

# Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

## From the Manager's Desk



Progress continues on the construction of the new high school. Work is nearing completion on installation of water and sewer lines to the location of the new high school. Connecting the high school to the sewer system required extending a sewer line from the access road next to the former high school tennis courts along Church Street to a sewer pump station on Adelaide Street. The current 10 inch water main which services the high school and surrounding neighborhood was replaced with a 12 inch water main to provide additional capacity. Upgrading the water main to service this area follows a recommendation contained in the Water Department's water distribution master plan.

Road work along Church Street for the past several weeks has impacted residents attempting to travel to and from work, transportation of students to and from the high school and businesses. While the town has attempted to conduct this essential work in the least disruptive manner, there is no question that traffic flow through this area of town has been affected. Your patience and consideration has been greatly appreciated.

A sincere "thank you" is extended to Pastor Ron Grimley and members of the Abundant Life Church for their continued cooperation during project construction. As construction activities have continued along the property line that separates the church and the high school property, members of the project team and town officials have continued to work closely with Pastor Grimley to keep him apprised of the project and to seek his assistance. He has been accommodating while at the same time maintaining the interests of his church. This positive working relationship is truly appreciated.

Work has begun on installation of foundation footings and foundation walls for the new high school and will continue throughout the summer. The football field turf has been removed. Since the fireworks displays will be launched from the football field, work to install new artificial turf field will begin in earnest after the Fun on the Fourth festivities.

The football field scoreboard has been removed and will be replaced by a solar powered scoreboard with battery back-up. Speaking on behalf of myself, the members of the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, Superintendent Joanne Benton and the High School Building Committee we express our gratitude to the Wilmington Sons of Italy for their generous donation of funds in support of replacing the scoreboard.

The town has an ambitious schedule of projects to complete during the summer months including replacement of fencing at the North Intermediate School tennis courts, resealing the tennis and basketball courts at the Shawsheen Elementary School, replacing a boiler at the Boutwell Early Childhood Center, replacement of the septic tank at the Woburn Street School and replacement of a section of the roof at the West Intermediate School.

With school out of session please be mindful of children being out and about on the sidewalks or streets and drive with care. Enjoy the summer.

## NO DUMPING IN DRAINAGE CATCH BASINS

The Wilmington Department of Public Works (DPW) is currently working to implement the Town's Stormwater Management Plan as required by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and US Environmental Protection Agency. The primary components of the plan include public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site stormwater runoff control, post-construction stormwater management and pollution prevention and good housekeeping.

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is defined as pollution that comes from many diffuse sources. NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and man-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and even our underground sources of drinking water. If we all do our individual parts in reducing nonpoint source pollution, together we can greatly improve the conditions of our lakes, rivers and wetlands.

Point source (PS) pollution is typically much easier to control. In an effort to increase public awareness on the importance of clean stormwater and help prevent illicit discharge to the Town's drainage system, the DPW has installed "No Dumping" markers on hundreds of drainage catch basins throughout many residential neighborhoods this spring. Do your part and police the drainage catch basins in your neighborhood from illegal dumping. They are intended for only one reason - to convey stormwater to receiving bodies of water.

## WILMINGTON AWARDED GRANT TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY

In an effort to make Wilmington a safer place for our pedestrians and bicyclists, the Wilmington Police Department will use a \$3,000 grant provided by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). The funding is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Wilmington is one of 48 police departments to receive this grant.

From 2006 to 2011, 1,544 pedestrians were injured in crashes, of those 375 sustained fatal injuries, according to the Massachusetts Traffic Records Analysis Center (MassTRAC). During that same time frame, 586 bicyclists were injured in crashes with 45 resulting in death.

The grant will fund targeted enforcement and decoy patrols, breakaway signs and crosswalk reflective tape. A combination of enforcement techniques and equipment will help the department analyze and crack down on drivers, pedestrians and cyclists who do not share the road appropriately, putting themselves, or others, in danger.

The Wilmington Police Department, in partnership with EOPSS, recognizes that traffic crashes are preventable and is committed to using this grant to reduce the number of motor vehicle-related fatalities and injuries involving pedestrians and bicyclists in Wilmington because any death or injury on our roadways is one too many.



## PROTECT AGAINST MOSQUITO and TICKBORNE ILLNESSES

The Board of Health would like to remind residents to take precautions to reduce exposure to mosquitoes and ticks. Avoid outdoor activity during dawn and dusk when there is increased mosquito activity; use mosquito repellents containing an EPA - approved active ingredient such as DEET; wear long clothing to reduce access to skin and remove standing water in your yard.

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

In Massachusetts, there are two types of ticks, dog ticks and deer ticks, both of which can make you sick if they bite you. Among the diseases spread by tick bites are Lyme disease and Babesiosis. The best way to protect yourself and your family from these diseases is to follow a few simple preventative measures.

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 on a daily basis. 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. Around your home, 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. Remember, the Town only sprays for mosquitoes, there is no program for tick spraying in Massachusetts.

## STAY ACTIVE IN YOUR SENIOR YEARS

The Buzzell Senior Center is proud to sponsor an exhibition by local artist, **John Jope, Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12.** Mr. Jope's pastoral images are matched with his original Haiku poetry to provide unique and dramatic impact. All items available for purchase. A portion of the proceeds shall be donated to the Buzzell Senior Center.

**MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS** Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, *A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls* is a program for you.

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. *A Matter of Balance* can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

*A Matter of Balance* is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Wilmington Department of Elderly Services is offering *A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls* starting on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. and will run for 6 consecutive weeks. A workbook is provided and refreshments are served. This program is made available by Lahey Clinics Community Benefits Grant. Please call the Buzzell Senior Center at 978-657-7595 or drop by to sign up for program.

## CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

The Recreation Department's popular summer concert series begins on Wednesday, July 10 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 following evening. This summer's performers are:

**July 10 – Peking & the Mystics:** This a cappella group was formed by alumni of the Tufts University Beelzebubs. They feature vintage vocals from such genres as swing, jazz, doo wop and pop, representing every decade from the 1920s to the 1990s.

**July 17 – Rampage Trio:** A high-energy, blues-rock boogie dance band. They have been touring New England since 1990 and we are delighted to welcome them to Wilmington!

**July 24 – Reminisants:** This band has been entertaining audiences of all ages throughout New England with music from the 1950s through the 1990s.

**July 31 – Joe Leary:** A Wilmington native and singer/songwriter, Joe has a wide array of Irish, country and acoustic music.

## WILMINGTON'S 9TH ANNUAL HALF MARATHON & 5K RUN OR WALK

The streets of Wilmington will once again be filled with runners and walkers on Sunday, September 22 as the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce hosts the Town's 9th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk. 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: professional chip timing, mile splits, water stops, free t-shirts, awards for winners by gender/age/team categories, ribbons for all participants and post race refreshments (hotdogs, ice cream, fruit, etc). Family fun festivities include music provided by a DJ, a Bouncy House, Face Painting and business and community sponsored tables with numerous give-aways.

The half marathon covers 13.1 miles and the 5K is 3.1 miles. Both races begin with a shotgun start at 10:10 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 commemorative t-shirt. Register on-line at [RunReg.com](http://RunReg.com), by mail or in-person. Visit the Chamber of Commerce's website [www.wilmingtonMAchamber.com](http://www.wilmingtonMAchamber.com) for additional race details and registration information or call Nancy Vallee, Chamber Executive Director, at 978-657-7211.

## BROADWAY IN BOSTON

The Recreation Department has secured orchestra seats for popular Broadway shows. Ticket price includes bus transportation. Call or visit the Recreation Department at Town Hall to reserve your seat.

**Million Dollar Quartet – Thursday, October 17, 2013: \$99.** This musical is inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session when icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins were brought together for one unforgettable night.

**Christmas Story – Thursday, December 5, 2013: \$83.** The hilarious account of Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure he receives the official Red Ryder Air Rifle under the tree this Christmas. Based on the classic 1983 movie.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY

Please register for all programs on the Calendar of Events at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or call 978-694-2099 for adult programs and (978) 694-2098 for children and teen programs.

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. The July and August summer reading events for children and teens may be found online on the Calendar of Events.

The summer reading program for all ages is in full swing. Readers who log their books online are eligible to win weekly prizes plus a grand prize at the *End of the Summer Ice Cream Social* on August 16. For a listing of all events and activities, check the library's web site [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or pick up a summer reading brochure. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding summer reading events and prizes.

### AUTHOR SERIES

Don't miss the following bestselling authors who will be visiting the library this summer.

#### Tuesday, July 9, 7 pm

Hallie Ephron (*Never Tell a Lie*) and Linda Barnes (*Lie Down with the Devil*)

#### Monday, July 22, 7 pm, Courtney Sullivan (*Maine*)

#### Tuesday, August 6, 7 pm

MaryAnne O' Hara (*Cascade*) and B. A. Shapiro (*The Art Forger*)

#### Friday, September 6, 7pm

William Landay (*Defending Jacob*)

### Kilimanjaro: Journey to the Top of the World

**Tuesday, July 16, 7 pm**, Peter Christoph will present a slideshow about his climb up Mt. Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa.

### North of the Arctic Circle

**Thursday, August 8, 7 pm**, Join Denis Brody, amateur cyclist, for a video presentation of his 2,300 mile bike trip from Helsinki, Finland to Nordkap, Norway.

### The World on a Budget

**Tuesday, August 20, 7 pm**, Marcy Yeager, coordinator of International Studies at Northern Essex Community College will share her own travel triumphs and woes and help you make international travel an economic reality.

### Climbing Mt. Everest

**Tuesday, August 27, 7 pm**, Craig John, a mountain guide since 1987, will recount his story of climbing Mt. Everest.

### Monet's Mirror: How to Pastel Paint Monet's Water Lilies

**Saturday, September 7, 1 pm-3 pm (RR)**, Greg Maichack, a Museum of Fine Arts pastel demonstrator, returns to Wilmington with a new pastel painting workshop for beginners to advanced.

### Great Decisions

**Mondays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 21, 28, 7pm**

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The name is shared by a national civic-education program, briefing book and television series administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. The Great Decisions program highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. The cost of the briefing book for this series is \$10. Keith West who has previous experience with the Great Decisions program will be the facilitator.

## WATER CONSERVATION

The Water and Sewer Commission continues its conservation policy by limiting outdoor water use. Similar to last year, the Town has the ability to allow residents **limited** lawn watering. Residents with installed or above-ground lawn sprinklers may water their lawns **one day per week** between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. As in the past, a **hand-held watering device** for garden watering or other typical outdoor water use is permitted any day between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Residents and businesses are reminded that the Town must continue its commendable practice of water conservation. The Commission asks that everyone be diligent in fixing leaks on your property, in using water wisely and in watering the lawn not more than once per week. Your efforts will ensure that no future outdoor water bans will be needed. Remember, the majority of the Town's drinking water is pumped from the environmentally stressed Ipswich River and over pumping Town wells will only hasten the imposition of harsh restrictions on water usage.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HARNDEN TAVERN THIS SUMMER?

### BROWN BAG LUNCH & GAMES

Fridays (beginning July 12) noon to 2:00 p.m.

Pack your own lunch and bring your family to the Tavern for a picnic! Relax and enjoy the grounds or play old fashioned outdoor games like shuttlecock (badminton), cup and ball, hoop toss and more! (weather permitting)

### TOUR THE MUSEUM

Thursdays & Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

What was the original Harnden Tavern? Where is the legendary secret hiding space said to be used by runaway slaves? What was it like to live in this house 50, 100 or 200 years ago? What was Wilmington like then? Tour the Museum for a glimpse into the past – experience the house and Wilmington's history.

### SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

July 14, August 4 & September 8, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A Wilmington tradition for 30 years! Visit the Town Museum on a relaxed Sunday afternoon – maybe you will see your neighbors there.

## TOURS OF THE WILMINGTON TOWN MUSEUM ARE ALWAYS FREE!

## WILMINGTON REMEMBERS

*Wilmington Remembers 9/11/2001* written by Julie Fennell, former member Wilmington Historical Commission, is on sale at the Town Museum.

The book recounts the town's response to terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Ms. Fennell interviewed numerous local residents including former Town Manager Michael Caira and Fire Lieutenant John Brown. All proceeds from the sale of the book, which costs \$10, will go toward the construction of a 9/11 memorial planned for the courtyard of the new Wilmington High School.



## HOUSE NUMBERS FOR SAFETY

In collaboration with **Wilmington Community Fund**, the Wilmington Fire and Police Departments are making available to the residents of the Town of Wilmington, house number signs. The number signs will have predrilled holes to properly secure and identify any property within the town. ***The Town By-Law requires every residence display a visible number.*** This community effort is possible due to the funding and generosity of the Wilmington Community Fund, there is no cost to residents.

When you are experiencing an emergency, it is not the time to realize your home or property does not have the appropriate address signage affixed to it. Seconds save lives and being able to locate a residence or location quickly can help first responders to assist those in need. Residents are encouraged to spread the word to neighbors and friends who are in need of affixed house numbers. While many residents have mailboxes numbered, the boxes are often located on the opposite side of the street, knocked down or damaged.

Should you not wish to affix the house numbers being made available through this community effort, please ensure your house has numbers affixed and are easily visible from the street.

Wilmington residents needing or wanting a house number may complete the form below and return it by Monday, September 23, 2013. The form may be returned by mail to Wilmington Community Fund, P.O. Box 147, Wilmington, MA 01887 or dropped off at the Public Safety Building, Town Hall, Senior Center or the Library.

### REQUEST FORM (*Please Print Clearly*):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOUSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JUL 2-FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES** Town Common

**JUL 6** Family Day - July 4  
 Spectacular Fireworks - July 6



**JUL 10- CONCERTS ON THE COMMON**

**JUL 31** Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8 pm

**JUL 14- FARMERS' MARKET OPEN SUNDAYS**

**SEP 29** Town Common 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

**JUL 14 HARNDEN TAVERN OPEN HOUSE**

**AUG 4** 2 pm to 4 pm

**SEP 8**

**AUG 1 POLICE ASSOCIATION BEACH DAY**

Silver Lake 11 am to 2 pm

**AUG 11 TOWN BEACH CLOSURES FOR SEASON**

**AUG 27 SCHOOLS OPEN GRADES 1 -12**



**SEP 3 FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN**

**SEP 7 LIBRARY RESUMES SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

**SEP 14 BUZZELL SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

15 School Street 10 am to 2 pm

**SEP 22 ANNUAL HALF MARATHON AND 5K RUN/WALK**

**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. **NO CONTRACTORS or COMMERCIAL VEHICLES** are allowed.

### Summer Program 2013:

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 2013 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](http://www.wilmingtonma.gov). Click on "Departments" then "Public Works".

## 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) 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) 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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