

Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

From the Manager's Desk



Again! The Wilmington Boys Hockey Team skated into history by becoming only the second Wilmington High School team to win back-to-back championships. Not since the Wilmington High School Girls Softball team had repeat championships in the 1993 and 1994 seasons has this feat been accomplished.

Like the Celtics and the Lakers, the Red Sox and the Yankees, the Patriots and the Giants and the Bruins and the Canadians, the Wildcats have established a rivalry with the Panthers of Franklin. It is said that history repeats itself and there was no clearer example than the rematch between Wilmington's Wildcats and the Franklin Panthers at the T.D. Garden on March 17, 2013. After a convincing 7 - 2 victory over Danvers to reclaim their Division 2 sectional championship, the Wildcats powered past the Panthers in a 4 - 0 shutout.



Wilmington Patch

A team is only as strong its weakest link and Wilmington's hockey team had no weak links. Congratulations to the entire team, to the coaching staff and to all those parents and individuals who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support the players. Championships require skilled, athletic players who are disciplined and dedicated to the cause. Championships also require a field general to inspire, guide, instruct and direct those players to focus on the task at hand. Hats off to Steve Scanlon whose dedication to shaping a group of talented individuals into a team of high achievers has paid off again.

While Wilmington Wildcats perform well on the ice Wildcats, aka Lamplighters Drama Guild, also perform well on stage. This year's Drama Guild has "upstaged" their predecessors by advancing to the state finals in the Massachusetts Education Theater Guild Festival of One Act competition. The finals competition will be held in Boston on March 21 - 23. The play "Still Falls the Rain," which was written by high school senior and Lamplighters Guild member Katie Barry, received recognition for its creativity. Several members of the caste also received recognition for their individual performances.

This talented 40-member caste is lead by their enthusiastic theater aficionado Jason Luciana. While the actors are in the "limelight" the success of any stage performance also depends upon the stage crew and those individuals involved with costume and set design. Congratulations to the entire family of the Lamplighters Drama Guild. Break a leg, so to speak, in your upcoming performance.

Well deserved recognition also goes to Wilmington High School student Ryan Clark for earning a silver medal for his photograph entitled "Cranes." His photograph was one of 13,776 pieces of art from students across Massachusetts that were entered into the 2013 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award competition. This annual event is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Ryan's photograph was one of 89 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Award Gold Key winners to receive national recognition. His photograph is currently on display at the State Transportation Building in Boston through mid-April.

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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY



The **Annual Town Election** and the **Special State Primary** will be held concurrently on **Tuesday, April 30, 2013**. Polls will be open from **7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Each election will have separate check-in and check-out tables. Voters will check-in for the Town Election and then check-in for the Special State Primary. The ballots will be voted and then taken to the check-out table.

Voters who would like to vote absentee must fill out a new absentee ballot application. Applications for the 2012 elections are no longer valid. Voters may go to our website: www.wilmingtonma.gov, click on Town Clerk then voting and elections to download absentee application. Please call the Town Clerk's office with any concerns or questions at 978-658-2030.

The last day to register to vote for both elections is **Friday, April 5, 2013**. The Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 4, 2013** at 10:30 a.m. in the **Auditorium of the Middle School**.

Last day to register to vote for the Special State Election will be on **Wednesday, June 5, 2013**. The Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 p.m.

The Special State Election will be held on **Tuesday, June 25, 2013**. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

ANNUAL WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM

The Water Department will begin its annual Town wide water main flushing and valve exercising program on **April 16, 2013**. The flushing program will be conducted Monday through Friday from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. This should help minimize any inconvenience to our customers with low pressure or discolored water. There are 126 miles of water main and the flushing program will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.



Flushing the water mains aids in removing sediments that collect in the pipe line resulting in improved water quality to your tap. Unfortunately, this work may also temporarily cause some discolored water but should come clear after running your cold water for a few minutes. The water will remain completely safe to drink during this program. Anyone with special needs such as in-house dialysis equipment should contact us so we know your location and can inform you what time we will be in your area.

If you have any questions or problems with persistent discolored water, please call the Superintendent's Office at 978-658-4711. After 4:00 p.m., please notify the Public Safety Department at 978-658-3346 and they will contact the appropriate personnel to abate the problem. We wish to thank you in advance for your patience in this endeavor.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS INVITE YOU TO EXPLORE SITES CLOSE TO HOME

Introduction to Yoga

Tuesday, April 9, 7 pm

Bimal Poddar, who has practiced yoga for many years, will lead the class. Please bring a yoga pad or a towel to use during the exercises. Teens and seniors are encouraged to come.

The Healing Power of Meditation

Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm

Dr. Michael Raider will share his knowledge of the healing power of meditation. He has been meditating for over 25 years and has lectured extensively on this topic in the United States and Canada.



Joy of Getting Things Done

Monday, April 22, 7 pm

Linda King, certified Life Coach and ADD Coach, will teach systems, skills and strategies for meeting goals, getting organized and using time most effectively

The Emerald Necklace: Restoring the Vision and Preserving the Olmstead Legacy

Thursday, May 2, 7 pm

The historic Emerald Necklace is a six-mile linear park system that winds its way from Boston's Back Bay Fens to Franklin Park in Dorchester. Speaker Jeanine Knox explores the history of the Emerald Necklace, the unique landscapes of each park as well as the vision and effort it took to create them.



Revere Beach Memories

Thursday, May 16, 7 pm

Revere Beach, established as America's first public beach in 1896, was a place that created lasting memories for thousands of beach goers. The Revere Beach of old comes alive through photos and stories presented by Bob Upton, a Revere Beach enthusiast and historian.

Salem, Massachusetts: A Most Remarkable Place

Thursday, May 23, 7 pm

Join Salem historian, photographer, author and founder of Derby Square Tours, Jim McAllister, as he takes you through the evolution of Salem from its founding in 1626 up to the present.

SPECIAL SPRING EVENTS

After Hours Concert – Black Sea Combo

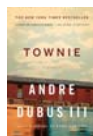
Friday, May 17, 7 pm

Tickets (\$10) on sale Monday, April 22, must be 21+ Black Sea Combo is an off shoot of the 15 member Black Sea Salsa, an Afro-Cuban Jazz Band that plays Jazz standards as well as high energy Latin Jazz and Blues. The band's sound is unique and dynamic.

Author Talk – An Evening with Andre Dubus, III

Tuesday, May 14, 7 pm

Enjoy an evening with bestselling author Andre Dubus, III who will inspire and entertain you with personal stories and anecdotes as well as read from his new book-in-progress *Dirty Love*, which is to be published in late 2013. His most recently published book, *Townie*, a memoir of growing up in Haverhill, MA, was named on many top non-fiction book lists of 2011.



TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

Local History Online - *Town Crier* archives back to 1955, Gerry O'Reilly's pictorial books about Silver Lake and Wilmington, and the Wilmington High School yearbooks back to the 1940's are now accessible on the library's website www.wilmlibrary.org.

Zinio – an online collection of popular magazines. With a Wilmington library card residents can access *Zinio* on their mobile phone, tablet or computer.

One-on-One Tech Help - Call the library at 978-658-2967 to book a personal tech help session. Library staff can assist you with your tablet, e-reader, downloading ebooks, email, Internet research, etc.



iPad - All you Want to Know

Wednesday, May 8, 7 pm - Curtis Wyant, Technology Librarian, will demonstrate the power of the iPad from the basics to hidden tricks and tips.

Registration for library events begins 30 days prior to the event at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978)694-2098 (for Children/Teen).

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 24.** The six week program will operate, rain or shine, Tuesday, 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 22 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, July 1 - Wednesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 18 - Friday, August 2 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE OF WILMINGTON SET FOR JUNE 14TH

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 14th at 5:30 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. For more details about this important fundraising effort, visit www.wilmingtonrfl.com.

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For those who know Veterans' Agent Lou Cimaglia, they know he represents all that is right and admirable about public service. Lou has transformed the operations of Wilmington's Veterans' Services to a highly responsive conduit for veterans and their spouses to access a wide range of resources including financial assistance, health care coverage and substance abuse and mental health services. Beyond simply responding to requests for assistance, Mr. Cimaglia engages in both outreach and advocacy to ensure that eligible recipients obtain the resources to which they are entitled. His reputation for exceptional public service extends beyond Wilmington's borders. Mr. Cimaglia was recently recognized by Secretary of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, Coleman Nee, as the Veterans' Agent of the Year for 2012. The Town is very fortunate to have a Veterans' Agent with Lou's passion for serving others.



The first visible work has begun on the new high school with the demolition of the current high school gymnasium. In spite of the ongoing Superior Court appeal by an abutting resident to the project, walls came down. All that remains of the gymnasium is the concrete foundation which will be removed within the next few weeks. Fencing has been installed around the project site to secure the area and define the work zone.

During the spring work is expected to begin removing the topsoil from the football field and installing the base material required for installation of the artificial turf field. Installation of the artificial turf field is expected to begin in mid-July. Work on construction of the new high school foundation is expected to commence in the next few months. Construction is expected to begin for the installation of water and sewer lines during the spring. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled to take place on the Town Common at noon on Thursday, April 25, 2013.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Annual Town Meeting which will be held in a new venue this year. Due to the demolition of the high school gymnasium, the Annual Town Meeting will take place in the Wilmington Middle School auditorium beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Registered voters will have the opportunity to consider the proposed \$89,849,578 budget for Fiscal Year 2014 which begins July 1, 2013.

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 12**. Since 1996, this program has distributed \$94,000 in financial aid to 163 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.

SWIMMING POOLS

Just a reminder that ALL pools having a depth of **18 inches** or a surface of 150 square feet or more require the following:

- ♦ A building permit with plot plan
- ♦ A wiring permit
- ♦ A fence
- ♦ Inspections, both wiring & building



The Zoning By-law, Section 4.1.2 states:

"Swimming pools, whether aboveground or inground, having a depth of 18 inches or more or a surface of 150 square feet or more shall be enclosed by a nonclimbable safety fence not less than five feet in height with a self-latching gate. In the case of aboveground pools such safety fence may consist of the pool wall and fence around the top rail or deck thereof provided the stairs to such pool are removable, swing out of use or are fenced. In all cases the setback shall be measured from the nearest point of the coping of an inground pool or the nearest point of the top rail or deck of an above-ground pool to each lot line."

For more information please call 978-658-4531 or visit the Building Inspector's website at www.town.wilmington.ma.us.

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 8 and will remain open and staffed with lifeguards until at least Sunday,

August 11. 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.

NEWS FROM THE TOWN MUSEUM

Sunday Open House: April 7, May 5 and June 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free tours of the Wilmington Town Museum!

Special Exhibit. The Museum is currently featuring an array of Victorian exhibits, from the expanded "*Egg Cups, Spooners and Other Victorian Curiosities*" to items from such Victorian Wilmington notables as Henry Wilson Sargent and Mrs. Dr. Henry Hiller. Learn about these eccentric local personalities and see how they may have experienced life in Wilmington in the late 19th century.

Summer Fun Preview: Sunday, June 9, 2013, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Play old fashioned games on the grounds of the Harnden Tavern, view the herb garden or walk the Harnden Tavern Trail created by Adam Maienza and Boy Scout Troop 56. (weather permitting) The Museum and Carriage House will also be open for tours.

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. The Town Museum will be closed the week of April 14.

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

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 8, April 22 and May 6**.

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 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 and 27

May 1, 4, 8 and 11

June 5 and 8



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.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APR 5	LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN 2013 TOWN ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING	
APR 6	RABIES CLINIC	
	Public Buildings Department	12 pm - 2 pm
APR 20	LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY PARADE	9:30 am
APR 22	TINY TOTS/KIDS CLUB REGISTRATION	
	Town Hall Auditorium	5 pm to 6:30 pm
APR 28	WOMEN OF WILMINGTON CHARITABLE RUN/WALK FOR WILMINGTON	
APR 30	ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION and SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY	Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm
MAY 4	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	Middle School 10:30 am
MAY 5	MIDDLESEX CANAL ASSOCIATION SPRING WALK	Town Park 1:00 pm
MAY 11	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY	
	West Intermediate School Parking Lot	9 am to 2 pm
MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	10 am
	CEREMONY AT WILDWOOD CEMETERY	11 am
JUN 1	FISHING DERBY	Town Beach 9 am to 12 pm
JUN 2	WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION	
JUN 6	RECREATION SUMMER BASKETBALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE	
JUN 6	SHAWSHEEN TECH GRADUATION	
JUN 9	HARDEN TAVERN SUMMER FUN PREVIEW	2 pm to 4 pm
JUN 14-	RELAY FOR LIFE	
JUN 15	Shawsheen Tech Field	
JUN 25	SPECIAL STATE ELECTION	
		Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm
JUL 1-	FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES	
JUL 6	Town Common	

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY



A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 11 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.

WOMEN OF WILMINGTON COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

The Women of Wilmington will be sponsoring the 3rd Annual Wilmington Run for Funds/Kim Forte Walk to be held on April 28th. For more information on this event and the Women of Wilmington, please visit www.womenofwilmington.org.

ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC

The Wilmington Board of Health's Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on **Saturday, April 6 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.** at the Public Buildings Department, 30 Church Street. Wilmington residents only. Dogs should be on a leash and cats in a carrier. Cost \$10.00 per animal.

The Town Clerk's Office will be on site to process 2013 Dog Licenses. Cost: \$10.00 spayed/neutered or \$15.00 non-spayed/non-neutered. **A \$15.00 late fee will be assessed after April 16, 2013.**

DEPARTMENT



TELEPHONE

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
	(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
	(Billing) 658-3116

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