

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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TOWN CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Office hours: Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-
 1:00 p.m. Please note that the office will be closed on November 22nd.

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

Thank you, Tracy Styles, Assessor Clerk

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL & DISTRICT NEWS

Happy November!

We have had a successful opening to our school year. Here are some updates:

- **We celebrated our first annual “Mountain Day” on October 4th** for all students, staff and families. We hiked up Mt. Grace - learning about nature along the way - with our community guides, Clare Green and Brian Snell. At the top we had a picnic lunch, thanks to Chef Gail and Lunch Assistant, Anna Picard, and sang songs led by teacher Nettie Harrington Pangallo.
- **We had our first artist-in-residence visit by painter Buck Sleeper on October 11th.** Buck painted a piece inspired by nature, the seasons and our re-opening. Students will be creating their own works, inspired by Buck’s piece this fall to share in an exhibit.
- Fire Prevention Week is observed each year in October. Each year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sets a theme that works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to stay safe. **On Thursday, October 12th, Fire Chief Joe Larson, Lieutenant Shane Barberian, Firefighter Zack Marti, and Firefighter Tim Matthews educated us about simple but important actions we can take to keep ourselves and those around us safe** when cooking. Students were also able to check out the fire engines!
- **We had family conferences on October 18th - 20th.** During our conferences each teacher worked together with each family to develop students’ personalized learning plans (PLPs). These plans, co-created by the student, teacher and parents/guardians, include students’ strengths, growth edges and goals for the year.

We are excited to invite parents and guardians to join our Parent Advisory Council. This group will offer ideas and feedback on initiatives to our leadership team, Carole, Jen and Jess. We will also soon have a Wellness Committee to discuss issues of health and nutrition. If you would like to participate, please email Carole at superintendent@warwick-k12.us for additional information.

We are currently hiring a part-time afternoon custodian and a part-time occupational therapist. We are also building our list of substitute teachers. Finally, we need occasional help with administrative projects. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these roles, please contact Jess. We have also had many community volunteers but we can still use more support! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jess Marshall at jmarshall@warwick-k12.us to sign up. Thank you!

Warmly,
Carole, Jen, and Jess

Dr. Carole Learned-Miller, Jen Smith, and Jess Marshall



LIBRARY NEWS—NOVEMBER

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8 and Saturdays 10-12:30 (during school year). Contact: warwick@cwmars.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.

(NEW) Learn & Play Group - Mondays at 10:30 am: Warwick Library is pleased to host this program for kids five and under and their families. For details and to register contact Debra Wood at woodd@pvrsdk12.org or 413-334-9583.

Monthly Short Story Hour - Tessa Hadley: Thursday, November 30th - 7:30 pm: This month we'll read selections from *After the Funeral*, the newest story collection by Tessa Hadley (2023). Hadley is a British author, who writes novels, short stories and nonfiction. Her most recent novel is *Free Love* (2022). Come to read or just to listen.

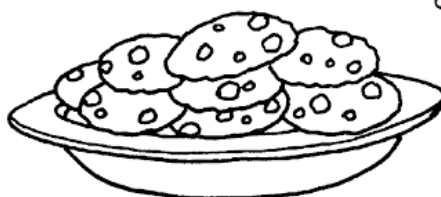
More Warwick Oral History videos posted: "Bygone Businesses of Warwick" (#4) and "The First Parish Unitarian Church and Meeting House" (# 5) are now available for viewing on the Warwick Free Public Library's YouTube channel at [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

Take the Digital Equity Survey: The Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) has launched the MA Statewide Digital Equity Survey to better understand the needs of MA residents when it comes to computers and internet access. You can complete the online survey at tinyurl.com/MBISurvey1, or grab a printed copy at the Library. The online survey should be completed by November 3rd.

Tsundoko: "Many readers buy books with every intention of reading them only to let them linger on the shelf. Statistician Nassim Nicholas Taleb believes surrounding ourselves with unread books enriches our lives as they remind us of all we don't know. The Japanese call this practice tsundoku [not sudoku the number game], and it may provide lasting benefits." (From *Big Think* 12.28.22)

Still circulating after all these years: It was an exciting moment recently when Library volunteer Freddie Fellows pulled our 1850 edition of *The Scarlet Letter*, Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic, off the shelves for a patron at another library. Set in the Massachusetts Bay Colony during the 1640s, the book was one of the first mass-produced books in the United States. What a thrill to see such an old book still circulating today! (It has no commercial value in the used book market due to its library markings.)

Did you know?: The Saturday Morning Socials, so popular before Covid, are happening again at the Library, with fresh coffee and home-baked sweet treats available free to one and all. So come visit, and stay a while--or just grab a coffee and go!



From the TCCW Deacons' Desk

This page of our Newsletter which used to showcase and share our minister Dan Dibble's thoughts and musings on our spiritual life throughout the year, will now hold similar ponderings from the church's deacons and any other spiritual material submitted by members of the congregation. Please feel free to talk with a deacon about any ideas or thoughts you may have, and if you like, submit material that is appropriate for this space. Thank you.

October 15, 2023

Pentecost runs through October and November, right up to the beginning of Advent, December 3rd, December 3 year. Advent is the time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas day and welcoming our savior into our lives. Pentecost is the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit's descending onto the Disciples as a ring of fire over their heads, and as a new energy and conviction inside them to spread the story and teachings of Jesus. They begin to speak in different languages and began their ministry of going out into their world, strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit within them, motivated to preach about the life and teachings of Jesus. The event of the Pentecost would certainly have augmented their own feelings of their mission to spread the word. What does it mean for us Christians who HAVE NOT experienced the descent of the Holy Spirit on our heads so dramatically?

Hopefully, we will continue to approach our world and community with continued compassion and love, acceptance and tolerance. Talk with OUR inner spirit, about reconnecting, and recommitting to the life and "work" Jesus encouraged us to do. Remind ourselves of the value of caring for others even those people we don't know. Stopping to assist someone with a heavy load or help change a flat tire. Spending time with an isolated person, someone who might live alone or is recovering from surgery. There is so much care, comfort, help and love that is needed in our world and local community.

But this can be tiring, even sometimes exhausting. Perhaps, instead of reaching out with this message of the fire and energy of Pentecost to others, we might consider reaching INTO ourselves. Remind ourselves that the fire and energy, love and commitment of Pentecost is there for us as well. To help and sustain us for the work God and Jesus would have us continue to do. We must open our hearts, minds and spirits, receive this Pentecostal Fire and spirit and send it forth augmented by our own love.

Peace,

Michael Humphries, Clara Shepardson, Tom Ziniti, and
Mary Humphries



UP COMING EVENTS

Movies in the Chapel On Wednesday, November 15th @ 7 PM, we will be showing "Born In Gaza," a documentary film released in 2014 that focuses on the violence of the Israel-Palestine conflict and it's effects on the children of Gaza.



DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

The Holiday Fair will be held on November 25!! The Fair is back to kick-off the holiday season. Come visit your favorite vendors and support your local communities and artisans by shopping here for great gifts and stocking stuffers. Lunch will also be served, and you can get goodies at the bake sale table.



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.

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.

Green Corner

Warwick was awarded yet another grant through the Green Communities program.

This grant program funds specific energy saving projects in municipal buildings that reduce energy use and are geared towards a transition away from the burning of fossil fuels.

This grant will pay for:

- Fire Station - \$4,417 + \$16,210 rebate from National Grid for a hydronic heat pump
- Warwick Community School - \$45,813 + \$25,775 rebate from National Grid for six more air source heat pump systems
- Warwick Community School - \$13,862 for more winserts

As you can see, about half of the money will come from National Grid via rebates. Similar incentives are also available to homeowners through the Mass Save program.

These include heat pumps, appliances, insulation and air sealing, new windows, etc.

Visit <https://www.masssave.com/residential/rebates-and-incentives>.

Have your electric account # ready. Your household income will determine if you are eligible for even greater incentives.

Foot Clinic

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

- ◇ November 10th
- ◇ December 8th
- ◇ January 12th, **2024**
- ◇ February 9th, **2024**



Coordinator Report for November 2023 Community Newsletter – David Young, Town Coordinator. 978-729-3224

One day in September Warwick Community School declared it “mountain day”. They saw fit to invite me for a lovely climb on a trail I hadn't taken in years. Truth be told by the end I was taking up the rear of the column, but there was a need as I wasn't alone. We had a picnic and I carried a backpack with bagged lunches. I was a little taken back when Claire Green said she thought there were enough that I could have lunch. Don't assume a quid pro quo. One piece of feedback I'm getting is that there is not a better school lunch being served anywhere. That's not to say we're being profligate. We are continuing to model a tiny scale commissary approach with Chef Gale at the helm cooking in batches that get thawed and warmed in subsequent days. The design was to cook weekly and freeze and refrigerate; I believe the practice has become twice weekly. But we don't have to pay a highly skilled person each day for a tiny school breakfast and lunch offering.

By design we are meeting a lot of the needs of our tiny school district by interoperating with the town. At the onset this is operationally a bit confusing because normally everything from the hand soap to textbooks for the school would be in the school budget. We're figuring it out and I just have to remember that the town is providing occupancy related expenses. I know what small towns pay and I know what school districts pay and as a taxpayer prefer the town pay scale. For an example of why we think this works, we are putting in some video surveillance equipment and got a quote of almost \$2000 per wire run to each camera. This is the same wire we install in your house to provide power and data transfer for your Warwick Broadband. It isn't rocket science and we know how to do it so we do at quite low cost.

I'm impressed by the response to a part-time help wanted janitorial position at the school and we wish the highway department would get the same interest. On that front we've been advertising for truck drivers on FM radio. Have you heard it?

Senior lunch, as I hope you have come to realize by now, has moved to the Town Hall dining room. It is noon Tuesdays and supported by your donation at whatever level you can handle. Please join us.

A couple years ago Doc Pruyne wrote a grant to the Mass Cultural Council to fund a performance pavilion. They awarded us \$20,000 and we will be raising the structure, a pre-cut hemlock timber frame, in the next month. It is 24 by 30 feet, and the setting takes advantage of a natural bowl beside the school. Don Matthews has installed the foundation. Stay tuned or better yet reach out to me if you think you have something to offer this volunteer project. For safety's sake we will probably need to rent a crane and operator unless you have one out back. And the school would prefer we build on weekends.

Congratulations to the Building and Energy Committee who brought home another significant Green Communities Grant that is allowing us to shift from oil heat at the school and fire station to refrigerant electric power technology that is quite efficient. We were funded to finish conversion of the school and convert the hydronic garage floor at the fire station to an air-to-water heat pump. In both buildings we retain oil or propane so we can heat in extended power outages running off a generator.

Selectboard voted to open a special town meeting warrant for a STM this fall at a date to be determined. One need for the meeting is to get authorization for the town to enter into five-year contract on school busing. This is the year that the bus contract is going out to a multi town/district bid and the contracts are for five years. The Selectboard needs the town meeting authorization to enter into a contract for more than three years. We won't actually be approving the contract terms or compelling signing any contract. We are granting authority to sign a longer-term contract.

Please Note: the Tax Collector's Office will be closed (with no appointment hours) Tuesday, November 7th-Wednesday, November 15th.

Thank-you,

Jessica Foote, Tax Collector

COUNCIL ON AGING

COA has arranged for LifePath's Outreach Coordinator and a LifePath volunteer to give a presentation at the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 14th. They will be at the Senior Meal at 12:30 p.m. to explain all the services they offer. This will be a great opportunity to find out what's available to our Warwick seniors and to have your questions answered. The presenters will also have written material for anyone interested to take home for future reference. Come join us!

Warwick Women's Guild Events

November 7, 2023 Warwick Women's Guild will meet **Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 12PM** in the Town Hall parking area for our Holiday Lunch to Terrazza Restaurant at the Greenfield Country Club. If you haven't signed up, there is still time until **November 1st**. Call Dawn Magi at 544-6779.

December 6, 2023 **NOTE** the change to meet **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 1PM** in the Town Hall Kitchen to assemble and distribute our Christmas fruit baskets to all those aged 80+ years of age. You will receive instructions from Nancy Kilhart at our November lunch.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Chair City Diner

Mon - Closed

53 Lynde Street

Tue-Fri 6AM to 2 PM

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Sat-Sun 6AM to 1 PM

I recently found this gem for breakfast in Gardner. They also serve lunch which I haven't tried yet. Breakfast was great. My friend, Sharon, and I shared one of their cinnamon buns which are to die for: huge cinnamon buns drizzled with cream cheese frosting. Yummy. Almost filled us up before our breakfast plates arrived.

I had two eggs over easy, bacon, home fries and toast, and I could not finish the toast or home fries since I was stuffed with the cinnamon bun. Everything was cooked to perfection. Sharon had a vegetable omelet, homefries and toast. She, too, left some homefries and toast. Trust me, you won't go hungry. Coffee is continuous.

The prices are a little higher than normal, but you get plenty of food. Cinnamon bun was \$6.95 but worth every penny. My plate was \$8.50 and Sharon's omelet plate was \$13.25.

I highly recommend this diner, I'm sure you won't regret it.

Bon Appetit,

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

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

*** Please note that Wednesday's class is gentle and restorative.*

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 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

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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.

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Yoga Ping-pong and Pickleball 7:00 pm	2 Women's Guild 10:15 am Library 5:00-8:00 pm	3 Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	4 Yoga; Zumba Climate Change bell ringing 11:00 am; Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm;
5 Worship Svc 10:00 am Daylight saving time ends	6 Library 10:00 am -4:00 pm	7 Zumba Election Day Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall; W.W. Guild Noon at Town Hall Library 1:00-8:00 pm	8 Yoga Book Club 10:00 a.m. at Library Ping-pong and pickleball 7:00 pm	9 Library 5:00-8:00 pm	10 Foot Clinic 8:00 am Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	11 Yoga ; Zumba Transfer Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 Veteran's Day
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26 Worship Svc. 10:00 am	27 Library 10:00 am -4:00 pm	28 Zumba Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall Library 1:00-8:00 pm	29 Yoga Ping-pong and pickleball 7:00 pm	30 Library 5:00-8:00 pm; Library Short Story Hour 7:30 pm		

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SR. MEALS: Tuesdays @ Noon, Town Hall

VETERAN'S DAY: Nov. 11th

TCC MOVIE NIGHT: Nov, 15th, TCC @ 7:00 pm

THANKSGIVING: Nov. 23rd

HOLIDAY FAIR: Nov. 25th @ WCS

SHORT STORY HOUR: Nov. 30th, Library @ 7:30 pm

