

Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

From the Manager's Desk



Another year is "in the books" or perhaps "in the tablets" so to speak for students in Wilmington Public Schools. Many students across town will be out and about to take advantage of that unstructured time. Saturday, June 20th between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. the Wilmington Memorial Library will kick off their Summer Reading Program. Kids can keep their reading skills honed, explore places of fact, fiction and fantasy and earn a prize pack to the Topsfield Fair, a pass to the Altitude Trampoline Park and many other great prizes.

Your patience over the past several weeks in dealing with the delayed trash collection has been greatly appreciated. One of the most fundamental services of municipal government in many locales is the collection of refuse. The Town's contract for refuse collection with Northside Carting expired on June 30, 2015. A combination of equipment breakdowns and staffing problems have reportedly caused their delays in collection. Effective July 1, 2015 automated collection of refuse and recycling will be performed by Russell Disposal Services.

Residents seeking to dispose of plastic barrels currently being used for refuse and recyclables may bring them to the Department of Public Works, 135 Andover Street, July 13 to July 31, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays, July 18 and July 25, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Barrels will also be collected the month of September during the same hours. Questions about the program should be directed to the DPW at 978-658-4481.

Annual Town Meeting took two important steps forward with the development of the former Yentile Farm property on Cross Street. Voters authorized \$4.8 million to complete construction of the recreational complex. An invitation for bids will be issued in early 2016. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2016 with project completion slated for spring of 2017. Voters also established a name for the town facility - Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. The Yentile Farm Development Committee is currently working with Green International Affiliates to reach final design and to complete permitting for the project.

Demolition of the former Wilmington High School is now complete. Once the debris is cleared from the site, work will begin to install parking on the Adams Street side of the campus along walkways, curbing and landscaping. Four tennis courts and a basketball court at the corner of Adams Street and Church Street will be constructed. The former ranch house located on town property off Wildwood Street was recently razed. Work will continue to develop the area for athletic fields including a softball field. Work is on track for completion by the end of October 2015.

Approximately 500 bricks from the former high school were removed to be made available to residents interested in a souvenir. Bricks were available for pick-up, with a limit of 4 per person, on three dates during the month of June. Availability was on a first come, first serve basis. If you have not had an opportunity to "pick a brick" and are interested bricks may still be available. Contact the Public Buildings Department at 978-658-3017 to inquire.

Susan Delaney, Senior Clerk in the Town Accountant's Office, recently retired after 27 years of dedicated service to the Town. After 26 years serving as a police officer with the Wilmington Police Department, Chester A. "Chip" Bruce, III has decided to call it a career. I wish both Susan and Chip all the best during their retirements.

Wilmington celebrates its 35th annual Fun on the Fourth beginning on the Town Common on June 30th. Activities will continue through the remainder of the week with the carnival operating at the site of the Aleppo Shriners. The grand finale for the event will be the fireworks display also at the site of the Shriners Auditorium on Saturday, July 4th. Thanks to the tireless work of the Wilmington Fourth of July Committee and the many non-profit groups who serve meals and sell food during the festivities, the event continues to be an attraction for families of all ages.

As the Fun on the Fourth celebration kicks off summer of 2015, please be safe and enjoy time with family and friends.

GLEN ROAD/MIDDLESEX AVENUE/WILDWOOD STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Town of Wilmington welcomes the start of construction of the state funded intersection project at Glen Road, Wildwood Street and Middlesex Avenue. This important project is intended to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety and overall traffic operations at each intersection. The project will include the installation of new traffic signals, sidewalk reconstruction, drainage improvements, water main upgrade, new pavement markings and signage. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.6 million and will be fully funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The intersection experiences accidents at more than double the average of an un-signalized intersection in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MDOT) District 4 area. Once completed the Middlesex Avenue (Route 62) intersection with both Glen Road and Wildwood Street will be fully signalized.

The project will also complete the Town's sidewalk network in this area by connecting the Glen Road sidewalk with the Middlesex Avenue sidewalk in an area that is in the vicinity of the Town's Library, Common and High School.

The Town committed to the project in 2005 by hiring the engineering firm of Green International to conduct preliminary engineering studies and the final design. The Town has conducted several public informational meetings on the project and has received widespread support.

At the time of this article's publication, work should already be underway as it is scheduled to start during June 2015. The Wilmington DPW will be working with the selected contractor, MDR Construction, to expedite this project in a safe and efficient manner, with the least amount of disruption possible to the area. All work is planned to be conducted Monday through Friday, 7 am to 3 pm, barring extenuating circumstances. Although the contractor has until October 2016 to complete the project, the Town is hopeful that construction will be complete ahead of schedule.

Please feel free to consult the Wilmington DPW's Engineering Division for project updates, or check the DPW website for the latest information on this ongoing project.

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.

Cinderella – October 8, 2015: \$88. Rodgers & Hammerstein's take on the classic tale for anyone who has ever had a wish, a dream and a really great pair of shoes.

Beautiful – November 5, 2015: \$119. The inspiring true story of Carole King and her musical journey.

Elf – December 2, 2015: \$67. Based on the popular movie, this modern day classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner ELF.

Beauty and the Beast - January 7, 2016: \$78. This Disney eye-popping spectacle is an audience favorite.

The Sound of Music – April 7, 2016: \$88. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of this beloved show, this is the musical story of the Von Trapp family.

Matilda – June 23, 2016: \$90. Based on the Roald Dahl book, this story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HARNDEN TAVERN THIS SUMMER?

BROWN BAG LUNCH & GAMES

Fridays (beginning July 10) 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 12, August 2 & September 13, 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'S 11TH ANNUAL HALF MARATHON & 5K RUN OR WALK

The streets of Wilmington will once again be filled with runners and walkers on Sunday, September 27 as the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce hosts the Town's 11th 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. Family fun festivities include music, 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 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.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" FLAG FOOTBALL

After a tremendous debut last year, SNL Flag Football is back and open for registration. This co-ed no-contact league allows every player to be the quarterback! The 8-week season runs from September 12 through November 7, (no 10/31). There are separate divisions for children in grades 1 – 3, grades 4 & 5 and grades 6 - 8. Registration forms are available in the office and on the website. Watching the kids playing under the lights on Saturday evenings in the autumn is a wonderful family and community event!

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS AT HOME AND AWAY

The Wilmington Fire Department encourages residents to enjoy supervised professional fireworks displays: Unfortunately, children and adults continue to set off illegal fireworks that set fires and cause serious injuries to themselves and others. Set a good example for children. Children imitate adults and if you use fireworks, they will also. Fifty-one percent of firework related burn injuries in the last ten years were to children under age 18. Twenty-two percent were under age ten. The possession and use of all fireworks by private citizens is illegal in Massachusetts. This includes so-called safe and sane fireworks such as sparklers, party poppers, snappers, firecrackers, spinners, cherry bombs and more.

Hotel and Motel Safety:

- Select accommodations that have sprinklers and smoke detectors in guestrooms.
- Never use elevators in a fire.
- Count the number of doors down the hall to the nearest fire exit and plan an escape route.
- When leaving the room, feel the door before opening it. If the door feels cool open it a crack and be ready to close it if there is hot air or flames present.
- If it is unsafe to leave the room stuff wet towels around the door to keep smoke out. Open a window and hang a sheet outside to signal for help. Do not jump. Cover your face with a wet cloth and stay low if smoke enters the room. Consider booking a room below the 7th floor, most fire apparatus cannot reach beyond that for rescue purposes.

Car Safety: If your car overheats wait 1/2 hour before attempting to open the radiator. Use a heavy rag to remove the cap. Stand back as far as possible and keep your face out of the way. Never leave children or pets in the vehicle unattended during hot weather. Temperatures increase rapidly to unsafe levels inside vehicles during warm weather.

Gasoline and Lawn Mowers: Gasoline vapors are highly flammable and can remain on your clothing and ignite if you light a match or cigarette. Store in approved containers and never fuel a lawn mower while it is hot. Keep gasoline away from all heat sources.

Burn First Aid:

- Stop Drop and Roll if your clothing catches fire.
- Cool a burn. For a minor burn, run cool water over the burn immediately.
- Seek emergency medical help immediately for more serious burns.
- Use sunscreen to avoid sunburn.

Texting and Driving: Texting while driving is illegal but continues to be the cause of many motor vehicle accidents. Don't text and drive!

TOWN BEACH AT SILVER LAKE

Town Beach is open each day and staffed with lifeguards through Sunday, August 16. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wilmington residents, with proof of residency, may use the beach at no charge. Accepted forms of identification include a valid driver's license or a current tax bill accompanied by a picture ID.

New this summer!! Learn to kayak and paddleboard on Silver Lake! In the "Adventure Kids" Clinic, children ages 8 to 14 develop kayaking skills through fun and challenging games. There are also "Stand-Up Paddleboarding" classes for youth and adults – choose from Saturday, June 27 or Thursday, August 6. Full information is available in the office or on our website for these and additional offerings.

SUMMER EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

"Every Hero Has a Story," the 2015 annual summer reading program, is underway! A complete listing of all the "superhero" events for children can be found on the library's website and in the library's summer events brochure. Register online at www.wilmlibrary.org or by calling (978) 658-2967 (Adult) or (978)694-2098 (Children/Teen) events.

AUTHOR TALKS: The library's third annual summer author series features the following guest authors.

Randy Susan Meyers	Thursday, July 9, 7 pm
Roland Merullo	Monday, July 20, 7 pm
Michael Blanding	Tuesday, July 28, 7 pm
Matthew Gilbert	Thursday, August 13, 7 pm

BOSTON SPORTS

History of Fenway Park **Thursday, July 23, 7 pm**
Dan Rea, Special Assistant to the President/CEO of the Boston Red Sox.

From Ballpark to Bookshelf: A Discussion of Modern Sports Literature

Thursday, August 6, 7 pm

Former sports anchorman, Pete Solomon.

Sports Photographer Steve Babineau

Thursday, August 27, 7 pm

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Lawn Games - Borrow one of the library's lawn games for your next cookout. Bocce, Croquet, Horseshoes and Ring Toss are now available for checkout. These games can be borrowed for one week.

3D Printer - The library's 3 D printer is a "Cube 3" model that can make simple three dimensional objects in plastic using a design that is uploaded from a digital file. For information on how to reserve the 3 D printer, please check the library's website or call the library at 978-658-2967.

More E Book Content - As a member of the Massachusetts eBook Project, the library now offers Wilmington residents access to more digital content including popular fiction and non-fiction titles via Baker & Taylor Axis 360. Click on "Downloads" on the library's website.

Lynda.com - Lynda.com provides access to over 3,000 video courses in technology and business led by industry experts. Learn something new at your own pace from the comfort of home. Click on "Research & Learning" on the library's website.

THANK YOU TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - Our library is renowned for its robust offering of programs and events. However, it would be impossible for the library to offer its current volume and variety of programs without the Friends' financial support. By joining the Friends of the Library, you can help the library to continue to provide educational and entertaining programs for all ages. Applications are available at the library and online at www.wilmlibrary.org.

SPLASH INTO A HAPPY SUMMER WITH ELDERLY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

After a successful "48 Days to Spring into Happiness" program, the Department of Elderly Services began a new & exciting summer program. "Splash into a Happy Summer" will include many fun activities and events that are sure to create fun memories and smiles. Events include:

Tuesday, July 7 – Annual Summer Cookout
Monday, July 20 – Paint Night
Tuesday, July 30 – Ice Cream Sundae Social

Watch for more information on the website and future editions of the Buzzell Buzz.

The Buzzell Senior Center is thrilled to offer "Outdoor Yoga" with instructor Joan Lawrence. Already popular at the Buzzell Senior Center, this is an excellent opportunity to try the class. Classes will be take place from 6 pm - 7 pm on July 9, 16, 23 & 30 at the "Swain Green". Sign-up will begin on June 16, 2015. If there are any questions, please contact the Senior Center.

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.

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 2015:

Wednesday, July 8	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, August 5	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 8	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 2	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, September 5	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the Town's 2015 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".

CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

The Recreation Department's popular summer concert series begins on Wednesday, July 8 at the Town Common. Talented musical groups will provide entertainment for all ages from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday through July 29. In the event of inclement weather, the scheduled concert will be postponed to the following evening. This summer's performers are:

July 8 – Don Campbell Trio: Fiddle and bass guitar mix. This group will perform a blend of old and new favorites to keep you smiling, singing and dancing along.

July 15 – Joe Leary: Wilmington native and singer/songwriter. Joe has a wide array of Irish, country, and acoustic music.

July 22 – Mark Shelton: Mark sings the classics in addition to Irish sing-along ballads and Elvis Presley favorites.

July 29 – Reminisants: This band has been entertaining audiences of all ages throughout New England with music from the 1950s through the 1990s.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUN 30- FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

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

JUL 8- CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

JUL 29 Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8 pm

JUN 14- FARMERS MARKET OPEN SUNDAYS

OCT 11 Town Common 10 am to 1 pm

JUL 12 HARNDEN TAVERN OPEN HOUSE

AUG 2 2 pm to 4 pm

SEP 13

AUG 4 WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Rotary Park

AUG 6 POLICE ASSOCIATION BEACH DAY

Silver Lake 11 am to 2 pm

AUG 16 TOWN BEACH CLOSES FOR SEASON

SEP 1 SCHOOLS OPEN GRADES 1 -12

SEP 8 FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

SEP 5 LIBRARY RESUMES SATURDAY SCHEDULE

SEP 20 BUZZELL SCHOOL REUNION 1 pm to 6 pm

SEP 27 ANNUAL HALF MARATHON AND 5K RUN/WALK

OCT 1 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

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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