



WESTWOOD

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

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Todd is remembered with an annual Charity Softball day. Story begins below left.



"Wally" came to visit at a previous Charity Softball day. Maybe he'll drop by again this year!

School Street Playground Opens

Picture to the right shows installation progress at the beginning of last May. Story begins below.



SAVE THE DATE: June 16th is the Todd J. Schwartz Charity Memorial Softball Tournament!

The 5th Annual Charity Softball Tournament and Family Day will be held on Saturday, June 16th at the site of the Council on Aging on Nahatan Street from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Admission proceeds honor the charitable nature of the young man memorialized by this popular yearly event.

Todd Schwartz was a genuine people magnet. If he met you, young or old, he remembered you and would do all that he could to be a good, supportive friend. Todd graduated from WHS in June 2001 and went on to attend UMass Amherst all while undergoing chemotherapy. He never let on to his friends how truly ill he was because he wanted nothing more than to be treated as Todd – a funny, loving, smart, creative teen.

In November 2002, 19 year-old Todd, the brother of sisters Laura and Amy and friend to everyone, lost his battle with rhabdomyosarcoma. After his 2-year battle with cancer, his friends felt the need to carry on his fight.

Because Todd was an avid Red Sox fan and had been the patient spokesperson for the Red Sox when they looked to gain approval for the Red Sox/Dana-Farber License plate, it seemed only fitting that his friends would organize a softball tournament

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School Street Playground Is Brand New and Open for Fun and Games

The Westwood Young Women's Club (WYWC) is pleased to announce that the playground equipment for the new School Street Playground is here and installed. A grand opening celebration is planned for Saturday, June 16, 2007. The WYWC, a non-profit organization comprised of Westwood women dedicated to enhancing their community, began raising funds to build a new playground for the children of Westwood in March 2006. They have worked closely with Childscapes (the playground equipment company), Town officials and the Westwood Recreation Department to design a new playground that is not only fun and challenging for the children but also aesthetically pleasing to the community.

The playground manufacturer and design were chosen after extensive research and consideration. The new equipment is made of painted steel and plastic. The majority of the equipment is designed for children between the ages of five and 12, but there will also be an area for three to five year olds. The equipment is fun to explore, physically challenging, and different from other playgrounds in the area. A few of the unique items include climbing rocks, spinner bowls and a star net.

The new playground occupies the same basic footprint as the old one. The WYWC strongly believes that this project will greatly improve the physical and social well being of

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Did You Know . . .

- The **Assessor's office** will be conducting a full field review of all residential parcels as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. We have contracted with Mr. James Judge to assist the Assessors. It will be necessary for the Assessors to perform an interior inspection program and we will be asking the public to voluntarily allow the Assessor or Mr. Judge to inspect the interior of all residences. The Assessor's office will be sending out letters to notify you when we will be in your area. This field review was started last year and is expected to be completed by fiscal year 2009. If you have any questions regarding this, please call the Assessors' office at 781-320-1001.
- The **Board of Library Trustees** has created a non-profit corporation to assist with fund raising for the new main library. The Westwood Public Library 21st Century Fund, Inc. will allow people to make tax-deductible donations towards the building project. The library project is currently on a waiting list for a \$3.6 million construction grant from the Mass Board of Library Commissioners. A fund raising campaign is in the planning stages.

Commemorative Bricks Available for the Veterans' Walk of Remembrance

Located in the new Westwood Veterans' Park at the Kerivan Conservation area (between the two Westwood cemeteries), the Walk of Remembrance will be constructed of commemorative bricks to honor all veterans of war or peace time service. Each brick will be engraved with the Veteran's name, branch of service, war, or years of service in the U.S. military. The Walk of Remembrance is dedicated to all U.S. Veterans, living or deceased, who have proudly served our country.

Each year on Memorial Day the names of Veterans added to the Walk of Remembrance will be read.

A tax deductible donation of \$100.00 for each engraved brick will fund the construction and maintenance of Westwood Veterans Park. Brick application forms are available at the Town Hall, Veterans Services, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090 or www.townhall.westwood.ma.us ❖

It's Not Too Late to Apply for Camp Scholarships

It's not too late to apply for camp scholarships for your children. Westwood Community Chest (WCC) is still accepting applications for its 2007 camp scholarship, "Campership," program. All school-aged children in the town of Westwood are eligible and awards are based on financial need. Last year 20 kids used their scholarships to go to camps through the Westwood Recreation Department, Hale Reservation and others.

To apply for the scholarship, stop by Youth and Family Services, either of the public libraries, the Recreation Department, the Senior Center, or the Town Hall and pick up an application. The Campership Award limit is \$500 per child and there is no limit to the number of children who can apply within a household. ❖

Ray Balabanis – Employed by the Town of Westwood for 50 Years

Ray Balabanis has lived in the Town of Westwood since 1940. He was married in 1961 to his lovely wife, Carole, and they have two daughters and three granddaughters.



Ray started working for the Town on March 25, 1957 as a Laborer. He has been promoted many times during his years of service. In January 1962, Ray was promoted to Heavy Equipment Operator; in March 1976, he was promoted to Foreman and in July 1983, he was promoted to Senior Working Foreman. As Senior Foreman, he is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Highway Department.

Ray has always been a dependable, valuable employee. The Highway Department boasts receiving many compliments from residents who have received Ray's assistance over the last fifty years. Ray plans to continue working for the Town of Westwood for many years to come, therefore, residents will continue to see Ray seated in the front-end-loader preparing for the tasks of the day.

During his free time, Ray likes to spend time with his family, enjoys traveling, gardening, and crossword puzzles.

Thank you, Ray, for your years of outstanding service to the residents of the Town of Westwood! ❖

David R. Pond, Firefighter – 25 Years of Service

On August 17, 1981, David R. Pond, a life-long Westwood resident, joined the Westwood Fire Department as a Firefighter. Later that year, David became an EMT and was assigned to the ambulance, as well as the Engine at Station 1. In 1996, he was transferred to Station 2 in Islington, where he is currently stationed.



In the 1990s, David began working in the Fire Alarm Construction Division. He received his certification as a Fire Alarm Technician in 1997 and is currently the head of that division.

David has shown professionalism and expertise. He has a great sense of humor.

The Board of Selectmen acknowledges and thanks David Pond for his twenty five years of service to the residents of Westwood. ❖

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the Westwood community. Childhood obesity is a growing concern in our nation. Nationally, children spend only 12-13 minutes per day in vigorous physical activity. In addition, children spend much of their time in structured activities rather than in free play with their peers. A safe playground is the perfect place for our children to exercise and play.

Come on down and visit the new equipment! With Summer right around the corner, youngsters will be looking for a new adventure.

The WYWC is still accepting donations for the School Street Playground Fund. Additional engraved bricks purchased throughout the summer will be installed in the fall. If you'd like more information, please visit their website at www.wywc.org or call 781-407-0448. ❖

What Is Education 411?

About a year ago, a group of Westwood residents came together to determine an effective means of keeping Westwood residents informed about issues pertaining to Westwood Schools. Led by co-chairs John Loughnane and Carol Lewis, the group dubbed itself Education411 and embarked on several initiatives to bring information straight to Westwood residents from a non-partisan perspective.

A year has passed, and the efforts of E411 have been well received by both residents and town officials. But there is more work to be done. As the group enters its second year, E411 invites others to join in this important work. E411 is well aware of the time constraints placed on many citizens these days. With that in mind, committee meetings are kept to a bare minimum and any level of participation, no matter how large or small, is welcomed. Interested in learning more? Here are some more details about Education411:

What is Education411?

Education411 is a non-partisan, grass-roots organization. Its mission is to celebrate Westwood's long tradition of educational excellence and to inform residents of key issues facing our public schools today and in the future. Education411 is neither a 'Yes' committee nor a 'No' committee. It is a committee of residents dedicated to providing timely and accurate information about Westwood schools. Because the issues facing the public schools will remain complex for the foreseeable future, Education411 expects to exist for many years to come.

History

The Finance Commission's Education Subcommittee 2006 Report observed that Westwood would continue to face financial

challenges and that those challenges would require the attention not only of town leaders but also of the town's citizens. The Subcommittee closed its report by stating: "We urge the citizens of our Town to be actively involved in this process so that they may collectively determine Westwood's priorities."

In the spirit of fostering active community involvement in educational issues, Education411 was formed in the summer of 2006.

Accomplishments To Date

Since its formation, Education411 members have published several newsletters about education-related topics, spoken to various groups, disseminated summaries of town meetings involving school issues, compiled an email circulation list that currently reaches several hundred households.

Last February, Education411 sponsored a town forum on State Funding of Public Education with a presentation by Jeff Wulfson, Associate Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Education.

The website, Education411.org, was launched last winter and is a great resource to locate past copies of newsletters or to check for dates of upcoming meetings.

If you are interested in participating on Education411 contact Loughnane or Lewis at WestwoodEducation411@Yahoo.com. The time to be organized for next school year is now. If you think you have an interest in helping out with the group, they would appreciate hearing from you. If you simply want to join the mailing list for the periodic newsletters and announcements, please send an email to info@education411.org ❖

Charity Tournament and Family Day – continued from page 1

with the proceeds going to the Jimmy Fund and The Todd J. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship at WHS.

In the kick-off year of the event, \$20,000 was raised in just one day. Now, 5 years later, the event has an annual goal of over \$50,000! 100% of the proceeds go to giving. Several charitable causes are funded by the donations – the Jimmy Fund Family Festival held in July on the campus of the Noble and Greenough School in Dedham is sponsored solely by this fundraising. The Family Festival event is a treat for young cancer patients, survivors and their families (over 1,000 attend) for a day of fun, food and entertainment. Another cause is the Todd J. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship, which is bestowed annually to a graduating senior. Other concerns or families in need are helped by anonymous donations through the year.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Now that the softball tournament is established, the committee is embracing a new goal of bringing back the fun, day-long "Westwood Day" festival of years ago. By adding more family-centered activities, the committee hopes to re-establish an event that focuses toward a sense of community, of caring and giving; after all who hasn't been touched by cancer?

The Charity Softball games are open to everyone, players and fans alike. But there truly is something for everyone! New this year, for the age 2-7 set and their families, is a children's concert featuring popular musical artists "Flooky and the Beans." Michelle Hebner, a teacher at Thurston and a friend of Todd's from his days as a Recreation Department summer counselor, will organize her Leadership Team of students to run children's games including obstacle courses and other activities, such as face painting and a moonwalk. The Fire Department will have a fire engine on hand for the younger set to enjoy.

Boston Red Sox tickets and autographed sports memorabilia, a Tom Dunlay print of Fenway Park, a signed Tom Brady jersey are just a few of the silent auction items... you won't want to miss it! Over 500 people have come to support the Jimmy Fund, and bid on the Silent Auction items in the past!



Senior citizens can eat free just by signing up!

Admission for players, fans and families include a bar-b-que lunch, family concert, a commemorative t-shirt and bracelet. Ice cream will be supplied by Black Cow Ice Cream of Millis and Natick and radio station 98.5. Steve Siagel Productions will provide DJ services during the day. Donation packages are as follows:

- FAMILY OF 4 – \$100 (\$5 per additional member).
- FAN PACKAGE – \$25 (one person).
- PLAYER PACKAGE – \$75 (one person).
- WESTWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS – FREE

Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted. Be there for opening ceremonies at 9:30, stay for the day, cheer on the teams of Westwood teachers that are participating and show your support...you'll be glad you did!

To register, please call the Westwood Recreation Department or email Todd's mom, Janet, at JSchwartz@fortodd.org with any inquiries.

The committee is still accepting corporate sponsors, as well as gift certificates or items for the Silent Auction. ❖

2007 Town Meeting Honor Roll

The Board of Selectmen and residents in attendance at the May 2007 Town Meeting were witness to the retirement of a notable town clerk; the end of an era of leadership of a School Committee member; and the presentation of the prestigious John J. Cronin Award. Individually, they have benefitted the town in immeasurable ways, demonstrating the qualities of leadership, dedication and fairness throughout their service. These brief paragraphs of each honoree's achievements provide only a small measure of how each one gave generously to the Town.

The following paragraphs are excerpts from the speeches read at the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2007.



Edie McCracken (center), retiring Town Clerk, receives a Resolution from Selectman Tony Antonellis (at podium). Also presenting the Resolution are Selectmen Patrick Ahearn (left) and Nancy Hyde (right).

Edie McCracken, Town Clerk

By vote of those present at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, Edie McCracken was officially recognized for her dedicated service to the Town. Edie served the Town of Westwood beginning in 1954, and was elected Town Clerk from 1974 through May, 2007. During her terms of office as Town Clerk, she was the keeper of records and documents; issued licenses; served as the Registrar of voters; served as the Filing Officer for vital records, zoning and conservation decisions. She also administered elections as the Chief Election Officer, and attended the Annual Town Meetings recording the actions taken. During her tenure as Town Clerk, she demonstrated the qualities of leadership, hard work, dedication and loyalty.

Thank you, Edie.

John H. Gottschalk, School Committee, receives a Resolution from Patrick Ahearn for his dedicated service to the Town.



John Gottschalk, School Committee

By vote of those present at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, John Gottschalk was officially recognized for his dedicated service to the Town. John served as a member of the School Committee from 1995 to 2007 and served as Chairman in 1998, 2004 and 2006. During his term on the School Committee, he gave unselfishly of his time to the children and assiduously advocated for the education of all Westwood children. He was involved in the design, renovation and construction of the Martha Jones School, Downey School, Thurston Middle School and Westwood High School. John was willing to make difficult decisions based on the needs of the school system and the students. John demonstrated the qualities of leadership during his terms in office, setting examples of fairness, hard work, and loyalty.

Thank you, John.

Jack Patterson — John J. Cronin Award Winner

Each year, the John J. Cronin Public Service Award committee awards this high honor to an individual who has served the Town of Westwood. John J. Cronin, Town Treasurer for many years, selflessly gave of his time and expertise for the betterment of the community both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities. In recognition of that same spirit of community involvement, the John J. Cronin Public Service Award Committee chose Jack Patterson as the fifth recipient of the award.

Jack Patterson has displayed exemplary service, dedication and commitment to the Town of Westwood. He has served on various committees and has made valuable contributions to Westwood. Jack has been a lifelong resident of Westwood and a well respected citizen. He and his wife, Mary have four children and two grandchildren.



The John Cronin Public Service Award given to Jack Patterson (far right). Tony Antonellis (podium) presented the prestigious award with Mrs. Betty Cronin and John Cronin, Jr.

Jack served as a member of the Personnel Board from 1987 to 2007, serving as Chairman beginning in 1990 for seventeen years. During his tenure he promoted an environment of fair and ethical representation of the employees of the Town. He was the Personnel Board representative in collective bargaining with the police and fire unions and was the key force behind performance evaluations for town employees. Jack brought structure, professionalism and fairness to the Personnel Board.

Jack served on the Recreation Commission from 1984 to 1986 prior to joining the Personnel Board. He is involved in the Recreation Department's Holiday Santa program and donates his place of business each year to this worthy endeavor. Jack was one of the first supporters of the creation of the Recreation Department's Teen Center "Basement." He has also coached generations of baseball players through Westwood Youth Baseball and will always be remembered for the wonderful breakfast he

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Redevelopment of University Ave.

A Community Update

With the opening of the Westwood Station public hearing process on January 30th, many town boards and commissions have had busy late-winter/spring seasons. The Planning Board has held multiple public hearings on the review of the Area Master Plan Special Permit Application as have the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Health. To aid in these hearings, a three-dimensional scale model of the proposed project was unveiled and placed for public viewing in the Carby Street Municipal Building. Public hearings have consisted of consideration and review of a wide range of topics including fiscal impacts, urban design, traffic and transportation, water quality & protection and the environment. At an April public hearing, the applicant, Cabot, Cabot and Forbes (CC&F), provided a presentation on improvements and enhancements to the master plan to date.

While all the hearing activity progressed, the Town also held it's annual election and Town Meeting. Both were largely driven by Westwood Station related

issues. At Town Meeting, on May 7th, nearly half the warrant articles presented were related to zoning bylaw amendments for the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD). Among the warrant articles included were those seeking to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take necessary actions on town roadways and planned roadways of the infrastructure surrounding Westwood Station. Warrant articles voted to indefinite postponement included zoning amendments to allow an outpatient medical facility and suite hotels within the MUOD. All told, both the election and town meeting revealed broad support for the proposed Westwood Station project.

Moving forward, the Planning Board and its peer review consultants will continue to analyze all areas of the Special Permit application submitted by CC&F. The Planning Board is dedicated to conducting a thorough review. Input from other town boards, officials and residents continues to be vital to that review. Two other local permits associated with the Westwood Station process are nearing completion – the Water Resources

Protection Overlay District Permit (granted by ZBA) and the Order of Conditions (granted by ConComm). Both are anticipated to be completed by early summer.



To view past public hearing transcripts or urban, environmental, transportation and or fiscal review reports and many other useful documents pertaining to the review of Westwood Station, please go to the Planning Board's website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us, under the heading 'Boards', choose 'Planning Board', then choose forms and publications.

Get Informed, Stay Informed

Join the University Ave. Listserv for email updates, Submit Comments and Questions and find the University Ave. Redevelopment Website by logging on to:
www.townhall.westwood.ma.us

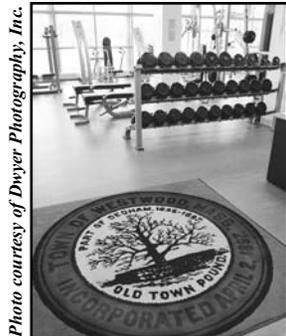


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Recreation Fitness Center

Schedule: Now through June 25, 2007
 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 5:00-7:00 a.m.
 Monday thru Friday: 5:00-9:00 p.m.
 Saturday/Sunday: 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Daily Rate: \$2 Monthly Single: \$15 Monthly Family: \$30
 Take advantage of this great resource located in the High School.
 Call Mike Griffin at 781-461-0070 or e-mail:
mgriffin@townhall.westwood.ma.us
Call for Summer Hours!

Newsletter correspondence can be sent to:
 Westwood Community Newsletter
 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090
 or email:
newsletter@townhall.westwood.ma.us
 Thank you,
 Diane Thornton, *Editor*

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prepared for the graduating seniors at the Annual All Night Graduation Party.

Jack has served the seniors of Westwood since 1991 by delivering Meals on Wheels every week. He is also an active parishioner of Saint Dennis Church, serving on the Parish Finance Commission for approximately twenty years. He is an active Westwood business owner and long-time member of Rotary, twice serving as Chairman.

Jack Patterson has touched the lives of many Westwood residents, young and old by his involvement in many volunteer committees, giving his time, expertise and commitment. It is difficult to find someone in Westwood who does not have a connection to this fine citizen.

Jack Patterson's name will be added to the plaque which contains the names of the previously honored individuals which hangs in our Town Hall. ❖



Free Summer Concert Series 2007

The Summer Concerts are sponsored by the Westwood Young Women's Club. They are held on the lawn in front of the Senior Center and next to the Tot Lot. All shows start at 6:30 p.m. and all ages are welcome. The musical groups performing this summer are:

- July 9 Westwood Community Swing Band (Music from the Big Band Era)
- July 16 Mass College All Star Jazz Ensemble (Big Band Jazz Sound with the top Massachusetts College Jazz Musicians)
- July 23 Four Guys in Tuxes (All music requests)
- July 30 Special Children's Concert with Mike the Music Man (Singing and entertainment for kids of all ages, even the young at heart)

(In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Islington Community Center. Please call 781.461.0070 after 4:30 p.m. for a taped program report.)

Special thanks to the Department of Public Works, Council on Aging and Westwood Recreation Department. ❖

NEWS FROM THE WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Westwood Resident,

This has been a very eventful year for the Westwood Public Schools. My staff and I, along with hundreds of volunteers, spent a great deal of time focusing on the Proposition 2 1/2 override request that appeared on the April 24 ballot. The good news: the voters understood that our funding needs were real and well-justified, and due to their overwhelming support, the schools will be infused with an additional \$2.78 million. The increase in funding will help us reduce class sizes, restore lost programs, reduce fees, purchase technology, and so much more.

As I have said before, the hard work begins now. I feel a strong sense of accountability to our residents, and it is now the school department's turn to deliver on its promise to keep the district moving forward.

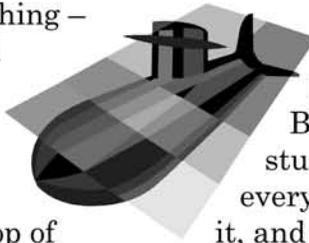
Finally, as I finish my second year, I want to let you know that I am honored to be the Superintendent of Schools, and am thrilled to be a resident of this great town. I look forward to many more years of working together. Thank you.



Westwood High School Project Lab Hosts Submariners

Westwood High School's unique Project Lab (sometimes referred to merely as "Room A160"), home of Westwood's FIRST Robotics Team and Engineering Design classes, is being put to use this May as a submarine testing site. Dozens of teams from freshman Physical Science classes are finishing their study of density and buoyancy by designing and constructing miniature submarines from plastic drink bottles, oxygen tubing, balloons, plastic propellers, rubber bands, hot glue, and, of course, every engineer's favorite building material: duct tape. Using a 12 foot wide, 3 foot deep inflatable pool in the Project Lab, they can test their vessels' ability to submerge, travel underwater, and (they hope) return to the surface.

Last week, during the first week of their "sea trials", the WHS submariners were joined in the Lab by the real thing – experience in submarines and earning advanced degrees in MIT. Lieutenants Perry in the pool, and gave the They also made sure that underwater, ships travel on top of



two US Navy officers with real surface ships who are currently Naval Construction and Engineering at Branch and Ashley Fuller observed tests students some pointers on boat design. everyone knows that boats travel it, and it's pronounced "sub-MARE-in-er".

Some junior and senior level science and math classes also got an opportunity to listen in and ask questions as the officers showed how the math and science the students are studying today are the keys to not only designing subs and ships, but also to commanding them effectively by understanding how they work. The topics they touched on ranged from density, buoyancy and pressure to sea waves in ship design, sound waves in SONAR, and electromagnetic waves in phased array radars. The students also were amused to learn how much fun it is to slide down submarine passageways tilted at a 30° angle during a practice "emergency blow", how to avoid elephant pickpockets in Malaysia, and how hard work and dedication can earn you a very rewarding career using math and science even if, like Lt. Fuller, "you didn't much like math in high school".

Mark Holthouse, WHS Science Teacher

NEWS FROM THE WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

“Work hard. Do the right thing. Be your best self.”

An ongoing challenge at Martha Jones this year has been to translate these grandiose phrases from our motto into everyday actions. Through class meetings, school-wide assemblies, reminders on bulletin boards – teachers have been trying to encourage students to not only parrot the phrases, but also to *live* their meaning. The hope is for children to bring the motto to life on the playground, in the lunchroom, in classrooms, in their neighborhoods.

The living of the motto was an unquestionable reality on a recent Thursday morning. Rather than enter classrooms when the bell rang, all 362 students and 40 teachers gathered on the blacktop and created a *living* flag. (Children had been asked to wear either red-white-or blue and teachers quickly transformed them into the design of the American flag.) We came together to celebrate and honor one of our teaching assistants, Mrs. Kathy Stivaletta, who is being deployed to the Middle East for one year with her unit of the U.S. Naval Reserves. The morning was a great send off for Mrs. Stivaletta.

The morning was also the culmination of a month-long effort by the entire community to *live* the motto in a very specific way. Our goal was to “Keep Kathy Connected.” We all rallied in support. Children were asked to donate \$1 from their allowances or savings toward the purchase of a laptop computer with webcam capabilities that will allow Mrs. Stivaletta to communicate with all of us in Westwood while she is away. Teachers wrote to parents asking for their donations as well. Students went further and set up lemonade stands, passed out flyers and organized bottle and can drives. The Student Council (with the help of teachers and families) held several successful bake sales. In short, the energy of the community – children and adults - was focused in the joint effort to support Mrs. Stivaletta as she leaves us to *live* the motto abroad. It was a great lesson for all of us in *working hard, doing the right thing, and being your best self*.

Peggy Scott, Principal

p.s. We reached our goal & Mrs. Stivaletta will stay connected!

SENIOR CITIZENS: GET YOUR WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS “GREEN CARD”

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

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



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

TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

TOWN and SCHOOL EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

June 20 Schools close for Summer
 July 4 Town Hall closed for Independence Day
 July 11 Fireman's Foam, Deerfield School, 3:30

September 3 Town Hall closed for Labor Day
 September 6 Schools open for the 2007-2008 academic year

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Massachusetts 2007 Statewide Summer Reading Program:
"CATCH THE BEAT @ YOUR LIBRARY"
 Sign up for summer reading begins on the last day of school.

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

MAIN LIBRARY

Children's Department Weekly Summer Programs – 2007
 Registration is **NOT** required for most summer programs.*

July 10-Aug 14 Preschool Literacy Adventures – Ages 2 and up.
 Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00 p.m.
 Jul 10-Aug 14 Wishing Well – Gr. K-3
 Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Not held on Aug. 7th)
 Jul 10-Aug 14 Bedtime Storytime – All ages.
 Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Wear PJs!
 Jul 11-Aug 15 Storytime – Ages 3-5
 Wednesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
 Jul 13-Aug 17 Babies & Books – Under 2 years.
 Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Special Summer Programs at the Main Library

July 16 **MASSACHUSETTS BOOK AWARD BOOK CLUB**
 Students will read and discuss MA Book Award nominees
 Aug 13 Titles TBA
 Mondays, 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-6.
 July 25 **WINGMASTERS WORLD OF OWLS IS BACK!**
 Catch the beat of Owl wings as Wingmasters comes
 back to Westwood!
 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Students **must** be in grades K and up.
 TBA **DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION!**
 Try your skill at this fun dance game.
 Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Grades 3-6.
 Aug 06 **ED THE WIZARD**
 Celebrate the new Harry Potter Book release with
 another wizard!
 Monday, 4:00 p.m. All ages.
 (Funded through a MA Arts Lottery Grant.)

Aug 07 **CARIBBEAN FOR KIDS!**
 Music and dance to the beat of the steel drum!
 Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. All ages.
 Aug 16 **LIBRARY SCAVENGER HUNT**
 Search the library for answers, earn prizes
 Thursday, 2:00 p.m. All ages.
 Aug 22 Summer Reading Program Celebration
 The Central Mass Repertory Theatre proudly presents:
THE FUNTASTIC FABLE MAKER
 Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
 Recommended for ages 4 and up.

ISLINGTON BRANCH Summer Programs

June 28 Catch the Beat @ the Islington Branch Library
KATHY'S KIDS SHOWS
 Music, sing-a-longs, and games!
 Thursday, 9:30 AM
 Ages 4 and up.
 * **Registration is required.**
 Jul 12-Aug 16 Storytime – Ages 3-5.
 Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Town Hall Snap Shot

Retiring Town Clerk, Edie McCracken, welcomes the next Town Clerk, Dottie Powers, to her newly elected position.



This Summer in Westwood
 580 High Street
 Westwood, MA 02090

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 Westwood MA 02090

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Westwood, MA 02090

