



WESTWOOD

A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

The Importance of Westwood Crossing Guards and Practicing Safe Driving Around Our Schools

Providing adult school crossing guards was instituted some thirty five years ago in Westwood. The reason was to help children safely cross a street who walk or bike to school. The crossing guards were placed at key locations during peak pedestrian crossing hours (i.e., before and after school).

While the primary role of adult school crossing guards is to guide children safely across a street—children, parents and motorists also have responsibilities to do their part as well.

Safety everyday

Parents should speak to their children about how to stay safe while walking or biking up to and between crosswalks. Instill in each child safety behaviors to listen and be mindful of instructions from crossing guards.

Motorists must also take precautions when traveling past schools. The speed limit in school zones and roadways in the immediate vicinity of schools is 20 MPH. Unfortunately, three years ago, a crossing guard was struck and seriously injured in a cross walk. The safety of our guards and our children relies heavily on the caution of motorists.

Courtesy is not an option

Every day, crossing guards and bus drivers report motorists who speed through cross walks and pass stopped buses with lights flashing. Some bus drivers also report discourteous responses from motorists when the bus drivers call attention to inappropriate driving risking pedestrian safety.

The Town urges all motorists and parents traveling past schools at the beginning or end of the school day to use extreme caution and obey the laws within the school zone.

Together we can continue to provide a safe environment for our crossing guards, children, parents and motorists if we all take a moment and recognize our surroundings to ensure safety. *Remember, safety doesn't just happen. We have to make it happen.*

Contributed by Town Hall



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Veteran's Day Ceremonies

Save the date!

On Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 am, we will gather to honor all our Veterans—Past and Present. Please join the American Legion Post 320 and the Town of Westwood at Veterans Memorial Park for the Veterans Day Ceremony.



Did You Know...

Westwood Health Department Flu Clinic SAVE THE DATE!

Did You Know...The Westwood Board of Health will be holding the **Annual Flu Clinic on Saturday, October 20, 2018 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 Health Department Revised Westwood Board of Health Tobacco Regulation

Did You Know...that the Westwood Board of Health has **banned the sale of flavored tobacco products** in retail stores as of September 1, 2018? At a Public Hearing in June of 2018 the Board revised its Tobacco Regulation entitled, "Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products." Highlights include the following:

- No sale or distribution of flavored tobacco products except in smoking bars and adult-only retail tobacco stores;
- Retailer of liquid nicotine containers must comply with a 310 CMR 30.000 (MA Hazardous Waste Regulations) and provide a written plan for disposal, including plans for breakage, spillage and expiration of the product;
- A Tobacco Product Sales Permit will not be renewed if the permit holder has sold a tobacco product to a person under 21 three (3) times the previous permit year and the time to appeal has expired;
- Retailer cannot sell liquid or gel nicotine products unless it is contained in a child-resistant package that meets the minimum standards for packaging;
- Updated and added several definitions;
- Retailer must return Tobacco Sales Permit to the Board of Health if business closes;
- A Tobacco Sales Permit will not be issued to any new applicant within five hundred (500) feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school;
- Revised the language for Free Distribution and Coupon Redemption;
- Prohibit the sale of tobacco products by Educational Institutions;

For more information, contact the Westwood Health Department at mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us or call 781-320-1027. For a copy of the new regulation visit the Board of Health web page at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us.

Westwood Planning Board

Update of Westwood's Comprehensive Plan

Did You Know...The Planning Board will be updating the Comprehensive Plan (also known as Master Plan), adopted in 2000, beginning this fall through the fall of 2019? Town Planner, Abby McCabe, will be the primary contact and project manager facilitating this process. The subject areas include land use, town centers, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources, community facilities, open and recreation space and transportation. The Town is seeking candidates to serve on the Steering Committee who have an interest and expertise in one or more of these subject areas.

If you are interested in being considered we encourage you to go to the Town's website for more information and download the application form, explaining your interest and skills you possess. Interested individuals can submit an application, resume and letter of interest to:

Abby McCabe, *Town Planner*
amccabe@townhall.westwood.ma.us
781-251-2581

Or mail to: Abby McCabe, 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA 02090

For additional information on the Comprehensive Plan, please visit the Town's website.

INTERFACE Referral Service Westwood's Activity in FY2018

Did You Know...The INTERFACE Referral Service, which provides mental health referral services to member communities, reports that it provided 107 referrals from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 to Westwood residents. Callers most frequently requested connection to mental health providers for anxiety (68), and/or depression (41) and family-related issues (26). Six referrals were for individuals experiencing suicidal ideation. Although most of the residents served were children and teens (83), young adults through older adults accounted for almost a quarter of the calls (24).

If you or a member of your household needs professional assistance with a psychological or related issue, please call the INTERFACE Referral Service at 1-888-244-6843, Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM and speak to a mental health professional about resources and personalized, matched referrals to appropriate services. The INTERFACE Referral service is free to residents of member communities, which includes Westwood.

Westwood Young Women's Club

Join us for the Westwood Young Women's Club's (WYWC) 3rd Annual Town-wide Yard Sale and Clean Out Day on Saturday, September 22, from 9am-2pm, rain or shine. This year, there are even more ways to participate: host your own yard sale (\$25 minimum donation); host a multi-family yard sale (\$40 minimum donation); or forgo the sale and have the WYWC arrange a pickup of your unwanted items (\$20 minimum donation). Register by September 18 to secure your spot on the official event map! Don't miss this chance to maximize your sale while supporting your community! For more information, or to register, please visit www.wywc.org/events.

Town Hall

Green Community recognition — again!

Westwood has been awarded its fourth competitive energy efficiency grant by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). Since becoming a Green Community five years ago, Westwood has applied for and been granted four competitive grants to fund energy efficiency projects throughout town.

In early 2018, Tom Philbin, the Westwood Energy Manager and Patricia Healey, DPW Administrative Assistant, filed for a Green Communities Grant. Subsequently, the Town was awarded a maximum grant of \$250,000 which brings the four year total to \$880,000. The proposed projects in this grant include an advanced control system at the Martha Jones Elementary School, conversion of lighting in the Thurston hallways to LED, new LED lighting for the HS library and cafeteria, new motors for the unit ventilators in Thurston and an automated cover for the Town's pool in the Recreation Center.

In addition to Green Community funding, Westwood will receive incentives from Eversource. The Town works with Eversource in its municipal program and receives help by way of financial incentives and project cost control through the use of pre-approved contractors. Over the past ten years, the Eversource municipal program continues to be a great benefit to Westwood and other towns in Massachusetts.

"We're thrilled that Westwood has once again succeeded in securing a Green Communities Grant in recognition of its hard work to make the town more sustainable and energy efficient," said Penni Conner, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer at Eversource. "We share the town's commitment in our own buildings, including at our Westwood offices, where we've been awarded prestigious LEED Existing Building and Energy Star certifications."

Westwood will sign a contract with the Commonwealth committing to how the grant funds will be expended. The Town is required to report back to the state on the progress of the projects in order to receive the full amount of the grant.

As a Green Community, under Tom Philbin's direction, Westwood is committed to continue to reduce its energy consumption by 20% over a five year period. These newly funded projects, as well as many others completed in past years and those being planned for the future, will ensure the achievement of this goal.

Contributed by Tish Healey

Department of Public Works

Free Curbside Textile Recycling Service Coming to Westwood

The town of Westwood will soon be offering residents the opportunity to recycle unwanted textiles and small household items simply by bagging them and leaving them at the curb on their regular recycling collection day.



Westwood is providing the new service in partnership with Simple Recycling. The service is free to residents and the town of Westwood.

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than 84% of old clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, and textile items end up in a landfill or an incinerator. On average, that works out to about 85 lbs. of textile items per person each year. As a result, textiles make up more than 6% of all the residential and municipal trash in the US.

Solon, Ohio-based Simple Recycling (www.simplerecycling.com) aims to change all that. The company provides free curbside collection and recycling of unwanted textiles and housewares to communities across the United States. Currently, Simple Recycling serves nearly two million households across eight states, and will soon be serving residents here in Westwood.

In the weeks before the program's launch date, Simple Recycling will send informational mailers to homes that receive recycling collection from the town of Westwood. The mailers will contain free Simple Recycling bags.

When cleaning out closets or disposing of unwanted items, residents can place them in the bags. If a resident doesn't have enough bags, then it's OK to use regular trash bags that are clearly marked for Simple Recycling. Residents can then place the bags at the curb on their normal recycling collection day. Simple Recycling's trucks will pick them up, free of charge.

The company will accept a wide range of used textiles and small household items. The list of accepted items includes all types of used or new clothing, boots and shoes, belts and ties, handbags, hats and gloves, toys, towels, sheets and blankets, small kitchen appliances, and more.

The Simple Recycling service is not meant to compete with local charities. Its purpose is to provide a convenient curbside collection option for residents who want it. Ultimately, it's about keeping those items out of the trash.

Contributed by Brendan Ryan

NEWS from the Town Clerk's Office



Dog license Tag chosen by Downey Kindergarten classes



It was a pleasure to visit the Downey School and speak with Ms. Emmanouilidou's and Mrs. Shea's Kindergarten classes about my role as the Town Clerk and how important voting is and licensing their dogs. The children participated in a fun activity which would give them their first opportunity to vote by choosing a Dog License tag for the 2019 licensing period. Each student was given a ballot with a Dog House, Heart, Bell and a Fire hydrant. They checked off the box next to the shape they liked. They incorporated their math lesson with voting by working with their teacher to add up the votes.

The Dog house won with the majority of the votes.

Students were excited and happy to hear that their choice will be used next year!



PHOTO: DOTTIE POWERS

Contributed by Dottie Powers

Fire Department

Retirements, promotions and *new additions*

Big changes for the Fire Department, first we would like to congratulate Deputy Chief Michael Reardon and Lt. David Pond on their retirements.



Deputy Reardon served the department in various positions and gave the Town 31 years of dedicated service. Lt. Pond was a valued department member for 37 years, many of them spent as a Company Officer at Station 2 in Islington. Their 68 years of combined experience was not only beneficial to the Town, but allowed them to impart much institutional knowledge to their fellow firefighters. We wish them both many happy, healthy years to enjoy their well-earned retirements. They will be missed.

Deputy Chief Michael Reardon (left) and Lt. David Pond (right).



PHOTOS: CAROLYN WADE

Four members of the Department have recently been promoted. Deputy Chief Richard Cerullo will be taking over for Deputy Reardon. Deputy Cerullo brings 32 years of Department experience to his new position. Captain Andrew Mahan will be the new Shift Commander on Group 3. Captain Mahan was recently promoted from Lieutenant at Station 2. Lt. Gerard Smith and Lt. Robert Kilroy will now be stationed in Islington. We congratulate all of them on their success and we know they will have long, prosperous careers.

On July 27, 2018, Firefighters Patrick Durant and Robbie McLeod graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. They will continue to train for a few weeks and will then join their groups. We are happy to welcome them to the Westwood Fire Department, as well as, Firefighter Timothy Bozak. Firefighter Bozak arrived in Westwood from the Westfield Fire Department with all of his certifications and training. This allowed him to hit the ground running.

In addition to all these exciting changes, we have added seven babies to our Fire Department family in the past year. That's quite a baby boom and hopefully will strengthened our farm team!



Contributed by Carolyn Wade

The Housing Partnership

Stay Tuned!

The Housing Partnership, a group appointed by the Board of Selectmen, is embarking on the creation of a Housing Production Plan for the Town this fall. A Housing Production Plan (HPP) is a specific document regulated in the Commonwealth's affordable housing law, commonly known as Chapter 40B. A HPP is a strategy developed by a community to meet its affordable housing requirements. A proactive HPP also considers the particular needs of its residents respective to all kinds of housing, and identifies specific challenges and solutions to housing development in that community. A community can use its HPP to inform and improve proposed development and planning.

The Housing Partnership, supported by the Town's Housing & Zoning Division, will seek to create a plan that incorporates as much public input as possible, in addition to the latest available data and research. Community visioning workshops will be held in late fall 2018, and input will be solicited both online, in person, and through the mail. Dates will be announced on the town website, in the Westwood Wire, and published in the Westwood Press.

We hope you will join the conversation and share your thoughts, needs, and ideas for housing in Westwood!

Contributed by Town Hall



Westwood Cultural Council

The Westwood Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local community cultural programs and PASS, a cultural subsidy program for school age children. The Massachusetts Cultural Council now requires online applications only and all applications must be completed by October 15, 2018. The forms may be found at www.mass-culture.org.

The Westwood Cultural Council is part of a grass roots network of over 300 local councils that serve every city and town in the state. The program is probably the largest, most decentralized one of its kind in the United States. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council which then allocates funds to each local council.

Individuals and organizations may apply for projects such as workshops, lectures, exhibitions, and performing arts projects. PASS funding enables students to attend cultural performances outside of school.

Grants are awarded after consideration of the benefit to the community, the qualifications of the applicant, the planning process, community interest and the population segment served.

For more information contact westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com or www.mass-culture.org.

Contributed by Joan Murphy

Hale Reservation

Steam Kettle Music Festival has something for everyone



Hale continues to celebrate its 100th Birthday with a Music Festival on October 13. This day-long event will feature performances by Busty and the Bass, Juice, Will Evans and Rising Tide and local favorites Sophia Jane, Lisa Bastoni, Late Night Thoughts, and Just Another Guru. In addition to music, there will be food, craft beverages, hikes, and family fun activities.

“During our centennial year, Hale has hosted a series of smaller events that catered to specific groups like staff, campers, and participants in Hale Summer Club. We wanted to make sure, however, that we had something the whole community could enjoy and so the Steam Kettle Music Festival will be our biggest celebration,” said Paula McLaughlin, Director of Communications and Donor Relations at Hale. “We encourage people to come and explore Hale, listen to great music and have fun.”

Centennial events have been made possible thanks to sponsorships from Roche Bros., Needham Bank, Dedham Savings, WilmerHale, Get Fused, Fun Enterprises, Prime Motor Group, RHS Consulting, GT Reilly and Company, Blue Hills Bank Foundation, Enbridge, Bill and Mary Reissfelder, Fred C. Church Insurance, Spectrum Design and Construction, and Pierce Atwood, LLP.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting halereservation.org.
Contributed by Paula McLaughlin



Westwood Artists

Westwood Artists teamed up with the Westwood Community Band for “Art & Soul” on Monday, August 6 at the Westwood High School. The collaborative event was a first of its kind! In addition to an art exhibit by Westwood Artists, attendees were invited to create an animal image as a piece in a larger community paper quilt. Students in Westwood Recreation 2D summer art classes and Westwood Library’s summer Monday Craft Program also contributed to this project. The 80+ paneled paper quilt will be installed in the Westwood Artists gallery located in the Westwood Media Center at 15 Perwal Street. All are invited to the opening reception on Wednesday, September 26 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to see the finished quilt.

Westwood Artists are selling their artwork at Westwood Day on Saturday, September 29th as well as returning to the historic Fisher School for their annual Holiday Marketplace on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1.

Any artist residing in Westwood is considered a Westwood Artist and encouraged to take part in the increasing number of events and projects hosted by the group. Add your name to the mailing list, artist or patron, to hear about opportunities to sell and to purchase from local artists in Westwood by emailing westwoodartists@gmail.com.

Contributed by Lisa WB Walker

Westwood Historical Society

Fall Programs and Events

The Westwood Historical Society will be hosting and/or participating in the following events this fall:

Westwood Day

September 29, 10 am to 3 pm, Westwood High School grounds

The Westwood Historical Society will have a table at Westwood Day. Please stop by and say Hello!

October Program: William Martin, author of Back Bay

October 9, 7:30 pm, Fisher School, 830 High Street, Westwood

William Martin is an award-winning New York Times and best-selling author of 10 historical novels. His talk will discuss his historical fiction novel: Back Bay, first published in 1979.

November Program: Rufus Porter and his Wall Murals

November 13, 7:30 pm, Fisher School, 830 High Street, Westwood

Sloane Stephens Awtrey will give a presentation on Rufus Porter – with particular emphasis on the historical importance of Westwood’s remarkable Rufus Porter murals. Sloane has her Master’s from Boston University’s American and New England Studies Program and is currently Historical Researcher and Research Intern at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Westwood Artists Marketplace

November 30 (3:30 to 7 pm) and December 1 (10 am to 3 pm), Fisher School, 830 High Street, Westwood

We are delighted that the Westwood Artists will again have their holiday showcase at the Fisher School. We encourage you to stop by to see these artists and their lovely wares.

December Program: Annual Holiday Sing-Along and Quarter Century Award Presentation

December 9, 2 pm, Fisher School, 830 High Street, Westwood

Join us to celebrate the holiday season and to recognize this year’s Quarter Century Award recipients!

We have more programs scheduled for the spring, so make sure to check out our website for the latest information (www.westwoodhistoricalsociety.com).

Curator’s Corner

One of our recent acquisitions is a wonderful wooden bench from General Edwards’ Stone Cottage, which was donated by Pamela Layton. After World War I, General Clarence Edwards, head of the 26th Division, owned a property on Grove Street and built the cottage as a replica of his headquarters in Ardennes, France.

Interested in Contributing/Joining Us?

The Westwood Historical Society’s collection depends on your donations of local historical items as well as your contributions for their care and upkeep. Do consider becoming a member of the Society. (Simply complete and mail the form on our website.)

Note that the Fisher School is available for rental (e.g., music events, receptions, special shows). We would also welcome program ideas (whether you can present or know someone who could), volunteers for small tasks (inside and out) at the Fisher School and interest in being on our Board. Just send us an e-mail (westwoodhistorical@comcast.net).

Contributed by June Cassidy

Westwood Council on Aging

60 Nahatan Street

Telephone: 781-329-8799

Hours:

Mon.–Thurs.: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fri.: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Westwood Council On Aging****A peek at Fall offerings**

It is autumn and the days are getting shorter and nights cooler...a great time to get your to-do list done...and we may be able to help you!

Open Enrollment Questions?

To begin with, do you need help with your prescription drug coverage or are you confused about your coverage? Then come by during **MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT**. It runs each year from **October 15 to December 7** and allows you to change from your current Medicare coverage to another plan. Plans change every year so it's important to review your coverage to make sure you have the coverage you need at a cost you can afford. Our certified **SHINE** ("Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone") counselors can help you compare the costs and benefits of Medicare and other health insurance options and help you enroll in a health insurance program that best fits your needs. SHINE counseling is a **FREE** service, and our trained volunteers have no affiliation with insurance companies. See below for schedule.

SHINE with Mary and Mitch – Open Enrollment is from October 15 to December 7, which is a great time to discuss what you need. Appointments fill up fast so call to schedule one soon. They are available on Wednesdays, Sept 5, 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: 9am-12 pm** – Call the Center and schedule one soon. *Please bring all your medical cards (Medicare, Supplemental Insurance, and Prescription Cards) to the appointment. Also bring a list of your current prescriptions, dosages, and frequencies or you can bring your medication bottles.*

Journaling benefits

And if you have recently retired (or are curious about journaling) then this is the program for you! Join Joan as she presents **Journaling – A Creative Way To Focus** on **Tuesdays, October 9 & 23, at 1pm**. This unique program will help you create the retirement you really want!! Journaling can help you center yourself (especially after you retire and can feel a bit lost and untethered). You will learn why journaling is beneficial to your well-being and explore different journaling techniques to suit your style and personality. It is so much more than keeping a diary. \$10 for two sessions – you *must sign up in advance – limited to 10 participants*.

The Center has much more information, programs and trips, so stop by and pick up a newsletter or go online to check us out! Happy autumn everyone!

Contributed by Lina Arena-DeRosa

**Early Childhood Program****What's New in Early Childhood?**

The Westwood Early Childhood Program is excited to provide a variety of free monthly events as well as introduce some new programs and new facilitators for the upcoming year. Our goal is to provide programs that are inclusive and supportive to all children and families. With the exception of our new regional program, "Baby Kneads", all programs are for Westwood Residents. Monthly online registration will open the first day of each month. For specific dates, more details, and to register online go to <http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/early-childhood-council/>. If you cannot register online, call the Early Childhood Office at (781) 461-9548.

Monthly Parent/Child Activities for the Fall of 2018

Baby Kneads with Sheryl White ages birth-6 months

@ Main Library Mondays 10:30-11:30

Music Mondays/Tunes and Tales all ages

@ Main Library Mondays 10:30-11:15

Walk Talk and Read all ages

@ Hale Reservation Mondays 10:00-11:00

Family Play Group all ages

@ Integrated Preschool Wednesdays 10:00-11:00

Toddler Active Play Time ages 12-36 months

@ Westwood Main Library Fridays 10:30-11:15

Fun with Friends ages 2.9-5 years

@ Westwood Main Library Tuesdays 1:30-2:30

Little Yogis ages 3-7 years

@ Westwood Main Library Saturdays 10:30-11:30

Saturday Active Gym Play ages 3- 4 years @ Deerfield School

Gym Saturdays 10:00-11:00 and 11:00-12:00

STEM Investigations ages 3-5 years

@ Westwood Main Library Thursdays 1:30-2:30

What else is available through the Early Childhood Office?

Early Childhood Office provides a multitude of resources, and support for families with young children and early educators. Here is a snapshot of what's happening on a regular basis.

Developmental Screening and Child Development Information.

Parents are invited to utilize the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ); a developmental screening tool for ages birth through 5 ½ years. It is a parent-completed child monitoring system that covers 5 areas of development (communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving and personal/social). The system helps to identify how the child is progressing and how parents can help support skill development in these areas.

Transition Information and Support. Consultation, resources and referrals are available for families new to the community, or transitioning in and among programs.

Family and Community Events. Programs such as "Kids at Play Brains at Work" provide an opportunity for families to come together, make connections, receive information and resources.

Support for Early Educators. Teachers and childcare providers receive ongoing assistance with accessing training and professional development, and opportunities to share best practices.

Support for Families in Times of Need. Tuition assistance is available for children ages 3 to 5 to attend preschool through the Kathy Scales Memorial Tuition Assistance Program.

Want to learn more? Attend an upcoming Council Meeting.

Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. The council meets the second Tuesday of each month 7:30-8:30p.m. at Westwood Main Library or contact Janet Lucey at (781) 461-9548 or jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us.

Contributed by Janet Lucey

Temple Beth David

Come, join us for the 2018 Interfaith Mini-Walk for Hunger!

Together we can help our neighbors who are hungry. Together we can move one step closer to healing the world. Come and learn about the face of hunger and, by walking, help reduce the number of men, woman, and children in our community who go to bed with empty stomachs.

This year, Temple Beth David (7 Clapboardtree Rd, Westwood) will be hosting the Walk. Our 3 mile Walk begins on Sunday, September 23th with registration opening at 2:00pm. Members of multiple faith organizations in Westwood, Needham, Wellesley, Sharon, Canton, Norwood, Dedham and other towns will participate. All are welcome whether you are part of a faith organization or not – so come and bring your friends!

This Walk was designed for families and all are encouraged to participate. All we ask is that you get some pledges and bring a donation of non-perishable goods (like canned or boxed food), toiletries, or household paper products. All financial proceeds will be donated to Project Bread. All goods will be donated to local food pantries. There will be live entertainment and snacks to make sure all enjoy this event and there will be prizes for the walkers who raise the most money.

Our Walk happens rain or shine. No pre-registration is required. Just grab a sponsor sheet from your church, temple, or mosque, or collect pledges online at <http://support.projectbread.org/goto/interfaith>. Raise some money, collect some goods to donate to the food pantry, and come!

Come show the community that together, we are stronger; together, we can make a difference.

Questions? Contact: Jeff Greenwald: 617-650-7034 or jlgreenwald@partners.org.



Contributed by Jeff Greenwald



St John's Nursery School

Hugs and good wishes

On June 5th, St John's Nursery School in Westwood, celebrated the 21 year career of Brita Gleason. A longtime Westwood resident, she taught at both Clapboardtree Nursery School (formerly in Westwood) and St. John's Nursery School. Children and families came to a special reception at St John's, to give her hugs and good wishes on her retirement. The children and parents enjoyed looking at old photos and class books from her former classes. They also had fun reminiscing with Brita and the other teachers, about their time in her class, and at the school. She is a very talented teacher who is well-loved by the children, parents and staff. She will be deeply missed. She is wished all the best in her future endeavors!

Contributed by Kris Blue

IAM Strong Foundation

IAM Strong Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications

The IAM Strong Foundation is pleased to announce its 2018 Fall Grant Cycle.

Grant applicants must be non-profit organizations or affiliated individuals who share a vision that aligns with the mission of the IAM Strong Foundation, which is to erase the stigma of mental health struggles in adolescents. The IAM Strong Foundation welcomes grant applications from all communities.

The IAM Strong Foundation grant cycles began in the Fall of 2015, and since that time, over \$100,000 has been awarded in grants and programming. This past spring, the following six grants were awarded: TechBoston Academy, to help fund the Crossroads social-emotional curriculum for special education students with social and emotional impairments; Families for Depression Awareness, to fund workshops and resource guides focusing on teen mental health; Minding Your Mind, to support the Young Adult Speaker Program to reach 4000 students in Massachusetts; Hale Reservation's Girls With Altitude Program of girl empowerment and education; The Loomis Chaffee School's development of an online Resource for Adoptees and Families;

and The Well, A Center for Hope and Healing, to support pre-teen and teen support groups. The organizations that received grants came from all over Massachusetts, including Westwood, Waltham, Bridgewater, and Boston, as well as out of state organizations from Pennsylvania and Connecticut, which will have far reaching impacts through their programming and innovations.

Look for the IAM Strong Foundation booth at Westwood Day on Saturday, September 29, stop by and say hello! Also, stay tuned for a speaker event being planned for later this year.

The Fall grant cycle opens on August 1 and will close on October 1. Grant applications for up to \$2000 will be considered, and grant recipients will be notified on or before November 1. 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



Westwood Youth & Family Services

Youth & Family Services Department

Graduate Interns for the 2018-2019

The Youth & Family Services Department and our Advisory Board are happy to introduce our Graduate Interns, who will be with us for the 2018-2019 school year.



Emily Greco



Breann McGee

PHOTOS: MARY ELLEN LAROSE

Emily Greco comes to us from Simmons College where she is in her second year studying for her Masters of Social Work. She spent last school year at Ottoson Middle School in Arlington as a social work intern. Before beginning her masters, Emily was a 2nd grade teacher and a special education teacher.

She works as a private reading tutor for students with Dyslexia and communication disabilities. She has a degree in Psychology from Ursinus College and Master of Science in Integrated Elementary and Special Education from Wheelock College.

Breann McGee also comes to us from Simmons College where she is an advanced standing student in the School of Social Work. She graduated from Wheelock College with a Bachelor in Social Work and had a second major in Human Development and Counseling Psychology. During college she worked for AmeriCorps and was a resident assistant at Wheelock. In April of his year, she completed an internship with Bournemouth Hospital Partial Hospital Program.

Seeking 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders to Join Friends Network

The Friends Network program matches 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Westwood residents with high school aged residents in 1:1 pairs that meet weekly to engage in games and activities in a relaxed setting. This is a great way for children to engage with a positive role model while forming a special friendship and having fun! Please note: Admission to the Friends Network Program is free and based on a matching process which is heavily dependent on the number of high school mentor participants. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a spot for all applicants. The Program runs November 2018-April 2019, Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 PM or 6:30 PM-7:30 PM at the Patricia Carty-Larkin Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street

For more information and to register go to our website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs

Questions? Please contact: Mary Ellen LaRose at (781) 320-1006 or mlarose@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Online Registration open for Fall/Winter/Spring Structured Play Groups

Who: Westwood residents in Kindergarten – 5th grade

When: Fall 2018 – Spring 2019, one afternoon per week, 4:00-5:00 PM

Where: Islington Community Center, Extended Day Programs at Sheehan, Hanlon and Martha Jones Elementary Schools

What: These 8-week groups are designed to emphasize the continued development of adaptive social and conflict-resolution skills as well as self-esteem and social confidence. Organized play and drawing activities are used to reinforce weekly topics such as initiating & developing friendships, working cooperatively as a team, appropriate communication, decision-making, as well as appreciating one’s own strengths and the differences of others, etc. Groups consist of approximately 6-8 children & are co-led by two clinical staff from our department. All children should feel comfortable and be able to be successful in a 1:4, adult-to-child ratio.

For more information and to register go to our website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs

Questions contact: Nina Banozic, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or nbanozic@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Online Registration open for Girls Group

Who: Westwood girls in 4th-6th grade

When: Fall/Winter, one afternoon per week, 4:00-5:00 PM

Where: Islington Community Center

What: This 12-week group will focus on navigating friendships and cliques, avoiding peer pressure, managing bullying situations, and exploring topics such as body image, confidence and self-esteem. We utilize art projects, videos and games to help reinforce these important topics in fun and creative ways. Groups consist of approximately 8-12 girls & are co-led by two clinical staff from our department. All children should feel comfortable and be able to be successful in a 1:6, adult-to-child ratio

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Questions contact: Nina Banozic, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or nbanozic@townhall.westwood.ma.us



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WESTWOOD HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

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

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

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MOMS Club of Westwood

The MOMS Club of Westwood, MA has enjoyed a summer full of outdoor activities and has cultivated new friendships between mothers and children alike. As the fall approaches, and older children are back in school, we will be focused on many fall activities including apple picking, play dates and pumpkin painting. We also can't forget our MOMS coffee dates or our monthly MOMS night out to a local new venue.

The MOMS Club of Westwood, MA is a nonprofit organization focused on supporting mothers in town. If you are new to town or a mom that hasn't yet reached out to us and would like more information, email us at momsclubofwestwood@yahoo.com or find us online at <http://momsclubofwestwood.org>

Contributed by Jen Magnan
MOMS Club of Westwood President



PHOTO: JEN MAGNAN

St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball

CYO Basketball Sign-up is Online

The St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball Program is preparing for the upcoming season and will be accepting registrations for the basketball season. Eligibility requires players must live within the boundaries of St. Margaret Mary parish or must be registered parishioners of St. Margaret Mary parish. Anyone interested in playing this season can obtain a registration form online at the Saint Margaret Mary Parish web site <http://www.saintmmparish.org/> click on Ministries and then on CYO Basketball. Registrations should be mailed to the address on the form.

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.

Additional information regarding CYO Basketball can be found on the St. Margaret Mary parish web site.

If there are any questions please email:

Ken Foscaldo, Parish Athletic Director
kenfos4766@gmail.com

Practices will begin the first week of November and the games will be played on weekends from December through February.

All registrations must be submitted to Ken Foscaldo prior to October 15.

Anyone interested in volunteering to coach in the program should contact Ken Foscaldo (kenfos4766@gmail.com).

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

Rotary Club of Westwood

Installation of Westwood President, Helena Drolette



PHOTO: HELENA DROLETTE

District 7910 Governor Steven Sager is shown with newly installed President Helena Drolette along with Laura Macs and Bob Folsom. Both Laura and Bob received the distinguished Paul Harris award. A cocktail party with reception followed at Fox Hill Village with Tony Amico hosting the event. *Be the Inspiration* is the focus for all incoming Presidents in the District. Each year the District Governors visit all the clubs within the area in order to meet the members and lend words of inspiration to fellow Rotarians. This year the District will be making a trip in March to Guatemala to build stoves in rural villages. For more information on this project or Rotary, please contact Helena Drolette, President at 508-816-7000.

Rotary Shelter Box to arrive for Westwood Day!



ShelterBox

If you are curious as to how victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, and any worldwide disasters are helped in re-establishing a home for themselves - please stop by to see this entire home that is known as a shelter box. First responders go deep into disaster areas with shelter boxes so that a family can live together and be out of the elements. Blankets, stove, beds, cooking utensils—the box comes equipped for a family to survive. A very interesting exhibit to look for at Westwood Day. A donation box will be on site so that a shelter box can be purchased on behalf of the Town of Westwood.



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Rotary Means Business

The Rotary Club of Westwood District 7910 will be hosting an event for all new and established businesses in the area. If you are looking to expand your business, then come and join us at this innovative evening. Early registration is beneficial so as to be listed in the evening brochure. All participants must arrive with at least 40 business cards. Refreshments will be served. Co-chairs of event are Jackie Biancuzzo and Mike Walsh. Mid-October is the anticipated time. Consult the Rotary website for further information or contact President Helena Drolette at 508-816-7000.

Contributed by Helena Drolette

Westwood Youth Lacrosse

Registration Opens 9/15 for Westwood Youth Lacrosse Spring Season

Registration for the Spring 2019 season opens September 15. Westwood Youth Lacrosse is open to new and experienced male players who are in grades 1-8. To register, go to www.WestwoodYouthLacrosse.com and look for the "Register Now" button. Sign up by December 1 to avoid the \$100 late fee and ensure your child gets a spot. After December 1, players will only be accepted if there is space available. New and returning parents are encouraged to read over the "About the Program" page on our website which provides program details and answers to many common questions.

The Westwood Youth Lacrosse program was founded in 1996 to bring the sport of lacrosse to boys in our town. Our mission is to provide enjoyment to players, coaches and parents; teach the sport and skills of lacrosse, improve the level of play over time; learn and practice good sportsmanship at all times; be competitive against other teams we play; and improve the skill level of players entering the Westwood High School program.



Contributed by Treacy Kiley

St Denis CYO Basketball

2018-2019 St. Denis CYO Basketball Registration

Registration is open now until October 5th for the 2018-19 St Denis CYO Basketball season.

Boys and girls teams from grade 5 through 12 will compete in the Norfolk League against parishes from Westwood, Dedham, Needham, Norwood, Medfield, Franklin and Wrentham. St. Denis will field teams as demand permits and as sufficient coaches are available.

Registration information and form can be found on the parish web site <http://www.stdeniswestwood.com/CYO>. Practice will begin in November with the season starting the first week of December.

When you register your child, please indicate by checking next to the appropriate role on the registration form any areas you might be interested in volunteering.

If you have any questions or are interested in coaching please email john.dullea@comcast.net

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

WESTWOOD / DAY 09.29.2018

Kick Off: Friday, September 28

- **Football Game 7:00 PM**

Westwood Wolverines host Norwood at Flahive Field

- **Fireworks 9:00 PM**

Fireworks follow the football game approximately 9:00 PM at Westwood High School

Westwood Day: Saturday, September 29

Westwood High School

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rain or Shine



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**Saturday, September 29, 2018
Westwood High School Track**

5K ROAD RACE 9:00 AM

- \$15 Online Registration (Closes September 27)
- \$20 Day of Event Registration 7:30-8:30 AM
- **Free 5K T-Shirt for those who register by September 13**

1 MILE FUN RUN 10:00 AM

- Free On-line Registration All Ages Welcome (Closes September 27) Parents are welcome to run along with their children
- Westwood Day School Spirit Trophy. The Westwood Elementary School with the largest number of participants and school spirit will be awarded with a trophy to be proudly displayed at their school until Westwood Day 2019!



[Register online: WestwoodDay.com/activities](https://www.WestwoodDay.com/activities)



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Name: _____

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FREE REGISTRATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED BY SEPTEMBER 26 OR REGISTER DAY OF THE SHOW

MAIL: WESTWOOD RECREATION, 240 NAHATAN STREET, WESTWOOD, MA 02090

EMAIL: tcrocker@townhall.westwood.ma.us



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- ◆ RECREATION POOL PARKING LOT
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OFFERED THIS YEAR**



September 28 & 29

Fun-filled community celebration seeks friendly volunteers!

Westwood Day depends on the help of many volunteers to assist with set-up, parking, monitoring activities, greeting visitors, clean-up crew and more. Volunteers sign-up for 2.5 hour shifts and receive an event t-shirt 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 at www.WestwoodDay.com or contact Jodi Steverman at jsteverman@townhall.westwood.ma.us / 781-461-0070



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Fall 2018

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Kids' Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY

660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090
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The library is for everyone and all children's programs are inclusive. If you have questions about a specific program, please contact Lizzy, the Head of Children's Services, at ehmcgovern@minlib.net to discuss ways to ensure our programs are enjoyable for your child.

Please check our website for up-to-date schedule adjustments

Storytimes:

Wiggle & Giggle Storytime: For all ages, no registration. Kids and their caregivers are welcome to come and wiggle and giggle with us as we enjoy music, movement, storytelling, and more!

Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 16 and Nov. 6-Dec. 11
@ 10:30 AM

Wondrous Wednesdays Storytime: For all ages, no registration. Children and their caregiver are welcome to come listen to stories, songs, rhymes, and more! A simple craft will be available for those who wish to stay after storytime.

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 17 and Nov. 7-Dec. 12
@ 10:30 AM

Preschool StoryCraft: For preschool-aged children and parent/caregiver (Siblings welcome). This drop-in (no registration) storytime, perfect for preschool-aged children and their families, will feature stories, rhymes, songs and a craft activity.

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 17 and Nov. 7-Dec. 12
@ 4:00 PM

Baby Rhyme Time: For babies 0-24 months and a caregiver, no registration. Come enjoy the magic of rhymes and music with your little one! Kristy will lead everyone in traditional rhymes and songs as well as wonderful new favorites!

Fridays, Sept. 14-Oct. 19 and Nov. 9-Dec. 14
@ 10:30 AM

Saturday Storytimes: All ages, no registration. Kids and their parents/caregivers are welcome to come hear stories, rhymes, and songs!

Select Saturdays: Sept. 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 10, Dec. 15
@ 10:30 - 11 AM

Kids' Programs:

Mother-Daughter Book Club: For kids in grades 3-5 and a female adult, no registration. Share your enthusiasm for reading with other book lovers and join us for a lively discussion, a game of Pictionary, snacks, and fun! Books will be available at the Children's Department. Email Lizzy at ehmcgovern@minlib.net for more info.

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

September 11: The Great Tree House War - Lisa Graff

October 9: Unstoppable Octobia May by Sharon G. Flake

November 6: Love Sugar and Magic: A Dash of Trouble - Mirelle Ortega

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

Thursdays @ 4-4:45

***Registration Required**

Sept 13-Oct 18 and Nov. 8-Dec. 13 (No class Nov 22nd).

***Books and Bites:** For kids in 2nd and 3rd grade. Who loves books?! Who loves snacks?! Who loves book-themed snacks?! Each month 2nd and 3rd graders will read a chosen book and participate in discussion, activities, and themed snacks. Email Kristy @ Kpasquariello@minlib.net for more info.

***Registration Required**

Fridays, Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov. 16, Dec 14, @ 4:00PM

***Read to a Dog:** Children in grades K-4 can sign up for a 15-minute "appointment" to read aloud to a certified therapy dog. Families and siblings wait outside, while the child gets valuable one on one time with a furry companion. Sign up starting two weeks before the program, at the children's desk or on the phone.

***Registration Required**

Select Saturdays, Oct 13, Nov 17, Dec 8th
10:30-11:30am

Special Kids Programs

Author Visit: Every Turtle Counts by Sara Hunter: Children are welcome to join us for a special author reading of *Every Turtle Counts* by Sarah Hunter. Each year, highly endangered young sea turtles wash up frozen on the beaches of Cape Cod, thousands of miles from their nesting ground. The massive effort to rehabilitate and relocate them has resulted in beach walkers, local organizations, and a large aquarium all pulling together to save the planet's rarest breed of sea turtle, the Kemp's ridley. When one of earth's rarest sea turtles washes up on the shores of Cape Cod, only one special child is sure it can be saved. Join us for the reading and stay for a special turtle craft!

Tuesday, September 18, 4:00PM

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Mary Poppins Interactive Movie Experience*: For all ages. Join us for a night of supercalifragilisticexpialidocious fun as we sing, play, and “step in time” through this family favorite. Each participant will receive a goody bag of props and other necessities to participate in each song. Get ready to sing along and laugh a lot! Bring a blanket or beach towel, and if you so desire snacks and covered drinks. Forewarning: There will definitely be spoons full of sugar ;) (*There will be 20 goody-bags with props that will be available on a first come, first serve basis starting at 5:30PM).

Wednesday, October 24 @ 6 PM

Halloween Movie: Join us for a Halloween PG movie to get in the Halloween spirit! Call library for movie title.

Oct. 26th, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Halloween Singalong and Parade: Come listen to Halloween stories, rhymes, and songs! Young children and caregivers are welcomed to come in costume and join us in a costume parade around the library after the program.

**Tuesday, October 30
@ 10:30 AM**

Halloween BooFest: Young kids are welcome to participate in simple festive crafts and watch Curious George Halloween Boofest movie

Wednesday, Oct. 31st 10:30 AM-11:30AM

Junie B. Jones, The Musical: This is a delightful adaptation of four of Barbara Park’s best-selling books, brought to life in a genuinely comical (and not strictly-for-kids) musical developed by TheatreworksUSA. Awaken a young person’s desire to read with the sassy little diva, Junie B. Jones, and her adventures in first grade. Performed by the NEW Westwood Community Players group here at the library, this program is 45 minutes to an hour long and you will have your choice of three different show times to catch this wonderful musical.

Thursday, November 15, @ 6:30 PM

Friday, November 16, @ 4:30 PM

Saturday, November 17 @ 11:30 AM (special lunchtime edition, bring your own snacks and covered drinks).

Hampstead Theater Co. performs A Christmas Carol: For K and up. The Hampstead Players will perform the classic story of Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol! Children will meet the miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, and his clerk, Bob Cratchit and through visits from the spirits of the season, Scrooge learns the true meaning of Christmas. The players may even need an extra player or two from the audience! So don’t miss this chance to get the holiday season started!

Friday, November 23rd, 11:00am

Kids’ Programs @ the Islington Branch

280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090

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

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

**Thursdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18 and Nov. 8-Dec. 13
@ 9:30-10:15 AM**

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PJ Storytime @ Branch: For kids ages 3 & up. Children can come to the School Street Playground in their PJs with a favorite stuffed animal to hear stories and songs.

**3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30-7:15 PM
Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov 28, Dec. 19**

LEGO-mania: Kids in grades K & up. Come and build with library LEGOs!

Tuesdays, 3:45 – 4:30 PM Sept. 11-Dec 12

Teen Programs at the Main Library

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Please check website for up-to-date schedule adjustments

Fri-Yay! For tweens/teens in grades 6-12. If you liked Casual Fridays, you will love Fri-Yays! Come hang out with your friends in a relaxed informal setting. Eat, play video or board games, listen to music and catch up on new movies and books. Each week you can get your craft on with new projects! We need you there to make sure something interesting is always happening!

Fridays @ 3:00PM

Teen Book Club: For kids in grades 6 - 8, no registration. Take a break from homework and join Lizzy to talk about books and enjoy snacks! Books will be available at the library. Have a question? Email Lizzy at ehmcgovern@minlib.net for more information.

**1st Early Release Wednesday of the month,
Sept.12 , Oct. 10, Nov. 7 & Dec.5 @ 1:30 PM**

VOLUNTEERS: For grades 6 -8. Requires application and registration. Interested in volunteering at the library? Want to become a member of library Team Reads? Typical activities may include: Sorting and shelving library materials, adopt a shelf program, assisting with special projects and producing materials for library programs, miscellaneous work, and special event programs (i.e. Westwood Day and Harry Potter Night). Make a difference at the library! (If interested in joining, please email Lizzy @ ehmcgovern@minlib.net).

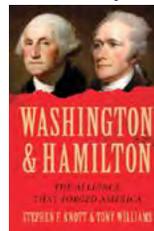
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm-8:00pm, Oct. 3, Nov.14, Dec. 12

Adult Programs at the Main Library

**660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090
wwdmail@minlib.net - (781) 320-1045**

Please check website for up-to-date schedule adjustments

Dr. Stephen Knott & Alexander Hamilton: Are you going to see the awarding winning musical this fall - or wish you were? Either way this is an event you do not want to miss!



Dr. Stephen Knott, author of Washington and Hamilton: The Alliance That Forged America, and Alexander Hamilton and the Persistence of Myth is a Professor of National Security Affairs at the United States Naval War College in Newport, RI. Prior to accepting his position at the Naval War College, Knott was Co-Chair of the Presidential Oral History Program at the

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Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. He also served for seven years as an Associate Professor in the Political Science Department at the United States Air Force Academy. His other books include *The Reagan Years; Secret and Sanctioned: Covert Operations and the American Presidency*; and *At Reagan's Side: Insiders' Recollections from Sacramento to the White House*. No registration is required and all are welcome!

Main Library: Thursday, Sept. 20 @ 7:00 PM

Dr. Gary Hylander presents *World War I—A Three Part Series*: November 11 will mark the centennial of the Armistice. Honor the passing of time by hearing Dr. Hylander discuss The Great War. A professor of history at Framingham State University, Hylander earned his doctorate from Boston College and specializes as a presidential historian.

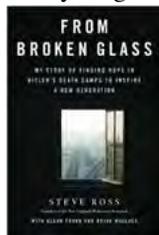
Main Library: Wednesdays Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 @ 7:00 PM

Book Buzz Panel: Librarian's favorite reads! Join us for a night of book talks. The Westwood librarians will share some of their favorite titles. We will have copies of the books to check out. Bring a friend, get a list of books to read and enjoy the company.

Main Library: Tuesday Oct. 2nd and Thursday Nov. 29th @ 7:00 PM

Brian Wallace & *From Broken Glass: My Story of Finding Hope in Hitler's Death Camps to Inspire a New Generation*:

As a young child in Nazi-occupied Poland, Steve Ross (then Smulek Rozental) endured unspeakable violence and deprivation in ten concentration camps. He lost most of his family to the Holocaust, but through sheer determination and a lot of luck, he survived his brutal ordeal.



In *From Broken Glass*, Ross transports readers into a gripping survival story, as he is repeatedly forced to decide who is telling him the truth or which fateful queue he waits in might be luring him to his death, enduring along the way fear and abuse, hunger and pain. With poignant insight into where we find resilience in the face of human frailty, Ross explores how resourcefulness, determination, and most importantly the help of his fellow prisoners, pulled him through the starvation and slave labor he survived in such notorious concentration camps as Auschwitz-Birkenau and Dachau.

Taking readers from the horrors of Nazi Germany to the streets of South Boston, this is the story of one child's stunning experiences, the piercing wisdom into humanity with which they endowed him, and the drive for social justice that has come to define his life.

Steve Ross, born Smulek Rozental, is the survivor of ten Nazi concentration camps—including Dachau, where he was tasked with transporting corpses to the crematorium. He served as a licensed psychologist for the city of Boston, and he conceived of and founded the New England Holocaust Memorial, which was erected in 1995 and remains one of Boston's most visited landmarks.

Co-Author Glenn Frank is a Boston-based real-estate attorney and the author of *Abe Gilman's Ending*. Co-Author Brian Wallace served as a Massachusetts state representative from 2003 to 2011. He grew up in South Boston and as a child met

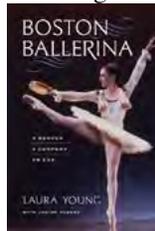
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Steve Ross when Ross was assigned to his school as a youth worker. He credits Ross with inspiring him to stay in school and pursue his dream of becoming a politician.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. All are welcome to this extraordinary event.

Main Library: Thursday, September 27 @ 7:00 PM

Laura Young & *Boston Ballerina: A Dancer, a Company, an Era*: As a charter member of Boston Ballet and its predecessor, New England Civic Ballet, Laura Young has been affiliated



with the company longer than any other dancer in its history. This book is both a memoir of her personal journey and a fascinating account of Boston Ballet's rise from a regional troupe to the internationally recognized company that it is today. It is interspersed with ruminations on the history of ballet, stories from the company's Balanchine-influenced early years under founder E. Virginia Williams, and recollections from noteworthy tours, including those featuring the legendary Rudolf Nureyev, with whom Young was frequently paired. After retiring from the stage, Young has continued her affiliation with Boston Ballet, both as an administrator and a teacher. Working in collaboration with Janine Parker, Young has written a lively, informed, and entertaining memoir.

Laura Young was a company dancer in the Boston Ballet since its inception in 1965 and continues with the organization as a faculty member in its school. Co-author Janine Parker, also a former dancer, is an artist-in-residence at Williams College. Parker has been teaching and writing about dance for many years. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. All are welcome!

Main Library: Thursday, October 4 @ 7:00 PM

Seekers of the Supernatural- PXP Returns: Back by popular demand, and with new objects. Join Paranormal Xpeditions for an exciting lecture and exhibition of spectral oddities! Learn hands on how to use various ghost hunting equipment and review evidence, followed up by live readings of a portion of our haunted objects. Paranormal Xpeditions, established in 2010, has been featured on the Travel Channel's "Ghost Adventures- Paranormal Challenge", as well as featured on "My Ghost Story" on the Bio channel. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

Main Library: Wednesday, Oct. 17 @ 7:00 PM

***Zentangle Pumpkin Workshop:** Adults will create a Zentangle pumpkin - perfect for the season! Instructor Pam Lisak has a BS degree in Education from Framingham State University and is a Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT). She has taught Zentangle in area libraries, shops and for various groups. Pam's artwork appears in two publications; 'The Beauty of Zentangle' by Suzanne McNeill and Cindy Shepard, and '500 Tangled Artworks' by Beckah Krauhula. This workshop is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library.

Main Library: Thursday, Oct. 18 @ 6:00 PM
***Registration Required**

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Armchair Travel with Photojournalist Barry Pell: No passport required! Enjoy coffee with Barry and travel to India - Tradition and Modernity Collide (10/23), Tibet and Nepal (11/27) and the Ancient Silk Road (12/4). Sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Library and the Friends of the Westwood Council on Aging.



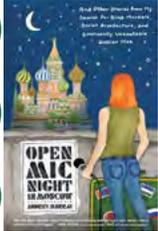
Main Library: Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM

Oct. 23: India—Tradition and Modernity

Nov. 23: Tibet and Nepal

Dec. 7: The Ancient Silk Road

Audrey Murray & Open Mic Night in Moscow: The raucous and surprisingly poignant story of a young, Russia-obsessed American writer and comedian who embarked on a solo tour of the former Soviet Republics, never imagining that it would involve kidnapers, garbage bags of money, and encounters with the weird and wonderful from Mongolia to Tajikistan.



Kazakhstan, Belarus, and Siberia are not the typical tourist destinations of a twenty-something, nor the places one usually goes to eat, pray, and/or love. But the mix of imperial Russian opulence and Soviet decay, and the allure of emotionally unavailable Russian men proved strangely irresistible to comedian Audrey Murray.

Sometimes surprising, often disconcerting, and always entertaining, Open Mic Night in Moscow will inspire you to take the leap and embark on your own journey into the unknown. And, if you want to visit Chernobyl by way of an insane-asylum-themed bar in Kiev, Audrey can assure you that there's no other guidebook out there. (She's looked.)

Audrey Murray is a redhead from Boston who moved to China and became a standup comedian. The co-founder of the Kung Fu Comedy, Audrey was named the funniest person in Shanghai by City Weekend magazine. Audrey is a staff writer for Reductress.com and a regular contributor at Medium.com; her writing has also appeared in The Gothamist, China Economic Review, Nowness, Architizer, and on the wall of her dad's office. Audrey has appeared on the Lost in America, Listen to This!, and Shanghai Comedy Corner podcasts, on CNN and ICS, and in Shanghai Daily, Time Out, Smart Shanghai, That's Shanghai, and City Weekend. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. All are welcome!

Main Library: Thursday, Oct. 25 @ 7:00 PM

Jerry Thornton & Five Rings: The Super Bowl History of the New England Patriots (So Far): Five rings to rule them all! A history of the modern Patriots as seen through the lens of their



Super Bowl games, by the bestselling author of *From Darkness to Dynasty*.

Since 2001 the Patriots have played in eight Super Bowl championships and won five, a run of excellence unparalleled in all of professional sports. In a league designed to ensure that no one franchise can dominate over time, New England won for over a decade and a half. A dynasty that began with an improbable run to a championship in 2001 has rebuilt, rebooted, and retooled several times over, winning most recently in 2017. But during those years, no other franchise reached the same level of controversy, drama, and turmoil—or even came close.

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Jerry Thornton writes daily for Barstool Sports and co-hosts their NFL podcast, *Laces Out*. He's a stand-up comic working clubs all over the Northeast and the author of *From Darkness to Dynasty: The First 40 Years of the New England Patriots*. Jerry is the former co-host of WEEI sports radio's *Dale and Holley with Thornton* and NBC Sports Boston's Patriots pregame show. He appears in HBO's Emmy-winning Red Sox documentary *Reverse the Curse of the Bambino* as well as the Deflategate film *Four Games in Fall*. And you can catch him in the popular web video series *Sh*t Pats Fans Say*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. All are welcome!

Main Library: Wednesday, Nov. 7 @ 7:00 PM

Great Decisions with Tina McCusker: Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading an article about a particular global issue, watching the DVD & meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Copies of articles are available at both the Main Library & the Islington Branch.

Main Library: Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Sept. 6: US Global Engagement and the Military

Oct. 11: South Africa's Fragile Democracy

Nov. 8: Global Health: Progress and Challenges

YA for Adult Book Club: You're never too old for YA! Join like-minded adults to discuss these fine specimens of Young Adult literature! We'll have laughs, we'll have tears, we'll enjoy all the delicious angst without ever having to step inside a high school. Please join us for an excellent literary time! Interested in coming? Send Lizzy an email at ehmgovern@minlib.net to reserve a spot.

Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM @ Chiara Bistro in Westwood

Sept. 25: *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell

Oct 23: *Conversion* by Katherine Howe

Nov. 13: «*Simon Vs. Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli

The Friday Morning Book Club meets monthly to discuss books, current events and everything in-between. Please call Molly at 781-320-1045 or email mriportella@minlib.net if you are interested in joining the group!

Sept. 28: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman

Oct. 26: *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* by Sonia Purnell

Nov. 30: *News of the World* by Paulette Jules

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

Main Library: Mondays, beginning at 2:30 PM
***Registration Required**

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Technology Help Drop-in: Do you have a new laptop, tablet or e-reader, and are looking for a little help getting started? Have you heard about getting free e-books, audio books, TV shows & movies from the library, and want to learn more? Or do you want to learn a new language at home at no cost? Grab your device & come to our Technology Help Drop-in! 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: Mondays at 6:00 PM

Westwood Library Quilters: Bring your hand or machine quilting projects to work on in the friendly company of other local quilters. Show and tell is encouraged! An iron, ironing pad, cutting mats, and cutting tools will be available. No registration required.

Main Library: Mondays at 6:30 PM
Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26, and Dec. 17

Adult Programs at the Islington Branch

280 Washington Street, Westwood, MA 02090
wwdmail2@minlib.net- (781) 326-5914

Please check website for up-to-date schedule adjustments

Islington Branch BookShare & Staff Picks: Bring a book you have read to share with the group as you enjoy a cup of coffee with fellow readers! Staff will share some new books to check out!

Tuesday, September 18 @ 10:30 AM
Tuesday, November 20 @ 10:30 AM
Drop In Program

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

Select Wednesdays @ 6:30PM
Drop In Program

September 12 — *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

October 10— *The Last Days of Cafe Leila* by Donia Bijan

November 14 — *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande

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, 10:30am-12:00pm
Drop In Program

All Library Programs are Free and are generously supported by the Friends of Westwood Library. Registration begins one month prior to program start date. For additional programs and further information, please call the Main Library Children's Department at 781-320-1042, the Main Library Adult Services Department at 781-320-1045, or the Islington Branch at 781-326-5914 or visit the web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org



Armchair Travel @ the Westwood Public Library

No Passport Required!

"If you're passionate about travel – for more than just the sights, if you want to really experience the culture – you have to engage people, and the only way to do that is via speaking." That's the view of Barry Pell, and he should know. Barry speaks Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, Russian, Arabic and Mandarin Chinese – a

talent which has come in handy as he's traveled to more than 150 countries over the past four decades. All are invited to join us as we travel with Barry to faraway places this fall. Programs will be held in the Community Room at the Westwood Public Library.

Coffee and light refreshments beginning at 10 am.

Photo journey scheduled to begin at 10:30 am.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Public Library and the Friends of the Westwood Council on Aging. *Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.*

October 23: "India—Tradition and Modernity Collide on the Subcontinent"

With a population exceeding one billion people, India is experiencing dramatic growth and change. Cities are expanding rapidly and a rising economic middle class is creating a consumer revolution and stress on resources and the environment. Economic progress has not, however, spread evenly across the population, forming enormous economic class disparities. Cultural strains are also occurring as western influences are adapted and incorporated into historic cultural traditions and religious observances. Based on the lecturer's recent travels, this program will provide a panorama of life across India, ranging from religious observances and ceremonies to bustling markets and daily lifestyles.

November 27: "Tibet and Nepal—Spiritual People of the Himalayas"

Tibet and Nepal are lands of ancient history. Nestled adjacent to each other in the Himalayas, they share much in common in the challenges of their topography and the preservation of their national identities squeezed between the enormous powers of China and India. We will explore these remote lands focusing on their natural beauty, unique architecture, and the religions that influence so much of daily life and customs. The talk will also discuss how historic events and the traditional spirituality of the people relate to current political events occurring in both countries.

December 4: "The Ancient Silk Road—Journey Across Central Asia"

The legendary Silk Road represents a vast network of ancient trade routes spreading westward across Asia through the Middle East eventually reaching Europe. A conduit for the exchange of prized silks, spices and jewels as well as philosophies, cultures and religions, the Silk Road was a catalyst for the rise and fall of some of the greatest civilizations in history.

In this photographic lecture, we explore the historic cities of the Silk Road - including Samarkand, Bukhara and Kashgar - places that flourished for over 1,000 years along the trading routes that connected across 5,000 miles between central China and Istanbul at the doorstep of Europe. The presentation will focus on the legacies of the Silk Road trade on these places, including architecture, religion, language, ceremonies and food. Photography will highlight the travels of the lecturer as he spent three months following the caravan routes of the Silk Road traders threaded over high passes through rugged, snowy mountain ranges and across large and forbidding deserts.



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WHS Closes Out School Year With First-Ever J-Term Program

by Westwood High School Principal Sean Bevan

Westwood High School students participated in a new, different kind of learning experience to end their school year this past June. In the last five full school days, students attended an immersive,



Participants in "Summit New England's Peaks" at the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire

weeklong, full-day course of their choosing on a topic that they were passionate or curious about, taught by a WHS teacher who shares that same interest. The students were energetic and excited throughout the

week as they embraced engaging and rigorous courses on topics ranging from basic carpentry and wiring to the psychology of teamwork to music production. Summarizing her experience, one noted, "I loved every minute of the course and I'm so grateful I got to take it!" She was not alone: almost half of the students (49%) said that their course exceeded their expectations.

Funded in large part through a generous grant by the Foundation for Westwood Education, J-Term developed over the course of almost two years. The course program was designed to provide students with an opportunity to delve deeply into a topic that interests them but that may not be something we are able to offer

during our conventional 7-period school day. The format and design of the courses allowed students to embrace learning something new without many of the demands of the regular school day and location.

One of the most notable features of the program was that many courses included trips off campus. In fact, 25 of the 36 courses we offered included at least one trip off-site, with some courses going as far as to Boston's North End, Cape Cod, or Vermont.

While each J-Term course was unique, all courses culminated in a final product or performance, a shared experience, and/or a reflection upon what was



"Basic Carpentry and Wiring" participants honed their skills as they built a shed that will remain at Hale Reservation, just behind the Andrew Cucchiara Learning Center

learned. For example, students from the course "Top Chef Westwood" were involved in a competition judged by area chefs, students from "Art of the Moving Title" each created a short film, and students in "Become a Certified SCUBA Diver" did just that, earning their certification. On the final day of the program, the high school was busy with students sharing their work: at noon, in one area of the school, there was photo exhibition, a cooking competition featuring a panel of judges, and a display of ceramics and glass-blowing work, all taking place on a corridor decorated with promotional materials generated in a civics course, "DeMOCKracy," conducting a mock election.

J-TERM BY THE NUMBERS

Courses offered: 36

Buses used: 25

States visited: 4

Largest course enrollment: 48 ("Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid: Horror in Film and Literature")

Combined days at Hale Reservation: 14

Students who got one of their top two course choices: 89%

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J-TERM, from previous page

Through formal and informal feedback sessions with students, we learned a great deal about what made the program a success, and we identified ways we can improve it. One theme that emerged as a positive was that students enjoyed connecting with each other more than they are able to during an ordinary school week. One student noted, "I really loved how our teachers and students in the course made the J-Term like a family and brought us closer



Students from "Become a Certified SCUBA Diver" took to the open water off of Nantasket Beach in Hull

"I really loved how our teachers and students in the course made the J-Term like a family and brought us closer together."

—student from "Pursuit of Happiness: Analyzing the Concept of Joy"

exploring guitar at home and try to further what I learned." One of the students in "Basic Carpentry and

Wiring" reflected, "I will take away the satisfaction of helping to build something both tangible and intangible."

Finally, many of our students shared their opinion that the week was an enjoyable, memorable learning experience, one that met or exceeded their expectations. Several of the students in "Summit New England's Peaks" shared that the experience was transformative, with one noting, "I do not know of one single kid or teacher on this trip who did not have the single best week of their lives. This adventure will be one I will forever remember and I am so incredibly grateful to have been



"Hot Topics in Biotechnology: Designer Babies to GMOs" included lessons on separating DNA through electrophoresis

able to experience it." Another shared, "There is no other way I would have chosen to spend this week, and I although I am so, so sad that it is over, I know all of us had the time of our lives and we wouldn't trade this week for the world." A student in another course noted, "I cannot speak more highly of how amazing, memorable, and impacting this week was for me."

WHS staff will use some of their professional development time in the coming year to refine their courses, reflecting on what worked and what didn't as we prepare for the next J-Term program, which will take place during the final week of school in June 2019. 

The best way to learn about this immersive experience is to, well, immerse yourself in it!

Check out the course catalog: www.whsjterm.org/

See photos: www.instagram.com/westwoodjterm

Watch a video: <http://tiny.cc/WestwoodJTerm>

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Westwood Ahead of the Curve on ADUs

A study published by the Pioneer Institute and the Massachusetts Smart Growth Coalition lists Westwood among a small group of municipalities in the Greater Boston area with zoning bylaws that adopt best practices in permitting Accessory Dwelling Units.

Known as accessory apartments, in-law apartments or even granny flats, ADUs are small dwellings located within or behind a single family home. Although ADUs are widely considered by housing experts, sustainable development advocates, and community planning organizations to be a beneficial mode of residential development to both municipalities and homeowners, nearly 2/3 of the 100 cities and towns in the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) region outside Boston restrict development of ADUs.

By contrast, Westwood's Bylaw allows accessory apartments to be constructed via special permit, awarded at the discretion of the Zoning Board of Appeals and subject to restrictions that seek to preserve neighborhood character and the appearance of a single family home. For example, accessory apartments in Westwood must adhere to maximum size requirements and cannot contain exterior staircases. The Bylaw also requires owner occupancy in either the apartment or the primary dwelling unit, which inherently maintains owner investment in the property and safeguards against common concerns such as noise. Provided the owner resides onsite, our Bylaw allows rental use in accessory apartments, a practice the study strongly encourages due to legality, enforcement, safety, and local housing shortages. Finally, permits promote safety: the unit must have two forms of egress and receive the benefit of a full inspection by the Building Department before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

According to the study, the benefit to homeowners and municipalities is considerable. In Westwood, we observe accessory apartments being used to care for aging relatives, provide live-in space for caretakers, comfortably house young adult children, or generate rental income that allows residents to stay in their hometown. The Town's creation of a legal permitting process for accessory apartments results in safer units and allows for incremental production of housing that is affordable.

With an aging population and soaring housing market, accessory apartments are a sustainable way to offer property owners the flexibility they need with minimal impact on existing neighborhoods or town resources. Westwood is proud to have incorporated this innovative housing development tool into its Bylaw over 20 years ago. Residents voted at Town Meeting in 2017 to raise the maximum number of accessory apartment special permits, and many are still available.

If you are interested in learning more about accessory apartments, or wish to obtain a permit to add one to your home, please contact Sarah Bouchard, Housing & Zoning Agent, at sbouchard@townhall.westwood.ma.us or 781-251-2598.

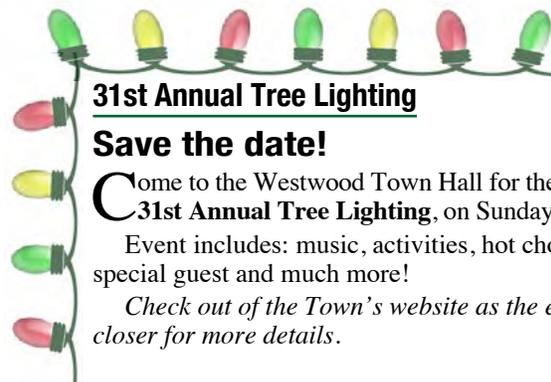
You can read the study, "The State of Zoning for Accessory Dwelling Units" by Amy Dain of the Pioneer Institute, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance, at: https://pioneerinstitute.org/economic_opportunity/study-boston-area-communities-should-loosen-restrictions-for-accessory-dwelling-units/

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31st Annual Tree Lighting

Save the date!

Come to the Westwood Town Hall for the **31st Annual Tree Lighting**, on Sunday, December 2nd.

Event includes: music, activities, hot chocolate, a very special guest and much more!

Check out of the Town's website as the event date gets closer for more details.