



# WESTWOOD

## A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Hale is celebrating its 100th birthday all year long!

For many locals, Hale is known for its camp and education programs and for the miles and miles of hiking and walking trails. What some don't realize, however, is just how long the organization has been open and all it has done for the community. Hale began in 1918 when Robert Sever Hale opened his land to scouts for exploration and discovery. Since that time, it is estimated that four million people have experienced Hale in one way or another. Reaching the milestone of a centennial is no small accomplishment. In an effort to properly recognize this special occasion, Hale is welcoming back old friends and discovering new by hosting a slate of events throughout the year.

Hale kicked off the year officially with its recent annual meeting in which they honored past presidents including Westwood residents Jack Wiggin, Maureen Bleday, Chris McKeown, and current president Jennifer Antonucci. They also recognized Needham Bank and Pierce Atwood, LLP for their contributions and gave Hale Board Member Lennox Chase an award for community service.

"The Annual Meeting was a wonderful way to begin the year of celebration. It was inspiring to have so many people return to Hale and not only relive the history but hear about all the things currently happening," said Executive Director, Eric Arnold.

"But this is just the first of many events to celebrate this very big

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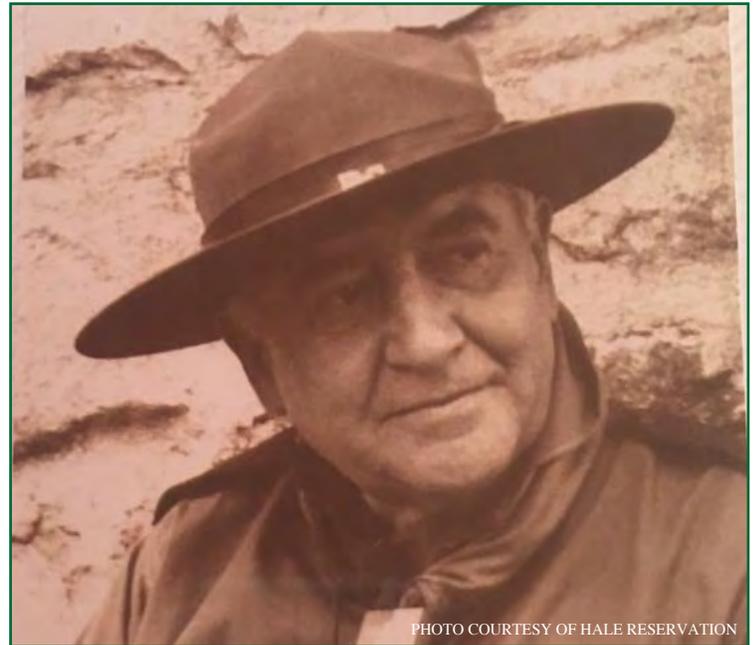


PHOTO COURTESY OF HALE RESERVATION

Robert Sever Hale first opened his land to scouts in 1918.

### Town honors compassion and dedication

#### John J. Cronin Public Service Award

Patrick J. Ahearn was awarded the John J. Cronin Public Service Award at this year's Annual Town Meeting. Pat became the sixteenth recipient of the award. Pat has a long legacy of over 18 years of participation in Town government including serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen, six of those years as Chairman, the Town's Economic Development Advisory Board and a Selectmen Representative on numerous boards and committees throughout the years. In 2018, Pat was elected to serve as a member of the Sewer Commission.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN HALL

Pat's many accomplishments can be seen throughout town including, but not limited to the establishment of the Aid to the Elderly Relief Fund, raising over \$450,000 to provide tax relief to many seniors in Westwood; preservation of open space including Lowell Woods and the Striar Estate; establishment of a Steering Committee to oversee the permitting of University

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#### Roy London Humanitarian Award

The 2018 Roy London Humanitarian Award Ceremony took place on Wednesday, May 2. The Committee recognized four individuals and one organization. This year's recipients were Janet Shepperson, Shirley Munroe, George & Virginia Lester and the Westwood Young Woman's Club. These recipients showed numerous acts of kindness of others in our community who unselfishly contribute their time and talents to others both within and outside Westwood.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN HALL

This year's beaming recipients of the Roy London Humanitarian Award.

# Did You Know...

## Westwood Health Department Sunscreen Dispensers

**Did You Know...** that the Westwood Health Department has installed sunscreen dispensers at the School Street Playground, Morrison Field and the Tot Lot? We were able to secure the dispensers free of charge as a pilot program from SunStations, USA. We received monetary donations from Roche Brothers and from Wegman’s to provide the sunscreen for this summer. If the project is successful we will be expanding to other parks and fields in Westwood. For more information please contact the Westwood Health Department at [mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:mrc@townhall.westwood.ma.us) or call 781-320-1027.

## Westwood Department of Public Works Paving Plan Summer 2018

**Did You Know...** that Summer 2018 paving projects will begin the week of July 9? The following streets are scheduled to be paved:

Stanford Drive	Shoestring Lane	Gloucester Road
Lancaster Drive	York Way	Wicklow Drive
Warwick Drive	Wessex Drive	Westchester Drive
Salisbury Drive	Lanark Drive	Summer Street

We have notified utility companies of our plans for the upcoming work. *We recommend residents reach out to utility companies as well for any potential hook ups. Once these roads are paved there will be a 5 year moratorium preventing any trench work.*

If there are any questions please reach out to the DPW office at 781-320-1037.

## Westwood Health Department Ticks

**Did You Know...** that the two most common ticks in Massachusetts are Deer Ticks and Dog Ticks? The Westwood Health Department would like to inform residents that deer ticks can carry Lyme Disease. Ticks feed on the blood of their host—humans, birds, reptiles, wild and domestic animals. One of the earliest symptoms of Lyme Disease is a rash that is circular with a clear center resulting in a “bull’s eye” appearance. This can occur 3 to 30 days after exposure. Call your doctor if you or your child gets a rash or fever after getting bitten by a tick. The proper way to remove a tick is with a tweezer:

- Grab the tick near its head or mouth (the part closest to your skin).
- Gently pull the whole tick straight out. Be careful not to crush or twist the tick.
- Wash your hands and the bite with soap and water.
- Put rubbing alcohol on the bite.
- Don’t use a hot match to kill and remove a tick

Make it a habit to check everyone in your house, including pets for ticks after spending time outdoors. For more information visit [www.mass.gov/service-details/mosquitoes-and-ticks-theyre-out-in-mass](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/mosquitoes-and-ticks-theyre-out-in-mass).



## WESTWOOD ELECTED OFFICIALS

Office	Name	Term Expires
Assessor	Maureen H. Bleday.....	2021
	Philip N. Shapiro .....	2019
	Mark F. Murphy .....	2020
Collector of Taxes	Albert F. Wisialko .....	2020
Housing Authority	John J. Cummings III .....	2019
	Juliet W. Onderdonk.....	2021
	Christine E. Previtera .....	2020
	Elissa Gordet Franco .....	2023
	State Appointee .....	Vacant
Library Trustee	Jessica M. Cole.....	2019
	Paul T. Fitzgerald .....	2019
	Mary Masi-Phelps .....	2021
	Mary Beth Persons .....	2020
	Wendy W. Thornton.....	2021
	Maureen VonEuw.....	2020
Moderator	James M. O’Sullivan .....	2019
Planning Board	David L. Atkins, Jr. ....	2019
	Brian D. Gorman .....	2020
	Deborah J. Conant .....	2021
	Michael L. McCusker.....	2019
	Christopher A. Pfaff .....	2021

Office	Name	Term Expires	
Regional Vocational School Committee	Charles Flahive .....	2020	
	School Committee	Charles L. Donahue, Jr. ....	2020
Selectmen	Joseph A. Jowdy .....	2020	
	Carol Lewis .....	2019	
	Anthony M. Mullin .....	2019	
	Maya Plotkin .....	2021	
Chairman	Michael F. Walsh .....	2020	
	Clerk	John M. Hickey .....	2019
	3rd Member	Nancy C. Hyde .....	2021
Sewer Commissioner	Patrick J. Ahearn .....	2021	
	Frank X. MacPherson.....	2020	
	James M. Connors .....	2019	
Town Clerk	Dorothy A. Powers .....	Tenure	
Town Treasurer	James J. Gavin .....	2021	

## NEWS *from the* Town Clerk's Office

### Dog licensing deadline for 2018 was March 31, 2018

- Failure to license your dog on or before March 31, 2018 will result in a fine of \$25.00, per town bylaws §184-10,B.(1)
- You may license your dog by mail, provided you include a copy of a current rabies certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you are licensing your dog for the first time, proof of spay or neutering is also required.
- Licenses will be valid from January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018.
- You must license your dog on an annual basis.
- If you own more than 4 dogs this is considered a "Personal Kennel" per MGL c. 140 §136A.
- You must go through a special permit application process through the Zoning Board of Appeals to license a kennel.

#### Licensing Fees are as follows:

- Dogs not Neutered or Spayed: \$15.00
- Dogs Neutered or Spayed : \$10.00
- Kennel fees-please contact the Town Clerk's office
- Residents aged 70 or older fee is waived for one dog per household

Please be sure to include the correct licensing fee. If you are unsure, Please contact the Town Clerks office at 781 326-3964.



### Town Census reminder:

The 2018 Annual Town Census was sent to each household in January with a second mailing in April. Failure to return the Census may cause a voter to be designated as inactive on the voting list (M.G.L, Ch.51, § 4). If you have misplaced your form please contact the Town Clerks office.

### Important Dates to remember:

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 — *Last day to register new voters and change party enrollment for the State Primary*

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 — *State Primary*, polls open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 — *Last day to register new voters and change party enrollment for the State Election*

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 — *State Election*, polls open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

## Congratulations...

...to the following who were elected to Town offices on April 24, 2018.

**Board of Assessors** (3 yr. term): Maureen Bleday

**Board of Assessors** (1 yr. term to fill a vacancy): Philip N. Shapiro

**Housing Authority** (5 yr. term): Elissa Gordet Franco

**Board of Library Trustees** (3 yr. terms): Mary E. Masi-Phelps & Wendy Thornton

**Moderator** (1 yr. term): James M. O'Sullivan

**Planning Board** (3yr. terms): Deborah J. Conant & Christopher A. Pfaff

**School Committee** (3 yr. term): Maya Plotkin

**Selectman** (3 yr. term): Nancy C. Hyde

**Sewer Commissioner** (3 yr. term): Patrick J. Ahearn

**Treasurer** (3 Yrs. term): James J. Gavin



## Westwood's 11th Annual PMC Kid's Ride

### Come cheer on some awesome kids!

Registration to participate in the ride is closed, but these kids can still use your cheering! Throughout the day there will be face painting, bike decorating, field games, music and refreshments. The PMC kids ride gives children the opportunity to be involved in the fight against cancer. Too many of us have been impacted by cancer and this is one way, one mile at a time we can make a difference. This ride supports both Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.



Sunday, June 10, 2018

Martha Jones School

8:30-11 am | Ages 4-15

Donate at: [kids.pmc.org/westwood](http://kids.pmc.org/westwood)

**Westwood Council on Aging****SUMMER NEWS**

Take a break from your garden and come join us out at the Senior Center! As you may (or may not) know we offer over 20 regular weekly program (check out our newsletter on the Town's website) but we also offer numerous special programs and day trips! We welcome any adult (over 60) to join us!!

**If you like to travel, here are a few places we will be going (fliers and details available at the Senior Center):**

**NEWPORT RAIL TOUR RI** Tuesday, June 19 – \$95 per person – Includes transportation, bus tour of Ocean Drive, lunch while on rail tour of Newport, RI.

**NANTUCKET DAY TRIP** Thursday, July 12 – \$105 per person – Includes transportation to and from ferry as well as ferry ride – lunch and shopping in Nantucket on your own.

**GLOUCESTER LOBSTER CRUISE** Tuesday, August 21 – \$95 per person – Includes transportation, cruise, lunch and walk around Salem.

**SARATOGA SPECTACULAR** August 6 & 7 – \$375 Single | \$325 Double – Includes transportation, overnight accommodations, grandstand seats at the race, dinner and breakfast.

**CANYON COUNTRY TOURS** with Collette Tours October 2-9 – \$4119 single | \$3369 double – Includes air fare, transfers, overnight accommodations. Tour Sedona, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Bryce Canyon

**And here are just a few highlights of the many special programs we will be offering in June:**

**LOW BACK PAIN and SCIATICA WORKSHOP** with David Sponsored by APR Physical Therapy of Westwood

- Wednesday June 20 at 11 am
- \$2 donation – Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

Come learn the most common causes of low back pain and sciatica. We will discuss your back pain, numbness and tingling in your legs and successful treatment (and permanent relief) without the side effects of medications, injections or surgery. Please dress comfortably.

**TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS** with Rose Sponsored by Samaritans Inc

- Monday June 18 at 1pm
- \$2 donation – Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

This interactive workshop will discuss how to effectively manage stress and develop effective coping skills, recognize the symptoms of depression, warning signs of suicide in others, and discover resources to help ourselves or a loved one.

**FUNERAL 101 – EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Sponsored by Folsom Funeral Home, Attorneys from Samuel, Sayward & Baler LLC, Westwood's DPW & Veteran's Administration

- Tuesdays June 5 & 12 at 1pm
- \$5 donation (for two part series) – Please sign up in advance so we know how many to expect

Planning for a funeral can be difficult, but with a little planning, can be less stressful for everyone. On June 5, we will discuss how to prepay for your funeral, the range of cost, cremation vs. burial etc. We will also bring information on directives, setting aside money for funerals and who to go to in town to discuss one's final resting place. On June 12, we will focus on contacts at churches synagogues, how to create a service, death certificates, how to prepay for a plot, estate taxes and probate. We will also have information for service members who want to be buried at a National Cemetery. Come with your questions and leave with a better understanding of options and costs.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A CONNOISSEUR TO ENJOY THE ARTS**

- Mondays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 1pm
- \$20 for all four sessions – Space is limited to 15 participants so you must sign up in advance

In this four week seminar, there are no art scholars, no lectures, no obscure details, and no snobbery. Instead, you'll be exposed to a range of art forms and take part in a lot of spirited discussion. Registration is limited to 15.

**Interested?**

**Then come check us out as we are warm and welcoming!**

**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.

**Rotary Club of Westwood****Arbor Day Contribution to Town**

In concern for global warming this year, Rotary Club of Westwood District 7910 had a mission to plant 1500 trees representing their members for Arbor Day. Pictured are Laura Macs and Helena Drolette as they prepared to deliver 25 Japanese red maples to the Town in connection with Arbor Day. For information regarding this project or membership in Rotary please contact Helena Drolette at 508-816-7000.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HELENA DROLETTE

## Westwood Cultural Council

### Seeking funding for Cultural Projects?

The Westwood Cultural Council is seeking applications for grants to fund local community cultural programs. The Council's priority is to find projects that reach residents of all ages. This includes gatherings that celebrate local history and cultural diversity, school programs that promote art education, as well as programs for senior citizens.

The grants are awarded after consideration of the benefits to the community, the qualifications of the individuals and organizations, the planning process, and the population segment served. All grants are awarded on a reimbursement basis.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council requires online applications only and the deadline is October 15, 2018 for the 2019 grant cycle. For more information go to [www.mass-culture.org](http://www.mass-culture.org) or contact [westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodculturalcouncil@gmail.com).

Contributed by Joan Murphy

## Westwood American Legion

### Q&A visit from Veteran's Services

Michelle Miller, Veterans Officer and MaryAnne Carty, Office Administrator attended the March meeting of American Legion Post 320. Following dinner Michelle and MaryAnne explained how their office can help veterans. Their responsibility is to secure and assist Veterans, widows and dependents with appropriate financial and medical benefits and distribute these benefits to eligible recipients. They will also coordinate Veterans' burial benefits as well as headstone and grave marker programs.

**The Department of Veterans' Services for the Town of Westwood is supervised by the Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Services and operates directly under the regulations of M.G.L. c. 115 & 108 CMR.**

Following their presentation they took questions from members of Post 320.

Veterans' Services office is located in the lower level of the Town Hall.

**Hours of Operation:** Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
and Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Feel free to contact Michelle and MaryAnne at:

781-320-1008 (office) 781-329-8030 (fax)  
[veterans@town.westwood.ma.us](mailto:veterans@town.westwood.ma.us)

Westwood Post 320 meets the first Monday of each month – September through June. Complimentary dinner is provided for all members. For more information on the Westwood American Legion visit <http://westwoodalpost320.com/>

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo



Left to right: Ed Richardson, Dick Paster, Michelle Miller, MaryAnne Carty

## Department of Public Works

### Trash and Recycling Information

#### Save the Date!!

#### Household Hazardous Waste Day

September 22, 2018

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on September 22nd, 2018 at 50 Carby Street. This is your chance to dispose of common household hazardous waste such as cleaning supplies, used motor oil, fluorescent bulbs, furniture polish, and lawn pesticides etc. As we get closer to the date, please visit the Town of Westwood Trash and Recycling website for more information.

#### Save the Date!!

#### Town of Westwood Bulk Collection Event

Week of October 15th, 2018

Free curbside pickup of ONE bulk item on your regular trash collection day per household. Bulk items include a piece of wood furniture; couch; mattress or a box spring. Unfortunately, electronic items cannot be accepted. As we get closer to the event, please visit the Town of Westwood Trash and Recycling Information for more information.

#### What you need to know about Contamination in Recycling Collection?

Did you know the largest leading cause of increased cost to recycling collection is due to contamination? Major culprits being found in recycling barrels are plastic bags, cords, coat hangers, and food items. If Waste Management notices contamination in the recycling barrel, the barrel will not be emptied. Please help us keep Westwood's Recycling free of contamination!

A list of Common Contaminants was on page 16 of the Spring 2018 Community Newsletter [[http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/community/town\\_newsletters/default.htm](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/community/town_newsletters/default.htm)].

#### Extra Recycling Barrels are now available at the DPW!

*Is your Recycling overflowing and you need of an extra barrel?* Good news, you can now request an extra recycling barrel by calling the DPW at 781-251-2587. Residents will be charged a onetime fee of \$60.00 for the extra barrel. Thank you for your help in promoting recycling!

Contributed by Patricia Healey



## WestwoodWinds

### WestwoodWinds Community Band and Westwood Artists bring “Art & Soul” to Westwood

Westwood Community Band and Westwood Artists are combining forces to present “Art and Soul,” an evening of Music and Art on Monday, August 6, 2018 at Westwood High School from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.

WestwoodWinds, under the direction of James Giurleo, will perform its annual public concert in the Westwood High School cafeteria courtyard. Presenting its usual eclectic blend of familiar pieces, the theme of this year’s concert is “Where the Wild Things Are,” relating to animals. “Peter and the Wolf” with narration will be also performed that will be especially enjoyed by young children.

Works of art created by Westwood Artists will be on display in the Westwood High School before and after the concert and during intermission. *All Westwood Artists are invited to submit work for this exhibition.* Both two and three-dimensional artwork will be on display including ceramics, watercolor, oil, photography, textile, jewelry and more.

Lisa WB Walker, spokesperson for Westwood Artists says, “Using the animal theme of WestwoodWinds musical

performance, the Westwood Artists will be at the event to provide materials to create a paper community quilt. Children and adults alike will have the opportunity to make their own quilt square of their favorite animal. The finished quilt will be on display at the Westwood Artists gallery housed at the Westwood Media Center. Together Westwood Artists and WestwoodWinds bring Art & Soul to Westwood with our first collaborative event.”

“In addition, meeting the musical interests of people in the Westwood area, the mission of WestwoodWinds includes collaborating with other educational and cultural organizations. To this end, we are combining our efforts with Westwood Artists to throw a spotlight on artists of all types in our community,” explains Giurleo. “As our first collaboration, we are learning how to integrate our efforts into an event that can be enjoyed by everyone.”

For more information about *Art and Soul* interested persons should contact Lisa WB Walker at [Westwoodartists@gmail.com](mailto:Westwoodartists@gmail.com) or Jim Giurleo at [Westwoodwinds1@verizon.net](mailto:Westwoodwinds1@verizon.net)

Contributed by Jim Giurleo

## Families building that famous Westwood spirit of helping

Throughout the Westwood community, there are many residents and town employees who prioritize giving back. Put simply: those who can help, do.

Intrinsically, members of a community know their town is strengthened most through the commitment of its members. Healthy communities are interdependent; they thrive off exchanges that reinforce feelings of connectedness and belonging. There is a sense of togetherness and support in a healthy community—and an understanding that when one can help, he or she should try.

Families who serve together and who volunteer their time and resources to important causes often experience the joy of collaborating constructively toward a cause. For parents, volunteering with their children can open the door to nuanced conversations about family values, human and animal rights, economics, government and American history. Family volunteering also has the power to send a message to a child that at any age, they can be a force for good in the world.

Alyson Miller, a long-time Westwood resident, is one such individual who prioritizes giving together. “As a family, my children, husband and I have been involved in a number of important efforts to support others. Through my children’s schools, my temple, and the town of Westwood, we, like so many other families, appreciate learning and growing as a unit.”

The Miller family’s most recent joint endeavor includes supporting School on Wheels of Massachusetts [[www.sowma.org](http://www.sowma.org)], a non-profit based in East Bridgewater. The mission of School on Wheels of Massachusetts is to support the social, emotional and academic needs of youth impacted by homelessness. Their vision is that through the influence of a positive mentor and a focus on education, every child can break the cycle of poverty. The Miller family helps to assemble backpacks for students impacted by homelessness. Alyson Miller donates her skills and expertise as a



literacy consultant to improving resources for School on Wheels’ students.

“Like many other Westwood families who donate their time or goods, or who make charitable contributions to important causes, we also enjoy volunteering together as a family,” Miller said. “By committing to a specific cause, it has strengthened our family unit, solidified our values, and we hope, promoted the greater good. After just a few hours of volunteering, when my children say, “That was fun!” we feel we are succeeding toward this goal.”

A family commitment to volunteer together has the surprising power to teach us about ourselves and one another. Joshua Geary, a Norwood resident and employee at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, says that he became involved in Horizons for Homeless Children [<http://horizonschildren.org>] through his partner. “My girlfriend has been involved with various volunteer organizations for many years. She introduced me to Horizons for Homeless Children based on her own experience becoming a Playspace Activity Leader in 2011.” Since early 2015, Geary has been a Playspace Activity Leader in a neighboring town. He gives one hour a week to play with children who are living in congregate housing and experiencing significant turmoil and instability. “I could not have anticipated the positive impact Horizons has had on my life. If [the program is] ever canceled [ie: due to a blizzard], I miss it and I miss the kids.”

For many school-aged non-profits, the work is year-round. Summers are often a time when these organizations are preparing new projects and initiatives for the fall. If your family is interested, there are a wide range of local organizations who welcome the helping hands of children of all ages. Search out what works best for you – or look into the two organizations featured in this article. What better way to spend the summer months than to find a cause the family can invest in together. To share a common goal is to share a common bond.

Contributed by Kris Capezio

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**Hale 100 years old**

birthday. We are looking forward to reunions, a music festival, a donor appreciation event and more.”

If you summured at Hale, there are two upcoming events you might want to check out.

**Hale Summer Club Reunion** — Did you spend your summers at the beach at Hale? Whether it was Membership Beach, Family Beach, Hale Summer Club or something else, you’re invited to walk the path from the parking lot to the guard shack once again and join us! Let the sights, sounds and smells bring you back to some of the best memories of summers past and celebrate 100 years of Hale with old friends and new. This family friendly event will take place on the beach on June 23 beginning at 5 pm and the evening will end with s’mores around the fire.

**All Camp Reunion** — On July 26, Hale will welcome former summer staff members and campers to join us for an evening reunion at North Beach. This event is for those who attended camp at Hale, or worked at North Beach or one of the many camps that call Hale home for the summer. Come and enjoy an evening overlooking beautiful Noanet Pond and reunite with some old friends. This adult only event will begin at 6:30 pm.

To sign up for these events or to learn more about Hale, please visit [www.halereservation.org](http://www.halereservation.org).

Contributed by Paula McLaughlin

**Westwood American Legion**

**Duke meets Legion members**

The Westwood American Legion Post 320 meets on the first Monday of each month September through June (with the exception of May when the meeting is scheduled for the second Monday so as to not conflict with the annual Westwood Town Meeting). There is a complimentary social hour and dinner prior to the business meeting.

At a recent monthly meeting Westwood Police officer Sean Pillai, an Army Veteran attended. Sean is the Westwood K9 officer. Sean introduced Duke his K9 partner. Sean explained the training that Duke has undergone as well as his own training as a K9 officer. There was a great deal of interest by the Legion members and Officer Pillai answered several questions from the audience.

Westwood Post 320 invites new members. If you would like to learn more about the American Legion please visit <http://westwoodalpost320.com/>. The Post 320 is located at 90 Deerfield Avenue (behind Westwood Town Hall).

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo



Left to right:  
Post Commander  
Richard Paster,  
Police Officer Sean  
Pillai, Post 320  
Adjutant Chris Henes  
and Duke.

PHOTO: KEN FOSCALDO

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**John J. Cronin Award**

Station; the negotiation of the University Station Development Agreement; encouragement and support of affordable housing at the Gables at University Station which are counted on the Town’s Subsidized Housing Inventory; negotiation for the transfer of the employee health care to the rate saver plans in West Suburban Health Group and subsequently into the State’s GIC Program; Advocacy for the establishment of a funding program using the resulting health coverage savings to successfully address the town’s annual OPEB liability.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF WESTWOOD HISTORICAL

What are these children doing? Is this an old photograph of school children jumping rope from a generation or two ago? Read the story on page 24.

## Temple Beth David

### All are welcome

Temple Beth David's Inclusion Committee recently learned that the congregation was invited to become a Partner of the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project. We are honored to be considered part of a cohort of synagogues who are committed to creating a culture of inclusion in our communities. Members of Beth David attended an event on May 15th, when we were officially welcomed as a Partner, and learned from former Governor Michael Dukakis and Kitty Dukakis about how to best support people who are dealing with mental health issues. We look forward to sharing more about our work in the months ahead.



PHOTO: TEMPLE BETH DAVID

Members of Temple Beth David's Inclusion Committee

#### Temple Beth David of Westwood Inclusion Statement:

Temple Beth David aims to make our synagogue an increasingly welcoming Jewish home by embracing all people and extending *kavod* - honor to people with different needs and abilities. We are committed to opening the doors of our synagogue wider to allow full participation in Jewish education, worship, life cycle and fellowship. In partnering with the Ruderman Foundation, we look forward to fulfilling the vision of building a holy community.

Learn more at [www.templebethdavid.net](http://www.templebethdavid.net) and [www.cjp.org/our-work/caring-social-justice/ruderman-synagogue-inclusion-project](http://www.cjp.org/our-work/caring-social-justice/ruderman-synagogue-inclusion-project). Please reach out to Rabbi Karen or Rabbi Micah Citrin ([rabbikaren@templebethdavid.net](mailto:rabbikaren@templebethdavid.net) or [rabbimicah@templebethdavid.net](mailto:rabbimicah@templebethdavid.net)) to learn more about our community.

Contributed by Temple Beth David Inclusion Committee

## St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball



PHOTO: KEN FOSCALDO

On Sunday, April 29 the St. Margaret Mary CYO Basketball Program held their Annual Awards Night. Those in the program attended the 6 pm Mass prior to the Awards Night in the lower church. There were over 150 players, coaches and families who attended as well as Fr. Linehan and Karlene Duffy. Each player was recognized by their coach and given a gift from the program. This event is held each year and is organized by Ken Foscaldo, St. Margaret Mary Parish Athletic Director.

The CYO Basketball Program has boys and girls teams from grade 5 through grade 12 and is open to all. The season starts in November and games are played from December through February. Qualifying teams are invited to the EMASS CYO Tournament in March as well as the New England CYO Tournament in April.

PHOTO: Fr. Stephen Linehan surrounded by many of the players

Contributed by Ken Foscaldo

## Westwood Public Library

### Two Evenings with Authors planned

WPL wants you to know about two author talks planned for August and September.



- An Evening with Elizabeth Berg (*The Story of Arthur Truluv*) Monday, August 6 — 7 pm — Main Library



- An Evening with J. Courtney Sullivan (*Saints for All Occasions*) Tuesday, September 11 — 7 pm — Main Library

## Westwood Early Childhood

### Early Childhood Survey Results

The Westwood Early Childhood Council recently conducted a community wide needs assessment as part of the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) program. There were three main objectives of the needs assessment. 1. To work with families and community partners to take stock of the population and resources available to support children and families in Westwood. 2. To identify gaps in services and supports both within Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) required services and outside of (CFCE) services. 3. To generate ideas and promote dialogue between community partners to address services, and supports for families in Westwood. After gathering demographics and reviewing existing data, the council subcommittee created surveys for parents of young children, and for professionals who work with young children. 188 parents and 72 professionals submitted responses to the survey.

#### What did we ask? What did we learn?

We gathered information from the respondents on the following:

*What are the ages of children you work with or parent?* The majority of children that responders work with or parent were between the ages of 3-8.

*Who provides childcare?* (if needed) Childcare for most families is provided by a center-based preschool or grandparents/extended family members.

*What services do families access?* Preschool, before/after school, and structured playgroups are the most common services accessed.

*What services are lacking?* Before/after school programming, drop-in playgroups, and parenting resources were identified.

*What barriers prevent families from accessing services?* Time of day is a significant barrier to families accessing services.

*What are the current trends, and concerns expressed by families and professionals?*

Parents expressed a need for the following:

- weekend/after hours activities
- drop in unstructured play opportunities
- additional childcare, preschool, and before/after school options to support working parents
- multi-age, inclusive activities that would be accessible to a wide age range of children of all abilities and ages that would also provide an environment where parents and families can make connections and meet new friends

#### What trends did we identify?

The trends that are strikingly consistent throughout the survey reflect the increase in parental work hours and diminishing capacity for childcare. This is supported through more grandparent and nanny involvement, parents seeking out more opportunities for before and after school care, increased extended day, duration of preschool hours and more social/educational opportunities. What is also very noteworthy is the increase in anxiety levels and decreased social skills in children and calls for more parental support. Related to this is the reduced opportunity children have to engage in unstructured play.



Parents and professionals would like to see more training in the areas of anxiety, self-regulation and social and emotional development, as well as more opportunities for children to engage in opportunities to enhance social and emotional skills.

#### What can we do?

- **Review and streamline current Early Childhood (CFCE programs)** Times of days, days of week, and multi-age drop in will be considered in an effort to improve access for working parents.
- **Organize parent education workshops and provide resources and access to training for early educators on identified topics** (anxiety, self-regulation, social emotional skill learning)
- **Increase inclusive programming for families with children with disabilities.** Work with facilitators and families to improve access.
- **Implement Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Kits at local preschools and child care centers.** Thanks to a generous grant from the Foundation for Westwood Education, local preschools and child care centers will be implementing Second Step universal, evidence based social, emotional learning curriculum kits. This is a joint collaboration of Westwood Early Childhood and the Westwood Preschool Network.
- **Expand Social Emotional Learning resources and lending library kits.** The Early Childhood office provides a lending library of resources. Look for take home kits for children and families on social emotional learning featuring children's literature selections and activities.
- **Co-Sponsor Sensory-processing skill activities.** Westwood Early Childhood and Westwood Library will pilot a new sensory exploration program.
- **Provide resources to support grandparents as caregivers.**
- **Establish Regional programs with area CFCE programs.** Westwood Early Childhood will partner with Coordinators from area communities to pilot regional parent education, and new parent/baby groups.

Westwood Early Childhood relies on fundraising, grants and in kind donations of space, resources and professional expertise of community partners to provide and co-sponsor programs free for Westwood families. We are always looking for volunteers to help support programs and events. We are particularly interested in establishing increased partnerships and representation from community groups, grandparents, and parents of children with disabilities. If you would like to learn more about the Westwood Early Childhood Council and the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program go to <http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/early-childhood-council/>

Contributed by Janey Lucey



# FIREMAN'S FOAM

In Memory of Eddie Thomson



Wednesday, July 11 / 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Sheehan School Field

Suds of Fun & DJ Magic Mark

Special thanks to:

The Westwood Fire Department

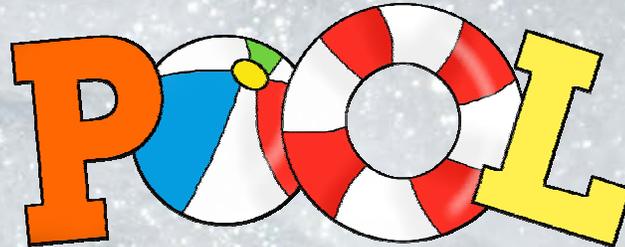
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## Summer Schedule June 25—August 31 (Closed: July 4)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	5:30-7:30 AM Lap Swim	6:30-8:00 AM Lap Swim	
11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30 - 1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim	11:30-1:00 Lap Swim
3:30-5:00 Open Swim	3:30-5:00 Open Swim	3:30-5:00 Open Swim	3:30-5:00 Open Swim	3:30-5:00 Open Swim	1:00-2:15 Open Swim	1:00-2:15 Open Swim
7:15 - 8:30 Open & Lap Swim (3)	*7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	*7:15-8:30 PM Open & Lap Swim (3)	*May be delayed due to swim meet.		

Membership	One Month	Three Months	Six Months	One Year	Daily
Pool Single	\$30	\$75	\$135	\$235	\$7
Pool Family	\$45	\$115	\$210	\$370	
Pool Westwood Senior	\$15	\$45	\$90	\$180	\$5

Membership registration is available at the Pool, Recreation Office, and online

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DAY**

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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

- Football Game 7:00 PM
- Fireworks 9:00 PM

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- 5K 9:00 and Fun Run 10:00
- Activities/Vendors/Food 10:00-3:00

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LOGISTICS: Kristin Scoble [kscoble@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:kscoble@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

# Summer Concerts!

Westwood Senior Center Lawn  
Monday's in July at 6:30 PM - FREE!

July 9: Vanessa Trien and the Jumping Monkeys

July 16: The Bubble Music Man

July 23: Stacey Peasley Band

July 30: Karen K & the Jitterbugs

Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy the concert.  
Pizza, water and snow cones will be available!

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## SUMMER SIZZLERS

### INTRO TO PADDLE BOARDING *ages 8 and older\**

Zachary Krause, Assistant Aquatics Manager

Fri, Jul 20, 5:00-7:00 PM

Mon, Aug 20, 9:00-11:00 AM

Tue, Aug 21, 9:00-11:00 AM

Wed, Aug 22, 9:00-11:00 AM

\$95 (1 class) Min: 2 Max: 3



Have you ever gone on vacation and wanted to try paddle boarding, but did not know how? This course is for you. You will learn the basics of how to paddle board in a controlled environment under the support and direction of an instructor. Course content includes: safety, set-up, launching, paddling, navigating, and disembarking. Sense of humor is helpful, but not required! (Inflatable paddle boards will be used for instruction) \*Participants must have **Basic Swimming Competency**: (1) entry with total submersion; (2) recovery to the surface and float or tread for at least 1 min; (3) turn 360° and orient toward an exit point; (4) level off and move on front and/or on back position for at least 25 yards; and (5) exit from the water.

### VIDEO 1 *ages 10-14*

Westwood Media Center- [15 Perwal St. Westwood, MA](#)

Maggie McGinnis

Week 3: Mon-Fri, July 9-13, 9:00-12:00

\$150 (1 week) Min 4/Max 6



Learn video production! This workshop introduces students to film concepts, storyboarding, shooting, and editing. While using our HD camcorders and Adobe editing software, participants will develop technical video skills, as well as learn the various stages of video producing by creating new projects each day. **Participants who attended WMC's Summer 2017 Video Workshop are exempt from Video 1, as this would be repetitive.**

### VIDEO 2 *ages 10-14*

Westwood Media Center- [15 Perwal St. Westwood, MA](#)

Maggie McGinnis

Week 5: Mon-Fri, July 23-27, 9:00-12:00

\$150 (1 week) Min 6/Max 10



**Prerequisite: Video 1, WMC's Summer 2017 Video Workshop, or Thurston News after-school program.**

Produce a TV show or short film! Using acquired video production skills, students will create a video project from start to finish. Students will work collaboratively through the entire production process, from screenwriting and storyboarding, to shooting and editing with the use of our HD camcorders and Adobe editing software. Students will strengthen their existing video production skills, as well as gain new experiences with acting and directing.

### JOIN A BAND SUMMER SESSION

The Band Gig School of Music and Performance

66 Easter Ave, Dedham

The Band Gig School Staff

WK3: July 9 - 13, Mon-Fri, 9:00-4:00

WK6: July 30 - Aug 3, Mon-Fri, 9:00-4:00

WK7: Aug 6-10, Mon-Fri, 9:00-4:00

\$599 (1 Week)

Lunch offered for \$6 per day (payable onsite)



This one-of-a-kind experience all under the expert guidance of Band Gig's Instructors. You'll form a band, write and record original music, Enjoy a daily Master Class, and to cap it all off, you'll perform your music LIVE for all your friends and family at a local establishment. Playing in a band and in a recording environment improves your playing faster than any other experience. Spend this summer with others that share the same passion, while studying with New England's most talented musicians. Students are placed into bands or groups according to their age and skill level. Once placed, they will experience a five day creative journey writing and recording original music, and preparing for a live performance at the end of the week.

### ADULT & TEEN

- Dog Training
- Driver Education
- Boot Camp (Fitness)
- Counselor in Training

### AQUATICS

- Swim Lessons
- Swim Team
- Swim Clinic
- Aqua Fitness
- Swing & Swim
- Open & Lap Swim
- Intro to Paddle Boarding

### ARTS

- Join A Band
- Hip Hop
- Art Studio
- Musical Theatre

### SPORTS

- Tennis
- Swing & Swim
- Soccer & Jr Soccer
- Behn Basketball Camp
- Baseball Clinics
- Field Hockey
- Flag Football
- Volleyball
- Golf
- Minisports
- Lacrosse-Girls

### YOUTH

- Safety Town
- Playground
- Summer Camp
- Video 1
- Video 2



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## Westwood Youth & Family Services



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# Mentor Program Volunteers

Westwood Youth & Family Services would like to thank all of the high school students who volunteered with our 2017-18 Mentor Program, providing over 2,100 community service hours to the Town of Westwood. We would also like to thank our school and community partners who helped make this year a success!

### Friends Network

Alex Doran  
Anna Meglan  
Courtney Platt  
Danielle Sutrich  
Despina Aslanidis  
Emma Harte  
Grace Perrone  
John D'Angelis  
Hallie Martel  
Katherine Brennan  
Katie Fafara  
Kirsten Khoury  
Lauren Malster  
Lauren Onanian  
Lindsey Schissel  
Madeline Medina  
Megan Brown  
Michelle Bernard  
Noah Leslie  
Nora Sinno  
Rachel Gilroy  
Tyler Markovsky  
Zane Rahabi

### Body Safety Theater

Alexa Merheb  
Allison Marcus  
Annabel Cimbal  
Anne-Marie Maughn  
Annie Li  
Ava Gundal  
Cynthia el-Choueiri  
Dante Giugliano  
Grace Polvay  
Helen Dong

Joe Abraham  
Justin Anderson  
Hunter King  
Leah Ghazali  
Lily Hunter  
MacKenzie Draper  
Madeline McDonough  
Mark Horsfall  
Melanie Homsy  
Nora Sinno  
Richard Li  
Roisin O'Keeffe  
Smita Chatterjee  
Sydney Devaney  
Timothy Kearns

### Bullying Prevention Theater

Alexa Merheb  
Allison Marcus  
Annabel Cimbal  
Annie Li  
Ashwin Gowda  
Ava Gundal  
Bemalek Getachew  
Cynthia el-Choueiri  
Dan Hiller  
Dante Giugliano  
Grace Polvay  
Helen Dong  
Joe Abraham  
Justin Anderson  
Hunter King  
Leena Dolabany  
MacKenzie Draper  
Madeline McDonough  
Mark Horsfall

Melanie Homsy  
Richard Li  
Roisin O'Keeffe  
Smita Chatterjee  
Sydney Devaney  
Thomas Leone  
Tiffany Law  
Timothy Kearns  
Will Danforth

### Thurston Middle School Dances

Abaigael Belcher  
Alexa Taghian  
Amy McCarron  
Anabel Sattler  
Annabel Cimbal  
Anna Feloni  
Ashley Walker  
Bryce Whitney  
Chloe Goodman  
Clara Melhem  
Courtney Platt  
Dan Hiller  
Danielle Sutrich  
Danielle Yanoff  
Dante Giugliano  
Daria Shterenberg  
Deeba Azar  
Despina Aslandis  
Emily Padula  
Emma Harte  
Enahm Oscar-Phoenix  
Gabrielle Ouellette  
Grace Perrone  
Hannah Blonder  
Helen Dong

Jackie DeLorey  
Jane Krumsiek  
Julie Abi-Elias  
Justin Anderson  
Katie Fergus  
Kayla Conway  
Lauren McGinty  
Lauren Witherrell  
Madeline Medina  
Madison Brady  
Nicole Yanoff  
Nora Sinno  
Olivia Goldberg  
Riley Flynn  
Rose Cautela  
Smita Chatterjee  
Sydney Devaney  
Tiffany Law

### Teen Scene @ The Library

Emily Padula  
Gabrielle Ouellette  
Madeline McDonough  
Maria Kontogiannis  
Stephen Pellegrino  
Will Carr

### Thurston Middle School After-School Activities

Andrew Mazzola  
Antara Adhav  
Clara Melhem  
Cynthia el-Choueiri  
Katy Brooks  
Lauren McGinty

## Community Newsletter Stories Welcomed!

Please send suggestions, observations, or feedback to the editor at: [newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us)  
If you want a story to be considered for the next *Westwood Community Newsletter*, please submit your article(s) by **August 3, 2018** to our email: [newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

The *next* quarterly newsletter is due to be delivered to homes on or about *September 15, 2018*.  
Articles will be considered on a first come, first served basis. The articles should feature a community theme and connection to Westwood.

Diane Thornton, *Editor, Westwood Community Newsletter*, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090  
**Email:** [newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

**Rotary Club of Westwood and Westwood Youth & Family Services**



# Recognize A Youth (R.A.Y.) Award Recipients Honored at Rotary Reception

The Rotary Club of Westwood and Westwood Youth & Family Services (WY&FS) proudly announce the recipients of the 2018 Recognize A Youth (R.A.Y.) Award. Three Westwood High School students and a student from Downey Elementary School were honored recently at a Rotary Club reception at the Library. The recipients, through their actions, have demonstrated an ethic of caring for others that is essential for the health of our community. This year's honorees are Olivia Goldberg, Ali Fleischer, Caroline McDonough and Sasha Marino.

Olivia Goldberg is a senior at Westwood High School. She was nominated by Trish Tucke, the director of the Westwood Food Pantry. Olivia is a student member of the Food Pantry board and helped plan the Town Wide Scouting for food drive, as well as, a food drive this spring. Olivia is a member of the National Honor Society, volunteers with the PMC Kids ride and serves as a student board member on the WY&FS Advisory Board,

Ali Fleischer is also a senior at Westwood High School. She was nominated for the award by Jessica Cataldo of the WHS Guidance department. Ali plays point guard on the WHS basketball team and volunteers her time coaching a 7th grade girls' basketball team. She also volunteers as a leader on the WHS Unified Basketball Team, which aims to be inclusive of all students regardless of ability.

Caroline McDonough is a junior at the high school. She was nominated by Karlene Duffy, the religious education director at Saint Margaret Mary. Caroline volunteers at the church in a number of capacities including teaching a religious education class, assisting with the running of the vacation bible camp and other events for children at the church. She also gives of her time by mentoring elementary students and lending a hand at charitable events such as IAM Strong foundation. Caroline served this season as a co-captain on the WHS Girls Hockey Team.

Sasha Marino is a fifth grader at Downey Elementary School. Sasha was nominated by her karate instructor, Mr. Jackson. Sasha is a martial artist expected to earn her black belt in June. She volunteers her time raising funds for families in need including participating in an annual push up challenge fundraiser. This year she completed 201 pushups in ten minutes. She also is involved with jazz band, friendship groups, student council and holiday collection drives of pajamas and books at her school.



*Bob Folsom (Rotary, far left) and Danielle Sutton (WY&FS Director, center) pose for photos with RAY Award recipients holding their certificates (from left to right) Olivia Goldberg, Caroline McDonough, Sasha Marino and Ali Fleischer*

At the ceremony, the honorees celebrated their accomplishments with their families and those that nominated them.

The Rotary Club of Westwood focuses its service efforts in six areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. The club supports the R.A.Y. Awards as a way to encourage and recognize the community service performed by the youth in Westwood. For more information about the Rotary Club of Westwood, please visit [www.westwoodrotary.com](http://www.westwoodrotary.com).

Nominations for the R.A.Y. Award are accepted year-round. For more information on the program and a nomination form please go to the WY&FS page at [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us)

Contributed by WY&FS

## St. John's Nursery School

*St. John's Nursery School held its annual Art Night Open House celebration on April 26. The children worked hard all year on their projects and the teachers displayed their creative work throughout the school for family and friends to enjoy. The children were thrilled to see their artwork hung and share the collaborative pieces with their loved ones.*



PHOTOS: BECKY CUOCO

## The Foundation for Westwood Education

### The Foundation for Westwood Education Announces 2018's Shining Star, Eileen Erwin

The Foundation for Westwood Education congratulates Eileen Erwin for being named the winner of the Foundation's 2018 Shining Star Award. Mrs. Erwin, the main office administrative assistant at the Sheehan School, was chosen from almost one hundred nominees as the 2018 Shining Star for her extraordinary attention to the needs of Sheehan's students. Nominations submitted to the Foundation described Mrs. Erwin's caring attention and kindness in her dealings with students, as well as her ability to remain unruffled when unexpected schedule changes pop up daily. "Mrs. Erwin not only keeps things running smoothly at the Sheehan School, she also goes out of her way to know each child and make them feel recognized and loved," say parents. "Mrs. Erwin spreads love and helps make the Sheehan feel like a big family." Students say she is "funny and welcoming to all."

The Shining Star Award is a Foundation for Westwood Education fundraising initiative designed to further the Foundation's mission by recognizing one individual each year for his or her exceptional contribution to the educational and cultural environment of Westwood.

### Foundation Education Grants approved

Board members of the Foundation for Westwood Education voted at their May 2, 2018 meeting to fund the following grants for the town:

Grant Name	Beneficiaries	Purpose
The Coaching of Reading Institute	Martha Jones faculty	To fund professional development literacy training at Columbia University Teachers' College in New York City
Westwood High School, Microscopes with Cameras	Westwood High School biology students	To purchase specialized microscopes for high school biology students enabling students to incorporate their chrome books into the learning process
Social and Emotional Learning for Young Children	Westwood Public Integrated Preschool students	To introduce a specialized curriculum designed to help young children focus, get along with their peers, and work independently as well as cooperatively
Students at the Center	Students and faculty in the Westwood Public Schools	To bring in educator David Johns, Director of the National Black Justice Coalition, to provide professional training and workshops in student-centered learning for teachers and students
Mindful Teaching & Learning	Students, staff, and families at the Deerfield School	To introduce a curriculum that will familiarize students, staff, and families with skills and strategies for recognizing and responding to emotions, thinking through situations, and communicating with others
Overcoming Obstacles to Pursuing Your Dreams	All K-5 students at the Martha Jones School	To hire motivational speaker Rob Bolster (a Martha Jones alumnus) to present workshops, delivered through his work as an artist, on overcoming learning challenges and obstacles to be successful and happy in life

Over the past quarter century, the Foundation has awarded over \$1,000,000 to support high-quality educational and cultural enrichment programs for Westwood schools and community organizations. These are programs that secure Westwood's reputation as a peaceful yet vibrant place to live, but that cannot take place without your continued generosity.

**Your gift will make outstanding educational opportunities possible!**

**Please donate today online at [www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org](http://www.foundationforwestwoodeducation.org)**



Donate at: [kids.pmc.org/westwood](http://kids.pmc.org/westwood)

June 10, 2018  
Martha Jones School  
8:30-11 am  
Ages 4-15

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THE  
DATE



Kick Off  
9.28.18



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Westwood Youth & Family Services is a town department that provides **free** community based programs and confidential counseling for the children and families of Westwood.

Register at: [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/yfs)

### CREATIVE CRAFT CLUB

**Who:** Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Westwood residents (grouped by 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**When:** Thursdays, June 28 – August 9<sup>th</sup> (no class 7/5) from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Where:** Islington Community Center

**What:** Enjoy the summer at Creative Craft Club! This 6-week program includes crafts focused on mindfulness, goal setting, and do-it-yourself projects. Participants are welcome to register for each session individually and attend as few or as many as they would like. **All participants should feel comfortable and be able to be successful in a 1:5 adult-to-child ratio.**

**Contact:** Sarah Baroud, LICSW at (781) 320-1006 or [sbaroud@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:sbaroud@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

### FRIENDS NETWORK



**Who:** Westwood residents in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**When:** November 2018 – April 2019, Wednesdays from 5:15 – 6:15 PM or 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**Where:** Patricia Carty-Larkin Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street

**What:** The Friends Network program matches young 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! **All participants should feel comfortable and be able to successfully engage in independent, self-directed play in a large group setting.**

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### GIRLS GROUPS

**Who:** Westwood girls in 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

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

**Where:** Islington Community Center

**What:** These 12-week groups will focus on navigating friendships and cliques, avoiding peer pressure, managing bullying situations, and improving body image, confidence and self-esteem. We utilize art projects, videos and games to help reinforce these important topics in fun and creative ways! **All participants should feel comfortable and be able to be successful in a 1:6 adult-to-child ratio.**

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### STRUCTURED PLAY GROUPS



**Who:** Westwood residents in Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (grouped by grade)

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

**Where:** Islington Community Center; Hanlon, Sheehan and Martha Jones Extended Day programs

**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 reinforce weekly topics such as initiating & developing friendships, working cooperatively as a team, communication, decision-making, as well as appreciating one's own strengths and the differences of others. **All participants should feel comfortable and be able to be successful in a 1:4 adult-to-child ratio.**

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Westwood Public Library

## Summer Programs 2018

All library programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



### SUMMER READING 2018: LIBRARIES ROCK

Don't forget to visit the library to sign up for the 2018 summer reading program. There will be prizes, giveaways, games, and fun! Read all summer and earn raffle tickets for great prizes! Open to children in grades K-6th (we even have a birth-preK summer reading challenge too!). Sign up begins June 4th!



### Kids' Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY

660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090  
wwdchildrens@gmail.com - (781) 320-1042

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, July 10-August 14 @ 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 short activity will be available for those who wish to stay after storytime.

Wednesdays, July 11-August 15 @ 10:30 AM

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

Fridays, July 13- August 17th @ 10:30 AM

#### Kids' Programs:

**Monday Crafts:** All ages. Children are welcome to come make a craft at this drop in craft station. Each Monday there will be a different themed craft. Crafts will be available on first come, first served basis while supplies last.

Mondays, July 2nd- August 13th @ 10:30 AM

**Family Fun and Games:** Families with young children are invited to come for drop-in activities, games and more! Come for 10 minutes or an hour. Kids in grades K-3 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturdays, July 7th – August 18th @ 10AM-1PM

**\*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 ;)

Wednesday, July 11, 6PM

\*Registration Required

**Library LEGO:** Ages 5 and up with parent/caregiver. Kids are welcome to come build with library Legos during this drop in explorative play program.

Wednesdays, July 11-August 15th @ 1PM-3PM

**Kindness Rocks:** Ages 5 and up. Paint beautiful rocks that will spread kindness to all who see them! Paint one to take home or to leave at a special place around town to bring joy to the community.

Friday, July 13th @ 1:00-4:00 PM

**Music Makers:** For ages 3 and up with parent/caregiver. Join us as we create musical instruments such as shakers, tissue box guitars, drums and more with upcycled materials and then have a musical jam session!

Tuesday, July 31st, @ 1:30 PM

**Rock Pets:** Ages 5 and up. Ever wanted your very own special pet to take home and love? Come to the library to paint a rock and see it magically transform into a pet!

Friday, August 10th @ 1:00- 4:00 PM

**My Neighbor Totoro Movie and Craft:** Ages 3 and up. Join us for a fun, creative evening as we watch My Neighbor Totoro while enjoying Japanese snacks and popcorn. After the movie, stick around to make your own Totoros to take home.

Tuesday, August 14th @ 5:00-7:30 PM

**Summer Sing-along:** For kids of all ages, no registration. Come celebrate summer with your librarians! We will sing songs, share in rhymes and movement activities together, and maybe even a story or two!

Monday, August 20th @ 10:30 AM

### **Main Library Birthday Celebration and End of Summer Reading Extravaganza:**

For families of all ages. Join us as we celebrate the library's 5th birthday and the end of Summer Reading with celebrations galore! We will have refreshments, mini-golf, photo booth and more! Brought to you by the 21st Century Fund and Friends of the Library.

**Saturday, September 15th, 12:00-3:00 PM**

### **Special Performers**

**Dinoman Dinosaurs!:** For K and up. With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the mesozoic era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? This program is fun and informative for all ages. Learn all about dinosaurs and see GIANT inflatable Dinosaurs at the library!

**Thursday, July 12th @ 4:00 PM**

**Hampstead Theater Co. performs Treasure Island:** For K and up. The Hampstead Players will perform the classic story of Treasure Island! Children will meet Long John Silver and his band of marauding pirates, and take an exciting journey across the seven seas. They may even need an extra player or two from the audience! So don't miss this highlight of the summer.

**Tuesday, July 17th @ 2:00 PM**

**Hands on Drumming:** All Ages. Join us for a drumming circle with Craig Norton from Hands on Drumming. No experience necessary, all ages are welcome!

**Thursday, July 19th @ 1:30 PM**

**Rolie Polie Guacamole Concert:** Families with young children ages 2 and up. Rolie Polie Guacamole is straight out of New York and will be up to rock your socks off at the library! Get ready to listen to some great tunes and dance to the beat (or to your own).

**Wednesday, August 8th @ 6:15PM**

## **Kids' Programs at 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, July 12th - August 16th @ 9:30-10:15 AM**

**Firefly PJ Storytime:** 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**  
**July 25th & August 15th**

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

**Tuesdays, 3:45 - 4:30 PM, June-August**

**Kids' Knitting:** For kids grade 3 and up. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

**Wednesdays, July 11th-August 15th @ 2:00-3:30 PM**

**Jeannie Mack- Summer Songfest:** Calling all 2-6 year olds! Come and enjoy Jeannie Mack's "Summer Songfest" program. Have fun singing, clapping, dancing, and acting out stories with your hands and fingers. Celebrate summer with songs about waves, sea creatures, ice cream cones, bikes, swimming, and lots more!

**Thursday, August 23rd @ 9:30 AM**

## **Teen Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY**

**660 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090**  
**wwdmail1@minlib.net - (781) 320-1045**

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

### **GET CAUGHT READING THIS SUMMER!**

Our **Teen Summer Reading Program** will feature scratch tickets that you can pick up at the 2nd Floor Information Desk every time you visit the Main Library or the Islington Branch. You will either be an Instant Winner or be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing—a basket filled with autographed YA novels from best-selling authors, and one pair of Beats® headphones! The Grand Prize Winner will be formally recognized at Main Library's 5th Birthday Celebration on September 15th.

Whether you're in Westwood or away this summer, you can earn additional entries by snapping a pic of the books you read this summer! Tag us (@westwoodplma) with #westwoodteensread on Instagram and we will submit a ticket into the Grand Prize Drawing on your behalf.

Scratch tickets will be available at the Main Library (2nd Floor Information Desk) & the Islington Branch Library beginning Monday, June 4th- be sure to ask for your scratch ticket every time you visit us this summer!

The **Teen Summer Reading Program** is open to anyone in entering grades 6-12. Winners will be notified via phone, email or Instagram DM. Visit the Library's website or call 781-320-1045 for more information. The Teen Summer Reading Program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Library, Roche Bros. and Wegmans.

## **Adult Programs at the MAIN LIBRARY**

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### **JOIN US FOR THE 3rd ANNUAL ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

The Westwood Public Library invites you to take part in the 3rd Annual Adult Summer Reading Challenge! No registration is required— all you need to do is read what you'd normally read and tell us about it. You could win one of our three major prize baskets, filled with autographed books from best-selling authors, gift cards and a Roku Ultra! Winners of two of the prize baskets will be chosen at random. The third basket will go to the adult who submits the most Patron Pick Bookmarks. All winners will be formally recognized at the Main Library's 5th Birthday Celebration on September 15th. The theme for this year's reading challenge is "Libraries Rock."

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To be eligible for one of our major prize baskets submit a Patron Picks Review Bookmark for our Patron Picks Display. There is no limit to how many book, audio or DVD reviews an individual may submit — in fact the more you submit the better your odds of winning will be! Patron Pick Review Bookmarks will be available at the Main & Islington Libraries beginning Monday, June 4th.

Once you complete a Patron Picks Review Bookmark, turn your review into the Main Library Circulation Desk, the 2nd Floor Information Desk, or the Islington Circulation Desk to get a ticket for the drawing.

**The Adult Summer Reading Challenge** is open to everyone ages 18+. Winners will be notified via phone or email. Visit the Library's website or call 781-320-1045 for more information. The Adult Summer Reading Challenge is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Library, Roche Bros. and Wegmans.

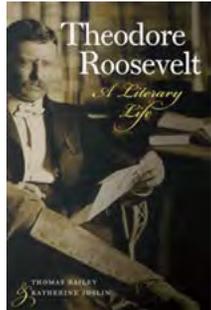
**Keepsake Garden Stones:** Children, Teens and Adults of all ages are all welcome to create personalized stepping stones! It makes a great "Father's Day" gift and looks fabulous in any garden! To register for a time slot, please call the Children's Department at the Library at 781-320-1042, or sign up for a time slot on your next visit to the Westwood Public Library. Supplies are kindly provided by Buddy's Tile Outlet of Norwood, MA and the Friends of the Library.  
**Main Library: Saturday, June 16th @ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Weekly Afternoon Movies:** Get out of the heat and come to the Library every Thursday afternoon for a movie matinee! Bring a snack and a friend!

**Main Library: Thursdays @ 3:00 PM  
June 7th — August 30th**

**\*Find Your Next Great Read — Online:** This computer class will show you how to use digital resources, such as websites, databases and social media, to connect with authors and readers. Always be the first to know what books will make the "must read" list. To register, please call: (781) 326-1045.

**Main Library: Friday, June 29th @ 10:30 AM or  
Wednesday July 25th @ 7:00 PM  
\*Registration Required**

**Author Talk: Thomas Bailey and Katherine Joslin present Theodore Roosevelt: A Literary Life:**

analysis of Roosevelt's contributions to literature." — Kirkus Reviews

Of all the many biographies of Theodore Roosevelt, none has presented the twenty-sixth President as he saw himself: as a man of letters. This fascinating account traces Roosevelt's lifelong engagement with books and discusses his writings from childhood journals to his final editorial, finished just hours before his death. His most famous book, *The Rough Riders*—part memoir, part war adventure—barely begins to suggest the dynamism of his literary output. Along with speeches, essays, reviews, and letters, he wrote history, autobiography, and tales of exploration and discovery. In this thoroughly original biography, Roosevelt is revealed at his most vulnerable—and his most human.

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Thomas Bailey is professor emeritus of English and environmental studies at Western Michigan University. Katherine Joslin is the author of *Jane Addams, A Writer's Life* and *Edith Wharton and the Making of Fashion*, winner of a Choice Outstanding Academic Title award. Copies of the book will be available for purchase through Haley Booksellers.

**Main Library: Thursday, July 12th @ 7:00 PM**

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

**Main Library: Thursday, September 27th @ 7 PM**

**\*Computer Basics:** This series is for beginners with very limited computer experience. You will learn computer terms, how to use a mouse, keyboard and other basic skills in a small group environment. To register, please call: (781) 326-1045.

**Main Library: Tuesdays @ 2:00 PM**

**August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th**

**\*Registration Required**

**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 @ 6:00 PM**

**Friday Morning Book Club:** Join our book discussion group on Friday mornings! No sign-up necessary - read the book, join the conversation! We are looking for members, please join us! Books will be available at the Main Library at the Circulation Desk and at the Islington Branch Library.

**Main Library: Fridays @ 10:30 AM**

**June 22nd: *Delicious!* by Ruth Reichl**

**July 27th: *Maine* by J. Courtney Sullivan**

**August 24th: *Hillbilly Elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis* by J.D. Vance**

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

**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**

**September 6th: U.S. global engagement and the military**

**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**

**June 25th, July 30th, August 27th, September 24th**

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## Adult Programs at the ISLINGTON BRANCH

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**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, July 17th @ 10:30 AM  
 Tuesday, September 18th @ 10:30 AM  
**DROP IN PROGRAM**

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

Wednesday, June 13th @ 6:30pm  
*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

Wednesday, July 11th @ 6:30  
*Killers of the Flower Moon* By David Grann

Wednesday, August 8th @ 6:30  
*The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery  
**DROP IN PROGRAM**

**Scrabble at the Branch:** Bring a friend for a friendly competition of Scrabble. Prizes for longest word, highest scoring work and highest scoring game.

Wednesday, August 1st @ 6:30 PM  
**DROP IN PROGRAM**

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

Thursdays, 10:30am-12:00pm  
**DROP IN PROGRAM**

**Painting with Frances: Reverse Painting on glass with Frances Feloni.** All material provided. For patrons 16 and up. Class size is limited to 12. Registration is required.

Tuesday, July 17th @ 9:30 AM

**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](http://www.westwoodlibrary.org)



Westwood Public Library

### Westwood Public Library

## Library materials delivered to your doorstep!

**Doorstep Delivery available beginning April 2018 for homebound library patrons living in Westwood.**

Beginning in April 2018, the Westwood Public Library, Westwood Council on Aging and the Westwood Public Library and Friends of the Library will be partnering to offer a delivery option to provide library materials for Westwood residents who are unable to visit the library due to illness or physical disability. This service is available to residents who have permanent long term or short term disabilities.

Materials will be delivered to your home by a library or COA volunteer for a three-week period. We can select items for you by title or provide you with a selection based on your reading interests and preferences.

Items available via Doorstep Delivery for homebound residents include:

- Books (Regular or Large Print)
- Audiobooks
- DVDs
- Music CDs
- Magazines



For further information or to get started with Homebound Delivery, please contact Karen Gallagher, Head of Library Circulation Services at 781-320-1049 ([kgallagher@minlib.net](mailto:kgallagher@minlib.net)).

We are also actively seeking volunteers to provide delivery service. Please contact Karen Gallagher at the Library if you are interested!

## Save the Date

The Main Library Building is turning 5.

We're planning a party!

Please join us for a community celebration.



Westwood Public Library  
 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sponsored by the 21st Century Fund

September 15, 2018  
 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
 Main Library



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June 2018

Dear Westwood Residents,

The students of Westwood continue to amaze me. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, in

an art studio, or on the stage, they truly shine.

As I conclude my first year as Superintendent, I want to thank you for your continued support of the Westwood Schools.

The accomplishments of our students is in no small part a reflection of the immense value the community places on education.

I hope that you have a relaxing summer.



## Westwood Students Continue to Excel

Students in Westwood have been busy with numerous artistic and scholastic accomplishments this spring! Here is a brief sampling.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Westwood elementary school students participated in the National Geographic Bee this spring, testing their geographic knowledge. **Nathan Feinfeld**, a student in grade 4 at Downey School, answered all questions perfectly through six rounds and was 7-for-8 overall. Five students from Sheehan School were finalists: **Francesca Gennari**, **Sarahluna Sassine**, **Meg Greally**, **Kevin Doherty**, and **Nico Castro**. Sarahluna competed at the State Bee in April.

While some students tested geography, others tested their knowledge of economics. Four students from Martha Jones School won the Stock Market

Game: **Sean Collins**, **Luke Stacey**, **Brady Dumais**, and **Sean Trusevitch**. Students participate by simulating an investment of \$100,000 in the stock market. Through research, they predict which stocks will achieve the greatest returns.

**Eve Lucas** and **Ava Ng**, grade 5 students at Martha Jones School, each won statewide competitions in the InvestWrite competition. They wrote about how, if they were the financial managers of a non-profit organization, they would invest the organization's money to ensure financial stability.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

In May, 12 professional writers joined grade 7 students in Thurston Middle School for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Writers Who Read conference. Writers included multiple best-selling novelists and award-winning journalists. Students attended a morning keynote presentation and two smaller breakout sessions of their choosing, and then spent the afternoon writing and experimenting with what they had learned. Local independent bookstore Park Street Books provided books for sale during the event, and students were delighted to visit with authors and get books signed. The grade 7 hallway hummed as students rushed between classrooms to excitedly share what they'd learned.

The event, orchestrated by the English Language Arts department and made possible by the Thurston PTO and the Foundation for Westwood Education, strove to show students the possibilities of reading and writing beyond the classroom. Keynote speaker **Ethan Gilsdorf** shared his personal story of fantasy worlds as much needed escapism during difficult times. In smaller sessions, **Francisco X. Stork** (author of *Marcelo in the Real World* and *Disappeared*) guided students to craft monsters from the outside in, taking



Thurston students listen to keynote speaker Ethan Gilsdorf. (Photo by Lizzy McGovern)

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time to imagine even a beast’s wants and needs. **Ben Volin** (NFL reporter for *The Boston Globe*) implored a packed room of young writers to “never scrap anything,” and explained the challenges of working under deadline pressure. Other presenters used their workshops to explore bravery in journalism (**Dave Wedge**), villains’ backstories (**Claribel Ortega**), fashion inspiration (**Amy Friel**), and much more.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Seventeen Westwood High School students have been recognized for achievement by the 2018 Massachusetts Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, sponsored by *The Boston Globe* and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts. Westwood student work was judged amongst thousands of art and writing entries submitted by public and private school students from across the state. Works were evaluated for originality, technical skill and emergence of personal voice or vision. WHS students garnered 33 awards: 11 Gold Keys, 10 Silver Keys, and 12 Honorable Mentions. Artwork can be viewed online at: <http://goo.gl/huvYeG>.

Four Westwood High School students received national recognition in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. **Rose Cautela** (‘18) won a National Gold

Medal in Design for “Ink Book Cover” and a National Silver Medal in Design for “Pie Making Playing Cards.” **Brenna Cox** (‘21) was a National Silver Medal in Photography for “Curious Days.”



“Curious Days” by Brenna Cox

**Kayley Fiorino** (‘18) won a National Silver Medal in Design for “Woman 2.0.” **Hannah Shaby** (‘19) won a National Silver Medal in Design for “Octopus Accordion Book.”

Last fall and winter, students from across the country submitted nearly 350,000 works of art and writing to the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Panels of art professionals judged the work based on quality, creativity, technical skill, and artistic voice. Less than 6% earned regional Gold Keys and advanced to national adjudication. Of those Gold Keys works, less than 1% received National Medals. National Gold Medals will be presented at a ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Throughout elementary, middle, and high school, our students’ achievements are a prime example of the dedication and support the community continues to provide for the Westwood Public Schools. 

Act now to complete your 2018-2019

## ONLINE BUS REGISTRATION

[www.westwood.k12.ma.us](http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us)

Go to “Payment and Registration” then “Bus Transportation Registration and Payment”



To guarantee a seat on the bus, **registration and payment must be received by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline**

Questions? Email us at [busregistration@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:busregistration@westwood.k12.ma.us) or call the Business Office at 781-326-7500 x1343

The annual bus fee will be **\$180 per student**, with a **family cap of \$450** for all students in Grades K-12

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### Westwood Historical Society

#### Living History

This spring, the Westwood Historical Society hosted two very well-attended programs:

- **History of Ceramics.** In March, Nancy Carlisle, Senior Curator of Collections at Historic New England, presented a program on the history of ceramics in New England. Her talk included slides and special mention of many ceramics that are showcased in local historic homes and museums.
- **The Birth of the Boston Subway.** In April, Doug Most, author of “The Race Underground: Boston, New York and the Incredible Rivalry That Built America’s First Subway” intrigued us with stories of how America’s first subway was built as well as all the personalities involved. A video of Doug’s presentation is available on the Westwood channel of the Westwood Media Center.

#### An 1800s School Day

In May, the Historical Society hosted Westwood’s third graders at the Fisher School. This program gives our schoolchildren the opportunity to step back in time and see what school was like in the 1800s. The program was originally designed by Joan Swann and Elaine Nye, continued by Irene Buonopane and is now coordinated by Charlie Donahue. This year, Charlie had the help of 24 volunteers, including past and current school principals, teachers, school and town administrators!

Each year, the Fisher School is transformed into a historic classroom with antique school desks and chairs plus a dunce cap and stool. The school day includes authentic lessons on oral reading, memorization, recitation, figuring on slates, mental

arithmetic, penmanship (using ink and quill pens), a spelling bee, and a history lesson that teaches the students about the history and restoration of the schoolhouse and challenges them to think about and compare classrooms past and present.

Ahead of time, the children must prepare for the day. They are expected to dress in clothing that is appropriate to the period. Girls are expected to wear dresses or skirts (long preferably), cotton blouses, bonnets, shawls and pinafore aprons. Boys are expected to wear cotton pants and cotton or flannel shirts – so no printed T-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants or baseball caps. Students bring their lunch in a basket, small metal pail, large cloth napkin or bandana and the foods are supposed to be appropriate/available in the 1800s (so no fruit rollups, gummy bears, Twinkies, etc.).

To provide a permanent record of their day, students are asked to bring their own copybook to use for lessons. During recess, the children play games that were popular during the mid-19th century, including jump rope, marbles, bean bag toss, and hoop rolling.

After the children finish their day at the schoolhouse, they go to the old Westwood Cemetery where they visit the graves of Robert Steele, drummer boy at the Battle of Bunker Hill; John Buckmaster, first Westwood resident buried in the cemetery in 1752; members of the Colburn family; and Ebenezer Fisher for whom the schoolhouse was named.

#### Looking Ahead to the Fall

We are currently planning several fall events and look forward to seeing you there!

- **October Program.** Speaker to be determined.
- **November Program.** We have invited Sloane Awtrey, Research Intern at the Museum of Fine Arts, to share her knowledge of Rufus Porter’s mural paintings.
- **Holiday Party and Quarter Century Award.** Join us in December to celebrate the holidays and recognize the Quarter Century Award recipient.

Visit our website ([www.westwoodhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.westwoodhistoricalsociety.com)) and watch for more information in the fall.



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