

Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

From the Manager's Desk



On Sunday afternoon, March 18, the TD Garden in Boston was awash in Wildcat Blue and White as Wilmington fans gathered en masse to watch the Wilmington High School Boys Ice Hockey Team take on Franklin High School. As everyone knows by now, Wilmington fans were not disappointed as the Wildcats skated to an impressive 3-2 victory to capture the school's first ever Massachusetts State Championship in boys ice hockey.

Despite a strong first year showing in the Middlesex League, many "experts" felt the Wildcats would not survive the rigors of tournament play. How wrong they were! The Wildcats defeated four teams to reach the finals, three of which were rivals from their former league, Cape Ann, and one of which was top seed Lynnfield. Congratulations to long-time coach Steve Scanlon and his hardworking staff and special congratulations to the boys ice hockey team whose athleticism, hard work and teamwork brought a championship banner to Wilmington High School.



"If I were elected leader of my community, I would make a difference by..." That was the challenge posed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) to sixth grade students throughout Massachusetts who were invited to compose an essay describing how they would make a difference in their own community. More than 1,300 students from nearly 100 school systems participated in this year's contest and it was **Wilmington Middle School student Robert Sica who came away with top honors**. Congratulations to Robert who, with his family and teachers, attended the annual MMA banquet in Boston where Robert read his essay to several hundred community leaders from across the state.

Residents are encouraged to attend the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wilmington High School Cushing Gymnasium. Prior to the meeting, every household will be mailed a copy of the Town Meeting Warrant which details the proposed fiscal year 2013 operating budget and 37 other articles that have been submitted by the Town and by resident petitioners. Residents will be asked to consider funding several important capital spending requests including the purchase of a 20+ acre former farm site located at 9 Cross Street and commonly referred to as Yentile Farm. The acquisition of this property would enable the eventual development of fields and other recreational spaces including walking trails while preserving much of the property as open space.

Selectmen have entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the owner, Century Bank and Trust Company, that is subject to a favorable vote at Town Meeting. The purchase price has been established at \$1,182,500 which is about \$2.6 million less than the price paid for the property when originally sold by the Yentile family. Funds to pay for this acquisition would come from surplus revenue and not from new taxes or from a borrowing.

RECYCLING ENFORCEMENT

In order to improve participation in the Town's mandatory recycling program, the Department of Public Works (DPW) conducted a Town-wide visual recycling survey in neighborhoods during days of curbside recycling. The survey concluded that many households in Wilmington are still not participating in the Town's curbside recycling program.

As a reminder, participation in Wilmington's recycling program is mandatory under the Town's current "Recycling By-law" which is included in the "By-laws of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilmington, Revised", Chapter 5, Section 2A. The by-law states in part:

"...residents of every household are required to separate recyclable material from the solid waste stream...Failure to separate recyclable material from the solid waste stream may result in failure of the solid waste collection contractor to collect solid waste from the residence which violates this By-Law."

Please note that recycling is also mandatory under Massachusetts State Law, 310 CMR 19.017.

Beginning this spring, the Town of Wilmington will begin to attach tickets onto trash barrels that have visible recyclables present in the trash. This will serve as a reminder to the resident to begin and/or better manage their household recycling program as full enforcement of the by-law will be occurring this summer.

As the recycling enforcement program progresses, the Town intends to enforce the mandatory recycling by-law by refusing to pick up weekly rubbish for any household that does not have a recycling container at curbside during their recycling day, or otherwise appears to not be participating in the recycling program. Please leave emptied recycling containers curbside until such time as your rubbish is picked up to avoid the appearance of non-participation in the recycling program. The Town plans to begin full recycling by-law enforcement starting July 1, 2012.

To receive further information on the Town's mandatory recycling program, including how to recycle, where to obtain recycling containers and other general information, please contact the DPW office at 978-658-4481 or visit the Town's website at www.town.wilmington.ma.us and click "Public Works" or "Trash and Recycling".

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with the regulations of this vitally important program which benefits both our environment and our pocketbooks.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND MEETING

The Town Election will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Election is Friday, April 6, 2012. The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on that day. **The Annual Town Meeting** will be held the following **Saturday, May 5**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Wilmington High School's Cushing Gymnasium.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE OF WILMINGTON SET FOR JUNE 15TH

Please join the community to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. **This year's event will be held at the Shawsheen Valley Technical High School beginning Friday, June 15th at 5 p.m. and concluding the following morning.** Relay for Life is an overnight fun-filled experience for the entire family. It begins with a special opening ceremony which focuses on survivorship and includes the honored group of survivors walking around the track with their care givers. Later that evening there is a beautiful and poignant luminaria ceremony.

Teams of people camp out at the high school and take turns walking around the track. Music, costumes and decorations set the mood. Each team has a representative on the track at all times during the event because cancer never sleeps. Activities, food and entertainment are also part of the celebration. The event is open to the public until 11 p.m. so whether you have your own team or just want to come for the festivities, please join in the fight against cancer. **In just three short years, the Wilmington Relay for Life has raised \$487,000.** For more details about this important fundraising effort, visit www.wilmingtonrfl.com.

PLAYGROUND - TINY TOTS & KIDS CLUB

Registration begins in late April for two of the Recreation Department's longest running and most successful summer offerings. **Registration for the Summer Playground Program for children entering grades 2-8 begins Wednesday, April 25.** The six week program will operate, rain or shine, Monday, June 25 - Thursday, August 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shawsheen Elementary School. Children will enjoy a wide variety of activities, including arts and crafts, games, sports, special events and optional field trips. **Tiny Tots & Kids Club registration is Monday, April 30 from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall auditorium.** After this date, registration will continue weekdays at the Recreation Office. The two sessions will be held Monday, June 25 - Friday, July 13 and Monday, July 16 - Thursday, August 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Boutwell Early Childhood Center.

For information on these programs and the many other activities, events, trips and services offered by the Recreation Department, call 978-658-4270 or consult the Town's website at www.town.wilmington.ma.us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT R.A.D. TRAINING

The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) training system is a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. The program includes a comprehensive training course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training. (It is not a Martial Arts program.) The courses are taught by certified R.A.D. Instructors and participants are provided with a workbook/reference manual. This manual outlines the entire physical defense program for reference and continuous personal growth.

The Wilmington Police Department is currently accepting applications for its next program which begins May 7. All women, regardless of residence, are encouraged to apply. First time applicants will be given preference. Applicants under the age of eighteen must also complete and submit a Parental Consent Form. For more information and an application visit the Police Department's website, www.wpd.org. For questions call Sgt. Chris Ahern at 978-658-5071.

"DAY TRIPPING" WITH THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2012 Foxwoods Trips - \$25, 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Select your motorcoach seat when registering for each trip. Trip includes transportation and casino incentives. Motorcoach leaves from the Lower Library Parking Lot at 51 Wildwood Street. Travel dates: Tuesdays, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16 & November 20.

Newport Playhouse "Love, Sex and the IRS!" -

Wednesday, May 16, \$75. What do you think happens if you try to cheat the IRS? Jon and Leslie, two male musicians find out when an investigator shows up after they falsely report themselves as a married couple. Imagine the complications when Jon's mother and an ex-girlfriend appear on the scene. The day also includes lunch, a cabaret show and free time for shopping in the quaint boutiques of Newport.

New York City - Saturday, May 12, \$50. Take a bite out of the Big Apple - board a luxury motorcoach at 6:30 a.m. for a fabulous day experiencing the sights and sounds of NYC. Arrive home at approximately 1 a.m. Research your options and plan an exciting day!

Boston Tall Ships "OpSail 2012" - Sunday, July 1, \$105. The Tall Ships, along with U. S. Naval Ships, will return to Boston Harbor to commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. Board the Spirit of Boston for a two hour narrated cruise amongst the ships. While cruising, you will be treated to a sumptuous buffet luncheon which includes carving stations. After the cruise, enjoy free time to stroll along the Harbor or the Greenway. Enjoy the waterfront in this unique way to relive our American history!

Detailed flyers with full itineraries and additional information are available in the Recreation office and on its website under Trips.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN MUSEUM

Sunday Open House: April 1, May 6 and June 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free tours of the Wilmington Town Museum!

New Exhibit Opening in April! Visitors to the Museum will view a new exhibit entitled "*Egg Cups, Spooners and Other Victorian Curiosities*". Learn about these rarely seen table pieces and knick-knacks that were used as part of their daily routine by people in the past.

Summer Fun Preview: Sunday, June 10, 2012, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Play old fashioned games on the grounds of the Harnden Tavern! (weather permitting) This will be a preview of the activities that are available at the Museum's Friday "Lunch and Games" program during the summer months. The Museum and Carriage House will also be open for tours.

SPECIAL SCHOOL VACATION HOURS: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Museum will be closed on Thursday, April 19, 2012.

The Museum is also open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and by appointment. Please contact the Museum to schedule an appointment at the convenience of you or your group.

Don't forget - you can buy postcards of historic Wilmington sites at the Town Museum for 25 cents! Also historical books and commemorative tote bags are available for purchase.

For more information or to schedule a tour please call 978-658-5475 or e-mail htavern@town.wilmington.ma.us. Or visit us on the web at http://www.town.wilmington.ma.us/Pages/WilmingtonMA_Museum/index

"LOTS" TO DO AT YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

April in Paris Series

Gardens of Paris

Wednesday, April 4, 7 pm

Maureen Bovet, who has a background in horticulture, garden design and history, offers a unique view of Paris parks and gardens based on her three years of leading garden tours for the Paris Garden Guild. The talk will be illustrated by beautiful slides from her collection.

April in Paris Concert featuring soloist Ruth Harcovitz

Thursday, April 12, 7 pm

Soprano Ruth Harcovitz will present her *April in Paris* concert featuring French songs popular in America. The program also includes songs about Paris by American composers. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Wilmington Arts Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Lafayette and the Farewell Tour: Odyssey of an American Idol

Thursday, April 19, 7 pm

Over 80 American counties, cities and towns are named after General Lafayette. Lafayette's extraordinary reputation was based on his military record during the Revolutionary War and his friendship with George Washington. Alan R. Hoffman, author and translator, will talk about General Lafayette's tour of America.

All Things Massachusetts Series

Massachusetts Towns: from Purgatory to Podunk

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 pm

Join Peter and Debbie Lincoln, retired educators, as they talk about their fascinating 2007 journey to each of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts. Their presentation is a lively interactive photographic narrative filled with history, geography, trivia and fun facts.

Pleasure Island Memories

Thursday, May 17, 7 pm

Join Robert McLaughlin, co-founder of Friends of Pleasure Island, for his presentation on the "Disneyland of the East". Pleasure Island rose from the wetlands off of Route 128 in Wakefield into an 80-acre theme park, opening its doors in June 1959.

Boston Harbor Islands

Monday, May 21, 7 pm

Learn about the Boston Harbor Islands from author and freelance writer, Christopher Klein, who wrote, *Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands: A Guide to the City's Hidden Shores*.

April Vacation Events For Children

Drop in Craft

April 17-21

All ages are welcome to drop in and to make a fun craft.

Snack From Around the World

Tuesday, April 17, 10 am

Yum! We will be making tasty snacks from different countries. Ages 6 +

Movie Matinee: *Muppets*

Wednesday, April 18, 10 am

Family Movie Night: *Hugo*

Friday, April 20, 7 pm

Doors open at 6:45; no entry after 7 pm. Please note that the library is closed for normal business during the movie.

Special Events for Children

Jack and the Beanstalk

Monday, April 25, 7 pm

Nappy's Puppets present Jack and his many adventures from Jack B. Nimble, Jack Horner, Big Jack and Little Jack to the popular Jack and the Beanstalk.

Rick Goldin Music Program

Thursday, May 24, 10 am

Join Rick and his puppet friends for a fun-filled concert that will provide lively, humorous and interactive fun for preschoolers.

Events for Teens

Teen Writing Series: Review Haiku

April 2-30

Katniss and Peeta / Locked in unwinnable games / Rebellion begins.

Think you can do better than this one for *The Hunger Games*? Write and submit your own book-related haikus all month via e-mail (bdanner@mvlc.org), Facebook (Facebook.com/WMLTeenZone) or the box in the Teen Zone; the best haikus will win prizes.

Teen Book Covers

Now through April 30

You should not judge a book by its cover, but that doesn't mean the cover should not give a good impression. If your favorite book has a terrible cover, this is your opportunity to redesign something more fitting. Guidelines for entry can be found at wilmlibrary.org/teens/bookcovers.

Crafty Teens: Decoupage

Thursday, April 5, 3 pm

Turn everyday boxes and votives into art in this hands-on workshop.

Teen Writing Series: Poetry

Wednesday, April 18, 2 pm

Release your inner poet in this writing workshop led by poetry expert Steven Withrow.

Registration for library events begins 30 days prior to the event at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099

TOWN OF WILMINGTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Wilmington residents seeking to further their post secondary school or college education may apply for assistance from the Town of Wilmington Scholarship Fund. Applications are available at the Roman House, Town Hall, Wilmington High School, Shawsheen Tech and the Library. The **application deadline is April 13**. Since 1996, this program has distributed \$81,500 in financial aid to 138 scholarship recipients. Thanks to the generosity of Wilmington residents and businesses and the establishment of the "Loddy Weisberg and Lena Leiter Student Scholarship Fund", the Committee expects to award a greater amount of scholarships in June of this year. Ms. Weisberg and Ms. Leiter were sisters who both taught in the Wilmington Public School System for many years. The beloved teachers' affection for Wilmington students is reflected by their decision to include in their estate the distribution of scholarship funds to Wilmington students.

This new funding source will increase and help to perpetuate the Town's ability to distribute financial aid to Wilmington students. Individuals, community groups and businesses wishing to contribute to the Town of Wilmington Scholarship Fund may contact the Town Treasurer's office or the Town Manager's office. Additionally, scholarship donation forms are included with each property tax bill mailing.

SPRING YARDWASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Town will collect leaves and grass clippings placed in biodegradable paper bags or uncovered barrels at curbside on regular trash collection days during the weeks of **April 9, April 23 and May 7**.

The Recycling Center, located off Old Main Street at the Wilmington/Woburn line, will be **open for leaf and brush drop-off** in accordance with the following schedule:

Wednesdays: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

on the following dates:

April 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 and 28
May 2, 5, 9 and 12



Only Wilmington residents will be allowed to use the facility for leaves and brush drop-off. Residents must show an ID at the entrance to the facility. **No grass clippings will be accepted. No contractors or commercial vehicles will be allowed.** Residents using the Recycling Center must purchase a punch card for \$15 which will be good for 5 visits to the center. Punch cards may be purchased Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's Office at Town Hall. **Cards purchased previously that have unpunched visits are still valid.**

A **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Intermediate School parking lot, 22 Carter Lane**. Details of this event will appear in the local papers in late April. Residents can call the DPW at 978-658-4481 with any questions or refer to the town website www.town.wilmington.ma.us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 6	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN 2012 TOWN ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING	
APR 7	RABIES CLINIC	
	Public Buildings Department	12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
APR 7	EASTER EGG HUNT	Town Common 2 p.m.
APR 21	LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY PARADE	9:30 a.m.
APR 28	ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION	Polls Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
APR 28	NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY	
	Public Safety Building	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
APR 30	TINY TOTS/KIDS CLUB REGISTRATION	
	Town Hall Auditorium	5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
MAY 5	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	High School 10:30 a.m.
MAY 6	WOMEN OF WILMINGTON CHARITABLE RUN/WALK FOR WILMINGTON	
MAY 12	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY	
	West Intermediate School Parking Lot	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
MAY 17	SURPLUS VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT AUCTION	
		Bid Opening 11 a.m.
MAY 28	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	10 a.m.
	CEREMONY AT WILDWOOD CEMETERY	11 a.m.
JUN 2	FISHING DERBY	Town Beach 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
JUN 3	WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION	
JUN 7	RECREATION SUMMER BASKETBALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE	
JUN 7	SHAWSHEEN TECH GRADUATION	
JUN 10	HARDEN TAVERN SUMMER FUN PREVIEW	
		2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
JUN 15-	RELAY FOR LIFE	
JUN 16	Shawsheen Tech Field	
JUN 29-	FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES	
JUL 3	Town Common	

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Once again the Town of Wilmington is joining with communities across the country to sponsor a "Drug Take Back Day". Working with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency, the Wilmington Police Department and Board of Health will conduct this important program on **Saturday, April 28 at the Public Safety Building. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, the public may anonymously surrender expired, not needed or unused prescription and non-prescription medications for destruction. Residents are reminded that medications should not simply be "thrown away" or flushed down the toilet. On April 28th please take the opportunity to dispose of your medications in a safe and appropriate manner. Contact the Board of Health or the Police Department with questions.

WANTED: LIFEGUARDS FOR SILVER LAKE

The Town of Wilmington is seeking certified lifeguards, ages 16 and older who are interested in working at Silver Lake this summer. Town Beach at Silver Lake is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 9 and will remain open and staffed with lifeguards until at least Sunday, August 12. Qualified lifeguards should contact the Recreation office regarding possible employment opportunities. As in past years, Wilmington residents may use the beach at no charge. Non residents are charged a nominal fee. Contact the Recreation office for details.

DEPARTMENT



TELEPHONE

Accountant	694-2029
Animal Control	658-5071
(Missing/Adoption)	658-7845
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
	(Emergency) 9-1-1
Fire Prevention	694-2006
Harnden Tavern Museum	658-5475
Health	658-4298
Housing Authority	658-8531
Library	658-2967
	(TDD) 657-4625
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
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