



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Keeping Westwood Pristine

The Department of Public Works is active year round, but with the heavy growth of vegetation in the spring, summer tends to be a very busy season. There is mowing, weeding, and pruning to be done all around Town. One of their focuses this summer was making sure Buckmaster Pond remains maintained...if you haven't already, be sure to stop by and enjoy it!



Westwood Launches New Alert Notification System

ALERT Westwood powered by Smart911 is the Town of Westwood's official emergency alert and notification system. This system is used to send notifications to the public. **ALERT Westwood** powered by Smart911 is a free service that allows you to sign up online to receive customized alerts via text message, email, and voice message. In addition to emergency alerts, you can also choose to receive customizable community notifications. These include notifications about severe weather, safety, health, utility disruptions, major traffic incidents, and more. This service is provided by the Town of Westwood at no cost to the public; however, message and data rates may apply.

***to sign up, visit the Town website homepage and click "notify me" ***

Why should I sign-up for ALERT Westwood powered by Smart911?

When emergencies happen, be the first to know. The Town of Westwood uses **ALERT Westwood** powered by Smart911 to send official, real-time alerts to the public with information about potentially life-saving actions they may need to take to keep themselves and their families safe. By signing up for **ALERT Westwood** powered by Smart911, you are taking a large step toward improving your personal safety.

How does it work?

When an emergency occurs that meets the criteria for sending out an alert to the public, the Town Administrator's office will gather the necessary information and push out an alert to the affected area. Alerts can be sent out town-wide to everyone who has opted-in to the system, or to a specific area or neighborhood for more localized events.



The Westwood Select Board is seeking Volunteers for Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

Current Board and Committee Vacancies:

- **Communication and Technology Advisory Board**
- **Conservation Commission**
- **Council on Aging**
- **Historical Commission**
- **Housing Partnership Fair Housing Committee**
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee**
- **Recreation Commission**
- **Westwood Environmental Action Committee**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**

For more information on each Board and Committee, please visit the [town website](#).

If you are interested in serving, submit a brief description as to why you think your area of expertise would benefit the committee and a copy of your resume to :

**Select Board Office, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 or
phealey@townhall.westwood.ma.us**

We thank you for your consideration!

Summer at the Council on Aging

As this pandemic continues, we are making decisions month to month. **The Westwood Senior Center will be closed through the fall due to an abundance of caution to keep seniors and staff safe.** Please know we are still here (in the office Monday through Friday 8-1pm – phone calls only – 781-329-8799) if you need us; the Center staff is working remotely as well as rotating coming into the office.

The good news is that a number of our classes (yoga, exercise, line dancing, and music) continue to run on cable and we now offer numerous zoom classes (Current Conversations, Pilates, Tai Chi, Cooking) with more to come this fall. If you are interested, please send us your email address, and what you are interested in joining, so we can send you information. And check out our Fall Newsletter for any updates. There are no costs to any of these programs.

And if you are feeling isolated or lonely (or maybe just losing your mind?) during this pandemic, please let us know (leave a message with Lina or Karen). Our COA Board volunteers would love to give you a friendly call and chat with you on a weekly basis.

Here are a few cable programs you might enjoy (more will be added this fall):

Monday

9:00-9:45 - Cardio Strength & Stretch
10:00-10:45 - Line Dancing
11:00-12:00 - Music Matters

Tuesday

8:00-9:00 - Floor Yoga
9:30-10:30 - Chair Yoga
11:00-12:00 - Music Matters

Wednesday

9:00-9:45 - Sit and Get Fit
10:00-10:45 - Line Dancing
11:00-12:00 - Music Matters

Thursday

8:00-9:00 - Floor Yoga
9:30-10:30 - Chair Yoga
11:00-12:00 - Music Matters

Friday

9:00-9:45 - Cardio Strength and balance
10:00-10:45 - Line Dancing
11:00-12:00 - Music Matters



We will be adding special programming each week to keep you informed. All of these programs can be found on local cable Comcast 8 & 12, Verizon 32 & 42.

- *Fuel Assistance* will begin in the fall and if you need information or help, call the Center to talk with or and leave a message for Karen ...she is always willing to help you with resources that you may need.
- *Meals on Wheels* continue to grow and are delivered daily; any Westwood resident 65 or older needing a meal please calls HESSCO at 781-784-4944. We are also available to grocery shop for homebound at risk elders, just give us a call at the Center and we can set this up for you.

The COA van is now available on a *very limited basis*. We can take you grocery shopping on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Shaw's and Roche Bros only), and medical appointments (in a very limited area) on Mondays. Please call us for details.

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After careful deliberation and out of an ongoing abundance of caution, Westwood Day 2020 has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Recreation Department and the Town of Westwood appreciate your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times and we look forward to Westwood Day 2021.

Grab your Fall Brochure and head over to
www.westwoodrec.com to pick out your programs

Remember to follow us on
Facebook, Instagram and Twitter



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@WW_Rec

**Westwood
Recreation**



Westwood Public Library

Check www.westwoodlibrary.org for an up-to-date schedule.

FALL 2020

CURBSIDE PICK-UP



MONDAY - FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



ReadNext
via Curbside Pick-Up

Click, Grab & Go Bags
For Kids, Teens, Adults

LOOKING FOR BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS? LOOK NO FURTHER!
WE ARE HAPPY TO MAKE BOOK BUNDLES FOR ALL AGES!

QUESTIONS? CALL THE LIBRARY: 781-326-7562

Please Note

Feel free to return Library Items anytime.
The outside book drop is always open.



Free WiFi access is available outside the Main Library in the parking lot. You do not need a library card to access.

Westwood Library (no password)
Westwood Public Password: wwdlib2013
Both networks: Open a browser and accept the splash screen.

Westwood Cultural Council

The Westwood Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local community cultural programs. The Council's priority is to fund projects that reach residents of all ages and which cover a variety of cultural topics.

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

More information can be found at www.mass-culture.org. Online applications will be available there starting on October 1, 2020. The deadline for applications is November 16, 2020.

Westwood Public Library

CURBSIDE HOLDS PICK-UPS HOURS EXPAND FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Beginning Tuesday, September 8th, the Westwood Public Library will be expanding CURBSIDE HOLDS PICKUP HOURS to include evenings and Saturdays.

Expanded Curbside Pick Up Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 10 AM – 7 PM
Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday: 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

1. Place your items on HOLD through the Minuteman Library Catalog.
2. You'll be notified when your items are available for pickup.
3. After you're notified, use the link to CAPIRA to schedule a pick-up time. You can also give us a call at 781-320-1081.
4. Pick up your items curbside!

By the way, if you need a library card, you can register online for a temporary card right now!

The big question on every patron's mind is "When can we come back to the library?" Staff have missed interacting with our patrons, and hope to be able to greet you in person again. We are working on plans to reopen in such a way that the library is as safe as possible for visitors, especially those who are in vulnerable populations. We do not have a reopening schedule yet, but as we work towards phased reopening, we know that your library visit will be a different experience than what we were used to in March when our doors closed! We look forward to being able to share this new experience with all of you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tricia Perry, Library Director via email at tperry@minlib.net, or by phone at 781-320-1041.



Westwood Public Library

All library programs are free. Check www.westwoodlibrary.org for an up-to-date schedule.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

NOTE: All Program require registration will be held virtually via Zoom.

Please visit www.westwoodlibrary.org, or email wwdchildrens@gmail.com, for information or to register for any of the below programs. Please indicate the name of the program you are interested in attending. For book titles & up to date information please check the website.

Kids' Programs

Virtual Storytimes:

- Storytime @ Home: Tuesdays, 11 AM
Sept. 8–Oct. 13 and Nov. 3–Dec. 8
- Wiggle and Giggle in the afternoon: Thursdays 4PM
Sept. 10–Oct. 15 and Nov. 5–Dec. 10
- PJ Storytime: @ 6:30 PM, 3rd Wednesday of the month

Stay @ Home Virtual Book Club: For kids in grades 3–5. Join Kristy and Lizzy for a fun book discussion
Email Lizzy at ehmcgovernaminlib.net to register or for more info. Wednesdays @ 4:00 PM
Sept. 23: *The World Ends in April* by Stacey McNulty

Choose Your own HARRY POTTER Adventure:
Choose your own path through Hogwarts with this exciting virtual trivia experience, created by the Trivia brothers. Perfect for families. Wednesday Oct. 28 @ 7PM

Baby Sign and Play Workshop: Join Sheryl of Baby Kneads for a 6 week course on baby sign. The program is 30 minutes of language building through signs and play for ages 8 months and up with caregiver.
Thursdays @ 9:30AM Sept. 10–Oct. 15.

First Chapter Fridays: Join us as we read aloud some of our favorite books from our First Chapter Book collection. Sit back and get cozy as you listen and enjoy a great story! Fridays @ 4PM Sept. 11–Oct. 16

Teen Programs

QuaranTEEN Book Club: For teens and tweens in grades 9 – 12. Join Felicia for a book discussion!
Wednesdays at 7pm. Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 18

Middle School Book Club: For grades 6 – 8.
Join Felicia for a book discussion! Tuesdays at 7pm.
Sept 29– *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi
Oct 27– *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman

Teens and Screens: For grades 6 – 12. Watch the movie or TV show of the month and join us for a spirited discussion! Thursdays at 7pm.
Sept 10– *The Politician* Season 1 (Netflix)
Oct 8– *Thirteen Reasons Why* Season 1 (Netflix)
Nov 12– TBD

Teen Jeopardy: Be a lone wolf or make a pack of two to compete in virtual jeopardy-style trivia. Prize for 1st place! Monday Sept 14

YAB (Youth Advisory Board): YAB will be taking a short hiatus until in-person programs can come back. If you have any questions about joining the email list or volunteer hours, please contact Felicia at fokeef@minlib.net

Library programs are made possible
by the Friends of the Library



Take and Make DIY Programs

Take and Make Preschool Crafts: Each week stop by the library and pick up a new craft kit!
Fall session is for 6 weeks starting Sept. 8th. Supplies are limited.

Creative Kids DIY Kits: Sign up for DIY Creative Kids! For kids in grades K–1st. Children will receive a script based on a picture book for acting out at home and a themed craft. Supplies are limited so please register via library website. Registration is for 6 weeks at a time. Kits available starting Sept 8th.

Book Explorers: For kids in grades 2–3. Sign up for this DIY book club in a box! Kids get a library book, activity sheets and craft to pick up every month. Register with Kristy at kpasquariello@minlib.net.
Supplies are limited.



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Book Groups, Author Talks, and Special Events

NOTE: All Program will be held virtually, if possible, via Zoom.

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Adult Programs

Adult Storytime: Sometimes we just want to listen to a good story- tune in to hear a short story. Last Wednesday of the month @ 7 PM: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 & Dec. 30

Nature Watching from Home: Discover new ways to enjoy nature from the comfort of your home! 2nd Mondays @ 7 PM: Sept. 14, Oct. 12, & Nov. 9

Hygge & Homebound Wellbeing: Self-care workshops revolving around the Scandinavian concept of *hygge* - coziness and comfortable conviviality with feelings of wellness and contentment. Dates TBA

National Novel Writing Month: NaNoWriMo is an annual Internet-based creative writing project that takes place during the month of November. Join the challenge to write a 50,000-word manuscript between November 1 and November 30. Dates TBA.

Book Share: Join a friendly group to chat about what books everyone is reading. 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 6 PM: 9/16, 10/21, 12/16

Sit and Knit: Join a friendly group to knit and chat. Weekly on Thursdays @ 10:30 AM.

Book Clubs for Adults

Historical Fiction Book Group: Check website for titles. 1st Tuesday of the month @ 10 AM: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

Literary Film Club: Which was better - the book or the movie? Join Erin in discussing adaptations of classic and contemporary books! 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 7 PM: Sept. 22, Nov. 16 & Dec. 21



Islington Branch Book Club: Check website for titles. 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 PM: Oct. 14, Nov. 11 & Dec. 9 *September's meeting is the author talk event on Thursday, Sept. 10 @ 7 PM.

Friday Morning Book Club: Join Molly for a lively discussion group! Check our website for titles & meeting format. Fridays @ 10:30 AM: Sept. 18, Oct. 16 & Nov. 20.

Non-Fiction Book Club: Join Molly for a lively discussion group! Check our website for titles & meeting format. First Wednesday of the month @ 7 PM: Oct. 7, Nov. 4 & Dec. 2



YA for Adult Book Club: Join Lizzy for a discussion of YA books for the young at heart! 9/22, 10/27 & 11/24 @ 7 PM. Check website for titles.

Author Events

Karen Abbott



Thursday, Sept. 10 @ 7 PM

Lynne Viti*



Tuesday, Oct. 20 @ 7 PM

*Annual
Friend's of the
Westwood
Library Meeting



Get Connected to a Therapist Over the Phone with the INTERFACE Referral

The William James College **INTERFACE Referral Service** is free for Westwood residents of any age at any time, but during this COVID-19 public health crisis they are able to connect residents with therapists who can conduct sessions over phone or video to address anxiety, depression, grief and loss or any other mental health concerns.

When you call the INTERFACE Referral Service, a representative will ask you about your specific needs and insurance. After the initial phone call you will receive a follow-up call from INTERFACE with contact information for a mental health professional who meets all your needs and is available to begin meeting with via phone or video while social distancing is in place.

It is also important to note that at this time the Commonwealth has mandated insurance companies to waive co-pays for mental health phone and video sessions that are related to COVID-19.

To use the INTERFACE Referral Service, simply call 1-888-244-6843 between 9:00AM-5:00PM, Monday through Friday, or go online to <http://interface.williamjames.edu/>.

Westwood Youth & Family Services – Fall 2020 Update

Westwood Youth & Family Services has been supporting and advocating for the children and families in our community since 1986. We are a municipally funded agency providing clinical and supportive services designed to foster the healthy growth of children ages 4-18.

During the COVID-19 public health crisis the Y&FS department continues to provide remote counseling services and community programs to residents at no cost. This summer, in partnership with the Westwood Public Library, we held two well-attended weekly sessions of a virtual Creative Craft Club with themes that supported mental health and well-being for children in first through sixth grades.

In fall of 2020 we will continue to run as many of our programs as possible within current safety guidelines. Our popular *Friends Network* program will take place, with a hybrid model of in-person and remote sessions, and other Mentor programs will also be available to school-aged residents. We are looking forward to launching new and innovative programs that meet the evolving needs of youth and families during this time. One such program that will begin this fall, in partnership with the Council on Aging, is *Westwood Writes: An Intergenerational Pen Pal Program*, connecting Westwood High School students and Senior Citizens.

For more information on any of our services including counseling, mentor programs, community programming and other resources please contact us at youth@townhall.westwood.ma.us or (781) 320-1006. If you are interested in joining our Advisory Board please contact us for more details.

NOW SCHEDULING TELEHEALTH, &
VIDEO CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Are you a Westwood
Resident Looking for
Mental Health Services?

Call the William James College **INTERFACE** Referral Service
888-244-6843

<http://interface.williamjames.edu/community/westwood>

Who

Open to All Westwood Residents

What

Referrals to Mental Health Providers
and information about local
Social Services

When

Available Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

What to Expect When You Call:

Call

Speak with a resource and referral
counselor about your needs

Connect

Receive information about
potential matches within 2 weeks

Care

Follow-up call to make sure you
have made a successful match



Funded by:
The Town of Westwood,
The Westwood Public Schools,
Youth & Family Services, Board of Health,
and The Council on Aging

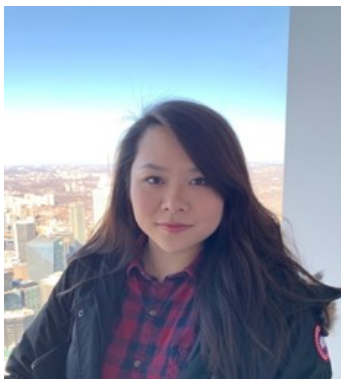


The Youth & Family Services Department and our Advisory Board are happy to introduce our Graduate Interns, who will be with us for the 2020-2021 school year.



Anna Rose Ott comes to us from Boston College where she is in her second year in the Graduate School of Social Work. This past school year, Anna Rose interned at Child Therapy Boston where she provided one-on-one therapy and assisted in the facilitation of social skill groups for elementary and high school students. She graduated in 2011 from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in

Psychology. After completing her undergraduate degree, she moved to Ghana and worked there as a Program Manager for Global Mamas, which works to improve women's economic development.



Tina Wong comes to us from Simmons College where she is in her second year studying for her Masters of Social Work. She spent last school year as a Social Work Graduate Intern at Needham High School. Before beginning her masters, Tina worked for the North Suffolk Mental Health Association as a Therapeutic Training and Support Worker. She has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Suffolk University. While at Suffolk, Tina served as a Media Intern for Media Girls where she mentored middle school girls about the pressures of society and stressful implications of media on young women today.

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Recognize A Youth (R.A.Y.) Award

The Rotary Club of Westwood and Westwood Youth & Family Services (WY&FS) proudly announce the recipients of the 2020 Recognize A Youth (R.A.Y.) Award. Four Westwood students will be honored this September at a ceremony held outside the Westwood Town Hall. The recipients, through their actions, have demonstrated an ethic of caring for others that is essential for the health of our community. This year's honorees are Laurel Barnett, Ruby Fyfee, Pragna Lal and Roisin O'Keeffe.

Laurel Barnett is a senior at Westwood High School. She was nominated by Lina De Arena-DeRosa, the Director of the Westwood Council on Aging (COA). When Laurel was a freshman she reached out to the COA about sharing her musical talents with Westwood seniors. She organized Music Matters, a small group of talented musicians and for the last few years they have played regularly at many COA luncheons. In her nomination Lina noted, "Laurel is a gem, a one in a million, talented, unassuming, a kind and giving student who has always been dependable, creative and willing to make Westwood seniors feel loved. She has coordinated all the events with little to no direction and is so very easy to work with. She is continually coming up with new and novel ways to bring music to the Westwood elder population." When the COA closed for programming due to the COVID-19 crisis, Laurel made sure the program continued online by putting together a YouTube Channel featuring Tri-M Music Honor students sharing their music for all residents. Laurel is a member of Girls Scouts and recently received her Gold Award. At the high school she is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, track team, and the Westwood Site Council along with other clubs and activities.

Ruby Fyfee is a junior at Westwood High School. She was nominated by her neighbors, Sandra Horn, Mimi O'Shea and Dr. Gregory and Lorraine Randolph. Ruby served as a legislative intern at the Massachusetts State House, where she advocated and assisted in presenting a bill to the legislature. The recently passed bill (H.4202 Act) assists in making Epi Pens more affordable to those in need. In Mimi O'Shea's nomination of Ruby she remarked, "What makes Ruby stand out is her true dedication to the community and her sense of responsibility to speak up and take action... she leads by example." Ruby is a competitive swimmer and is CPR and life-guard certified. At Westwood High School, Ruby is involved with the Model UN, Mock Trial, and Legislative Council. She also serves as a volunteer for Westwood Youth & Family Services, as part of *Teen Scene @ the Library*, a joint program with the Westwood Library.

Pragna Lal is a fourth grader at Hanlon Elementary School. Pragna was nominated by her third grade teacher, Mr. Jeremy Wolfe. In his nomination he noted, "Pragna is an exceptional 8 year old with big dreams and the drive to see her dreams come through. She was responsible for creating a Friendship Week at Hanlon, which culminated in a series of activities about being a good friend and how to make friends with others." She was inspired to take action and make a difference after she and her family attended a March For Your Lives Rally in Boston. In an interview with Wicked Local-Westwood, Pragna stated, "Just because you are different, doesn't mean you can't be friends."

Roisin O'Keeffe graduated this summer from Westwood High. She was nominated for the award by Pauline and Tessa Scolaro. Roisin has dedicated herself to a number of groups and causes. She is a member of the Venture Scouts and the Westwood Girl Scouts, where she is working towards her Gold Award. At Westwood High School she managed the first DNAC club which worked to bring awareness of international issues to high school students. She was a member of the Chess Club, Mock Trial and the National Honor Society. She volunteered with a number of WY&FS mentor programs including Bullying Prevention Theater and Body Safety Theater.

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

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

Nominations for the R.A.Y. Award are accepted year-round. For more information on the program and a nomination form please go to the WY&FS page on the Town of Westwood website.

WESTWOOD HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

SINCE 1999 HUNDREDS OF WESTWOOD FAMILIES
HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT THROUGH THIS
PROGRAM.

**THIS CONFIDENTIAL GIFT GIVING PROGRAM
MATCHES LOCAL DONORS WITH WESTWOOD
FAMILIES WHO NEED ASSISTANCE PURCHASING
HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN.**

**TO RECEIVE OR TO DONATE GIFTS
PLEASE CONTACT WY&FS
BY NOVEMBER 6TH
PHONE: 781.320.1006
EMAIL: YOUTH@TOWNHALL.WESTWOOD.MA.US**



**WWW.TOWNHALL.WESTWOOD.MA.US/DEPARTMENTS/YOUTH-
FAMILY-SERVICES**

Westwood Department of Public Works

All administrative staff will be working remotely until further notice.

Please email questions or concerns to:

lfiske@townhall.westwood.ma.us - Administrative Assistant

khiggins@townhall.westwood.ma.us - Interim Administrative Assistant

cbarenth@townhall.westwood.ma.us - Office Manager

jmccarthy@townhall.westwood.ma.us - Facilities Manager

bryan@townhall.westwood.ma.us - Assistant Director of Public Works

tkorchin@townhall.westwood.ma.us - Director of Public Works

Updates (please check website for any changes):

Additional Barrels (Trash & Recycle) are temporarily suspended

Sewer Mark-Outs and Inspections are on a limited basis due to skeleton crews

The Town of Westwood was informed on June 22, 2020, that Simple Recycling, the company who serviced the pink bag textile collection, will not be resuming services in the Town of Westwood. Residents will NO LONGER be able to have textile items picked up curbside. Please stop placing any pink bags curbside for pickup as they WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. The COVID Pandemic has been cited for their immediate termination. The Town will research other companies to hopefully restart this service at some point. Textile items will be accepted at the Spring and Fall recycling events held at the DPW Facility. Please check website for information and dates for these recycling events.

Save The Date (please check website for any changes):

- Yard Waste Collection will resume the week of September 14, 2020 and then
 - October 5 – 9
 - November 2 – 6, 9 –13, 16-20, 23-28, 30-12/4
- Westwood Bulk Collection Event is scheduled for the week of October 12, 2020 on your regular scheduled trash day.
- Westwood Recycling Days is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2020.

Still have questions? Download the free Recycle Coach App to get all trash & recycling news, reminders, schedules, do's & don'ts at your fingertips.

Recycling Contaminants of any sort cost the town money due to additional processing fees, help by recycling the right materials and minimizing the amount of trash you dispose of. The Town of Westwood encourages all residents to follow state guidelines as much as possible (<https://recyclesmartma.org/results-materials/#>). Thank you for doing your part and helping to stop recycling contamination in our town!

Pool Chemicals or Chemicals of any sort cannot be put into the trash or recycle barrels. On July 22, 2020 pool chemicals started a fire in one of the Waste Management trucks. The load was on fire in the back of the vehicle and the entire load had to be emptied onto the Council On Age parking lot. The fire department was deployed to put out the fire, an open topped dumpster was then needed for clean up and much damage was caused to the newly paved parking lot. Please contact the DPW or visit the town website or the recycle coach app concerning any materials you may be unsure of for disposal.

Please visit <https://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/departments/public-works> for more information.

This Summer in Westwood
580 High Street
Westwood Ma, 02090

Information from the Westwood Historical Society

Updates to the Fisher School

We recently passed the 20th anniversary of the move and opening of the 1845 Fisher School for the Historical Society. Of course, due to Covid-19, all of our spring programs were cancelled, including the much loved Third Grader School program.

However, we used the time to refurbish this wonderful historical building with a new roof, a renovated handicap-accessible ramp, and a completely repainted exterior. One of our Board members also spent many hours restoring the daylily beds and managing the “clean-up” of the wooded area behind the building.



Fall Programs

Of course, we do not know what programs we can offer in the fall.... We will certainly celebrate our Quarter Century Award recipient (even if it is “online” or via the newspaper). We also hope to schedule a Genealogy talk (subject to ultimately being on Zoom). We will share more as soon as we know what’s possible. Watch our Facebook page and go to the “Programs and Events” page on our website (www.westwoodhistoricalsociety.com) for updates.

And, if you can suggest potential presenters (including yourself), do let us know! Just send an e-mail to westwoodhistorical@comcast.net.

Join Our Board

We are looking for additional Board members! Please send us an e-mail (westwoodhistorical@comcast.net) if you or someone you know might be interested.

Contributed by June Cassidy, Board member