



# WESTWOOD

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## A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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*The community newsletter keeps us  
connected to each other and to our town...*  
– Barbara Friedman  
Newsletter Editor from 1988-2006

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## Hale Reservation Celebrates 90 years



*An old photograph of the stone cabin originally known as the Nelson House.*

“...we encourage people who have their own stories...to share them with us.”

90 years ago, the Town of Westwood looked very different. The population was much smaller and the number of households was a fraction of what stands today. With just a few exceptions, such as cabins, a manmade lake, and a road, most of Hale Reservation has remained in its natural state.

Robert Sever Hale had acres of land in Westwood and Dover that he was pleased to share with scouts. In 1918, Hale sent a letter to a local scout master offering use of the property writing, “I hope that this may help the scout movement, and that the scouts will find permission to use this land of advantage to them.” The Hale land was close enough to the City of Boston, where many scouts lived, but distant enough so that these scouts could get away and experience the beautiful outdoors.

In the fall of 1918, 150 scouts ventured out to the area that would be known as “Scoutland” for years to come. In the earlier years, there would be an occasional bus that would bring them, but more often, they traveled by railroad to Needham Junction and walked two miles; or by trolley to Dedham and hiked nearly five. In 1937 alone, nearly 20 years after the initial scouting invite was sent, over 31,000 scouts visited Hale Reservation. Today, Hale enjoys 75,000-100,000 visitors each year.

Although scouting in Hale is still quite popular, Hale’s visitors now include many campers, school groups, and individuals who visit each day to hike, bike or walk their dogs. It is all in keeping with the Hale mission of providing stewardship of its land and resources and to offer educational experiences that foster responsibility, leadership and appreciation for the natural environment.

In recognition of the 90th Anniversary of Hale Reservation, the staff has been planning events to mark the occasion. Most recently, Eric Arnold, Executive Director at Hale, gave a talk to the Westwood Historical Society on the history of Hale. In March, Hale will hold its annual meeting which will include historical displays. Private tours will be offered throughout the summer and more events are in the works.

“The recent development of a Master Plan and the occasion of our 90th Anniversary has prompted the staff to take a good look at our history. In doing so, we have uncovered some very interesting materials and a better appreciation of Hale itself,” said Arnold. “We encourage people who have their own stories and memories about Hale, to share them with us.”

To share your stories, schedule a tour or learn about Hale Reservation call 781-326-1770 or visit the website at [www.HaleReservation.org](http://www.HaleReservation.org). ❖

## Did You Know . . .

- Did you know that the **Westwood Police and Fire Departments keep “At Risk” information** provided by residents who are disabled or who have a disabled family member and may require special assistance in an emergency? The **Westwood Board of Health** in conjunction with the **Westwood Commission on Disability** strongly encourages residents to self report to the Fire or Police Departments if you or a family member has a disability or a medical condition and you would like this information included in your confidential resident listing. Please contact the Police Department at 781-326-1903 or the Fire Department at 781-326-3885. For information regarding emergency preparedness at home, please visit the Board of Health website at [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us) or call the Health Department at 781-320-1026/1027.
- Did you know that the annual flu clinic held on December 8, 2007 **was staged as a drill for the Westwood Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)?** Communities in Massachusetts are required to have an Emergency Plan and to practice this plan periodically. The MRC tested its plan by holding a drill at the annual flu clinic at the Westwood High School gymnasium. Members of the MRC were able to successfully test the system that would be used to administer vaccine and/or medication in the event of an emergency. To the extent possible, the Westwood Board of Health’s Emergency Dispensing Site Plan was duplicated with the help of 29 MRC members and the health department staff. Staff from the School and Police Departments, the Police Explorers, the Council on Aging and the Department of Public Works also participated.
 

The **Westwood Board of Health** has been working for the last two years at recruiting both medical and non-medical personnel to become part of the Medical Reserve Corps. In the event of a real emergency, volunteers from all walks of life will be needed to carry out emergency preparedness activities. If you would like to become involved in the Medical Reserve Corps, please visit the Board of Health website at [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us) for an application; email at [mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us); or call the office at 781-320-1027. Won’t you consider joining the Westwood MRC to be sure your community is prepared?
- **Residents with burglar alarm systems are asked to ensure their emergency contact information is up-to-date with the Police Department.** Information that is helpful to authorities in the event of an alarm activation in the owner’s absence would include: cell phone contact information, emergency contact information, and alarm company information. Alarm Registration Forms are available at the Police Department for those interested.
- **Last day to register to vote** at the Annual Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting is April 9th. **Last day to apply for Absentee Ballots** is 12 noon on April 8th.

- **Dog licensing** begins March 1st. **Late fees apply** after April 1st.
- The **Westwood Board of Health** in conjunction with other local health departments and Westwood/Mansfield Pediatrics is holding a *Lyme Disease Community Forum* on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at the Westwood High School auditorium from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. We encourage all Westwood residents to attend this informational and educational forum to learn how you can protect yourself and your loved ones from Lyme Disease and its many complications. Please mark your calendars now for April 30th and plan on joining us!
- There is still time to **nominate an individual for the 2008 John J. Cronin Public Service Award.** The award is presented to an individual, who has made an outstanding contribution to the community of Westwood. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Town Hall and Library. You may also download the nomination form from [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us). The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2008. The completed form should be sent to the John J. Cronin Public Service Award Committee, 580 High Street, Town Hall, Westwood, MA 02090. If you have questions, please call 781-326-4172.
- Based on a recommendation by a committee appointed by the Selectmen, **the Community Preservation Act (CPA) will be on this year’s Town Meeting warrant.** Approved by the state in 2000 as a means for towns to preserve historic sites, open space and affordable housing, the CPA was defeated by a small margin in 2001 by Westwood voters. This year the electorate will have a second chance to consider this surcharge on the property tax (at a rate not to exceed three percent) that is augmented by state matching funds. For more information, visit [www.communitypreservation.org](http://www.communitypreservation.org). Copies of the CPA Advisory Committee Report are available at Town Hall. It is also available on the Town website and in CD (electronic version) at the Library.
- You may now **register for Recreation Department Programs online.** Save time and postage. From the Town of Westwood website ([www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us)), navigate and click on “Town Offices,” then “Recreation,” and finally “Online Registration.” It’s that easy! Other ways to register for programs include:
  - Fax: 781-320-0376
  - Mail-In: 240 Nahatan Street, Westwood MA 02090
  - Walk-In: (during public office hours)

### Westwood Library Special Events

- **The Mike Monaghan Jazz Quartet** featuring Brad Hatfield will play at the Main Library on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 2 pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Westwood Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. A featured soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra, Monaghan will play a variety of classic jazz tunes. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Novelist Dennis McFarland** will appear at the Main Library on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at 2:00 pm. He is the author of six books; his latest novel is *Letter from Point Clear*. *The Washington Post* said “Dennis McFarland is a wonderfully gifted writer.” Copies of his books are available at both Westwood libraries and through the Minuteman Library Network. More information on Dennis McFarland is available at the Library homepage: [www.westwoodlibrary.org](http://www.westwoodlibrary.org). This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and refreshments will be served. ❖

## Keeping Westwood Clean

As the winter snow and ice recede, the roadsides of Westwood are not looking pretty. In fact, they look quite dirty! The improper disposal of coffee cups, fast food wrappers, and plastic beverage containers by drivers passing through Westwood is appalling. Not only is this litter unsightly, it is unhealthy for our environment. All of this trash is washed into the catch basins along our roadways by heavy rains, and ultimately ends up in Westwood's wetlands. Dog waste, when flushed from the streets into our waterways, is another contributor to unhealthy, high bacteria levels.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Muellers  
Pitch in to help clean up unsightly trash.

In June of 2007, a new committee of concerned citizens was formed to address issues of litter, wetlands protection and Westwood's environmental health. The **Keep Westwood Clean Committee** is building on the past efforts of Westwood volunteers who have run "Earth Week" clean-ups for the last three years. During Earth Week, volunteers are encouraged to sign up and clean a site in town – either a roadside, a common/open area, a conservation area, a wetland (pond,

stream, swamp) or any place in town that needs attention. Director of the DPW, Tim Walsh, has graciously supplied the volunteers with heavy-duty yellow trash bags. DPW crews then drive around town throughout the week and pick up these yellow trash bags full of litter, disposing of the contents properly.

Last year, Westwood residents were able to go online to read about Earth Week, sign up, post information about a site, and give feedback after their efforts by visiting the Keep Westwood Clean web site: [www.keepourtownclean.com](http://www.keepourtownclean.com). Westwood volunteers addressed litter in at least 36 places in town last year, including Lowell Woods, Haslam Pond, the Perry Property, the Tot Lot, most of the school athletic fields, Buckmaster Pond shoreline, trails around Hale Reservation and many roadsides.

This year, residents may again visit the website to participate in the *fourth* annual clean-up. *Earth Week* will run from Sunday, April 27th through Sunday, May 4th. This year a clean-up and celebration

is being planned at Lowell Woods during the first weekend of Earth Week. Eagle Scout Greg Agnew, whose Eagle Scout project was completed



at Lowell Woods, is planning this event. Greg feels that residents of Westwood will appreciate the beauty of this conservation area and he is hoping everyone will attend and pitch in. More information will be posted on the Keep Westwood Clean website, as the activities are finalized.

Another Westwood Boy Scout is working on his Eagle Scout award by stenciling the message "Drains to Stream, Keep it Clean," in front of many of the town's 2,141 catch basins. The message is being placed on the streets as part of the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, to remind residents that chemicals and waste should not be placed in storm drains. The water flowing through these drains goes directly to the streams that feed two rivers. Westwood's wetlands and streams flow into the Charles and the Neponset Rivers.

What can Westwood citizens do to address the litter issue? Certainly, participation in a clean-up effort is greatly appreciated. Another easy clean-up contribution is to talk with everyone in the family about the proper disposal of containers – whether the food/beverage is consumed on an athletic field, at the local coffee shop, or in the car. Beverage containers comprise more than 50 percent of roadside litter, and most of these containers are recyclable. Everyone in the family can look for opportunities to recycle plastic, aluminum and glass containers on our athletic fields this spring. Lastly, pulling debris and litter away from storm drains prevents waste from ending up in our wetlands. Look for opportunities to help monitor and clean-up our ponds, streams and wetlands in the future by visiting [www.keepourtownclean.com](http://www.keepourtownclean.com).

For more information on beverage consumption in the United States and the environmental impact of beverage containers that are not being recycled, go to [www.container-recycling.org](http://www.container-recycling.org).

For more information on recycling or to obtain recycling bins, please visit the DPW at 50 Carby Street. ❖

## Westwood Interfaith Council

The Westwood Interfaith Council held their first Executive Board Meeting, at the First Parish Church back on September 17, 2007 setting the agenda for the year. Representatives from the various faiths and churches were in attendance with the Reverend David Stryker, Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein and Usama Hamdan also present.

A Bible Study with Rabbi Jeffrey Wildstein of Temple Beth David and Reverend Christopher Coyne of Saint Margaret Mary Church presented a program entitled, "Rituals within Jewish and Catholic Liturgical Life: Similarity and Dissimilarity." The Study was hosted by Saint Margaret Mary Parish.

The first lecture in the Rabbi Henry and Barbara Zoob Speaker Series, hosted by Temple Beth David, took place on November 4, 2007. Dr. Michael Cook, a Jewish expert on the study of Christian Scripture, spoke on the topic, "Jewish Views of Jesus From Yesterday to Today and Tomorrow." Dr. Cook was also Temple Beth David's Harry Snyder Scholar over that weekend and

discussed a variety of topics involving the interaction of Judaism and Christianity through history.

The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, hosted by the First Parish of Westwood, United Church with a program coordinated by Reverend Sheldon Keller of the First Baptist Church of Westwood was held on November 21, 2007. Rabbi Wildstein was the speaker.

Plans are underway for a spring program to be presented by Janet Penn, Executive Director of Interfaith Action, Inc. The actual date and place will not be finalized until the Council's next meeting on *February 25, 2008*. Janet will speak on her work in interfaith activity in the Sharon, Massachusetts community. She began her work in a youth program under the sponsorship of the Anti-Defamation League. Her desire to embrace all age groups in interfaith activity led to Interfaith Action, Inc. in 1999. Interfaith Action's work connects nineteen organizations in Sharon. ❖

# Passports Can be Obtained at the Senior Center

**U.S. Passport applications will be accepted at the Senior Center at 60 Nahatan Street beginning Wednesday, March 5, 2008.**

Carol McCarron, Program Development Director for the Council on Aging, will be available to accept passport applications, by appointment only, on Wednesday and Friday afternoons between the hours of 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Applicants may call the Senior Center at 781-329-8799 to schedule an appointment.



Carol McCarron

Applicants must bring a completed, **unsigned** application form to the appointment. Application forms are available at the Senior Center, at other local processing facilities (for example, many local post offices), and online at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

Basic requirements for U.S. Passport applications include:

1. Proof of U.S. Citizenship (a certified birth certificate)
2. Proof of Identity (driver's license)
3. Previously issued U.S. Passport (if you are renewing your passport)
4. 2 recent color photographs. The picture must be face forward and be 2" x 2" in size. Several local businesses provide this service.
5. Appropriate fees must be paid by separate checks:
  - a. processing fee of \$25.00 for each passport application payable to: Town of Westwood
  - b. application fee payable to: U.S. Department of State. **Amounts vary depending on type of Passport requested.**
 To expedite Passport processing, additional fees will be applied.

**Every person, adult or child, applying for a U.S. Passport MUST appear in person.**

For further information on passports, call the National Passport Center at 1-877-487-2778, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Automated information is available 24/7. All U.S. Passport forms and detailed information are available at the United States Passport web site: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

## Westwood Historical Society Spring 2008 Activities

The Westwood Historical Society has announced its upcoming schedule of events for the spring. All events are held at the Fisher School, 830 High Street unless otherwise noted.

The *April 6th Sunday monthly Open House* will feature an exhibition "**Grange, Masons and More!**" between the hours of 2 pm and 4 pm. Included in the exhibition will be a display of items relating to *The Society for Apprehending Horse Thieves*, the oldest continually existing horse thief apprehending organization in the United States.

Richard Clark will present a one-man show, "**Clarence Darrow**" on *Tuesday, April 8th*. The play will feature intense court room drama and comic relief as it highlights the life and times of Clarence Darrow, attorney extraordinaire and defender of the downtrodden and damned. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Westwood Cultural Council.

*Saturday, April 12th*, will find society members and their friends gathering at 9 am for the **Annual Spring Cleanup**. All are invited to join in, with coffee and donuts being served.

**With the arrival of spring, the Fisher School will revert to an 1850s schoolhouse** in anticipation of the arrival of third graders from Westwood's Elementary Schools. Every third grader experiences first-hand, for one day in May, a routine day in the life of a child of that era. They learn as a student from the 1850s would have, play games of the period at recess and even carry a lunch typical of the period. Teachers and many of the students attend in the appropriate dress of the mid-1800s.

On the *first Sunday of each month, May through August*, from 2 to 4 pm, the Fisher School will be open so those interested may see what a one-room school house of the 19th century was like.

The **Thirteenth Annual Plant Sale** will take place beginning at



Third graders practice handwriting using quill pens.

9 am on *Saturday, May 17th*. An extensive array of locally grown perennials, herbs, annuals and shrubs, all ready to plant and enhance a garden, will be available for sale. Experts will be on hand and ready to assist, including a Master Gardener. A free soil test for pH will also be available.

Members of the Society will gather for their **Annual Meeting** on *Saturday, June 14th* at 11 am to be held at the **Butterfly Garden at Hale Reservation**.

Programs held earlier in the year have been enjoyed by many. In January, individuals from the Adams National Historical Park presented a program "Jefferson and Adams: A Dialogue." The exhibition "Hale Reservation: Then and Now" was well attended during the months of January and February. Many returned, along with others, on February 12th, to enjoy the presentation by Eric Arnold, Executive Director of Hale Reservation.

The Westwood Historical Society is a non-profit organization and exists to preserve Westwood's

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## Glad Rags and the Westwood Women's Club present a unique fashion show

A fascinating and different fashion show hosted by The Westwood Woman's Club and sponsored by Glad Rags will be held on *Thursday, April 17, 2008* at 1:00 pm at the First Parish Hall on Clapboardtree Street.

Co-Presidents Ann Marie Sullivan and Kathleen McGill of the Westwood Woman's Club are pleased to present this fun and entertaining program for all members of the Westwood Woman's Club, the Westwood Garden Club and all Glad Rags volunteers. Light refreshments will be served.

Modeling the latest fashions and accessories, will be local ladies from the Glad Rags Thrift Shop. Glad Rags is a charitable organization whose proceeds benefit the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. It is located at the rear of Christy's Plaza.

The Westwood Woman's Club welcomes new members to join us for this fun, exciting event. If interested in joining the Westwood Woman's Club please call 781-762-8873 or 781-762-5543 for more information. ❖

## Westwood High Alumni Association

The Westwood High School Alumni Association held their Annual Meeting on January 16, 2008. A review of the past year's activities was conducted and members felt it was a year of success and learning.

In keeping with the mission of the Westwood High School Alumni Association, scholarships were presented to two members of the graduating class of 2007.

The first Alumni Association sponsored Casino Night to raise money for the Scholarship Fund was deemed a success. The board voted to hold another Casino Night on October 25, 2008.

Graduating classes of Westwood High School from 1952, 1957, 1962, 1982, and 1987 held milestone class reunions this past fall. The Class of 1941, the first Westwood High graduating class, also gathered for a luncheon marking sixty-six years since they departed their alma mater.

*Spring and summer dates to remember include:*

The next meeting of the Westwood High School Alumni Association will be held at 7 pm, March 26, 2008 at the Fisher School, 830 High Street, Westwood. All alumni are invited to attend.

Members of the Alumni Association will gather behind Town Hall this Memorial Day, May 26, 2008 to participate in the annual parade and to honor those who gave their life in the service of their country, particularly those who attended Westwood High School.

This June, in addition to the 2008 Alumni Association scholarships that will be awarded at graduation ceremonies, several others will also be presented. The Class of 1962 has done an extraordinary job of raising funds for a major scholarship.

### ***Historical Society Spring 2008 – continued***

unique history, and to educate the community about it, and to promote an understanding of its impact on the future. It supports the study of history by conducting school programs and by educating the community through public programs and exhibitions. Everyone is always welcome. ❖

## Westwood Community Chest announces 2008 Campership Program

Westwood Community Chest (WCC) is announcing its 2008 Campership program. The Campership program provides scholarships to help kids go to camp in the summer. For the first time, the WCC Campership application process will have a deadline of June 15 and awarding limits.

All school-aged children are eligible. Funds will be awarded based on financial need and on a first-come-first-served basis. Full details will be announced in the local papers and will be listed on Campership applications. More information can also be found online at [wcc.cfsites.org](http://wcc.cfsites.org).

Interested residents can pick up an application at the Westwood Youth and Family Services office, Westwood Senior Center, both town Public Libraries, the Police Station and the Town Hall.

Last year, more than 50 kids benefited and attended summer programs at the Westwood Recreation Department, Hale Reservation, and several other day and overnight camps. This program is made possible by very generous donations received from WCC's annual appeal last fall. ❖

The Westwood High School Alumni Association works exclusively for charitable and educational purposes with a mission to advance all areas of education and to stimulate continuing interest and professional relationships between Westwood High School and its alumni. To this end, each year the Association awards scholarship(s) to deserving seniors. The Association is working towards growing this fund to the point where it will be self-perpetuating.

Presently, the Westwood Alumni Association has over 4,000 registered members. To register as a member or to find out more about the Association go to the website: [www.westwoodhighalumni.org](http://www.westwoodhighalumni.org) or, by written request, Westwood High Alumni Association, 19 Cobligh Street, Westwood, MA 02090-1201. ❖



**Come on down for some fun at the Annual Fishing Derby at Buckmaster Pond on Saturday, May 10th!**

**Details in the Recreation Department brochure or online at**

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

Dear Readers,

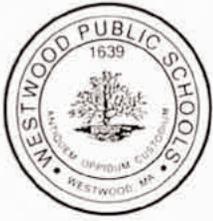
Newsletter articles and correspondence can be emailed to:  
[newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

I will acknowledge receipt of all email.

If you do not get a reply from me within a reasonable time, then it is likely that there was a problem with the email delivery. Please try again without any attachments and I will work with you to resolve any problem.

The next newsletter is due to be delivered on June 16, 2008. Please submit your articles by May 9th.

Thank you,  
Diane Thornton, Editor



# WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Westwood Resident,

I am pleased to report that the 2007-2008 school year continues to be exceptional. The academic program is stronger than ever, due to the residents' support of last year's override which infused much-needed resources into our schools. Our students also continue to shine outside of the classroom. Whether on the playing fields, on the stage, or through community service, our students represent the community with class and distinction. I encourage all Westwood residents to stay actively involved in the school community—it is a special place.



*John A. Ataman*

## Celebrity Chef Series Kicks Off at Café West



THE WESTWOOD FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT HAS KICKED OFF ITS Celebrity Chef Series that will run through the remainder of the school year. **Joan McIntyre**, Café West Kitchen Manager, and **Uziel DeSouza**, Chef/General Manager of Victoria's Restaurant in Westwood, worked together along with **Joe Watson**, Food Service Coordinator, and staff to produce an outstanding meal for the students of Westwood High. The lunch included Pasta Fajoli, Chicken



*Joan McIntyre and  
Chef Uziel*

Broccoli Sauté over Ziti, Fresh Green Beans, Calzone, Freshly Made Chicken Fingers, Italian Roasted Potatoes and Fresh Made Pizza.



The Celebrity Chef Series was one of the goals of the Food Service Department this year as a way to bring in different flavors to the already eclectic fare that is served daily at Café West. "This is an idea that has been long in the making," said **Heath Petracca**, Director of Operations. "Chefs from local area restaurants have a chance to showcase their talents in our state-of-the-art kitchen for the benefit of our students. It provides the students with a much-needed change of pace and creates more interest in the Food Service Program. We hope to get more and more res-

taurants interested in being a part of this program. It is a great way for the chefs to get their restaurant name out there and also gives the students a chance to sample their cuisine." Chefs from Chiara and Skipjacks will be the next two in the series, and Café West looks forward to booking at least three more before the end of the year.

"Since we started the design of the new high school facility, I have had two major goals for the Food Service Department: the first was the Celebrity Chef Series and the second was opening Café West to the public," said Petracca. "Last summer we opened our doors to anyone using our facility and plan to do the same this coming summer." Café West offers Boar's Head Deli sandwiches, a few main entrees and an entire line of snacks served in an air-conditioned cafeteria. "One of the main reasons that I wanted to open Café West to the public was to be able to provide the senior citizens of Westwood with a discounted meal and make the new high school more of a community facility. I see providing reduced-price meals for seniors as a way that we can give something back to the community who has greatly supported our school system and who continue to make Westwood Public Schools The Best Place To Learn (and dine!)." 



# WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Westwood High School Students Cast Their Votes!

AS GOES WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, SO GOES THE NATION? Maybe! On Super Tuesday, as many of the nation's voters went to the polls, WHS students and teachers also cast their primary ballots. The Legislative Council (the "congress" in WHS's school governance system), in cooperation with students in Mr. Shuman's AP American Government class, sponsored a mock primary at WHS. Students and teachers were given the opportunity to select either a democratic or republican ballot and cast their vote for their party's nominee.

In preparation for the primary, Mr. Shuman's government students formed campaign teams for the candidate they were backing and launched a campaign to gain voters' support. Strategies included catchy slogans, persuasive PA announcements, informative literature about the candidates, engaging speeches, and attention-getting "free gifts" designed to get their candidates noticed.

The recent issue of *We the People*, WHS's political publication, included factual information about the candidates' background and their positions on several major issues. Voters were able to educate themselves before casting their vote.

When the ballots were counted, the results were as follows:



After the primary, the students, teachers, and community members on Legislative Council reflected on the mock primary process and thought about ways to improve the process for a mock election to coincide with the presidential election in November.

Their discussion was an excellent reminder that the civic expectation in the school's mission statement—*Students will participate in the school's democratic process*—is about much more than school governance during students' four-year tenure at the high school. It's also about preparing students to be civically engaged adults in the future by instilling the habits of good democratic citizens now. 

### Senior Citizens!

#### Get Your Westwood Public Schools "Green Card"

The Westwood Public Schools Green Card gives seniors free admission to:

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

*To request your free Green Card, contact the Office of the Superintendent at (781) 326-7500 x1341. We look forward to seeing you at school events!*



### WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRATIC	
Mitt Romney	125	Barack Obama	358
John McCain	111	Hillary Clinton	125
No Preference	20	No Preference	22
Ron Paul	12	Mike Gravel	9
Mike Huckabee	9		

# TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

## TOWN and SCHOOL EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

March Dog Licensing at the Town Clerk's office  
Mar 21 Schools closed – Good Friday  
Apr 9 Last day to register to vote  
Apr 21-25 Schools closed – Spring vacation  
Apr 29 Annual Town Election

May 3 Westwood Little League Parade  
May 5 Annual Town Meeting  
May 10 Fishing Derby – Buckmaster Pond, 7-11 am  
May 26 Schools & Town Hall closed – Memorial Day

## WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 library web site at [www.westwoodlibrary.org/home](http://www.westwoodlibrary.org/home)

### MAIN LIBRARY

#### Weekly Programs for Preschoolers

*Preschool Literacy Adventures* – **Ages 2 & up** with caregiver  
Mar 25–May 6 Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

#### *Storytime* – **Ages 3 & up**

Mar 26–May 7 Wednesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

*Babies & Books* – **Under 2 years** with caregiver

Mar 28–May 9 Fridays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

*Registration is not required for the above but children must be the appropriate age by the first day of each session. There are no sessions during public school vacations or holidays.*

#### Wishing Well – **Ages 5 & up**

Mar 25–May 6 Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

*Registration is required.*

#### Special Programs at Main Library

*Storytelling Saturdays* – **Ages 2½ and up** with families

April 5 Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Librarian's Favorites.** Folktales, Activities.

*Registration begins 1 month prior to program.*

#### *Massachusetts Book Award Book Club* – **Grades 3-5**

April 14 Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

Discussion of a MA Book Award. Title TBA.

#### *A Story for Every Season* – **All Generations**

An Early Childhood Council, Council on Aging and Library CPC Program

May 15 Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.

**This program is held at the Westwood Senior Center.**

*Registration is required, please call the ECC @ 781-461-9548.*

*Positively Poetry 2008* – Funded through the Westwood Educational Foundation

Poetry writing workshops with Poet/Educator Tom Daley

Mar 27, Apr 3 **Gr. 6, 7, 8** – 2:45 p.m.

**Gr. 3, 4, 5** – 4:15 p.m.

Deadline for submitting poetry for Anthology

April 4

Poetry reading and Anthology release celebration

May 6 7:00 p.m.

*Registration is required for all programs and began March 1st.*

### ISLINGTON BRANCH Children's Programs

*Storytime* – **Ages 3½ and up**

Mar 27–May 8 Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Registration is required**, please call the Branch Library.

*There are no sessions during public school vacations or holidays.*

*Young Readers Book Club* – **Grades 2-4**

Mar 4–Mar 25 Tuesdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

**Registration is required**, please call the Branch Library.

### MAIN LIBRARY Adult Programs

*Mike Monaghan Jazz Concert*

Sunday, March 30, 2:00 p.m.

*Author Eli Bortman, "Sacco & Vanzetti."*

Thursday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

*Author Stephanie Schorow, "The Crime of the Century: How the Brink's robbers stole millions & the hearts of Boston."*

Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

*Pageturners*

Friday, April 11 and June 13, 3:00 p.m.

*Author Dennis McFarland*

Saturday, April 12, 2:00 p.m.

*Author Robert Allison, "The Boston Tea Party."*

Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

*Author Maureen Taylor, "Picturing Rhode Island: Images of everyday life, 1850-2006."*

Tuesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

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