



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Westwood High School to Host French Students in Part Two of Cultural Exchange

This past April vacation, ten Westwood High School students and two chaperones visited Rochefort, France, inaugurating part one of Westwood High School's first true cultural exchange program. In Rochefort, WHS students experienced, not just an opportunity to practice French and see a few sites, but a complete linguistic and cultural immersion, living in the homes of French families, attending school with host students, and, with their French counterparts, touring the Isle de Re, the Cognac region, and the Gallo-Roman town of Saintes.

The impetus for the program, on the French side, was the launch of the *Hermione*, a Rochefort-built replica of the Revolutionary War ship that in 1780 carried to Boston the Marquis de Lafayette, possibly the best friend the American Revolution had. The launch was scheduled for April of this year and English and history students at the Lycee Merleau-Ponty in Rochefort were learning about the historic relationship between their country and ours. Teachers of the Lycee contacted Nancy Aykanian, a French teacher at Westwood High School, to see if they could arouse interest in launching an exchange program to coincide with the launch of the *Hermione*. Ms. Aykanian, who had long sought out just this kind of immersive experience for her students, jumped on the opportunity.

The highlight of the trip, and her whole career, says Aykanian, was participating in the ceremony preceding the launch of the *Hermione*. Then-sophomore Ben Dubiner, junior Kelly Anne Leone, and senior Greg Campion stood in front of 15,000 people and read from the French Constitution. WHS chaperones and students also met and shook hands with President François Hollande.

"I was nervous about standing on the stage in front of a huge crowd of people I did not know and speak in my second language," said Dubiner. "This would be scary even if the president of the republic had not been there! However, as the event

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Ben Dubiner, on his experience after reading from the French Constitution during the ceremony at the launch of the Hermione



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Part two of the exchange begins on October 9 when thirty-five Lycee Merleau-Ponty French students and their teacher chaperones

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Did You Know...

Westwood Department of Public Works Athletic Fields Irrigation and Watering

Did You Know... During the summer, especially when the dry spell and high temperatures were constant, irrigating the fields on a more frequent basis was necessary. Understanding that the Water District imposes watering bans during most summer months, the Town has drilled separate wells at each location to water the athletic fields, so most locations do not use Dedham Westwood Water District water and therefore are not affected by the watering bans. The Town can assure that once the fertilization cycles slow down and the temperatures cool off, we will minimize the amount of watering for each location.

Westwood Board of Health Sharps collection boxes moved

Did You Know... that the sharps collection box that was located at the **Town Hall, 580 High Street has been moved** to the Police Station at 620 High Street and the sharps collection box at **Islington Fire Station has been removed** due to the construction of the new Fire Station? The Westwood Health Department wants residents to know that the sharps collection boxes are available for resident use 24 hours a day, seven days a week to safely dispose of needles, lancets, syringes, and Epi-pens.

To properly use the sharps collection box, you must use a red one liter sharps disposal container which are provided free of charge and can be obtained at the Westwood Health Department, the Senior Center, and the Town Hall during regular business hours. Before placing containers into the collection box, the lid must be taped securely closed. Drop containers one at a time into the collection box. Do not put in paper or plastic bags, or loose needles. Please properly dispose of your sharps to keep Westwood safe. If you have questions, please contact the Westwood Health Department at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call 781-320-1027.

Westwood Town Clerk's Office Online Voter Registration Now Available

Did You Know... Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin has announce that online voter registration is available in the Commonwealth through the portal launched by his office? This important advancement will make registration easier and more convenient as well as cut costs relating to the printing of voter registration forms.

Massachusetts citizens can apply online by visiting Secretary Galvin's website at www.sec.state.ma.us and clicking the "Massachusetts Register to Vote Online" button to access the online application system. Any Massachusetts citizen who has a valid identification card issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles will be able to use the online system to apply to register to vote, update their address or change their party enrollment.

Massachusetts citizens who do not have identification issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles can still complete an application online which they can print, sign and mail or hand-deliver to their local election official.

With the Presidential Primary only six months away on March 1st, 2016, now is the time to visit Secretary Galvin's website to check your voter registration status and make any updates as necessary.

Westwood Board of Health Annual Flu Clinic — Save the Date

Did You Know... The Westwood Board of Health will be holding the **Annual Flu Clinic on Saturday, October 24th, 2015 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Westwood High School gymnasium?**

This family flu clinic is open to all Westwood residents 5 years of age and older. Residents under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult. Vaccine is administered on a first come first served basis. There is no cost to residents for the vaccine but we do ask that you bring your insurance or Medicare card with you so that we may bill your health insurance. *We will be accepting monetary donations for the Westwood Food Pantry.* Hope to see you and your family at the flu clinic! For more information please visit our website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us or contact the Health Department at 781-320-1026/1027.

Westwood Board of Health Mosquitoes

Did You Know... that mosquito populations are active into the fall? The Westwood Board of Health would like to remind residents to take action to avoid mosquito bites and reduce mosquito populations. The risk of contracting **Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE)** and West Nile Virus (WNV) from an infected mosquito is heightened through early October. Mosquitoes can carry disease until the first hard frost.

EEE is a rare disease with serious life threatening symptoms. Symptoms are high fever, stiff neck, headache and lack of energy followed by inflammation and swelling of the brain (encephalitis). There is no treatment, few people fully recover from the illness and 50% do not survive.

WNV usually causes mild or no illness in humans. In rare cases, it can cause encephalitis (swelling of the brain) or meningitis (swelling of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). Less than 1% of people infected with WNV develop serious illness. At the present time there is no preventable vaccine.

To avoid mosquitoes please consider the following:

- Limit your time outdoors during peak periods of mosquito activity (dusk and dawn) or if you must remain outdoors, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and socks.
- Use a mosquito repellent that contains DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) and follow the directions on the label.
- Take special care to cover up the arms and legs of children playing outdoors. When you bring a baby outdoors, cover the baby's carriage or playpen with mosquito netting.
- Fix holes in your screens and make sure they are tight-fitting on all doors and windows.
- Remove standing water around your home. Make sure water does not collect and stagnate in ceramic pots, trash cans, recycling containers, old tires, wading pools, birds baths, etc. Remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of roof gutters.

For more information, please visit the District's website at www.norfolkcountymosquito.org or call 781-762-3681. If you have general questions about mosquito control efforts please visit the Board of Health website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us or email at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call the office at 781-320-1026.

General Obligation 10.45M Bond Nets 2.66% Rate

Did You Know... The Town recently sold a \$10.45M general obligation bond to finance the construction of the Islington Fire Station and other debt authorized by Town Meeting. The bond was sold at a net interest rate of 2.6%, a favorable rate for a 20-year, long term bond.

Preceding the bond sale, the Town underwent a credit review with Standard & Poor's (S&P). S&P affirmed the Town's AAA rating, the highest rating given to municipalities. S&P cited the Town's significant level of reserves and commitment to long term pension and OPEB obligations, strong financial management and financial policies, and structurally balanced budgets.

This rating also reflects our strong regional economy, high quality school system, and commencement of the University Station project.

Westwood Public Library

Library Announces Appointment of New Head of Adult Reference Services: Molly (Klenowski) Riportella

The Westwood Public Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Molly Riportella as the new Head of Adult Services Librarian at the Westwood Public Library!

Molly holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College and has worked as a public librarian for five years. For the past two years, Molly has been employed as the Assistant Director and Adult Services Librarian at the Whitman Public Library.



PHOTO CREDIT: NICOLE CHAN

Molly has a strong background in adult services, including readers' advisory, digitization, collection development and technology training. She has more than four years of supervisory experience, and has been very involved with staff development and collection management. Molly particularly enjoys adult programming, and is looking forward to providing interesting and quality programs tailored to the Westwood community.

Molly enjoys reading a wide variety of books, particularly short stories and biographies. In her spare time, Molly tends to her two dogs, Button and Willa, and likes to entertain her family and friends.

Molly began her new position at the Westwood Public Library on Monday, August 3rd.

Pumpkinfest

October 17, 2015
from 10:00 to 4:00

See story on page 16.



Council on Aging

The Westwood Council on Aging is located at 60 Nahatan Street, Westwood, MA 02090. Their telephone number is 781-329-8799.

Current Conversations at the Westwood Senior Center with Journalist Susan Sprecher
Every other Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Are you a newshound? Do you enjoy keeping up with current events and discussing the pros and cons of anything from Supreme Court Decisions to North Korea's nuclear capability? Then this is the program for you! Join former journalist Susan Sprecher every other Wednesday from 10-12 as liberals, conservatives or just plain interested adults, discuss and debate what is happening in the US and around the world. The first class is always free...so stop in and exercise your brain!

Steering Clear at 60 plus at the Westwood Senior Center with OT Driving Specialist Deb Kerrigan
Monday, October 19 at 10 a.m.

Join us Monday October 19th to discuss "driving safely as you age." Deb Kerrigan, an OT Driving Specialist will explain how your sight and your reflexes change as you age and how you can continue to drive safely with some adjustments to your regular driving habits. She will have tips and will answer questions. There is no cost to this program but please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect.

Healthy Brain Luncheon

Sponsored by Cornerstone of Canton
Wednesday, October 14 at noontime

Studies have shown that what you eat seriously does affect Show you age, especially how your brain ages. Cornerstone of Canton, a memory care facility, has been on the forefront of studying food and brain activity (partnering with Boston University) and will come to Westwood to demonstrate (delicious) Healthy Eating for the Brain. Space is limited so you must sign up in advance. \$3 donation is requested.

Contributed by Lina Arena-DeRosa

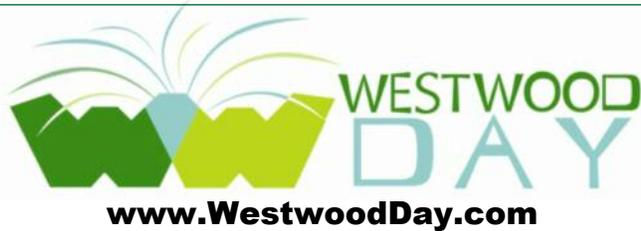
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Foundation for Westwood Education French exchange

arrive in Westwood. The French students will not, as far as we know, have the honor of meeting President Obama. But WHS students are looking forward to introducing this part of the world to their friends from overseas, and host families along with WHS faculty are arranging a series of day trips for both WHS and Lycee students. Also, on Tuesday, October 13th, the Westwood French Exchange, students, host families and community leaders will sponsor a dinner reception to welcome our French guests to the community.

To date, the Foundation for Westwood Education has provided seed money to partially fund the exchange, but additional funding is needed to ensure the enduring success of this cultural immersion program. Please consider making a donation by contacting Daniel Jibson at djibson@westwood.k12.ma.us. We also encourage you to stop by the "Westwood French Exchange Booth" on Westwood Day, October 3, to find out more about the exchange and the next WHS trip to France in April, 2017 or contact Nancy Aykanian at naykanian@westwood.k12.ma.us.

Contributed by Leslie Greffenius



KICK OFF: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Football Game 7:00PM

Westwood Wolverines host Holliston Panther Flahive Field

Fireworks 9:00 PM

Fireworks follow the football game approximately 9:00 PM at WHS

WESTWOOD DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Westwood High School, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Rain or Shine

HELP WANTED: ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Fun-filled community celebration seeks friendly volunteers! Westwood Day needs lots of helpers for many tasks including event set-up, parking monitors, greeters, activity monitors, clean-up crew and more. Volunteers sign-up in 2 hour shifts and receive an event t-shirt, our sincere gratitude and a good time!



Help is needed for:

- Event set-up on Friday afternoon
- Event set-up Saturday early AM
- Saturday Activities between 10 and 3
- Saturday Clean-up after 3 PM

Sign up for shifts (2 hours each) at www.WestwoodDay.com or contact Jan Parr 781-461-0070 jparr@townhall.westwood.ma.us

SHUTTLE BUS AND PARKING

Shuttle Bus & Carpooling are highly recommended!

BUS SCHEDULE

Locations: Hanlon School, 790 Gay Street and Sheehan School, 549 Pond Street. Pick-up & Drop-off locations will be marked by signs at each location.

Hanlon School Departures to WHS: Every half hour
9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15

Sheehan School Departures to WHS: Every half hour
9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45, 12:15, 12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 2:15

WHS Departures to Hanlon and Sheehan: Every half hour
10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30

PARKING

Parking Location near the High School

St. Margaret Mary's Church (High Street)

First Baptist Church (High Street)

Thurston Middle School (Nahatan/High Street)

"The Maze" Side Streets off of Nahatan Street – One side of the street only.

SNEAK PREVIEW

Line up as of August 4. More to come!

ENTERTAINMENT

Richard Travers Studio
Westwood Winds
WHS Reunion Band
Board of Selectmen Welcome
New Sounds Assembly Barbershop Chorus
Blue Hills Bank
Chinese School Dance
Merry Melody Music Academy

ACTIVITIES

5K Road Race and Fun Run
Transportation Show & Touch a Truck
Hot Air Balloon Rides
Animal Craze
Barn Babies
Pumpkin Painting
Inflatables
Valve Car Racers
Hockey Shoot and Score
Soccer Kick Fest
Eye Mobile
Model Magic Craft
Face Painting

VENDORS

Accessories Plus
Avon Products
Celestial Lodge of Masons
Charles River Running
Clark House at Fox Hill Village
Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
Dedham Savings
Elite Orthodontics
Firefly Yoga
First Parish of Westwood
Folsom Funeral Home
Hale Reservation
Jamberry Nails
Kassatly Childrens Toys
Keller Williams
Learn to Love Inc.
Mass Sport and Spine
New PRO
New Sound Assembly Chorus
Norfolk County Sheriff Triad Program
Ocean Girls Jewelry
Rodan and Fields Independent Consultant
Rotary Club of Westwood
Silver N' Such
Temple Beth David of Westwood
The Westwood Montessori School
Tupperware
WestCAT
Westwood Community Chest
Westwood High French Exchange 2015
Westwood High School Robotics Team
Westwood Historical Society
Westwood Veterinary Care
Winchester School of Chinese Culture

FOOD VENDORS

Bibi Café and Bakery
Chiara
House of Lo
Noodles & Company
Papa John's
The Big Freezy

Community Blood Drive

Celestial Lodge and the Westwood Fire Department will sponsor a Westwood community blood drive on Saturday, Oct. 3 — Westwood Day — at the Masonic Lodge building, 655 High St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Blood will be collected in the Dana-Farber/Brigham & Women's Hospital bloodmobile, for the benefit of both hospitals.

Breakfast will be served, as usual, consisting of waffles, pancakes, yogurt, granola, fruit and beverages, to donors and their spouses and children.

Last month, the lodge drive netted 32 units of blood, and has a target of 50 units now that many donors, regulars and new ones, will be back from vacation.

In general, to donate blood, donors should be:

- At least 17 years old
- 110 pounds or heavier
- In good health

And should not:

- Be pregnant or trying to become pregnant
- Have had a tattoo within the past 12 months
- Have had a dental procedure, including a routine cleaning, within 4 to 8 hours of donating
- Have traveled to a malaria-risk country
- Have felt sick within 72 hours before your donation appointment

Please help the Masons achieve their goal on Oct. 3

Reservations are the best way to avoid waiting, Please make yours by calling 888-LETS-GIV (538-7448) or 617-632-3206, or by email at blooddonor@partners.org.

Contributed by Charles Liftman

Police Department

Self Defense for Women Training

The Westwood Police Department offered a 12-hour basic self-defense program during the month of August. A future course is being considered. The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D) program is taught nationwide. It is a basic self-defense and awareness program designed especially for women.

Class size is limited to 20 participants, and enrollment preference will be given to female Westwood High School seniors who will be attending college after graduation. Of course, the program is open to everyone. To be put on a waiting list for a possible future program, send an email to Officer Elvis Nguyen at enguyen@westwoodpd.org

Contributed by Jeffrey Silva, Chief of Police

News Items Wanted!

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

If you want a story to be considered for inclusion in the *Westwood Community Newsletter*, please submit your article, by November 6, 2015. The *next* quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about December 15, 2015.

Diane Thornton, *Editor*,

Westwood Community Newsletter,
580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090

Email: newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Recreation Department

Westwood Tot Lot

The Community Tot Lot, located on Nahatan Street, is the hot spot for tots! The play area's slide, swings and driving car give children the opportunity for countless hours of free play and exercise all within a safe, fenced area specially designed for them and their parents and caregivers.

Westwood Recreation is pleased to announce that the Tot Lot is currently being refurbished thanks to the generosity of the Westwood Lions Club. Their donation will fund the repair and replacement of several of the play structures at the park. Much of the work is being done by a contracted playground installation company with additional upgrades being completed by Westwood's Department of Public Works.

The Tot Lot is just one of the ways in which the Lions Club supports the Westwood community. Lions Clubs are dedicated to supporting their local communities and internationally they work to eliminate preventable blindness. You can visit the Lions Club Eyemobile each year at Westwood Day.

Improvements to the structures include new aluminum steering wheels on the wooden car, new tires and connectors on the moving tunnels, and equipment repairs on the swings. Westwood Recreation Department is excited to see this refurbishment project completed and looks forward to the countless hours of driving, swinging and sliding in the years to come!

Contributed by Recreation Department staff



Lions Club Members: L to R: Paul Sweeney, Bob Devoy, Steve Kusmin and Paul Kouri

Rotary Club of Westwood

Rotary Club News and Events

Michael Razza, former Rotary Club President and District Governor, was recently awarded the prestigious "Service Above Self" award. This honor is bestowed to approximately 100 Rotarians worldwide and is only the fifth award given to District 7910. Mike joined Rotary in 1979. During his tenure, he attended a diverse assortment of conferences and exchange programs, crediting The Club for international travel opportunities. In turn, Michael has welcomed and hosted many global visitors to his home.



In addition to his Rotary Club commitments, Mike was instrumental in founding the Tippet House, a hospice facility in Needham, MA. Previous notable positions also include: President of SNARC, religious education instructor and Little League coach. Mike currently delivers Meals on Wheels to Westwood residents, a task he has proudly upheld for many years.

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What's New at the Westwood Public Library?



FREE DIGITAL MOVIES, MUSIC AND MORE!

HOOPLA is now available at the Westwood Public Library! Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks, audiobooks and more. Hoopla is available 24/7...all you need is your library card!

To Get Started Now:

Download the Free Hoopla Digital Mobile App on your Android or IOS Device or visit www.hoopladigital.com

- Sign up for your free account at <http://www.hoopladigital.com> with your Westwood Library Card (Hoopla is available to Westwood residents only)
- You will need to provide an email address, create a password and enter your library card number.
- If you are using a mobile device (phone, tablet, etc.) download the app at the bottom of the Hoopla page or from the Apple App Store or Google play Store. No App is required for computer users.
- Log in to Hoopla on your mobile device or PC.
- Once you have an account you can instantly access available media from your smartphones, tablets, PCs or Apple TV.
- Enjoy 8 digital videos, music albums or audiobooks per library card each month.

No Waiting Period – No Holds – No Late Fees!

- Borrowed titles will be automatically returned when your lending period is over.
- You may return items before due date.

Lending Periods

- Movies and TV shows: 3 days
- Music albums: 7 days
- Audiobooks: 21 days
- E-Books/Comics/Graphic Novels: 21 days

Westwood Public Library and Permanent Building Committee

Library Ceiling Construction Update

As of August 11, 2015

Ceiling negotiations continue and there is strong hope that a resolution will be reached shortly. Preliminarily, construction could begin in mid to late fall and it is assumed that the Main Library will be closed until January. Once negotiations are complete and a final settlement has been reached, we will immediately release a formal statement accompanied by a tighter construction timeline.

Thank you

Per John Cronin, *Chair*

Permanent Building Committee

Updates on the status of the project will be available on the Westwood Public Library's website:
www.westwoodlibrary.org

IAM Strong Foundation

Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications

The IAM Strong Foundation, which seeks to shatter the stigma surrounding teen mental health issues, is pleased to announce the beginning of its first grant cycle.

IAM Strong began in January of 2015, after the passing of Isabelle Medina, an adolescent who took her own life. In creating the organization, friends and family sought to open the conversation about adolescent mental health issues. In just six months, IAM Strong has created a significant presence on facebook, instagram, and twitter, with thousands of followers. Last spring, the organization held the first annual IAM Strong 5k Run/Walk, and it was a tremendous success. Over 700 people participated, and thanks to such widespread participation, the grant program is poised to begin. With the grant program, IAM Strong will fund programming and support for non-profits with similar missions, to open the conversation about adolescent mental health and to provide support to those who are struggling.

IAM Strong welcomes grant applications from Westwood, Massachusetts and all surrounding communities. Grant applicants must be non-profit organizations or affiliated individuals who share a vision that aligns with the values and mission of the IAM Strong Foundation. All applications must be received by October 1, 2015, and applicants will be notified by November 1st. Grant applications and details about the grant process are available at www.iamstrongfoundation.org. Email grants@iamstrongfoundation.org with any questions or requests for further information.

Contributed by Antonia Nedder

CYO Basketball

St. Margaret Mary and St. Denis parishes offer CYO Basketball teams

Players must live within the boundaries of St. Margaret Mary parish or St. Denis parish or must be registered parishioners of either St. Margaret Mary or St. Denis parishes.

CYO basketball has six divisions:

Boys: 5th & 6th grades, 7th & 8th grades, 9th & 10th grades, and 11th & 12th grades.

Girls: 5th & 6th grades, 7th & 8th grades, and 9th through 12th grades.

If there are any questions please email Ken Foscaldo at kenfoss@aol.com. Practices will begin the first week of November and the games will be played on weekends from December thru February.

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

Pumpkinfest

**October 17, 2015
from 10:00 to 4:00**

See story on page 16.





Town Meeting Guidelines from the Town Clerk's Desk

Town Meeting is the legislative branch of local government in Massachusetts. It has the two basic powers of a legislature, the power to adopt laws (general and zoning bylaws), and the power to appropriate money.

Westwood is governed by Open Town Meeting. The essential feature of open town meeting government which sets it apart from all other forms of local government is that all registered voters of the town are entitled to vote on all issues which are presented at town meeting. In the early years of town meeting government, attendance was mandatory and fines were levied for non attendance. Today attendance at an open town meeting is a matter of the voter's personal decision. Open town meeting is the oldest existing form of direct popular government having continuously served its citizens for some 350 years.

Our Town Charter was amended in 2012 to add "*a second business session Annual Town Meeting held on the second Monday in November unless said day shall fall on a state holiday in which case the meeting shall be held on the next business day, which meeting shall be an "Annual Town Meeting" for purposes of the General Laws; provided, however, that the Board of Selectmen may, at its discretion, cancel said Fall Annual Town Meeting, no later than September 15 in any year, so long as no more than 10 petitioned articles have been submitted for inclusion on the warrant of said Fall Annual Town Meeting, as set forth in the Charter.*"

The Fall Town Meeting, per Town bylaws, will be held on November 9, 2015 however it is subject to change.

Our Annual town meeting for 2016 will be on Monday May 2, 2016. Per town bylaws, Town Meeting is always held on the first Monday in May.

Every town meeting shall be called in pursuance of a warrant signed by the Selectmen. The warrant shall be posted at least seven days prior to town meeting by a Constable stating the time, place and subject of Town Meeting, on not less than four bulletin boards erected in Town and in at least 8 other public places equally distributed amount the four precincts.

The warrant must contain all subjects to be acted upon at Town Meeting. The Selectmen may, at their discretion, include in the annual Town Meeting warrant any articles submitted to them. Such articles are usually by the various boards, officers, or committees of the town or by the Selectmen themselves.

The Selectmen must include any article submitted to them by a petition of 10 or more registered voters of the town. The petition must include the text of the article, the signatures of the petitioners together with their residence including street and number, if any. The petition must be submitted by the Selectmen to the board of registrars for certification of signatures.

When arriving at Town Meeting, voters will be checked in before entering the Meeting. We have new equipment "Poll Pads" to aid in a more efficient check-in process. Upon arrival please check in with a teller and give your last name, first name, and address. In order to vote on articles, you must be a registered voter in Westwood. If you are not a registered voter, you will check in at the Visitors table and sit in a specially designated area. The number of registered voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any Town Meeting held for the transaction of municipal business shall be one hundred and seventy five (175).

Once a quorum is established the meeting is called to order by the Moderator, Alice E. Moore, who presides at the meeting and regulates proceedings, publicly declares all votes and decides all questions of order. No person may address the meeting without first obtaining the Moderators permission.

A record of all votes and transactions of the town meeting as announced by the Moderator, are kept by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerks record is the only official record of a town meeting vote. All information pertaining to Town Meeting is kept in the Town Clerks office and is accessible to the general public upon their request.

Please make every effort to attend both our Fall and Annual Town Meetings, as well as the preceding public hearings held by the Finance and Warrant Commissions. Important decisions regarding the Town Budget, Zoning, and General bylaws which govern our Town are decided at Town Meeting.

For further information regarding Westwood's Town Meeting rules, you may look at the Town General Bylaws, Chapter 138: TOWN MEETINGS online at <http://ecode360.com/13014649>

Also, for general information see the Massachusetts Citizens guide to Town Meetings at the following webpage: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cistwn/twnidx.htm> Or contact **the Town Clerk, Dottie Powers at 781-326-3964.**

Contributed by Dottie Powers



October 3, 2015

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Permit Requirement Information from the Building Commissioner

Over the last several years buyers, attorneys, appraisers, and title examiners have become more interested in the Building Department records prior to the sale of a property. This has led to the loss or significant delay of sales due to renovations being completed without the proper permits and or final inspections. The following article was previously published in the newsletter but with the extremely active real estate market in Town I thought it would be important to release it again.

Joseph F. Doyle, Jr., Building Commissioner

Why get a Permit??

The simple answer is because it is the law. Other than the few exceptions listed in the amended 2009 IRC and IBC Building Codes, Sections R105.2 and 105.2 respectively, the construction, alteration, or repair of a building or structure requires a permit. This also is true for plumbing, electrical, gas, and mechanical projects. When you are unsure whether you need a permit, call the Building Department. We will not make you get a permit if you don't need one. Beware of contractors that suggest that you don't need to bother. Failure to obtain a permit when one is required and the failure to obtain all the necessary inspections including a final inspection can be very costly.

For example:

- The seller of a million dollar+ home recently lost their buyer because it was discovered that the attic had been finished including a full bath and the basement had been completely finished with a full kitchen. In addition to losing the sale, permits had to be pulled and much of the work had to be removed so inspections could be completed.
- The buyer of a home in Town reviewed the building records at the Building Department and found that their potential purchase had a remodeled basement including a full bath with no permits. After permits were issued to licensed contractors and inspections were conducted, it was found that the plumbing and electrical had not been properly installed and some sections of the project also did not meet the building code. The cost of repairs was significant. Although the sale was finalized, the work delayed the sale. The last thing you need is for a buyer to walk away because of a situation that was avoidable.
- After completing the purchase of a home in Town, the buyer began substantial renovations without permits. During the renovation process the fire place was being used to keep the chill out of the house and to dispose of some of the debris. Unknown to the owner, there was a crack in the chimney flue and the house ignited in the middle of the night sustaining severe damage. Two days after the fire the insurance appraiser came in to see the property's building records. When he was informed that there were no permits, he stated that he didn't think the owner would be able to collect under those circumstances. We never found out if they were paid but it was five months before they applied for permits to complete the project.
- A permitted project of an accessory structure was very close to completion but had not yet obtained a final inspection and

occupancy certificate. The structure was destroyed in a fire. The builder attempted to collect on his liability insurance policy and was rejected because unbeknown to him there was a clause that excluded coverage of accessory structures. The home owners attempted to claim the loss through their home owner's policy and were rejected because the occupancy certificate had not been issued.

Please keep in mind:

- Ask to see the permit before you hand over a large sum of money to the contractor both before the project starts and after it appears to be completed. Or call the Building Department to verify signoffs.
- If you have permits, your project is not complete without final inspections.
- You will not be able to obtain future permits until your unpermitted work has been signed off.
- Contractors taking responsibility for someone else's work will charge you more than if they were involved from the beginning.
- The fact that you are being assessed and paying taxes on the work does not make your project legal without permits.
- If the unpermitted work was done many years ago, in order for it to be inspected and approved the work must meet the most recent codes which could be substantially more stringent than when the work was done, requiring more destruction and alteration of the completed work in order to comply.
- In the event of an insurable loss, you may not be able to collect on your home owner's insurance if you did not get permits or final inspections
- If you did not get the proper permits, the Building Department can charge you triple the fee that you would have paid.
- A permit is the cheapest insurance you can buy. We are here to protect you and to ensure that your project is completed within the requirements of the multiple State Codes.

If you have questions please contact us at 781-320-1091.

Joseph F. Doyle, Jr.
Building Commissioner

Zoning Board of Appeals

Accessory Apartment Special Permits

At the May 4th, 2015 Town Meeting, residents voted to adopt amendments to the Accessory Apartment Bylaw. The original bylaw was put in place approximately 20 years ago in order to diversify the stock of housing in the Town and to assist elderly residents to stay in their homes by either renting the main house and living in a small apartment within the main house or vice versa. Accessory Apartment Special Permits are issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Over the years, the ZBA has seen much confusion surrounding the Accessory Apartment bylaw. The recently adopted amendments were intended to clear up some of that confusion and to clarify the procedures for obtaining and renewing Accessory Apartment Special Permits.

The ZBA often hears from concerned abutters who are confused about what an accessory apartment is and is not. Unlike principal residential structures, accessory apartments are limited in size and regulated in appearance. In accordance with Section 8.1 of the Zoning Bylaw, all homes with accessory apartments must maintain the appearance of a single-family home, and accessory apartments must be no less than 500 sq. ft. nor greater than 900 sq.ft. in living area. There must be two methods of access/egress to an accessory apartment, and any stairs must be enclosed by exterior walls. Accessory apartments are not “in-law apartments.” They may be occupied by family members or leased out as rental units. Accessory apartments are not “two-family homes.” While two separate families might reside on the property, the arrangement constitutes a principal single-family dwelling with an accessory apartment.

The total number of Accessory Apartment Special Permits that may be permitted at any one time is limited by the Accessory Apartment Bylaw to 1% of the current stock of one- and two-family houses in town. Property owners are required to renew their special permits every four years in accordance with Section 8.6.5.4 of the Zoning Bylaw. The renewal process involves the provision of materials to the Building Commissioner to verify ownership, primary residence, and occupancy information. This information is needed to verify compliance with the bylaw, and to ensure that the police and fire departments are optimally informed as to who is residing on the property and where they are

located so that they can properly respond in the event of an emergency.

This past spring, the 1% limit on accessory apartments was reached and a hold was placed on granting new Accessory Apartment Special Permits. Before the ZBA may consider any new applications for accessory apartments, the town must verify how many of the 45 issued Accessory Apartment Special Permits are no longer in use. A letter will be sent to the owners of properties for which an Accessory Apartment Special Permit remains on record. These owners will be advised of the date by which their special permits must be renewed. If these property owners do not apply for renewal, their Accessory Apartment Special Permits will become invalid, and they will be notified of measures that must be taken to physically remove these units. Once the town records are updated, and accessory apartments with unexpired special permits are removed from the list, the ZBA will again entertain applications for accessory apartments.

In addition to the 45 known and permitted accessory apartments in town, there may be other properties which have unpermitted accessory apartments. Illegal apartments are most often discovered at the time a property changes hands. In the past, when an illegal apartment was discovered, the property owner was given a choice of obtaining an Accessory Apartment Special Permit or removing the unit. However, the opportunity to obtain a special permit has now been limited by achievement of the 1% cap. In an effort to legitimize such illegal apartments, and to save property owners the expense of removing those apartments upon discovery, the town is offering property owners a one-time opportunity to be added to a priority waiting list for Accessory Apartment Special Permits. Written requests to be added to this waiting list must be sent to the Building Commissioner. All such requests received prior to December 1, 2015 will receive precedence on the waiting list over requests for new accessory apartments.

Please refer any questions regarding existing or proposed accessory apartments to Building Commissioner Joseph Doyle at jdoyle@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call Joe at 781-320-1091.

Contributed by Zoning Administrator Louise Rossi

Rotary News *continued from page 5*

Induction of new board members

New board members for the Rotary Club of Westwood were inducted for the 2015-2016 term. The following are current positions held:

President, Laura Macs
Vice President, Dottie Powers
Secretary, Alicia Yeh
Treasurer, Laura Macs
Sergeant of Arms, John Gould

The Board of Directors includes: Rebecca Schofield, Anthony Amico, Helena Drolette, Robert Folsom, Suzanne Comer, and Michael Razza.

End Polio fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Westwood partnered with the Westwood Winds for their August 10th concert at Westwood High School.



Needham Bank supplied tasty ice cream snacks for this event and donations were accepted for Rotary's 'End Polio' program.

Westwood Day participation

Look for the Rotary Club of Westwood at Westwood Day in October and indulge in some of the ice cream treats for sale at our table. Stop by and learn about what Rotary does locally and abroad.

Invitation to join

The Rotary Club of Westwood is always looking for new members! Meetings are weekly at the Holiday Inn in Dedham on Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:30, lunch included. Speakers are invited on a regular basis to discuss various matters which impact our community near and far. Annual dues are \$150.00 and meals are \$15.00 per week. If you would like attend as a guest, please contact Laura Macs at laura.macs@dedhamsavings.com. If you would like to speak at one of our meetings, please contact Rebecca Schofield at rschofield@NeedhamBank.com.

Contributed by Laura Macs



Meet Wegmans Westwood Store Manager, *Dave Orlovsky*

When you love working with food and people, Wegmans is the place to be. That's why Dave Orlovsky, store manager of the newest Wegmans in Westwood, has dedicated over 25 years to making the company a better place to work and grow. He knows what it means to be a part of the Wegmans family and is committed to contributing to the sense of caring and trust that encourages people to give their best today and develop their skills for tomorrow.

Dave grew up in Vestal, NY with an entrepreneurial spirit, and he knew at a young age that he wanted to start his own business one day. He followed this dream and enrolled in business school, joining Wegmans as a customer service employee in the prepared foods department in Johnson City, NY to help pay for his tuition. Dave quickly knew Wegmans was different from any other company he had previously worked for. "It was so refreshing seeing that employees at all levels were a part of the process and conversation in making the company better," he says.

In 1995, Dave joined the Management Training Program and soon became the produce manager of the Elmira, NY store. He continued to take on new assignments and in 2006 became the store manager of the Elmira, NY location.

Dave moved to Massachusetts in 2013, and became the manager of the Northborough store, Wegmans' first in New England. Soon, he was given the opportunity to be the Westwood store manager.

"The store manager at Johnson City was my mentor," he says. "I was really lucky to have a supportive manager who believed in my potential and who was a reflection of the Wegmans family values. I plan to bring the same positive and open environment to Westwood."

He expects the 122,000 sq. ft. Westwood store to make a big impression. "It's always exciting to see first-time Wegmans customers walk into the store and be amazed at all we have to offer."

What is Dave most excited for? The prepared foods department. "We offer restaurant-quality prepared foods and a wide selection of delicious, healthy and affordable choices. Customers can take anything 'to go' or can eat right there in our beautiful café."

Dave currently lives in Shrewsbury with his wife and two sons (16 and 18) who both work for Wegmans. In his free time, Dave participates in running events and enjoys reading and gardening.

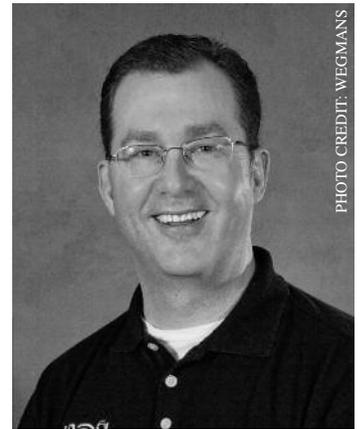


PHOTO CREDIT: WEGMANS

Meet Wegmans Westwood Executive Chef, *Brendan Newhart*

Brendan Newhart is the executive chef for Wegmans' newest store in Westwood, at University Station. Chef Newhart began his career with Wegmans in Rochester, NY as a team leader in 2010, and in 2011 joined the Wegmans team in New England as sous chef for their first store in Northborough, MA.

Since his grandfather owned a grocery store and his father owned a deli and pizzeria, going into the culinary profession was only natural for Newhart. He began bussing tables at age 17, and now has more than sixteen years of restaurant and hotel experience and is a graduate of Paul Smith's College with a degree in Culinary Arts and Service Management. Newhart will lead the Prepared Foods team of over 140 to deliver on Wegmans' promise of high standards and incredible customer service. In addition to being a mentor and leader to his team, Newhart looks forward to encouraging them to set personal goals and make sure they have the tools to be successful at Wegmans.

"Wegmans is a place where culinary creativity is fostered and success is possible because we have all of the best resources at our fingertips," says Newhart. "Watching our employees grow is one of the most rewarding parts of my job."

On his days off, Newhart spends most of his time with his wife and 8-month old daughter cooking at home. He loves to try new restaurants with friends and family near his home in Hopedale and around New England.



PHOTO CREDIT: WEGMANS



HIRING NOW: WEGMANS WESTWOOD AT UNIVERSITY STATION OPENS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

The final countdown has begun. Wegmans will open its doors on Sunday, October 11, at 7 a.m., and if history repeats, there could be a line of customers waiting to get in the door. But, there is still time to apply for a job at the family-owned supermarket named to FORTUNE magazine's list of the '100 Best Companies to Work For' for eighteen years in a row.

Wegmans Westwood is a 122,000 square-foot supermarket that includes a Market Café with indoor and outdoor seating and a complete wine and beer shop. In business since 1916, Wegmans is regarded as an industry leader and innovator.

The Westwood store will employ a total of 550 full- and part-time people, the vast majority hired locally. Marybeth Stewart, Human Resources Manager for New England, says, "There are still openings to fill; now is the time to apply. Wegmans is a great place to work and build a career. We offer competitive pay and benefits, including our employee scholarship program; best-in-class training programs, and we promote from within."

Those interested can apply online at www.wegmans.com/careers or call 1-877-WEGMANS (934-6267) for more information. They can also visit Wegmans' mobile employment office at the site of the new store, which is located on University Ave. near I95.

In addition to being consistently recognized as a great place to work, Wegmans ranked #1 for Corporate Reputation, among the 100 'most-visible companies' nationwide in the 2014 Harris Poll Reputation Quotient® study.

The wait to open this store was a little longer than Wegmans' officials first anticipated. Westwood was the first Massachusetts site announced by Wegmans in 2008 and it was expected to be the first to open. The project was slowed by the economic conditions of that period, but eventually found its footing. "It was well worth the wait," says Bill Congdon, Vice President and New England District Manager. "The store is just beautiful. I know our customers will love it, but what they really will appreciate is our employees. We have hired some incredible people, and they have been training to get ready for the day we open."



"Wegmans is a great place to work and build a career...competitive pay and benefits, including our employee scholarship program; best-in-class training programs, and we promote from within."
Marybeth Stewart, Human Resources Manager for New England

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You could also visit Wegmans' mobile employment office at the site of the new store, which is located on University Ave. near Route 95/128.

Wegmans
Westwood, MA

Town Clerk

New Voting Equipment for Westwood Voters

When Voters go to the polls for the Presidential Primary on March 1, 2016 they will be using a new voting system, Image Cast Precinct (ICP) Tabulator which was approved in Massachusetts by William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth on May 7, 2014.

The Board of Selectmen, on the recommendation from the Town Clerk, at a meeting held on April 29, 2015, voted by a Majority vote in favor to use this new equipment (ICP), and discontinue the current system (Accu vote) as required by MGL ch.54 §.34. The Secretary of State has been notified of Westwood's change in voting equipment.



ImageCast
Precinct
Tabulator
(Optical
Scanning
Vote
Tabulator)



There will be training sessions for our staff when the new equipment arrives within the next few months. These sessions will be publicized and the public is welcome.

The ICP is the latest in optical scan technology and meets the highest level of state and federal voting standards; our current system, Accu Vote does not and is based on 1980's technology.

This is a proven system with over 100,000 units in use around the world. The system is designed to maximize accuracy and prevent any potential voter fraud.

Our Elections are administered efficiently and error free. This is possible through hardworking, dedicated staff and also reliable equipment. To maintain this excellence, we need to assure our voters that we have the most up-to-date equipment that leaves no room for error.

Please be sure that you are registered to vote so you can participate in all future elections and utilize our new equipment.

If you have any questions regarding elections and voting please contact the Town Clerk, Dottie Powers at 781-326-3964 or townclerk@townhall.westwood.ma.us.

Contributed by Dottie Powers

Foundation for Westwood Education

Foundation for Westwood Education Funding Powers New Programs

This past spring, forty female seniors, members of Westwood High School class of 2015, enrolled in a specially designed self-defense course for college-bound young women. Funded by the Foundation for Westwood Education, and taught by Anita DeSnyder, a Sheehan teacher with a black belt in karate, the class trained students in basic principles of safety and self-defense. Participants learned how to recognize and avoid dangerous situations, prevent an attack by remaining alert to the environment and danger signals within it, and defend themselves if necessary through basic self-defense techniques. Students also learned various life-saving methods. Although the course lasted only two hours, all of the feedback has been positive; those graduating from it felt safer and more confident about going off into college and the world.



Featured Foundation-funded Programs 2015-2016 Academic Year

The French Are Coming!: French students arrive in Westwood and participate with WHS students in part two of WHS / Lycee Merleau-Ponty Partnership and Exchange Program (October 9-17, 2015). *See related story on page 1.*

Bridges Together: Westwood senior citizens and Thurston Middle School students explore common areas of experience and interest (winter/spring, 2016)

Creation Stations Library Program: Introduces theme-based kits in science, technology, engineering, art and math to transform the library into space where students collaborate, innovate and create (fall/winter/spring 2015-2016)

The Foundation relies on, and is grateful for, the generosity of community members and business owners who have made possible these and other great awards. For more information about the Foundation or to donate online please visit our website at: foundationforwestwoodeducation.org.

Foundation for Westwood Education Important Dates

October 15, 2015 Fall grant applications due

December 2015 Foundation Annual Appeal

January 8, 2016 20th Annual Spelling Bee

(Registration will open in early November)

April 15, 2016 Spring grant applications due

Westwood Cares

Keep the Conversation Going...

Your Marijuana Talk Kit...As parents we have many challenges raising our teenagers. From the pressures of school work, to making the team, to getting a part in the play, to being invited to the party; the list is endless. There are many aspects of parenting that we all could use some help on, and some that comes up frequently are discussions around alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. Parents question how to have productive conversations about these difficult topics. Available for download from www.drugfree.org/MJTalkKit/, *Your Marijuana Talk Kit* offered by the Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, focuses on how to discuss marijuana use. The framework, however, can be used to discuss any challenging topic. This tactical approach will help parents set a positive agenda for healthy discussions. Especially helpful are pages 8-20. Download and read it today. Keep the conversation going.

Contributed by Westwood Cares, a community group dedicated to providing current fact-based information and resources to the residents of Westwood regarding substance use and abuse and related issues.



The group is planning on putting out articles on a regular basis. The series, entitled "Keep the Conversation Going..." will have information and resources for families.

Dedham Savings

Out and About in the Community

Dedham Savings was geared up for warmer days, like everyone else who endured the long and arduous winter season! We kicked off summer by partnering with the Westwood Public Library, encouraging young residents to read by participating in the 3rd Annual Summer Reading Program. Children were awarded



Dedham Savings employees really dug in during volunteer time at Hale Reservation.



“Book Bucks” at our Westwood Office for every five hours of reading. These “Book Bucks” represented a donation made on the reader’s behalf by Dedham Savings to Heifer International. Readers were also invited to enter a raffle for fun back to school items!

Dedham Savings employees abandoned their desks and got out into the sun by moving and spreading woodchips as volunteers at Hale Reservation. The Bank also took part in preparing beds for spring planting at the Needham Community Farm and clearing and maintaining trails at Blue Hills. Who says bankers don’t get their hands dirty?!

Keeping the energy and momentum moving as we head for September, you will find us at many more community gatherings. Look for us at the following events:

- 9/20/2015 Sharon 250th Parade
From Deborah Sampson Park to Sharon High School
2:00 pm
- 9/27/2015 Charles River Center 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk
Paul Merritt Building
Charles River Center
Needham
11:00 am
- 9/27/2015 Dedham Day
James Barnes Memorial Park
Dedham
Noon to 5 pm
- 10/03/2015 Needham Harvest Fair
Town Common
Needham
10-3
- 10/3/2015 Westwood Day
Westwood High School
Westwood
10-3
Spunky the Clown will be there!

Contributed by Laura Macs and Heather Barry-Chrzanowski

White Oak Cottages

Announcing the Memory Café Calendar for the Fall

The White Oak Memory Café has announced its schedule for the fall of 2015.

WHEN: September 29
October 27
November 17
December 15

WHERE: Westwood Public Library
660 High Street, Westwood

TIME: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

But What is a Memory Café?

A memory café is a relaxed gathering of those experiencing forgetfulness and other changes in their thinking and their family members or friends. These cafes were started in Europe, and they are now springing up throughout the United States as grass root efforts to keep families experiencing memory loss socially active and engaged with the community. Each café is slightly different, depending on the people running the café and the expressed interests of the attendees.

The White Oak Memory Café wants to make people feel comfortable and to enjoy a few hours where limitations are forgotten and friendships are made. It is a place to socialize, to meet and share with people who are experiencing similar challenges, and to know that you are not alone. White Oak Cottages at Fox Hill Village staffs these cafés and provides a guest artist each month. Should you have any questions, please call Shannon at 781-320-1999.

Westwood Historical Society

New Board of Directors Elected

The Westwood Historical Society held its annual meeting June 13, 2015 and elected the following to the Board of Directors:

Marilyn Freedman	Co-President
Lura Provost	Co-President
Thomas Aaron	Vice President
Ernest Greppin	Treasurer
MaryEllen Washienko	Secretary
Anne Jessup	Program Director
Michael Porter	Board Member
Jake Landry	Board Member

Located at 830 High Street in the Fisher School, the Westwood Historical Society is a nonprofit organization which promotes historical work, research, and education while encouraging awareness of the importance of the past and its impact on the present.

Contributed by Marilyn J. Freedman



October 3, 2015

More information on page 4

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fall 2015

Call 781-320-1048 for further information

MAIN LIBRARY

Children's Programming

Fall Programs for Pre-School Aged Children

STORYTIMES:

Drop-In Storytime: Children ages 2-5. In this drop-in (no registration necessary) children will hear stories and rhymes, dance, and sing songs.

Drop-in program, no registration required

Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-Noon

Fall Session: September 14th–October 5th

***Little Listeners:** Children ages 3-5. Children will hear stories, songs, rhymes, watch short films, and make a craft.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**Registration Required*

Fall Session: September 8th–October 13th

***Terrific Twos:** Children ages 24-36 months. Children will hear stories, songs, rhymes, and make a simple craft.

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**Registration Required*

Fall Session: September 9th–October 14th

Babies & Books: Babies ages 0-24 months & their caregivers will hear short stories and participate in rhymes & songs. After storytime there is the opportunity for children and their parents to play and make new friends.

Fridays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

No registration required

Fall Session: September 11th–October 16th

***Sensory Storytime:** A storytime designed for children ages 2-5 with Autism Spectrum Disorders, sensory integration challenges, or other developmental delays & their parent/caregiver. Children will listen to short stories, rhymes & fingerplays, and participate in other activities. A social story about visiting the library is available for each family upon request. This program is funded through a grant from the Foundation for Westwood Education.

Select Mondays, 4-4:30 p.m.

**Registration Required*

September 14th and October 5th

Shake, Rattle, & Roll: For children ages 3-5. This movement program will feature music & dancing, rhythm instruments and organized movement activities.

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Drop in program

September 25th, October 2nd, and October 9th

Fall Programs for School Aged Children

***ART Incubator—Paper Marbling:** For children entering grade 4 – entering grade 6. Art Incubator sessions we will learn a new and unique art technique. Join us for paper marbling! We will provide all the materials & some basic instruction.

Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Registration Required*

September 16th

***Creative Kids:** Children in grades K-1. Children will see their favorite stories come alive by participating in creative dramatics as well as arts & craft activities.

Thursdays, 4-4:45 p.m.

**Registration Required*

Fall Session: September 10th–October 15th

***Bookin It:** Children in grades 2-3 will love this fun new program where they will hear about some awesome book series and participate in book-related games and other activities.

First and Third Wednesdays of the month, 4-4:45 p.m.

September 2nd and 16th.

**Registration Required*

Graphic Novels Fan Club: For children in grades 3-6. Do you love graphic novels, comic books, or Manga? Join us to share your favorites and to discover what else you might like. No registration is necessary. Join us as we talk about graphic novels and participate in comic activities. Snacks will be provided.

Select Tuesday of the Month, September 15th, October 13th

4:00 p.m.

Drop in program

***Mother/Daughter Book Group:** For children in grades 3-4 and female adult. This awesome book group for girls and their favorite female adult will feature the classic book *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh. Books will be available at the Children's ASK! Desk starting in August with an evening discussion program to follow in the beginning of October. Share your enthusiasm for reading with other book lovers and join us for a lively discussion!

Wednesday, October 7th, 6:30 p.m.

Special Autumn Programs for Children

Make and Take: Apple Prints For all ages. Welcome autumn with a fun story and craft program featuring apple prints! Come while supplies last.

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Make and Take: Pumpkin For all ages. Come visit the librarians out of the library and at Powisset Farm! October wouldn't be October without a Pumpkin craft. Come listen to favorite pumpkin stories and make a special craft to take home. Come while supplies last. Powisset Farm is just over the line in Dover, off of Dover Rd.

Wednesday, October 28th, 2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

@ Powisset Farm, 37 Powisset St., Dover

Farm Storytime: For all ages. Storytime on a farm? Yes! Come visit Hannah at Powisset Farm for stories and songs and maybe meet a chicken or two. Powisset Farm is just over the line in Dover, off of Dover Rd.

Mondays, November 2nd–December 7th, 11:00 a.m.

@ Powisset Farm, 37 Powisset St., Dover.

Main Library Programs continued

Extended Weekend Hours for month of September—beginning September 12th

The Westwood Public Library is currently open on Saturdays from 10 to 1. Extended Saturday hours (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) will resume on Saturday, September 12th.

The Westwood Main Library will also be open on Sundays in September from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. beginning Sunday, September 13th.

Parent/Child Book Club: For children in 3rd and 4th grade and a parent. Read a great story together and then come to the branch library to enjoy a lively discussion and some snacks! We will be reading *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30 p.m.

@ the Islington Branch Library

Under the Night Sky Storytime: For families of children of all ages. We will be reading outdoors under the night sky! Hear some of our favorite stary night stories and find out how to locate constellations.

Tuesday, December 8th, 4:30 p.m. @ Powisset Farm.

For additional programs and further information, please call the Main Library Children's Department at 781-320-1042 or the Islington Branch at 781-326-5914 or visit the web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org

Adult Department Programming

Pageturners: A book review program for adult readers. Circulation Supervisor Nancy Hogan will review a combination of fiction, mystery, non-fiction, and biography books. Informal and informative, Pageturners is an entertaining look at what's new in the library.

Bring a friend! No sign ups necessary.

Friday, September 11th, 3:00 p.m.

Technology Help Drop-ins: Do you have a new laptop, tablet or e-reader, and are looking for a little help getting started? Or have you heard about getting free e-books from the library, and want to learn more? Grab your device and come into our drop-in workshop! 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, 2nd Floor Information Desk:

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.;

Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m.

Islington Branch:

Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m.

Friday Morning Book Group: Join our book discussion group the last Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. *No sign-up necessary*—read the book, join the conversation! New members are always welcome! Please email any questions to mriportella@minlib.net.

September 25, 2015 Main Library, Community Room

Lucky Us by Amy Bloom (2014)

Main Library Teen Events

TAB (Teen Advisory Board): The TAB is a group of teens (grades 7-12) who want to take an active part in the running of the teen department. It is also a social gathering where members meet friends, talk about books, chat and enjoy time spent at the library. To join TAB email: wwdtab@minlib.net, or call 781-320-1045.

Monthly Meetings: September 16th and October 14th

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

NEW! Teen Book Club led by Westwood High School Senior, Ilana Goldberg. This is a book group for teens and 'tweens in grades 5 through 8. The first Teen Book Club Meeting will be held at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, September 30th (Early Release Day). Check the Library website for information about Ilana's first book selection! Extra copies of the titles will be available to check out at the Main Library and the Islington Branch. All students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to attend this new student-led book club!

Teen Movies: *Divergent* - Wednesday, September 9, 3:00 p.m.
Insurgent - Wednesday, October 7, 3:00 p.m.

ISLINGTON BRANCH

Islington Children's Programs

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

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Drop in program,

September 10th-October 15th

no registration required.

Pajama-Rama Storytime: Ages 2 & up. Children can come in their jammies and bring a special stuffed animal and blanket to hear stories and songs.

3rd Wednesday of the month: 6:30-7:15 p.m.

September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, and

December 16th

Drop in program

LEGO Tuesdays: For grades K & up. Come, hang out and build with LEGOs! All LEGOs provided.

Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Drop in program,

September 8th-December 15th

No Registration Required.

Islington Adult Programs

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

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Drop in program

September 15th and November 17th

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

Select Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Drop in program

September 9th *Where'd You Go Bernadette?* by Maria Semple

October 14th *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye* by Rachel Joyce

November 4th *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

December 9th *Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* by Anne Lamott

Sit and Knit: Join us for a morning of knitting, crocheting, needlepointing, cross stitching or hand quilting. Bring your own projects and supplies with you. Sit and knit while enjoying the comfort of the Branch and check out a new craft book or knitting mystery.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All Library Programs are Free.

Registration begins one month prior to program start date.

To register for Main Library Programs, please call 781-320-1042.

To register for Islington Branch programs, please call 781-326-5914

September Art in the Gallery at the Westwood Public Library:

Dedham Square Artist Guild

Westwood artist members at the Dedham Square Artist Guild

include Kevin Becker and Lisa WB Walker.

Hale Reservation

Pumpkinfest Tradition Continues at Hale

Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 10:00 to 4:00



A beloved tradition in the town of Westwood for over twenty years is the annual Pumpkinfest. Customarily hosted by the Clapboardtree Nursery School, the event was geared toward children age seven and under. This

September, Clapboardtree Nursery School will merge with St. John's Nursery School and, in the spirit of collaboration, an all-new Pumpkinfest for all ages will be held at neighboring Hale.

Robin Hutson, event chair for St. John's Nursery School, says, "When the two oldest preschools in Westwood merged to become one school serving three and four year olds, we made the choice to broaden Pumpkinfest as a family event for all ages. We couldn't be more excited to organize our annual fall festival on Hale's beautiful grounds."

There will be something for everyone to enjoy at this celebration of the season amidst the breathtaking foliage at Hale. Younger children will enjoy the petting zoo and hayrides. Older children will be spooked by the Haunted Pavilion. Adults will appreciate the live music, an auction and raffle. Additionally,

teams can sign up to complete the Family Adventure Challenge. This scavenger hunt/obstacle race will test families' ability to work together through a series of physical and mental challenges. The event is sponsored, in part, by Needham Bank, Marsh & McLennan Agency, Blue Hills Bank, Dedham Savings, Prime Motor Group, Roche Bros., Tex's BBQ Express, Gilbane and Charles River Running.



Hale is a private, non-profit organization that manages over 1,137 acres of woodlands, including four ponds and over twenty miles of trails in Westwood and Dover. Hale is most widely recognized for its summer day camp programs, which annually serve over 4,400 children from over 70 communities in the Greater Boston area.

Contributed by Julie Fratalia

Westwood Youth & Family Services

Holiday Giving Program Sign-up Begins



Westwood Youth & Family Services

The Westwood Youth & Family Services Department is pleased to announce sign-ups for our annual Holiday Giving Program. Having taken place since 1999, this is a confidential process in which gifts are donated by residents, groups, and businesses and given to Westwood families in need.

If you or anyone you know may need help during the upcoming holiday season, please have them contact us at youth@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call us at 781-320-1006 by Friday, October 16th.

Youth & Family Services proudly announces the relaunch of our Facebook and Twitter accounts!

Please like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/westwoodyouthandfamily> and follow us on Twitter @westwoodyfs

Get connected with us and find out the latest on programs, mentor opportunities, special events and informative articles.

Westwood Youth & Family Services welcomes two graduate interns for the 2015-2016 school year.



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Hannah Jellinek

Hannah Jellinek is a first year graduate student at Boston College working on her Masters in Social Work along with a law degree. The Newton native graduated in May from Wesleyan University with a double major in Psychology and Art History, where she played varsity hockey and soccer. She has interned

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Fall 2015

September 29	Memory Café Westwood Public Library 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
October 2	Westwood Day Kickoff and Fireworks Flahive Field 7:00 p.m.
October 3	Westwood Day High School 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
October 3	Blood Drive Masonic Lodge, 655 High Street 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
October 11	Wegmans Opening
October 17	Pumpkinfest Hale Reservation 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
October 24	Flu Clinic High School gymnasium 9-noon
October 27	Memory Café Westwood Public Library 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
November 9	Fall Town Meeting
November 17	Memory Café Westwood Public Library 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
December 15	Memory Café Westwood Public Library 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Westwood Cultural Council

Seeking to fund cultural projects

The Westwood Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local community cultural programs and PASS, a ticket subsidy program for school-age children. Application forms are available at the Westwood Town Hall and both branches of the Westwood Library. Forms can also be obtained at www.massculturalcouncil.org.

All applications must be completed and postmarked by October 15, 2015. Please send applications to the Westwood Cultural Council, Westwood Town Hall, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA, 02090.

Individuals and organization can apply for projects such as workshops, lectures, exhibitions, festivals, science education and performing arts projects, as well as the PASS funding.

Grants are awarded after consideration of benefit to the community, the qualifications of the individuals and organization,

the planning process, community interest, and the population segment served.

During the last grant cycle, the Cultural Council awarded nine grants. The Westwood Public Library received money to fund Greg Maichack's pastel painting program. The Westwood Historical Society received money to fund a lecture on Irish Immigration and the role of the Irish regiments in the Civil War. The Westwood Integrated Preschool, the Sheehan School, the Martha Jones School, and the Deerfield school all received money to fund cultural programs for the children in that school. Sarah Murphy received money for a program at Westwood High School. The Westwood Women's Club received money to sponsor a musical program that was open to the public, and the Westwood Council on Aging received money to hire an entertainer for its Summer Sizzler Program.

For more information, e-mail westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com.

Westwood Community Chest

Support from the Westwood Community Allows WCC to offer more financial assistance to residents in need

Westwood Community Chest (WCC) is continuing their mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" by providing more temporary financial assistance for Westwood residents in need.

Over the past fiscal year, WCC provided over \$40,000 in financial awards. These awards were used by applicants to directly pay essential utility, medical and housing related expenses. Additionally almost \$15,000 was provided in campership awards to Westwood families. Thanks to the community's generous support, close to forty Westwood children had the chance to enjoy a week of camp this summer who otherwise might not have had this opportunity. "We are so grateful to the Westwood community for their support and excited that we were able to assist these families this summer", noted Neil Sherring, incoming WCC President.

"The support from businesses and individuals this year was tremendous. Their generous support allows us to continue to

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Neil Sherring, incoming WCC President

provide additional financial support to our neighbors in the year ahead. We are happy to announce we are raising our financial assistance grants from \$750 a year to up to \$900 per household," remarked Sherring.

Over the course of the past year, WCC held a number of successful fundraisers including the annual appeal sent by mail to all Westwood residents, our Chiara Auction/Food and Wine pairings evening sponsored by Roche Bros., the Fill the Chest campaign at High Street Market, Holiday Shopping Night at Decor and More, Thanksgiving Core Asset Boot Camp and our annual Free Throw Tournament at Westwood High School.

Applications for assistance can be found at www.wcc.cfsites.org, Westwood Town Hall, Council on Aging, Westwood Youth & Family Services, Main Post Office and Police Department. If you have any questions please call the WCC hotline 781-366-0470 or email WCC at westwoodcommunitychest@gmail.com.

Contributed by Mary Ellen LaRose

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with Riverside Community Care and the Suffolk County District Attorney.



Carolyn Sass

Carolyn Sass comes to us from Boston University, where she is in her second year in the School of Social Work. Carolyn completed her undergraduate degree in politics at Mount Holyoke College and spent a semester at American University studying peace and conflict resolution. Last school year, she interned with the Newton Public Schools leading social thinking skills groups for elementary

age children, as well as, leading mentoring classes for high school students.

Contributed by Youth & Family Services Staff

Westwood American Legion Post 320

Lots going on!

This year along with the monthly dinner meetings and sponsoring the Post's American Legion baseball team there has been a lot of activity taking care of the Post's building. After history making weather this past winter the roof was replaced in the spring. In addition the entire inside of the building is being renovated. Walls, floors, ceiling are being replaced and will provide a new look to the Post.

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo



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Dear Westwood Residents,

It is important to me that Westwood residents have a variety of ways to stay connected to their public schools.



One way is to visit the district website at www.westwood.k12.ma.us. The recently re-designed site has a calendar of events, news, announcements, and so much more. If you want to keep abreast of what's happening in our schools on a regular basis, I also encourage you to follow us on social media. Here are a few suggestions:

District Twitter: [@westwood_ps](https://twitter.com/@westwood_ps)
WHS Twitter: [@WestwoodHS](https://twitter.com/@WestwoodHS)

District Facebook: www.facebook.com/westwoodschoools
WHS Athletics Twitter: [@WHSAthletics1](https://twitter.com/@WHSAthletics1)

Finally, if you have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to contact me directly by e-mail at jantonucci@westwood.k12.ma.us or by phone at (781) 326-7500 x1341. Have a great year.

WHS Welcomes New Assistant Principal

by Sean Bevan, WHS Principal



This past spring, Westwood High School said farewell to Assistant Principal **Brian Harrigan**, who was named principal of Natick High School. WHS Principal **Sean Bevan** and his staff are excited about his replacement, **Ms. Nicole Haberman**, who comes to us from Franklin High School, where she has worked

as an assistant principal for four years.

In the role of assistant principal, Ms. Haberman facilitated an Instructional Support Team with counseling and guidance staff to coordinate tiered supports for struggling students. In the past four years, she has developed an after-school Academic Center to support students through tutoring, credit recovery, and mentoring, and she served as a critical leader in the school's transformation from a traditional student discipline model to one based in the principles of student self-reflection, mentoring, and academic assistance.

Ms. Haberman brings significant skill and experience in supervising and evaluating teachers, and she has a particular strength in working with new teachers. In fact, she spearheaded a faculty mentoring induction program at Franklin High School and continues to find ways to support staff in their professional growth. Franklin High School Principal Peter Light describes Nicole as diligent, organized, and unflappable.

Prior to becoming an administrator, Ms. Haberman taught high school English at Newark Academy in Livingston, New Jersey, and at R. B. Stall High School in North Charleston, South Carolina. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the College of Charleston, South Carolina. She holds a Master of Arts degree from Middlebury College and a Master of Education degree from Harvard University. Welcome aboard, Ms. Haberman! 



Did you know...?

Niche.com has published its rankings of Best School Teachers in Massachusetts and Westwood was named #1!



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Westwood Public Schools Summer Operations Update

by Ken Aries, Director of Operations

Simply stated, the core responsibility of Westwood Public School's Operations Department is to clean, maintain and improve the buildings and grounds that comprise our award-winning school system. The Operations Department staff includes 27 custodians, 2 outdoor grounds and 2 maintenance personnel.



A High School classroom after getting a deep cleaning

The summer is the busiest season for this hardworking group when heavy cleaning is done and large projects tackled.

One of the most important summer jobs for the custodial staff is the deep cleaning of close to two hundred classrooms and offices.

A sampling of this season's identified projects include: security installation and upgrades for all buildings, the

reconfiguration of a classroom at the Thurston Middle School for the engineering study program, enlargement of the Preschool play area, installation of 50 new student lockers, and a newly designed mailroom at the High School.

This is just a sampling of the hard work the department does over the summer. These projects are done while our buildings stay open—for staff to access, for summer enrichment programs at Thurston Middle School, and for summer programs run by the Westwood Recreation Department at the High School and other school buildings. 



The Preschool expanded play area

Attention Senior Citizens!

Get your Westwood Public Schools "Wolverine All-Access Card"

The Wolverine All-Access Card gives seniors free admission to:

- all regular season home athletic events
- all school plays and musical performances
- all other school-sponsored cultural events

Contact the Office of the Superintendent at (781) 326-7500 x1341 to request your card.

We look forward to seeing you at school events!



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See you there!

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The Westwood Public Library is currently open on Saturdays from 10 to 1. Extended Saturday hours (10 am – 5 pm) will resume on Saturday, September 12th.

The Westwood Main Library will also be open on Sundays in September from 2 pm-5 pm beginning Sunday, September 13th.