

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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Mary Humphries, Nancy Harnden, Chuck Fellows ,Curtis Williams,

Total \$ 275

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make the August Old Home Days a success!

Phone Directory

Emergency 911

Selectboard /Town Coordinator
978-729-3224

Warwick Broadband
(413) 676-9544
978-544-

Selectboard voice mail 6315

Treasurer/Collector 3845

Highway 349

Library 7866

Fire Station (978) 633-9087

Animal Control (413) 774-7340

Clerk/Assessors 8304

Bd of Health 6315

Community School 6310

Police Dept Business 2244

Building Inspector (978) 544-6296

FAX all depts. 6499

Burn Permits:

www.fcburnpermits.com



WARWICK

HALLOWEEN

EXTRAVAGANZA

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN WITH US!

FOOD, CRAFTS,

TRICK OR TREATING & MORE!

OCTOBER 31, 2026

4:30PM-7:30PM

4:30 PM

PIZZA & SNACKS IN THE TOWNHALL

5:00PM-7PM

FOOD, CRAFTS, TRICK OR TREATING ON COMMON & HOUSES

NEAR THE CENTER OF TOWN.

7-7:30PM

CANDY SWAP AT THE TOWN HALL



SPONSORED BY THE WARWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE

THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

AMBER HOLLOWAY: AMBIE783@ME.COM OR 978-413-9740



OFFICE HOURS**Tax Collector:** Jessica Foote**Office Hours:** Monday 11-6/Thursday 11-2 other times by appointment**Phone:** 978 544-3845 - press 1 for Tax Collector**email:** collector@town.warwick.ma.us***Please Note:*** Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are due annually on October 1st and April 1st.**Assessor's Clerk:** Tracy Styles**Office hours:** Tues. 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. and Thurs. 2:00-6:00 p.m. or by appointment. (978) 544-8304

Please note that moving forward Chapter 61, 61A, and 61B applications will no longer be mailed to you. Applications are available on [Warwickma.org](https://warwickma.org/assessors/) under Government then Board of Assessors <https://warwickma.org/assessors/> and hard copies are available in the Assessor's office. The Assessor's office hours are Tuesdays 1pm-5pm, Thursdays 2pm-6pm, or by appointment.

A complete application includes: application and acknowledgment form. Make sure to sign **both** the application and acknowledgement form. Please include either your phone number or email address on your applications in case clarifications need to be made to approve your application.

If your application is not complete and turned in by December 1st then you will be removed from Chapter 61 programs and must file again the following year to be re-enrolled in the program.

Completed applications are due back no later than December 1st. Applications will be reviewed and approval letters will be sent out.

Town Clerk: John Paganetti**Office hours:** Tuesdays 10-12 & Wednesdays 10-1, and by appointment, especially Tuesday afternoon & evenings.

There is a vote at Town Hall on **Tuesday, October 6th** from 12-8pm regarding funding a new Franklin County Technical School building and the 5/6-town regionalization agreement. Early voting in person and early voting by mail are not available for this election.

State Election Nov 3, 2026 7 am -8 pm- **Note: we are still looking for help to check in voters and count ballots.**

Vaccine News

North Quabbin is going to offer a small amount of flu vaccines to home bound individuals, postpartum families, and high risk individuals in a home visit setting. If you are interested in this please contact as at:
413-500-6414 or spiragis@townoforange.org

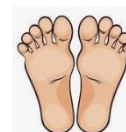
We are also working on setting up a Vaccine Clinic for this fall. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions! Visit the North Quabbin Health Collaborative website to download materials and see additional information at:
<https://www.northquabbinhc.org/>

***2026 Foot Clinics***

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

Oct 9th
Nov 13th
Dec 11th

***Public Health Nurse and Social Worker Town Hall Drop in Hours***

October 13th 11:30am - 1 pm
November 10th 11:30am - 1 pm
December 8th 11:30am - 1 pm

More info:
Samantha Piragis call or text 978-985-9709
spiragis@townoforange.org

From the Town Coordinator

OCTOBER 6, 12-8 PM: Don't forget to vote!

You have two important votes coming up on October 6th.

1. 5/6 Town School Regionalization
Franklin County Technical School
Building Project



On October 6th, there will be two ballots available, one for each initiative. You can pick up one or both.

In case you missed the public forum on September 24th, you can watch the recording and read the background information [HERE](https://warwickma.org/school-comm/2026-09-24-public-election-forum/). Vote informed!
<https://warwickma.org/school-comm/2026-09-24-public-election-forum/>

Prefer a printed version? Binders of the background information are available in Town Hall and at the Library. Vote informed!

Transfer Station News

FOOD & PAPER WASTE COMPOST PROGRAM



YES - DO Compost:

Solid food wastes:

- Meat, poultry, fish, bones, shells
- Cheese, dairy (no liquids)
- Eggs, eggshells
- Fruits, vegetables, peels
- Bread, rice, pasta, cereal
- Coffee grounds, filters, tea bags

Paper:

- Paper napkins, paper towels
- Paper plates, paper cups, take-out containers (*BPI certified* preferred*)
- Waxed cardboard, waxed paper
- Cardboard/pizza boxes with stuck on food (rip up to save space)
- Paper egg cartons, molded fiber packaging (rip up to save space)
- Paper bags (*recycle paper if clean*)

Wood:

- **Wooden** chopsticks, skewers, stirrers
- Small wooden fruit crates

Compostable plastic products:

- Compostable cups (i.e. Greenware)
- Compostable bags (i.e. BioBag)
- Brands **must** be BPI certified:

*bpiworld.org



NO - DO NOT Compost:

- **NO** liquids
- **NO** plastic bags, wrappers, cling wrap
- **NO** Styrofoam™
- **NO** plastic cups, utensils, straws
- **NO** plastic, aluminum foil, metal, glass (*recycle in container recycling*)
- **NO** chemicals, hazardous residues
- **NO** beverage cartons, aseptic cartons (*recycle with containers*)
- **NO** frozen food boxes, ice cream cartons, butter wrappers (trash)
- **NO** kitty litter, pet waste, diapers
- **NO** disposable cleaning wipes



DO NOT DEPOSIT

MATERIALS IN PLASTIC BAGS!



Food waste and other biodegradable materials are hauled weekly to a permitted commercial composting facility. Plastic harms this process.

(To buy a home compost bin, contact FCSWD below. It is not recommended to put meat, poultry, dairy, or oily foods in home compost bins.)

Franklin County Solid Waste District:
413-772-2438; info@franklincountysolidwastedistrict.org
MA Relay for the hearing impaired:
711 or 1-800-439-2370
(TTY/TDD)



Welcome from the **MOORES POND BEACH COMMITTEE**

Can't believe summer is over and leaves have begun to turn as we turn our calendar to October. We had a very busy season, starting with the Annual Spring Clean-up in May. On-going maintenance projects throughout the summer were repainting the picnic tables and kiosk, replacing up-dated signage and grooming the shore as needed.

The official Beach Season started right on time since there were 3 early Heat Waves in June, 2 in July and 1 in August with temperatures ranging from 90-101. The Beach was the most popular place in town. There was quite a variety of events held at the beach... Birthday parties, parents teaching their kids how to swim, youth camp outings; and of course, the summer grand finale--Old Home Days Beach Party which was postponed for a week due to rain. That didn't hinder spectators or contest participants from showing up. There were 7 decorated boats in the Boat Parade.



Fan Favorite votes were close. The winner was "Boutwell Buccaneers" by the Boutwell family. There were 2 Sandcastles: One adult entry titled "Holy Madness" by Alison and Devon and one child entry "Kids' Castle" by Ryan. We were fortunate to have Jim Barber and Bill McComb's band "Boys From '69" entertain us throughout the afternoon with favorite tunes from 1960's and '70's. The afternoon was topped off with picnic lunch for sales. A great time was had by all.

We are now thinking about the year ahead. Keep an eye on future Newsletters for details.

~Submitted by Kathy Tuttle-Connelly



Trinitarian Congregational Church, UCC
Metcalf Chapel
32 Athol Road
Warwick, MA 01378

Dear Friends,

“God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. Solomon’s wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt..” (1 Kings 4:29-30, NIV) “Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.” (Matthew 10:1, NIV) “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours..” (Mark 11:24, NIV)

There are many forms of power in our lives and today we rely so much on these powers in order for us to function day to day with ease and luxury. There are electrical, radiant, mechanical, thermal, nuclear, chemical energies, and combinations of these to provide power in various ways. You want to wake up at a certain time, make a phone call, watch TV, drive to work or run errands, look at your wrist for the time? The very function of the human body runs only on chemical energy to do biological work. Thank God for the powers that make all of these and much more possible. Power is not limited by a means of supplying energy. Power can be possessing control, authority, or influence over others. We’re affected by this form of power and in some aspects, rely on day to day. We see this form in political power by governments of all kinds, power of authority in the workplace, and influential power experienced through forms of media from radio to television and to the internet. Then there is what we call the supernatural kinds of power.

I am not ashamed to admit it, I love supernatural things. I grew up watching the animated superhero shows of Superman, Batman, Spiderman, etc. Later in life, I’ve enjoyed watching the live action television shows and movies of the same. I grew up watching the original series of Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, in which five or more people with special powers and abilities fight evil and save people. But the fascination of these shows and movies did not end while growing older. As a parent, I have been able to watch old and new TV shows and movies of supernaturally powered heroes and heroines. My youngest daughter used to ask me: “If you could have powers, what would it be?” I imagine you’ve thought of what you could accomplish with powers. Super strength like Wonder Woman, speed such as The Flash, flying like Superman, controlling the weather like Storm, and manipulating time and space like Dr. Strange. Many times I have thought to myself, “If only I had this power or that power, I could help make the world a better place. I could help save someone’s day from being miserable.” Power to do good in the world is great but power can be abused and misused. Powers of energy can be used to create explosions. Political, authoritative, and influential powers can corrupt the possessor and be used to oppress people. Supernatural powers can do both: “With great power comes great responsibility” (Spider-Man, 1962) All forms of power can be beneficial and cause harm.

The above scripture reminds us that by God’s gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we have access to the powers of wisdom, knowledge, healing, miracles, distinguishing between spirits, speaking different languages, understanding different languages. I believe that we each possess powers, strengths and heightened abilities for us that are weaknesses to others. Maybe you are very strong. It could be that you are book smart or street smart. Maybe you can run really fast. Speaking different languages and understanding languages comes naturally to you. Maybe you have visions or are very in tune with nature and your surroundings. Everyone’s unique and has their own talent, power, strength, and weakness. Believe in your identity and embrace your strength to be the hero in your story. I think of Holocaust survivor, activist, and writer, Elie Wiesel; Anne Frank, holocaust victim who chronicled the persecution in a diary; and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., pastor and civil rights activist. They had the power of speaking against the hate and persecutions. I think of the many Christian musical artists of our hymns and of contemporary Christian music who are able to speak not only to our minds but also to our hearts, moving us spiritually and emotionally. These are powers given by and flowing from God.

We have the power! The scripture from the Gospel of Mark supports this. Here another power from God is revealed; power of the mind. We are told to come to God and ask God in prayer, but not to stop there. We must then believe that we received what we asked. Believe and see.

In the Peace of Christ,

Jordan Daigle

Lay Minister

Warwick Women's Guild

Every woman in Warwick is automatically a member of the Guild, which was founded in 1921. The Warwick Women's Guild has promoted and encouraged any enterprise that was deemed for the best interest of the town.

October 6, 2026

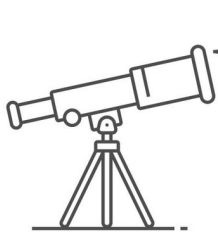
The Women's Guild will car pool from the town hall at 12:45 PM to the school for the Dale Monette nature program. Following the program members will have a meeting in the dining room of the town hall.

Wednesday November 4, 2026

The Women's Guild will meet at 12:15 at the town hall to carpool to Terrazza's Restaurant for dinner and business meeting. There will be a Yankee swap with a gift not to exceed \$15.00.

~submitted by Nancy Kilhart

Warwick Astronomy Club



✦ Night sky viewing, weekly beginning Tuesday September 8th! As long as skies are clear, we'll be gazing upwards each week at 8pm behind the Trinitarian Church at 32 Athol Road (behind the community Garden). We have a great telescope to work with, or you can bring your own along.

As a reminder, the Library has its own telescope available for loan.

This is a very amateur endeavor, so bring your knowledge and enthusiasm, and we can learn together!

To check whether skies are clear enough, please check warwickma.org/astro

There will be no Astronomy club Oct 6th due to the election

Warwick Trails Group October Hike (rescheduled due to rain in September)

The **Warwick Trails Group** invites you to join us for a hike on the **Stagecoach Trail**.

When: Third Sunday of the month: **October 18 at 1 p.m.**

Where to meet: At the beach parking area at Moores Pond (the intersection of Wendell Road and South Holden Road).



The Hike: This out-and-back hike (approximately 3.8 miles with a change in elevation of about 380 feet) follows the original Holden Road. We will start at Moores Pond, travel east for a short distance on South Holden Road, enter the woods, and hike north to the Warwick Cemetery. Then, we will retrace our steps back to the pond.

Please bring hiking poles if you have them, proper footwear, bug spray, and water.

We will have maps and a trail description available.



The all volunteer Warwick Trails Group maintains some of Warwick's town owned trails, hikes and maps existing trails, plans and creates new ones, and occasionally leads hikes around Warwick.

Questions about this hike? Contact nlharnden@comcast.net

Did you miss one of our previous hikes or want to learn more? Visit <https://warwickma.org/trails-group/>

LIBRARY NEWS

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8 (closed Saturdays for the summer). Contact: warwick@cwmmars.org; 978-544-7866; Ivan Ussach, director.

To see the newest books, movies, music, and audiobooks almost the moment they arrive at the library, sign up for Wowbrary's weekly emails here: www.wowbrary.org. It's a free service.

"This Switzerland of America:" The Preface to Jonathan Blake's History of Warwick (History of the Town of Warwick: Massachusetts, From Its First Settlement to 1854, Brought Down to the Present Time to Others) includes the following: "All naturally wish to know something of the origin, character, and condition of the first settlers,—of those who first opened their eyes on this beautiful landscape, this wild mountain scenery, this Switzerland of America; and here pitched their tents on these sloping hill-sides and in these winding valleys, beside the running streams, and babbling brooks, and quiet ponds, surrounded by the tall pines of the forest." Blake died in 1836; a committee added to his work and published the History that bear's his name in 1873.

Non-Fiction Discussion group - Thursday, Oct. 8th @ 7 pm (2nd Thursdays): This discussion group is wide open. Come to share/discuss or just to listen and build your reading list.

Trolleys of Western Mass. - Saturday, Oct. 10 @ 1 pm: Join us for an informative presentation by Steve Cormier, author of *Good Golley... Miss Trolley*, published in February 2026. Steve will discuss the state's trolley system, from the horse-drawn Omnibus to the Horsecar Rail and ultimately the Electric Trolley—all of which offered the means of "urban mass transit" to all. His presentation will include the Northern Massachusetts Street Railway, which terminated in Orange, and the Connecticut Valley System that serviced the greater Greenfield area. He is the author of several books and lives in Huntington, MA. Copies of his book will be available for sale.

Monthly Short Story Hour - Year's Best Fantasy & Horror, Oct. 22nd @ 7:30 pm: We'll read stories by Jane Yolen and Steven King, from *The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror* (1998)—a reprint anthology published annually by St. Martin's Press from 1988 to 2007. Come to read or just to listen.

How to say Good Morning in Japanese—O'ho!: Thanks to a donation by a local patron, the Warwick Library is now the proud owner of a fine copy of a Japanese-English bilingual dictionary. If you've ever been curious to explore this fascinating pictorial language, now's your chance. こんにちは (Kohn-nee-chee-wah!)

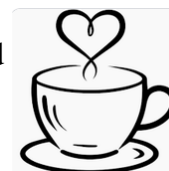
Recycled *New Yorker* magazines: Back issues of The New Yorker magazine, which recently celebrated it's 100th anniversary, are available to interested local residents for the taking. Fans of the magazine appreciate it for many different reasons, a popular one being its cartoons, which have been published since 1925. The magazine has long been recognized as a forum for serious fiction, essays and journalism, and has won eleven Pulitzer Prizes since 2014, the first year magazines became eligible for the prize. But the best reason to take some back issues may be to savor the unique mix of illustrated, art-quality covers—which make great wallpaper! Or is that urban legend? Find out!



TECHNOLOGY HELP DAYS

After Senior Meal at the Town Hall on Tuesdays, walk across the street to join the Tech Help gathering which includes more than problem solving for your technical and device issues; coffee, tea, cocoa, and lively conversation are all included. Feel free to bring a friend for cards, cribbage, and backgammon. Anyone interested in darts? Sometimes on Tuesdays we have live music on the porch. Stop in and tell us what you would enjoy doing while hanging out with friends.

All are welcome!



Hours of operation at the Downtown Inn are:

Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:00 and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. until noon

Cultural Council Grants

The Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant cycle for FY27 has begun. You can submit a grant until **October 15, 2026**. Grants have a \$250 minimum. Grant applicants must live in Massachusetts. Grants are intended to support the cultural vitality of the community. Individuals or groups may apply.

We get many applications for events across our region. For example, we helped fund: Starry Starry Night in Orange, the North Quabbin Nature and Arts art classes in Athol, the Franklin County Pride Parade in Greenfield, Teen Open Studio at the Launch Space in Orange, the Inside Out Dance Company concert in Orange, the Nolumbeka Project Pocumtuck Festival in Turners Falls, and the Uniquely Quabbin Magazine produced by the Athol Historical Society.

Locally, we supported: Part 2 of Barrett Anderson's talks on the history of Blues music, Images of Aging workshops with Shell Hines, Sarah Pirtle's Ecology Singing and Songwriting residency at the Warwick Community School, Warwick Arts Council Craft Workshops, and Susan Marshall's Artist Residency at the Warwick Community School. If you haven't seen the mural created by Susan and the students at WCS, please try to check it out. Amazing!!

[Local Cultural Council Program](https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/) (click on this link for info on how to apply for a grant) or go to the following webpage in your browser:

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>

TIP: work on your grant offline and when you are ready to fill in the form online, cut and paste from your offline document.

~Submitted by Sue O'Reilly-McRae



WARWICK Arts Council

33rd Annual
ART SHOW & SALE
10th & 11th October 10AM-3PM
Warwick Town Hall, 12 Athol Rd.

Come see paintings, photographs, ceramics, collage, literature, quilts, watercolors, monotypes, jewelry, drawings, fiber art, wood carvings, sculptures, and more from area artists!

"Meet the Artists" Reception
Friday, Oct. 9th at 7pm

Everyone welcome!
Free Admission
Donations gratefully accepted.

TCC Upcoming Events

TCC Movie Night: Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m. at the Metcalf Chapel
Movies at the Chapel will present "Yellow Rose"

Rose, a 17-year-old undocumented Filipina teenager in Texas who dreams of becoming a country music star, whose life is upended when her mother is detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Popcorn will be served and all are welcome. The more the merrier
~we hope to see you there.



~Submitted by Tom Ziniti



From the Warwick Community School and District

Dear Warwick Community,

We are excited to introduce a new program this year that brings together many of the qualities that make Warwick Community School special: learning outdoors, caring for one another, building confidence, and connecting deeply with our school's farm and 25-acre woodland campus.

Farm, Wilderness, and Wellness at Warwick Community School

This fall, WCS is launching **Farm, Wilderness, and Wellness**, an innovative PreK–6 program that expands the traditional ideas of physical education and specials. Students will engage in movement, games, fitness, safety, outdoor exploration, farm-based learning, and wellness practices while developing sportsmanship, teamwork, self-regulation, responsible independence, and conflict-resolution skills.

The program will make meaningful use of our school grounds, gymnasium, gardens, farm, and surrounding woods. It is grounded in Massachusetts health and physical education standards while creating authentic opportunities for children to learn through hands-on projects, joyful activity, and connection with the natural world. It will also help bring our shared values—Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Curious, Be Proud—to life each day.

We are thrilled to welcome Caroline Bruno as WCS's Farm, Wilderness, and Wellness Teacher. Caroline brings experience as a yoga teacher, farm educator, garden instructor, and sustainability leader. She has led hands-on outdoor education with young people at working farms and nature-based preschool programs, taught youth fitness through yoga, and developed garden, food-system, and environmental learning programs in Franklin County. Caroline holds a master's degree in Leadership for Sustainability from the University of Vermont and a bachelor's degree in English and Environmental Studies from Williams College. We are so fortunate to have her help students learn, move, grow, and thrive.

Seeking Community Help

Our small but mighty school relies on community support in many ways. For paid opportunities, we are seeking substitute teachers and substitute instructional assistants to join the list of people we contact when staff members are absent. To apply, please contact Jess Marshall at jmarshall@warwick-k12.us.

We are also looking for volunteers for Friday afternoon enrichment. If you have a skill, hobby, or area of expertise to share and enjoy working with children, consider leading a four- or six-week program—or supporting an existing enrichment activity as an extra set of hands. Please contact Principal Stephen Stroud at sstroud@warwick-k12.us.

Thank you for supporting WCS and helping our students flourish!

With gratitude,

Dr. Kate Carbone, Interim Superintendent
Stephen Stroud, Principal
Jess Marshall, Director of Operations

Green Corner

Your Choice!

Most Warwick residents are in the first year of a 3-year multi-town electricity Aggregation Program that offers a fixed price with First Point Power (listed as the supplier on the electric bill). “Opt-out” postcards were mailed last December notifying residents of the price options in this new Program.

Last month, a consumer notification letter and opt-out card was mailed to anyone in Warwick who was currently on National Grid Basic Service but hadn’t already been mailed to last December (e.g. residents who are new in town, residents who have ended a third-party contract and switched back to Basic Service, etc.). This mailing informs residents about the Town’s Program and allows them a 30-day opt-out period before being automatically enrolled.

Additionally, a different postcard went out to the folks who have already made a choice and are enrolled with a third-party supplier (as of mid-August 2026). This postcard is informational only – no need to do anything if you want to stay with your chosen third-party supplier.

The Town’s Aggregation Program options, for both residential and small commercial accounts, are:

Standard Product - \$0.14205 per kWh (MA Requirement + 31% National Wind RECs*

Option #1 - \$0.15228 MA Requirement + 31% MA Class I RECs

Option #2 - \$0.16612 100% MA CLASS I RECs

(* RECs are Renewable Energy Certificates, a paper form of clean energy of varying value)



The National Grid supplier price effective 8/1/26:

Residential - \$0.17185

Small Commercial - \$0.15568

What is fun to see is how much Warwick has saved by switching to electricity (mini-split heat pumps) to replace the tired or broken oil heating systems in our town buildings. 20 years ago, when oil was under \$2 per gallon, the Town Hall used 2,800 gallons of oil. The school used 10,500 gal. Wow!

By FY16, the Town Hall usage was down to 850 gal. of oil, and the school was at 6,350 gal. Amazing what paying attention, programmable thermostats, winserts (TH), and fixing a few holes in the walls can do!

By FY26, most town buildings have been converted to electricity. Sure, the price of electricity has gone up, but nothing compared to the price of oil.

With electricity we have options: we can make our own with on-site solar panels, assign the value of extra solar energy from one account to other town accounts, contract with electricity suppliers for some price stability, buy solar net meter credits at a 10-20% discount, etc. With oil, we have very few options and are at the mercy of international events and corporate operatives.

In summary – we dodged a bullet here!

P. S., We want to thank Mary Humphries for her years of service on the Buildings and Energy Committee. She was our excellent note taker and link to the world of “normal” people, often asking if we could translate what we were talking about into plain English.

We will miss her.

If anyone would like to join our easy-going Committee, please contact any one of us.

We are Jack Cadwell, Dan Dibble and Janice & Steve Kurkoski,

Thanks for being such a great Town!

SEEKING HOLIDAY FAIR VENDORS

Do you make crafts or gift food items, authored a book, paint, or create things you'd like to sell at the "Small Business Saturday" Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 28 in our Community School?

Table space cost is \$25 for one 6 ft space and \$45 for two. We have approx. 40 spaces to offer inside our beautiful school. When those 40 are paid for, we are full. There is internet on-site for credit card payments. Vendors are required to set aside one item for the silent auction table. Vendors provide their own tables, we provide the chairs.

The fair will run 10am to 3pm with set up 8:15-9:45 am. There will time for Set Up the evening before. Registered vendors will be notified of those hours and Wi-Fi info.

We expect to be offering lunch and a bake sale, a visit from Santa and live holiday music on the stage.

Please EMAIL Andrea Woods at jarkat99@yahoo.com for the application and/or with any questions.

If you simply resell items purchased in bulk, that is not what we're looking for, and those vendors will be denied this year.

Proceeds benefit the local and worldwide work of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick/Metcalf Chapel.
Thank you for considering!



Blessing of Animals

**Sunday, October 11, 2026
@ 10:00 AM**

Trinitarian Congregational Church
32 Athol Road, Warwick, MA. 01378

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Psalm 150:6

All Creatures Are God's Beloved

Bring your beloved pets and animals of all kinds or something that is representative of your pet companions for blessing at our outdoor worship.

I See You!



The community is invited to attend a program by photographer Dale Monette entitled "I See You"

October 6th 1 pm

At the Warwick Community School

Dale Monette is an expert in the nature and history of the Quabbin; he worked thirty years as an educator and a naturalist at the Quabbin Reservoir. Though his photographs, Dale shares his unique familiarity of the land and the animals living in this region.

Sponsored by the Warwick Library and the Warwick Women's Guild, this event is free and open to all.



In My Opinion...

Regionalization Works Best for our children and Taxpayers in funding all Departments!

Step One: Reopening the Warwick Community School. Thanks to the support of many individuals the town was able to establish a Pre-k- 12 municipal school district. They deserve much recognition. This added another department in which the town is 100 percent responsible for funding through the Chapter 70 formula. Sustaining this department will likely require overrides, department reductions/level funding, creating financing and using the stabilization account to meet the ongoing increases of town expenses.

The financial landscape has changed significantly since the school district became operational in 2023. Federal grants/programs are being reduced/eliminated. Many grants flow to school districts which directly support students, while others flow to local and state governments to fund important local and state services. This will only add to these local and state fiscal challenges. Interest rates and inflation are having a huge impact on our pocketbooks.

Warwick is my home! I want to see my friends, neighbors and fellow townspeople able to afford to live here in years to come. What regionalization does - it spreads our costs over six towns, which lowers the taxpayer's cost in the future compared to what it will cost if we go it alone. At 1400 students, the new Great River Regional School District (GRRSD) enrollment will be only slightly larger than what PVRSD was when we first joined 1,250, but the tax base funding the new district will grow by a population of 10,000 (Gill's pop.1,551, Montague's pop.8,580).

The Warwick School building and grounds will still be enjoyed by our children, parents and residents. The playground remains the David Young playground. The programs and services will continue to reflect the values of our community. State competency standards have provided more staff flexibility in meeting students' needs. Other benefits include:

More opportunities for our 7-12 students with a voting member on the school committee who is representing all children; Expands the educational community supporting the needs of ALL children; Provides language that protects premature school closures; Increases secondary enrollment to reduce the cost pressures that impact elementary schools; Shares the risk of unanticipated "cost shocks"; Apportions operating costs above each town's state-calculated Required Local Contribution by a five-year rolling average of foundation enrollment, which also smooths Warwick's recent growth rather than penalizing it in a single year; Estimates a 19% decrease in assessment vs current cost,, and so on.

The opportunity to regionalize our 6 towns might not happen again. The agreement was written to protect our schools, benefit our students, and make it more affordable for our towns. We have an opportunity to be a part of creating something special, and move forward with a renewed commitment to the future of our children's education. Our last endeavor lasted 35 years! This one may last even longer.

Step Two: Establish the Great River Regional School District.

We have a plan, a regional agreement and state funding to implement it. The Six Town Regional Planning Board fulfilled its charge: Explore the feasibility and sustainability of forming a Six Town Regional School District. The work has been done. You decide.

~Submitted by Alan Genovese



In My Opinion...

Dear Warwick neighbors,

I urge you to VOTE NO on the 6 town regional school district proposal in the town election on October 6.

Warwick Community School has just started its 4th year of operation in the independent Warwick School District that the town's citizens worked tirelessly to create after the school was closed down by Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee during the COVID epidemic. Warwick Community School has developed a strong, project-based curriculum that is exciting to students, with a focus on nature, the environment, and nourishing the whole child. Learning for each student is individualized; no "one size fits all" education. **WCS enrollment has more than tripled over the past 4 years**, to now over 75 students. School Choice has brought students from other towns whose

parents have chosen WCS because they like what they see and feel. WCS uses school choice seats to bring each class to full enrollment without adding teachers, therefore is a financial net gain.

IF we join in forming the 6 town Great River Regional School District, we would give up autonomy over our program, and could lose it. A Transition School Committee and then the new Regional School Committee would have authority over all curriculum and school choice decisions.

Representation: There are 5 elected town residents on the Warwick School Committee. The Committee has proactive, working relationships with the Warwick Selectboard and Finance Committee. **IF we join the 6 town district, we will have 1 seat on a 13 member regional school committee.**

Grade 7-12 choices: The Warwick School Committee has negotiated favorable tuition agreements for grades 7-12 with Pioneer Valley and Mahar Regional School Districts, and currently Warwick students are at both.

Under the 6 town agreement, our middle school students would only go to Pioneer and our high school students only to Turners Falls HS. (Options for attending Four Rivers or FC Tech would remain the same.)

School Closures: Even though there is a "process" in the agreement to guard against "frivolous" decisions, the truth is that the regional district would be in control of whether WCS stays open. The Regional Agreement says the Regional School Committee can start a school-closure process **"anytime at the discretion of the Committee."** It does **not** require enrollment to fall below 20 students.

Finances: There is a lack of information to determine what Warwick's cost of education would be under the proposed district. Many unknowns might actually push Warwick's FY 2027 share higher than its independent projected FY 2027 budget. **IF we join the 6 town district, the cost of educating our children will not decrease by the amounts presented in the 6 town projections, and may not decrease at all.**

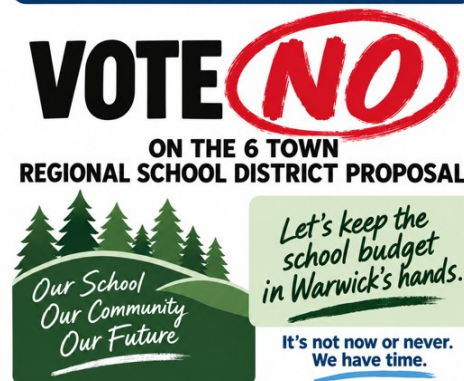
Regionalization can still happen, possibly bringing more choices for curriculum, sports and activities for grades 7-12. The Warwick School Committee recently voted to vigorously explore other regionalization options. (One is to join a secondary regional school district with independent elementary schools, such as Mahar RSD). If, in the future, Warwick decides it is advantageous to join the new Great River district, the 6 town agreement outlines a process to apply. **It's not now or never! We have time.**

Do you know:

- **4 out of 5 Warwick School Committee members are against joining the Great River RSD..**
- **On Sept. 17 the Warwick Finance Committee voted unanimously NOT to support joining the Great River RSD, fueled by the lack of clarity on Warwick's future financial responsibility.**

Thank you for your time,
Louise Doud

PLEASE VOTE NO on the 6 town plan, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.



WARWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE CLASSES

BONE AND BALANCE 9AM and TAI CHI TUESDAYS 10:00 am.

Classes held at the Town Hall. Tai Chi is often described as “meditation in motion,” Tai Chi uses slow, graceful movements to promote balance, flexibility, and overall well-being. It is suitable for people of all ages and can help reduce stress while improving strength and stability.

YOGA SATURDAYS

Yoga continues Saturday mornings with Kalliope 9:00-10:15 AM. The last Wednesday gentle Yin Yoga class on the mat with Amelia will be Oct 7th. 9:00-10:15. ***No Class Oct 10th due to the Art show and sale.***

***If you, or someone you know would like to teach a Wednesday yoga class, we would love to hear from you! Contact Leanne if you are interested. leannelimoges@gmail.com

ZUMBA

Zumba has many benefits: its a great way to stretch, strengthen, increase balance, and lift your mood ! class taught by Susan Krieger. The first two classes are always free! ***NO class Oct 10th due to the Art Show***

These classes are sponsored by the Warwick Recreation Committee.

The Rec Committee has badminton and Bocce equipment for loan. Contact Leanne to reserve. Also currently looking for donations of games and suggestions for what you would like to use .—submitted by Leanne Limoges

Warwick Historical Society

The Warwick Historical Society is now closed, for the season, but one can still make an appointment to visit it, during mild weather. Contact Clare Green 544-7421 to arrange.



We thank everyone who helped support us during Old Home Days!

We will be at the TCCW Craft Fair on November 28th, at WCS, 10 to 3, in hopes that you might purchase an item for a holiday gift.

Our next quarterly meeting is December 16th, 4 pm, downstairs, Town Hall, Yankee Swap, come one, come all, always fun, along with a brief meeting and refreshments. Please put it on your calendar.

Items from our collection can be viewed via the Town Website.

Thank you to Bev Shepardson who once again made a yearly scrapbook of Warwick in the News, 2025. Those are housed upstairs.

Recently, Jennifer Raymond from Westfield, Massachusetts, visited WHS to donate 20 items related to Enoch Kelton. She is 6th generation great granddaughter! Maybe there will be an interesting presentation prepared by Jim Toth, who helped meet Jenifer and receive items. Thank you, Jim. Maybe there'll be another Veteran's Day hike to the Cemetery to place a flag in honor of Rev. War soldier, Enoch? Tbc.

On behalf of local history,

Clare Green VP Mike Carey Pres

Community Garden News

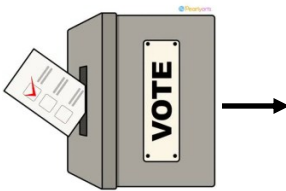
The Garden is happily producing quantities of tomatoes, beans, squashes, herbs, romaine lettuces, radishes, spinach. Help yourself anytime. It is grown to be shared! Or pick up items during Free Food Fridays, at the Shed.

We hope to have an informal "garden games and munchies and music gathering" soon. We'll post on the L and at the Shed. We want to celebrate, have fun, visit, and give thanks for the garden abundance! Join us!

We are planning a Seed Swap for the end of January, so save your seeds as your garden ‘retires’ this year!

Clare Green for the Crew! -



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Location Key: DI= Downtown Inn LIB = Library MC = Metcalf Chapel TH = Town Hall TS = Transfer Station WCS—Warwick school	October 2026 Warwick Massachusetts 			1 Tech Help - 9 am-12 pm DI Library 5-8 pm	2 Free Food Friday 9 am MC	3 Transfer Station 8 am-3 pm Zumba 8 am TH Yoga 9 am-10:15 am TH C. bells 11:00 am Library 10 am—12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30 -12:30
4 Worship Svc 10 am Sacred Rhythm Circle 1-4 pm TH	5 Library 10 am--4pm	6 Bone & Balance 9 am TH Tai-Chi 10am TH Sr. Meal Noon TH Vote 12-8 pm TH WW Guild 1:00 going to Nature program at WCS Tech Help 1:00 pm DI Library 1-8 pm Astronomy Club 9 pm	7 Yoga 9 am TH Book Club 10:00 am Bible Study 4-5 pm MC	8 Tech Help- 9 am -12 pm DI Library 5-8 pm Non-fiction Discussion Grp 7:00 pm LIB	9 Foot Clinic 8 am MC Free Food Friday 9 am MC “Meet the Artists” Reception 7 pm TH	10 Transfer Station 8 am-3 pm ART Show & Sale 10-3 TH Library 10 am—12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30 -12:30 pm Trolleys of Western Mass 1 pm LIB
11 Worship Svc 10 am Blessing of Animals Art show & Sale 10am-3 pm TH	12 LIBRARY CLOSED Indigenous Peoples’ Day	13 Bone & Balance 9 am TH Tai-Chi 10am TH Public Health Nurse 11:30 am – 1 pm TH Sr. Meal Noon TH Tech Help - 1:00 pm DI Library 1-8 pm	14 Bible Study 4-5 pm MC	15 Tech Help- 9 am -12 pm DI Library 5-8 pm Last day to apply for Cultural Grants	16 Free Food Friday 9 am MC	17 Transfer Station 8 am - 3pm Zumba 8 am TH Yoga 9 am-10:15 am TH Library 10:00 am-12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30 - 12:30 pm
18 Worship Svc. 10 am Warwick Trails Group Hike 1:00 pm	19 Library 10 am -4 pm	20 Bone & Balance 9am TH Tai-Chi 10am TH Sr. Meal Noon TH Tech Help - 1:00 pm DI Library 1-8 pm	21 Bible Study 4-5 pm MC Movie Night 7:00 pm MC	22 Tech Help- 9 am-12 pm DI Library 5-8 pm Monthly Short Story Hour 7:30 pm LIB	23 Free Food Friday 9 am MC	24 Transfer Station 8 am - 3pm Zumba 8 am TH Yoga 9 am-10:15 am TH Library 10 am –12:30 pm Climate Vigil 11:30-12:30 pm
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Astronomy Club— Tuesdays except 10/6

Tech Help - Every Tues 12– 4 and Thurs 9-12

Vote RE: New Tech School/ Regionalization Oct 6th

Women's Guild Meeting— Oct 6—Nature Program @ Warwick Sch.

Dale Monette Nature Program—Oct 6th

Nonfiction Discussion Group - Oct 8

Foot Clinic - Oct 9

Artists reception Oct 9th

Art Show and Sale—Oct 10th-11th

Trolleys of Western Mass Oct 10

Public Health Nurse Drop in Oct 13th

Bible Study—Wednesdays Oct 7 —October 21

Warwick Trails Group Hike - -Oct 18

TCC Movie Night - Oct 21

Monthly Short Story Hour - Oct 27



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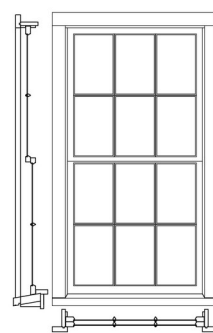
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