

Warwick Community Newsletter

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E D E T A I L S

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES: All articles, ads and correspondence should be emailed if possible to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com . If you cannot email, drop off clearly printed articles in the METCALF CHAPEL MAILBOX AT 32 ATHOL ROAD **by the 20th of the month before the article will run.** Please note that we do not accept FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Mary Humphries 544-0126 for the number of copies required) if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations.

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 Warwick Broadband
 413-676-9544
978-544-
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 6315
 Treasurer/Collector 3845
 Highway 6349
 Library 7866
 Fire Station 3314
 Animal Control 3402 Animal
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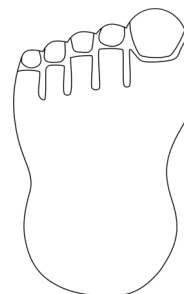
All Donations and Ad Payments should be sent to WCN/Metcalf Chapel,
32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378

If an inordinate amount of time passes and your donation is not listed, the check may have been lost. Please notify us by email at warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com if that happens. Thank you for your donations and your patience.

Foot Clinic

All clinics are at 8:00 a.m. at Metcalf Chapel.

- ◇ May 12th
- ◇ June 9th
- ◇ July 14
- ◇ August 11



Labyrinth Walk Invite

May 6th is Worldwide Labyrinth Day. Come walk the Woodland Labyrinth at 71 Athol Road between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. An informational paper about the Labyrinth is available near the Fairy Cottage.

Welcome All!

Clare Green

The Warwick Trails Group

The Warwick Trails Group invites you to take an evening stroll anytime to watch the sunset from Beech Hill Town Forest .5-mile loop trail. It is beautiful, peaceful, and serene. At the parking lot, you will notice a cairn of rocks by the beginning of the trail. Enjoy!

For the Town Trails, we are: Tom Ziniti, Nancy Harnden, Howard Mathison, Brad Compton, Louise Doud, Kaila Woodsen, Clare Green, and newest trailster, Holly Manson. Please let any one of us know if you notice debris on the town land trails needing work. Thanks so much! It takes a village.

ASSESSOR CLERK OFFICE HOURS and INFO.

Office hours: Tues. 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. or by appointment. (978) 544-8304

The Board of Assessors would like to remind Warwick residents that there is a joint effort between the BOA and Roy Bishop and his business partner from Bishop & Associates to visit each property in town and take exterior pictures of current standing structures on the property. These visits may or may not need to include an interior inspection; however, homeowners will be notified if an interior inspection is needed.

*** Also, a reminder that real estate tax bills are due on May 8th. ***

Tracy Styles, Assessor Clerk



TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS and INFO.

Office hours: Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m. 5/1, 5/8, 5/15 and 5/22. (May 29th is Memorial Day.)

The Annual Town Election is on May 15th from 12 Noon - 8:00 p.m. The last day to obtain a mail-in ballot is May 8th.

Thank you,

John Paganetti, Town Clerk

Warwick Women's Guild Events

May 2, 2023

Warwick Women's Guild will meet on **Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 1 PM** in **The School Library** **(Note Change)**. Clyde and Jenny Perkins will tell us about the cruise they took this year and show some slides of places they went.

June 6, 2023

Warwick Women's Guild will meet on **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 1 PM** in The Town Hall where we will be entertained by Daniel Kironac with music from the 40s thru 70s, followed by our monthly meeting.

The same date, **Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7 PM in the School Library**, Sandy Renna, MD will give a talk on "Skin Cancer Recognition and Prevention for the Layman." He will discuss and show visible features of the three most common skin cancers and will emphasize skin cancer prevention. Sandy opened a private practice in 1975 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, MA, after four years at Tufts University Medical School, a year of internship, and three years of Dermatology Residency in the Harvard Medical School Dermatology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and affiliated institutions. In 2014 he retired after 38 years of active private practice.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

99 Restaurant

Hours: Mon-Wed 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

17 Colrain Road, Greenfield, MA 01301

Thur-Sat 11:00 AM - 10:30 PM

(413) 775-9997

Sun 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

The 99 Restaurants are celebrating their 70th Anniversary. They have a new lunch menu with some new items on it. It's good Monday thru Friday until 4 PM. I opted for the New England Seafood Combo, a Seafood Stuffie filled with scallops, shrimp, and spices on a scallop shell served with a cup of seafood chowder for \$10.99. My friend had the Ultimate Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Breast with applewood-smoked bacon, Swiss cheese, mushrooms, lettuce, pickles, tomato and mayo served with French fries or coleslaw, \$11.99. We both loved our lunches.

Because we joined them during their 70th Anniversary Celebration, we received an envelope with our check. Inside the envelope (which we can't open until our next visit between April 24 and May 12, 2023) is a chance to win a \$500 Visa Gift card. Also, we were asked if we wanted to donate \$5 or more to The Folded Flag Foundation to help Gold Star Families. We received a red ticket that we filled out with my name and address. You get one each time you donate until 5/14/23 with a chance to win two Red Sox tickets. So, we are planning another trip there before 5/12 to see if we win a \$500 gift card. We will probably donate another \$5 to help the Gold Star Families and to get another chance at Red Sox tickets. Wish us luck!

I highly recommend all 99 Restaurants, as the food is almost always good and the service, too. I've always been happy at both the Greenfield and Gardner restaurants.

Bon Appetit! Gloria Varno

The 22nd Annual PVRSD Ned Green Scholarship Hike up Mt. Grace will be Saturday,
May 13, 10:00 a.m. to noon

*** Meet at Oscar Ohlson Field parking lot across from Highway Garage Road on Rt. 78 in Warwick. ***

Families are welcomed. Contributions may be made but are not required, made payable to PVRSD Ned Green Fund, the day of the event or mailed directly to PVRSD Treasurer, 97 F. Sumner Turner Rd., Northfield, MA, 01360. Come enjoy this hike with friends and family. Bring water, snacks, sturdy footwear, bug repellent, and adventuresome spirit. Springtime flowers are often in bloom, and various birds and nature sightings occur. Storms or pouring rain cancels this event. Contact Clare Green (544-7421) with any questions. Thank you. Graduating seniors of PVRSD may apply for a scholarship by filing an application at the Guidance Office.

“The many essences of May enlighten my outlook on life.” Ned Green, age 10.



RECREATION COMMITTEE

YOGA Saturday 9:15-10:30 a.m., Town Hall

This is an all-level Hatha Yoga class designed to meet students' needs with an emphasis on proper alignment, Pranayama breathing technique, deep relaxation and meditation. It's a dynamic, yet harmonious, approach to cultivate strength, physical awareness and inner balance. Classes are led by Kalliope Kalombrastsos.

ZUMBA Tuesday & Saturday 8:00 a.m., Town Hall

Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance fitness program that any one can do. My class is low-to-no impact and provides an excellent cardio work out. Zumba is adaptable for all ages and fitness levels. It may take a couple of classes to learn the rhythms and some basic moves, but once you do it's JUST PLAIN FUN! Hope you will join us. Classes are led by Susan Krieger.

GYM The gym is open for basketball, ping pong, and pickle ball. Please help us care for the gym floor by bringing sneakers. Saturdays 8:00-11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



Green Corner: What the new climate bill means for your household,

by Brad Compton & Janice Kurkoski

The climate bill passed last fall (oddly named the Inflation Reduction Act) is, essentially, an industrial policy law designed to accelerate the energy transition from greenhouse gas-releasing coal, oil, and gas to carbon-free electricity. It includes incentives for wind and solar farms, battery factories, grid upgrades, green hydrogen production, and the like; but it also includes several incentives to encourage individual households to cut their greenhouse gas emissions. These incentives are now in effect and will continue to be available through 2032. Here are some of the main incentives you can take advantage of:

Air-source heat pumps. 30% federal tax credit, up to \$2,000. Heat pumps (also known as “minisplits”) are essentially air conditioners that can run backwards and heat and cool and dehumidify your home far more efficiently than the resistance electric heaters we all know and hate, and more cheaply and far more cleanly than oil or gas or propane.

Electric cars. For US-built EVs, there’s a federal tax credit of either \$3,750 or \$7,500, depending on where the battery and minerals were sourced. There are five Chevys (including the Blazer), four Teslas and the Ford Lightning pick-up on the \$7,500 tax credit list so far. This tax credit must be taken in one year. In any case, you’ll also get a rebate of \$3500 from Massachusetts if you buy or lease a fully electric car whose MSR price does not exceed \$55,000. In addition, there’s a 30% federal tax credit for installing home charging equipment, though some manufacturers, such as GM, will pay for installation when you buy a car from them.

Rooftop solar. 30% federal tax credit including design, equipment, and installation, with no limit.

Other tax credits available now include: battery storage, geothermal heating, upgrades to your electric panel if needed when installing heat pumps, PV or EV charging circuits, heat pump water heaters and weatherization. Significantly higher rebates will also be available in late 2023 for the same items mentioned above, as well as induction stoves and other efficient appliances.

All these technologies will save you money over the life of the equipment. For instance, even without tax credits, a new electric car will cost less over the first five years than a similar gas-powered car when you include the cost of gasoline and oil changes; and grid-tied solar usually pays for itself within a decade (again, even without tax credits), after which your electricity will be essentially free.

Unless you take a lot of airplane flights, driving and home heating are probably your major greenhouse gas sources. Powering your home heating and car from rooftop solar was prohibitively expensive for most of us not too many years ago, but they’ve now become the cheapest way to go.

If you’d like to learn more, check out <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/IRAGuide>. Click on the IRA Savings Calculator in the upper right-hand corner and enter your household info.

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

MAY 2023

Dear Friends,

“The work of prophets is to warn, to warn people of the inevitable consequences of their foolish or immoral actions. It will be the end of the world as you know it, the prophets say, unless you rethink your current assumptions, values, and priorities, unless you become ready to change your way of life. Usually, the people don’t listen.”

Brian McLaren of the Center for Action and Contemplation

“Usually the people don’t listen” If that’s true (and it does seem to be so) why? Is it because we are comfortable enough in our own discomfort to see change as worse than what we have now? The frog in the frying pan scenario; a frog sitting in water, in a cool frying pan as it heats up might not jump out until it’s too late.

Another aspect of the work of a prophet is to “Lament”; when she/he watches as “the people” continue in their foolish actions toward the inevitable consequences, all that may be left to do is “weep and moan” and complain to God. McLaren goes on to say: *“... public lament (is) so important ... Whenever you think of what you’ve lost, you weep. Your tears keep alive the folly of your people in not listening to the prophet’s warnings. Your tears keep alive your rage against the cruelty and domination of (oppressive systems). Your tears keep alive a desire for change to regain your freedom, to return some day to your homeland. Guess who doesn’t want you to feel that grief? Guess who wants you to accept your new reality and surrender to it forever? Guess who wants you to put on a happy face in public? Guess who wants to defeat you into emotional numbness rather than emotional aliveness? Your oppressors, those who profit from your compliance, those who want you to be happy and well-adjusted drones in their system. They don’t want you to feel your own pain... Think of the prophets of recent decades: Rachel Carson warning of a silent spring, Rev. Dr. King warning of America’s unpaid promissory note coming due, César Chávez calling us to stop oppressing and exploiting farmworkers, Pope Francis warning us to hear the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor, Bishop Gene Robinson calling us to see every LGBTQ+ person as God’s beloved child, Rev. Dr. William Barber warning us that our national heart needs a moral defibrillator to shock us out of our coma, and Greta Thunberg warning us that the earth is on fire. The prophets warn us, and too few listen; when the inevitable consequences come, the prophets invite us not to let our opportunity pass by without being named, mourned, and lamented.”*

Lamentation is more than the usual expression of “thoughts and prayers” and then moving on with business as usual. Lamentation is a continuous voicing of harm raised to both secular authorities and to God for some sort of action. Lamentation is the refusal to be silenced. As Richard Rohr says, *“...the prophets say, mourn privately and lament publicly. ... Feel the surge of divine grief, the groaning of the Holy Spirit deep within you, and let those groans of loss become the groans of labor so a better world can be born from our failure, beginning with a better you who is still capable of seeing, and feeling, and meeting all the reality we can bear.”*

How much “reality we can bear” seems to be the pivotal point. Many, if not most of us, would rather live in denial of how bad things are for people and the planet, how bad they have been and where we are headed. That’s such a “downer,” don’t bring it up at a dinner party. And complain to God? You don’t complain to God, you praise God and leave it all in God’s hands. Author Anne Lamott disagrees, *“If you told me you had said to God, ‘it is all hopeless, and I don’t have a clue if You exist, but I could use a hand,’ it would almost bring tears to my eyes, tears of pride in you, for the courage it takes to get really-really real. It would make me want to sit next to you at the dinner table.”*

It’s time to get really really real and lament as we move toward a better future for all.

In hope and faith, Dan



UP COMING EVENTS

CLIMATE BELL RINGING The “Doomsday Clock” is from the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, telling us how close we are to nuclear annihilation, and it is set at 90 minutes from midnight. The climate clock is an unofficial clock telling us how close we are to irreversible climate change, and it sits at about 11 PM. We will be ringing the Chapel bell for 11 minutes on the first Saturday of each month at 11 AM (we decided not to do it at 11 PM) as a lament of how close we are to climate catastrophe if we don’t change our lifestyle, personally, nationally and globally.

MOVIES IN THE CHAPEL Wed, May 24 at 7 PM. The movie is yet to be chosen, but it will relate to an issue of justice and/or climate.

Save the date!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JULY 2 2:00-4:00 PM



ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS *Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. Personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with “food stamps”.*

BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC. *Bring clean, useful sheets (the Shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets, pillowcases, towels and washcloths to the Chapel and we will get them to the Shelters.*

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY *We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.*

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS 9 AM @ the Chapel *Thanks to Clyde Perkins Sr., Zac Marti and many others, we have free food to give to those in the surrounding community who could use help stretching their food budget. Come check us out.*

Warwick, Massachusetts

LIBRARY NEWS - May 2023

*** Masks are not currently required for entry except for public programs; however, they are still strongly encouraged. ***

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8, and Saturdays 10-12:30 (during school year). Contact: warwick@cwmares.org; 978-544-7866; Ivan Ussach, director

Museum Passes: The Library has free admission passes to the Magic Wings Butterfly Museum, Massachusetts State Parks (DCR), the Brattleboro Museum of Arts & Culture, Historic Deerfield, the Clark Museum, MassMOCA and the Eric Carle Museum.

NEW — New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill.

NEW — Free weekend passes to the LaunchSpace/Makerspace at the OIC in Orange: Unleash your creativity! The Makerspace features 13,000 sq. ft. of equipment for makers to produce work in the areas of fiber art, painting, printmaking, woodworking, pottery, leatherwork, photography, 3D printing, laser cutting & engraving, metal working, and more! 2-person and 4-person passes are available for Saturday afternoon sessions. More information at launchspace-orange.com

NEW — Subscription to *The Economist*: Thanks to the generosity of a local resident, the Library will begin receiving print copies of *The Economist*—a weekly international magazine published in England since 1843, that focuses on current affairs, international business, politics, technology, and culture.

Attention kids and other young people! What books, movies, music, programs or other resources would you like to see at the Library? Please contact the librarian.

Wednesday, May 10th @ 10:30 am: Book Club discussion of the annual Community Read - *The Last White Man* (2022, 192 pages), by Mohsin Hamid; sponsored by The Libraries In the Woods. Regular and large print copies are available for borrowing. you can also get an e-book or e-audiobook copy by using your Warwick Library account to access the *Libby* digital platform at cwmares.org. One morning, a man wakes up to find himself transformed. Overnight, Anders's skin has turned dark, and the reflection in the mirror seems a stranger to him. Soon, reports of similar events begin to surface. Hamid's "lyrical and urgent" prose (O Magazine), powerfully uplifts our capacity for empathy and the transcendence over bigotry, fear, and anger it can achieve.

AND — Look for an upcoming author's talk with Mohsin Hamid in late May or June.

Saturday, May 13th, 10 am - noon: Free Seed Swap and Bake Sale:

At the Warwick Library Grounds, hopefully under the blossoming crab apple trees! Ahhh, Springtime. Bring labelled seeds in envelopes or small plastic bags, and please include any special instructions for growing. Sponsored by the Library Trustees (Jesse Lopes, co-chair, Gregg Stone, co-chair, Clare Green, Nadia Marti, Cheri Robartes and Andrea Woods), in honor of Millard and Joyce Chase. Come join the fun. Donations are welcomed to benefit the Library. **Tuesday, May 16th - 7 pm: Quabbin Valley's Rabbit Run Railroad:** Join artist Ken Levine of Petersham as he shares his journey to create a 24-foot diorama capturing life in the lost towns of the Quabbin Valley with the Rabbit Run Railroad as his inspiration.

Thursday, May 18th - 7:30 pm: Monthly Short Story Hour - H.G. Wells: This month we'll read from *Selected Short Stories of H.G. Wells*. Prolific in many genres, Wells wrote more than fifty novels and dozens of short stories. His non-fiction output included works of social commentary, politics, history, popular science, satire, biography and autobiography. Wells is now best remembered for his science fiction novels and has been called the "father of science fiction." Come to read or just to listen.

Saturday, May 20th - 2 pm: 2023 Oral History Panel Presentation #4 - Bygone Businesses of Warwick: Our town oral history series continues with a look at businesses that have come—and in many cases thrived—and then gone in town. Following the usual format, we'll have a panel of knowledgeable local presenters, including former business owners, and plenty of input from audience members. Come to listen, come to share your stories! The oral history programs are being videotaped for viewing on the Library's Youtube channel: To view programs, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrQ4IGskmq5EOtMiKYYyYw>.

Coordinator report for May 2023 Newsletter – David Young

The Annual Town Meeting is Monday May 1 at 7 p.m. at the school gym. This is our first budget in years that town meeting will address where Warwick is its own independent school district. One change folks will notice is that instead of voting for Warwick's share of the school assessment, which was, with membership in the regional, only the town's share or the net dollar amount after subtracting state aid, our voters will vote on the total school budget which includes state aid. Is our decision to exit the regional school district costing us more for education? The budget proposed of \$1065k costs more than last year's \$987k. New costs being met include health insurance for our school's employees and the cost of bus transportation. As an independent district we do not get our school buses subsidized. But as expected, cherry sheet state aid to Warwick went from \$297k in the current year to \$703k the next year. All the revenue growth is school aid. We will get substantial additional state aid if our resident student population (foundation enrollment) grows, which was not true when we were a regional school member. Our former regional has lost so many students that it and other districts got an exception on state aid called "hold harmless." That meant aid to the regional school would not go down, and it means it will not go up until the regional school district gains hundreds of kids.

Whenever it was feasible and cost-saving, we used existing town services to support our school department. This necessitated modest increases to treasurer and accountant compensation. We add the expense of our share of the former school district retiree benefits. This used to be part of the assessment. Now it is the sole former district cost to Warwick, and we have stopped growing our exposure to the regional school district's liability to retirees. We also regained local control and local decision making.

One fact we are facing is that if we take a choice-in elementary student, we could own them on a tuition basis all the way through high school. Even if rare this is an unacceptable financial risk and seems wrong that we would have to pay for the education of a nonresident. Instead, we will negotiate school committee to school committee. We have learned that any junior and senior high school students from Warwick who choice-out will be at the "choice" rate of \$5k per year and not at the \$17k tuition rate we negotiated with Pioneer. That would be a financial upside.

This year's free cash is larger than usual because a clerical error the prior year delayed recognition of our fund balance in the year end accounting. It is now a year later, and we got it right. Free cash is our unrestricted fund balance and is made of revenues that were either more than expected and/or from underspending budgets. We are putting much of this cash into savings, our Stabilization Account.

Other notable changes in the budget are that town coordinator compensation was formerly the sum of coordinator plus broadband plus school building management. This budget consolidates coordinator compensation under one line. There was no wage increase last year for town employees. This year a 4.5% increase is proposed. Budgets with increases include Health insurance for school employees. Highway superintendent and worker wages are increased to reflect the wider market. The Selectboard authorized hiring hourly highway workers at up to \$26 / hour and will work with the Highway Commission on superintendent compensation level. Fire Chief compensation is increased. Selectboard and finance committee agreed to adding webmaster duties to the town clerk job description. The added \$10k will provide eight hours per week of work on the town website. We must budget for the worst case. We do not have to spend all that is authorized. It is all one pot now with no sharing costs with other towns.

May Warwick Community School & District Updates

Happy May!

I hope you are enjoying the warmer and warmer days of spring! *At Arts in Nature last week we were able to paint watercolor still lifes of regional flowers already in bloom. Thanks to all who joined us! May Arts in Nature will take place on Wednesday, May 24th at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome!*

School Committee Updates: Our newly-elected school committee is meeting every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to pass necessary policies for the successful opening of school in the fall. The meetings are both in person, in the school library, and virtual. All are welcome. Thank you to Diana Noble (vice-chair), Alan Genovese (chair) and Adam Holloway (secretary) for running and serving on our first-ever school committee. The committee recently passed our first budget and we ask for your support of our first budget at the Town Meeting on May 1st.

Kindergarten - Sixth Grade Enrollment: We began our enrollment events last month and are continuing this month. If you have a rising kindergarten through sixth grade student and have not yet completed the registration paperwork, please contact Administrative Assistant, Jess Marshall, at jmarshall@warwick-k12.us. Thank you!

Communication Updates - Weekly Newsletter: *We are publishing a weekly newsletter with school and district updates. You can view all of our newsletters [here](https://www.smore.com/u/warwickschooldistrict): <https://www.smore.com/u/warwickschooldistrict>. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please add your name [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIRjbLRaWxFicfY7iJVZ8bEECyv4vHJf1k-KfCvevQueGEYQ/viewform?usp=pp_url) or https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIRjbLRaWxFicfY7iJVZ8bEECyv4vHJf1k-KfCvevQueGEYQ/viewform?usp=pp_url.*

Nature Summer Camp at Warwick Community School 2023: We will offer a free, three-week, K-6 nature summer camp this summer starting on June 28th. If you would like to learn more or sign up, please email camp director, Brian Snell, at camp@warwick-k12.us. Thank you!

Warmly,

Carole

Carole Learned-Miller, EdLD
Founding Superintendent
superintendent@warwick-k12.us

Moore's Pond Beach Committee by Claire Michaels

Moore's Pond Beach is gearing up for the new season. With the approval of our Land Management Plan by the Selectboard last Fall, several improvements are underway. The planned winter removal of the dangerous and pitch-raining pine was delayed due to fears of too-thin ice. Alternate arrangements for tree removal are in the works. The Spring clean-up is scheduled for May 20, 9:00-12:00, and volunteers are welcome. It is hoped that bigger improvements—addition of sand and replacement of the deteriorating barriers around the sand—will also happen then, if the tree is gone. Monthly water testing will begin in May. Tentative plans for the summer include the Corregatta during Old Home Days. We've suggested to Warwick school officials and volunteers that cardboard boat-building and -racing would be an educational and fun activity for students and summer campers. The suggestion was warmly received. We're looking for someone who is willing to help oversee the construction of a fleet of cardboard boats in the Warwick Community School next Spring. We'll send out a solicitation as the Spring term approaches. For now, get that bathing suit out of storage; the water temperature on April 12 was already a balmy 56° and the first bathers were spotted on April 14.



Save the Date!

Seed Swap and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 13

10 a.m.-Noon

At the Warwick Library Grounds, hopefully under the blossoming crab apple trees! Ahhh, Springtime.

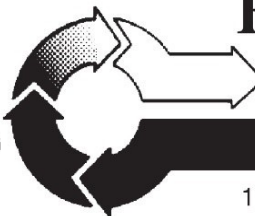
Come join in the fun! Donations are welcomed to benefit the library. Bring labelled seeds in envelopes or small plastic bags, and please include any special instructions for growing (for example, writing "Full Sun" for morning glory seeds.) The swap can also include packaged seeds from any year that you have, but won't plant for some reason.

If you want to contribute a baked good, label them well and drop them off by 10 a.m. at the library, or contact the library to make other arrangements (978-544-7866.)

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In Honor of Millard and Joyce Chase



REDUCTION
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Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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www.franklincountywastedistrict.org • info@franklincountywastedistrict.org

Spring 2023 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the Spring 2023 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. The three drop-off sites are: Mohawk Trail Regional School at 26 Ashfield Rd. (Route 112 South); Northfield Highway Garage at 49 Caldwell Rd; and Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane.

Residents from any District town may bring bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

Mattresses and box springs will not be accepted at this event. In 2022, the Solid Waste District established five permanent drop off locations for mattress recycling across the county. See this webpage for locations, pricing and hours: franklincountywastedistrict.org/mattress-recycling. Call the District office at 413-772-2438 if you are unsure if your mattress and box spring can be recycled.

There are charges for most items. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected during check-in at each site. A complete list of prices for the most common items is at: franklincountywastedistrict.org. The price list will also be provided to participating town halls and transfer stations. Residents and businesses do not need to pre-register for the collection.



Electronics are accepted at the event, but residents are also encouraged to recycle computer equipment and televisions at their town’s transfer station, or at Greenfield Transfer Station. Staples stores accept computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call your local store for details.

Clean, dry textiles and books will be accepted for free reuse or recycling. Textiles must be contained inside a sturdy plastic bag. Textiles are now banned from the trash. Textile recycling accepts 95% of all textiles, including clothing or linens that are torn, stained, with missing buttons or broken zippers. Damaged textiles can be sold to manufacturers that make insulation or shop rags. Acceptable items include CLEAN & DRY clothing, shoes, and accessories; plus curtains, sheets, towels and stuffed animals in any condition (except moldy or wet). Books can be in any condition (except moldy or wet) and can be hardcover or paperback. No encyclopedias.

Bulky Rigid Plastics will be collected separately for a special recycling program; \$5 per load. Acceptable items for this special recycling program are limited to these items only: 5-gallon pails, plastic lawn furniture, plastic trash barrels, recycling bins, laundry baskets, storage totes, and milk crates. Bulky rigid plastic items must be empty.

For more information, see franklincountywastedistrict.org, or contact the District office at info@franklincountywastedistrict.org or 413-772-2438. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Zumba Warwick Women's Guild 1 pm WCS Library	3	4	5 Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	6 Zumba & Yoga; Brunch at WCS 8-11 am; Transfer Sta- tion 8-3 pm; Library 10:00- 12:30 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm.
7 Worship Svc 10:00 am	8 Library 10:00- 4:00 pm	9 Zumba Sr. Meal WCS at noon	10 Book Club 10:30 am at Library	11 Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	12 Foot Clinic 8:00 am Free Food Fri- day 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	13 Zumba & Yoga; Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Library 10:00-12:30 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 ; Seed Swap/Bake Sale 10 am- noon
14 Worship Svc 10:00 am Happy Mother's Day! 	15 Library 10:00- 4:00 pm	16 Zumba Sr. Meal WCS at noon Library 1:00- 8:00 pm ; Q. Valley's Rabbit Run RR 7:00 pm	17	18 Library 5:00- 8:00 p.m. Short Story Hour 7:30 p.m.at Library	19 Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	20 Beach Clean-up 9:00 am- Noon; Zumba & Yoga; Trans- fer Station 8:00--3:00 pm; Library 10:00-12:30 p.m.; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm Oral Hist. Presentation #4 Library 2 p.m.
21 Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.	22 Library 10:00- 4:00 pm	23 Zumba Sr. Meal WCS at noon Library 1:00- 8:00 p.m.	24 WCS Arts in Nature 3:30	25 Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	26 Free Food Fri- day 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	27 Zumba & Yoga Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Library 10-12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm
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ORAL HISTORY PRESENTATION: May 20th

BEACH CLEAN-UP: May 20th

ARTS IN NATURE: May 24th