

Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

From the Manager's Desk



As this edition of *Town Topics* goes to press, thanks to the efforts of the July 4th Committee and several town departments, I am extremely pleased to report that the Fun on the Fourth tradition will continue in 2014. Events kick off on Wednesday evening, July 2nd on the Town Common and will continue through Saturday, July 5th with some events taking place on the Town Common and the carnival rides being held on the grounds of the Shriners Auditorium on Fordham Road. A spectacular fireworks display is set for Saturday evening with a rain date of Sunday, July 6th at the Shriners Auditorium. Take advantage of this great chance to stay local and gather with family and friends.

The Yentile Farm Development Committee, led by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Judith O'Connell and its design consultant Waterfield Design, continue to work through concept design. The vision is for a destination location that will cater to residents of all ages and abilities with opportunities for passive and active recreation. The concept design is currently on display on the town's website, www.wilmingtonma.gov, at the Town Hall, Wilmington Memorial Library and the Buzzell Senior Center. A short 5-question survey accompanies the design and seeks direct feedback on this emerging design. The next Yentile Farm Development Committee meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 9 at the Town Hall. A third public design workshop is scheduled for July 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Middle School cafeteria. This session will once again be interactive and seeks to further clarify the expectations for this recreational site.

Feedback from the most recent survey and design workshop will enable the committee to enter the schematic design phase which begins to provide greater detail to the development of spaces on the parcel. With the approval at the May 2014 Annual Town Meeting of \$250,000, the project will be brought through schematic design into design development over the course of the next year. Design development will establish the specific uses and types of material to be used in the recreational area. The construction budget will be refined. During the next year the committee will be preparing a recommendation for naming of the recreational area and developing a funding plan which will likely seek a combination of town appropriation, grants and private donations. Residents are strongly encouraged to provide input on this project and to follow the developments via the town's website and attending meetings.

Road improvements continue to be a priority. Resurfacing was completed on a section of Chestnut Street from Hillside Way to the Woburn line in June. Improvements to drainage and the road surface are targeted for the full length of Cunningham Street. A phased approach was started in 2013 which addressed the Lexington Street section of the road. Phase 2 is included in the town's Capital Improvement Plan and will address the Beeching Avenue and Everett Avenue section. Engineering design work will be completed in 2014. If funding is approved at the May 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the drainage infrastructure and base course paving would be completed in the summer/fall of 2015.

Edward Bradbury retired at the end of May after serving the town for over 40 years, the past 6 years as Fire Chief. Diane Watters retired as Senior Clerk for the DPW after 31 years of

service, Joann Roberto retired as Senior Clerk for the Elderly Services Department after 19 years of service and Joanne Benton is retiring July 2 after serving 10 years with the Wilmington School System, the past 7 years as School Superintendent. Each individual has been devoted to their profession and the community and are extended best wishes for health and prosperity in the next phase of their journeys.

With summer upon us, take advantage of all the treasures that Wilmington has to offer including the Farmers Market, Concerts on the Common, Rotary Park, Silver Lake, the Harnden Tavern and Carriage House, Town Forest and the numerous programs offered by the Library, the Senior Center and the Recreation Department. Enjoy and be safe.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

The Wilmington Fire Department would like to remind residents that **possession and use of all fireworks by private citizens is illegal in Massachusetts**. This includes sparklers, party poppers, snappers, firecrackers, cherry bombs and more. Residents are encouraged to enjoy the many professional, supervised fireworks displays.

GASOLINE AND LAWN MOWERS: Gasoline vapors are highly flammable. They stay on your clothing and can ignite if you light a match or cigarette. **Never** fuel a lawn mower while it is hot. Let it cool off first. Keep hands and feet away from a mower while it is running.

BARBECUE SAFELY: Use all barbecue grills away from the house, outdoors. Supervise children when a grill is in use.

GAS GRILLS: LP-gas grills are not permitted inside at all or on balconies above the first floor of any building where people live. Before lighting a grill make sure all connections are secure and tight and open the lid. If the flame goes out, turn off the gas and wait 10 minutes for excess gas to dissipate before relighting.

CHARCOAL GRILLS: Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start charcoal grills. Once coals are lit, never add more lighter fluid to the fire. Flames may travel up the stream of fluid resulting in serious burns.

WHEN YOUR CAR OVERHEATS ALWAYS:

- Turn off your car and wait at least one-half hour before attempting to open the radiator;
- Use a heavy rag or cloth to open the radiator;
- Stand back as far as possible. Keep your face out of the way in case the radiator should rupture.

Opening hot car radiators is one of the leading causes of burns.

NEVER LEAVE A CHILD OR PETS ALONE IN A CAR. In just 10 minutes, a car can heat up 20 degrees Fahrenheit and cracking a window does little to keep the car cool.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

For submission of an application for a passport, you must have a long form birth certificate. You may obtain the document from either the town/city where the hospital was located or from the town/city where your parents were living at the time of your birth. The document must have a raised seal. The passport office does not accept copies. Please call the Town Clerk's office with questions at 978-658-2030.

The Town Clerk's office now has the ability to process payments for dog licenses and requests for vital records online. Please go to our webpage at www.wilmingtonma.gov, click on Town Clerk.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

To all Wilmington real estate taxpayers who may be eligible for a property tax exemption in Fiscal Year 2015 (Veterans, Elderly, Widows, Blind, Paraplegics, etc), please be reminded that the Board of Assessors will accept exemption applications beginning in October. If you received an exemption for FY2014 property taxes, an exemption application will be mailed to you by the Assessors Office in October.

By Massachusetts General Law, applications are due for FY 2015 to the Board of Assessors by April 1, 2015 (which is 3 months after the mailing of the actual tax bill on January 1). The Board then has three months to act on the application and may request further information from you regarding your eligibility during that time.

For more information you may:

- review the back of your tax bill which outlines the application filing deadline
- visit the Exemption section of the Assessor's office website to view a brochure that summarizes the exemption qualifications or contact the Assessors office at 978-658-3675

Please remember that filing for an exemption is by ANNUAL application. Your qualifications and status may change year to year as well as the eligibility requirements for certain exemptions. Our office will publish an updated brochure with the new income and asset requirements after July 1, 2014 and they will be available on our website, in our office and at the Senior Center.

WILMINGTON'S 10TH ANNUAL HALF MARATHON & 5K RUN OR WALK

The streets of Wilmington will once again be filled with runners and walkers on Sunday, September 28 as the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce hosts the Town's 10th 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: USATF certified courses, 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 RaceWire.com, by mail or in-person. Visit the Chamber of Commerce's website www.wilmingtonMAchamber.com for additional race details and registration information or call Nancy Vallee, Chamber Executive Director, at 978-657-7211.

FOLLOW WILMINGTON POLICE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Wilmington Police have 930 followers on Facebook and 1,600 on Twitter. Help us reach more of the community by following the department on social media. Wilmington Police can be followed on Twitter and Instagram under the account name @WilmingtonMAPD and on Facebook under "Wilmington, MA Police Department"



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HARNDEN TAVERN THIS SUMMER?

BROWN BAG LUNCH & GAMES

Fridays (beginning July 11) 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 6, August 3 & September 7, 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!

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.

BROADWAY IN BOSTON

The Recreation Department has secured orchestra seats for popular Broadway shows. Ticket price includes bus transportation. A \$50 deposit per ticket is required. Visit the Recreation Department at Town Hall to reserve your seat.

The Lion King – October 14, 2014: \$122. This Disney show is an audience favorite.

Mamma Mia – October 30, 2014: \$86. The music of Abba has the audience dancing in the aisles!

Motown the Musical – February 5, 2015: \$82 The music of a generation comes to the stage.

Dirty Dancing – April 30, 2015: \$98 You loved the movie – now fall in love with the play!

Newsies – June 25, 2015: \$85 Direct from Broadway, this show based on the Disney movie, is a must see!

Kinky Boots – August 13, 2015: \$80 This Tony-Award winning show will have you kicking up your heels!

RED SOX TICKETS

See the current World Champs in action! The Recreation Department has Bleacher Seats available for:

Sunday, July 20 vs. Kansas City Royals

Saturday, August 23 vs. Seattle Mariners

TOWN BEACH AT SILVER LAKE

Town Beach is open each day and staffed with lifeguards through Sunday, August 17. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wilmington residents, with proof of residency, may use the beach at no charge.

NOTICE

At its meeting of May 12, 2014 and by unanimous vote, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following regulations:

Prohibit dogs on Town beaches and Town property adjacent to Silver Lake, specifically 49 Grove Avenue, 47 Grove Avenue, Grove Avenue/Baby Beach, 79 Main Street, 81 Main Street and 5 Burnap Street from May 1 to October 1. Violation is punishable by a \$50 fine.

Prohibit the creation of fire pits, open flame, use of grills or other types of cooking devices to prepare food on Town beaches and Town property adjacent to Silver Lake, specifically 49 Grove Avenue, 47 Grove Avenue, Grove Avenue/Baby Beach, 79 Main Street, 81 Main Street and 5 Burnap Street, subject to issuance of a permit to be granted by the Recreation Commission. Violation is punishable by a \$50 fine.

Prohibit parking on Grove Avenue from the southwest corner of 3 Grove Avenue on the northerly side to Burnap Street and on the southerly side from Main Street to Burnap Street encompassing property formerly known as the DAV property and on Burnap Street from Grove Avenue to Pond Street and on Pond Street in the direction to the southwest corner of 1 Pond Street. Violation is punishable by a \$15 fine.

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. The program culminates annually on the first Tuesday of August. Watch for details and locations on the police department's website www.wpd.org

SUMMER EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Below is a sampling of programs scheduled at the library in July and August. A complete listing of events can be found on the library's website and in the library's summer events brochures. Please note that Tween Events are for students in grades 5 to 8. Register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967 (Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (Children/Teen).

READING

AUTHOR VISITS

Steve Puleo: *Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919* **Thursday, July 17, 7 pm**

Neil Swidey: *Trapped Under the Sea: One Engineering Marvel, Five Men, and a Disaster Ten Miles Into the Darkness* **Tuesday, July 22, 7 pm**

Elisabeth Elo: *North of Boston* **Tuesday, August 12, 7 pm**

Tom Farmer and Marty Foley: *A Murder in Wellesley* **Thursday, August 21, 7 pm**

PJ STORYTIME Mondays, 6:30 pm

ALL YOU CAN READ BUFFET (Ages 8+) Tuesday, August 5, 1-5pm

MUSIC

Ragtime with Deborah Wyndham! **Tuesday, July 15, 2 pm**

Harpist Rebecca Swett **Tuesday, August 19, 2 pm**

Toddler and Preschool Dance Party **Wednesday, August 6, 10 am**

Zumba (Tween Event) **Mondays, 1 pm, July 14 - August 11**

COOKING

Go Green With Julie! Green Smoothie Demo and Tasting **Thursday, July 10, 7 pm**

Food, Glorious Food: exploring the exciting world of food blogs **Thursday, July 24, 7 pm**

No Bake Dessert: Mini Strawberry Shortcakes (Teen Event) **Thursday, August 7, 2 pm**

Betsy Williams: Mrs. Thrift Captures the Herbal Harvest! **August 14, 7 pm**

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Beginner LEGO Mindstorm Robotics (Tween Event)

Friday, July 11, 2 - 4 pm and Friday July 25, 2 - 4 pm

The Rainforest presented by Creature Teachers (Children's Event) **Monday, July 28, 11 am**

Stop Motion Animation Workshop (Tween Event)

Monday, August 4, Wednesday, August 6 and Friday, August 8 3 - 4:30 pm

Global Safari presented by Animal World Experience (Children's Event) **Thursday, August 14, 2 pm**

One on One Tech Help **Call 978-658-2967 for an appointment**

CRAFTS

DIY Moroccan-inspired Mason Jar Lanterns (ages 16+) **Tuesday, July 8, 7 pm**

DIY Decorative Light Switch Covers (ages 16+) **Tuesday, August 26, 7 pm**

Science and Nature Storytime and Craft (ages 3-6) **Tuesdays, July 1 to August 12, 10 am**

JOBS AND CAREERS

Learn from experts to position yourself for the job you want.

Dress for Success **Monday, July 14, 9:30 am**

Taking Care of Yourself during the Job Search Process **Monday, July 28, 9:30am**

10 Steps to Shorten the Job Search **Monday, August 11, 9:30 am**

The Power of Introverts **Monday, August 25, 9:30 am**

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 9 at the Town Common. Talented musical groups will provide entertainment for all ages from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday through July 30. In the event of inclement weather, the scheduled concert will be postponed to the following evening. This summer's performers are:

July 9 – Cactus Gang: New England's premier country band. Enjoy a night of familiar popular and country songs that will have you tapping your toes and singing along.

July 16 – Radio Waves: A little bit of everything from the big hits of today back to Motown and the soul favorites of the 60s & 70s.

July 23 – Reminisants: This band has been entertaining audiences of all ages throughout New England with music from the 1950s through the 1990s.

July 30 – Mark Shelton: Mark sings the classics in addition to Irish sing-along ballads and Elvis Presley favorites.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUL 2-FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

JUL 5 Family Day - July 4
Spectacular Fireworks - July 5

JUL 9- CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

JUL 30 Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8 pm

JUN 15- FARMERS MARKET OPEN SUNDAYS

OCT 12 Town Common 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

JUL 6 HARNDEN TAVERN OPEN HOUSE

AUG 3 2 pm to 4 pm

SEP 7

AUG 5 WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUG 7 POLICE ASSOCIATION BEACH DAY
Silver Lake 11 am to 2 pm

AUG 17 TOWN BEACH CLOSURES FOR SEASON

AUG 20 LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN STATE PRIMARY

AUG 26 SCHOOLS OPEN GRADES 1 -12

SEP 2 FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

SEP 6 LIBRARY RESUMES SATURDAY SCHEDULE

SEP 9 STATE PRIMARY Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

SEP 28 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 2014:

Wednesday, July 9	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 12	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, August 6	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 9	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 3	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, September 6	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the Town's 2014 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. 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
	(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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