

# Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

## From the Manager's Desk

**A**t the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, residents approved the borrowing of \$4.8 million for the construction of basketball and street hockey courts, walking paths, an events lawn, a concession building, playground equipment and an artificial turf field at the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. On May 13, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. an open house will be held at the former Yentile Farm to celebrate the completion of this 20 acre recreational facility. The project has been completed on time and under budget and provides a diversity of recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities. Please join us to celebrate the opening of Wilmington's newest recreation space.

The Board of Selectmen recently approved a facilities use policy for the recreation area. In order to ensure that various groups have the ability to use the turf field, organized groups such as Wilmington Recreation, Wilmington Youth Soccer and Wilmington Youth Lacrosse will be required to obtain a use permit for the turf field. The use permit allows them to access the turf field and the concession building if they so choose.

Permits are issued by the Recreation Director and are available online on the Town's website. There is no charge for the permit. All other areas of the park are accessible without a permit between dawn and 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

This is a "Carry in, Carry out" facility meaning no trash receptacles will be available in the park.



*Yentile Farm Groundbreaking 2016*

The Town has offered comments to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation on the City of Woburn's proposed design plans to reopen the New Boston Street Bridge. This bridge, which connected the Woburn Street/Industrial Way area of Wilmington with north Woburn, was closed after a fire in the late 1970's. A majority of the Selectmen are supportive of the project subject to an update to the traffic studies which were completed in 2007 and subject to Woburn supporting a truck exclusion that would prohibit trucks from traveling along Woburn Street between the intersections with Eames Street and Lowell Street.

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) continues to investigate the petition filed by New England Transrail



to operate a transloading facility at the former Olin Chemical site on 51 Eames Street. At the urging of the Board of Selectmen and Town officials, the Town's Congressional legislative delegation submitted a letter to the STB calling upon them to give serious and thorough consideration to the environmental impacts from such a proposed development. The Town will continue to follow the STB review closely, work with our legislative delegation and determine a course of action depending upon the results of the review.

Preparations are continuing for the Annual Town Meeting which takes place on Saturday, April 29, 2017 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Wilmington High School auditorium. Registered voters will be asked to approve the Town's general government and school operating budgets, authorize specific capital expenditures including vehicle purchases and facility improvements and to consider proposed changes to zoning.

Robert Frongillo retired in January after serving the Town for 28 years and Sergeant David Axelrod retired in February after serving the Town for nearly 30 years. The Town acknowledges their service to the community and wishes them well in their retirement.

## 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, Library and online at <https://www.wpsk12.com/Page/445>. The **application deadline is April 13**. Since 1996, this program has distributed \$137,000 in financial aid to 220 scholarship recipients.

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.

## WE'RE ONE WILMINGTON COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

We're One Wilmington will be sponsoring the 7th Annual Run for Wilmington/Kim Forte Walk to be held on April 23rd. For more information on this event and We're One Wilmington, please visit [www.onewilmington.org](http://www.onewilmington.org).



## PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

The following is a sampling of upcoming library programs. Please register at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or by calling 978-658-2967 (Adult) or 978-694-2098 (Children/Teen) events.

### How to Negotiate Land Boundaries

**Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 pm** - Jack Hammer, a professional land surveyor, will help you understand how boundaries are determined, why there can be a difference of opinion, how these differences occur and how to bridge that difference.

### The Role of the Honeybee in Our Environment

**Saturday, April 22, 2:30 pm** - Join Kenneth Warchol for this narrated visual presentation. You will travel right inside a beehive to better understand the mysterious social insect and the role that it plays in humanity's survival on Earth. Learn about the challenges honeybees face in our environment and find out how we can help this insect that is essential to our own survival. Ken will bring samples of a variety of honey for everyone to taste.



### How to Makeover a Room in Five Steps

**Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 pm** - Margaret Innis, a professional home stager and owner of Decorate To Sell, will explain how to complete a room makeover in five steps without a large investment of time and money. Guests will leave with ideas they can implement in their own homes.

### Politics in America

**Mondays, June 5 and 19, 7:00 pm (limit 30)**

*Registration begins Monday, May 8 at the main desk. Cost \$5 for background material.* This two-part series will be led by Keith West, who has facilitated the library's *Great Decisions* series the past four years. The two sessions will be part lecture and part discussion and will focus on the current political climate. Background reading material will be provided at registration.

### Social Security - What You Need to Know

**Thursday, June 8, 6:30 pm** - Sheila E. Smith, CFPR, will discuss Social Security benefits: when to file, the advantages of delaying benefits, the impact when you continue to work, spousal benefits, eligibility if you are divorced or widowed and how to minimize taxation of benefits. Presented in conjunction with the Wilmington Recreation Department.

### Town Wide Yard Sale Saturday, June 10, 8 am - 2 pm

The third annual Town Wide Yard Sale will be held June 10<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be available online and at the library starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. The \$15 fee includes yard sale signs, maps of yard sale locations, and lots of publicity. Start sorting now!

## FAMILY EVENTS

### Hands on Nature: Beginning Birding

**Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 pm** - Come learn about local birds and how to start identifying them with Heather Simpson from Hands on Nature! We will start a bird journal and learn a few common bird songs. We will end the program by making some edible bird feeders to take home! Also, you may want to check out the library's Bird Watching kit.



**Flea Circus Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 pm**  
Join us for an entire big top circus in miniature!  
The audience will be thrilled and amazed with Ed's

trained fleas! A few of the circus feats they do are the trapeze, high wire, high dive into a pool of water and getting shot out of a cannon! Ages 4+

### Family Paint Night Friday, May 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

This special after-hours workshop is led by local artist Sherry Hoffman. Program fee is \$10 per person. Please pay at the time of registration at the Youth Services Desk. Grades 4+

**NON-TRADITIONAL ITEMS TO BORROW** - The Wilmington Memorial Library has great collection of popular fiction, audiobooks, new release DVDs, etc. Did you know that the library also has the following items available to borrow? Board Games, Lawn Games, Birdwatching Kit, Travel Kits, Literacy Kits, STEM Discovery Kits, Hotspots, E-readers, discount Museum Passes, Kindle Fire tablets and Telescopes.

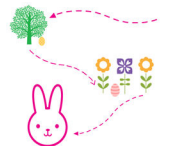
## RECREATION OFFERINGS

Registration for the **Summer Playground Program** is **Monday, April 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the Recreation Office.** This six-week program for children entering grades 2 - 8 will be held from Monday, June 26 - Wednesday, August 2 (No July 4) at the Shawsheen Elementary School. Playground will run rain or shine from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. allowing children time to enjoy a wide variety of activities, including arts and crafts, games, sports, special events and optional field trips. Please check the website for additional details.

**Tiny Tots & Kids Club registration begins Wednesday, April 12 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall**

**Auditorium.** After this date, registration will continue weekdays in the Recreation Office and online. Dates for the two sessions are: Monday, June 26 - Friday, July 14 (No July 4) and Monday, July 17 - Thursday, August 3. Classes are held from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Woburn Street School. This remarkable program, one of Wilmington's most popular traditions, includes children ages 4 through 8. Please check the website for additional information.

Join us on the Town Common on **Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. sharp** for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt.** The Common will glitter with candy filled eggs as hundreds of children rush to fill their baskets. In case of poor weather or ground conditions, the festivities will be held in the Middle School. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket or container to hold your eggs.



The annual **Fishing Derby** will be held at the Town Beach on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon (rain date - Sunday, June 4). There will be shore fishing only. Cost is \$2 for children age 17 & under; adults \$4. Prizes awarded to contest winners. For this day only - no fishing licenses required.

The 2017 season for **Town Beach at Silver Lake** is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 10 - Sunday, August 13. Wilmington residents may use the beach at no charge. **Certified lifeguards** (age 16 & older) should contact the Recreation Department regarding possible employment opportunities.

For additional updates and highlights of Recreation Department activities, follow us on Facebook!

## NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Spring cleaning time is upon us and the Board of Health would like to remind residents that unneeded or expired medications should not be flushed down the toilet. On **Saturday, April 29**, the public may surrender expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. The anonymous drug take-back initiative will take place from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.



In addition, there is a sharps waste disposal kiosk in the lobby of the Public Safety Building. All sharps must be in an approved sharps disposal container.

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION AND MEETING

The **Town Election will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017**. 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 Monday, April 3, 2017. 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, April 29**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Wilmington High School Auditorium.



## DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. It is a day for our nation to remember, reflect upon and honor those who have given their all in service to their country.



Residents are invited to participate in Memorial Day observances commencing on Saturday, May 27 beginning at 8 a.m. with the decoration of veterans' graves at Wildwood Cemetery followed by the decoration of all squares and memorials. On Sunday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m. a rededication ceremony will take place at the Veterans' Monument on the Town Common.

Wilmington's Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m., a ceremony will be held at the Wildwood Cemetery to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Groups wishing to march in the parade should contact the Wilmington Veterans' Services Office at 978-694-2040. Residents are encouraged to participate in Memorial Day events and remember all those who have served, and those who have given their life, to defend our freedom.

## RELAY FOR LIFE OF WILMINGTON/BILLERICA

Please join the community to celebrate, remember and fight back against cancer. **This year's event will be held at the Wilmington High School beginning Friday, June 16th at 5:30 p.m. and concluding the following morning.** The event is open to the public until 11 p.m. if you just want to come for the festivities. For more details, visit <http://relay.acsevents.org>.

## ANNUAL WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM

Starting in mid-April, the Water Division will begin its annual water main flushing and valve exercising program. The flushing program will be conducted Monday through Friday from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. The program will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.



The goal of the flushing program is to enhance the water quality throughout the Town of Wilmington. By strategically opening and closing water main valves, water is flushed through the pipes at a higher than normal velocity. Please be aware that since flushing scours and removes minerals that have accumulated in the mains, residents may experience discolored or rusty water during the program. The water is safe to drink. However, we suggest that our residents check the water before doing laundry to avoid staining clothing and other items. Running the cold water for a few minutes should clear up any discoloration.

If you have any questions or problems with your water, please call the Water Division at 978-658-4711.

## ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC

The Board of Health's Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on **Saturday, April 1 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 2017 Dog Licenses. Cost: \$10.00 spayed/neutered or \$15.00 non-spayed/non-neutered. **A \$15.00 late fee will be assessed after April 1, 2017.**

## NEWS FROM THE TOWN MUSEUM

**Sunday Open House:** April 2, May 7 and June 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free tours of the Wilmington Town Museum!

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.

**A Wilmington Original - Miss Sabra Carter:** Opening Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., an exhibit featuring artifacts of household items used by Miss Carter and her family in the late nineteenth century. Items generously donated to the Wilmington Town Museum from the Glennon Archives of the Woburn Public Library.

**Special Exhibit – *Back in the Day* – 101 Years of High School in Wilmington:** Reopening Sunday, May 7, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. An exhibit featuring photographs and memorabilia from two eras of Wilmington High School can be seen in the Carriage House at the Town Museum.

Postcards of historic Wilmington sites, historical books and commemorative tote bags are available for purchase at the Town Museum.

For more information, or to schedule a tour, please call 978-658-5475 or e-mail [htavern@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:htavern@wilmingtonma.gov). Or visit us on the web at [www.wilmingtonma.gov/town-museum](http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/town-museum)



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20 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.wilmingtonma.gov](http://www.wilmingtonma.gov)



## TRASH AND RECYCLING TIPS

### BULKY ITEMS I.E. FURNITURE

Cannot be placed in the trash container. At no extra cost, each residence is allowed to dispose of one bulky item each week. Residents must call Russell Disposal at 617-776-5854 by 11 a.m. on Thursday to schedule an appointment for pickup on Friday. Residents should first consider recycling/donating bulky and other large items before putting them out for trash collection.

### WHITE GOODS AND CRTS (TVS AND COMPUTER MONITORS ETC.)

Stickers are required and can be obtained at the Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall. The cost is \$10 per item. Stickers must be purchased by 11 a.m. on Thursday for Friday pickup.

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>APR 1</b>	<b>RABIES CLINIC</b>	
	Public Buildings Department	12 pm - 2 pm
<b>APR 3</b>	<b>LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN 2017 TOWN ELECTION AND TOWN MEETING</b>	
<b>APR 10</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND REGISTRATION</b>	
	Town Hall Recreation Department	7:30 am
<b>APR 12</b>	<b>TINY TOTS/KIDS CLUB REGISTRATION</b>	
	Town Hall Auditorium	5 pm to 6:30 pm
<b>APR 15</b>	<b>LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY PARADE</b>	9:30 am
<b>APR 15</b>	<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b>	Town Common 2:00 pm
<b>APR 22</b>	<b>ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION</b>	
		Polls Open 8 am to 8 pm
<b>APR 29</b>	<b>ANNUAL TOWN MEETING</b>	High School 10:30 am
<b>MAY 13</b>	<b>YENTILE FARM RECREATIONAL FACILITY</b>	
	Open House	10:00 am
<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY PARADE</b>	10 am
	<b>CEREMONY AT WILDWOOD CEMETERY</b>	11 am
<b>JUN 1</b>	<b>RECREATION SUMMER BASKETBALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b>	
<b>JUN 3</b>	<b>FISHING DERBY</b>	Town Beach 9 am to 12 pm
<b>JUN 4</b>	<b>WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION</b>	
<b>JUN 8</b>	<b>SHAWSHEEN TECH GRADUATION</b>	
<b>JUN 11</b>	<b>FARMERS MARKET OPENS</b>	
	Town Common	10 am to 1 pm

## 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 3, April 17 and May 1.**

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:

**March 29**

**April 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29**

**May 3 and 6**



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 or stumps 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.**

## 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
	<b>(Emergency)</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
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
	<b>(Emergency)</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
	(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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