

# Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

## From the Manager's Desk



Town departments have begun work authorized by the adoption of the fiscal year 2018 budget.

Replacement of the 22,100 square foot roof at the Boutwell Early Childhood Center and replacement of 24,647 square feet of roof at the North Intermediate School will be completed this summer. Both schools will have completely new roofing systems when school opens on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, replacement of the 26 year old chair lift at the Shawsheen School will be completed before school resumes. This work will ensure that students, staff and visitors with mobility challenges will have access to the school. Replacement of the 17 year old building management system in the Middle School will provide for reliable control of the HVAC system.

Continuing to upgrade water infrastructure is critical to meeting the demands for potable water. During this construction season work will begin on the replacement of 1500 linear feet of 10" water main with a 12" water main along Middlesex Avenue from the Congregational Church to Federal Street and 3,600 linear feet of 6" water main with 12" water main from Route 125 across the Interstate 93 overpass to Salem Street. Work is expected to be substantially completed by late fall of 2017 with final paving completed in 2018.

The Public Works Department has targeted a number of road resurfacing projects throughout town. While this work is weather dependent, roads on the docket include: a portion of Andover Street from the split with Woburn Street south easterly; Arlene Avenue and other streets in that neighborhood; Brattle Street; Burnap Street and Cunningham Street from Allston Street to Salem Street. Solar powered pedestrian beacons will be placed at the crosswalks on the Church Street and Middlesex Avenue sides of the Town Common to improve safety.

Other work to be completed this summer includes reconstruction of the drop-off area and replacement of sidewalks at the North Intermediate School and resurfacing of the Woburn Street tennis courts and striping of courts for pickleball.

Based upon comments offered by residents at the June 12, 2017 Board of Selectmen's meeting, efforts are underway to work with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to replace the existing Butters Row Bridge with a two lane bridge with a sidewalk. While this bridge is not in the upper tier of bridges in the district scheduled for replacement and is likely to take several years to obtain design and construction, town representatives will be working closely with MassDOT and the legislative delegation in pursuit of moving this bridge project up in queue on the priority list. Clearly, safety is a major concern with the existing one lane bridge. The volume of traffic on Butters Row and Chestnut Street, particularly during commuter hours, is a major concern of residents and town officials alike.

Assessing alternatives to mitigate some of the traffic will remain a town focus, while the Police Department will continue to conduct speed enforcement. There is no single approach that will dramatically reduce traffic. In this day and age with ability of motorists to use cell phone apps like *Waze* they are much more easily able to find the "path of least resistance." The fact that Wilmington has so many "connector" streets that are used to access Interstate 93 or Interstate 95 makes deployment of resources to address the traffic throughout town particularly difficult.

I wish to express my gratitude for the contributions of two long term employees who recently retired. Robert Burke, Elderly Services Van Driver, retired after 19 years of serving Wilmington's elders. Winifred McGowan, Assistant Director of Planning and Conservation, for the past twelve years has provided advice and guidance to the Conservation Commission and worked with residents and developers as they navigate the permitting process associated with the Wetlands Protection Act.

## NEWS FROM ELDERLY SERVICES

**FAN DRIVE** - The Department of Elderly Services wishes to thank everyone who has donated fans for its "Fan Drive." The recipients are greatly appreciative. The Department continues to collect fans. If you know of an elder in need of a fan or an air conditioner, please call the center at 978-657-7595. Please look in on older neighbors to ensure they are cool and safe.

**COMPLIMENTARY ELDER TRANSPORTATION** - The Department of Elderly Services welcomes Sonja Halliday who has been appointed Van Driver. Sonja has many years of experience as a driver and looks forward to meeting Wilmington's seniors. This is a wonderful time to remind you that Wilmington is unique in that the Town offers free transportation to Wilmington residents aged sixty and over. This transportation is provided within a thirteen-mile radius of Wilmington and we have a full-time Van Driver to meet their transportation needs. We are fortunate to have a van that is equipped to handle a wheelchair along with its passengers. We are able to transport elders to destinations including, but not limited to, their medical appointments, shopping and to/from the Senior Center. If you or a family member would like more information, please call the Buzzell Senior Center at 978-657-7595.



**KAYAKING IS BACK** - The Wilmington Department of Elderly Services is happy to bring back Kayak Classes. This four part course, provided by the **LL Bean Outdoor Discovery Program**, covers all the basic skills and safety techniques essential to recreational kayaking. You will learn the essentials of recreational kayaking, including launching techniques, paddling equipment, kayaking safety, reading weather conditions, and more. You will learn about paddling terminology and basic paddling strokes. Instructors will lead you step by step through each stroke, helping you hone and refine your abilities throughout the course. We will also have technique building for the more experienced.

Each day, a short, guided tour with the group will allow you to practice your skills while getting a close-up view of the wildlife that inhabit these waters. Our skilled guides will share their extensive knowledge of the sport of kayaking, the local waters and the history of the surrounding area. All necessary equipment is provided.

Classes will be held at Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, MA on Thursdays, August 24, 31, September 7 and 14. Sign-up will be the week of July 31, 2017 – Cost is \$50.00 for 4 weeks of fun.



## CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY

Going to college can be an exciting time for students and their parents, but it also brings an increased level of student responsibility while at school. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), there were 85 fatal fires in dormitories, Greek housing and off-campus housing from January 2000 to May 2015. These fires resulted in 118 fatalities.

Whether on- or off- campus, it's important for students and parents to understand fire risks and life-saving preventive actions. There are several specific causes for fires in college housing including cooking, candles, smoking and overloaded power strips.

Be fire safe! The USFA encourages students to follow these tips, including:

- Keep your cooking area clean and free of anything that can burn;

- Use flameless candles;

- Check for cigarette butts, especially under cushions, after a party;

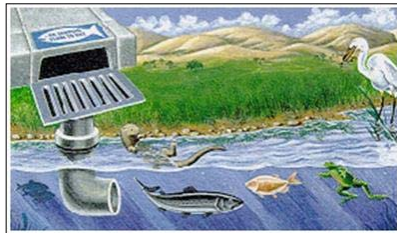
- Use surge protectors or power strips that have internal overload protection; and

- Have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room if you live off-campus.

Parents can also help promote off-campus fire safety through the "See it Before You Sign It" campaign from the National Fire Protection Association. This campaign encourages parents to help their loved ones choose secure, fire safe housing in apartments or homes that are off-campus.

## STORMWATER ALERT! ILLICIT DISCHARGES ARE PROHIBITED!

July 1, 2017 marks the beginning of Wilmington's new permit term with EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program which has been established to help maintain clean stormwater in urbanized communities in Massachusetts. As this is an important issue for Wilmington and all Ipswich River Watershed communities, it is the town's duty to remind residents, commercial property owners, industries and commercial developers that Wilmington has its own Illicit Discharge By-law.



An *illicit discharge* is defined as any release into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4, or simply "storm drainage system") of contaminated water, or any non-stormwater discharge, that contributes pollutants to receiving waters. The Town of Wilmington is committed to enforcing the Illicit Discharge By-law and, as such, fines have already been assessed for violations. It's important to stay educated on what is and is not considered illegal under the Illicit Discharge By-law.

Think you *know* your stuff when it comes to clean stormwater? Take the short *Wilmington Illicit Discharge Quiz!* Test your knowledge of the current by-law and educate others on one of today's hottest topics in municipal stormwater management.

Go to the following link to participate in the quiz: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BY8LKFN> or log onto the DPW's stormwater management webpage at <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/public-works/stormwater-management>

## LIBRARY SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Summer Bash

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 5PM - 7:30 PM**

Bring your lawn chairs and your blankets to the Swain Green! Relax and enjoy dinner from the Amigos Locos Tex-Mex or Wildfire BBQ food trucks (affordable prices plus kid's menu) followed by a refreshing Richie's slush (\$1). Music will be provided by the Quentin Callewaert Quartet. Children's games and entertainment will be part of the evening's festivities.

### Shredding Day

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9 AM - 12 PM**

The library, in partnership with the Wilmington Community Fund, will host the seventh annual on-site shredding day at the Town Common parking lot. Two shredding trucks will be on hand to handle the volume. This event is meant for households and we reserve the right to limit the amount of shredding due to wait time or truck space. Paper clips, rubber bands and staples do not have to be removed. The shredding is free to the public, but nonperishable food donations or monetary donations to the food pantry are encouraged and welcomed.

### Mass Memories Road Show

**High School Cafeteria**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 10 AM - 3 PM**

The Wilmington Memorial Library, in collaboration with multiple community partners, is pleased to host the Mass Memories Road Show, a special event that celebrates each person's history and contribution to Wilmington by digitizing family photos and stories.

**Who is invited?** Anyone who has lived, worked or attended school in Wilmington. It does not matter if you have lived here for generations or moved in last year, all are welcome. All ages may participate; children under 18 must have parental permission.

**What should you bring?** You may bring 1 - 3 photos (print or digital) that best tell your Wilmington story. Photos may be current or historic and may include special family occasions such as weddings, birthdays, first day of school etc. They can also include sporting and community events as well as social gatherings.

**What will happen to the photos?** Your photos will be scanned and archived for future generations; participants may also record the story behind the photos.

**Why should you participate?** Together we will create an online snapshot of our community that will be available to future generations.

For further information, contact Charlotte Wood, Assistant Library Director, at 978-658-2967 or check out the Mass Memories Road Show archives <http://openarchives.umb.edu/>.

### Discount Passes to Massachusetts Parks and Zoos

The library offers discount passes to the following: *Mass Audubon* (includes Drumlin Farm) funded by the **Wilmington Community Fund**. *Mass State Parks Pass* (excluding Nahant and Nantasket Beaches).

*Trustees of Reservations and Zoo New England* (includes Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo) funded by the **Friends of the Library**. To reserve these passes or any of the other discount museum passes, visit the library's website [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or call 978-658-2967.



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### Lawn Care – Mass Fertilizer Regulations

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 7 PM**

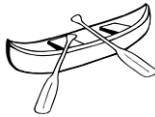
Massachusetts recently approved new fertilizer regulations (333 CMR 31) which affect ANYONE applying fertilizer, even homeowners. DPW Operations Manager Jamie Magaldi will summarize the relatively new regulations that all contractors, landscape professionals, fertilizer retailers, property caretakers and homeowners should be aware of. Jamie will discuss how to replace widely accepted nutrient overloading practices with a more tailored, soils based approach.



## TOWN BEACH AT SILVER LAKE

Town Beach is open each day and staffed with lifeguards through Sunday, August 13. 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 an RMV issued Massachusetts ID showing your Wilmington address.

Kayaks, canoes and paddleboards are available for rent at the beach. All rentals are \$6 for two hours.



## "SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" FLAG FOOTBALL

After another great season last fall, SNL Flag Football is back - this year at the new Yentile Farm Turf Field and is open for registration. This co-ed, no-contact league allows every player to be the quarterback. The 8-week season runs from September 9 through October 28. There are separate divisions for children in grades 1 & 2, grades 3 & 4, grades 5 & 6 and grades 7 & 8. Watching the kids playing under the lights on Saturday evenings in the autumn is a wonderful family and community event!

## LEGOPALOOZA

Check out this cool new program that includes advanced, open-ended STEM activities and engaging new LEGO Robotics challenges. This class for students entering grades 2 to 6 will be held from Monday to Friday, July 24 – 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Wilmington High School. Cost is \$270. Build and program a spinning carousel, a roller coaster, a Ferris wheel and other fun carnival rides. Each day continue the fun and build moving machines from your very own take home LEGO Klutz Crazy Action Contraptions Kit.



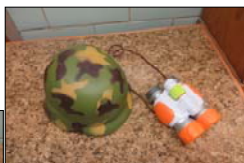
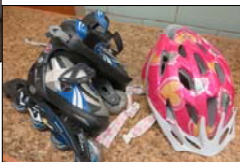
## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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. Wilmington's program will take place Tuesday, August 1 at Rotary Park. Watch for details and locations on the police department's website [www.wpd.org](http://www.wpd.org)



## LOST AND FOUND

Have you or your child left something behind at one of our parks? The Town Manager's Office is holding items that have been turned in and would like to reunite them with their owner. We currently have 2 identical winter coats – girls size 6/7; rollerblades/helmet; toy helmet/binoculars and a Lacrosse bag. If you recognize these items, stop by Room 11 of the Town Hall.



## WILMINGTON'S 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HALF MARATHON & 5K RUN OR WALK

The streets of Wilmington will once again be filled with runners and walkers on Sunday, September 17 as the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce hosts the Town's 13th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk. A portion of the 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 markers, water stops, free t-shirts, awards for winners by gender/age/team categories, medals for all half marathon participants, ribbons for all 5K participants and post race refreshments. Family fun festivities include music, face painting and business and community sponsored tables with raffles and 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 a.m. Registration tables open at 8 a.m. 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 online at [ChamberRace.RaceWire.com](http://ChamberRace.RaceWire.com), by mail or in-person. Visit the Chamber of Commerce's website [www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org](http://www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org) for additional race details and registration information or call Nancy Vallee, Chamber Executive Director, at 978-657-7211.

## HARDEN TAVERN SUMMER OPEN HOUSES

July 9, August 13 & September 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Learn about Wilmington's history:



Tour the original Harnden Tavern, home of Joshua Harnden and family in the late 1700's



Visit the Carriage House to see antique agricultural tools, including a farm truck, and replicas of colonial flags



A Wilmington Original – Miss Sabra Carter: Do you know how Wilmington's Town Common was established? The family of Miss Sabra Carter donated the land to the town over 125 years ago! The Museum's current exhibit depicts the life of Sabra Carter and displays household items used by the Carter family in the late 19th century. Items generously donated to the Wilmington Town Museum from the Glennon Archives of the Woburn Public Library.



Back in the Day – 101 Years of High School in Wilmington: Featuring photographs and memorabilia from 100 years of Wilmington High School.

**Summer Lunch and Games:** Fridays in July from noon to 2:00 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch to the Museum and enjoy old fashioned games like cup and ball, hoop roll and ring toss. Free and weather permitting.

The Town Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays during July and August and Tuesdays and Thursdays in September and by appointment. 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, e-mail [htavern@wilmingtonma.gov](mailto:htavern@wilmingtonma.gov) or visit us on the web at <http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/town-museum>

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

## CONCERTS ON THE COMMON



The Recreation Department's popular summer concert series begins on Wednesday, July 5 at the Town Common. Talented musical groups will provide entertainment for all ages from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday through July 26. In the event of inclement weather, the scheduled concert will be postponed to the following evening. This summer's performers are:

**July 5 – Perfect Crime:** The five-piece band will present the best of the 60's, 70's, 80's and beyond.

**July 12 – Jimmy & the Jesters:** The oldies and classic country tunes.

**July 19 – Ball in the House:** A Cappella at its best.

**July 26 – '60s Invasion:** Features the music of the sixties.

## 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. Stumps will not be accepted. **NO CONTRACTORS or COMMERCIAL VEHICLES** are allowed.

### Summer Program 2017:

Wednesday, July 5	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 8	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, August 2	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 5	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 6	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, September 9	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the Town's 2017 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".

## KEEP WILMINGTON CLEAN

Residents are asked to remove trash and recycling receptacles from curbside following collection.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JUN 11- FARMERS MARKET OPEN SUNDAYS**

**OCT 29** Town Common 10 am to 1 pm

**JUN 29- FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES**

**JUL 2** Family Day - July 1 & Spectacular Fireworks - July 2

**JUL 5- CONCERTS ON THE COMMON**

**JUL 26** Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8 pm

**JUL 9 HARNDEN TAVERN OPEN HOUSE**

**AUG 13** 2 pm to 4 pm

**SEP 10**

**AUG 1 WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** Rotary Park

**AUG 3 POLICE ASSOCIATION BEACH DAY**

Silver Lake 11 am to 2 pm

**AUG 7 PURPLE HEART DAY**



**AUG 13 TOWN BEACH CLOSES FOR SEASON**

**AUG 29 SCHOOLS OPEN GRADES 1 - 12**

**SEP 5 FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN**

**SEP 9 LIBRARY RESUMES SATURDAY SCHEDULE**

**SEP 17 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

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