



# WESTWOOD

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## A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Recreation Department Program Preview

### March into Summer



### 2009 Summer Program Preview

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
**9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**at the Recreation Department**

*A sneak preview of summer programs for all ages!*

Come and explore Westwood Recreation Department's Summer Programs. Meet staff and experience the fun. Discover the diverse programming for people of all ages. Meet with friends and make your summer plans!

- Interactive Activities & Observation •
  - Meet Staff and Instructors •
  - Information Booths •
  - Crafts and Games •
- Entertainment with DJ Magic Mark •
  - Raffles •
- Snack Bar (FREE Coffee) •

**10% DISCOUNT ON ALL SUMMER PROGRAMS  
THAT ARE PAID IN FULL ON MARCH 14, 2009.**

### Find Help Affording Summer Camp with the Westwood Community Chest

Westwood Community Chest (WCC) is announcing its 2009 Campership Program. This program provides scholarships which help Westwood families afford to send their children to summer camp.

Camperships provide the opportunity for physical, social, and emotional growth to Westwood children whose families could not otherwise afford summer programs. Last year, a total of 76 camperships were granted for summer 2008.

All Westwood school age children are eligible and funds are awarded based on financial need. Camperships will be awarded on a first come-first served basis. Families can apply for up to \$500 per child, with a total campership grant not to exceed \$1000 per family. Applications and deadline information can be found online at [www.wcc.cfsites.org](http://www.wcc.cfsites.org) or at the Westwood Public Libraries, the Police Station, Fire Station, Westwood Senior Center, Town Hall, Recreation

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## Did You Know . . .

- The **Westwood Public Library** set several usage records in 2008. Circulation levels rose for both adult and children's materials to a record total of 265,772. At the Main Library circulation was up by 10.2% and the Branch saw an increase of 5.6%. Attendance at library programs was over 11,500. The Main Library's annual count of people entering the building was up 4% to 106,322. "It shows the value of public libraries in good times and bad," said Library Director, Thomas Viti.
- Did you know that the Westwood Board of Health has a residential sharps collection program? Residents can dispose of their sharps (syringes, needles and lancets) in the **new sharps collection kiosks** that have been installed outside at the Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street and at the Islington Fire Station, on Washington Street. The collection units are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for disposal.  
In order to dispose of sharps in the sharps collection kiosks, you must use a red one-liter sharps disposal container. Disposal containers may be picked up free of charge at the Westwood Health Department, 50 Carby Street, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Tuesday evenings from 3 pm to 6 pm. The containers will also be available at the Westwood Town Hall, 580 High Street, and the Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street during regular business hours. We encourage all Westwood residents to take advantage of this new program and protect our community from sharps dangers. If you have any questions about the Westwood Sharps Collection Program please call the Westwood Health Department at (781) 320-1026 or (781) 320-1027.
- Did you know that the **Annual Rabies Clinic**, sponsored by Vincent Durso, DVM of the Westwood Animal Clinic, the Westwood Rotary Club and the Westwood Board of Health, will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the Carby Street Municipal Office Building, 50 Carby Street, in Westwood (off of Dover Road). Both dogs and cats will be vaccinated. The cost per vaccine is \$10.00. The Town Clerk's office will be licensing dogs at the clinic as well. For more information please call the Westwood Board of Health at (781) 320-1026/1027 or Dr. Durso at the Westwood Animal Clinic at (781) 329-7785.

### Save the Date

Thursday, April 30th, 2009 • 7:00-8:30 pm • Location to be announced

The **Westwood Human Rights Committee** would like to invite the community to our **Conversations and Coffee** event which is a safe conversation and open dialogue celebrating the richness of diversity and talents of the Westwood community. This year we are inviting members of the community to share about themselves through a series of planned exercises and communications during the event. The purpose of the program is in line with the WHRC Mission statement which is to "...help develop and support a culture of diversity, tolerance, and appreciation, in the Town of Westwood...To further this mission, the Committee plans and implements activities that inform and sustain our community..."

- Did you know that the Town of Westwood is recruiting residents for the **Community Sheltering Team**? Westwood's certified shelter is located in the high school gymnasium. For localized emergencies, the American Red Cross will open and manage our shelter. However, if several communities need shelters opened at the same time, there may not be enough American Red Cross volunteers, leaving some communities without shelter services. Therefore, the Sheltering Team will be activated when the shelter is opened. Team members must be physically fit and attend two courses on sheltering; Shelter Operations and Shelter Simulation, and must be willing to respond to help open Westwood's shelter or help the American Red Cross open and manage our shelter if necessary. The Shelter Simulation course will be held in March. If you would like to become a member of Westwood's Community Sheltering Team and to attend the training, please contact Linda Shea at Health Department at (781) 320-1026 or (781) 320-1027.
- **Dog Licenses** are now available in the office of the Town Clerk. Dogs, age six months and older must be licensed. All dog owners in Town must obtain a new license on or before April 30, 2009. A license will be issued only if the owner has evidence of a rabies vaccination that is valid as of the date of issuance.  
The fee for male and female dogs is Fifteen dollars (\$15), and for neutered and spayed dogs is Ten dollars (\$10.) Town bylaw imposes a \$25.00 late fee on licenses issued on or after May 1, 2009. You may license your dog in person or via mail. Forms are available on the town clerks website at <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us>. If you choose to mail in your registration, please include a self addressed stamped envelope and all the necessary documentation.  
Please contact Town Clerk, Dottie Powers if you need any additional information at (781) 326-3964 or [dpowers@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:dpowers@townhall.westwood.ma.us)
- The Westwood Board of Health and the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project has begun planning **mosquito control for 2009**. The project conducts mosquito control on properties on a request basis only, weather permitting. However, if you **do not** want your property sprayed you must notify the Westwood Town Clerk, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 in writing, with a copy to the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project, Building 34 Endicott Street, Norwood, MA 02062, by March 1, 2008, although the Project will honor exclusion requests any time during the mosquito season. The law (State Regulation 333 CMR: 13:04) requires this notification as well as a requirement to post your property. This is very important if you **do not** want adult control so that Project personnel can exclude your property from these applications.  
For more information please contact the Westwood Board of Health at (781) 320-1026 or (781) 320-1027, or the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project at (781) 762-3681, or go to the Project's website at <http://massnrc.org/ncmcp/>

## Did You Know . . .

- The **2009 Annual Town Election** will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.
- The **2009 Annual Town Meeting** will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009.
- The following elected offices will appear on the April 28th Town Election Ballot:
  - Board of Selectmen - 1 seat; 3 year term
  - Moderator - 1 seat; 1 year term
  - Board of Assessors - 1 seat; 3 year term
  - Board of Assessors - 1 seat; 2 year term to fill a vacancy
  - Town Treasurer - 1 seat; 3 year term
  - Planning Board - 2 seats; 3 year term
  - Sewer Commissioners - 1 seat; 3 year term
  - School Committee - 1 seat; 3 year term
  - Trustees of the Public Library - 2 seats; 3 year term
  - Housing Authority - 1 seat; 5 year term
  - Housing Authority - 1 seat; 4 year term to fill a vacancy
- Wednesday, April 8, 2009 – last day to register to vote for 2009 Annual Town Election & Annual Town Meeting
- Census forms have been mailed to all Westwood households. They are due back in the Clerk's office within ten days of receipt. Although information is collected on residents of all ages, absolutely no information about children under 17 is released to the public. Census information is used to create the annual street list, to project future school enrollment and costs, housing and related benefits for the elderly, by local emergency responders; serves as proof of residency, which is needed to qualify for Veterans' benefits; and in state tuition at Massachusetts colleges, as well as providing information for selection of jurors. By not responding to the Annual Census, as a voter, you may become inactive on the voting list.
- For any additional information please contact the Town Clerk, Dottie Powers at (781) 326-3964 or [dpowers@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:dpowers@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

## Hale Reservation

### Where is everyone?

During the summer, do you ever find yourself asking where did everyone go? For many Westwood families, summer means going on a vacation or two, or even spending time at a family cottage. Aside from the baseball games at Morrison, concerts at the gazebo, and the traditional Fireman's Foam, Westwood seems like a quiet place in July and August unless, of course, you are at Hale Reservation.

Did you know that during the summer over 4,400 children visit Hale, making it one of the largest day camps in the country? With 1,100 acres, 20 miles of trails, and great places to swim, Hale is a favorite destination for children from over 70 different communities.

In addition to offering it's own camp, Hale works in conjunction with other agencies that call Hale home for the summer. Inner city camps like the West Roxbury Y, Cooper Community Center, and Bird Street Community Center have enjoyed long standing traditions of bringing campers to Hale. Suburban children from as close as the

Newton Community Center to as far away as Weymouth and Braintree travel by buses with South Shore Day Camp.

"We not only provide beautiful open space for these campers but we also offer each of these partners swimming and boating lessons, environmental education, team building and ropes programs," said Eric Arnold, Executive Director of



Hale Reservation. "While many residents head out for the season, Hale Reservation becomes a summer destination for many others."

### Staying close to home this summer?

Local families who find themselves staying home this summer should check out the new programs at Hale Day Camp. For the first time, Hale will be offering three specialty camps in the areas of mountain biking, outdoor adventures, and green exploration. At the same time, campers will enjoy traditional camp activities like swimming, boating, ropes and team building. An open house for Hale Day Camp will be offered on Saturday, April 4, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Membership Beach is also a popular alternative to family vacations. For one affordable price, a family can spend over 100 days at the beach, take swimming and boating lessons, join in arts and crafts and nature exploration, and lots more. Membership is limited to 420 families.

### Want to know more?

You are invited to come and enjoy! The mission of Hale Reservation is to provide stewardship of its land and resources and to offer educational experiences that foster responsibility, leadership and appreciation for the natural environment. To learn more about all the programs that Hale Reservation has to offer visit [www.HaleReservation.org](http://www.HaleReservation.org).

## John J. Cronin Public Service Award

The John J. Cronin Public Service Award will be presented each year at the Annual Town Meeting to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution, which has impacted the community of Westwood.

This award is named for the late John J. Cronin, Town Treasurer, who for many years selflessly gave of his time for the betterment of the community, both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Town Hall, library or on the Town's website, [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us). *The deadline for submission is April 10, 2009.* Please send nomination form 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.

## Westwood High Alumni Association

Members of the Westwood High Alumni Association gathered at the home of Linda (Frasca) Smith, Class of 1966 on January 27th for their annual meeting. New officers for the year 2008 – 2009 are: Diane Badger, Chair, '71; Joyce (Frasca) Jacobs, Vice Chair, '71; Vickie (Wilhelm) DeVoy, Treasurer, '79 and Irene (Kalfopulos) Heier, '72.

It was voted that Alumni Scholarships be awarded to three members of the graduating Class of 2009 at the graduating ceremonies at Westwood High School in June, 2009. Members of the Class of 2009 interested in Alumni Scholarships should contact the school's Guidance Department.

One of the main missions of the Alumni is to award scholarships annually to one or more graduating seniors from Westwood High School who are going on to further education. The Association targets those students who have struggled and overcome tremendous odds to graduate and for whom this scholarship can make a great difference.

The members of the Alumni, based on the success of last year's event, voted to hold its Third Annual Casino Night in October of this year.

Plans are underway to once again participate in the Town of Westwood Memorial Day Parade to honor all veterans, especially those who gave their lives in the service of their country, who were members of Westwood High School.

The Westwood High School Alumni Association is planning to host a luncheon in mid to late September for members of the classes of the 1940's. The first graduating class of Westwood High School graduated in June of 1941 from the new high school, now home to the Edmund W. Thurston Middle School.

The Westwood High School Association is a non-profit organization under Chapter 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

For more information regarding the Alumni Association please visit: [www.westwoodhighalumni.org](http://www.westwoodhighalumni.org).

## Westwood Young Women's Club

The Westwood Young Women's Club (WYWC) proudly presents Mike The Music Man on Saturday March 28th. The concert will begin at 10am at the First Parish Church. There will be raffles, a silent auction and snacks. Tickets are limited, visit [www.wywc.org](http://www.wywc.org) for advance tickets information. Tickets are \$7 per person, children under 1 are free.

The WYWC is selling reusable multi-purpose tote bags. Printed with the Westwood town seal and "Keep Westwood Green," the ECOBAGS EveryDay Tote™ is the reusable bag offered by the WYWC. Each bag is made from natural cotton canvas (unbleached and untreated), measuring 19" wide by 15.5" tall with a full 5" flat bottom gusset and 22" length carry handles/straps. All the seams and stress points are double-stitched for durability. Generously sized, the EveryDay Tote™ will hold as much as a full grocery bag.

The bags are priced as follows: 1 bag for \$10, 2 bags for \$18, 3 bags for \$25, and 6 bags for \$50. Take advantage of the multiple purchase discounts, and help keep Westwood green. *To order bags*, download an order form from the club's web site at [www.wywc.org](http://www.wywc.org) or purchase at the High Street Market. Proceeds from sales of the bags will go towards environmentally-friendly initiatives in Westwood.

The WYWC is a non-profit organization celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The WYWC is dedicated to community improvement by supporting educational, philanthropic and social programs for the Westwood community. Proceeds from all WYWC fundraiser events provide support to many deserving organizations in Westwood. This year we will be giving away \$14,000 through community grants. Thank you to all of our local sponsors for making this possible.



*Wreaths Across America was welcomed back to Westwood on a very brisk day last December, honoring all branches of our armed forces with commemorative wreaths.*

Future newsletters are due to be delivered to homes on or about June 15, September 15, December 15, 2009 and March 15, 2010. Please submit articles for consideration 5 weeks prior to the expected delivery dates.

Newsletter correspondence can be sent to:

Westwood Community Newsletter, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090  
or email: [newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

Thank you,  
Diane Thornton

## Westwood Historical Society

The Westwood Historical Society commenced the year with an exhibition "Houses of Westwood." On January 4th and February 1st, black and white photographs by Ernie Greppin of Westwood, depicting the diverse architectural style of buildings within the Town of Westwood were exhibited. Many of the buildings dated to early West Dedham. To coincide with the exhibit, Bill Patton, Jr., a well-known speaker on local history, gave an illustrated presentation entitled "Famous New Englanders and the Houses They've Lived In" at the January monthly meeting.

In honor of Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial birthday (February 12, 2009) Charles Donahue, a noted local historian and lecturer, presented a program "Reflections on Lincoln" on February 10th. Charles presented an overview of Lincoln's life and its relevance to today's political and social climate.

On the first Sundays of March and April, between the hours of 2 pm and 4 pm, an exhibition "Postal System and Stamps" will be on display at the Fisher School. Many of the articles on display will highlight the postal system in West Dedham/Westwood along with other items, some from the Society's collection and others on loan from residents. On March 10th, Henry Lucas, Director of Education, Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History, Weston, MA will present a program, "Postal System and Stamps."

John Root educator, vocalist and multi-instrumentalist will present an entertaining program of the history of music during the Gaslight era with accompany songs and instrumentals.

With the coming of May the Fisher School once again reverts to an 1800s one-room schoolhouse for the month, complete with appropriate 19th century school desks. All of Westwood's third grade classes will spend a day at the schoolhouse experiencing a 19th century day at the school in a cooperative program between the Westwood Historical Society and the Westwood School Department.

The Westwood Press online site ([www.wickedlocal.com/westwood](http://www.wickedlocal.com/westwood)) has a Westwood History page regarding the Historical Society events that contains a link to the Society website: [www.westwoodhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.westwoodhistoricalsociety.com).

All Society events are open to the public. The Fisher School is accessible to all in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Please park along the Thurston Middle School driveway off Nahatan Street. For more information, call the Westwood Historical Society at (781) 326-5334 or email: [westwoodhistorical@comcast.net](mailto:westwoodhistorical@comcast.net).

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Department, Westwood Youth and Family Services, and the Post Office. The application process is strictly confidential.

Also at the WCC website is a campership resource information page, which lists area camps and possibilities for additional financial aid which may be available through each individual camp.

In addition to funding camperships, WCC also helps residents in financial difficulty by awarding funds which help with basic needs such as medical expenses, housing, and utility payments. Applications for basic needs assistance can

## Westwood Newcomers Club

The Westwood Newcomers Club was founded in 1994 to provide an opportunity for new residents of Westwood to get to know each other through informal social events sponsored by the club. Now in its fourteenth year of existence, the mission is still to help new residents of Westwood connect. The group has become so much more – diverse with a tremendous amount of information and knowledge to share! Many of the club's members have been residents of Westwood for many years and still enjoy participating in events and meeting new people.

The club plans and runs as many as four events each month. These events include family outings such as hay rides, holiday parties, spring egg hunts, ice skating and barn baby animals. There are also women's events such as movie nights, card making, yoga, centerpiece arranging and restaurant gatherings. Couples' events consist of monthly informal socials and the ever-popular annual wine tasting event. Also members organize ongoing book clubs and playgroups. Events are typically hosted by members, however, occasionally events are held at other venues.

Membership is open to all residents of Westwood. The club runs from September through June. Annual dues are \$35 per family and are applied to the costs of the events held. Members receive a seasonal newsletter with email updates of upcoming events.

The Newcomers Club is run by member volunteers and is always looking for anyone interested in joining the team. The team meets twice a year for planning purposes. Please contact us if you are interested.

To see a schedule of events please visit [www.westwoodnewcomersclub.com](http://www.westwoodnewcomersclub.com) or email [westwoodnewcomers@yahoo.com](mailto:westwoodnewcomers@yahoo.com).

## FISHING DERBY

**Saturday, May 9, 2009 7-11 am**

**Youth Division:** Free! Ages 15 & under.

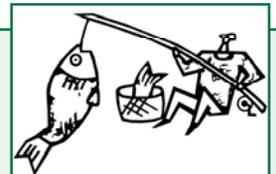
Prizes will be awarded. Participants must bring their own poles.

**Adult Division:** Fee: \$10. Ages 16 & up. (Register at the event.)

A prize will be awarded for the largest fish caught. Adults must have a fishing license and obey all Massachusetts fish & game regulations.

**Concession Stand:** Coffee, donuts, soda, hot dogs & worms sold.

Event is sponsored by  
North Walpole Fish & Game and Westwood Recreation



be found online and at the locations listed above.

The WCC is able to fund camperships and provide help with basic needs thanks to the generosity of fellow Westwood residents. The concept of "neighbor helping neighbor" makes the work of the WCC possible.

For more information about Westwood Community Chest, go to our website at [www.wcc.cfsites.org](http://www.wcc.cfsites.org). Donations are accepted on an ongoing basis online or at Westwood Community Chest, P.O. Box 250, Westwood, MA 02090.



# WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Westwood Residents,

*It seems that the economy is the focus of everyone's attention these days. This is with good reason, as we find ourselves mired in the worst recession since the Great Depression. But as the world around us changes, we are still charged with the immense responsibility of providing a first-class education to Westwood's three thousand students. Our faculty and staff are among the finest in the Commonwealth, and I am confident in our ability to weather any storm. This edition of the newsletter is intended to provide you a snapshot of some of the great things that are happening in our public schools. I hope you enjoy it.*



## Here's What's Happening in Our Schools!

### DEERFIELD SCHOOL

We had the annual Deerfield School Science Fair on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Over 60% of our students participated in this voluntary extra-curricular activity. They followed in the footsteps of great scientists like Copernicus, Curie, and Archimedes by using the scientific method to explore subjects of interest. Several of them had "Eureka" experiences! Students explored such topics as the effect of soda on human teeth, the density of different gases, the waterproof capabilities of different eyeliners, and the cognitive differences between male and female hamsters. One group built a functional hovercraft. The event was very well organized by a group of dedicated parent and high school student volunteers. It was a great experience for the entire Deerfield community.



strength and endurance. Students also had the opportunity to find sponsors to support their jumping rope efforts. Sponsors made a donation based on how many times the student could jump rope. Downey students raised over \$2,500 for the American Heart Association while helping to build a stronger body. This money will be used to fund heart disease research.



Next, many of our fourth graders celebrated Valentine's Day with a special tribute to being *heart healthy*. At various times during the day, students exercised, took power walks, and talked about healthy choices. Guest teachers from the Downey School visited classrooms to share how they keep fit and heart healthy. The Downey principal and school secretary spoke about their participation in triathlons while other teachers shared their fitness experiences.

After a day of celebrating wellness, students were treated to a healthy feast. The tasty and nutritious snacks included fruit kabobs, yogurt, cheese, and whole wheat crackers. It was a fitting conclusion to our heart healthy initiative!

### DOWNEY SCHOOL

In addition to fostering students' cognitive and social-emotional growth, Downey School is committed to promoting their physical well-being. February proved to be the perfect month to celebrate being *heart healthy*. First, all our students participated in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart. Students jumped rope in physical education class to build their

### HANLON SCHOOL

Our hallways have been recently adorned with student artwork. This past fall, the Hanlon fifth grade artists worked with **Elaine Schaffner** on an exhibit that featured several abstract aerial landscapes created in oil pastel that were based on actual satellite imagery of all the Westwood Land Trust properties in town. This project seamlessly in-





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corporated technology and artwork into a masterpiece. Many thanks to **Lisa Fabiano** who organized the effort to have **Kevin Riordan** frame the work for our hallway. If you have an opportunity to visit Hanlon, we would love to share the work with you!

## MARTHA JONES SCHOOL

On a recent Friday morning the dining room at Martha Jones was transformed into a Greenwich Village coffee house of the 1960s. A backdrop painting of exposed brick walls and red-checked tablecloths and paper-lantern "candlelight" set the scene for the annual *Beatnik Café* hosted by the fifth graders and their teachers. The *Café* was the culmination of a month-long literacy unit on poetry. Students and parents celebrated the learning as the cool cats in fifth grade recited either original poetry or verses from favorite authors. It was a "happening" event with many berets and dark glasses in evidence.



## SHEEHAN SCHOOL

Math is abuzz at Sheehan! Over 100 students in grades two through five are participating in a before-school Math League Program which has proven to be a tremendous success. Students and parent volunteers excitedly fill the cafeteria for one hour on a weekly basis for this fun but serious math enrichment opportunity. The program has challenged our students by offering problems from "The Best Of The Continental Math League Series." Students are supported by parent volunteers who offer guidance while mentoring the students to reach their full mathematical potential.



## THURSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thurston is a very busy place, even in the middle of winter. During the last few weeks, our orchestra students gave a great performance as part of the K-12 strings concert, sixth graders on the Red Team showed

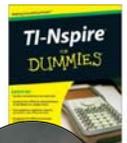


what they had learned in drama classes through a series of performances for parents and friends, homerooms throughout the school competed to support a food drive for the Westwood Food Pantry, and eighth grade members of WOSC (the World Organization Study Club) participated in a hunger banquet in which they learned about how world resources are distributed.

## WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**Steve Ouellette**, Math Department Head at WHS and a resident of Westwood, recently completed writing the book, *TI-Nspire for Dummies*. The book is the newest addition to the iconic yellow and black "dummies" series published by John Wiley & Sons and is available now in bookstores.

TI-Nspire is a new handheld learning tool produced by Texas Instruments. It is part of the next generation of graphing calculators. For people who haven't been in a math classroom recently, the Nspire will probably seem more computer-like than like a calculator. The device consists of five integrated applications: a calculator, a graph and geometry application to create graphs and geometry constructions, a built-in spreadsheet, a data and statistics application to analyze data graphically and numerically, and a notes application that allows the user to embed text. All of the applications are linked to communicate with each other. Steve wrote *TI-Nspire for Dummies* to help students and teachers learn how to use Nspire and to understand its capacity.



Steve has worked as a writer and consultant with TI for several years; this is his first full-length retail book. As a result of Steve's connection with TI, WHS was able to acquire Nspire technology for teachers and students to use in the classroom. WHS is serving as a pilot site this year for TI so that other schools can learn from our experiences with this new instructional technology. 

# TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

## TOWN and SCHOOL EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

March Dog Licensing at the Town Clerk's office  
March 14 Recreation Department Summer Preview, 9-1 pm  
Apr 4 Rabies Clinic, 9-noon, Carby Street  
Apr 8 Last day to register to vote  
Apr 10 Schools closed – Good Friday  
Apr 20-24 Schools closed – Spring vacation

Apr 28 Annual Town Election  
Apr 30 Westwood Human Rights Committee, Coffee & Conversation, 7:00 pm, Location to be determined  
May 4 Annual Town Meeting  
May 9 Fishing Derby – Buckmaster Pond, 7-11 am  
May 25 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 web site at [www.westwoodlibrary.org/home](http://www.westwoodlibrary.org/home)

### Programs – 2009

#### ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

March 18-21

#### Main Library Programs for Preschoolers

Mar 24-May 5 *Preschool Literacy Adventures*

Ages 2 & up with caregiver

Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00 am

Mar 25-May 6 *Storytime*

Ages 3 and up

Wednesdays, 10:15-11:00 am

Mar 27-May 8 *Babies & Books*

Under 2 years with caregiver

Fridays, 10:30-10:50 am

Children *must* be the appropriate age by the first day of each session. **Registration is not required.**

There are no sessions during public school vacations.

#### Main Library Programs for School Age Children

Mar 24-May 5 *Wishing Well*

Ages 5 and up

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm

Registration is required.

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

Participants must have read the book by the meeting date.

April 13 *Drita, My Homegirl* by Jenny Lombard

Monday, 7:00 pm

Monthly discussion of a MA Book Award title

No pre-registration.

#### Poetry Workshops and Anthology

March 18

Writing Workshops

I. Grades 3-4 3:30-4:15 pm

II. Grades 4-5 4:30-5:15

Registration is required.

May 14

**Deadline for poetry submissions**

June 2

**Poetry Reading and Anthology Presentations**

7:00 pm

#### Special Programs

##### Storytelling Saturdays

Mar 14

Ages 2½ and up with families.

April 4

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Registration begins 1 month prior.

*The Celtic Bells* – Irish family presents music, dance and storytelling for all ages.

Mar 28

Saturday, 11:00 am

Registration is not required.

March 12

*A Story for Every Season* – All ages

May 14

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

Registration will be required, please call the ECC @ 461-9548

#### Islington Branch Programs

Mar 26-May 7 *Storytime* – Ages 3 and up

Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 am. Registration required.

Mar 3, 10

*Young Readers Book Club* – Grades 2-4

Mar 17, 24

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