



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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Photo courtesy of Dwyer Photography, Inc.

The new fitness center boasts state-of-the-art strength training and cardio fitness equipment.

Fitness Center Opens Doors

The Westwood Recreation Department is proud to announce that it has opened the doors to its **Fitness Center**. This brand new, 1500 sq. ft. facility boasts state-of-the-art commercial fitness equipment from reputable fitness companies such as SportsArt, LifeFitness, Tuff Stuff and York. It is located at 240 Nahatan Street, in the high school, across from the gymnasium.

This fabulous community resource allows residents the opportunity to work out right in their own town. There will be a variety of programs offered that cover all fitness levels and ages throughout the entire year. From general membership to small group classes, it is truly user friendly. The entire facility is handicapped accessible.

Ample parking is available right outside Door 30. After entering door 30, the Recreation Department office is located straight ahead down one flight of stairs on the left. Just beyond that are the pool locker rooms where participants can store their belongings before moving to the Fitness Center, which is not too far from the locker

rooms. There is also another entrance to the Fitness Center from the Gymnasium side entrance located in the rear of the facility. There is plenty of parking there also.

There are nine individual strength pieces in the Fitness Center made by SportsArt that cover all the major muscle groups. The Chest Press, Shoulder Press and Lat Pull

Down pieces can be used unilaterally. These pieces

are great for the individual that is suffering a little soreness or recovering from an injury. The Leg Press, Leg Extension, Leg Curl, Bicep Curl, and Triceps Extension are additional pieces that will help to complete workouts. The last piece is the Dip/Chin-up Assist. This piece gives a user of any fitness level the opportunity to perform repetitions using their body weight or a percentage of their body weight with assistance. For example, if you are a two hundred pound person that wants to be able to perform chin-ups, but cannot pull up your own body

weight, this piece of equipment helps you accomplish those repetitions.

All of the strength pieces have easy to use placards, the upholstery is comfortable, and the look is very impressive. One fabulous equipment feature is the color-coded adjustments available on each piece. The knobs are a bright, shiny yellow

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allowing the user to find it, adjust to their desired setting, and away they go.

All on-site staff are trained on how the equipment works and are more than willing to do whatever it takes to ensure your workout will be productive.

The floor is a gray rubber and easy to clean. There are mirrors on the walls that allow users to monitor proper form while working out. A magazine rack holds reading materials. Two stations are set up that dispense disinfecting wipes for equipment wipe-down after usage.

Cardio anyone? Not interested in weight training, but love to just take a walk or quick jog? Three treadmills *continued on page 4*

Did You Know . . .

- The **Westwood Board of Health** is now actively seeking non-medical personnel to become members of the *Volunteer Medical Corps* (VMC). To date the Health Department has recruited 81 medical professionals to help in the event of an emergency or to staff a clinic. However, non-medical personnel are needed as well. In the event of a real emergency, volunteers from all walks of life will be needed to carry out emergency preparedness activities. If you, or if anyone you know, is interested in becoming either a medical or non-medical member of the *Westwood Volunteer Medical Corps*, please visit the Board of Health website at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us to download the appropriate application.

Important Voter Information

- Special State Primary, April 17, 2007.
- Annual Town Election, April 24, 2007
- Annual Town Meeting begins May 7th.
- Special State Election, May 15, 2007.
- Motor vehicle crashes continue to lead all other causes of injury and death for small children and adolescents. Buckle up everyone in your car and ensure any child-seat is properly installed! The **Westwood Police Department** has *five certified car seat technicians* available to consult and assist with car-seat installation. Residents can call the station and ask if a technician is available.
- The **Westwood Police Department** has a recently announced the creation of the *Crime Tip Line*. The Tip Line can be reached by calling 781-320-1056. Through this program, citizens can call a dedicated tip line and leave information about an unsolved crime; provide the police with information that would assist in an investigation; or identify a specific problem inherent to a particular neighborhood that would then result in the police developing further intelligence to stop criminal activity. Callers may choose to remain anonymous, or may leave contact information. Residents are reminded that this phone line goes directly to a voice mail system, and for immediate police assistance, they should call the business number or 911 where appropriate.

Upcoming Westwood Youth and Family Services Events

- Westwood Youth & Family Services facilitates a *Teen Discussion Group* at Westwood High School after school on Tuesdays at 2:15 in the Guidance Conference Room. Weekly topics may include school stress, family relationships, and self-esteem. It is open to any high school student, is confidential, and snacks are provided.
- *Body Safety Theatre* will be performed by the WY&FS Mentors Program for all 3rd graders in Westwood on Thursday, March 15th and Friday, March 16th. WY&FS staff will also visit the classrooms in the weeks following the performances to address the issues of stranger awareness and personal safety. We encourage all parents/guardians to continue these discussions with your children at home.
- The *Single Parent Support Group* is a support group for parents who have separated, divorced, or have been widowed. It will begin at the end of June and meet weekly over the summer. Childcare and dinner are provided!

Contact the WY&FS office at 781-320-1006 to sign up or to get more information on any of our programs. ❖

Westwood Reads 2007

The **Westwood Public Library** will launch its third community-wide reading program in March 2007. The book chosen for the 2007 event is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This selection is considered to be among the greatest of American novels. It is about the promise and loss of the American Dream. The period following World War I and ending with The Great Depression was often referred to as The Jazz Age. It was a decade that celebrated youth and rebelled against the years of staid manners that preceded it. Names like Louis Armstrong, George Gershwin, Louise Brooks and F. Scott Fitzgerald are central to the period; the “flapper,” with her short hair and short skirt, is the iconic image of the time.

Copies of the novel are available at the Library and through the Minuteman Library Network. Program opportunities complementing this particular reading program will include book discussions, presentations by Fitzgerald scholars, and a jazz performance to reflect the novel’s Roaring Twenties setting. On Saturday, March 24 at 2:00pm professor Samuel Coale from Wheaton College will present a talk on Fitzgerald’s work. Programs are open to the public and refreshments will be served. For an updated list of programs visit the library web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org ❖

John J. Cronin Public Service Award

The John J. Cronin Public Service Award is presented each year at the Annual Town Meeting to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Westwood community. This award is named for the late John J. Cronin, Town Treasurer, who for many years selflessly gave of his time for the betterment of the community, both as an elected official and in numerous volunteer activities.

The Award Committee invites you to nominate a deserving candidate. Please consider some of the following guidelines when submitting your nomination:

The individual may have exhibited leadership, demonstrated exceptional service which impacted our community, may have volunteered on one of our boards or committees, or may have gone out of their way to make our town a better place.

All information will remain confidential with the Award Committee. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Town Hall, Library or on the Town’s website, www.townhall.westwood.ma.us.

The deadline for submission is March 30, 2007. Please send to The John J. Cronin Public Service Award Committee, 580 High Street, Town Hall, Westwood, MA 02090. If you have questions, please call 781-326-4172. ❖

Westwood Community Chest Announces Campership Program

The Westwood Community Chest (WCC) is announcing its 2007 Campership program. Last year, more than 20 kids attended summer programs at the Westwood Recreation Department, Hale Reservation, and several other day and overnight camps. Without the support of the WCC Campership program, many of these children would not have benefited from an enriching summer camp experience.

The Campership program provides scholarships to help kids go to summer camp. The scholarships are made possible by the generous donations received from the WCC annual appeal last fall. All school age Westwood children are eligible. Funds are awarded based on financial need. Applications for the Campership program, as well as the WCC Application for Financial Award, can be obtained at the WY&FS office, the Westwood Senior Center, both town Public Libraries, the Police Station and the Town Hall. ❖

Redevelopment of University Ave.

A Community Update

Westwood Station

On December 13, 2006, Cabot, Cabot & Forbes (CC&F) officially filed a Special Permit Application for the redevelopment of University Avenue. Almost a year prior to receipt of the special permit application, the University Avenue Redevelopment Steering Committee was created in order to identify potential challenges and community concerns. The Committee, made up of approximately 50 members of Town staff; members of various Town boards and commissions; residents; and University Avenue businesses, was assigned the task of identifying and analyzing potential issues and concerns with the redevelopment project. Representatives from the various groups came together on this committee and diligently worked to create a set of guiding principles that have become the basis of the developer's Master Plan and the subsequent special permit application.

The result is a proposed project that must undergo rigorous review and scrutiny. During this process every aspect of the plan will be reviewed by town officials, residents, local business people and industry experts in order to ensure that this project meets the objectives of the Town of Westwood.

The Planning Board Review Process

The Planning Board officially began that review process with the opening of the public hearing on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. CC&F, along with partners Commonfund Realty and New England Development, applied for an Area Master

Plan Special Permit, pursuant to the Mixed Use Overlay District (MUOD) that was created by Town Meeting in 2005. The MUOD allows for large-scale, mixed-use redevelopment along University Avenue. Under this zoning process, CC&F must obtain two types of zoning approval for the development. First is the **Special Permit** for the Master Plan, essentially the overall development proposal. If CC&F are successful in securing the Special Permit they must then apply for an Environmental Impact and Design Review, commonly referred to as **Site Plan Review**, for each phase of the development. These are two of the major permits that are required before the developer can begin construction of any buildings on the site. There are a host of other permits that must be secured at the local and state level as well.

To thoroughly review the Special Permit application for the Master Plan, the Planning Board has hired a number of peer consultants to analyze the sections that fall within their technical areas of expertise. It is worth noting that although these consultants are hired and paid by the Town, the funds are provided by the applicant under Massachusetts law. This process provides for expert scrutiny of key areas, such as urban design, environment, transportation/traffic, and fiscal impact. The Board will not approve the Plan unless it is determined to be a sensible proposal with substantial benefits for Westwood. In addition, each building in the project must undergo a site review by the Planning Board. The board will meet regularly over the course of the next several weeks to review elements of the proposal.

Public Input and Information Opportunities

Moving forward, each Planning Board meeting will focus on one particular topic of importance. For example, there were sessions devoted to Urban Design (Feb 6th) and Environmental Impacts (Feb 13th). Upcoming meetings include Transportation and Fiscal/Demographic Impacts. Residents are encouraged to visit the Town's web site to get information, submit comments, and obtain meeting schedules and updates. It is vitally important that Town officials, staff and residents have the opportunity to be fully informed and to offer input and questions during the process. ❖

Get Informed Stay Informed

UA Redevelopment Website:

<http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/index.cfm?pid=15395>

Join the UA Listserv for email updates:

<http://lists.town.westwood.ma.us/mailman/listinfo/universityave>

Submit Comments/Questions

<http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/index.cfm?pid=15858>

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*

Pre-leasing of New Units at Highland Glen in Late Spring/Early Summer

Equity Residential, owners of Highland Glen, have announced that the 102 new units that they are constructing at Highland Glen will be available for pre-leasing in late spring/ early summer of 2007. The Highland Glen development is located on Highland Glen Road, which is off of Route 109 near the Sheehan School. The new units are in two new buildings at the rear of the current complex. There will be sixty-eight one bedroom units and thirty-four two bedroom units in the new buildings.

Twenty-five percent of the new units will be rented as "Affordable" units to households with an income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income for Boston. The rent for qualified tenants shall not exceed thirty percent of their income. Seventeen one bedroom units and nine two bedroom units will be available as affordable units.

The new buildings at Highland Glen will include a full service fitness room, a business center with internet access, and a community room with a full service kitchen. The apartments will be similar to current units and both buildings will have elevators and tenant parking. There will be 110 new street level parking spaces added to the complex.

The new leasing center was completed on February 15th and interested applicants are invited to view a model unit and layout of the development. For more information on pre-leasing you are invited to call Laura Andrus at Equity Residential at 781-329-7755. ❖

Fitness Center Snap Shot



For more pictures of the new Fitness Center go to <http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us/index.cfm?cdid=16585&pid=16583>

Town Clerk retiring after 33 years

Only the fourth Town Clerk in Westwood's history

Edie McCracken began her tenure with the Town of Westwood in February 1954. Edie and her husband, Bill, had two children, David and Janet. They have lived in Westwood since 1954. (Bill passed away in 1995).

Edie first served the Town of Westwood as the Clerk in the Board of Assessors office from 1954 until February of 1960. At that time she decided to leave her position in order to care for her two children.

In 1966, Executive Secretary Joe Gallagher, asked her to return "part time" to the Assessors Office to assist with reevaluations. Edie never left! She continued to work in the Assessor's Department with Bill McLaren, Charlie Howard Sr. and Jack Alcott until 1974.

In 1972, the Assistant Town Clerk, Josephine Higgins, was out sick for a brief period of time and Town Clerk Florence Tripp "borrowed" Edie from the Assessors Office to assist and help in the Town Clerk's office. Edie became very interested in the legalities of that department, as well as the constant changes that occurred daily. When Florence Tripp, who had held office beginning in 1957, decided not to run in 1974, Edie decided to run for the position. Edie ran against Nora McMorro and won by a 2 to 1 vote.

Early in her tenure, Edie began studies to earn her certification as a Municipal Clerk. She received a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) diploma from the International Association of Municipal Clerks after attending educational seminars at Salve Regina College. She also earned status as a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Clerk (CMMA). This certification is based on knowledge of hundreds of sections of the Massachusetts General Laws, which pertain to the Town Clerk's office. This was a favorite area of interest for Edie.

In Westwood's 110-year history, only three other people have served as Town Clerk – Willy Baker, for 35 years from 1897 thru 1932; Ellen Damrell, for 24 years from 1932 thru 1956; and Florence Tripp, for 18 years from 1956 thru 1974. Now Edie McCracken can take her place in this prominent list of Westwood Town Clerks.

The community will surely miss Edie behind the counter at the town hall, but Westwood wishes her the best in her well-deserved retirement. Serving the Town of Westwood since 1954, with thirty-three of those years as Town Clerk, Edie deserves to enjoy her retirement and get back to some of her favorite pastimes: reading, music and counted cross-stitch. Also, having held an Extra Class Radio License since the mid 1950's, she may get back into Ham Radio!

Thank you, Edie, for your commitment and devotion. Enjoy! ❖



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and three ellipticals align one side of the Fitness Center to accommodate those needs. One Upright and one recumbent bike are available for the cycle minded individual. These pieces have various fitness programs to choose from that are easy to use and set up.

There are quite a few free weights also. Rubber coated dumbbells, ranging from five pounds up to seventy-five pounds, are provided and for the individual who has a problem with gripping, Neoprene dumbbells from one pound up through ten pounds, are another option. The big strength pieces are our Squat Rack, Multi-function rack, Smith machine, and Olympic Bench. All have Olympic bars and rubber coated weight plates with cut outs for easy transportation and loading.

Highly popular in the fitness world nowadays is the Compact Cable Crossover, our final piece of equipment. This piece is easily adjusted up and down, with multiple attachments available to do a variety of movements. There is also a chin-up and pull-up bar attached that adds another option.

Everyone, at some point, wants to work on the mid-section area of the body. Many roll away mats are available to do abdominal exercises, as well as physioballs for the more advanced user. Medicine balls, jump ropes, fitness bands, and a great rack to keep

everything organized are coming soon. There will also be Polar Heart Rate Straps that can be used while utilizing one of the cardio pieces to target that important heart rate.

Bathrooms are located just outside the Fitness Center and there is also a water bubbler. Members and visitors are not allowed to have cell phones, jackets, or children in the room while working out. Appropriate clothing is required (No Jeans)! In order to maintain the integrity and overall cleanliness of the facility, rules are posted everywhere and are strictly enforced.

The Westwood Recreation Department considers it a pleasure to offer this great new resource to residents. If your interest has been sparked, or you are even thinking about it – act on it! Public hours are Monday through Friday from 5-9pm, Saturday and Sunday from 6am-12pm, and early morning hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:00am. The Recreation Department's website has more photographs. View them at www.townhall.westwood.ma.us. You will like what you see, so come and experience it!

Call the Recreation Department for more information at 781-461-0070. ❖

New Sign Policy Announcement

A new sign policy was adopted at the February 12, 2007 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The policy is presented here in its entirety. For further information, please contact Ellen Hurley at 781-320-1016. ❖

TOWN OF WESTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN SIGN POLICY

Purpose

To provide a stated policy regarding the placing of signs on Town Property and various other locations throughout the Town.

Background

There are designated locations in town where “not for profit” organizations from Westwood can inform the residents of a particular function ((1) in front of the Town’s fire stations, (2) on the Community Bulletin Boards, and (3) on designated islands in town).

NOTE: The placing of signs or flyers on utility poles is not allowed and will be removed.

Permissible Locations

Fire Stations – On sign boards located in front of fire stations @ High Street and Washington Street.

The procedure for requesting a sign at either of the Town’s fire stations is as follows: Submission of a Sign Use Form to the Fire Chief’s office at 637 High Street. Approval of the Fire Chief is required. The form may be picked up at the Fire Station located at 637 High Street.

No sign can be larger than 46 inches wide by 22 inches high. It is recommended that the lettering be not less than 3 inch block letters and that the message be limited to “what, where, and when.” Placement and removal of the signs is the responsibility of person or organization.

Community Bulletin Boards – (1) Islington Fire Station and (2) High Street.

The procedure for requesting a sign on the Community Bulletin Boards is as follows: The Sign Use Form may be picked up from Ellen Hurley at Town Hall, 580 High Street for submission to the Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator for approval.

The Community Bulletin Board can accommodate up to four (4) signs at one given time. If this is a first time function, the Town will require the following information: the name of the function, date and time. The following year the change of date of the function will be needed at least a month in advance. All signs are the property of the Town and will be stored in Town Hall. Signs will be hung two weeks before the event and removed the following day.

Signs on Traffic Islands – Located at designated islands around town.

The procedure for requesting a sign on any of the designated islands is as follows: The Sign Use Form may be picked up from Ellen Hurley at Town Hall, 580 High Street for submission to the Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator for approval.

The Town will provide sandwich boards for prepared signs. The following islands have been approved for the purpose of sign placements: High and Nahatan Streets, Gay and Pine Lane, Clapboardtree and Nahatan Streets, Clapboardtree and Washington Streets, and High and Pond Streets.

NOTE: Any signs that are left on Town property without prior approval will be removed and stored at the Department of Public Works for a two week period. Contact Ellen Hurley to arrange pick-up of signs.

Banners

Banners will be allowed on Town buildings for Town related events as stated in the Westwood Zoning Bylaws, *Temporary Signs*, at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Ellen M. Hurley can be reached at 781-320-1016 for additional information.

Date Prepared: 9/22/1998
Date Revised: 02/12/07i

McFarlands Donate 22+ Acre Property for Playing Fields and Conservation

Westwood Land Trust, Inc. is please to announce that 22.69 acres located at 795 Clapboardtree Street have been placed under a permanent conservation restriction held by Westwood Land Trust (WLT) that ensures preservation of the property. Westwood residents Duncan and Ellen McFarland expanded their efforts to preserve land along Clapboardtree Street by purchasing the 22+ acres to prevent development of that property. “When we learned that the property adjacent to Prout Farm/Clapboardtree Meadows was for sale, we decided to purchase it and expand the conservation land in that area,” said Duncan

McFarland. “The property has long been identified as important for open space.”

The new property will also benefit the Town by providing a site for playing fields. Town engineers have developed a plan for the property that would use 10 acres for sports fields. The remaining 12 acres would be preserved as open space and includes forests and hiking trails.

The McFarlands’ efforts to preserve land along Clapboardtree Street began in 1999. The McFarlands have kept a close eye on development in the area ever since.

A conservation restriction is a permanent legal restriction that limits or

prohibits development of land in order to protect conservation values such as scenic views and wildlife habitat.

WLT is a charitable organization dedicated to preserving open space, forests, and habitat in Westwood. It currently holds conservation restrictions that protect 158 acres of land. WLT is working to preserve a beautiful 9-acre historic site on Fox Hill Street and has two potential conservation projects for 2007. To learn more about Westwood Land Trust, Inc., please visit www.westwoodlandtrust.org or call us at 781-551-0173. ❖

(excerpted from WLT Press Release 12/18/06)

News from the Westwood Public Schools

Dear Westwood Resident,

At its February 15 meeting, the Westwood School Committee formally adopted its FY'08 School Department budget. As the table below illustrates, the recommended budget for FY'08 totals \$30,739,512, which represents a \$3,527,387, or 12.9% increase over FY'07.

Final FY'07 Budget	\$ 27,212,125
Proposed FY'08 Budget	\$ 30,739,512
Increase (\$)	\$ 3,527,387
Increase (%)	12.96%

Since it appears that the School Department can expect no more than \$750,000 from the Town (from local revenues) or State (in the form of "Chapter 70" education aid), a Proposition 2 ½ override of \$2.7 million will be necessary to fund the budget. The calculation of the override amount is below:

Proposed FY'08 Budget Increase	\$ 3,527,387
Probable Town and State Contribution	\$ 750,000
Proposition 2 1/2 Override Amount	\$ (2,777,387)

I recognize that requesting a Proposition 2 ½ override is difficult for any community. As a new resident of Westwood, I know firsthand that many of our friends, relatives and neighbors find it challenging to manage their household budgets as the cost of living continues to rise. However, I am also responsible for ensuring that our students get the best possible education we can provide. This community has desired and demanded a high-quality school system for many years, yet I share many people's concern that the system is showing signs of erosion. This budget begins to address some of our most pressing concerns, namely:

- High class sizes throughout the district
- Reduced program offerings at Westwood High School and Thurston Middle School
- The existence of Drop Everything and Read time (study hall) at the elementary level
- A strong reliance on user fees, including those for Kindergarten, Transportation, Extra-Curricular activities, Athletics and Parking
- Inadequate supply, equipment and maintenance budgets

This budget was built with the belief that we are at risk of losing our status as a high-quality, high-performing school system. The students of the Westwood Public Schools have a long history of achieving excellence, and it did not happen by accident. Rather, it happened because the residents of Westwood backed their pride in their public schools with a commensurate financial commitment.

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News from the Westwood Public Schools

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Westwood Public Schools are now at a crossroad. The strain placed on the system by several years of inadequate budget growth is compromising the education of Westwood students. Over the course of the last five years, the Town's ability to provide an adequate level of funding to the school or municipal budgets has been eroded by rising costs in several areas such as special education, utilities, and health insurance. All of this is exacerbated by a State government that has retreated from its commitment to fund public education. Note the following:

- From FY'03 to FY'07, the school department budget has grown by an average of only 2.3% per year.
- During that same time period, the cost of Heating Fuel rose by \$400,000 or 235%; the cost of Electricity rose by \$225,000 or 165%; Special Education Tuition costs rose by \$1.1 million, or 177%; and student enrollment increased by more than 10%.

When one considers these factors and recognizes that a *level service* budget costs approximately 5% on an annual basis, it becomes clear that with such limited budget growth, a significant reduction in services to our students was inevitable.

Conclusion

I encourage all Westwood residents to become educated about the school department. I am honored to serve as Superintendent of your public school system, and I am committed to tireless advocacy on behalf of our students, faculty and staff. I also view my job as a partnership between school and community, and I need your help to keep our schools moving forward. One of the ways I can foster that partnership is to provide timely and accurate information to the greater community. We have made great strides over the last two years to provide residents ample opportunity to get involved and stay informed about our schools (this newsletter is just one example). As I have stated before, I am committed to leaving no question unanswered. Feel free to contact me at any time by e-mail (jantonucci@westwood.k12.ma.us) or by phone (781-326-7500 x1340). Thank you for your continued support.



STAY CONNECTED!

BUDGET INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON DISTRICT WEBSITE

Towards its goal of providing a clear and transparent budget process, the School Committee makes all school department budget documents available to the general public. Look for the red *FY'08 Budget Information* link on the home page at www.westwood.k12.ma.us to see budget detail pages, budget presentations, the executive summary, and much more.

TOWN BULLETIN BOARD

TOWN and SCHOOL EVENTS and HOLIDAYS

March-April Dog Licensing at the Town Clerks office
March 23 All Day Inservice – No school for students
April Annual Rabies Clinic, Date To Be Determined
April 6 Schools Closed – Good Friday
April 16 Town Hall Closed – Patriot's Day
April 16-20 Schools Closed – Spring Vacation
April 17 Special State Primary

April 24 Annual Town Election
May 7 Annual Town Meeting begins
May 15 Special State Election
May 28 Schools & Town Hall Closed – Memorial Day
June 3 Class of 2007 High School Graduation
June 20 Last Day of School

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 or visit the web site at www.westwoodlibrary.org/home

MAIN LIBRARY — Weekly Programs

Mar 20-May 1 **Preschool Literacy Adventures** —
Ages 2 and up with caregiver
Tuesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Mar 21-May 2 **Storytime** — Ages 3 and up
Wednesdays, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
Mar 20-May 1 **Wishing Well** — Ages 5 and up
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Children **must** be the appropriate age by the first day of each session.
As registration began December 1, 2006, please call for available space. There are no sessions during public school vacations or holidays.

Mar 23-May 4 **Babies & Books** — Under 2 years with caregiver
Fridays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.
Registration is not required.

Special Programs

Apr 14 **Storytelling Saturdays** — Ages 2½ and up with families.
Westwood Librarian Storytellers,
Favorites from Around the World
Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Registration begins 1 month prior.

Apr 9 **Massachusetts Book Award Book Club** — Grades 3-5.
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Monthly discussion of MA Book Award title.
Shredderman: Secret Identity by W. VanDraanen &
Voting for 2007 Award!

Mar 15 **A Story for Every Season** — All Generations!
An Early Childhood Council, Council on Aging and
Library CPC Program
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. This program is held at the
Westwood Senior Center. Registration is required,
please call the ECC at 781-461-9548.

Apr 17 **Sir George and the Dragon!** — Family Program.
Diane Korda's Romper Rhythm and Puppet Show
Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. (April school vacation)
Registration is not required.
May 8 **The REAL D.W.** — Family Program.
Meet the **real** sister of author Marc Brown
and model for D.W., Kim Brown
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.
Registration is required and begins April 1st.

ISLINGTON BRANCH — Programs

Mar 22-May 3 **Storytime** — Ages 3½ and up
Thursdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Registration is required.

Mar 20, 27 **Young Readers Book Club** — Grades 2-4
Tuesdays, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Snacks provided!
Apr 3 Registration began February 2007.

Apr 19 **You Are the Star!** — Ages 3 and up with families.
with Tad Travers, Mr. D.J.
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
Registration is required. (April school vacation)



Snap Shots

Photos courtesy of Dwyer Photography, Inc.

This Spring in Westwood
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