings a delicious lunch and explains the best ways to elude falling and landing in the hospital.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEMORY CARE AND ASSISTED LIVING

Sponsored by Whitney Place in Sharon

Wednesday, April 10 at 4pm (Please sign up in advance)

This important talk covers when is the right time to think about assisted living (or memory care) for yourself or a loved one; how do you find the right community; what constitutes the right community; and more. Jodi Tolman is a Certified Dementia Practitioner at Whitney Place at Sharon and can answer your questions and concerns. Light refreshments will be served.



MEMORY LOSS – NORMAL OR NOT NORMAL?

Sponsored by Benchmark on Clapboard Street

Monday, April 29 at 11:30 am

\$4 donation (must sign up in advance)

Join Michelle Tristani, Director of Memory Care at Benchmark as she explains the difference between normal memory loss and memory loss that needs to be addressed. Benchmark of Westwood will bring a light lunch to enjoy during the presentation.

AMERICA BY THE BOOK – with Historian Gary Hylander

A four part series on History through the eyes of Literature
Thursdays at 10am

\$3 donation for each session or \$10 for all four sessions

Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

Mark your calendars! Gary is back and this time he will lecture our American history through the eyes of literature! These programs are sure to be popular so please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.

Thursday, April 25 – (at 10:30) *The Scarlett Letter* (Puritan times)

Thursday, May 2 – *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (Slavery)

Thursday, May 30 – *Red Badge of Courage* (Civil War)

Thursday, June 27 – *The Jungle* (The Industrial Revolution)

SHREDDING DAY at the Senior Center

Sponsored by District Attorney Michael Morrissey

Thursday, April 18 from 10-1pm

No cost to this program but please bring your material in easy to lift (not too heavy) paper bags.



You are invited to quickly and safely dispose of sensitive and personal documents to further protect yourself from identity theft and fraud. Shred tax, financial, legal and other confidential documents for free and on site. Please remove 3 ring binders and large binder clips.

It is not necessary to remove paper clips, staples and/or elastics.

Limit 4 bags per car.

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.



MUSICAL LEGENDS with Bruce Hambro

Tuesday, March 26: Dean Martin at 1pm

Tuesday, April 23: Tony Bennett at 1pm

\$3 donation – Please sign up in advance

Join us as Bruce, a former music producer, explains the life and times of some of the greatest 21st Century singers in American.



TOWEL DRIVE AT THE SENIOR CENTER — Collecting in March and April

Sponsored by New Life Furniture of Walpole

New Life Furniture collects and refurbishes new and gently used furniture and makes them available to individuals and families coming out of homelessness at no cost.

They are looking for towel (bath, hand, washcloth or kitchen) donations and we are hoping you will help us help them! Please bring your new towel to the Center and we will have a bucket ready for your donation by the front door. Your donation will truly make life easier for someone in need. And thank you!!!



ARE YOU RETIRING SOON? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE? THEN THIS IS THE PROGRAM FOR YOU.

GETTING READY FOR RETIREMENT with Susan

Sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Friday, May 31 – Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

8:30am

Federal and Postal Employees do you have questions about your medical, dental, or vision plans under the FEHB Program? If so, please join us for a Federal Employee Program (FEP) presentation on Friday, May 31. An FEP representative will be presenting information on all 3 of these plans. The presentation will include benefit information for those who are under 65, turning 65 and may be considering Medicare Parts A & B. For those who are 65 and older we can explain how Medicare A & B works with your health insurance plan.

9:30am

Planning for Medicare- Countdown to 65 – This is a great presentation if you are wondering what your insurance options may be when you leave employment or if you are going on or are already on Medicare. Topics covered will include health insurance outside of employer sponsored coverage such as: Explanation of Medicare; Medigap and Medicare Advantage Plans; Programs available to early retirees, such as COBRA.

Contributed by Lina Arena-DeRosa



St. John's Nursery School

Sharing New Year traditions



PHOTO CREDIT: ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL

The children at St John's Nursery School recently had a wonderful presentation on Chinese New Year given by Ada Wu, a Westwood parent. She showed the children where China is on the globe, and showed them some traditional clothing that Chinese children wear to celebrate the holiday. She also brought in traditional Chinese decorations that she gave to the school, as well as giving each child a traditional red envelope with stickers of Chinese words on them. The children especially had fun making pretend dumplings with Playdoh and marshmallows! She also taught them some Chinese words, including the Chinese phrase for Happy New Year!

Contributed by Kris Blue

Westwood Historical Society

Our Programs—and your invitation

This winter, we were delighted to host the following programs:

- ◆ **The New England Hurricane of 1938.** In January, Sarah Sycz Jaworski, from Historic New England, shared wonderful photos and a wealth of information about the massive hurricane that hit New England on September 21, 1938. It was one of the most destructive storms in American history, causing more than 600 deaths and \$400 million in property damage.
- ◆ **Our Own “Antiques Roadshow.”** In February, we hosted a mini “Antiques Roadshow” with Michael B. Grogan, President/Chief Auctioneer for Grogan & Company. Michael regaled us with his own stories and then provided expert verbal appraisals for the paintings, jewelry and silver that people brought to the program.
- ◆ **Open Mic Nights.** A vibrant Westwood High School group asked for permission to use the Fisher School for three Open Mic nights. They filled the venue each time and the audience so appreciated hearing and seeing the up-and-coming musicians, singers and performers.

And coming up...

- ◆ **A History of the Irish in Boston.** On March 12th (from 7 to 8:30 pm), Christopher Daley will talk about the waves of Irish immigrants who came to Boston – and how they influenced and impacted our history. This program starts in the mid-17th century and continues through the 1950s (when many Irish rose up the ranks and gained power within the Boston political scene).
- ◆ **Our 1800s School Day.** In May, the Historical Society will host Westwood's third graders at the Fisher School. This program gives our schoolchildren the opportunity to step back in time and see what school was like in the 1800s. The program was originally designed by Joan Swann and Elaine Nye, continued by Irene Buonopane and is now coordinated by Charlie

Donahue. This year, Charlie expects to have the help of over 20 volunteers!

Quarter Century Award Nominations

The Westwood Historical Society will again be accepting nominees for its annual Quarter Century Award. The award is presented each year to a person or couple who have made significant contributions to the Westwood community for more than 25 years. The contribution can be in any field, such as education, religion, arts, civic or social service.

To make a nomination, please send a letter to the Historical Society describing your nominee(s) and their contributions to Westwood. Letters should be mailed to: Westwood Historical Society, P.O. Box 2575, Westwood, MA 02090.

Looking Ahead to the Fall

We will present programs in October and November. One program will feature our own Jerry Cronin reviewing the many changes that have taken place in Westwood during the past 50 years. In December, we look forward to welcoming the Westwood Artists Marketplace at the Fisher School – and to hosting our annual Holiday Party, including the presentation of this year's Quarter Century Award.

Visit our website (www.westwoodhistoricalsociety.com) and watch for more information in the fall.

Want to use the Fisher School? Suggest a Program? Donate?

The Fisher School is available for rental (e.g., special events, receptions, performances). We also welcome ideas for programs as well as donations of local historical items (and contributions for their care and upkeep). Just send us an e-mail with questions or suggestions (westwoodhistorical@comcast.net).

Contributed by June Cassidy

Temple Beth David

A Jewish Holiday That Celebrates the Triumph of Laughter Over Evil



“... when Purim season arrives, joy increases.”

Each March the Jewish holiday of Purim rolls around. It is said that when Purim season arrives, joy increases

Purim is based on biblical story of Esther. It takes place in the capital of the Persian empire approximately 2500 years ago. The Jews of Persia have made a comfortable life in the empire and have become one of many acculturated minorities within the fabric of Persian life. The story follows Esther, a young Jewish woman who is chosen by the king to become one of the king’s many wives, and soon becomes his favorite. Esther hides her true identity, until the king’s viceroy plots to kill the whole Jewish community to settle a vendetta he has with Esther’s uncle. Esther bravely comes before the king, and reveals her true identity as a Jew. In embracing her identity, Esther stands up for her people and foils the wickedness of the king’s viceroy, Haman.

On the surface, the story of Purim is somber and serious. A minority community narrowly escapes persecution. One person embraces her difference and stands up to evil. Yet, the holiday is celebrated with feasting, parties, and costume carnivals. Jewish communities put on funny skits called a *shpiel* to re-enact the story. Humor and laughter end up vanquishing the evil plot.

On Sunday, March 24 the Temple Beth David community will celebrate Purim. The *shpiel* begins at 10:00 a.m. and the carnival, with bouncy house, games, food, face painting and more begins at 11:00 a.m. It is lots of fun for kids and many come in costume! Carnival bracelets for unlimited access to the games and activities are \$10 for Temple Beth David members, \$15 for all others, and any child under 5 is \$5.

Wishing everyone joy, laughter, and the feeling of pride for all of our unique identities.

Contributed by Rabbi Karen and Rabbi Micah Citrin

Breakfast with the Bunny
Spring event planned by Rotary on April 7 from 8:30-11:30 am. at WHS

Food, face painting, music, bunny crafts, and gifts from bunny. Character photos with Mickey Mouse, bunny, and their friends. Fun morning for all ages. Join us in the bunny hop!
 \$7 per person for breakfast and all activities.

Join us for a fun morning and support the many charitable projects of Rotary. You may advertise on our placemats as well. Contact Helena Drolette, Rotary Club of Westwood president, for info at 508-816-7000.

Rotary Club of Westwood

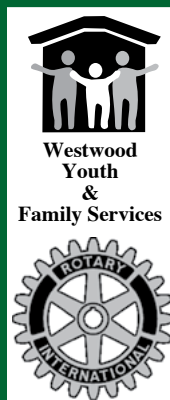


Volunteering and filling gift bags for On the Rise Shelter

Rotary members packed 50 bags of cosmetics for a Valentine Day treat for the On the Rise Shelter in Cambridge (a women’s shelter). Pictured are Helena Drolette, Tony Amico, Bob Folsom, Gail Becker, Rebecca Schoefield, and Laura Macs. Members are always welcome. For more information, or if you would like to help with any future project, please contact Helena Drolette, Rotary Club of Westwood president, at 508-816-7000.



PHOTOS: HELENA DROLETTE



Westwood Rotary and Westwood Youth & Family Services (WY&FS) are seeking the public’s help in identifying young people in our community that have demonstrated a commitment to helping others. We would like to celebrate these individuals by honoring them with the R.A.Y (Recognize-A-Youth) Award. Recipients will have distinguished themselves through their initiative and commitment to community service and have demonstrated an ethic of caring for others that is essential to the health of our community. If you know of a young person that should be honored please nominate them for a R.A.Y. Award. The R.A.Y. Program will recognize more than one person should a group of young people be nominated for a group community service effort. The deadline for nominations is **March 31st, 2019**. Nomination forms will be accepted online, via email and by mail. For more information go to www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs.

Contact: Mary Ellen LaRose at (781) 320-1006 or mlarose@townhall.westwood.ma.us



2018 Recipients

PHOTO: WY&FS

Contributed by Mary Ellen LaRose

Hale Reservation

Westwood locals running like Hale in the Boston Marathon

On April 15, Westwood residents Christina Wysocki and father-daughter duo Jordan and Chloe Warshaw will run in the 123rd Boston Marathon as part of **Team Hale**. The three will join 12 other runners who have been selected to receive invitational entries in exchange for raising funds and awareness for the local nonprofit.

Hale has been an official charity partner with the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) since 2013. Hale's mission of offering educational and recreational opportunities that develop self-confidence, inspire passion for learning, and encourage appreciation for the natural environment fits in line with the BAA's requirement that all partners strengthen local communities and promote a healthy lifestyle.

The three Westwood runners have been working since the fall to help raise funds to support two programs focused on Boston Public Schools (BPS) students: Hale Outdoor Learning Adventures (HOLA) and Intrepid Academy at Hale (IAH). HOLA seeks to prevent summer learning loss, encourage academic gains, and promote healthy physical activity, during the summer months so

students are ready to begin the next grade in the fall. IAH is an 18 week outdoor program that breaks down the walls of conventional schools and enables high school juniors to earn course credits through nontraditional, active educational experiences.

Existing programs like HOLA and IAH are often limited to more affluent populations but Hale is closing the opportunity gap by working with students who otherwise may never have access to such experiences. Time actively spent outdoors leads to mental stimulation and has numerous health benefits, advantages Hale strives to share regardless of income.

These Westwood runners are all very familiar with Hale's impactful programs. They are excited to represent the organization as they train and fundraise in the weeks leading up to the Marathon Monday.

Contributed by Paula McLaughlin



Jordan, Chloe and Christina

American Legion Post 320

Speaker on April 1 is reknowned specialist on terrorism

The Westwood American Legion Post 320 will host a special guest at the Monday, April 1 meeting. Colonel David Galligan, a recognized specialist in terrorism (see abbreviated bio below), will provide an update on the terrorism threat in the United States. All members of the American Legion and their guests are welcome to attend.



COLONEL DAVID GAVIGAN is a nationally and internationally recognized specialist in terrorism. He is a former Assistant Adjutant in the Army National Guard and has over forty-two years of service to the country. He is a consultant and Deputy Sheriff in Bristol County where he heads the "Special Operations Division" and holds the rank of Colonel. His history and service are only very briefly summarized here.

- He received specialized training in terrorism at the California Specialized Training Institute, US Army Military Police School, US Army Special Forces Terrorism Instructor School, US Army Chemical School, and National Emergency Management Agency. He is a graduate of the ATF Post Blast Explosive Investigation School.
- He is a graduate of the US Army Intelligence School, US Army Artillery and Missile School, US Army Military Police School, US Army Chemical and Biological School, US Army Command and General Staff College and the US Army War College.
- He is a former member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Joint Terrorism Task Force.
- He is currently an instructor in NIMS, ICS, and Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Massachusetts.



Invitation to join Westwood's American Legion

Membership in the American Legion offers many benefits that include involvement in community programs, a voice in Washington DC, investment in children's activities, education and camaraderie. Of course our main focus is for veteran's rights and along with their families. Which is why we continue to lobby in Washington for veterans as well as current servicemen and women.

To learn more contact the Westwood American Legion.

90 Deerfield Ave., Westwood, MA 02090

781-329-6241 <http://westwoodalpost320.com/>

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

Westwood Artists

Art show at library and digital marketing workshop



Westwood Artists are holding their second month-long gallery show at the Westwood Public Library, 660 High Street.

This art show will be up during March. It will feature the work of contemporary artists and artisans living in Westwood. As a special event during the month, Westwood Artists and the Westwood Library will host a marketing workshop for aspiring creative entrepreneurs led by Tricia White of T. White Creations. The workshop date is Wednesday, March 27 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the library. The art show and the workshop are all free and open to the public.

Tricia White is a dynamic speaker and experienced marketing professional who has created and implemented programs and initiatives that help small businesses better understand the importance of integrating digital and social media into their

marketing strategies to achieve and sustain economic growth and prosperity.

Her workshop, titled Marketing Essentials for Creatives, offers helpful strategies and understandings of how important it is to have a good marketing strategy so people can get to know, like and trust you. When you get people to that point, they will purchase products and services from you.

Westwood Artists is an inclusive group and encourages any artist, craftsman or artisan in any media or discipline who lives in Westwood to participate in the increasing number of events and projects we host. Anyone interested in learning about and/or supporting local artists is invited to join our email list. Contact us through email or our Facebook page.

Email: westwoodartists@gmail.com

Facebook: @westwoodartists

Contributed by Kathy Zola





Westwood Community Chest (WCC)

Neighbors helping those in need since 2006

Recently, Westwood Community Chest (WCC) celebrated its Seventh Annual Chiara Fundraising Event. This year's event sold out and raised record funds, allowing WCC to continue their mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Since its founding in 2006, the Community Chest has awarded almost \$1.1 million to over 350 Westwood families and residents ranging in age from 5-97 years old. As needs are identified within our community, award totals have increased by 70% in the past four years. During the last fiscal year, the Community Chest assisted 76 families with annual awards and 45 children with camperships, for a total amount awarded of \$115,000. *Thank you to all the Westwood residents who have helped to make this possible!*

WCC continues to be grateful to our community liaisons who help the Community Chest identify and support Westwood neighbors in need: Superintendent of Schools Emily Parks, Danielle Sutton at Westwood Youth and Family Services, Fire Chief Deckers, Police Sergeant Paul Sicard, Lina Arena-DeRosa at the Council on Aging, and Town Clerk Dottie Powers. We are happy to be part of your safety net.

Currently

Our campership application process is underway. Details can be found on our website at westwoodcommunitychest.org. Westwood residents can apply for campership grants of up to \$800 per child, with a family maximum award of \$1,200, to help with the costs of summer camps and activities. Applications can be submitted online or by mail.

As always, grant applications can be found on our website as well, or at various town offices and departments. These can also be submitted online or by mail.

Donations to Westwood Community Chest are always welcomed, and can be made online or by mail.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of the Community Chest, we invite you to submit a statement of interest to westwoodcommunitychest@gmail.com.

Contributed by Bryna Bornstein
Photos: Matt Scafdi



Mission accomplished. A record breaking fundraiser at Chiara gave more than the usual to be thankful for.



An elegant and tasty evening!



Westwood Community Chest members have much to be smiling about.



APRIL VACATION PROGRAMS

PLAN AHEAD AND REGISTER TODAY!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 5.

IF PROGRAMS DO NOT MEET THE MINIMUM # THE PROGRAM WILL BE CANCELED

WWW.WESTWOODREC.COM 781.461.0070

VACATION ART *grades 2-5*

Thurston Middle School Cafeteria
 Lisa Walker
 Tue-Thu, Apr 16-18, 9:00-12:00
 \$140 (3 classes) Min 6/Max 12



Calling all artists! Youth that have a passion for creating things with their hands, these classes are a must! Students will create individual and group pieces in 3D and 2D. 3D Art explores while learning about carving, modeling and sculpture using recycled products, mixed media, clay and more. 2D Art explores the mark on a flat surface while learning about graphite, colored pencils, watercolor and more. No prior experience required. All supplies provided. Please provide snack and water bottle. Wear clothes that can get dirty. Looking to extend your day? See Full day option.

FUN N' GAMES *grades k-6*

Thurston Middle School Gym
 Recreation Staff
 Tue-Thu, Apr 16-18, 9:00-12:00
 \$70 (3 classes) Min 12/Max 40

It's fast moving fun with a variety of sports and games activities including basketball, soccer, dodgeball, wacky relay races, capture the flag and more. There will be contests and tournaments with fun prizes. Talk it up with your friends; let's have a blast during vacation! Participants need to bring a peanut/nut free snack and water bottle. Sneakers required. Looking to extend your day? See Full day option.

LUNCH N' POOL *grades k-6*

Participants must be able to swim independently
 Westwood Pool and Pool Lobby
 Aquatics and Recreation Staff
 Tue-Thu, Apr 16-18, 12:00-3:00
 \$140 (3 classes) Min 10/Max 25

Have lunch with friends and then jump in the pool for free play, water basketball, cannonballs, under water scavenger hunt and more. Lunch time and Trivia 12:00-1:15; Pool Time 1:15-2:30, Snack Time 2:30-3:00. Participants need to bring bathing suit, towel and food listed below. Parents are to pick up their children in the pool lobby by 3:00.

Day	Date	Provided	Participant Needs
Tue	Apr 16	Ice Cream Sundae Snack	Lunch & Drink
Wed	Apr 17	Hot Dog Lunch	Snack
Thu	Apr 18	Pizza Lunch	Snack

FULL DAY OPTION

Looking for a full day of activities 9:00-3:00? Choose either Vacation Art Camp or Fun N' Games from 9:00-12:00 and then sign up for Lunch N' Pool for 12:00-3:00. Participants registered for a morning program at Thurston and registered for the Lunch N' Pool program will be transported by Town of Westwood vehicles from Thurston School to the Westwood Pool.

JR BEGINNER GOLF CLINIC *ages 8-14*

Norwood Country Club
 John Resnick, Golf Pro
 Tue-Fri, Apr 16-19, 10:00-12:00
 \$150 (4 classes) Min 4/Max 7

Learn the fundamentals of golf: swing, putting, chipping, etiquette and pace of play. Clinic includes course instruction in a relaxed setting. Please bring sneakers and a water bottle. Sunscreen & bug spray is recommended. Clubs provided if needed.

ADVENTURE DAYS *ages 3-5*

Islington Community Center
 Recreation Staff

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 and need to bring drinks, nut free snack and lunch. **Participants must be toilet trained.**

Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Tue	Apr 16	9:00-1:00	\$45 (1 class) Min 6/Max 12
Wed	Apr 17	9:00-1:00	\$45 (1 class) Min 6/Max 12
Thu	Apr 18	9:00-1:00	\$45 (1 class) Min 6/Max 12

BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING *ages 5-12*

Morrison Park
 Bob Phillips and Staff
 Mon-Fri, Apr 15-19, 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.

APRIL VACATION TENNIS

Westwood High School Courts
 Jayson Sellers, Tennis Pro
 Tue-Thu, Apr 16-18, Min 4/Max 6



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 19.

Level	Ages	Time	Fee Min 4/Max 6)
Beginner	7-11	11:30-12:25	\$45 (3 lessons)
Clinic	8-13	12:30-2:30	\$105 (3 classes)



SPECIAL EVENTS

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FISHING DERBY

ITS' A "REEL' GREAT TIME

SATURDAY, MAY 11

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

Fireman's Foam

Wednesday, July 10

2:00-3:00

Sheehan School Field

All Ages Love It!

Dance in piles of suds with DJ

(Foam is made with dish soap, water and air)



THANK YOU TO WESTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT



POOL SCHEDULE

SPRING April 1 – June 23 (Closed: April 15, 21; May 27, June 2)

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	
11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim
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 24 - August 31 (Closed: July 4)

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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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

Mark your
calendars!

WESTWOOD /DAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 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

Get involved!

CONTACTS:

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

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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

LOGISTICS: Joe Bertone jbertone@townhall.westwood.ma.us



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Westwood Youth & Family Services

Over Sixty Westwood Children Supported with Holiday Giving Program

This past December, for the eighteenth year in a row, Westwood Youth & Family Services managed the Holiday Giving Program for the town. The WY&FS Holiday Giving Program connects local sponsors with Westwood families in need of support during the holidays. This year, thirty-four Westwood families and a total of sixty-one 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 hundreds of gifts.

WY&FS would like to thank the many Westwood residents along with the following businesses and organizations for their support of the program: Dedham Savings Bank, The Rotary Club of Westwood, Westwood Girl Scouts, Sisco+Berluti, The Tobin School Westwood, Westwood Children’s School, Order of the Eastern Star Westwood, First Baptist Church of Westwood, Colantuoni Bros. Corp, Ann Wood of Keller Williams, and the Friends of the Westwood Library.



Westwood Youth & Family Services

Another Successful Year for the Bullying Prevention Theater Program!

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 2018 with twenty-six high school mentors spending over 750 total hours preparing and rehearsing for the performances which took place at Thurston Middle School in January. Mentors enthralled the sixth-grade class at Thurston with five skits about bullying, followed by thoughtful classroom discussions and related activities. The 234 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 2018-2019 BPT Mentors were: Alex Adourian, Sydney Devaney, Leena Dolabany, Jack Foscaldo, Leah Ghazali, Sophia Hebert, Melanie Homsy, Nick Horsfall, Lilly Hunter, Tiffany Law, Annie Li, Stacey Li, Rachel Marcus, Ryan Mazzola, Julia McWeeney, Alexa Merheb, Olivia Methot, Roisin O’Keeffe, Eve Polvay, Grace Polvay, Emily Rast, Emma Serrecchia, Nora Sinno, Holly Sullivan, Yasmeen Wahid, and Magnus Woytek.



Structured Play Groups Kindergarten/1st Grade

Wednesday, March 27-May 22, 4:00-5:00 PM at Islington Community Center

This 8-week group is 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. All of our programming is free of charge to Westwood residents.

Contact: Nina Banozic, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or nbanozic@townhall.westwood.ma.us

See story on page 6 about the Recognize a Youth nominations!





Spring Programs 2019

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

Kids' Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY

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 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 5th-April 9th and April 30-May 28

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

March 6th- April 10th and May 1-May 29

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

Fridays, 10:30 AM March 8th-April 12th and May 31st

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

Select Saturdays:

March 23rd, April 13, May 11 @ 10:30 - 11 AM

Dads and Donuts: Bond with dad (and donuts) at the library! Families with young children are invited to join us to read stories, play games, and have coffee and donuts and meet other families. (Mothers, siblings, and other family members welcome!). Donuts and coffee are generously provided by the Friends of the Library

Saturdays:

March 30th, April 20th, May 4th @ 10:30 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 5th, April 9th @ 6:30 PM

***Books and Bites:** For kids in 2nd and 3rd grade. Who loves books?! Who loves snacks?! Who loves book-themed snacks?! Each month 2nd and 3rd graders will read a chosen book and participate in discussion, activities, and themed snacks. Email Kristy @ Kpasquariello@minlib.net for more info.

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Fridays, March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd @ 4:00PM

***Read to a Dog:** Children in grades K-4 can sign up for a 15-minute "appointment" to read aloud to a certified therapy dog. Families and siblings wait outside, while the child gets valuable one on one time with a furry companion. Sign up starting two weeks before the program, at the children's desk or on the phone.

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Select Saturdays, March 16, April 27th, May 18th
 @ 10:30-11:30am**

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

Westwood Players is proud to present Seussical! Seussical (Theatre for Young Audiences) is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing Whos. The powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

Seussical TYA is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

Four Performances:

May 9 at 6:00 pm (Westwood Public Library - Free),

May 10 at 7 pm, May 11 at 2 pm & 6 pm (Westwood High School Little Theatre - \$10/ticket)

To reserve/purchase tickets or to learn more about Westwood Players, visit www.westwoodplayers.com.

Library Legos @ the Main: Ages 5 and up with parent/caregiver. Kids are welcome to come build with library Legos during this drop in explorative play program.

Wednesdays, 3:30PM-5:00PM Feb 20-May 29

April Break

Whalemobile: For K and up. Join us to learn all about Whales with Cynde from the Whalemobile. Kids will get to go inside the 42 ft inflatable whale!

Tuesday, April 16 @ 2PM

Welcome Spring Storytime: Join us as we sing and dance our way into Spring at this special storytime that ends with a simple craft.

Wednesday, April 17 @ 10:30AM

Earth Day Crafternoon: PreK and up: Join us to celebrate Earth Day with simple crafts for young children.

Thursday, April 18 2PM



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Michelle's Menagerie @ Islington Branch: Join us for an animal program that teaches about the physical and/or behavioral adaptations animals go through in order to survive in their natural habitats.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
Call Islington Branch @ 781-326-5914
Thursday, April 18 @ 10:15 AM

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, March 7th- April 11th and May 2-May 30
@ 9:30 – 10:15 AM

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 20, April 17, May 15

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

Tuesdays, 3:45 – 4:45 PM

Kids Love Knitting: For kids in grades 6 and up. Join this fun knitting group where you can practice your skills with new friends. We welcome beginners to expert knitters. Instructions and help are available as needed. So grab your needles and yarn and let's get knitting.

Thursdays, 3-4:30

Teen Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY 660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 wwdmail1@minlib.net - (781) 320-1045

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.

Fridays @ 3:00PM

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,
March 13th, April 10, May 8th @ 1:30 PM

Wicked Good Henna with Mandy

Middle School students are welcome to learn all about Henna and get free Henna tattoos at this special early release Wednesday program.

Wednesday, April 10th 1:30-3:30PM

GAMING TOURNAMENT: Super Smash Bros & Just Dance
Middle school students are welcome to join OneUP Games in a Super Smash Bros and/or Just Dance tournament! Have what it takes? Come see if you make it to the last round!

Early Release Wednesday: March 13 @ 1:30PM

Teen Yoga: Join certified Yoga teacher Jane Singh for a stress free 45 min of teen yoga at the library! Just have to bring yourself—mats are provided.

Early Release Wednesday: March 27, 2pm-3pm

Teen Programs at the ISLINGTON BRANCH 280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090 To register, please call: (781) 326 - 5914

Page Turning Teens: Join us for treats and a lively discussion.

Wednesday, March 27th @ 6 PM

Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Wednesday, April 24th @ 6 PM

Everything Everything by Nicola Yoon



Adult Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY

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Please check website for up-to-date schedule adjustments

Reconstructing History & Genealogy: Mom's WWII Letters:
May 2017, Corinne Smith found her mother's stash of more than 100 letters from 16 servicemen she had corresponded with in 1944-1945. Corinne began to trace the soldiers' family trees with one goal in mind: to return the letters in person to their children. This presentation links history and genealogy to present-day research and diligence. It revisits a time that we may not want to forget. And it may prompt others to wonder for themselves what treasures lurk in their own old family boxes, and how they can share the information with others.

Corinne H. Smith is a writer who is originally from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She served for several years on the board of The Blair County Genealogical Society in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Her first book was a self-published family history titled *From Saxony to the Lehigh Valley: The Descendants of Ludwig Hossfeld* (1992). Since then, she has written several books about American author Henry David Thoreau. She is a former librarian and lives in Gardner, Massachusetts. All are welcome to this special event!

Main Library: Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00 PM



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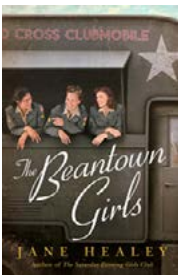
Sail Away on the Craft of Pastel Painting with Greg Maichack:

Using references and Maichack's pastel version of Monet's Impressionist painting, "Sailboat at Le Petit-Gennevilliers," you'll create your own 12" x 18" pastel painting to take home. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Westwood Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency." Registration is required, please call 781-320-1045 or stop by the 2nd Floor Info Desk to sign-up.

Main Library: Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:00 PM

AUTHOR EVENT: Jane Healey: From the author of *The Saturday Evening Girls Club* comes a new novel of love, courage, and danger unfolds as World War II's brightest heroines—the best of friends—take on the front lines.

The Beantown Girls opens in 1944 - Fiona Denning has her entire future planned out. She'll work in city hall, marry her fiancé when he returns from the war, and settle down in the Boston suburbs. But when her fiancé is reported missing after being shot down in Germany, Fiona's long-held plans are shattered. Determined to learn her fiancé's fate, Fiona leaves Boston to volunteer overseas as a Red Cross Clubmobile girl, recruiting her two best friends to come along.



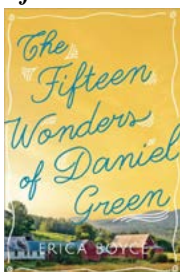
Chosen for their inner strength and outer charm, the trio isn't prepared for the daunting challenges of war. But through it all come new friendships and romances, unforeseen dangers, and unexpected dreams. As the three friends begin to understand the real reasons they all came to the front, their courage and camaraderie will see them through some of the best and worst times of their lives. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Haley Booksellers.

Main Library: Wednesday, April 10 @ 7:00 PM

Magical Strings: Irish Music and Storytelling: Philip and Pam Boulding will present a beautiful musical arrangement for all to enjoy. Celtic harps and hammered dulcimers are colorfully augmented by pennywhistles, concertina, button accordion, and storytelling. The Washington Post described Magical Strings as, "warm, graceful and sonically gorgeous." All are welcome! This program is made possible through the support of the Westwood Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Main Library: Tuesday, April 16 @ 7:00 PM

AUTHOR EVENT: Erica Boyce: Come support Westwood resident Erica Boyce and her debut novel, *The Fifteen Wonders Of Daniel Green!* For readers seeking the warmth of *The*



Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend blended with the creative spark of Rachel Joyce, *The Fifteen Wonders of Daniel Green* explores the unexplainable bonds of family, the everyday wonder of love, and the strange mysteries life provides that help humanity light up the dark.

Daniel Green makes crop circles. As a member of a secret organization of people like him, he travels across the country creating

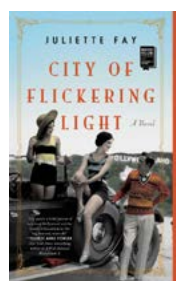
strange works of art that leave communities mystified. He's always been alone; in fact, he prefers it. But when a dying farmer hires him in a last-ditch effort to bring publicity to a small Vermont town, Daniel finds himself at odds with his heart. It isn't long before he gets drawn into a family struggling to stitch itself back together, and the consequences will change his life forever.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Haley Booksellers. All are welcome!

Main Library: Tuesday, April 30 @ 7:00 PM

THE FRIENDS OF THE WESTWOOD LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING & AUTHOR EVENT: Juliette Fay:

The Friends of the Library annual meeting will feature author Juliette Fay and her new novel, *The City of Flickering Light*. Juliette Fay—"one of the best authors of women's fiction" (Library Journal)—transports



us back to the Golden Age of Hollywood and the raucous Roaring Twenties, as three friends struggle to earn their places among the stars of the silent screen—perfect for fans of *La La Land* and *Rules of Civility*. It's July 1921, "flickers" are all the rage, and Irene Van Beck has just declared her own independence by jumping off a moving train to escape her fate in a traveling burlesque show. When her friends, fellow dancer Millie Martin and comedian Henry Weiss, leap after

her, the trio finds their way to the bright lights of Hollywood with hopes of making it big in the burgeoning silent film industry.

What begins as a quest for fame and fortune soon becomes a collective search for love, acceptance, and fulfillment as they navigate the backlots and stage sets where the illusions of the silver screen are brought to life.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Haley Booksellers. If you would like to join the Friends of the Westwood Library, or want more information about the FOL please email: folwestwood@gmail.com.

Main Library: Wednesday, May 8 @ 7:00 PM

Book Buzz Panel: Librarian's favorite reads! Join us for a night of book talks. The Westwood librarians will share some of their favorite titles. We will have copies of the books to check out. Bring a friend, get a list of books to read and enjoy the company.

Main Library: Thursday, April 25 and Thursday, June 27 @ 7:00 PM

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. If you are interested in attending please register at the Info Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Main Library, or email TMcCusker@minlib.net.

Main Library: Select Thursdays at 7:00 PM

March 21: Middle East, April 18: Nuclear Negotiations, May 16: Nationalism in Europe, June 13: Trade with China



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Great Decisions (Facilitated by the Westwood Woman's Club):

This session of Great Decisions will be facilitated by a member of the Westwood Woman's Club, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library. This program is free and open to all, but pre-registration is required. If you are interested in attending please register at the Info Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Main Library at 781-320-1045. A limited number of copies of the 2019 Briefing Book are available at the Reference Desk to check-out.

Main Library: Select Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

March 12: Nuclear Negotiations, March 26: Nationalism in Europe, April 9: Trade with China, April 23: Cyber Conflict, May 7: U.S. and Mexico, May 21: State of Diplomacy

Friday Morning Book Club: Read the book, join the conversation! Books will be available at the Main Library at the Circulation Desk and at the Islington Branch Library. Are you a new member interested in coming? Send Molly an email at mriportella@minlib.net.

Main Library: Fridays @ 10:30 AM
April 26, May 31, June 28

***Individual Computer Classes:** Register for a 40 minute appointment with Kristen. To sign-up call 781-320-1045 or stop by the Information Desk on the 2nd Floor.

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Main Library: Mondays, beginning at 2:30 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 and 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!

Main Library: Mondays at 6:00 PM

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 mats, and cutting tools will be available. No registration required.

Main Library: Mondays at 6:30 PM
March 18, April 29, May 20, June 24

Westwood Writers' Group: An adult writers' group, with a focus on fiction. The Westwood Writers' Group will meet once a month to:

- write together
- critique each other's work
- discuss a writing topic of interest for the group

All fiction writers are welcome. To register, please email Anu at composeadream@gmail.com or Molly at mriportella@minlib.net, call 781-320-1045, or stop by the 2nd Floor Info Desk at the Main Library.

Main Library: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
March 6, April 3, May 8, June 5

Adult Programs at the Islington Branch

280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090
wwdmail2@minlib.net - (781) 326-5914

Please check website for up-to-date schedule adjustments

Islington Branch Historical Fiction Book Group: Join us at the Branch to discuss some great historical fiction.

Tuesday, March 5th @ 10 AM

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

Tuesday, April 2nd @ 10 AM

When the Men Were Gone by Marjorie Herrera Lewis

May to be determined

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Islington Branch Book Group: Join us at the Branch to discuss the following titles!

Islington Branch:

Wednesday, March 13th @ 6:60

The Saturday Evening Girls Club by Jane Healey

Wednesday, April 3rd @ 6:30

Educated by Tara Westover

Wednesday, May 8th @ 6:30

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

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, cozy mystery, or a knitting magazine....

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 SCHOOLS

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Dear Westwood Residents,

March 2019

Last year, the Town of Westwood took important steps forward on the journey to modernize our elementary schools and enhance student learning. We were accepted into the Massachusetts School



Building Authority (MSBA) program, which provides financing and guidance for cities and towns that need to build new schools. We successfully completed the Eligibility Phase and formed a School Building Committee

to oversee the process. With the majority of Westwood residents voting to approve funding at Town Meeting last May, we have now officially been accepted into the Feasibility Phase. As we move ahead, it is our commitment to keep lines of communication open and report developments that are of importance to the community.

The next step in the process is to hire a project manager and a designer to work with the School Building Committee. These people will play critical roles by working with MSBA to determine what options are possible, taking into account what the community needs and MSBA requires. We are currently drafting a Request for Service for the project manager position with the goal of having that individual hired in time to attend either the MSBA board meeting on June 3 or on July 15, 2019. Once that step is complete, we will go through a similar process to hire a designer.

MSBA has very specific rules regarding the projects for which it will reimburse cities and towns. Westwood was invited into the MSBA based primarily on the condition of our oldest elementary school, the Hanlon School, which was built in 1951. As a result, any new project must include Hanlon. During last fall, Westwood and the MSBA prepared enrollment projections to address what we believe our needs will be. The projections indicate renewed growth in our elementary

school student population over the next 10 years. Enrollment ultimately determines how much square footage, how many classrooms, and how many other rooms a new school will have.

For the Feasibility Phase of the project, the town presented MSBA three school building options—each of which would present a number of possibilities. The three are:

1. Rebuild Hanlon School for a capacity of 315 students.
2. Build a combined Hanlon/Deerfield School for a capacity of 560 students.
3. Build a combined Hanlon/Sheehan School for a capacity of 685 students.

Once in place, the project manager and designer will study the options and estimate the costs associated with each one so we have a clear picture of our choices when we hold community forums this fall.

What this all means is that by the fall, we will be ready to begin our community engagement phase. Westwood is lucky to have the opportunity to use state dollars to defray the cost of this project. But, whatever plan is ultimately approved, it will be with the input of the community and will leave us well positioned to continue providing the highest quality education.

We look forward to seeing this exciting opportunity unfold and will provide updates leading up to the community forums.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process.

Sincerely,

Emily J. Parks
Superintendent of Schools

Charles Donahue
Westwood School
Committee Chair

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ONLINE BUS REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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.*

Congrats, Hanlon 5th Grade Winners!

Two Hanlon School fifth graders entered their schoolwide assembly to balloons and applause on February 15th. They learned that out of 1,800 entries in the InvestWrite competition, sponsored by the SIFMA Foundation, their essays were both winners. In this nationwide essay contest, **Julia Drainville** came in first, while **Grace Meurer** came in ninth!

For the essays, students were asked to choose an entrepreneur, research his or her organization, and offer informed investment advice. Julia wrote about Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, while Grace chose to focus her essay on Blake Mycoskie, creator of TOMS shoes and its charitable component called the One for One deal.

Grace and Julia were showered with gifts from the "prize patrol." In addition to balloons, trophies, medals and banners, Julia also won a cash prize, a camera and a laptop computer. After the event, Grace and Julia signed the banners that will hang in the gymnasium at the Hanlon School.



Julia and Grace with their families at the awards ceremony

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The Foundation for Westwood Education



23rd Annual Spelling Bee

On Friday, January 8, 2019, more than 240 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, representing each of Westwood's five elementary schools, converged at the Westwood High School Auditorium and put their spelling skills to the ultimate test at the Foundation for Westwood Education's 23rd Annual Spelling Bee. The auditorium was packed with supporters as groups of teams, each comprised of three or four kids, competed for the champion's title in each grade group. It wasn't easy, as this year's bee had some fierce spellers.

Emily Parks, Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools, moderated the third grade bee. The winning third grade team was the "Spelling BEEsts" from the Hanlon School and included members Rayna A., Vivian B., Rui L. and Amira S. The winning word was "cleanser".

Winner of the fourth grade bee, from the Downey School, was another team named the "Spelling BEEsts", with team members Tim F., Devin K. and Evan S. Sean Bevan, Principal of Westwood High School, moderated the fourth grade bee. The winning word was "believable".

Team "Bee are the Champions" from the Hanlon School captured the fifth grade bee title, with team members Marie-Noel D., Isabella M., Helen P. and Layla S. Alison Borchers, Assistant Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools, was the fifth grade bee moderator. The winning word was "bequeath".

Congratulations to all of the winners!

WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT

In addition to hosting the Spelling Bee, for the past 28 years the Foundation has provided grants to fund dozens of innovative programs aimed at supplementing the cultural and educational curricula available to Westwood's students, as well as early childhood activities for babies and toddlers and speaker and event programming for parents and senior citizens. We need your help to continue funding these programs! Please visit the Foundation online at www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org to learn more about our mission and to make a tax deductible donation.

Contributed by Courtney Krupinsky



Winners of the Third Grade Spelling Bee with Emily Parks, Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools



Winners of the Fourth Grade Spelling Bee with Sean Bevan, Principal of Westwood High School



Winners of the Fifth Grade Spelling Bee with Alison Borchers, Assistant Superintendent of Westwood Public Schools

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