

# Warwick Community Newsletter

## A D M I N I S T R A T I V E   D E T A I L S

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### PHONE DIRECTORY

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Selectboard	6315
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Highway	6349
Library	7866
Fire Station	3314
Animal Control	3402
Animal Contr.Pager	217-2681
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Community School	6310
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Police Dept Business	2244
Building Inspector	2236
FAX all depts.	6499
<b>Burn Permits</b>	<b>413-625-8200</b>
<i>(Shelburne Control)</i>	

### Warwickians On-Line

If you can send and receive email, you can sign up for the Warwick-L, our town's on-line discussion group. Anything that pertains to Warwick and the people who live here is appropriate. To join us, send an email to message to [miryam@mwilliamson.com](mailto:miryam@mwilliamson.com) including your full name, address, phone number, and if you are not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join.

### A heartfelt thank you to this month's donors:

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### P i p e l i n e   N a t u r e   W a l k

On Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to noon, North Quabbin Pipeline Action will host a walk to explore Warwick wetlands that would be impacted by the proposed Kinder Morgan/ TGP gas pipeline. Company maps show the intended pipeline cutting a 2,000 foot long swathe through a large wetland complex in the vicinity of Wendell and Hockanum Roads.

Local naturalists will introduce us to Darling Brook and the shrub and sedge wetlands that surround it. We'll visit a forested wetland that has some of the largest and oldest black spruce in the area. We'll also be on the lookout for any unknown vernal pools.

Our naturalist guides will highlight several rare animal species that make their homes in these wetlands. We'll also be looking for rare wetland plants found in other Warwick wetlands.

Rubber boots are not required, but will allow you to get up close and personal with plants along the wetland edge.

Heavy rain will cancel the event. We'll try to go ahead if rain is light.

Meet at the corner of Wendell and Hockanum Roads at 9 a.m.

For more information, call Claire Green at 544-7421.

## THE GREEN CORNER

At the special town meeting, it was voted to adopt the “stretch code” and the planning board’s wording of an expedited application and permitting process for as-of-right energy facilities. This allowed the Town to apply for the “Green Communities” designation and become eligible for state grant money for energy conserving projects.

That application has been sent and we are waiting for confirmation. When that comes in, we will need to soon send in a more detailed plan of action. To do this, the Warwick Buildings and Energy Committee” is asking for input from the various departments and from Warwick residents for how the town can save energy. We have several ideas already researched, documented and ready to be finalized (such as insulating the cement highway garage, insulating and air-sealing the police building, the library and more upgrades to the Town Hall) , in cooperation with the staff of each building. This will be the first round of projects and we are looking for ideas for some of the next steps to take.

Most of the energy up grades are easy to pin point, but some are less obvious. For instance, part of the “Green Communities Program” is directed at reducing the Town’s fuel usage. Since Warwick’s town-owned vehicles are exempt from the baseline data, we are looking for other ways to show that the Town, and all its residents, are taking the fuel reduction emphasis seriously. Other towns have been able to propose programs that promote greater availability and use of mass transit, programs to increase car-pooling and even the placement of bike racks at strategic sites throughout their towns. These programs don’t appear to be readily applicable to Warwick and we are seeking ideas that will help reduce overall fuel use.

If you have ideas for this or other parts of the energy reduction plan, please let us know. The committee members are Steve and Janice Kurkoski (secretary and chair), Jack Cadwell, Dan Dibble, Mary Humphries and Matt Sheldon. You can also leave comments and suggestions with David Young or come to one of our posted meetings at the Town Hall. - submitted by Dan Dibble



Snow Tires for Sale: Size P195/70R14, very good tread, intended for Ford Ranger truck, \$80 for all four. Call Martha Morse 978-544-6470 or email [gmorse@valinet.com](mailto:gmorse@valinet.com).

### Get Moving!

At Town Hall, Sponsored by the  
Recreation Committee

Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm and Sundays at  
8am for **ZUMBA!** Drop in fee just \$5. Call  
Leanne if questions 544-5553

**Circuit Training** is 6-7pm on Wednesdays and is  
FREE! Contact Nan or Leslie for more info at  
544-1974

## Come to the 2014 Film Festival

### See How Our Communities are Working toward *Sustainable Living*

On Friday evening, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Cohn Commons at GCC, the 2014 Pioneer Valley Transition Towns Film Festival will be screening the top ten locally produced six minute films. Curtain goes up at 7:00 p.m. on films shot using the Transition Town’s essential elements for local resiliency as film topics. This film festival has become another way to raise awareness, explore alternatives, come together, encourage local creativity, and build stronger, more cohesive communities.

This year’s films represent the communities the length of the Greater Pioneer Valley with subject matter ranging from promoting use of bikes, community gardens to films from the *18 and under category* on the forest and glorious grasses just to name a few.

Admission to the Festival on November 14<sup>th</sup> is free. Juried films will be shown and prizes awarded. Following the screenings a filmmakers’ reception will provide a chance to mingle with and receive feedback from appreciative and inspired moviegoers. For more information on the film festival visit: [www.transitionnorthfieldma.org/pvttff.php](http://www.transitionnorthfieldma.org/pvttff.php)

-Judy Phillips

*Metcalf Chapel's HOLIDAY FAIR  
at Warwick Town Hall and Metcalf Chapel*



*Saturday, NOVEMBER 29, 2014*

*Coffee and Donuts starting at 8am*

*Fair 9am – 2pm*

*Crafts By Local Artisans, Gifts, Raffles, Baked Goods, Fair Trade Items, Silent Auction THEMED GIFT BASKETS, Used Clothing Sale at Metcalf Chapel and a delicious Hot Lunch!*

*Bring the family and enjoy the spirit of the holidays!*

Questions? Call Andrea at 978-544-6844

**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

There will be NO Guild meeting in November because the first Tuesday of the month (Nov. 4) is election day. However, when you come to the Town Hall to vote, stop upstairs where you'll be able to buy a cup of coffee and a donut, beginning at 8:00 a.m. And later in the day, the Guild will be selling mine-stone, baked beans, and corn muffins. Proceeds will benefit the Guild's outreach and community service projects.—Martha Morse

New books include: Broadchurch by Kelly, Edge of eternity by Follett, It Won't Always be This Great by Mehlman, personal by Child, Proof Positive by Mayor, Raising Boy Readers by Sullivan, Still Life With Breadcrumbs by Quindlen, Beginning of Everything by Schneider, Bone Clocks by Mitchell, Electric City by Rosner, Lila by Robinson, Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good by Karon, A Wolf Called Romeo by Jans, Real Santa by Hazelgrove, Truth be Told by Ryan.

New DVDs include: Heaven is for Real, Divergent, Captain America: The Winter Soldier. New Children's Books include: Bear's Sea Escape, If: A Mindbending New Way of Looking, Little Elliot: Big City, The Book With No Pictures, Horton and the Kwuggerbug, Minecraft Construction Handbook.

-Nancy Hickler, Library Director

## ANIMAL CONTROL

**FACE TIME WITH YOUR DOG:** When cleaning your dog's face and eyes, be sure to use a soft, clean washcloth or sponge. Moisten the cloth or sponge with room-temperature water -- avoid extremes of temperature -- with just enough water to get the job done. An oversaturated cloth or sponge could make your dog balk at having his face cleaned. You want your dog to feel as comfortable as possible. Avoid using paper towels or napkins, because when wet, these products can easily shred and disintegrate, which will leave small bits of paper in your dog's coat when wiping. If you choose pre-moistened wipes, which are convenient, be sure to use only those designed specifically for use on dogs. If the wipe is for use on humans rather than canines, they could irritate your dog's skin.

Be gentle but firm. Use only as much force as necessary to soften and dislodge bits of food or dirt in your dog's facial fur. It is best to make several soft strokes. If a clump is proving especially stubborn, use a little more water to moisten it. Try a soft cotton ball for an especially sensitive pet.

When removing the globs that can form around your dog's eyes, use a water-moistened wash cloth or sponge, very gently wipe the area around the eye to loosen and remove this dirt. *Never wipe the eye itself.* Moistened cotton swabs can also be used to help you target the specific area around the eye where the glob has formed. *Never* use soap or shampoo near your dog's eyes because this may cause irritation, or damage to the eye. For tear stains, routine cleaning with a moist washcloth should be sufficient, but you can also try solutions that are specially made for this condition. After wiping your dog's face with a moist washcloth or sponge, gently run a brush or comb through his hair. This will help to remove any last remnants of dirt and give your dog a wonderful "just groomed" look. Check your veterinarian's office or pet store for dog specific products to optimize face time with your dog.

**STUFF THE TURKEY, NOT THE PETS!:** The Thanksgiving feast is delicious, but too much of a good thing can be very bad for your pets. A bite or two of skinless white meat turkey is fine, but be sure to keep your dogs away from the high fat skin, gravies, and other dishes that may grace your holiday table. Pancreatitis, a serious inflammation of the pancreas that can potentially be fatal, can result from the ingestion of large quantities of high fat foods. Also, be sure not to allow your pets to eat poultry bones, as they can splinter as they pass through the digestive tract and can cause serious problems. Keep your pets away from the table and the trash, and have a healthy Thanksgiving! Give thanks for your pets, by whose presence you are blessed and for whose unconditional love you are thankful.

## Warwick Arts Council News

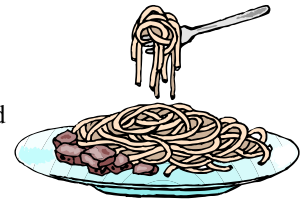
by Tom Wyatt

On **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** the Arts Council presents a lively evening of Contra Dancing at the Town Hall. **Merry Company** will be providing dance instruction and live music on fiddle, flute, fife and hammered dulcimer. This Western Mass band includes Lynne Manning from Warwick plus Barbara Mathews, Kevin Skorupa and Tim Van Egmond (caller). This free community event is a fun way to spend time with your neighbors; it is made possible by a grant from the Warwick Cultural Council, our local chapter of the Mass. Cultural Council. **All ages are welcome!**

**Don't forget:** the film *Big Fish* will be shown on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> - 7pm at the Town Hall. Part of the Books to Film series, the movie concerns a son's struggle to know his father, who tells tall tales. *Big Fish* was made by mythic filmmaker Tim Burton. Free with gourmet popcorn provided! Visit [Warwick Arts Council & Wooden Fender](#) on Facebook for more information, photos & video links.

## PTO News

-Erika Nygard



The **WCS Annual Pasta Supper** is fast approaching! The date is set for Saturday November 8, at the Warwick Community School, at 5:30. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 years, 5 years and under eat for free.

Bring your family, friends, and appetite to this hopping, vibrant event! We will be serving pasta with a choice of sauce with meatballs or a veggie sauce, salad, garlic bread, and delicious desserts. Tickets may be purchased through WCS students' families, or by contacting the school, or call/email Erika (544-2094 or [eanyard@gmail.com](mailto:eanyard@gmail.com)).

We strongly urge you to book in advance, as limited seats will be available at the door. The proceeds go toward paying for the new wood chips on the play areas of the school yard. Any leftovers will be split between the PTO and Student Activities Fund. **COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

Ocean Grill & Steak House  
30 Federal Street  
Greenfield, MA 01301  
413-376-4777

[www.oceangrillsteakhouse.com](http://www.oceangrillsteakhouse.com)

Dinner Hours: Monday-Thursday 4-9 pm, Friday & Saturday 4-10 pm, Sunday 12 noon-8pm

The old Bill's Restaurant is now in the hands of another owner and I must say, they are doing a great job. They are doing an Early Dinner Menu, served Monday thru Saturday from 4-5 pm and Sunday's from 12 noon to 5 pm. The early dinners include rolls (the old style Parkerhouse which if my memory is correct, were served at Bill's), choice of a garden salad or soup, fresh vegetables and a side dish, coffee or tea and a small dessert. The early dinner selections range in price from \$13.95 to \$17.95.

I chose the Broiled Butterflied Jumbo Shrimp with Crabmeat Stuffing and it was excellent. Regular price is \$20.95, early dinner price is \$16.95 to include the complete dinner. I selected the garden salad, hand cut steak fries and it was served with a mixed fresh vegetable and 3 jumbo shrimp stuffed with crabmeat. And I topped it off with a dish of sorbet.

My dining companions also enjoyed their dinners and their selection was the Broiled Scrod with toasted hazelnut crust and they said it was superb.

The service was excellent as well and the place was pretty full right before 5 PM on a Saturday so get there early and enjoy the early dinner menu at a reasonable price. Bon Appetite.

-Gloria Varno

### 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.*

**FRANKLIN AREA EMERGENCY SHELTER** *Donations of sheets, blankets, towels are collected in the front hall of the Metcalf Chapel and taken to the Shelter in Greenfield.*

**WE ARE WORKING ON BECOMING OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED BY THE UCC AS:**  
*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) CONGREGATION, welcoming people of all sexual orientation and gender identities.*

*A GREEN CONGREGATION, meeting criteria for energy efficiency and working to promote environmental justice awareness.*

### NOVEMBER

#### HOLIDAY FAIR      SAT, NOV 29

There will be the usual array of locally made crafts and food at the Town Hall. There will be a center table with baskets filled with all sorts of items for all ages and interests. Basket winners are drawn at the end of the day (you don't need to be present to win, winners will be notified). See the Flyer.

#### ADVENT WORKSHOP      SUN, NOV 30      5:30 – 8:30 PM

Nov 30 is the first Sunday in Advent, a season in the church calendar of preparation for the birth of Jesus. We begin with a light meal of soup and breads or rolls and dessert, and then clear the tables for making Christmas decorations, wreaths and such. We will end this year with a short celebration of the season.

### Coming in December

#### HUNTERS' SUPPER      FRIDAY, DEC 5 5pm and 6pm

#### DANA VESPERS a concert by the PIONEER VALLEY BRASS      4 PM Sat, Dec 20

#### COMMUNITY CAROLING      Watch for the DEC Newsletter for date & time (Probably Dec 21)

## Selectboard Minutes—September 15, 2014

Members present: Nick Arguimbau, Dawn Magi, Patricia Lemon (via Remote Participation, joined meeting at 6:02 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo Bill Lyman, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Jon Calcari

### I. Call to Order

Chair Arguimbau called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm in Town Hall.

Bill Lyman recorded the meeting.

### II. Public Comment

Fire Chief Ron Gates said that Nick Arguimbau had called him with concerns after being transported by ambulance. Gates said that one of Orange's ambulances broke down, losing power on Route 78 and not able to travel over 25 m.p.h. The Chief said that protocol was followed and a back-up ambulance from Athol was called. Gates pointed out that there are two ambulances available for back-up, and noted he is trying to get Northfield as a secondary responder as well. Arguimbau was under the impression that the ambulance that broke down belonged to the Town; Chief Gates explained that this is a common misconception, but Warwick does not have its own ambulance. Young said that Orange has had a history of financial difficulties over the past few years and has had difficulties keeping the ambulances running well. Young said that each year the Town makes a donation to Orange for use of the ambulance, noting that Orange considers this fee an assessment. Magi said that she had always had good experiences when an ambulance was needed at her residence. Chief Gates said that he would address the issue in the upcoming community newsletter.

### III. Minutes

Lemon MOVED the minutes of September 2, 2014 and September 8, 2014 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

### IV. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Prepare for Special Town Meeting**—Young said that the Moderator likes to know which Board member will move which articles, and who will be the first speaker for each article. Magi suggested Janice and Steve Kurkoski for the Stretch Code and Ted Cady for the Zoning By-law. Young said that he would be able to speak to the zoning issue if Cady does not wish to be the first speaker. Young also suggested that the Board recommend the articles on the warrant.

Magi MOVED that the Selectboard recommend Article #1 and Article #2 on the September 22, 2014 Special Town Meeting warrant as printed. Lemon SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Young reported that there was a good meeting held last week on the Stretch Code. He said that he anticipated a very interesting Town Meeting. Lemon said that she wants to listen in on STM by remote participation.

Lyman said that he understood that the Board and Town Coordinator would be seeking grant money for the Town if these two articles pass, but in his view passage of these articles would usurp the property owner's rights and impose the neighbors' ideas of how to live. Lyman said that this could be harmful to some residents. Lyman said that he always expected to be able to build the type of home he wanted to build, which in his case is an off-grid home. He said that he planned to vote against the Stretch Code because he does not want to be told how to build his home. Young noted that the Stretch Code affects all who build, not just an individual. Lyman countered that the individual has the right to exceed the existing code if he or she chooses, therefore keeping their individual rights. It was decided that Magi will move Article #1 and Arguimbau will move Article #2 at STM.

Lemon said that she needed to leave the meeting and asked that discussion of her letter to Governor Patrick be postponed until she can attend in person.

- 2. Election Worker Appointments**—Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo said that Arthur Long and Ann Kendall asked to work at future elections, and requested that the Board please appoint them both as Election Workers for a term ending August 31, 2015.

Magi MOVED to appoint Arthur Long and Ann Kendall Election Workers for a term ending August 31, 2015. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 3. Execution of Transfer Station Inspection Contract**—Young explained that the Transfer Station must undergo an annual inspection, and that the best deal is with the Franklin County waste Management District at a cost of \$75.00. The board needed to vote its approval for the contract.

Magi MOVED to approve the inspection contract and authorize Chair Arguimbau to sign the execution of the third party inspection of the Transfer Station with the Solid waste District in the amount of \$75.00. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

- 4. Litigation: Wagon Wheel Campground v. Warwick ZBA**—Young said that the owners of the Wagon Wheel Campground have filed an appeal of the ZBA decision in Superior Court. He noted that the lawsuit has two counts, and that Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard will be asking the Judge for a bill of particulars or to strike the second count. Town Counsel will also ask the Judge to strike the request for attorney fees.
- 5. Selectboard Reports**—Arguimbau said that someone told him that there had not been enough notice of the Winchester Road closing. Young pointed out that lighted signs had been on the road for a week; Fratangelo said that there were signs posted on the front and back doors to Town Hall. Young said that a Police detail will be present to assist motorists, and that ample notification was made to discourage through traffic. Police Chief Shoemaker said people must have had their own comfort and convenience in mind when posting to the Warwick "L" on the subject of the road closing. Lyman said that he hoped the Highway workers would be treated well and with respect; both he and Magi expressed being upset by recent conversation on the "L" regarding this matter. Shoemaker noted that as Chief he had received no questions or comments from anyone. He noted that he had conferred with the Fire Chief and Highway Superintendent and that all parties wanted the road closed.



### Selectboard Minutes—September 15, cont.

Magi said that a policy needed to be made for road closures. Young said that under the law the power of road closure lies with the Chief of Police.

Magi MOVED that the authority for road closures be recognized to be the Chief of Police. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Young said that a Town official had e-mailed a Selectboard member about “the nasty bullying attitude towards Town residents on the part of Coordinator David Young”. He asked the Board if he needed to cancel his personal account and represent the Town 24-7. Arguimbau recommended that Young explicitly say that whenever it is his personal opinion being expressed that he is posting as a resident and is not acting as Town Coordinator. Magi concurred.

- 6. Coordinator Report**—Young said that he could not thank George Day and Robert Day enough for their work repairing the water manifold at the fountain. Calcari suggested that Young put something in the newsletter, and Magi said that a thank you letter should be sent to George and Robert Day.

Young said that he will be publicizing the Franklin County Housing Authority/Rural Development Agency rehabilitation loan program for which the Town will be applying. He also noted that he is working in conjunction with the Board of Health to continue the clean up at the McKnight property, and that the disposal of tires was particularly problematic. Chief Shoemaker said that he would call someone who might be able to provide some ideas on how to deal with the situation. Young said that CDBG might have a grant to fund clean-up if there were a declaration of spot slum and sight blighting, and that he would look into that possibility. Magi suggested that the discussion of the pipeline letter to Governor Patrick be postponed until corrections were made and fact checking was completed. Young said that what we want is that the Governor withdraw his support for the pipeline and make it a priority that it not be permitted. Magi said that the letter needed to be addressed solely to the Governor, and that she was willing to write the letter and provide a copy to Arguimbau.

- 8. New and Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated Prior to Meeting Posting**—None.

#### V. Adjournment

At 6:57 p.m., Magi MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

*Minutes taken by Rosa Fratangelo*

## New Wood Pellet Bag Recycling Program



The Franklin County Solid Waste District has coordinated a new program for residents to recycle empty wood pellet bags. Using grant funds from MassDEP and a state Community Innovation Challenge Grant, the District has purchased and distributed small sheds to collect and recycle wood pellet bags.

This is a pilot program and can only accept pellet bags – no other plastic bag or plastic film product. Bags must be dry and empty. It's very important for participants to follow the guidelines so that all material can be recycled and not rejected by the end market.

These sheds are currently available for town residents using the following transfer stations: Bernardston, Buckland, Deerfield, Northfield, Warwick, and Wendell. The Conway and Rowe Transfer Stations are collecting pellet bags separately but do not have a shed for them; hand to attendant. Beginning in November, town residents using the Charlemont/Shelburne, Montague, and Orange Transfer Stations will have pellet bag recycling sheds on site. The program is free to residents.

In collaboration with the Greenfield DPW, the District has used grant funds to purchase a large storage trailer for pellet bags. Residents in any Franklin County town may deliver pellet bags to the Greenfield Transfer Station during normal operating hours. There is no fee.

For more information contact the Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438 (Mass Relay for the hearing impaired: 711), email [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org) or visit [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org).

-Amy Donovan



## **TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK**

NOVEMBER 2014

Dear Friends,

*"If the only prayer you say in your entire life is 'Thank You', that would suffice."*

*-Meister Eckhart, 13<sup>th</sup> century German Christian mystic*

I wonder if we, in the US, know how to be truly thankful any more. It seems that the public conversation about "American Exceptionalism" and needing to be a self-made person, self-sufficient, self-reliant, self-fulfilled, self-actualized, etc. would seem to indicate that we no longer have to look anywhere beyond our selves for who we are and what we have. If we are such a self-absorbed society, what is the Thanksgiving holiday all about, just thanking ourselves for being such wonderful people?

Thankfulness requires a level of humility that recognizes that we are not the beginning and end of everything; that we did not make the world and that we are dependent on others and others depend on us. That sort of humility seems almost un-American right now.

Thankfulness is an acknowledgement of our *interdependence*. It is a recognition of the achievements and sacrifice of those who have gone before us and those around us now. And, if we are truly thankful, we will be aware that what we leave others will have a large impact on what they can "make of themselves".

In spite of all the harm that has been done in the name of religion throughout human history, the fundamental foundation of the Jewish, Christian and Islamic religions is a recognition that "the earth, and all that therein is, belongs to the Lord". In that spirit, our thanks should also contain an element of penitence; the acknowledgment of our corporate "sins" against the integrity of God's creation; against other humans, other animals and the ecosystems that sustain us all. I know that is not a popular idea and that even the words "sin" and "penitence" have been so grossly abused that they hold little currency in our present day, but Thanks for what we have without the acceptance of our responsibility to care for it is at best childish and at worst horribly destructive of relationships, communities and ultimately all life on earth.

Sin is a matter of falling short of what we are capable of being and doing as people who were "created in God's image". Penitence is not about feeling guilty as much as it is feeling humanly fallible; a mix of selfishness and compassion, joy and sorrow, deity and dust and working to pick ourselves up and starting over.

Thankfulness also invokes a sense of forgiving and accepting forgiveness. I am no better or worse than any of you and in that, I know there are things I have done or failed to do, written and said that need forgiving. This Thanksgiving, I will be consciously thankful for being a part of a community of supportive, caring and forgiving people who fall and help each other up, literally and figuratively.

In faith, *Dan*

**THERE WILL BE AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR ALL WHO WISH TO ATTEND. THIS YEAR IT WILL BE AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF BERNARDSTON ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 7PM.**



The Warwick Arts Council Presents:

# Contra Dancing

Saturday

November 15

2014

7:00pm

At the

Warwick

Town Hall

With

# Merry Company



## THE GATHERING PLACE



See the Gathering Place menu each week on the L, the web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your continued support. On Fridays at Town Hall, coffee for \$1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for \$3.00, ½ Sandwich for \$1.50. Have both (Cup and a half) for \$4.00 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts( by donation) anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup and we'll pack lunch for you. All are welcome. WE WILL NOT GATHER ON NOVEMBER 28.  
- Diana Tandy

## TOWN CLERK NOTES

Remember to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 4th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you have an absentee ballot, it must be returned to my office by 8 p.m. on November 4th to be counted.

It has been a whirlwind of activity these first five months, and I am doing my best to settle in and serve the Town well. This is a complex job, but I love a challenge and greatly enjoy being able to help residents with various issues. Every day is an opportunity to learn, and I thank everyone for being patient and pleasant to work with.

Office Hours: Tuesdays 12 noon - 2p.m., Thursdays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and by appointment. If you need an appointment, please call 978-544-3402 to arrange a time. Be sure to leave a message if I do not answer.—Rosa Fratangelo

# HUNTER'S SUPPER (not just for Hunters!!)

*Friday, December 5, 2014*

Warwick Town Hall  
Sittings at 5:00pm and 6:00pm

## **Menu:**

*Homemade Onion Soup*

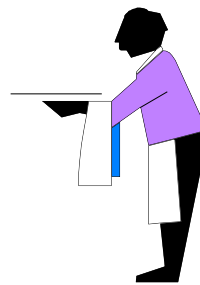
*Braised Beef*

*Mashed Potatoes*

*Squash*

*Coleslaw*

*Homemade Pies*



*Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/kids 12 & under,  
Kids under 3 FREE*

TAKE OUT ORDERS AVAILABLE (at the door – bring containers, please)

Proceeds benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

## ADVENT WORKSHOP

Come to the Town Hall on Sunday evening, November 30 for soup, bread, and dessert and then make some traditional Advent crafts. Laurel wreaths, Advent Candles, Decorations, “Gingerbread” houses, and more. This is a free event open to anyone in the community who would like to join us for fellowship and the celebration of the beginning of Advent.



The event is sponsored by the Trinitarian Congregational Church. If you would like to lead a craft or have questions, call the Chapel at 544-2630.

# NEWS & TIDINGS

## WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

November 2014



**FALLFEST!** will take place on Friday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Our entire school will spend the morning outdoors inspecting the changes of season in the three natural habitats - field, forest and vernal pool - that our school ground is fortunate to have. Learning activities will be organized as a station in each habitat, which the children will cycle through. As always, parents are welcome!

### HOORAY!! It's the WCS ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER!

5:30 p.m., Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Bring your family, friends, and appetite to this hopping, vibrant event! We will be serving pasta with a choice of sauce with meatballs or veggie sauce, salad, garlic bread, and delicious desserts. This year, our fundraiser is sponsored jointly by PTO and Student Activities and proceeds will go toward playground improvements. We want to thank Don Matthews for delivering two enormous truckloads of fresh wood chips this week!! Ticket prices are: \$8 for adults, \$5. for children ages 6-12, and children under 6 may eat for free. Reservations can be made by sending a note to WCS with your contact information, the number and ages of those in your party, and a check made out to WCS. Limited unreserved seats will be available at the door.




*Contact a WCS student or school (978) 544-6310 for reservations!*

**FIRE SAFETY:** Warwick Fire-Fighters Bill Lyman and Brian Miner instructed the WCS children in Fire Safety. Much to everyone's delight they brought along their fire engine and fire-fighting gear! Thank you Warwick Fire Department!



**TECHNOLOGY NEWS!** It is a delight for me to be back at WCS as technology integration specialist. I also teach technology in Northfield.

Warwick Kindergarteners are learning to control the mouse and use tools in the drawing program, Paint. Grades 1 and 2 have used Paint at a more advanced level as well as some online literacy-skills programs. Students in grades 3-6 will be using language arts and problem solving skills as they bring stories to life in Scratch, a graphical programming language. **Ms. Wright, Technology**



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						1 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm <b>BIG FISH Movie 7PM</b>
2 Worship Service 10AM  <b>Zumba 8am</b>	3 Library Open 10-4	4 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Library Open 1-8pm  <b>VOTE</b>  No Guild Mtg No Zumba	5 <b>Circuit Training 6pm</b>	6 Library Open 5-8pm  <b>Zumba 6pm</b>	7 Town Hall Gathering 10am	8 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm <b>PIPELINE WALK</b>  <b>PTO SPAGHETTI SUPPER</b>
9 Worship Service 10AM  <b>Zumba 8am</b>	10 Library Open 10-4	11 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 VETERANS DAY LIBRARY AND SCHOOL CLOSED	12 <b>Circuit Training 6pm</b>	13 Library Open 5-8pm  <b>Zumba 6pm</b>	14 Town Hall Gathering 10am <b>TRANSITION TOWNS FILM FESTIVAL</b>	15 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm <b>CONTRADANCE 7PM</b>
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<u>23</u> Worship 10am Ecumenical Thanksgiving Svce 7pm <b>30</b> Worship Service 10AM <b>Zumba 8am ADVENT WORKSHOP</b>	24 Library Open 10-4	25 Sr. Mealsite 11:45  Library Open 1-8pm <b>Zumba 6pm</b>	26 <b>Circuit Training 6pm</b>	27 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>  Library Closed No School	28 NO Town Hall Gathering  No School	29 Transfer Station 8-3 Library Open 10-12:30pm  <b>HOLIDAY FAIR</b> 

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Don't Miss these November events

TOWN HALL GATHERINGS—Fridays at 10am

BIG FISH FILM—November 1

VOTE! - November 4

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL PTO SPAGHETTI SUPPER—November 8

PIPELINE NATURE WALK—November 8

TRANSITION TOWNS FILM FESTIVAL— November 14

CONTRA DANCE TO MERRY COMPANY—November 15

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE—BERNARDSTON—November 23

HOLIDAY FAIR—November 29

ADVENT WORKSHOP—November 30