

Town Topics

A municipal newsletter for the Wilmington community

From the Manager's Desk



Wilmington is in the midst of an extraordinary period. The recent Tax Increment Finance (TIF) agreement with Analog Devices, Inc. creates the necessary catalyst for this global technology leader to invest \$142.9 million in the construction of 441,000 square feet of space as part of their effort to make Wilmington their global headquarters. Construction is ongoing to upgrade the FedEx facility on Ballardvale Street and the DSM Resin headquarters on Main Street. Monogram Foods on Ballardvale Street recently expanded into another building with a \$4 million fit-up. This is just some of the activity ongoing in the commercial and industrial sectors in town.

Residential single family housing construction remains strong. The Murray Hill development, construction on MacDonald Road, in the Green Meadow Drive subdivision and the 27 single family and duplex units of over age 55 housing in the Spruce Farm development are all underway. This ongoing level of development is a significant indicator of the local economy.

However, vacancies persist along the Route 38 commercial corridor. The Town will be engaging the services of the Economic and Public Policy Research group at the UMass Donahue Institute to perform a market study of the corridor extending from Richmond Street to Clark Street. The goals of this study are to identify factors such as what may be contributing to turnover in commercial enterprises, the inability to fill these vacant spaces in a timely manner and to develop a profile of shoppers who frequent this section of Route 38.

Interviews will be conducted with local officials, business leaders and real estate professionals to understand the market conditions that may influence decisions about business development and longevity.

Work will begin in early July and is expected to be completed by October. This effort is only a first step in understanding the Route 38 market and having a much broader discussion about the types of service and retail establishments that residents are seeking in this corridor. The study will provide a baseline for a discussion on how to balance potential increase in business activity with the corresponding increase in traffic. Residents are strongly encouraged to participate in this discussion.

The Town completed financial rating review in May with Standard & Poors Global (S&P) and once again has retained its AA+ standing. The rating seeks to inform potential investors in the Town's newly issued debt about the "financial health" of the Town and its ability to pay its obligations. The rating gave the Town high marks for its financial policies and practices, its conservative budgeting, its ongoing use of a five-year capital improvement budget and its policies with respect to maintaining financial reserves. Concerns remain about the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and pension liabilities. S&P did acknowledge the Town's sustained efforts to earmark funds into stabilization accounts to address each of these liabilities in addition to making advance payments against its pension liability. The Town will continue to make decisions designed to sustain and improve the financial strength of the community.

During the past couple of months, two highly regarded longtime members of the Fire Department announced their retirement. With a combined 71 years of service to the community and experience on the Wilmington Fire Department, Deputy Fire Chief Gary Donovan and Acting Lieutenant Robert Woods decided to call it a career. Their institutional knowledge of fire and emergency medical response on the main roads and back roads of Wilmington will be missed. We wish both gentlemen long and prosperous retirements.

As another academic year draws to a close I extend my sincere "thank you" to the teachers, staff and administration of the Wilmington School Department for continuing to foster an environment of inquisitiveness and learning and wish the graduating class of 2018 all the best as you leave the safe harbors of Wilmington for the ocean of opportunity that awaits. And finally, I wish to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Glenn Brand who will assume the critical role of Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1st. I fully expect the longstanding cooperative relationship with the School Department will continue.

VIETNAM MOVING WALL

The Veterans' Services Department has announced that the Town of Wilmington will host the Vietnam Moving Wall. This special honor comes to Wilmington on July 26, 2018 and was previously here in September 2008.

The Moving Wall is the half size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, DC. For the past 30 years the Vietnam Moving Wall has been on display in hundreds of cities and towns across America.



The local Moving Wall Committee, chaired by Director of Veterans' Services Louis Cimaglia, has planned appropriate ceremonies for each night that The Wall will be on display.

Opening ceremonies will be held on July 26 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are invited to experience this powerful display of American history. The Vietnam Moving Wall contains the names of four Wilmington young men who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the country.

John A. Rich
John J. Fullerton, Jr.
Robert W. Parent
Richard W. Welch

The RIDE

The RIDE is the MBTA's door-to-door, shared-ride paratransit service. The RIDE is operated by the MBTA in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you have a disability that prevents you from using the MBTA bus, subway or trolley all or some of the time, The RIDE may be able to assist with your public transportation needs.

The RIDE is available in 58 cities and towns (including Wilmington) in the greater Boston area, with similar operating hours to the MBTA –generally from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. To access The RIDE, you must apply and be approved by The RIDE Eligibility Center (TREC). Your eligibility for The RIDE does not depend on the nature of your disability, but rather whether or not you can use public transit. If you have had a medical emergency, your licensed healthcare provider can request 30 days of The RIDE for you that starts immediately. To continue to use The RIDE after the first 30 days, you need to apply.

To apply for The RIDE, you need to have an in-person interview at The RIDE Eligibility Center: 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02118. Call 617-337-2727 to set up an appointment. All applicants (and 1 guest) can take The RIDE for free to their interview. Ask about arranging transportation when you call.



NEWS FROM ELDERLY SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - The Department of Elderly Services offers this unique free service to all the Wilmington residents sixty and over. Our full-time Van Driver, Sonja, provides this service within a thirteen-mile radius of Wilmington to meet your transportation needs. We are able to transport elders, to include but not limited to their medical appointments, shopping and to the Senior Center. The van is equipped for wheelchair transports. If you or a family member would like more information, please call the Buzzell Senior Center at 978-657-7595.

GAME NIGHT - The Department of Elderly Services held its first "Game Night" on Thursday, June 21, 2018. Game Nights will be held once a month throughout the summer and fall from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to see if there is an interest in having evening events. Not only was Thursday, June 21, 2018 the summer solstice – the longest day of the year – June 21 is also the day the Alzheimer's Association brings awareness to the millions affected by Alzheimer's disease. June's Game Night was a fundraising event with proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Association. Don't miss out on the fun. Feel free to call the Buzzell Senior Center for more information at 978-657-7595. Mark your calendar for future Game Night dates: Thursday, July 19, 2018; Thursday, August 16, 2018; and Thursday, September 20, 2018.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - The role of a caregiver can be a very difficult one. The Department of Elderly Services is offering a Caregivers Support Group that meets on the third Monday of each month. If you are caring for a loved one, relative or friend, come and meet with others who understand all that you are going through and who can offer support and provide helpful coping strategies. The group meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Buzzell Senior Center. For more information, please call Laura Pickett, Case Manager, at 978-657-7595 or email lpickett@wilmingtonma.gov

WILMINGTON COMMUNITY FUND SPONSORS SHREDDING DAY

The Wilmington Community Fund is hosting a Shredding Day on Saturday, September 22, from 9 a.m. to noon, in the Wilmington Town Common parking lot. The event is free of charge to residents.

Two shredding trucks will be available, however the event is meant for residences. The Community Fund reserves the right to limit the amount of shredding due to wait time or truck space. Paper clips, rubber bands and staples do not need to be removed. Please remove binder clips or other metal fasteners.

The Wilmington Community Fund, which runs the Wilmington Food Pantry, is encouraging participants to bring nonperishable food items or donations to the event. All donations will be given to the Food Pantry. Our motto is "People Helping People" and, as always, we are grateful for the partnership of the community to help fight hunger.

TOWN BEACH AT SILVER LAKE

Town Beach is open each day and staffed with lifeguards through Sunday, August 12. 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.

SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

SUMMER READING

"Libraries Rock" - Wilmington Memorial Library's 2018 summer reading program has many incentives and events designed to keep Wilmington children reading all summer long. In addition, adults can win prizes for their summer reading! A complete listing of all the events can be found at www.wilmlibrary.org and in the library's summer events brochure. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for its generous support of WML's summer reading program.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Wednesdays, July 18, August 15, September 19, 10 am

Drop in for a chat and a cup of coffee with one of Wilmington's finest. A police officer will be available to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the police in the community and answer questions on the third Wednesday of the month.

SUMMER BASH ON THE SWAIN GREEN

Thursday, August 9, 5 pm-7:30 pm

Bring your lawn chairs and your blankets! Relax and enjoy dinner from the Amigos Locos Tex-Mex or Amigos Locos Cantina food trucks (affordable prices plus kid friendly options); desserts will be available as well. Music will be provided by Vanessa Trien and the Dancing Monkeys. Children's games and entertainment will be part of the evening's festivities.

SUMMER MOVIES ON THE SWAIN

Fridays at 7:45 pm

August 3: *Coco*

August 10: *Pitch Perfect*

August 17: *Sing*

August 24: *Grease*



Come and enjoy music-themed movies on the Swain Green! Family friendly movies will be shown on Friday nights in August starting at 7:45 pm. Check our Facebook page in case of inclement weather. This program is presented in partnership with the Wilmington Rotary.

REVIVE CIVILITY

Thursday, September 6, 6:30 pm

Due to the acknowledged decline in civil discourse, the Library plans to host a series of events focusing on the theme "Revive Civility" in September. We hope this initiative will raise awareness of the importance of engaging in civil conversations between people of different viewpoints and remind people of all ages of the importance of respect, empathy, consideration and tolerance. Dr. Carolyn Lukensmeyer, Executive Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, will be the guest speaker at the kickoff event on September 6. She will explore the causes of incivility and disrespect that have been at play in the political arena and beyond. The evening will end with the exploration of what we can do here in our own community. Residents are encouraged to attend.

"UNDER THE SEA" CARTOON DRAWING



This cool new program will teach children how to create original cartoon characters, draw action, movement and sounds, use expressions to convey moods and develop a series of drawings that tell a joke. The company offering this class is Young Rembrandts and they combine an innovative step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that engages the student's sense of humor and vivid imagination. This class is for children age 6 – 12 and will be held from Monday to Friday, July 23 – 27, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Wilmington High School. Cost is \$130.

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 7 at Rotary Park. Watch for details and locations on the police department's website www.wpd.org



"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" FLAG FOOTBALL

After another great season last fall, SNL Flag Football is back - this year at the 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 8 through October 27. There are separate divisions for children in grades 1 & 2, grades 3 - 5 and grades 6 - 8. Watching the kids playing under the lights on Saturday evenings in the autumn is a wonderful family and community event!

BOARD OF HEALTH ADVICE REGARDING MOSQUITOES AND TICKS

Now that mosquito and tick season is upon us, the Board of Health would like to remind residents to take precautions to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes and ticks.

MOSQUITOES

Try to avoid outdoor activity during times of day with increased mosquito activity, which is dawn and dusk. Use mosquito repellents containing an EPA-approved active ingredient such as DEET.

Residents should wear long sleeved clothing to reduce mosquito access to skin and remove any standing water in your yard, including children's toys, birdbaths, pots and planters.

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

TICKS

Ticks are prevalent in Wilmington. 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 every day. 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.

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. If you are looking into preventative tick control, check out tick tubes, which may be found online. They work great ridding areas of deer ticks only. Remember deer ticks are the ones that transmit Lyme Disease. If you have been bitten by a tick, log on to the Board of Health website for links to get the ticks tested.

WILMINGTON'S 14TH ANNUAL HALF MARATHON & 5K RUN OR WALK

The streets of Wilmington will once again be filled with runners and walkers on Sunday, September 23 as the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce hosts the Town's 14th 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 drawstring cinch sack to first 500 registrants, 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 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 drawstring cinch sack. Register online at ChamberRace.RaceWire.com, by mail or in-person. Visit the Chamber of Commerce's website www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org for additional race details and registration information or call Nancy Vallee, Chamber Executive Director, at 978-657-7211.

UPCOMING RECREATION TRIPS

New Hampshire Turkey Train – Saturday, October 20: \$86. Enjoy the change of seasons on this trip to the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Upon arrival in Meredith, board the Scenic Railroad Dining Car for a full course Hart's Turkey Farm luncheon as you travel the scenic shores of Lake Winnepesaukee. Add some local sightseeing with stops at a farm stand and a candy store to complete this delicious day!

Vine to Wine Delight – Saturday, November 3: \$86. We depart Wilmington for our first stop, the Kringle Candle Company. Founded by the son of the founder of Yankee Candle, the Kringle Candle line unites the traditional and the new. Lunch is served at Honora Winery & Vineyard, followed by a tour and wine tasting. Lastly, we will visit the Putney Mountain Winery, known for fruit wines, sparkling wine and Putney Bubbly sparkling juices.

Christmas Amoré – Tuesday, December 4: \$95. After a sell-out at Carnegie Hall, the Sicilian Tenors are ready to bring the joy of the holiday season to life through song. Join us for an incredibly heartfelt and tender Christmas show at the Danversport Yacht Club. This is a great opportunity to get "in the spirit" of the holiday season!

An American Bandstand, New Year's Eve Day – Monday, December 31: \$94. Ring in the New Year early on this new motor coach trip to Lake Pearl in Wrentham. The Tom LaMark orchestra will perform live. They feature great music from the Swing Era, the best in Ballroom Dancing, our favorite Line Dances and the best of American Bandstand from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. It's time to dust off your dancing shoes!

Our complete newsletter is on the Town's website at www.wilmingtonma.gov. Click on the Recreation prompt to explore the many programs this department has to offer. Our newsletter, *Recreation Matters*, is updated quarterly – February, May, August and November.

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 11 at the Town Common. Talented musical groups will provide entertainment for all ages from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday through August 1. In the event of inclement weather, the scheduled concert will be postponed to the date in parentheses. This summer's performers are:

July 11 (7/12) – Jimmy & the Jesters: The oldies and classic country tunes.

July 18 (7/19)– Peking and the Mystics: A Cappella from the 1920s to the 1990s.

July 25 (8/8) – Perfect Crime: The five-piece band will present the best of the 60's, 70's, 80's and beyond.

August 1 (8/2) – Back Track: Features the music of the sixties.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUN 10- FARMERS MARKET OPEN SUNDAYS

SEP 30 Town Common 10 am to 1 pm

JUN 29- FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

JUL 2 Family Day - June 30 & Fireworks - July 2

JUL 8 HARNDEN TAVERN OPEN HOUSE

AUG 5 2 pm to 4 pm

SEP 9

JUL 11- CONCERTS ON THE COMMON

AUG 1 Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 8 pm

JUL 26- OPENING CEREMONIES

VIETNAM MOVING WALL Town Common 7 pm

AUG 2 POLICE ASSOCIATION BEACH DAY

Silver Lake 11 am to 2 pm

AUG 7 WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Rotary Park

AUG 7 PURPLE HEART DAY

AUG 12 TOWN BEACH CLOSING FOR SEASON

AUG 28 SCHOOLS OPEN GRADES 1 - 12

SEP 4 STATE PRIMARY Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

SEP 5 FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

SEP 8 LIBRARY RESUMES SATURDAY SCHEDULE

SEP 22 SHREDDING DAY 9 am to 12 pm

SEP 23 ANNUAL HALF MARATHON AND 5K RUN/WALK

SEP 25 WILMINGTON'S 288TH BIRTHDAY!

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

Summer Program 2018:

Wednesday, July 11	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, July 14	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, August 8	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, August 11	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, September 5	-	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday, September 8	-	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For a complete schedule of the Town's 2018 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.

DEPARTMENT

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
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