April 2024

# Warwick Community Newsletter

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#### **Phone Directory**

911

### Emergency

Selectboard /Town Coordinator 978-729-3224 Warwick Broadband

413-676-9544

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Selectboard voice r Treasurer/Collector				
Highway	6349			
Library	7866			
Fire Station	3314			
Animal Control Contr.Pager 978-2	3402 Animal 17-2681			
Clerk/Assessors	8304			
Bd of Health	6315			
Community School	6310			
Police Dept Business 2244				
Building Inspector	2236			
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www.fcburnpermits.com				

# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS

### AND ADVERTISERS

All Donations and Ad Payments should be sent to WCN/Metcalf Chapel, 32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA 01378

> Petrain Construction, Louise Doud, Kathleen Felton, Melinda Gibbons, Susan & Raymond LaGace, Pat Vandenberg, and Rod & Liz Whipple

> > Total: \$290.00

Thank you very much for your donations.

#### TOWN CLERK NEWS

Office Hours: Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. -

1:00 p.m. *Please note*: the Town Clerk Office will be closed on Monday, April 8th.

Thank you,

John Paganetti, Town Clerk

<u>Don't forget!</u> Hard copies of the newsletter are available around Town at the following locations:

Library, Transfer Station, TCC Chapel, and the Town Hall.

#### ASSESSOR CLERK OFFICE HOURS

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

Thank you, Tracy Styles, Assessor Clerk

Foot Clinics

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

April 11th

May 10th

June 7th

July 12th



# Warwick Historical Society News

Thank you to new and old members attending and participating in a recent quarterly meeting. Thank you to Gloria Varno, Arline Lincoln, Tony and Sheryl Miner, and Clare Green for assembling the donated old photos of Warwick into albums. Thank you to Claudia Lewis and Zac Marti who will help post items on the Warwick Historical Society Facebook page. Thank you to Bev Shepardson for assembling the 2023 Warwick in the News album. All these albums and more will be available to view on Sundays, 2:00 to 4:00 pm in July and August, and during Old Home Days when the society building is open. Also, the WHS building is open by appointment. Thank you to Jeannette Fellows and John Gugliani.

The next meeting will be June 19 at 4pm at the Town Hall basement. All are welcome.

Clare Green, on behalf of Michael Carey, President of WHS

**Tax Collector News** 

Happy Spring, Taxpayers! <u>Please note the following important information</u>:

All outstanding Commitment 0124 Motor Vehicle Excise bills have been sent Demand Bills. All payments received that do not include the \$10 fee and interest will be returned for partial payment and will result in additional interest and possibly additional fees.

Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are due April 1st. If you have not made your payment and it's after April 1st, please call the office for the most up-to-date amount due. Interest begins accruing April 2, 2024, on all outstanding bills and demand fees adding \$10 will be sent ASAP so do not delay!!

Respectfully, Jessica Foote, Tax Collector

# The Green Corner

This tax season, there are billions of dollars available for people who got EVs, heat pumps, and other electric upgrades in 2023. Make sure to claim all the electric tax credits you deserve. (If you already filed, you can still amend!)

There are utility rebates a well as tax credits available for all kinds of things to replace the old and inefficient appliances in and around your home - heat pump water heaters, heat pump clothes dryers, heat pump mini-splits, induction stoves, solar panels, electric vehicles, electrical panels and wiring upgrades, even the most effective thing of all - insulation!!

Use the savings calculator on this web site to create a personal savings plan for your home: <u>https://homes.rewiringamerica.org/calculator</u> The calculator uses your zip code and household income to help you decide what to do first. rewiringamerica.org



#### April is National Poetry Month

Appreciate poetry. Write a poem to a friend. Read poetry out loud. Read and check out a book of poetry from the Library, such as a book from the poet, Mary Oliver.

She wrote, "Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell someone."

My son, Ned Green, wrote poetry as well as descriptions of his hiking. Once he wrote, "Today was poetry," as he hiked along. His poetry and trail journals are featured in the book, *Cutting a Bond with the Long Trail*, also available at the Library.

Here is a haiku noting a spring occurrence in Warwick:

Bass Swamp lone beauty Blue Heron salutes springtime Basking in sweet warmth

Clare Green



# VERNAL POOL DAY

Join members of the Conservation Commission on **Sunday, April 21st at 1:00 pm** on a walk in the Warwick woods to a vernal pool. Spring is the best time to observe all the "action" taking place in vernal pools and to learn about the creatures that depend on them. We will be collecting information to protect this important habitat. Meet in front of the Town Hall to carpool to the site (TBD). Wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. Some walking on and off trail may be required. Rain date Saturday, April 27th at 1:00 pm. Questions, contact Chris at

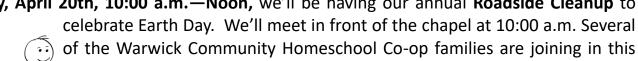
cduerring@hotmail.com



# **TCC UP-COMING EVENTS**

Movies in the Chapel: In keeping with our celebration of Earth Week, we'll be showing "Common Ground" on Wednesday, April 24th, at 7:00 pm. This film "provides hope for future generations with concrete ways to fix a broken planetary system. The film explores how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, our health, and the planet." This is a must-see documentary.

Saturday, April 20th, 10:00 a.m.—Noon, we'll be having our annual Roadside Cleanup to



year's cleanup! Come take part in this important work to rebeautify our Warwick roadsides. Many hands will get this job done in time to meet back at the Chapel for hot dogs, hamburgers (+ veggie option) coleslaw, and stories at noon. For those of you who like to get an earlier start on the clean-up,

the bags will be available for pick-up inside the Chapel by April 6th. Thanks!

# **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.

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#### Warwick Transfer Station Update

Beginning in April, the Transfer Station will be open every other Wednesday evening (first and third of the month) with hours from 3 to 7 p.m. During the summer, the Wednesday schedule will revert to what you are accustomed to, July through the Wed after Labor Day.



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Wooden Fender will host its last dance of the season on April 20. The local band chChunk will come to swing their early (20th) century acoustic string jazz in the Town Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. There really isn't anyone around that I know of who sounds like this. You can check out their site and hear some sound clips at: https://www.facebook.com/chchunkband/

It's been another fun and successful season for Wooden Fender, having welcomed the Butterfly Swiing Band in January, Mighty Kingsnakes for Blues Night in February, and Ray and the Lovers in March. Come join us to dance out the season!

Jim McRae





# **COUNCIL ON AGING** - Liz Whipple

"Bone & Balance" exercise class at the Warwick Town Hall on Tuesdays from 9-10 am.

Tai Chi class at the Warwick Town Hall on Tuesdays from 10-11 am.

Senior lunch at the Warwick Town Hall on Tuesdays at 12 noon.

Please see page two for dates of our Foot Clinics. They start at 8:00 a.m. in the Metcalf Chapel. A donation of \$2 is encouraged to participate in this activity.

Free Food Fridays are at the Metcalf Chapel at 9 am You are encouraged to make a \$1 donation.

#### **Restaurant Review**

Tavern On Central 3 Central Street Ashburnham, Massachusetts (978) 827-1272

Hours: Mon-Closed Tues-Wed 4PM to 8PM Thur-Fri 4PM to 9PM Sat 12PM to 9PM and Sun 12PM to 8PM

Tavern on Central is one of our favorite restaurants after going to Theater at the Mount for our plays. It's only about an eight-minute ride from the Theater once you get out of the parking lot.

The food is excellent. I can truly say, "I have never had a bad meal." We went last month and I had the best Fish and Chips ever: a huge haddock filet laying on a platter of fries and a side of coleslaw. I could not finish it, so I brought a huge piece of fish and some fries home for lunch the next day. Everyone loved their dinner. We each had a cocktail and my bill was about \$30, including tip. The service is always great. We watched so many appetizers being served that we decided the next time we go there, we are getting a bunch of appetizers to share and cocktails — and skip the meal. I have never had dessert there and have never even looked at the dessert , as I am always full. So, we might add a dessert next time when we have the appetizers! Okay, let's go now! Bon Appetit,

Gloria Varno

#### Warwick Women's Guild Events

- <u>April 2, 2024</u> Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 1PM **upstairs** in the Town Hall, where George Day will give a talk on the "Springs at Mount Grace." Our meeting and refreshments will follow in the basement dining area.
- May 7, 2024 Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 1PM **upstairs** in the Town Hall, where a friend of Gloria's, Siomara Quiles, will read some of her poetry. Our meeting and refreshments will follow in the basement dining area.

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**YOGA** Saturdays and Wednesdays, 9:15-10:30 a.m. with Kalliope, Town Hall, \$5-10 *Please note that Wednesday's class is gentle and restorative*. This class has a foundation in Kripalu and Integral Yoga with a therapeutic approach. It's an all-level yoga class.

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

**<u>PICKLEBALL & PING-PONG</u>** PLEASE NOTE: There is no set schedule for pickleball or ping-pong. If you want to join the fun, please call or email me with days and times that work for you. leannelimoges@gmail.com or call (978) 544-5553. Thank you, Leanne, Warwick Recreation Committee

\*\*\* The Recreation Committee is looking for more members!! \*\*\*

April 2024



# CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR Saturday April 6, 2024

# 10am-2pm

Warwick Community school Gym 41 Winchester Rd. Warwick MA

Come on out to shop and support these amazing young Entrepreneurs from around the area!

These Young business owners will be offering a variety of products including, Handmade Jewelry, Art work, Dog treats, Fairy house kits, Plants, Sweet treats, Vegan & Gluten free goodies, Woodworking and Welding creation and more!

For more details scan the QR code or email us at Warwickchildrensbusinessfair@gmail.com



This Event is brought to you by the Wild Willow Holitics & Wild Willow Kidz

#### LIBRARY NEWS—APRIL

**Library hours**: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8 and Saturdays 10-12:30 (during school year). Contact: <u>warwick@cwmars.org</u>; 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, Mass. State Parks (DCR Free Parking Pass), and the New England Botanical Garden. <u>NEW</u>: The **GOPASS** for **The Trustees of Reservations's** many natural and cultural sites is in!

**Solar Glasses available for April 8th Solar Eclipse**: This year's solar eclipse on April 8th, a Monday afternoon starting at 2:30 pm, will occur with 90+ percent "Totality" in our region. Do not view the eclipse unaided: safety glasses are needed to avoid damage to the eyes. Visit the Library in advance to receive your own pair (or several)—or come hang with other eclipse fans at the library and get them then (refreshments will be served).

*Blues Stories:* Culture & History told through Song & Narrative -Thursday, April 11th @ 7 pm: Barrett Anderson, a professional blues musician based in western Mass., will present a vibrant performance combining live music and stories in a celebration of Blues music and musicians. Barrett shares the story of the Blues scene, full of oppression and empowerment & freedom via artistic expression in Jim Crow 20<sup>th</sup> century America. During the last 25 years, Barrett has toured nationally and internationally, and performed with some of the brightest stars in the blues scene.

**Phenology with John O'Keefe - Thursday, April 18th @ 7 pm:** John will introduce the science of phenology, the study of biological events that are controlled by climate, and discuss his, now 35-year ongoing study of the timing of spring leaf emergence and autumn leaf senescence and drop on a group of about 50 trees at Harvard Forest. John received his MS and PhD degrees in forest ecology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. From 1988 until his retirement in 2009, John was Coordinator of the Fisher Museum at Harvard Forest in Petersham, home of the renowned Harvard Forest Dioramas.

**Monthly Short Story Hour - Lily King: Thursday, April 25th @ 7:30 pm**. We'll read selections from *Five Tuesdays in Winter* (2023), *the* first-ever collection of short stories by the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Writers & Lovers*. Told in the intimate voices of unique and endearing characters of all ages, these tales explore desire and heartache, loss and discovery. Romantic, hopeful, brutally raw, and unsparingly honest, these stories are, above all, about King's enduring subject--love. Come to read or just to listen.

**Poetry Month Celebration - Tuesday, April 30th @ 7 pm:** April is National Poetry Month, and we'll get poetical and have some fun--all are welcome to sign up for a 5 minute or so slot to read and/or recite one's own or someone else's verse. Contact the Library in advance to sign up, first come, first served.

**Oral History video programs** - now you can add your comments online!: Not only are all the Library's oral history video presentations now available on the Library webpage of the town website (<u>warwickma.org/library</u>): We've added a feature to the "**Oral History**" page that allows anyone to add comments to any of the videos. So check it out and help make this amazingly informative and entertaining town resource even more so!

**Did you know?**: In 1863, Jules Verne (*Journey to the Center of the Earth, Around the World in 80 Days*) wrote *Paris in the 20th Century*, a manuscript that predicted glass skyscrapers, submarines, the technology to land on the moon and feminism. His publisher rejected the story because it was so unbelievable, so Verne put it in a safe--where it was forgotten until his great-grandson rediscovered it in 1989. It was published in 1994. (Verne has been the second most-translated author in the world since 1979, ranking below Agatha Christie and above William Shakespeare.)

### WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

# Happy April,

We just completed our spring conferences! During these conferences students and teachers shared students' progress on their personalized learning plans and their learning goals. Feedback from parents has been that these are some of the richest discussions they have had about their children's learning. We thank our families for their involvement!

Our hiring committee has begun interviews for the 2024-2025 school year. We are looking for classroom teachers, a psychologist (part time) and an art teacher (part time). If you have any contacts who would be a great match for our school, please ask them to send a resume to Carole. Her email is <u>superintendent@warwick-k12.ma</u>. Thank you!

Community friends, we are outdoors learning and exploring in the rain and mud this spring. If you have any rain boots, jackets, pants or hats that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to our school. We are looking for sizes 4-14 and donations can be dropped off in our front office. Thank you!



We are investigating the possibility of opening a preschool classroom at WCS in the coming years. We would love your input. Please send any interest or feedback you might have to Carole.

Also, if you have not had a chance to share your "glows" and "grows" with us, this is a great time to do it. As a learning organization, we appreciate your feedback as a chance to learn and grow. Here is the link to our feedback survey. <u>https://wkf.ms/3TuYesO</u> Thank you!

Warmly,

Carole, Jen, Jess & Gina

#### Coordinator Report for April 2024 Warwick Newsletter by David Young

Beginning in April the Transfer Station will be open every other Wednesday evening (first and third of the month) with hours from 3 to 7 p.m. During the summer, the Wednesday schedule will revert to what you are accustomed to, July through the Wed after Labor Day. No doubt some adjustments will be made to accommodate shortened days as we are not equipped to operate in the dark. Related to this, the annual roadside cleanup day is 4/20. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Warwick Recreation Committee needs two more members. That would make three. Leanne is supported by some volunteers who do not wish to be committee members. A lot is going on. There's Yoga, Zumba, hikes, dances, and activities for kids. They have supported acquiring equipment for the school kids and adults including pickleball, ping pong, basketball. We are thinking about starting a badminton ladder. They have held ballroom dancing and mushroom walks. Our Zoning Board of Appeals, a body that gets to work when there are special land use requests, needs members. We have three by the skin of our teeth and should have a five-member board.

Annual Town Meeting is May 6th Monday. The Selectboard have decided to move the Town Meeting back to the town hall. There is a plan to have a pre-town meeting, an opportunity to ask questions of the Finance Committee at a separate meeting prior to the town meeting. The finance committee plans once again to have detailed written explanations for voters. This premeeting will give folks a chance to get more comfortable with the material prior to the meeting.

We have a new building inspector who begins April 1st. We welcome Justin Gale and thank Phil Delorey for his many years of service. We are looking for custodial services at Town Hall with the departure of Gerry Flematti. I have somebody who will try the cleaning but is not up for the winter.

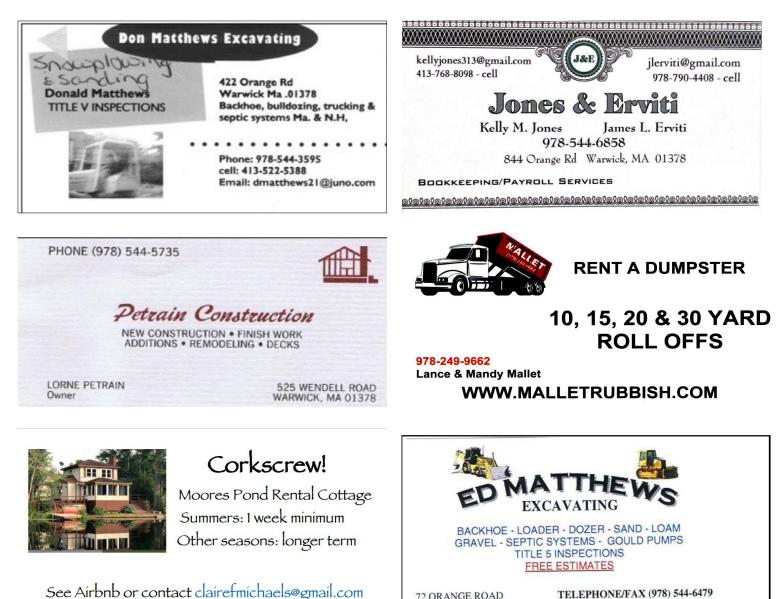
For the past three years the town has benefited from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). It is a federal stimulus package that provided \$1.9 trillion in relief and recovery funds to address the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARPA includes \$350 billion for state and local governments, of which Massachusetts got about \$8.1 billion. ARPA funds were used in the past three years to support MA highways and to aid MA municipalities through grants. The ARPA allocates \$26.5 billion for highway and bridge projects across the country, of which Massachusetts got about \$435 million. During this time Warwick received three \$1M highway grants, \$640K of flood relief funding from the state for an event which was not federally-eligible though FEMA. ARPA funds also supplement the existing funding sources for projects, such as the federal Highway Trust Fund, the state Transportation Bond Bill, and the state gas tax. The ARPA funds have accelerated the completion of projects and have created or sustained thousands of jobs. There has been considerable investment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Warwick received \$237K. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 (we have met this requirement) and must be spent by December 31, 2026. The ARPA funds boosted the fiscal health and economic recovery of our town. We have used the funds to invest in infrastructure. Examples include the transfer station wall and a fence under construction, fire station construction costs, supported outside consulting to help us make Warwick Broadband better able to meet the increased traffic folks working from home added, paid for some of the costs we incurred with legal and educational consultants needed to start our own school district, supported software upgrades in tax collections, assessing department, and was used to invest in technology to mitigate infection such as air cleaners. Finally, I note that getting MA DEP and US EPA financial support for the cleanup at the Wendell Road PFAS contaminated town owned site would never have been on such a fast track. Typically, the wait to be funded is years. It is clear to me we are better off, and we can be grateful we made investments and did not use much for revenue infill that would cause taxpayer burden to go up when the funds are gone.

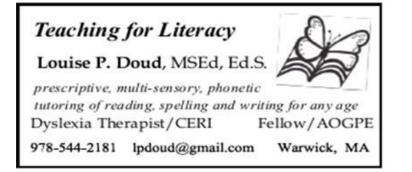
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	1 Library 10:00 am-4:00 pm Learn & Play Group Library 10:30 am	2 Zumba; Bone & Balance; Tai-Chi; Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall; WW Guild 1:00 pm Library 1:00-8:00 pm	3 Yoga Transfer Sta- tion 3:00- 7:00 pm	4 Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	5 Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	6 Library 10-12:30; Yo- ga; Zumba; Climate Change bell ringing 11:00 am; T. Station 8:00-3:00 pm; Climate 11:30 -12:30 pm; Chil- dren's Business Fair 10.m2:00 p.m. WCS
7 Worship Svc 10:00 am	8 Library 10:00 am -4:00 pm Learn & Play Group Library 10:30 am Solar Eclipse	9 Zumba; Bone & Balance; Tai-Chi; Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall; Library 1:00-8:00 pm	10 Yoga Book Club 10:00 am at Library	11 Foot Clinic 8:00 am Library 5:00- 8:00 pm + Blues Stories 7:00 pm	12 Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	13 Library 10-12:30; Yoga ; Zumba Transfer Station 8:00- 3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm
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# Would you like your ad here next month? Call 978-544-8304 or email jpaganetti@warwickma.org



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED** 

# WARWICK COMMUNITY

# NEWSLETTER

# DATES TO REMEMBER:



Warwick Children's Business Fair—Apr 6

Eclipse– Apr 8

Book Club—Apr 10

Blues Stories @ Library—Apr 11

Roadside Cleanup—Apr 20

Wooden Fender Music—Apr 20

Vernal Pool Day—Apr 21

TCC Movie Night—Apr 24 Library Short Story Hour—Apr 25

Celebrate Earth Day Every Day April 22