Warwick Community Newsletter

Please note that all articles, ads and correspondence should be emailed if possible to: <u>warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>www.warwickma.org</u> due to space limitations.

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	
Clerk/Assessors	8304
Bd of Health	6315
Community School	6310
Police Dept Busine	ss 2244
Building Inspector	2236
FAX all depts.	6499
Burn Permits:	
www.fcburnpermits	.com

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

Foot Clinics

September 13th

October 11th

November 15th

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December 13th

TOWN CLERK NEWS

<u>Office Hours</u>: Mondays 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

<u>Please note</u>: The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, for Labor Day. The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, at the Town Hall from 7:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Thank you, John Paganetti, Town Clerk

ASSESSOR CLERK OFFICE HOURS

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

Thank you, Tracy Styles, Assessor Clerk

PENDING APPROVAL: The Women's Guild of Warwick will sell "meals to go"

on National Election Day, November 5th, 2024,

from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

at the Warwick Town Hall Dining Room.



Moores Pond Beach Committee

The MPBC will meet on Tuesday, September 10th, 6:00 p.m.

at the Beach.

Warwick Women's Guild Events

<u>Sept 3, 2024</u> Women's Guild will meet Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 1PM in the Library where we will be entertained by Dan Kironac on keyboard and sing. Dan has been with us before, and we have fun singing along with him, as he picks songs of our generation.

<u>Oct 1, 2024</u> Women's Guild will meet on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 1 PM in the Town Hall, upstairs where tentatively we will be joined by our Fire Chief.

TRANSFER STATION UPDATE:

The Transfer Station will continue to be open on Wednesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. until October 1st.

LIBRARY NEWS - SEPTEMBER 2024

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/discounted admission passes to the Brattleboro Museum of Arts & Culture, the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Clark Museum, Historic Deerfield, Magic Wings Butterfly Museum, MassMOCA, Mass. State Parks (DCR Free Parking Pass), the New England Botanical Garden, OIC Makerspace and The Trustees of Reservations's *Go Pass*.

Prepare a Recipe from the *Original White House Cook Book* (1887): The Cookbook, an immaculate reproduction from 2003, will be on view at the Library for the next few months for patrons to peruse and select a favorite—to be prepared and shared at a Fall event. Grover Cleveland was president that year, and later became the only president (so far) to leave the White House and return for a second term four years later (1885 -1889 and 1893-1897).

Timbale of Maccaroni: "Break in very short lengths small maccaroni (vermicelli, spaghetti, tagliarini). Let it be rather overdone; dress it with butter and grated cheese; then work into it one or two eggs, according to quantity. Butter and bread-crumb a plain mold, and when the maccaroni is nearly cold fill the mold with it, pressing it well down and leaving a hollow in the centre, into which place a well-flavored mince of meat, poultry or game; then fill up the mold with more maccaroni, pressed well down. Bake in a moderately heated oven, turn out and serve.

Author's Talk: Kathy Stanton - Food Margins: Lessons of an Unlikely Grocer: Thursday Sept 5. @ 7 pm: Join local author Kathy Stanton of Wendell for a hands-on talk and discussion about her experience working with the Quabbin Harvest Food Co-op in Orange and the challenges of making change in the industrial food system. Kathy teaches anthropology at Tufts University in Boston. Copies of the book, which was published earlier this year by the University of Massachusetts Press, will be on sale.

Shroom Talk & Walk - Saturday, Sept. 7th @ 1 pm (rain date Sunday Sept. 8): Meet at the Library at 1 pm for a short talk and then a woods trail walk with Justin Ivins of Warwick, a self-taught mushroom grower and hobby mycologist with over 10 years of experience. Justin will cover some basic facts about fungi and their life cycles, the study of mycology, methods of cultivation, what they may be used for (such as medicinal, culinary, materials science purposes), a discussion of local species and some methods of identification. We'll then head over to the trails at Mount Grace for a casual walk, aiming to spot some local species.

Suggestions for items to bring: hiking shoes (Mount Grace trails can get mucky!), a basket or mesh/breathable bag if you would like to collect some samples, and a pocket knife may be helpful to harvest mushrooms without harming them too much.

Monthly Short Story Hour: Diane Williams - Thursday, Sept. 26th @ 7:30 pm. We'll read selections from *I Hear You're Rich* (2023). *The Paris Review* has called Williams "the godmother of flash fiction." "Williams can do more with two sentences than most writers can do with two hundred pages." (The *New York Review of Books*) "Mysterious, gemlike, and strange." (*Kirkus Reviews*) Come to read or just to listen.

Enjoy *The Sun* **Magazine**: Thanks to a generous patron, the Library now has available many recent issues of this magazine, beloved by many. *The Sun* is an independent, ad-free magazine that for more than fifty years has used words and photographs to probe the depths of the human experience. Each monthly issue celebrates life, but not in a way that ignores its complexity.

The Green Corner Warwick Community School's New Little Blue Bus

By mid-September, some WCS students will have a different kind of school bus ride. Many readers will remember that last year we used just one yellow bus contracted from Kuzmeskus to transport our students to and from school. To have one bus traveling to all corners of Warwick meant three trips in the morning and two in the afternoon, creating a long wait each morning and afternoon for school to open or close. Our talented school staff made sure the kids had snacks and activities, but it wasn't ideal. Some of you may also remember that PVRS contracted two Kuzmeskus buses for this same work when WCS was in that district, but I wasn't the only one happy to cut that cost in half!

This year we have a second vehicle that is well-equipped to travel our smaller rural roads and supplement the larger bus to shorten the time needed to start and end the school day. The blue Kia EV9 Wind is a full-size SUV, all-wheel drive and all electric. It seats six students plus the driver. Electric vehicles (EVs) require considerably less maintenance compared to gas or diesel engines. The EV9 can also be "fueled" at school when it isn't being used. This model is predicted to get 300 miles on a full charge, which may translate to 200-250 on the coldest days; enough to be able to skip a day or two of charging if needed. It is fitted with the equipment required to meet the Massachusetts Registry's "7D" regulations. Drivers are required to get training and a special certificate to pick up and drop off students at their homes and operate the school bus lights. WCS and the Town will have the ability to use the vehicle with the school bus sign down for other trips, including field trips.

- Diana Noble, Vice-Chair of The Warwick School Committee



The Warwick Arts Council Presents:

The 31st Annual Art Show and Sale



Warwick Town Hall October 12th – October 13th 10am -3pm both Saturday and Sunday

<u>"Meet The Artists" Reception Friday</u> October 11th at 7pm

Come see: Paintings, Photographs, Ceramics, Collage, Literature, Quilts, Watercolors, Monotypes, 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. If you know a friend or family member who has work that you think others would like to see, please encourage them to submit.

Details: The Annual Art Show has truly become a community event, with volunteers doing it all! We need help with setting up the show, staffing the town hall, and breakdown. **Drop off +Set Up Time is Thurs. Oct. 10th 5-8pm** 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: Sunday at 3pm** Everyone's Welcome! Free Admission! Donations gratefully accepted.



WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy August,

We are so thrilled to be welcoming students back for year two at the Warwick Community School. We have an exceptional faculty with both new and returning members. **Our new classroom teachers are:**

- Our founding junior kindergarten/kindergarten teacher is Christina Tomasik. Christina has just moved to western, MA from Cape Cod, where she served as both a special education teacher and an early education teacher. Christina has her Masters in Mild to Moderate Disabilities and loves to integrate music into her teaching.
- Our new 1st/2nd grade teacher is Libby Keller. Libby was most recently a second grade teacher in Holyoke. She has also served as a museum educator. She has her Masters in Arts in Education and loves incorporating the arts into her teaching.
- Lydia Gottwald will serve as our 5th/6th grade teacher this year. Lydia comes to Warwick from Salem, MA where she was teaching 5th grade. Lydia has her Masters in Education and is passionate about nature and environmental justice.



<u>Something that makes WCS unique is how much time we devote to learning together.</u> You will also see in the newsletter a piece from our new principal, Stephen Stroud, about the science of reading study that the faculty is engaged in under the direction of our very own Louise Doud. Louise will be training all of our full time teachers in Orton Gillingham this year, which is a central component of our Long Range Plan. We are also continuing our study of nature-centered project based learning with another local educator, Paul Bocko. Paul is a professor at Antioch University.

As a community school, we are eager to weave community member's wisdom into the fabric of our school. Please contact us to visit or find a way to volunteer.

Warmly, *Carole* <u>superintendent@warwick-k12.us</u>

Warwick After School Programs Begin September 16th! <u>Programs are free and sponsored by the Town of Warwick</u>

All Clubs begin at 3:15 and pick up is 4:30

For more information and to sign up please contact Janice Starmer. hoothill@valinet.com or call 978-544-8968, 413-522-7123 (cell).

HOLA Spanish Club begins Monday, Sept. 16th grades 1st -6th. Lois Wells will be leading this active, hands on program. Join her in learning about the South American countries and their culture, while you learn to



speak Spanish.

Bone Crafting begins Tuesday, Sept. 17th grades 2nd- 6th. Join Coco King to learn the primitive art of working with bone as a resource for making tools and jewelry. Learn to shape your creations out of bone with files and sandpaper. Sculpting will take place outside under the maple trees, or under the new pavilion.

Kirigami begins Wednesday, Sept. 18th grades 1st -6th.

Have fun folding paper into interesting shapes and patterns with Brian Snell. The <u>autumn session</u> will focus on the basics to create take-home art of kirigami, folded paper art. During the <u>winter session</u> we will expand our

activities to include **tessellations** – the use of polygons (triangles, squares, hexagons and other like shapes) to create unique tiling patterns, another artistic expression of science and math in art. This ancient art form is over 5,000 years old with the earliest examples from the Middle East and the ancient Roman Empire.

Art and Nature Club begins Thursday, Sept. 19th,

grades K -6th. Come follow your creative spirit, learning new skills and enjoying old favorites with Janice Starmer. Drawing, painting, block printing, working with leather, clay and fiber arts will be explored.



2024-25 School Year Calendar

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Warwick School District

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No school	Half-day: All	Teachers' first day	Student dismissal	Full day	Half-day
Half-day: Elem.	Half-day: PVRS	New Staff First Day	PVRS	2:30pm	11:30am
Student first & last days			Elem.*	3:00pm	12:30 pm

Aug. 12	New Staff First Day	Jan. 1, 2025	No school: New Years Day (offices closed)
Aug. 14	Teachers' first day	Jan. 20	No school: MLK Day (offices closed)
Aug. 28	Gr. PreK-12 first day (full day)	Jan. 22-24	Half-days @ PVRS (exams, in-service, MS conf.)
•		Feb. 5	Half-day, WCS only (in-service)
Aug. 30	Half-day, all students (In-service)	Feb. 7	Half-day, PVRS (in-service)
Sept. 2	No school: Labor Day (offices closed)	Feb. 17	Presidents' Day (offices closed)
Sept. 25	Half-day, WCS only (in-service)	Feb. 17-21	February Vacation
Sept. 27	Half-day, PVRS (in-service)	March 26-28	Half-days @ Elementary only (conferences)
Oct. 11	No school, all students (In-service)	April 9	Half-day, WCS only (In-service)
Oct. 14	No school: Indigenous Peoples' Day (offices closed)	April 11	Half-day, PVRS (In-service)
		April 21	Patriots' Day (offices closed)
Oct. 23-25	Half-days @ Elementary (conferences)	April 21-25	No school: April vacation
Nov. 8	No school, all students (In-service)	May 2	Half-day, PVRS (In-service)
Nov. 11	No school: Veterans' Day (offices closed)	May 7	Half-day, WCS only (In-service)
Nov. 27	Half-day, all students and staff	May 26	No school: Memorial Day (offices closed)
Nov. 28-29	No school: Thanksgiving (offices closed)	June 6	PVRS Graduation
Dec. 11	Half-day, WCS only (in-service)	June 10-12	Half-days @ PVRS (exams)
Dec. 13	Half-day, PVRS (in-service)	June 12	Last day, half-day, all students (if no snow days)
Dec. 23-31	No school: December vacation	June 19	Juneteenth (offices closed)
Dec. 24-25	Christmas (offices closed)	June 20	Last day, half-day (if five snow days used)

*Exact dismissal times at WCS depend on transportation method.

"In-service" includes professional development, work sessions, and meetings.

Approved by School Committee X/XX/24

Coordinator for September 2024 Community Newsletter - David Young

September will mark the 3rd month of holding technology events at the Warwick Inn. In September, the events will be on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursdays. Those dates are the 5th, 12th, and 26th and will be held from 9:00 until noon. So far, we've learned how to cast audio-visual programming to a smart TV using your phone to initiate. We have also learned how to do what is most recently described as screen recording. You may know this as screen mirroring from a device like a tablet or a smartphone to a remote screen. In this latter case, the big screen is just becoming a remote display, and all the streaming is happening through the phone rather than simply being initiated. Here is a tech tip: make sure your devices are on the same wireless network, or none of the above can work. Other things we have done include learning about QR codes. We are quite frankly not that good with Apple devices, but we have muddled through understanding them and we have figured them out. It is fun to watch and learn how to use search tools, including artificial intelligence. There are no age limits and there are no stupid questions. We hope the times chosen work for you. If they do not, let us know what will work, because over the next year we will be doing quite a lot of this work under the aegis of "digital literacy" and expect to be open Monday through Friday as a place to gather and a place to conquer modern technology very shortly.

The Town is looking for volunteers. A group of us are working on capital planning. To date we have met three times. So far, meetings have been held on Tuesday in the late afternoon. You can attend in person or via Zoom. We use the same Zoom link as for Selectboard meetings. In addition to this capital plan, we are looking for one more member to appoint to the five-member Zoning Board of Appeals. You could come on as an alternate and learn by doing and be the back-up to a regular member. Contact me with any questions or to indicate your interest.

At Old home Days we recognized folks who were instrumental in the establishment of the independent Warwick Mass School District. An extremely critical player was our very generous consultant, a retired superintendent, Dr Susan Hollins. We would never have gotten the separation from the regional district without her knowledge, generosity, and overarching involvement. We also recognized Tony Streeter who came out of retirement to lead our custodial and most importantly facilities management in our first year. Tony's contributions were immense, and I hope and plan to rely on him for special projects going forward. We wish him a happy second retirement.

The senior meal site is at the Town Hall on Tuesdays at noon. We restarted this effort a little more than a year ago in the school cafeteria with Chef Gale B. When the school re-opened we changed our approach to mimic the school lunch design, and the chef was preparing a main course and sending a kit up to the new location, the Town Hall. In January, Gail left and Howard M, Clyde P. Jr and I started cooking from scratch for the senior meal. Recently, Laurette C joined us. This model is certainly financially sustainable thanks to generous donations of the patrons and our volunteers. The number of participants continues to grow, and we welcome that. No reservations are required, and take-out is allowed too. The suggested donation is \$5 for a meal, and we welcome you no matter what you can afford to contribute.

Larry Kilroy and volunteers whom Larry and School Committee member Janice Starmer organized finished the roof on the performance pavilion. Steve and Janice K donated lumber for the roof deck, and they have agreed that the excess can go down to the Gale Road bridge so that we can reopen it for pedestrian and equine traffic. That will call for more volunteer labor.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Gibbet Hill Grill

61 Lowell Road

Groton, MA 01450

978-448-2900

I know quite a few people who have dined at this restaurant and have raved about it. So, when I went to The Groton Music Center (which I reviewed last month), we went to this place since it was a short ride away.

I must say, the folks who raved about it were correct. The place is fabulous. We had a waiter who was great and checked on us regularly. I wanted a steak that night, so I ordered a New York sirloin which you could cut with a table knife, and it melted in my mouth. I can honestly that it was the best steak I have ever had in a restaurant.

It's not a place you could afford to go to every day or even every week, but it's definitely a place for any special occasion or to try at least once. The parking lot was crowded that night since they had a function in one of the other 'barns' on the property. The restaurant is in a barn with multiple rooms, downstairs and upstairs, and a bar as you walk in. They have a produce farm which the chef plans the menu around. I'm looking forward to my next visit whenever that will be.

Bon Appetit,

Gloria Varno

WARWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Warwick Historical Society will hold its quarterly meeting at the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 18th, at 4:00 p.m. Come one, come all!

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

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

TCC UP-COMING EVENTS

<u>Movies in the Chapel</u>: Every month in the Metcalf Chapel we show a film that relates to important historic events which occurred during that month, or films with themes of social, environmental, or political justice. For September we'll be honoring Hispanic Heritage Month with "Like Water for Chocolate," a 1992 Mexican romantic drama which looks at differing gender roles, cultural values, and tradition. This film was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film. And—as always—popcorn will be served! Join us on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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 and 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 Survival Center in Turners.

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 on-Iy "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.

Available in the Chase Hill Farm Store

GELATO DEL NONNO

Made at Chase Hill Farm Made with Organic Milk from Miller Farm (Vernon, Vermont) Flavors include Vanilla, Vanilla Peppermint, Chocolate, Chocolate Peppermint, and Maple Cream

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WARWICK

Fall brings with it a sense of anticipation, of shifting seasons, and every four years it also heralds a national presidential election. It is all about change in one form or another, and fall asks of us to be patient, to trust, and to prepare our hearts for the long dark days of winter. But prior to that, we are rewarded with a bountiful harvest, perhaps the gentle warmth of "Second Summer" for a few weeks, and for some the joy of looking toward family gatherings.

In election years, the familiar cozy feeling of impending fall can lead to concern and dismay, or, depending upon your chosen candidate's performance at the polls, it might lead to triumphant fist-bumps with like-minded friends. As this election season ramps up to the usual autumn frenzy, what can we do to remain more balanced and less fearful? In Scripture we are offered all kinds of advice about just about every life situation, and Daniel 2:21 reminds us of one important thing, "He changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding."

In times of political turmoil, it can be reassuring to realize that though we humans can set up governments and elect presidents, and those governments and elected officials can fail us, God never will. Whatever your understanding of God might be, whatever name you call God, you can count on God's presence through it all, as well as the comfort of recognizing the age-old wisdom of the saying, "This too shall pass." Regardless of whether your candidate wins or loses, it will still be a relatively temporary situation that will change again in four years...and four years in the grand scheme of things is but a blip. The pendulum of politics will swing back and forth throughout the ages, but our faith in a God that holds us all lovingly and understandingly is the one thing we can count on for stability.

May your fall be peaceful and filled with crackling leaves underfoot and all the pumpkin spice you desire!

Warmly,

Rev. Cindy



HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 GCC MAIN CAMPUS AND ORANGE TRANSFER STATION

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 13TH

Register online at: franklincountywastedistrict.org or fill out the form on the back of this sheet and mail it.

Your appointment time and directions will be mailed after registration is processed.

For residents and businesses of the following towns:

Athol, Barre*, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Rowe, Royalston, Shelburne, Sunderland*, Warwick, Wendell, Whately.

This collection event is free for residents. *Barre and Sunderland residents must pay to participate in 2024. Space is limited. Greenfield and Leyden residents are not eligible and should call (413) 772-1528 for info on disposal.

For business registration and pricing information, call (413) 772-2438.

LATEX PAINT IS NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS COLLECTION.



WHAT TO BRING Any substance labeled: CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON FLAMMABLE, WARNING, DANGER, CAUTION



FROM YOUR YARD

Flea powder Fungicides Herbicides Insect sprays Lighter fluid Muriatic acid No-Pest strips Pesticides Pool chemicals Rodent killers Root killers

FROM YOUR GARAGE

Antifreeze Asphalt sealer Brake fluid Carburetor cleaner Creosote wood sealer Engine degreaser Gas treatments Gasoline, Kerosene Radiator flusher Solvents Transmission fluid Used motor oil

FROM YOUR WORKSHOP

Degreasers Lead & oil-based paints (Latex paint not accepted) Paint thinners Roofing tar Rust inhibitors Solvents Spray cans (paint/haz.) Stains Varnish Wood preservatives Wood strippers

FROM YOUR HOME

Arts & crafts supplies Chemistry kits Drain cleaners Furniture/metal polish Mercury thermometers Mercury thermostats Mothballs Oven cleaners Photo chemicals Spot remover Toilet cleaners Upholstery cleaner

WHAT <u>NOT</u> TO BRING

Fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, mercury-containing items (see reverse for alternate disposal), **latex paint,** empty containers from hazardous products (put empties in trash, not recycling), gas cylinders, radioactive material, explosives (including ammunition & fireworks).

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



Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

Safe Home—Healthy Home

We are exposed to harmful chemicals in many waysincluding products we use to clean our homes or maintain our yards. Only a small portion of the more than 80,000 chemicals registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have been thoroughly tested for human health concerns. Many common chemicals found in our homes can have immediate toxic effects on adults, children, and pets if not used properly. Others may have long-term health effects after repeated exposure. Particles from detergents, cosmetics, pesticides, and



other chemicals are found in the dust in our homes, potentially contributing to asthma.



We can make our homes safer by adopting minor changes to how we clean our homes or care for our lawns and gardens, and through proper storage, use, and disposal of household chemicals. Consider purchasing nontoxic or low-toxic products. When considering a chemical product, ask yourself if something else you already have will do the job. Common household items such as baking soda, vinegar, and plant-based soaps can often clean just as well as specialty cleaners.

Mercury-containing items such as thermometers, thermostats and compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) should never be put in the trash or recycling. These items won't be accepted at the 2024 Hazardous Waste

Collection Day. Thermometers and thermostats are accepted free of charge at District transfer stations; put in a plastic bag and hand to the attendant. All types of fluorescent bulbs are accepted at Franklin County transfer stations, including Greenfield transfer station, and Lowe's Stores. Home Depot only accepts CFL bulbs. These items are also accepted at the District's regional hazardous waste "Super Sites." Fees may apply; handle items carefully.

Batteries (rechargeable, lithium, button) and cell phones are other common household items that should never be placed in the trash. If these batteries are burned in waste combustion facilities or buried in landfills they can release mercury, cadmium, or other heavy metals into the air and water, entering the food chain and posing health threats to people and the environment. Proper disposal of these batteries and cell phones is free at all District transfer stations; hand them to the attendant. Towns that do not have transfer stations have collection boxes at town hall. Residents can bring vehicle batteries to auto parts stores and most municipal transfer stations for free recycling or get paid at scrap metal dealers.

For information on alternatives to chemical products, and information about proper disposal of hazardous chemicals, mercury and sharps (needles): franklincountywastedistrict.org, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, (413) 772-2438. The District is an equal opportunity provider. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD).

Hazardous Waste Day Registration - submit by September 13, 2024 (or register online):

Please fill out this form <u>completely</u> and mail to: FCSWMD, 117 Main St, Greenfield, MA 01301	Specify type and quantity of waste Ex: 2 gallons gas, 5 lbs. pesticides Please be specific!
Resident name:	·
Mailing address:	
Town of residence:	
Daytime phone:	
Email:	

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Svc 10:00 am	2 Town Hall & Library Closed Labor Day	3 State Primary TH 7:00 am-8:00 pm WW Guild 1:00 pm Library		5 Warwick Inn Tech Help 9:00 am-Noon Library 5:00-8:00 pm; Author's Talk, Library 7:00 pm	6 Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel Healing Circle 7:00 pm Town Hall	7 Yoga; Zumba; WCS Transfer Station 8:00- 3:00 pm; Climate Bell Ringing 11:00 am; Cli- mate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm; 'Shroom Talk & Walk 1:00 pm
8 Worship Svc 10:00 am	9 Library 10:00 am-4:00 pm Learn & Play Group Library 10:30 am	10 Zumba; Bone & Balance; Tai-Chi; Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall; Women's Guild 1 pm; Beach Comm mtg @ 6:00 pm; Library 1:00-8:00 pm	11 Yoga; Book Club Library 10:00 am T. Station 3:00-6:00 pm	12 Warwick Inn Tech Help Inn 9:00 am-Noon Library 5:00-8:00 pm	13 Foot Clinic 8:00 am TCC Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	14 Yoga; Zumba; WCS Transfer Station 8:00- 3:00 pm; Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm
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