Warwick Community Newsletter

Please note: All articles, ads and correspondence should be emailed, if possible, to warwicknewslet-ter01378@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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Fire Station 3314

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

Robert & Asako Day, Susan & Raymond Lagace, Montague WebWorks

Total: \$120.00

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 office will be closed on December 25th and January 1st, 2025.

Thank you,

John Paganetti, Town Clerk

ASSESSOR CLERK OFFICE HOURS

Office hours: 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

Foot Clinics

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

*** PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO December Clinic. ***

January 10th, 2025

February 7th

March 7th



April 4th

May 9th

June 6th



Council on Aging News

Beginning In January, 2025, the suggested donation for the Foot Clinic will change from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Thank you

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

ZUMBA Zumba is a great workout and lots of fun for people of all ages and abilities. Your first two classes are always free! Tuesdays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m., Town Hall \$5

PICKLEBALL & PING-PONG 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

From Stephen Stroud, Principal of Warwick Community Elementary School

Hello Warwick Community,

Warwick Community Elementary School's mission includes "providing an innovative and engaging" education. Our school self-identifies as a "learning organization," where all community members are active learners, adults and children alike. Research suggests learning organizations are among the most effective (Senge, 2021), and students' self-awareness of their learning is a key factor in the successful schools (Hattie, 2023). Our school strives to cultivate exemplary growth in both our staff and our students through intentional learning, goal-setting, and effective feedback .

Our staff has weekly professional learning sessions during which they work with experts on our focus topics of early literacy, project- and place-based learning, and culturally and linguistically responsive practice. They learn the research and theory about the learning principles at play as well as practical strategies to teach effective lessons. Effective feedback is another essential driver of successful schools (Wisniewski et al., 2020). Administrators at WCS visit class-rooms regularly and provide feedback aligned to teachers' self-selected goals related to our professional learning. Teachers pair up and do "collegial visits" to see each other in practice and help support each other in their growth by giving feedback that is specific, helpful, and actionable.

Warwick Community School students are on a similar track; each student leads a meeting with their families and teacher to co-create a "personalized learning plan" (PLP). A PLP is a document that empowers students to be independent critical thinkers and chart a course for themselves to leverage their strengths to grow as much as possible. The PLP focuses on several areas of learning, including: state standards such as reading, writing, math, science, and social studies; students' social-emotional learning such as empathy and self-care; and students' passions such as sports, dance, horse driving, art, music, and anything else students' are eager to learn about. PLP's are used by teachers to help craft lessons that ensure students are learning what's required by the state through the lens of their own interests and curiosity; teachers engage students in the learning process by aligning their feedback to students' own goals.

If you'd like to talk about learning organizations, please reach out!

Learning together,

Stephen StroudPrincipal, Warwick Community School sstroud@warwick-k12.us

Warwick Women's Guild Events

<u>Dec 4, 2024</u> Please note the change in date. The Women's Guild will meet on <u>Wednesday, December 4,</u>

2024, at 1 PM at the Town Hall dining area for our annual delivery of fruit baskets. The change

in date is due to Senior Lunch being on Tuesday, and we need the space all day.

<u>Jan 7, 2025</u> Annual Reports will be discussed, followed by playing LRC (Left, right, center). Bring your

pennies! We will meet upstairs in the Town Hall.

The Women's Guild would like to thank everyone for supporting their sales of muffins and treats during the election.

Are you 65 or older?

Do you need a smoke detector or a carbon monoxide detector? The Women's Guild in conjunction with the Warwick Fire Department are providing these detectors for a limited time. Please contact Nancy Kilhart or other members of the Guild if interested.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Gabby's Place (978) 632-2282

173 Pearson Blvd Mon-Fri 6 AM to 1 PM (across the street from Nick's) Sat-Sun 6 AM to 12 PM

Gardner, MA 01440

Every time I've been to Nick's Restaurant in Gardner, I have seen this restaurant and it's never open. So, after a doctor's appointment one morning, I was going to meet a friend from Gardner for breakfast and asked her about this place. What a surprise! The place is tiny with about three tables that seat approximately four people each and a counter with about eight to ten stools— but the breakfast was great.

They have a small lunch menu of burgers and a few sandwiches, but the breakfast menu contains just about anything you can think of for breakfast. Continuous coffee is served. I had my standard of two eggs over easy, bacon, home fries and toast for \$6.95. Prices are very reasonable. The waitress was very friendly and seemed to know everyone including my friend, so that helped. A steady stream of single people came in for breakfast at the counter. We were the only customers seated at a table. I'm definitely planning on bringing visiting friends to this restaurant.

Bon Appetit!

Gloria Varno

Coordinator for December 2024 Newsletter - David Young

The Selectboard has scheduled a Special Town Meeting to take place at the Warwick Community School Gym on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 P.M. Several articles will be under consideration including appropriations for reducing the FY25 property tax levy, installing Solar PV (photo voltaic) at the new Fire Station, adding funds to the Highway Machinery Fund which is under the control of the Highway Commission, and funding after-school and summer activities for Warwick children.

The Special Town Meeting will consider an amendment to the zoning bylaws regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to comply with the MA 2024 Affordable Housing Act. This is housekeeping on our end to make our land use zoning comply with the legislation enacted statewide and includes changes to size limits on ADUs and occupancy requirements.

The Town has several pieces of special legislation we have submitted to the legislature. These are called "home rule" petitions and require enactment to become law. We have one bill we submitted and keep resubmitting every year to allow foreign nationals who are residents to participate in our town elections and town meetings. Another joins with several other tiny school districts asking for relief from an administrative edict that effectively prevents Warwick School District from enrolling school choice students because we taxpayers might have to pay tuition for Jr and Sr High school on children who are not our residents should those students choose to stay with their classmates beyond elementary school. That is insanity, not legal, and our School Committee is not taking the risk; so this needs to be enacted before we allow "choice in." Finally, there was one win in home rules. State law says police may not serve beyond a certain age. We just got word that our home rule petition passed so that our police chief may remain active until age 70.

We have established a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization to raise funds to support education. This was part of our plan that we submitted and were awarded by the New Schools Venture Fund. As a government we can seek foundation, and state and federal grants. Beyond that, it is dicey when government types start asking for donations. Pioneer District has its Foundation. We have launched the Warwick Education Foundation. It first funding goal is scholarships for the preschool we have launched. The foundation is open for business: the mailing address is Town Hall 12 Athol Rd (01378), and you can send donations.

On 11/22 Warwick received an award from MA DOER (energy department) for reaching its 20% energy reduction goal. This is the next designation up from being a Green Community and provides access to additional grant funding for EVs and EV conversions, community outreach programs, and other innovative clean energy projects. The next Step is Climate Leader Status, which unlocks \$60 million in State funding. Special congratulations to Building and Energy Chair Janice Kurkoski. She presented to a breakout conference group that I attended on Warwick's accomplishments. Janice made me proud on behalf of Warwick. The second-best news I heard that day is that the 30% federal tax incentives are revenue expenditures and part of the tax code, so they are not likely to "go away," as they would need to be repealed and are popular with most US House of Representatives members in both parties.

That used truck I wrote about we had to walk away from after we had it surveyed. The transmission was weak. The Highway Department has been shopping and are bidding on another used one, a low-mileage Mack with a wing plow.

Thanks to Brian Peters and George Day who donated their labor, the 20 MPH school zone lights are working with new clocks. Thanks also to Mike Mankowsky for pumping out the vault under the town fountain and getting the jug filler adjusted so it does not overshoot. Now, Highway can winterize the fountain.

Tech Thursday at the Warwick Inn continues. Its scheduled Thursdays Dec 5, 12, and 19 from 9 am to noon.

LIBRARY NEWS - DECEMBER

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

Library of Things – available to borrow: The Library's infrared camera can show you where you are losing heat in your home – It's easy to use. The Watt Meter will tell you the energy use of household appliances. Also available: Go Pro camera, telescope, ukulele – and books, too!

Stories from Behind the Scenes - Thursday Dec. 12th @ 7 pm: The Warwick Library is pleased to host Warwick's one-and-only Clare Green for an evening of readings and stories from her life. Clare will read vignettes relating to her clairvoyant abilities and experiences, while also encouraging those in attendance to share theirs. Clairvoyant since childhood, she will explain the different qualities of clairvoyance. Clare believes that all peoples have the capacity to be clairvoyant and to nurture it, if they so choose. All are welcome.

Monthly Short Story Hour: F. Scott Fitzgerald - Thursday, Dec. 19th (3rd Thursday) @ 7:30 pm. We'll read selections this month from *Flappers and Philosophers*, the first short story collection by F. Scott Fitzgerald. This collection, "shimmering with exuberance and youth," was first published in 1920, following closely on the heel's of Fitzgerald's "triumphant" first novel, *This Side of Paradise*. Fitzgerald would go on to write his Jazz Age classic, *The Great Gatsby*, a few years later (published in 1925). Come to read or just to listen.

Bertie's Guide to Life and Mothers: Anyone perusing the new fiction titles these days might have noticed a rash of recent novels by Scottish author Alexander McCall Smith, easily one of the most popular contemporary writers of fiction—and possibly the most prolific. (Yes, even more than James Patterson!) Until recently, my own actual experience of McCall Smith's work had been a very satisfying listen a dozen years or so back to the audio book version of *The World According to Bertie*—the fourth entry (2007) in McCall Smith's acclaimed *44 Scotland Street* series, which now stretches to 15 books. Not to mention his other very popular series that he's continued to pump out at an unfathomable rate for so many years.

When a patron recently ordered a *Scotland Street* book that unexpectedly arrived in audio format, I thought twice before sending it back. And I'm so glad I did, for *Bertie's Guide to Life and Mothers* (2013), has been as satisfying a listen as my first time around. Here are a couple of short excerpts that I found especially striking, if not necessarily "true."

"In operas as in life, it is always the strong who are the first to weep."

"Domenica liked the notion of a quest for beauty. It was true, she thought. That was what our lives were, a quest for beauty. We might not know it, we might not ever express it that way, but that was what we were doing. We yearned after beauty, which we could find in so many different ways, not just in the obvious ones."



TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WARWICK

December 2024

The holidays are barreling down upon us, and in the frenzy of shopping and decorating, it can be difficult to grab hold of the sacred in the midst. This month, our congregation is exploring "Reflecting the Sacred" in numerous ways...and discovering that the Sacred in all its forms appears all around us!

For example, have you ever stood outside under the stars on a snowy winter night and marveled at the unique silence that occurs when the ground is blanketed in white? That very spot you are standing on feels a little sacred for just a moment, doesn't it? Or perhaps there is a very special person that you encounter on a regular basis, who may not even play a significant role in your life but who radiates joy every time you encounter them. Don't your interactions with those rare individuals feel a tiny bit sacred as they seem to radiate hope and resilience?

We have all encountered the Sacred, whether or not we have ever darkened the door of a church! We have had moments, places, people, and activities throughout our lives that hinted at Something not-of-this-world. We may struggle to identify it or to explain it, but we have each likely had a Sacred "knowing" of sorts that made us sit up and take notice.

We'd love to have you with us as we learn about the unusual and interesting ways we each experience those sacred moments or experiences. We won't pretend to have answers about the "why" or "how," but we'd love to hear your own stories of meeting the Sacred in your life. And if you are uncomfortable sitting in a pew on a Sunday morning, drop by the Chapel on any Wednesday morning from 10-2 pm and visit with me...I'd be honored to hear about your encounters with the inexplicable Sacred!

And may the peace of Christ...and the Joy of the Sacred...inhabit your home for the holidays!

Warmly,

Rev. Cindy LaJoy

TCC UP-COMING EVENTS

<u>Movies in the Chapel</u>: As the holiday season is very busy, the Chapel will not be featuring a film in December. TCC Movies in the Chapel will return in the New Year, so please stay tuned!

Please join us in celebrating this special time of year...All activities will be at the Chapel:

Christmas Tree Lighting: Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Advent Workshop: Sunday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Carols: Sunday, December 15th at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship: Tuesday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.



ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

<u>FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS</u> 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."

<u>MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY</u> 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.

TECHNOLOGY HELP DAYS

Don't forget to check in at the Warwick Inn on the following dates for all your techy issues:

Thursday, December 5th, 12th & 19th 9:00 a.m. until Noon

It's a friendly atmosphere with people who can help.

Or, just stop in to say hello and have coffee!

Warwick Historical Society President's Notes

On December 18th at 4:00 pm in the Town Hall, WHS will hold its last quarterly meeting of 2024. As is customary, we will hold a Yankee Swap party where each person brings a gift to be chosen by random draw. You can exchange your gift with anyone else. If you draw #1, you get your choice of any gift at the end. Refreshments will be served.

We finally have control of the website for the Society. This hopefully will allow us to edit the home page and add more items to the catalog. This will require choosing items to include, writing a description, and taking a photograph of the item.

Mike Carey

Acting President

A few years ago the Lincoln family donated some uniforms to display at the Historical society. After getting some manikins and arranging the display I noticed that even though the uniforms were from WW1 and WW2 they had the same division patch. After doing some research I found the following information. These two did not have an easy time defending our democracy. Next time you visit look to the right at the top of the stairs to see this display with more information.



World War I

Near Mézy, France, July 1918. Here the German Army made its last great attack of World War I. It struck in the Marne River area along the road to Paris, and the weight of the blow fell on the 38th U.S. Infantry Regiment under the command of MG <u>Ulysses G. McAlexander</u>, of the 3rd Division. This was their first fight. Firing in three directions, blasted by artillery fire, taking all flesh and blood could stand, the regiments held on doggedly and threw the enemy back across the Marne. This defense checked the Germans' assault and made an Allied offensive possible. General Pershing called it "one of the most brilliant pages of our military annals."

World War II

The 3rd Division is the only division of the U.S. Army during World War II that fought the Axis on all European fronts, and was among the first American combat units to engage in offensive ground combat operations. Audie Murphy, the most highly decorated American soldier of the war, served with the 3rd Division. The 3rd Infantry Division saw combat in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria for 531 consecutive days. During the war the 3rd Infantry Division consisted of the 7th, 15th and 30th Infantry Regiments, together with supporting units.

Mike Carey

Acting President WHS

The Green Corner - "Tis The Season

We've seen significant upgrades to our Warwick Transfer Station over this past year including compost receptacles, fabric recycling bin, fencing around the perimeter, easier access to the metal bin, road access behind the main collection dumpsters for utility vehicles, and even a newly-paved road leading into the station. We'd also like to give thanks to Gerry Whitney for keeping the area so tidy and well organized.

In just a few weeks after the gift-giving season is over, many of us will be recycling whatever packing materials we can - such as wrapping paper and cardboard boxes. During this particular time of the year, a huge amount of styrofoam comes into the Transfer Station with nowhere for it to go other than into the landfill. This past year, after learning of the Gold Circuit E-Cycling center in Agawam and its ability to recycle styrofoam, a few volunteers have been collecting and holding all the TS styrofoam at their homes until transport can be arranged. Several trips to Gold Circuit have already been made, but the volume of styrofoam has gained momentum and is outpacing volunteers' capacity to manage.

Although this presents an obvious challenge, we consider it good news that we've kept a huge amount of styrofoam from being dumped into the landfill. We're in search of a solution to this Positive Problem. Other small towns in Western Mass are accepting this packing material and/or working together to transport it out of their transfer stations. Alternatively, Gold Circuit will bring a 26' box truck to collect what we have for a fee of \$200. If we had a storage place to keep it clean and dry, this problem could be solved. Our Town can step up!

The Massachusetts Sierra Club says, "As of May 2024, within Massachusetts, 62 cities and towns across 12 counties representing over 1.3 million people (20%) have already banned some form of polystyrene." Until such time when a ban works its way to our part of the state, please help us protect people, animals, and our environment from the rippling, toxic effects of this product. Thoughts, suggestions? Let us know, and Happy Holidays from the WBEC.



Warwick Trails Group

The Warwick Trails Group would like to invite you for a December 14th hike on the Beech Hill Town Land Property. Meet at the Warwick Town Hall, 1:00 PM, to caravan and/or carpool. It's less than a mile round trip to walk the trail to the Overlook. Family- and dog-on-leash-friendly.

Come see what the Trails Group has been doing! Questions? Call Clare Green (978) 544-7421, one of many members.

DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship Svc 10:00 am	Library 10:00 am -4:00 pm; Learn & Play Group Library 10:30 am	Zumba; Bone & Balance; Tai-Chi; Sr. Meal Noon Town Hall Library 1:00-8:00 pm	W Women's Guild 1:00 pm (TH)	Warwick Inn Tech Help 9:00 am-Noon Library 5:00- 8:00 pm	Free Food Friday 9:00 am @ Metcalf Chapel	Zumba 8:00 am; Yoga 9:15-10:30 am; Library 10:00 am-12:30 pm; Climate Chg bell ringing 11:00 am; Climate Vigil 11:30 -12:30 pm; T. Station 8:00-3:00 pm
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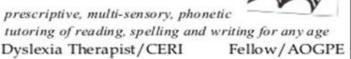
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Historical Society Mtg - Dec 18

Short Story Hour - Dec 19

Christmas Day - Dec 25

New Year's Eve - Dec 31