

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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 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378

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TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS & INFORMATION

Office hours: Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m., Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

NOTE: A Special Town Election for additional School Committee members will be held on October 23rd from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Register to vote by October 13th. Mail-in ballots available until October 16th.

The Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 9th, in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Thank you, John Paganetti, Town Clerk

ASSESSOR CLERK OFFICE HOURS

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

Tracy Styles, Assessor Clerk

News from Moores Pond Beach Committee

The **Ninth Corregatta**, held on *Old Home Day Weekend* August 27, 2023, had a good-sized crowd of approximately 70 people. They watched as the boats made of cardboard raced about 50 yards out into the water around a buoy and back to the beach. Boat-making was slim this year with only two vessels made by Beach Committee members, Cliff and Ann Carmen and Diane Ellis and Jim Barber. No children participated this year in boat-making. Cliff and Ann's boat **Beach Patrol** was in the shape of a Canada goose. Diane Ellis and Jim Barber themed their hot pink boat **Barbie** after the movie. *Beach Patrol*, piloted by Cliff Carmen and Steve Leahy, came in first. *Barbie*, paddled by Diane Ellis, came in second. After the adult race, the two boats were raced by volunteers; *Barbie* by Jamie Paquet from White Rd. and *Beach Patrol* by Benjie and Niah from Chase Hill Rd. Despite Jamie Paquet's excellent paddling skill, *Barbie* took on water and could not complete the race, but *Beach Patrol* held strong and finished again in first place. It was a clean sweep for *Beach Patrol* who also by one vote won the **Fan Favorite Award**. Jamie Paquet received the **Sinker Award** as well as second place.

In addition to the cardboard boat race there was a **pedal boat** race between two boats. Benjamin Walker and Joe Farley came in first against Benjie and Niah. Fun was had by all participants and spectators. Of course, the committee would like to encourage more boat makers for next year's race, including participation of students at the Warwick Community School. More boats, more fun!!



The Moores Pond Beach Committee is still waiting for the Town to remove the large dying pine tree before tackling much-needed maintenance on our public beach property. This will include restraining the pine-pitch-laden picnic tables, replacing the rotted telephone poles that hold the sand in place, and upgrading the sand. Water quality tests were excellent again this season. We continue to work to keep the public beach a pleasant place for cooling off in the summer and enjoying a beautiful view of Mt. Grace.

Massachusetts Cultural Council News

The Massachusetts Cultural Council's local grant program is now open! Go to www.massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com and log in. The application deadline is October 16th.

The Warwick Cultural Council is dedicated to promoting arts and culture in our small, but vibrant town. We strive to fund programs that enrich residents of all ages. We help fund projects including Field Trips for the Warwick Community School, Pioneer Valley Regional High School, and Franklin County Technical School. We also fund the Library, the Arts Council, the Historical Society, the Council on Aging, and other local and regional organizations.

Residents and artists from the immediate local area are given preference. Careful scrutiny is given to repeat requests with an inclination not to fund the same programs year after year, with the exceptions being organizations soliciting partial funding from a number of communities benefiting from the program. We try to fully fund as many applications as possible. Where the decision to partially fund a project is made, priority will be given to those projects that are able to move forward with partial funding.

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Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

117 Main Street., 2nd Floor, Greenfield, MA 01301 • (413) 772-2438 • Fax: (413) 772-3786
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Fall 2023 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the Fall 2023 “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, October 21 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 of the District’s 21 member towns 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.

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.

Mattresses and box springs will not be accepted at this event. There are 6 regional mattress recycling locations across Franklin County. These sites are open various hours year-round. See this webpage for locations, pricing and hours: franklincountywastedistrict.org/mattress-recycling. If you are unsure if your mattress and box spring can be recycled, call the District office at 413-772-2438.

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 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 in Massachusetts. Textile recycling accepts 95% of all textiles and shoes, 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 of acceptable items. This special recycling program only accepts these items: 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.

Consider reuse: before sending items for disposal or recycling, see if someone else can use them. Various charities and non-profits accept donations of working electronics, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores. Always call ahead to ask if they can accept your item. Or, offer items for reuse on a local “Buy Nothing” Facebook group, Freecycle group, or local town groups such as NextDoor.

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.

Cheri Robartes and Doc Pruyne are looking for people interested in creating a Warwick Town Theater Group. They’re open to your ideas. They’re looking for a play, with the idea of rehearsals in January and February, and a performance in March. Write if you’re interested, at crobartes@gmail.com.



LIBRARY NEWS - OCTOBER 2023

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

Museum Passes: The Warwick Library has free admission passes to the Brattleboro Museum of Arts & Culture, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Clark Museum, Historic Deerfield, the Magic Wings Butterfly Museum, MassMOCA, Massachusetts State Parks (DCR Free Parking Pass), and the New England Botanical Garden at Tower Hill.

(NEW) Free Saturday 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 from the Library for Saturday afternoon sessions. More information at launchspace-orange.com.

(NEW) BookBrowse: The Warwick Library is pleased to offer this helpful service to our patrons. For more than two decades, BookBrowse (bookbrowse.com) has provided a curated resource of the best in contemporary fiction and nonfiction, with an emphasis on books that not only engage and entertain but also deepen our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Use BookBrowse to find books by theme, read-alikes, reviews, excerpts, articles, interviews and more! **NOTE: Use "wfpl" for password.** Contact the Library for details.

(NEW) Learn & Play Group - Mondays at 10:30 am: The Warwick Free Public Library is pleased to host this program for kids five and under and their families. **Registration is suggested.** Led by Debra Wood of Pioneer Valley RSD, we will gather for stories, activities, free play and time to chat with other families. Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) programs are locally-based community programs that provide child development services and resources to families with young children. The CFCE network helps to promote and support parent education and family engagement, early literacy and child development, and more. For details and to register contact Deb at woodd@pvrsdk12.org or 413-334-9583.

Annular (partial) Solar Eclipse - Saturday, October 14th at noon: All are welcome to meet in front of the Library for a program that will include viewing the partial eclipse with approved safety glasses (provided free). You are also welcome to request your pair of safety glasses in advance and watch the eclipse on your own. This program is made possible through the STAR Library network and SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries). And be sure to mark your calendar to view the TOTAL Eclipse on April 8, 2024!

OIC MakerSpace PopUp! - Monday, October 16th from 2-4 pm: The Warwick Library now offers free passes for adults and families to use the OIC MakerSpace in Orange on Saturday afternoons. Over a dozen different maker activities are available. Come to this popup event to get a taste of the possibilities! Sid Nordstrom from the OIC LaunchSpace/MakerSpace will be there with supplies for activities—with a special Halloween theme.

Monthly Short Story Hour - The Canterbury Tales: Thursday, October 26th - 7:30 pm: *The Canterbury Tales*, by Geoffrey Chaucer, was written between 1387 and 1400. We'll read a selection from the Tales, which are presented as part of a story-telling contest by a group of pilgrims as they travel together from London to Canterbury to visit the shrine of Saint Thomas Becket at Canterbury Cathedral. The prize for this contest is a free meal at the Tabard Inn at Southwark on their return. *The Canterbury Tales* contributed greatly to the popularization of the English vernacular in mainstream literature, as opposed to French, Italian or Latin.

Did you know?: In the early 20th century there were 10 small elementary schools serving the residents of Warwick.

WARWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE MUSHROOM WALK

Please join us on Monday, October 9th, for a mushroom walk with Elisha Poulin of Wendell. We'll meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Library.

Elisha has been foraging and cultivating mushrooms for the past 16 years and has been teaching others about identification and their medicinal value for the past six years.

Come learn how to use your field guide and look for some of our local edible and medicinal mushrooms. Bring a field guide if you have one. If you would like to purchase one before the walk, she recommends [Audubon's Field Guide to North American Mushrooms](#). Bring a basket, knife, and water.

We hope to see you then. This event is sponsored by the Warwick Recreation Committee. Please call Leanne with any questions, 544-5553.

Green Corner

25th Anniversary of the North Quabbin Garlic and Arts Festival – Sept 30 & Oct 1

What does a popular local festival have to do with "green"?

Well, over 30 volunteers put it together, and THAT in itself is how we build and sustain a sense of community and caring, which is what green is ultimately all about.

Besides all the great food, music, games, art, crafts, poetry, etc., there are opportunities to experience and learn new things.

Over a dozen different electric vehicles will be on display in the EV tent, with their owners standing by, including Mark Fellows showing his John Deere conversion, David Small with his pontoon boat, Emile Marti with his E-Bike(s), and more - <https://garlicandarts.org/booths/renewable-energy/electric-vehicle-display-and-schedule/>

Our very own Gregg Stone will be teaming up with Claire Chang of Greenfield Solar to talk about heat pumps (mini-splits), what the process is like to get the rebates, how the installation goes, and how much they like them, etc.

A total of 10 talks will cover other topics – honey, mushrooms, forestry, pollinators, grass-fed-beef, bio-gas, the Inflation Reduction Act, and of course climate change.

<https://garlicandarts.org/entertainment-and-activities/renewable-energy-talks/>

How much fun and learning can you cram into a weekend for just \$5?

Hope to see you there!

Foot Clinic

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

- ◇ October 13th
- ◇ November 10th
- ◇ December 8th



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

OCTOBER 2023

Dear Friends,

“Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp.⁸ Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.⁹ When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD^[g] would speak with Moses.¹⁰ When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tent.” Exodus 33:7-10

The convergence of politics and religion is not new and it's not confined to history. There is now a growing movement of authoritarian, nationalist governments around the world that are linking their rule with the prevailing authoritarian, ultra-conservative religious sects of their country; Islamic nationalism, Hindu nationalism, Christian nationalism, Hebrew nationalism and more.

The above excerpt from the Book of Exodus describes a period late in the migration of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. This event happens following the episode of the “Golden Calf”, after which Moses wisely sets the “Tent of Meeting” outside the camp, “far off from the camp.”

Now “the camp” was where the people lived their daily lives; where arguments and struggles with each other happened; where decisions about daily life were made. Wouldn't it make sense for the Tent of Meeting to be in the middle of all of this hub-bub? Shouldn't a place of meeting with their God be at the very center of social life and act as a steadfast anchor? The people want their god to be visible and prominent in their midst. Most of the great religions of the world agree and have put their temples and cathedrals very opulently and prominently in the centers of their urban areas, their “camps”. The most authoritarian sects have gone so far as to bring their religious rules, regulations and talismans into their places of governance, thus giving the political governments the aura of divine sanction.

Moses set the Tent of Meeting far away from the center of the camp, outside the partisan struggles of daily governance. To approach the Tent, one must walk a distance, presumably leaving behind the heated emotions and rancor of partisan debate and be calm enough to converse with an open heart. In the Tent, Moses would speak with God “as with a friend”, open, honest and vulnerable; listening, not pronouncing an indisputable position, but seeking some nuance, some perspective.

After the episode of the “golden Calf”, God purportedly tells Moses that God can go no further with the Israelites because they “are a stiff-necked people”; fixed in their ways, unwilling to look left or right, cemented and unmoving. They had demanded that Aaron, the leader-priest in Moses extended absence, provide for them a god of wealth and power. Upon his return, Moses was so angry that he threw down the tablets he had received, yet, in consultation with God, he was able to separate himself from his anger and plead for leniency for the people. Would it have been different if he had been immersed in the upheaval of the crowds and the heat of the moment? Instead, he removed himself to a place where he could gain some perspective and be more compassionate.

A somewhat similar episode is recounted in the First Book of Samuel. Samuel is a “judge” over Israel but is getting old. He has appointed his two sons as judges, but they are using their positions for their personal wealth and power (sounding familiar?) so a delegation comes to Samuel to demand a king. Under pressure, he anoints Saul, who will also become oppressive and self-serving until David is enthroned after great struggle. It would seem that combining religious and secular power more often leads to discord and division than unity and harmony.

Perhaps we need to once again remove the place of encountering God to a distance “far off from the camp”, to a place where anger and emotion can be set aside and conversation with God can be more about compassion and healing than condemnation and power; a place where compromise is possible, not seen as capitulation.

In faith, Dan



UP COMING EVENTS

CROP Walk is a fundraiser for the Church World Service, an ecumenical organization that provides disaster relief and preparedness around the world and in the US. With all the recent fire, floods and conflicts that are causing widespread starvation and migration, the CWS is in need of increased support. There is a team of walkers from the Metcalf Chapel who would welcome your support. The walk will begin at 2 PM on Sunday, Oct 1 at the United Methodist Church in Orange. Support for the walkers can be made until Oct 8.

Movies in the Chapel Wed, Oct 25 @ 7 PM The movie has not yet been decided upon but will be announced in the coming weeks. Stay tuned.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Holiday Fair is coming November 25. Vendors are already booking their places, and plans are being finalized for another great kick-off to the holiday season. If you are a vendor and want a place, contact Andrea Woods. The rest of us can visit the fair and support local artisans while enjoying delicious baked goods and a hearty lunch.



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. The 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 and 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. **Please bring only "durable equipment" (wheelchairs, walkers, "potty chairs" & similar items).***

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.



Presents:
The 31st Annual

Art Show and Sale



Warwick Town Hall
Saturday and Sunday
October 7th and 8th, 2023
10 am – 3 pm both Saturday and Sunday

“Meet The Artists” Reception Friday October 6th at 7pm

Come see: Paintings, Photographs, Ceramics, Collage, Literature, Quilts, Watercolors, Puppetry, Furniture, Mono-types, Jewelry, Drawings, Fiber Art, Wood Carving, Sculpture, and more from area artists!

Artists: The Arts Council is looking for Warwick artists to submit up to 3 pieces. We accept art from artists of all age & experience levels.

Art Arrival Time/Set up: Thurs. Oct. 5th 5-7pm

Please make sure all the pieces are ready to hang (wire, hooks, etc). Questions or special arrangements please call: Janice at 978-544-8968 or email hoothill@valinet.com

Breakdown Time: Monday at 3pm

Everyone’s Welcome! Free Admission! Donations gratefully accepted.

SAVE THE DATE: WARWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING DECEMBER 20TH

Calling all folks interested in Warwick’s History! The Warwick Historical Society folk welcome you to attend our quarterly meeting on December 20th, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall. This meeting is a holiday gathering with refreshments. Please bring a wrapped Yankee Swap item for a little holiday fun.

Come view recent donations. Ask questions. There is no fee to attend: it is free. Questions? Call Clare Green (978) 544-7421.

Memories of the Past

Presented by:

Warwick Historical Society

My favorite thing about being a Warwickian is all the wonderful memories I have about growing up here. I was born at the foot of Mount Grace, and my first memories are about the mountain. These lines from one of my poems illustrate how I felt about Mount Grace during my early childhood:

As a babe I stood at the foot of her trails, and gazed up at her beauty with awe,

As a young boy I clambered her sides, exploring those wonders I saw.

Our house, on Mt. Grace Ave at the foot of the mountain, was close to the center of town and there were many children around then. Some of the families were the Browns, Lincolns, Bowers, Olsons, Fourniers, Aldens, Streeters, Matthews and many more. For us kids, this meant there was always something going on somewhere in town: scrub ball games, marble games, gathering at the swings in the schoolyard, kick the can and hide and seek, etc. We had such fun and everyone was a friend. Kids spent a lot more time outside then than they do now and we were able to roam around town exploring things. As we grew a little older, it was fishing at Hastings and Moore's Pond and some of the brooks in town. In the winter we had almost constant skating parties at Lincoln Pond and sledding or skiing on the hill at the foot of the mountain. There was the children's night, at the dance hall in the Warwick Inn where Mrs. Maluan kept the jukebox running for free. The Pioneer Club at the Metcalf Chapel and the scout groups at the Unitarian Church on the hill were also activities we enjoyed.

And, of course, the eight years I spent at the Warwick Center School from 1935-1943 was where I learned to read and write. At that time we had only two teachers who each taught four grades. In a 1936 picture, which I have with me, there were over seventy children in school at that time. I also brought a copy of a story poem I wrote back in the nineties for a class at the center school, about my time there. Life was good for a child growing up in Warwick in those days. Things that were fun were more simple than today, we did not depend on electric devices like video games, computers, or television. We loved being outside, running around, and playing games.

When I married my lovely wife and had my wonderful children, I had to leave Warwick in order to find work to support them. We still had a camp at Moore's Pond and spent as much time as we could here in Warwick. My children spent all their summers here while I drove back and forth to work in Chicopee Falls. When I finally was able to retire and move back here permanently, I became involved in town politics and served on many committees and was a selectman for Warwick for two terms.

Since then I have enjoyed my home at Moore's Pond and have done a little writing. Some of my writings were about growing up here and were published in the Local Color magazine. A couple of stories that might interest you are about working at Henderson's Ice Company cutting ice in the winter or about tarring Warwick's roads. I believe there are others about Warwick that were published. Many of us young boys worked at these jobs during WWII when there was always a shortage of help, because so many of the men in town were away fighting the war.

For me, Warwick is the only place I ever wanted to live. I cherish my memories of friends and games, clubs and activities, and the mountain and the lakes and my life here now, Warwick has never been just a place on the map for me; it has always been a place in my heart.

By Larry Carey

Submitted by Mike Carey

Warwick Holiday Fair

November 25, 2023 10AM - 3PM

Warwick Community School, 41 Winchester Rd.

Local Gifts and Crafts!
 Silent Auction, Jigsaw Puzzle Swap
 and Gift Card Raffle
 Hot Lunch Available

Vendor spots still available! Email Andrea Woods
 at jarkat99@yahoo.com

Questions? Call the chapel at 978-544-2630

Free
 Door Prize
 Entry!

Calling All Jigsaw Puzzle Lovers . . .

Last year, we had a book swap that was very popular; this year, let's try a jigsaw puzzle swap. Here's your chance to pass on your used puzzles and get some new (to you!) puzzles to while away those long, cold, and snowy days of winter. This year at the **Warwick Holiday Fair (Saturday, November 25 at the Warwick Community School)**, please consider bringing as many puzzles as you like in good condition (no missing pieces!) for a **Jigsaw Puzzle Swap** from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Both children's and adult puzzles are welcome. Swappers may bring and take as many puzzles as they like.

Questions? Contact Nancy Harnden: nlharnden@comcast.net.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Hi, I'm Miranda Kingfisher and I'm excited to be running for the Warwick School Committee in the special election this month. I've lived in Warwick for just over four years, and I've had the chance to learn about the school and even to teach some of the school's former students at the Chicken Coop School where I teach 7th and 8th grade. I'm so impressed by the Town's work to reopen the school, and I'd like help keep the momentum going! I've been an educator in a number of different schools and outdoor settings, so I have a broad range of experience around what makes a school run well that I'd love to apply on the committee.

A Postscript to the Oral History School Program by Clare Green

Heartfelt thank you to all the panelists; David Shepardson, John Wilson, Freddie Fellows, Dick Shepardson, Barbara Walker and myself and Moderator Steve Striebel. Special thanks to Lynne Manning for excerpts from the transcription of William Cobb diaries, and to the remembrances of Carrie Fellows from her attendance at the Warwick Center School when Bruce Garrow was principal. Those are available as handouts at the Library.

John Wilson's transcription of his mother's diary while being the Brush Valley School teacher from 1926 to 1929, is also available at the Library. The current Warwick Open Space Plan has a map which indicates the ten known former schools in Warwick, besides two others whose locations were not known.

Special thanks to the display of handmade wooden painted schools, made by Oliver Fellows, and for the oil painting of Brush Valley School by Ralph Witherell.

Thank you to audience members of the community who attended the program. As I looked out, I wanted to acknowledge each of your contributions to the schools over the years, but alas, time was of the essence. For example, Jeannette Fellows taught with me and brought her creative passions of cooking, writing and sewing to the students. Jeannette also compiled a book of oral history through a grant issued to her in 1988. That is available to read at the Warwick Historical Society.

Jeff LaFrenier presented a program about search and rescue and demonstrated that capability with a volunteer student and with his German Shepard canine. Kerry Cooke assisted me with the initial opening of the multi-age classroom in 1999. Patty Ernest also assisted. Tom Ziniti worked as Special Education Teacher.

Sue O'Reilly-McRae remembered how emotional it was for her to experience the Parade at the August 1999 Dedication Day, since she had two young boys at the time, whom she knew would be attending the school. She still felt the power of that moment during the program and only shared her reflection with me afterwards. That Parade represented four years of effort by all sorts of community members! It takes a village, and it took a village again to develop the re-envisioned WCS.

The year books and albums of former graduating classes are available at the Warwick School Library to view. They feature traditions such as The Pumpkin Man, the school-wide hike up Mt. Grace and more.

It's the vibrancy of our community which enhances the resiliency of our school. Indeed, our town is a special place to live, and over the years it feels like an extended family. I am most grateful for the opportunity to have been a teacher here, connecting with the students and their families. Very special, thank you. It is most heart-warming when I hear from a now 30-plus-year-old student who tells me of a specific remembrance of a PreK/K experience. Or from Karro Frost who still uses the recipes from our class cookbook.

The joy of teaching and learning now lives on in the next installment of Warwick Community School, as Jess Marshall indicated. She may even begin A Book of Good Deeds, as Millicent Coleman once did in 1927, as the Brush Valley School teacher. She had her diary and we had our photo journals, and now technology continues to advance the documenting.

Someone asked if any of the school buildings still exist today. Yes, the #4 School was moved from the Chestnut Hill Rd, Arthur Shepardson property to 26 So. Holden Rd. near Moore's Pond. Amazing.

The program is available to watch on the Warwick Library YouTube site.

Warwick Community School News

Happy Autumn,

We have had a wonderful school opening! Here are some updates:

- Using our social-emotional curriculum, Responsive Classroom, teachers have focused on teaching students how to be good community members, setting high expectations for learning, caring and collaboration.
- Special classes are taking place in the following subject areas including library, music, visual arts, pottery and physical education.
- Almost every student is electing to have Chef Gail Beauregard's healthy and nutritious hot lunch each day. Thank you, Chef Gail!

We have events coming up to celebrate our opening and our commitment to learning about nature!

- We had our first artist-in-residence visit by painter Buck Sleeper on September 27th, who has painted a piece inspired by nature, the seasons and our re-opening. Students will be creating their own works, inspired by Buck's piece throughout the month to share in an exhibit.
- We are celebrating our first annual "Mountain Day" celebration on October 4th for all students, staff and families. We will hike up Mt. Grace with our guides, Clare Green and Brian Snell, and learn about our local fall foliage and the science behind it.

We have had a great deal of help and support from volunteers in the community. Special thanks to:

- Brian Snell and Janice Starmer for assisting with our before and after school programming.
- Clare Green and Lois Wells for their assistance as volunteer librarians.
- Jaylin Dibble for her assistance preparing the building for opening with cleaning and organizing assistance.
- Mel Schillemat for her support with human resources and the design of our website and our on-line newsletter. If you have not signed up to receive this newsletter each week, please reach out to Jess at her email listed below.
- Svetlana Vdovichenko and Jamie Bass for assisting with landscaping.

We can still use more support! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jess Marshall at jmarshall@warwick-k12.us to sign up.

Warmly,
Carole

Jen

Jess

Dr. Carole Learned-Miller
Superintendent

Jen Smith
Principal

Jess Marshall
Director of Operations

RESTAURANT REVIEW: S. S. Lobster, LTD

(978) 342-6135

691 River Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Restaurant Hours: Sun-Sat 11 AM to 8 PM
(Holiday hours may differ.)

Haven't been to S.S. Lobster since moving up here permanently from Leominster, so when a friend from Leominster asked where I wanted to go for my birthday, I said S.S. Lobster. It's not a fancy place and you order at the window, but the food is delicious. I had to have some fried scallops, and they were outstanding.

Their menu contains mostly seafood, as they also have a Fish Market attached. They do have hamburgers and hotdogs, but I'm sure there are better places for that. But if you love FISH, this is the place.....Lobsters, clams, scallops, haddock, shrimp, salmon and calamari, just to name a few. They have plates, sides, appetizers, sandwiches etc. Just be prepared to stand in line to order if you go at a meal hour. There are plenty of tables in various rooms. They call your name and you yell, "HERE!" and they bring your plates to your table. At least that is how it was one day at 5 PM.

I don't remember seeing any desserts advertised but I couldn't have eaten one anyway, with all the scallops, French fries and coleslaw I had. So, if you love FISH, this is the place.

Bon Appetit! Gloria Varno

RECREATION COMMITTEE *****PLEASE NOTE NEW DAYS & TIMES*****

YOGA Saturdays and now Wednesdays, 9:15-10:30 a.m. with Kalliope, Town Hall \$5-10

A foundation in Kripalu and Integral Yoga with a therapeutic approach; an all-level yoga class.

ZUMBA Tuesdays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m., Town Hall \$5

PICKLEBALL & PING-PONG Adults, now Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., WCS Gym, no charge. The Recreation Committee has the equipment; just please bring clean sneakers.

Please email leannelimoges@gmail.com or call (978) 544-5553 with suggestions. Thank-you, Leanne, Warwick Recreation Committee

Warwick Women's Guild Events

October 3, 2023 Warwick Women's Guild will meet **Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 1 PM** in the Town Hall for our monthly meeting. Linda Styles will join us to talk about the Community Garden. **See below for a special event!**

October 5, 2023 Warwick Women's Guild will meet **Thursday, October 5, 2023 10:15 AM** to carpool to New Salem Cider where we will watch a demonstration of cider-making and a talk by the owner at 11 AM. Feel free to bring a bag lunch, or you can purchase and enjoy some of their snacks while we enjoy a beautiful view of the Quabbin.

November 7, 2023 Warwick Women's Guild will meet **Thursday, November 7, 2023 12PM** in the Town Hall parking area for our Holiday Lunch to Terrazza Restaurant at the Greenfield Country Club. There will be signup sheet at the October meeting as we will need a count **NLT, November 1, 2023**. Or call Dawn Magi at 544-6779 to signup. We usually do a Yankee Swap gift of \$5 - \$10, wrapped. Always a fun time!

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Svc 10:00 am Garlic & Arts Festival Crop Walk 2:00 pm	2 Library 10:00 am- 4:00 pm	3 Zumba; Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall Library 1:00-8:00 pm; Women's Guild 1:00 pm @ Town Hall	4 Yoga Ping-pong and Pickleball 7:00 pm	5 Women's Guild 10:15 am Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	6 Zumba Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	7 Yoga; Climate Change bell ringing; Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30 - 12:30 pm; Art Show 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Town Hall
8 Worship Svc 10:00 am Art Show 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Town Hall	9 Indigenous Peo- ples' Day (Library is closed.) Rec Com. mush- room walk 1:00 at Library	10 Zumba Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall Library 1:00-8:00 pm	11 Yoga Book Club 10:00 a.m. at Library Ping-pong and pickleball 7:00 pm	12 Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	13 Foot Clinic 8:00 am Zumba Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	14 Yoga Transfer Station 8:00- 3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 Partial solar eclipse, noon at the Library
15 Worship Svc 10:00 am	16 Library 10:00 am- 4:00 pm	17 Zumba Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall Library 1:00-8:00 pm	18 Yoga Ping-pong and pickleball 7:00 pm	19 Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	20 Zumba Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	21 Yoga Transfer Station 8:00-- 3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm
22 Worship Svc. 10:00 am	23 Library 10:00 am- 4:00 pm	24 Zumba Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall Library 1:00-8:00 pm	25 Yoga Ping-pong and pickleball 7:00 pm Movie in the Chapel 7:00 pm	26 Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	27 Zumba Free Food Friday 9:00 am at Metcalf Chapel	28 Yoga; Transfer Station 8:00- 3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

SR. MEALS: Tuesdays @ Noon, Town Hall

CROP WALK: Oct. 1, United Methodist Church in Orange
@ 2:00 pm

ART SHOW: Oct. 7 & 8, Town Hall @ 10:00 am -3:00 pm

MUSHROOM WALK: Oct. 9, Library @ 1:00 pm

TCC MOVIE NIGHT: Oct. 25, TCC @ 7:00 pm

SHORT STORY HOUR: Oct. 26, Library @ 7:30 pm

HALLOWEEN: Oct. 31

