



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Westwood Welcomes a new Town Administrator



On Monday November 25th, Christopher T. Coleman was sworn in as the Town of Westwood's new Town Administrator. He brings a plethora of experience to the table, most recently serving as the Assistant Town Manager in Needham for the last fourteen years. Prior to that, he served as Assistant Town Administrator in Lincoln, MA.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and has completed the Suffolk University and Massachusetts Municipal Association Certificate in Local Government Leadership & Management.

His vast knowledge of local municipalities, first hand experience, and kind demeanor were all indicators he is the man for the job.

We are thrilled to have Chris join our small town community and look forward to sharing him with all of our residents. Welcome Chris!

Interested in meeting Chris?

Westwood will be hosting a meet and greet that is open to the public on January 15th. Join us at the library from 5-7pm in the Community Room for lite refreshments, casual conversation, and getting to know your new Town Administrator.

Fast facts about Chris Coleman:

- Enjoys sports.
- Has a son.
- Enjoys spending time in Wildwood, NJ.
- His Family is from Westwood.

An important note from the DPW:

Starting December 1st - March 31st, there is a Town wide overnight parking ban. In order to ensure snow plows can efficiently clear roads and emergency vehicles can quickly reach their destinations, it is imperative that you do not park on the street. If you violate this ban, you are subject to ticketing and towing.





SAVE THE DATE



New Year's Eve Fireworks

Tuesday, December 31

7:00PM

Westwood High School

Proudly Sponsored by



A final word from Michael Jaillet:

On Monday, November 25, Christopher Coleman assumed his new duties as Westwood's Town Administrator. Chris had served for the last twelve years as Assistant Town Manager in Needham, and he is a member of the Board of Directors for the International City/County Management Association. I wish Chris all the support and understanding I was fortunate to receive from board and committee members, town staff, businesses, and residents of the community.

On December 1, 1987, I first assumed similar duties in Westwood. Much has changed in Westwood over my thirty two years. Back in those early years, the roads were in deplorable condition; there were no computers, fax machines or cell phones; achieving compliance with 40B (the affordable housing statute) was a distant goal; over 50% of the buildings in University Park were vacant; there was no senior center; school and municipal facilities were obsolete and in need of renovation or replacement; and an attempt to update the Town Charter had just failed. These were just a few of the challenges the town faced!

Today, all of those deficiencies and more have been addressed. Westwood has an excellent school system, solid and rising residential values, new and expanding commercial development, a road infrastructure and facilities that are well maintained and upgraded, financial stability that is the envy of other communities, and an updated Charter that reflects the governing structure. In addition, Westwood has achieved the 10% subsidized housing inventory that is required by MGL Ch. 40B. All of these accomplishments, and more, were not achieved by any one individual; rather, they were achieved by the collective dedication, commitment, and effort of the community, including town officials, volunteers, staff, residents and their families, organizations, businesses and others.

When I reflect on my tenure, I am most proud of the less noticeable aspects of the community. The increase in diversity, the active participation of the residents, the dedication to transparency, the high ethical standards, and the professional approach to decisions that are made in the best interest of the town. Westwood is a community that cares about its residents, where most live by the principle of treating others as they would want to be treated. It is a community that will engage in discussions and arrive at decisions that seek to advance the general good. That is not to say that all decisions have or should have made everyone happy and satisfied, but rather that, when communicating a decision that was contrary to what some had desired, the decision was presented honestly, factually and with empathy.

Finally, I want to express my most sincere appreciation for those that did not share in the satisfaction of the accomplishments that were achieved over my term in Westwood, but did bear an unseen burden: my wonderful family— my wife of 39 years, Deborah, my children, Steven, Meghann, and Geoffrey, and more recently my daughter in law Mirvett, son in law Ben, and last, and certainly not least, my adorable granddaughter, Lilyan. I know that my commitment to Westwood and the expectation of what I had to do for my job took me away from my family in ways and times that can never be replaced.

One specific example that I cannot erase from my mind is the time I took a day off to take the kids to Walden Pond. On the way, I decided to stop in the office “for a minute” to do something. Several hours later, in the middle of the afternoon, we finally set off. Then there was the time when Geoffrey was in 3rd grade and I was delayed leaving Town Hall to go his geography presentation on Mexico. When I arrived, I walked up and stood next to the Sharon Police Chief. After a few moments, I leaned over and asked, “Did Geoffrey present yet?” – “Ya, you just missed it.” I hope and believe that the Westwood community appreciates the sacrifices my family made in sharing me with Westwood for all these years.

These are the reasons that I have been so proud to have served as Westwood's Town Administrator, and they are also the reasons that it is so difficult to say good bye. The Westwood community will always be in my thoughts and memories, so long as I am among you.

God bless you all!

Mike

WESTWOOD'S 32ND ANNUAL
HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

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**WESTWOOD WEEKEND
STROLL**

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Westwood Community Chest - “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”

Three important events are coming up for the Westwood Community Chest and all three events are hosted by or sponsored by local businesses on High Street: Core Asset Fitness Training, Decor and More & Chiara Bistro. First, two local business are donating their time and energy on behalf of the Community Chest.

On December 12th, Decor and More (located at 695 High Street in Westwood) is hosting a fundraiser from 6pm to 8pm., donating a portion of their sales to the Community Chest. Wine and cheese will be served!

Then, on January 27th, 2020, the Westwood Community Chest will be hosting its annual evening benefit at Chiara Bistro. Once again, the event will offer a fun evening of delicious foods prepared by Chef La Count paired with wines from around the world and opportunities to win some amazing wines, raffle and silent auction items! It is the perfect way to enjoy an evening with friends and help support the Community Chest. Tickets will be released before New Year's. Watch for announcements on our website and on Facebook ([facebook.com/WestwoodCommunityChest](https://www.facebook.com/WestwoodCommunityChest)).

If you do not know very much about the Westwood Community Chest, it is a charitable organization that serves as a bit of a safety net for the town's residents. They offer assistance to Westwood residents through temporary financial assistance. The organization is run by a volunteer board and works with several town organizations to ensure that residents get the help that they need. The Community Chest receives funds from private donors, businesses and town organizations and distributes them to help families in need through a confidential application process.

The Community Chest is always looking for new Board members. If you would like further information, please send an email to westwoodcommunitychest@gmail.com or call 781-366-0470.

Please support the Westwood Community Chest by participating in the Thanksgiving Bootcamp; shopping at Decore and More on the evening of December 12th and, most importantly, by buying a ticket to their important, annual fundraiser at Chiara on January 27th!

Westwood All Night Grad Party

Westwood Community in Action will proudly host the 32nd All Night Graduation Party at Westwood High School for the Class of 2020.

More than 30 years ago, a group of parents formed Westwood Community in Action, Inc. a non-profit dedicated to organizing and funding the annual overnight event to provide all graduating seniors a final night of celebration in a safe, fun, entertainment filled event.

Each year a surprise theme, unique activities, fabulous food, amazing music, and memories for the students are organized into the spectacular all-night event. “It’s mind-blowing to see what a dedicated group of community volunteers create and execute every year” remarks Jennie Conway, one of the committee chairs. “The goal is to make it memorable for the kids and we hear every year from both graduates and their parents the event is a capstone to their years at WHS.”

“The All Night party was such a great way to top off my years at WHS” says 2019 graduate John de Reyna. “I couldn’t believe how the high school was transformed with decorations and all the fun things to do.” That enthusiasm for the High School location has been a challenge for Community in Action in recent years as the event requires an army of volunteers and a quick clean up and turn around in the morning when school starts for underclassmen. “The volunteers and custodial staff are amazing” says Conway, “with everyone’s help we pull it off each year. We are thrilled to be able to host the party at Westwood High School again in 2020.”

This community event is funded solely from donations, corporate sponsors, and fundraising. Please consider a financial contribution to Westwood Community in Action or get involved as a volunteer this year. Information is available on the website www.westwoodangp.org. Donations may also be sent directly to WCIA, P.O. Box 2605, Westwood, MA 02090.

Westwood Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee



Westwood's Comprehensive Plan Update is proceeding. A Comprehensive Plan is a long range policy document that focuses on Westwood's vision and strategies to achieve that vision. The Steering Committee has been working over the last year to update the 2000 Plan for 2019-2020. The Committee is in the process of presenting initial recommendations and draft goals at a series of Planning Board meetings that began in October and will continue until January 7. The January 7 meeting will be held at the library in the community meeting room.

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - 660 High St. Library – Town Centers, Economic Development

The purpose of the initial presentations is to seek Planning Board and public input on a first draft. The Committee will then continue to work on the plan and return to the Planning Board in 2020 with further revisions. All meetings are televised and everyone is invited to attend. Drafts will be available in advance of the scheduled meeting for review.

For more information and drafts of the sections already presented to the Planning Board please visit the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee's webpage at www.bit.do/WWComprehensiveplan The best way to stay informed about meetings and when a public hearing on a fully updated Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the Planning Board at a public hearing is by signing up to receive email notifications for public meetings. Please subscribe at <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/mytown/>

Please contact Abby McCabe, Town Planner at amccabe@townhall.westwood.ma.us or 781-251-2581 with questions.

Winter at the Council on Aging

Fall has passed, but here in New England, we all know Winter can be a time for being active and engaged!

Here at the Westwood Senior Center, we are planning some new and interesting programs that we hope you will stop in and enjoy! Please call the Center (781-329-8799) to sign up for any of these lectures and check out our newsletter for more details and other programs.

To begin with, we are offering a few mind/body programs that will help you stay healthy and involved as you age.

Long Term Health Insurance Monday February 3 – 10am Hans Hug, LTC Specialist \$3 donation



Long Term Care Insurance can be a confusing product. It has been described as having “a lot of moving parts”. In this workshop, we’ll examine how a modern Long Term Care Insurance Policy really works. You will come away with an understanding of how benefits are paid, how your health affects eligibility, who the major Insurers are for this in Massachusetts, how to design a plan, and whether or not it is even something you should seriously consider. Hans Hug, Jr. is the owner of the LTC Insurance Group, an Exeter NH insurance brokerage opened in 1999 that specializes in Long Term Care Insurance and Life Insurance. Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.



Surviving Aging January 27th at 10AM with Bill Cleary of Oasis Care \$3 donation

Do you need a better understanding of the Complexities of Aging and Care? Do you understand the Emotional, Physical, Financial and Legal Complexities and responsibilities that will occur to everyone as they age? Join Bill as he discusses these important issues. Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.



Nat King Cole and Dinah Shore Tuesday February 25 at 1pm with Bruce Hambro \$3 donation

Join us as Bruce (a former music producer) discusses the music and lives of Nat King Cole and Dinah Shore. Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.

For more information about the above programs, including their associated cost, please contact:

Westwood COA: 781-329-8799

Wonder Workout with Christine & Stephanie Mon 9:30-10:15 am, Weds & Fri 9-10 am \$3 donation

Come work off those holiday party calories with Christine and Stephanie! This high energy class is for those who want to get back in shape and willing to sweat along the way! Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle.



Pilates with Mary Thursdays at 11am \$3 donation

Pilates is done primarily on a mat and will strengthen your stomach and oblique muscles. Please bring a mat and water bottle.

Volunteers drivers needed for Meals on Wheels

Can you spare a few hours once a week to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Westwood? If so, Elaine is looking for drivers. Please call her at 781-329-6514.





News from the Health Department

The Health Department and the Town Nurse want residents to know that they still have flu vaccines available for residents. If you are interested in getting a flu shot for yourself or for a loved one, please reach out to the Town Nurse, Tiffany McCarthy.

tmccarthy@townhall.westwood.ma.us
781-251-2576

Holiday Recycling Update

Westwood Department of Public Works will once again offer a holiday dumpster to dispose of extra cardboard. The cardboard ONLY dumpster will be available for use:

December 26th, 27th & 30th 2019 (7AM–3PM)

December 31, 2019 (7AM-11:30AM)

January 1st, 2020 (CLOSED)

January 2nd & 3rd, 2020 (7AM-3PM)

Cardboard ONLY- no trash, wrapping paper or Styrofoam (anything other than cardboard will contaminate the dumpster)

Christmas Tree Pickup: January 6, 2020- January 17, 2020

Westwood Department of Public Works will be picking up Christmas trees January 6th through January 17th. Please have your Christmas trees out at your curbside by 7AM on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day. All trees must be free of plastic bags, stands, ornaments, and other materials to be acceptable for collection.

If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 781-251-2587.



The temporary Islington Branch "Pop-Up" Library space is now open to the public! Books and materials have been sorted, computers, copiers and cords have been re-connected, and the ICC space has now been transformed into a very cozy branch library! For the next several weeks, the Islington Branch Library will be open with limited hours of operation. Beginning on Tuesday, December 10th, the Branch Library "Pop-up" will open to the public at 1 pm three days a week. This expanded schedule will be in effect until the end of the school year. **Hours of Operation- Tues 1pm– 5pm, Weds 1pm– 8pm, Thurs 1pm-5pm**

As we turn the page and open a new chapter of community library services in Islington Center, Library Trustees and staff would like to thank the many individuals, community organizations and town departments that worked collaboratively to make this possible. It really took a village! If you're in the area, we hope you will "Pop-In to the Pop-Up" Branch Library.

For additional information contact Claire Connors, Branch Librarian at 781-326-5914 or via email at cconnors@minlib.net.



Structured Play Group

2019-2020 Group Description

These 8-week groups for K - 5th graders emphasize the development of social skills as well as building self-esteem and confidence. Organized play and activities are used to reinforce topics such as initiating and developing friendships, working cooperatively, and recognizing personal strengths. All groups are free of charge and run 4:00 - 5:00 PM.



Spring 2020 Groups now available!

Kindergarten/1st Grade

- Tuesdays, March 17th - May 12th - Hanlon Elementary School
- Thurs., February 27th - April 16th - Islington Community Center

2nd/3rd Grade

- Wednesday, Feb. 26th - April 15th, Islington Community Center

Contact: Emily Greco, LCSW

781-320-1006 or egreco@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Register online at:

<http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs/default.htm>

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Westwood Youth
&
Family Services

Kindergarten/1st Grade

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Thursdays February 27- April 16th Islington Community Center

2nd/3rd Grade

Wednesdays, February 26-April 15th Islington Community Center

These 8-week groups are designed to emphasize the development of adaptive social and conflict-resolution skills as well as self-esteem and social confidence. All groups take place 4:00 – 5:00 PM and are free of charge to Westwood residents!

Register online at:

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

Contact: Emily Greco, LCSW at (781) 320-1006 or egreco@townhall.westwood.ma.us

FREE

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>

<p>Who Open to All Westwood Residents</p>	<p>What to Expect When You Call:</p> <p>Call Speak with a resource and referral counselor about your needs</p> <p>Connect Receive information about potential matches within 2 weeks</p> <p>Care Follow-up call to make sure you have made a successful match</p>
<p>What Referrals to Mental Health Providers and information about local Social Services</p>	
<p>When Available Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p>	

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

News from the Library– Winter 2019

For Kids 0-5:

Messy Mondays: For children ages 2-5 and parent/caregiver. Children are welcome to come for seasonal craft activities and sensory play.

Monday, December 30th and February 24th @ 10:30 AM

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 Jan 7th-Feb 11th and March 3rd-April 7th

***Preschool Spanish Fun:** For ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver.

Join Senora Kristin for an hour of learning spanish through stories, songs, and play activities!

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 1:30PM ***Registration required**

Wondrous Wednesdays Storytime: For all ages, no registration. Children and their caregivers 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 Jan 8th-Feb 12th and March 4th-April 8th

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

Fridays, 10:30 AM Jan 10th-Feb 14th and March 6th-April 10th

For School Age 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 Department. Wednesdays, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, March 18 @ 6:30 PM

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

Thursdays, Jan. 2- Jan 13 (No 2/6/19 for Harry Potter Night) and Jan. 27-April 2nd. **Registration Required**

***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 discussions, activities, and themed snacks. ***Registration Required**

Fridays, Dec 20, Jan.17, Feb. 28, March 20 @ 4:00PM

First Friday Drop in Craft: This winter, join us on the first Friday of every month for a cozy afternoon of craft making. Crafts will be geared at ages 5 and up, but younger kids are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Fridays, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March. 6

Magic the Gathering Club: Ages 9 and up. Drop in and play the fantasy card game Magic the Gathering. Bring your own deck or borrow a starter deck from the library.

Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm

Harry Potter Night: Triwizard Tournament: We are very excited to announce that the Triwizard Tournament is the theme for Harry Potter Book Night 2020. All are welcome!

Thursday, February 6th @ 6:30PM

Kids' Programs @ the Islington Branch

280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090

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

Lego Mania: Join us Tuesday afternoons @ 3:30 pm to hear a story and build a creation around the book.

Pajama-Rama Storytime: Stories and songs with a sleepytime theme. Please come in your PJ's and bring a favorite blanket and stuffed animal, too!

3rd Wednesday of the Month: Dec.18, Jan. 15, Feb.19 @ 6:30PM

News from the Library– Winter 2019

Adult Programs- Main Library:

wwdmail1@minlib.net – (781) 320-1045

***Mah Jongg for Beginners*:** Join the ranks of Mah Jongg enthusiasts nationwide who are reaping the social and intellectual benefits of playing this challenging tile game. No experience needed. By the end of the six-week session, players will have mastered the basics: setting up the tiles and racks, dealing and passing tiles, choosing a hand by interpreting the Mah Jongg card, and playing a round. Space is limited and registration is required.

Fridays starting Jan. 10 @ 10AM *Registration Required

Bicycling Alone Across the U.S. at Age 70: Join John Springfield as he takes you on a 2900-mile bicycle trip from the Atlantic Ocean in Georgia to the Pacific Ocean in California in early 2019. Learn about the 900-mile desert in the southwest where food and water is lacking. Run into cowboys in a small West Texas Café. All this and more, alone, at a young age of 70. John, a retired computer programmer and former instructor at Boston College's Evening School, has been bicycle touring since 1964, cycling in all 48 lower states and several Canadian provinces. Come hear his amazing story! **Main Library:** Wednesday, Jan. 22 @ 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, Jan. 30 @ 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. **Main Library:** Select Thursdays at 7:00 PM Topics and dates TBD. Call 781-320-1045 or visit our website for updates.

Armchair Travel with Barry Pell: This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library, The Friends of the COA, and The Westwood Foundation for Education. All are welcome! Coffee and light refreshments beginning at 10 am. Photo journeys begin at 10:30 am. **Main Library:** Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM Coffee available beginning at 10 am.

March 24: Travels in Argentina and Ecuador

April 7: The Incredible Beauty of Switzerland

May 5: Finland – From Helsinki to Lapland

Friday & Thursday Book Club: Due to the popularity of the Friday AM Book Club, we are adding a second session on Thursday evenings! The groups will read the same titles. Email Molly at mriportella@minlib.net to join either group. Titles TBD on Friday, Dec13th Yankee Book Swap. Thursdays @ 7:00pm, Fridays @ 10:30am.

***Individual Computer Classes:** Register for a 40 minute appointment with Kristen or Brendan. To sign-up call 781-320-1045 or stop by the Information Desk on the 2nd Floor. Mondays, 2:30pm & Fridays, 3:30pm

Technology Help Drop-in: Do you have a new device and are looking for a little help getting started? Have you heard about getting free ebooks, audio books, TV shows & movies from the library, and want to learn more? Grab your device & come to our Technology Help Drop-in! No registration is required- bring your device, your library card, and any passwords/ other information that might help get you hooked up! Mondays at 6:00pm

Adult Programs at the Islington Branch:

wwdmail2@minlib.net– (781) 326-5914

Islington Branch Historical Fiction Book Group:

Join us at the Branch to discuss some great historical fiction. Copies available at both libraries.

Tuesday, September 3rd @ 10AM

Tuesday, October 1st @ 10AM

Tuesday, November 5th @ 10AM

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 10AM

DROP IN PROGRAM

Islington Branch Book Group:

Join us at the Branch to discuss the following titles! Copies available at both libraries.

Wednesday, September 11th @ 6:30PM

Wednesday, October 9th @ 6:30PM

Wednesday, November 13th @ 6:30PM

Wednesday, December 11th @ 6:30PM

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, 10:00AM-12PM

DROP IN PROGRAM

All Library Programs are Free and are supported by the Friends of Westwood Library. Registration begins one month prior to program start . For further information, please visit the web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org

Kraft Family Blood Donor Center



BLOOD DRIVE

Westwood Masons
655 High Street, Westwood

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019
8:00AM – 2:30PM

*** Pancake breakfast served all day ***

For Appointments or Eligibility Questions

Logon tinyurl.com/WestwoodD2019

Or Email BloodDonor@partners.org (please give 2 appt times)

Or Call **617-632-3206**

Appointments recommended. Walk-ins taken as time allows.



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Family Blood Donor Center
\$5 Dunkin Donuts Gift Card!**

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Be well hydrated 💧 Drink extra water 💧 Eat before donating

News from the Town Clerk

Dog licensing will begin for 2020 January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

- You may license your dog online, in person, or, 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, 2020 until December 31, 2020.
- 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, 2020 may result in a fine of \$25.00, per town bylaws §184-10,B. (1).

Licensing Fees are as follows:

- Dogs not Neutered or Spayed: \$15.00
- Dogs Neutered or Spayed : \$10.00
- Residents ages 70 or older the fee is waived for one dog per household
- 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.

Annual Rabies Clinic:

- Saturday, January 11, 2020, 9A-12N, Carby Street Municipal Office Building, 50 Carby Street, Westwood. You may also license your dog(s) at the Rabies Clinic.

The 2020 Annual Town Census will be sent to each household in late December. It is extremely important that you fill this out and return it within 10 days of its receipt. You may also scan and email it to:

census @townhall.westwood.ma.us provided you have filled it out and signed it. Failure to return the Census may cause a voter to be designated as inactive on the voting list (M.G.L, Ch.51, § 4).

Annual Town Election

- The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020
- Nomination papers will be available on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 for those registered Westwood voters who wish to run for town elected positions.
- Last day to obtain nomination papers will be on Friday, March 6, 2020. The Town Clerks office will be open until 5:00pm.
- Last day to register voters for Annual Town Election & Annual Town Meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2020. The Town Clerks office will be open until 8:00 p.m. or you may register to vote online: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>
- To check your voter registration status: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

The following elected offices will appear on the Ballot:

Planning Board - 1 Seat - 3 Year Term

School Committee - 2 Seats -3 Year Terms

Selectman - 1 Seat - 3 Year Term

Sewer Commission - 1 Seat - 3 Year Term

Sewer Commission -1 Seat-2 Year Term

Sewer Commission -1 Seat- 1 Year term

Board of Assessors - 1 Seat - 3 Year Term

Collector of Taxes-1 Seat-3 Year Term

Housing Authority-1 Seat- 5 Year Term

Library Trustee - 2 Seats - 3 Year Terms

Moderator - 1 Seat - 1 Year Term

This Winter in Westwood
580 High Street
Westwood Ma, 02090

Information from the Town Clerk

****IMPORTANT 2020 United States Census Information****

This spring, there will be a federal census mailed by the U.S. Census Bureau. This census is performed every 10 years. The 2020 United States Census is separate from this annual street listing, which is often called the local census. This annual street listing document is used to confirm your residency and keep your voter registration status up to date. It is important to return both your annual street listing and the United States Census in 2020.

Federal census invitations will be mailed or delivered to every household in the nation starting in mid-March. The survey will ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household or where you reside most of the year, as of April 1, 2020.

The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that every community in Massachusetts gets its fair share of federal money and political representation for the next 10 years. Representation in the United States Congress and the Electoral College is based on United State Census responses. If you have questions about the 2020 United States Census, you may call The Secretary of the Commonwealth's Census Division at 1-833-MA1-2020.

JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM

Earn extra income while helping your community.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count

These positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn some extra income while helping your community. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine each state's representation in Congress, as well as how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads, and more. This is your chance to play a part in history and help ensure that everyone in your community is counted!

APPLY ONLINE

2020census.gov/jobs

For More information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020