Warwick Community Newsletter

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com or left at the Library book/drop-box or the envelope just outside the kitchen on the first floor of the Metcalf Chapel by the 20th of the month before the article will run. Flyers for town events must be 1/2 page or less. If a full page event for news flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Nancy Hickler at the Library for the number of copies required—544-7866) or email Andrea Woods, editor, if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. The price of advertising has not changed. Business card size ads are $7/month or $70/year. We no longer have room for Double size business cards. 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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ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED!

The Presidential Primary will be held Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. PLEASE contact me at 978-544-3402 to sign up for hours.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VOTERS:

If you are registered in one of the following four parties, you may vote ONLY on the ballot for that party: Democrat, Republican, Green Rainbow, or United Independent. Only those registered as Unenrolled may choose a ballot from one of the aforementioned parties.

Last day to register to vote for the Presidential Primary is Wednesday, February 10, 2016. If you wish to change your party enrollment, you must complete a new voter registration form in person, by mail, or online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com.

Thank you very much to the following donors and advertisers:

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Total: $643.00

If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to WCN
Women’s Guild
The Guild will next meet on Tuesday, February 2 at 1:00 pm in the basement of the Town Hall for our second annual “Game Day.” If you wish, bring a card or board game for everyone to enjoy. All women are invited to join us for refreshments, a short business meeting, and a whole lot of fun!
Come join us! - Martha Morse

Public Library
The Library will be sponsoring several programs in the next few months. On Sunday, March 6th at 2:00PM Nick and Margot Fleck will be presenting a program of poetry and art. More information is available elsewhere in the Newsletter. In April, we will again sponsor a poetry program for Poetry Month. Date and time will be forthcoming. On Friday, May 6th at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall we will be welcoming Archer Mayor, author of many books set in Vermont and the Brattleboro area. This is presented by the Women’s Guild, the Library and the Warwick Cultural Council.

New books include: After the Crash by Bussi, Crossing by Connelly, Destiny and Power Geo. H.W. Bush, by Meacham, Guilty by Baldacci, How to Make Your Money Last by Quinn, Japanese Lover by Allende, My Name is Lucy Barton by Strout, This is Your Life Harriet Chance by Evison.

New books on CD: Dead Wake by Larson, Full Life: Reflections at 90 by Carter, Girl in the Spider’s Web by Lagercrantz, Magic Strings of Frankie Presto by Albom.

New DVDs: The Intern, Pan, The Martian, Ant Man.
---Nancy Hickler, Director

www.warwickma.org is the Town’s website. Along with things like Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours, you can find this newsletter and lots of other very useful information! If you would like post something to the webpage, contact Ed Lemon, Webmaster at elemon@tiac.net.

Warwickians on-Line - How to subscribe
If you can send and receive e-mail, you can sign up for Warwick-List, our town’s on-line discussion group, founded by Ed Hawes during Old Home Days in 1996. Anything that would interest people who live here is appropriate. To join us, write to warwick-list-request@freelists.org with the subject Subscribe. In the message body give your full name, street address, phone number, and, if you’re not a resident, a sentence or two saying why you want to join. You’ll get a message saying your request has been forwarded for approval. Miryam Williamson, the list owner, will approve it, and you’ll start receiving list mail. Also, you will automatically get the Community Newsletter by e-mail.

The Gathering Place
The Gathering Place menu is available each week on the L, Warwick Web and TCC Facebook page. Thank you all for your continued support. Gatherings are held each Friday in the Warwick Town hall from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Coffee for $1.00 ready at 10:00 AM, cup of Soup for $3.50, ½ Sandwich for $2.00. Have both (Cup and a half) for $4.50 starting at 11:30 AM. Desserts anytime. Need lunch to go, bring a container for soup a we’ll pack lunch for you. Everyone is welcome.

Kelly Chappel Farley is back and will be offering sandwiches and baked goods as well. Come on by and see what we are cooking.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor, (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone), is attempting to be more available to Warwick Residents. Tracy will be at the Gathering on Fri., 12 & 26 February 2016 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Stop by and put her to work for you. Tracy can assist individuals with public benefits, fuel assistance, food stamps, Mass Health, etc. You may contact her at 978-544-3481 or tgaudet@townoforange.org, she will be bringing application forms for various programs.

Animal Control Officer
2016 Rabies Clinic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Rabies vaccinations are $15.00; dogs must be on leash and cats in carriers. Dr. Hurley will vaccinate all those pets that are in line at 11 a.m.

2016 Warwick Dog Licenses will be available during the clinic as well.
In response to last month’s Green Corner request for energy questions, comments, or concerns from our community, we received the following items:

Ted Cady submitted a reminder about access to one of our most basic energy-saving resources: public transportation! He forwarded these links and scheduling/cost information.

MAX intercity daily bus service between Worcester and Northampton via Orange/Athol/New Salem

Adult fare from Orange to Worcester one way is $8. Is $6 for seniors.
http://www.maxpressbus.com/max-fares
http://www.maxpressbus.com/max-schedules

In addition, here are a couple of ‘Q & As’ we hope you will find useful.

Q: During the last snow storm, I noticed that the snow on the roof melted over the bathroom fans. What can I install in the ceiling of the second floor that won’t be a roof melter?

A: So much depends on the roof construction; BUT if the fan duct fell off or is vented directly into the attic, this is VERY bad and needs to be fixed ASAP. All fans need to be directly vented to the outdoors preferably through a straight and insulated duct (no sagging) and a back-draft damper.

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Q: Is it worth turning down the thermostat overnight or while away? Or, does it then take more energy to bring the house back up to a comfortable temperature and to warm up large items such as couches and mattresses?

A: The higher the temperature difference between inside/outside, the greater the rate of heat loss to the outdoors. It makes sense to turn down the thermostat 5-10 degrees during the coldest part of the night or even when away during the day. This can be accomplished easily with the use of a programmable thermostat, where you could then set the temperature to come back up before you get up in the morning or before returning home, thereby avoiding that ‘cold couch’ feeling.

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Thanks to all of you who sent in a question or comment this month. Please keep your energy-related thoughts coming to the Green Corner as we make our way through winter, now that it is finally here!
(email maryhumphries328@gmail.com)

~ Warwick Buildings & Energy Committee

Thursday night pizza is back at the Copper Angel 5-8pm. Place your orders at 544-1932.
Breads available Thursdays too! 24 Athol Road.

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 you have questions 544-5553
Surprise 80th Birthday Party for Ralph Matthews, Jr. at the Warwick Town Hall February 20th from noon—4pm. Hope to see family and friends there to help us celebrate!

—Emily Peters (544-7351)

A Gathering to Remember Ed Hawes

You are invited to a gathering at the Town Hall to remember Ed Hawes, who died December 3. We'll meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, which would have been Ed's 93rd birthday. I'll tell you things about Ed's life you never would have guessed; show you the book he wrote with local historian Charlie Morse, "Warwick and Its People" (available at the library for a small contribution); and listen to people's recollections of his service to the town and, perhaps, some of his dry Yankee one-liners. We'll snack (thanks to the Guild) and chat.

To honor Ed's passion for protecting elephants from poaching, contributions in his memory may be sent to the The Nature Conservancy's Elephant Protection Fund, 4245 N Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia, or online at

https://support.nature.org/site/Donation2;jsessionid=18154EAD0B89584DE3F9558617859137.app245a?df_id=14320&14320.donation=form1&intc=elephants.header.give

I hope to see you there,

Miryam

The Warwick Arts Council & Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust Present:

POETRY by

NICK & MARGOT FLECK

Sunday March 6 at 2:00 pm
Warwick Free Public Library
4 Hotel Rd, Warwick, MA

FREE. Refreshments provided!
Please join us for a special reading by this husband and wife duo from Northfield.
Nick's new poetry book will be available.

"Emerging and transforming spirits"
© Margot Fleck
Artwork by Margot Fleck will be on display at the Warwick library
Announcement

Election Day: Monday, May 16, 2016

Polls Open: 12 noon – 7 p.m.
Last Day to Obtain Nomination Papers: Thursday, March 24, 2016

Last Day to Submit Nomination Papers for Certification: Monday, March 28, 2016

Last Day to Object or Withdraw: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Last Day to Register Voters for Annual Town Meeting and Annual Town Election:
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Number of Signatures Required on Nomination Papers: 20

Office and Length of Term | Incumbent
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SELECTMAN | 3 years | Dawn Magi
ASSESSOR | 3 years | Beth Gilgun
BOARD of HEALTH | 3 years | Lucinda Seago
CONSTABLE | 3 years | A. George Day, Jr.
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER | 3 years | George Roaf
LIBRARY TRUSTEE | 3 years | D. Clare Green
LIBRARY TRUSTEE | 3 years | Gregg Stone
TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER | 3 years | Michael Mankowsky
TRANSFER STATION COMMISSIONER | 2 years | Todd Dexter

(appointed to fill term until May 16, 2016)

Restaurant Review

Rustic Table
320 Keene Road
Winchester, NH 03470
603-392-0296

Hours: Tue – Thu 11:30 AM to 9:00 PM  Fri – Sun 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

The Rustic Table is located across the street from the Forest Lake Campground. They have done over the inside a lot with new tables and booths and a half wall separating the bar from the dining area.

The night I went the service was a little slow but we were not in a rush so we didn’t mind. Most booths were full and there was only one waitress. I’m not sure if that is normal or not. The waitress was very pleasant, however she was not use to handling 5 to 6 booths at a time.

The food on the other hand was excellent. I chose a sirloin steak topped with mushroom wine sauce. The steak was cooked to perfection (medium) and the sauce was excellent. I had ‘real’ mashed potatoes and mixed veggies. Dawn had short ribs and she said they were excellent, fork tender.

The prices are reasonable with the short ribs and steak running about $18. They had a large menu of steak, seafood, chicken and sandwiches. I hope they make a go of it because it is great having a decent restaurant a short distance away. They do not have a website so you can’t view a menu but they do have a Facebook account that they sometimes post the specials. Bon Appetite. — Gloria Varno
Wooden Fender Presents

Rick King & Blue Rendezvous

7:00pm Saturday February 13, 2016 at the Warwick Town Hall

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to saturate your body and soul with the funky swing and infectious R & B grooves from the rhythm and vocal masters of Blue Rendezvous. This tight ensemble features Kate O'Connor (keyboards and vocals), Rick King (guitar and vocals), Rico Spence (bass, percussion and vocals), and Chet Pasek (drums).

All are veterans of the valley music scene. Rick King and Rico Spence have performed in many valley bands over the years including Some of My Best Friends, Clean Living, Flight, and more. King has shared the stage and opened for artists such as The Paul Butterfield Blues Band, The Velvet Underground, Earth, Wind & Fire, and John Mayall to name a few. Rico Spence has played with the James Montgomery Band, George T Gregory, among others, and can be heard on recordings from Dar Williams, Brooks Williams, and others. Kate O’Connor was voted best female vocalist in the Western Massachusetts readers’ poll conducted by the Valley and Springfield Advocate newspapers.

Shake off your winter Blues and head to the dance floor at Warwick Town Hall. For longer than anyone can remember we've all gathered in February for Blues Night. We want you to push back your winter doldrums, banish cabin fever, and help us light up the night.

Blues Night is being sponsored by a generous donation from Michael Humphries Woodworking. Our concerts are also funded by your donations ($5 minimum suggested) and support our mission of bringing live music to Warwick.

Because you’re SURE to wear off the calories, come have some GREAT HOMEMADE PIZZA before you dance!! There will be lots of great toppings to choose from. Gluten Free pizza also available.

Blues Night Pizza Supper Menu

6pm—Saturday, February 13th at Warwick Town Hall

Homemade Cheese Pizza $3 per slice
Pizza w/toppings (also Gluten Free) $3.50 per slice
Salad $1.50
Desserts, Beverages $.50

MEAL DEAL! $10 FOR 2 SLICES, SALAD, BEVERAGE AND DESSERT

All proceeds support the Mission projects of the Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick. We donate every dollar to local and worldwide charities.
Dear Friends,

Last month I began this letter with an excerpt from Psalm 53, “Anyone who does not believe in God is a fool.” That certainly caught some people’s attention, in a negative way. I think, for some, what followed was either dismissed or cast in the dark shadow of those words.

I apologize for not making the point more clearly that that sentiment is NOT my belief. What I DO believe is that those who do not believe in anything outside themselves are fools. I know and love many who find the religious establishment view to be wholly inadequate, alienating and irrelevant. I even agree with much of what they say and feel. I am not a “Creationist” in the sense that God created life on earth as we now know it. I am an evolutionist. I believe the Spirit of God (something we cannot measure or fully comprehend) moved across the void and sparked a process that evolved into the forms we now see around us. I believe Darwin and others discovered and described the mechanism of evolution, a physical process. I further believe that our minds and our base of knowledge have evolved to the point where our science and technological capabilities allow us to manipulate our environment, for good and bad. Does that make “God” irrelevant? No. These are very effective tools used by humans to manipulate the physical world we live in. But, I do not believe this physical world, that which we can see, measure and test, is all there is. I also believe that human intelligence is incapable, at present, of fully comprehending the totality of even our physical world and its interconnected systems and so we end up with situations like “Climate Change” that threatens our children’s future existence on a habitable planet.

Beyond that, I see scant evidence of humanity progressing in a manner that promotes greater well-being within our own species, let alone the whole of creation. physical health and comfort, yes, but a deep peacefulness and compassion, no. What makes for a meaningful life? What is a truly satisfying and fulfilling life? How are we to move beyond constant conflict, conquest and condemnation of the “other”? At their best, religions try to address these questions. Most of the world religions have at their core, a version of the “Golden Rule”, “Do unto others as you would have them do to you”; a relationship of respect, understanding and compassion so that we can value the “other” rather than fear or envy them. The three religions “of the Book”, Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, stress the importance of welcoming the stranger and caring for the poor and marginalized as foundations for a stable and healthy society; justice for all, not a select few. So why the popular image of religious intolerance and oppression?

At their worst, religious institutions have indulged in trying to contain and control the very entity they claim as their god. Through a long process of accretion, laws have built structures incapable of evolving. They claim God to be static and as rigid as their hierarchies. They try to provide a “package” that must be “bought wholesale”, no annoying or disconcerting questions allowed. One answer once and for all, PERIOD!

What do you suppose would happen if we all just did what was caring, compassionate and healing without “branding” it, with no restrictions on who received the care and compassion and healing? That was the vision that powered Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr’s life; the formation of the “Beloved Community” within which the “content of one’s character” was more determinant than the color of one’s skin. We aren’t there yet, and we won’t get there without some difficult questions being asked and discussed with compassion rather than rancor.

In Faith, Dan

ON-GOING

BEDDING AND BLANKET DRIVE Each year at this time, we collect warm blankets and clean sheets and pillowcases for the Franklin Area Emergency Shelter in Greenfield. Drop off useable, clean items in the front hall of the Chapel and we will get them to the shelter. Warm outdoor clothing is also needed.

ORANGE FOOD PANTRY The Orange Food Pantry needs both donations and bodies. The Pantry has been distributing food to about 400 families or individuals. That number may well increase with the closing of Rodney-Hunt. The pantry is open to receive donations of non-perishable food, personal care and household cleaning supplies and to sort and pack boxes every Wednesday from about 10:30 to Noon. Distribution happens on Thursdays and help is also needed for this. Donations can be dropped off in the front hall of the Chapel. Volunteers can call the Pantry (544-2140) or the Chapel (544-2630) to confirm when their help would be useful.

COMING IN FEB

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Donations to SOUPER BOWL Sunday be divided between the Western MA Food Bank and the Orange Food Pantry to help feed people who are “Food Insecure”. That’s political speak for those who are chronically hungry. There are a lot of hungry people in Western MA and the Food Bank and the Pantries it supports are saving lives that have been discarded by our political “leadership”.

BLUES NIGHT/ PIZZA NIGHT SAT, FEB 13 6 PM great pizza and great music in the heart of “Cabin Fever Season”
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12/23/2015 0409 Hastings Pond Road 911 hang up call at Fire Station. Officer found no emergency, possibly phone line issue.

1113 Orange Road Motor vehicle stop for equipment violation. Investigation leads to arrest of operator NICHOLAS MOODY of Keene charged with unlicensed operation and a brake light violation. Also arrested was TOMMI WILLIAMS of Keene charged with Possession of Class B drug (Aderol) and a seatbelt violation. Vehicle towed.

1352 District Court Officers out at court with prisoners.

12/24/15 0826 Orange Road MVS – Citation / warning issued.

12/28/15 1027 Orange Road MVS – Citation / warning issued.

12/29/15 2253 Northfield Road Motor vehicle crash. Services rendered.

12/30/15 0855 White Road 911 call, confirmed misdial.

1013 Laurel Lake Alarm call.

Wooden Fender Concert Series
We had a fabulous show on January 16th with Josh LeVangie and The Pistoleros! We hope you didn’t miss it as it was a truly magical and unforgettable night. In the next few months we have three more shows guaranteed to light up Town Hall. Each event starts with dinner hosted by a beloved local organization that features delicious homemade comfort food. After dinner, Wooden Fender hosts music from a local area band. These three shows feature bands with a reputation for getting audiences out of their seats and up on the dance floor, so put on your dancing shoes and head for Town Hall!

Mark your calendars:
Feb. 13: Blues Night: Rick King and Blue Rendezvous, Trinitarian Congregational Church Pizza Supper
March 19: rice - An American Band, Trinitarian Congregational Church St. Patrick's Day Dinner
April 16: Shokazoba, Moore's Pond Beach Committee Lasagna Dinner

Dinner and Concert – Saturday, February 13th, Warwick Town Hall

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At 7:00 PM the concert starts in the main hall. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door to pay the band and support Wooden Fender’s ongoing endeavor - in memory of Jeff Wallace - to keep live music happening in Warwick. Wooden Fender is a project of the Warwick Arts Council.
NEWS & TIDINGS from
WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal
February 2016

SCHOOL COUNCIL:  The WCS School Council will begin meeting in early February to discuss life, learning, hopes and dreams at Warwick Community School. The Council is an important body that brings WCS staff, parents, and community members together to consider current issues and future plans. We are eager to have community members not otherwise connected with our school, join us with input and ideas to improve our school. This year, our playground and new outdoor learning center will be one of the major topics of discussion. We are looking for ways to maximize the learning that takes place in our new greenhouse and garden plots, and to involve community members in its use and development. We will also begin discussions in preparation of the new 3-year School Improvement Plan that will be written by the WCS Council in the next (2017) school year.

OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ... Featuring 5th & 6th grades! Fifth and Sixth graders have just completed units on fiction reading and writing. We are now moving into reading narrative nonfiction and expository nonfiction, and writing research based arguments and essays on the American Revolutionary War.

In science, we are using triple beam balances, graduated cylinders and other measuring tools to find the densities of different liquids. We then use the scientific process to layer “mystery” liquids in order of their densities (heaviest to lightest) inside of straws. Not only are students learning to use important measuring tools and engage in a scientific process, the information they gain will inform understanding of how ocean currents result from varying densities caused by changes in temperature and salinity.

Fifth and sixth graders have completed their research of European explorers who reached the New World during the Age of Exploration, and will next study the subsequent Trade Triangle that drove the slave trade and the economic growth of the colonies.

Speaking of American history and oceans, we have reserved our dates and are finalizing all the plans and activities for our semi-annual trip to Cape Cod, Wed., June 8 - Fri., June 10. Excitement is building!

We have another fundraiser in the works for our Cape Cod trip! This one is with Hillside Pizza in Bernardston. Orders are now being taken for fully organic pizza and cookie dough for delivery in time for Super Bowl Sunday! If you would like to order, please contact a family who has children in the school or Lynn Hansell, at WCS. Order forms are due Wed., Jan. 27. Pick up will be at WCS on Sat., Feb. 6 from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Thanks again for all of the support this community shows to our children and our school in so many ways!
Note: Due to space constraints, the Selectboard minutes printed in the Newsletter will only reflect attendance and motions and votes. Full minutes with discussion notes can be found on the Warwick website www.warwickma.org or from the Town Hall.

Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes December 7, 2015

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyn, Nick Arguimbau

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Fire Chief Ron Gates, Firefighter Mike Mankowsky, WiredWest Delegate John Bradford, Broadband Committee Chair Tom Wyatt, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Mike Mankowsky, Jon Calcari, Rachel Rapkin (Greenfield Recorder), Jared Robinson (Athol Daily News)

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of November 23, 2015 as printed. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 7:02 p.m., Pruyn MOVED to adjourn. Arguimbau SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Town of Warwick Selectboard Minutes December 21, 2015

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyn, Nick Arguimbau (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, Police Chief David Shoemaker, Jon Calcari, Paula Lundgren Robinson (Athol Daily News)

Pruyne MOVED to approve the minutes of December 7, 2015 as printed. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Arguimbau MOVED to approve the Warwick Police Department policy on the use of nasal Narcan. Pruyn SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

At 7:12 p.m., Pruyn MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.
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Don’t Miss these February events in Warwick!

TOWN HALL GATHERINGS - Fridays at 10AM

WOMEN’S GUILD - February 2 at 1PM

BLUES NIGHT - February 13 at 6PM