

Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

From the Manager's Desk

The Inhabitant By-law Study Committee is resuming work to complete a review of the Town's Inhabitant By-laws. These by-laws cover a wide variety of topics including the date and time for Annual Town Meeting, the requirement that residents recycle, the process for disposition of town owned property, and procedures for earth removal to name a few examples. In cities these local laws are referred to as ordinances. Changing the Inhabitant By-laws requires a majority vote at a future town meeting. This committee is advisory in nature and is expected to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen which may lead to articles being placed on a future town meeting warrant.



It is expected that the first topic of discussion for the Inhabitant By-Law Study Committee will be whether to recommend a change in the date of annual town meeting. Currently the Inhabitant By-laws state that the annual town meeting "...be held at ten-thirty a.m. on the Saturday following the Election of Town Officers in the year for which the warrant is drawn." Town elections are held on the fourth Saturday of April meaning that annual town meetings are currently held on either the last Saturday in April or the first Saturday in May. Suggestions have ranged from scheduling the annual town meeting to take place on one or more week nights to scheduling the meeting to occur earlier in the calendar year.

The Board of Selectmen has appointed an Economic Development Committee to assess the current state of business in Wilmington and make recommendations to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen about initiatives to pursue. Questions that the committee is expected to address are whether the Town should encourage a greater level of business activity and whether the Town should seek to encourage a different mix of businesses than currently exists. With vacancies existing for an extended period of time along the high visibility corridor of Route 38/Main Street, the committee will seek to develop an understanding of the factors including the private sector retail economy and the local government environment that may be contributing to these vacancies.

Following the disposition of the court case involving the Elinor M. Ristuccia Arena the Town's high school hockey program and youth hockey program continue to face the challenge of having a place to call "home ice." The groups are seeking to have access to ice time that meets the demands of their programs, at times that are predictable and consistent and at rates in line with other ice rinks in the area. Additionally, there is a desire to investigate the opportunity for creating an indoor recreational facility either in conjunction with an ice rink or as a future expansion to a rink facility. Such an indoor recreational facility might offer batting cages or space for soccer, basketball, lacrosse or other activities. Selectmen have appointed a committee to evaluate the options for addressing these needs and report back to them with their results and recommendations.

As *Town Topics* goes to print these committees are expected to have held their first meeting and will meet monthly. The meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted by the Town Clerk's office on a bulletin board at Town Hall and on the Town's website at www.wilmingtonma.gov/minutes-and-agendas. Input from residents is strongly encouraged.

The Yentile Farm Recreational Facility has been a truly successful investment by residents. The space has provided a second artificial turf field available for practices and games for local sports teams, additional basketball courts for the spontaneous "pick-up" games, play areas for youngsters and a beautifully landscaped area with a pavilion. The park is heavily utilized which the Town strongly encourages.

The Town is seeking the support and cooperation of residents to ensure that this special place remains a recreational "gem." Unfortunately, vandalism has occurred both to inset stones that surround the footings at the pavilion and inside the restrooms. If you see something contact Public Works at 978-658-4481 or the Police Department nonemergency line at 978-658-5071. While the park may be a public space it should be treated with the same care and respect as we treat our own living space.

Yentile Farm Recreational Facility is a "carry-in carry-out" facility. While it may be inconvenient to take the coffee cups, pizza boxes, sandwich wrappers and drink cans with you when you leave the park it is a tremendous help in maintaining a clean and welcoming space. There are numerous public spaces across the state and across the country that are "carry-in carry-out." Such a policy cuts down on rodents, insects, bees and other critters seeking out trash as a food source.

Scott Bishop, Custodial Supervisor at the Wildwood School, retired after 31 years with the Town. On July 12th Michael Morris will be retiring after 32 years of service as the Town Accountant. He has been a key player and advisor for over three decades in the development and execution of the Town's budgets. Both gentlemen are offered best wishes for a healthy and active retirement.

With summer in full swing there are many opportunities to play locally from Silver Lake to Yentile Park to Town Forest. Check our website for details. Be safe.

TRASH AND RECYCLING TIPS

While trying to help the environment, many of us are putting items in our recycle carts that should not be, HOPING they can be recycled. The result? Contaminated loads are being rejected at the processing center, leading to additional charges to the Town.

REMEMBER

KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF YOUR RECYCLE CART

- ❌ No plastic wrap or plastic bags of any kind;
- ❌ No Styrofoam;
- ❌ No clothing, shoes, blankets, etc.;
- (DROP OFF AT DONATION BOXES LOCATED AT EACH SCHOOL)
- ❌ No electronics, batteries or bulbs;
- ❌ No food or liquid;
- ❌ No wood or construction debris;
- ❌ No hoses, wires or cords.

When in doubt, check out www.RecycleSmartMa.org. Enter the name of an item to find out if it is recycling or trash.

Please see <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/trash-recycling> for further information regarding the Trash and Recycling Collection Program.

Please remember, if you move from your home, the trash and recycle barrels must remain with the house.

BOARD OF HEALTH ADVICE REGARDING MOSQUITOES AND TICKS

Mosquito and tick season is upon us, the Board of Health would like to remind residents to take precautions to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes and ticks.

MOSQUITOES - Try to avoid outdoor activity during times of day with increased mosquito activity, which is dawn and dusk. Use mosquito repellents containing an EPA-approved active ingredient such as DEET.

Residents should wear long sleeved clothing to reduce mosquito access to skin and remove any standing water in your yard, including children's toys, birdbaths, pots and planters.

Wilmington is part of the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project and routine spraying and larvicide treatment is conducted throughout the summer.

TICKS - Ticks are prevalent in Wilmington. Ticks like damp, shady, brushy, leafy areas. If you have been in an area where ticks might be present, it is important to check yourself, your family and your pets for ticks every day. Use repellents that contain DEET on your exposed skin and those that contain permethrin on your clothes. When spending time outside, if weather permits, wear long-sleeved, light colored shirts and long pants tucked into your socks.

Keep the grass cut short and remove piles of leaves and brush. Talk to your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your pets and livestock from ticks.

If you find a tick on yourself, remove it carefully as soon as possible. If you develop a rash or other signs of illness following a tick bite, be sure to contact your health care provider immediately. If you are looking into preventative tick control, check out tick tubes, which may be found online. They work great ridding areas of deer ticks only. Remember deer ticks are the ones that transmit Lyme Disease. If you have been bitten by a tick, log on to the Board of Health website for links to get the ticks tested.

WILMINGTON COMMUNITY FUND SPONSORS SHREDDING DAY

The Wilmington Community Fund is hosting a Shredding Day on Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Wilmington Town Common parking lot. The event is free of charge to residents.

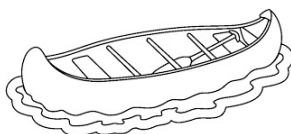
Two shredding trucks will be available, however the event is meant for residences. The Community Fund reserves the right to limit the amount of shredding due to wait time or truck space. Paper clips, rubber bands and staples do not need to be removed. Please remove binder clips or other metal fasteners.

The Wilmington Community Fund, which runs the Wilmington Food Pantry, is encouraging participants to bring nonperishable food items or donations to the event. All donations will be given to the Food Pantry. Our motto is "People Helping People" and, as always, we are grateful for the partnership of the community to help fight hunger.

TOWN BEACH AT SILVER LAKE

Town Beach is open each day and staffed with lifeguards through Sunday, August 11. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wilmington residents, with proof of residency, may use the beach at no charge. Accepted forms of identification include a valid driver's license or an RMV issued Massachusetts ID showing your Wilmington address.

Kayaks, canoes and paddleboards are available for rent at the beach. All rentals are \$6 for two hours.



SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

The following is a selection of upcoming library programs. For a complete listing of events, please pick up an events brochure or check the library's website. Please register at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen) events.

AUTHOR VISITS

Andre Dubus, III **Thursday, July 25, 7 pm**
Andre Dubus, III, the author of seven books including three New York Times bestsellers, will discuss his most recent book *Gone So Long*.

Meredith Goldstein **Thursday, August 1, 7 pm**
Meredith Goldstein, an advice columnist for the *Boston Globe*, will discuss her book *Can't Help Myself: Lessons and Confessions from a Modern Advice Columnist*.

CELEBRATE THE MOON LANDING EVENTS

Explore Cosmology with Mike D'Eon
Tuesday, July 9, 7 pm

Unlock the universe's evolutionary secrets, starting with the Big Bang, at this informational talk with Mike D'Eon, a PhD of Physics candidate at Brandeis University. Suitable for Grades 6 and up.

Sun, Moon and Stars! Thursday, July 18, 2:30 pm
Brad Bensko on vocals and guitar and Kathleen Parks on vocals, violin and mandolin bring you the sounds of 50's & 60's pop and American Songbook standards featuring tunes such as Stardust, Moon River and Fly Me to the Moon plus originals from their first LP of original material.

The Moon Landing's 50th Anniversary
Tuesday, July 23, 7 pm

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing with NASA Ambassador, Caity Sullivan. She will discuss the history and science related to the Apollo 11 lunar landing mission along with the astronauts on this mission, the attitudes surrounding the space race and the state of NASA at the time. Suitable for Grades 6 and up.

Summer Bash **Thursday, August 15, 5:30 pm**

The Summer Bash is the finale event for the library's annual summer reading program. Residents of all ages are invited to join us on the Swain Green and enjoy the music of Squeezebox Stompers – a unique mix of Cajun, Celtic, Country and Blues. The Youth Services staff will be on hand with lots of fun games and activities for kids. Dinner will be available to purchase from the Fat Belly BBQ and 3rd Alarm Pizza food trucks plus ice cream and other treats will be sold.

Expanded Hours at the Library

The library will be open on Saturdays year round beginning this summer. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Summer Hours at the Book Store Next Door

The Friends of the Library Book Store Next Door will be open until 6 pm on Wednesdays until the end of August. Store hours are Wednesdays, 10 am to 6 pm, and Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm. Thanks for donating your gently used books and for shopping at the Book Store Next Door. All proceeds benefit the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Visit Parks and Museums with Library Passes

Take advantage of discounts to parks and museums this summer with library passes to Drumlin Farm (Mass Audubon Pass), Mass State Parks, Trustees of Reservations, Zoo New England, Museum of Science and more. Check out availability and reservations at www.wilmlibrary.org.

Lawn Games and Travel Kits

Check out the library's lawn games for your summer barbecue and one of our travel kits for your next vacation. Discover how the library can help you have a wonderful summer!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime", in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Wilmington's program will take place Tuesday, August 6 at Rotary Park. Watch for details and locations on the police department's website www.wpd.org

NEWS FROM ELDERLY SERVICES

GAME NIGHT

"Game Night" is back by popular demand. The Buzzell Senior Center will be having this monthly throughout the spring, summer and fall. Mark your calendar for future Game Night dates: Thursdays, July 25, August 15 and September 19. (4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) Participants will be able to have a light dinner, fun activity and dessert. (\$3.00 per person) Don't miss out on the fun. Feel free to call the Buzzell Senior Center for more information at 978-657-7595.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The role of a caregiver can be a very difficult one. The Department of Elderly Services is offering a Caregivers Support Group that meets on the third Monday of each month. If you are caring for a loved one, relative or friend, come and meet with others who understand all that you are going through and who can offer support and provide helpful coping strategies. The group meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Buzzell Senior Center. For more information, please call Case Manager Laura Pickett at 978-657-7595 or email lpickett@wilmingtonma.gov.

OUR MEMORY CAFÉ

We are pleased to report that Wilmington's memory café, "Our Moment Café", is off to a wonderful start since its opening in October 2018. A memory café is a special gathering place for those dealing with memory loss and their caregivers. The Café gives the person with memory loss, and their caregivers, an opportunity to socialize, participate in an activity and to make new friends in a welcoming and understanding environment. We would like to thank Assisting Hands Home Care in Wilmington, MA and We're One Wilmington for their continued support in sponsoring this program.

"Our Moment Café" will be meeting at the 4th of July Building, 142 Middlesex Avenue, on Wednesdays, July 17, August 21 and September 18 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Terri Marciello or Laura Pickett at the Department of Elderly Services, 978-657-7595.

ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS - FAMILY FUN DAY

The Department of Elderly Services is excited to have our 2nd Annual Intergenerational Family Fun Day event at Yentile Farm Recreation Facility. This event will be held on Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is free for all participants!

Yentile Farm has a nicely paved walking route, a pavilion to have face painting and a beautiful green to have our live Zumba led by Kelli and Tai Chi, led by Greta. We will also have healthy snacks, raffles and giveaways. We hope that this event will help promote the importance of exercise no matter what your age and having fun doing it with having family and friends. Sign up in advance at the Buzzell Senior Center or on the day of the event.

WILMINGTON'S 15TH ANNUAL HALF MARATHON & 5K RUN OR WALK

The streets of Wilmington will once again be filled with runners and walkers on Sunday, September 29 as the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce hosts the Town's 15th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk. A portion of the proceeds from the annual race are reinvested into the community through college scholarships and local donations. Local and regional runners look forward to this race every year because of its flat scenic terrain and low cost. The race is well organized, friendly and conducted in a non-intimidating environment. Race features include: USATF certified courses, professional chip timing, mile markers, water stops, free drawstring swag bag to first 500 registrants, awards for winners by gender/age/team categories, medals for all half marathon participants, ribbons for all 5K participants and post race refreshments. Family fun festivities include music, face painting and business and community sponsored tables with raffles and give-aways.

The half marathon covers 13.1 miles and the 5K is 3.1 miles. Both races begin with a shotgun start at 10 am. Registration tables open at 8 am at 10 Waltham Street, in front of WCTV. Pre-registration is strongly recommended to avoid excessive lines during race day registration, to be eligible for a discounted entry fee and to be guaranteed receipt of a drawstring swag bag. Register online at ChamberRace.RaceWire.com, by mail or in-person. Visit the Chamber of Commerce's website www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org for additional race details and sponsorship information or call Nancy Vallee, Chamber Executive Director, at 978-657-7211.

UPCOMING RECREATION TRIPS

Fun in Vermont – Saturday, October 26: \$95. First, we are headed to the amazing workshops of **Simon Pearce** to be mesmerized by the glassblowers at work. You will have time to visit the showrooms where the gorgeous works of art are sold. Then we are off to have lunch at the historic **Queechee Inn** where we will enjoy fine cuisine and stunning views. Finally, we will spend some time at **King Arthur Flour** for a short cooking demo, browsing thousands of ingredients and kitchen tools and a chance to purchase a yummy bakery treat.



Northeast Historical Tour – September 6 – 15: \$2,650 p.p.d.o. This inclusive trip features stops in NYC, Philadelphia, Gettysburg Battlefield, Colonial Williamsburg,



Monticello, the Smithsonian Museums and much more. This trip includes roundtrip transportation from

Wilmington, 13 meals, highly rated hotels and much more. As our customers say, "Just sign up and show up!" for a great travel experience.

Our complete newsletter is on the Town's website at www.wilmingtonma.gov. Click on the Recreation prompt to explore the many programs this department has to offer. Our newsletter, Recreation Matters, is updated quarterly – February, May, August and November.

WATER CONSERVATION

With the hot summer days arriving, residents are reminded that the Town of Wilmington has active water use restrictions. **There is no outdoor watering allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** In the case of sprinkler systems, both above-ground and installed underground systems may only be used once per week, subject to the hours above. Other outside water use is restricted to hand held hoses only. Per the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Town will be required to ban sprinklers entirely if this policy is not followed. Failure to follow the water use restriction may result in a minimum \$50.00 per day fine. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

The Recreation Department's popular summer concert series begins on Wednesday, July 11 at the Town Common. Talented musical groups will provide entertainment for all ages from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday through July 31. In the event of inclement weather, the scheduled concert will be postponed to the date in parentheses. This summer's performers are:

July 10 (7/11)– Ball in the House: A Cappella at its best.

July 17 (7/18) – Jimmy & the Jesters: The oldies and classic country tunes.

July 24 (7/25) – Back Track: Features the music of the 50's, 60's and 70's.

July 31 (8/1) – 60's Invasion: Features the music of the 60's.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUN 16- FARMERS MARKET OPEN SUNDAYS

SEP 22 Town Common 10 am to 1 pm

JUL 3-FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

JUL 6 Family Day - July 4 & Fireworks - July 6

JUL 7 HARNDEN TAVERN OPEN HOUSE

AUG 4 2 pm to 4 pm

SEP 8

JUL 10- CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

JUL 31 Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8 pm

AUG 1 POLICE ASSOCIATION BEACH DAY

Silver Lake 11 am to 2 pm

AUG 6 WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Rotary Park

AUG 7 PURPLE HEART DAY

AUG 11 TOWN BEACH CLOSURES FOR SEASON

AUG 27 SCHOOLS OPEN GRADES 1 - 12

SEP 3 FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

SEP 14 SHREDDING DAY 9 am to 12 pm

SEP 25 WILMINGTON'S 289TH BIRTHDAY!

SEP 29 ANNUAL HALF MARATHON AND 5K RUN/WALK

SEP 29 SUBSTANCE ABUSE VIGIL Town Common 7 pm

OCT 1 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

SUMMER YARDWASTE PROGRAM

The Town's yardwaste recycling facility located on Old Main Street off of Main Street at the Woburn line, will open on six different dates this summer. Wilmington residents only may use the center to drop off leaves and brush. In order to use the facility, residents must purchase a \$15 punch card at the Treasurer/Collector's Office at Town Hall. The card has no expiration date and is good for 5 visits to the facility. Residents will be asked to show the punch card and an ID at the entrance to the facility. No grass clippings may be disposed at the recycling center due to the odors they create. Stumps will not be accepted. **NO CONTRACTORS or COMMERCIAL VEHICLES** are allowed.

Summer Program 2019:

Wednesday, July 10	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 13	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, August 7	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 10	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 4	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, September 7	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the Town's 2019 Yardwaste Program and other information on waste disposal and recycling, please call the Department of Public Works at 978-658-4481 or refer to the department's website at www.wilmingtonma.gov.

DEPARTMENT

Accountant	694-2029
Animal Control	658-5071
Appeals Board	658-4531
Arts Center	657-3887
Assessor	658-3675
Building Inspector	658-4531
Cemetery	658-3901
Collector of Taxes	658-3531
Elderly Services	657-7595
Engineer	658-4499
Fire	(Business) 658-3346



TELEPHONE

(Emergency)	9-1-1
Fire Prevention	694-2006
Harnden Tavern Museum	658-5475
Health	658-4298
Housing Authority	658-8531
Library	658-2967
Nurse	658-4298
Planning/Conservation	658-8238
Plumbing Inspector	658-4531
Police	(Business) 658-5071
(Emergency)	9-1-1
(TDD)	657-8368

Public Buildings	658-3017
Public Works	658-4481
Recreation	658-4270
School	694-6000
Selectmen	658-3311
Town Clerk	658-2030
Town Manager	658-3311
(TDD)	694-1417
Treasurer	658-3531
Veterans' Agent	694-2040
Water & Sewer	658-4711

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