# Warwick Community Newsletter

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# **Town Coordinator Report**

Our life may permanently change for good and for the better from what we learn. One future trend I see is curtailing business travel and using conference capabilities. Zoom meetings work and I see a lot more conference video calls in our future. Another possible change is in the world of V - of virtual. I think our school redesign Horace Mann II proposal suffered much from other folk's sense that remote teaching is decidedly inferior and possibly bad. Meanwhile we are moving ahead with virtual doctor visits; virtual school and lectures and tests; virtual cocktail hours; virtual worship services and virtual counseling. It is not all bad.

I serve on the six town GM / PV planning board where we are looking at ways to adapt to our increasingly small size or sizes. That is my take on how we got to regional schools though the consultant report says it was due to postwar population growth in the larger towns that used to take our kids. The Six town planning board I serve on by virtue of being an elected school committee member is looking at merging Pioneer and Gill Montague regional districts. It is not really looking for cost efficiencies. It is planning on reusing any savings from re constellation of these Districts into a single district offering more instructional offerings, just as Pioneer took the alleged savings from closing Warwick elementary to fund increases everywhere that remains open.

Meanwhile one of the impacts of the pandemic on rural areas is rising home values. Perhaps we ought to have seen this coming. Sales in Warwick and surrounding rural communities are about 30% higher priced than expected based on town assessed valuation and recent market valuations.

On Broadband the town just got a one-year extension of time for the almost \$1/2M grant from the State through the MBI. In the coming fall months, we will be working on implementing new gear to replace the WiMAX radio layer over the winter. Those upgrades will encompass almost 2/3 of the not yet upgraded connections and move them to 10x faster gear.

A working group is penning a separation agreement with Pioneer School District. It is called the Transition Agreement and we also have underway a Tuition Agreement which will allow our kids to continue to Pioneer middle and high school, if enacted. These legal agreements are under legal and policy review. The school choice option still remains.

The Town is in the process of filing our annual energy report with DOER on our energy use as a Green Community. It looks like our energy consumption in buildings has been reduced, temperature weather corrected, by 13%. With a goal to cut town energy use in half we are challenged by the fact that most of Town of Warwick energy consumption is by Highway vehicles.

We are getting town accounting back on track. After trying an outsourced firm and now a CPA firm, I'm pleased to say this is the year that we won't be getting threatening letters from the state for being late on reporting. We expect to have our books closed within days and free cash certified within the month. This is realization of a long-desired goal of having the town's books be more current.

Whether by good luck or good spacing, our Warwick community is weathering the pandemic. Meanwhile we are naturally getting weary of the precaution and measures. Keep it up! It is no time to relent. Relative to the rest of the country we are doing very well though we just had the announcement of a Covid19 case in the Pioneer Valley Regional School community.

# www.warwickma.org is the Town's website.

Along with things like *Permit Applications, Police Logs, Meeting Agendas, Town Hall Office Hours, News from the Library,* 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.

# Library

**To contact the Library**: Email <u>warwick@cwmars.org</u>, or call 978-544-7866 during operating hours (Mon. 10-4, Tues. 1-8, Thurs. 5-8, Sat. 10-12:30).

Pandemic operations - limited browsing by appointment begins: After more than seven months of curbside delivery only, the Library plans to offer limited browsing by appointment starting this month. Browsing will be limited to one person or party at a time for 20-minute periods, Tuesdays 3:30 - 7:30 pm and Saturdays 10 am - noon. Appointments will be made on the hour or half hour: Contact the Library. <u>Mask wearing and hand sanitizing will be required to enter the building:</u> there will be a supply at the door. For everyone's safety, please stay home if you have any reason to think you may be ill or a carrier. <u>All Patrons are encouraged to continue to order items remotely and use curbside delivery.</u> Computer station appointments will also be available for 20-minute periods (on the hour or half hour)—please limit your use to urgent needs. <u>Note</u>: At press time Covid cases are seeing an uptick in western MA: In the future, the Library may decide to suspend browsing by appointment to help protect your health. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

**Wowbrary has arrived! - Online Browsing**: The Library is excited to now offer this free weekly enewsletter featuring the most recent additions to the Library's collection, with the ability to click on any item to see a visual image and a detailed description. If you'd like to sign up, just call or email the Library. The newsletter is "published" Saturday mornings.

**New Large Print Titles**: The Library is now ordering a limited number of large print versions of popular new bestsellers, so if you have a particular request, please let me know.

Library resources - Reminder: The Library has lots of **puzzles** available to borrow, varying in age range, size and difficulty level. Also, **Museum passes** (museums are requiring appointments). And, through BPL's (bpl.org) Library for the Commonwealth program you can register online for an eCard—https://www.bpl.org/ecard: enjoy instant access to online services, including a broad selection of online resources, e-books, downloadable audio books and music, streaming services with audiobooks, music, television shows, and movies.

Tuesday, November 20th @ 7 pm - Museum Of Bad Art: "Tough Times - Having a Bad Day to Dystopian Apocalypse" (Zoom): Warwick Library is pleased to co-sponsor this event with several area libraries. Art has always helped get us through difficult times. Since 1994, MOBA has acquired works that deal with good times and bad. In this presentation we explore some of the ways our artists react to small and large, real and imagined, disasters. **Registration is limited: contact the Library** to be sent the Zoom link. MOBA collects, exhibits, and celebrates art that will be seen in no other venue. This is art too bad to be ignored!

**Northfield Authors & Artists festival - Monthly (1st Sunday) book discussions**: Northfielders are putting together a second "Authors and Artists Festival" on the theme of Honoring Nature for February 27 & 28, 2021—free and online. Between now and the fest, there's a free online reading group: <u>https://authorsandartistsfestival.wordpress.com/associated-programming/#Read</u>

**OverDrive Use in Warwick**: In last month's column I reported briefly on the phenomenal growth of this e-book platform, available for free to public library patrons. Their 1 billionth e-book was borrowed in 2017. Soon after press time I found these statistics for Warwick while preparing an annual report for the State Library system: FY20 = 2,028; up from 1,462 in FY19 (almost a 40% increase).

Stay well! Ivan

### November 2020

# **Restaurant Review**

Ladd's Restaurant Rte. 122/64 Barre-Paxton Rd Rutland, MA 01543 Tel: 508-886-4771 <u>www.laddsrestaurant.com</u> Mon & Tues- Closed Wed & Thurs - 4 pm - 9 pm Friday - 2 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday 11:30 am - 9:30 pm Sunday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

I recently saw a picture on Facebook that someone posted of a tray of food served at Ladd's. It prompted my interest and since I had never been there, decided to give it a try. When I saw they opened at 2 PM on Friday's I thought that was a great opportunity during the pandemic, to get in and out before Friday night crowds.

The restaurant was set up nicely for distancing. Every other booth was marked 'reserved' so you couldn't sit in any of those. One larger table in the rear seated 6 people. And their menus were under glass on each table so you didn't have one in your hands that anyone touched. And no condiments on the tables, you had to ask for those.

The tray of food I saw on FB was a tray of prime rib so I had my heart set on having a prime rib. A little disappointed in the outcome; I ordered medium and it came medium well. Had I known, I would have ordered medium rare. But the meat was very tasty and served with a baked potato and butternut squash. My friend ordered one of their specials for the day, Butternut Squash Ravioli's with Chicken in a white cream sauce which she said was excellent. All dinners come with soup or salad and rolls, which at 2:30 PM they were baking so didn't get them until we were almost done.

The prices are reasonable; my regular cut prime rib was \$19.99 and included salad, potato and vegetable. And the ravioli and chicken dish was \$18.99. Course we each had a glass of wine so it brought the price up! We both liked it enough to go back as they have a varied menu, containing Seafood, Beef and Veal, Pastas, Poultry and Pork, Salads and Sandwiches.

It's a nice leisurely ride down Rt. 122 from Orange with views of the Quabbin and other ponds and lakes along the way. We toured coming back by going into Rutland Center, picking up Rt. 68 into Hubbardston and Gardner, eventually getting on Rt. 2 and home. I think everyone could find something they like at Ladd's. Bon Appetite.

Gloria Varno

**Foot Clinic** 

November 13, 2020 December 11, , 2020



At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.

# Women's Guild

# \*\*\* ALL EVENTS ARE PENDING BASED ON THE CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES\*\*\*

- November 10, 2020. Women's Guild monthly meeting being held at 1 PM. Bring your mask and meet in the school gym. We have permission to use the gym using the coronavirus guidelines, no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask. Adam Holloway will be with us and give us an overview of the <u>Home School Co-op</u>. And he said the Co-op will be doing their garden club that day as well so after we talk if the group would like to see what they are doing that would be neat as well (outside, with masks and socially distanced obviously).
- December 1, 2020. Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held at 1 PM in the <u>school cafeteria</u> where we will meet to assemble our Christmas Fruit Baskets for those Warwick residents who have reached the age of 80. We have permission to use the cafeteria using the coronavirus guidelines, no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask. And clean the area after our baskets are done.

\*\*\* Everyone, please stay safe and healthy \*\*\*

# **Inspector of Animals**

The following is from Michael Cahill, Director of the Division of Animal Health, Massachusetts Department of Agriculture:

"I am postponing the routine annual barn inspections / animal census until next fall (2021). Under the circumstances, and with the understanding that our goal is to detect and prevent the spread of infectious disease, this is the most responsible course of action."

As there will be NO routine inspections conducted this year, please disregard my earlier request to contact me to schedule an inspection, which was published in the October newsletter before I received word of the inspections being postponed until Fall 2021.

Thank you, and stay safe.

Rosa Fratangelo Warwick Inspector of Animals

# Board of Health

If anyone has any questions, please call Don Matthews at 978-544-3595, Helen Whipple at 978-544-6838 or Nancy Lyman at 978-544-8229.

# TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

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"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert..." Isaiah 43: 18-20

In other words, don't lament what "used to be", how WE were respected or how WE could make decisions for ourselves. That was never true in the first place, and now, I, the Creative Spirit, the One at the beginning, I am opening up a new path, one that will provide even for the animals in the wilderness. It will provide for every-one.

Father Michael Perry, head of the Franciscan Order, recently shared St Francis' vision of what humans are called by God, the Creative Spirit, to be and to do, saying that "the call to repentance, conversion, to open our hearts and minds to a new way of living together on this planet is more urgent now than at any time in human history." He goes on to say that "humans have, as their vocation, the duty to support and complete one another, **not to compete against and destroy one another.** We are co-responsible for the life of the natural environment... not pushing the planet to the brink of ecological disaster."

Some will argue that human history is full of disasters and we have come through them before without sacrificing our "progress". Rather than moving backwards, we just need to ramp up our technology to take better control of the climate and the natural environment to better suit our needs.

We have come through disasters before, but we have always had the buffer of a planet larger than our reach. Now, there is no place on earth that is beyond human interference or influence. Our oceans are being overfished and polluted. Our land is being stripped of vegetation and fertile soil and filled with the toxic waste left from the extraction and processing of the very elements that make up our planet. Our air is being filled, with increasing rapidity, with toxins and carbon compounds that are altering climate patterns in ways that are threatening to all life forms, even humans. To simply accelerate our use of new, unproven technologies is, as Albert Einstein said, "the definition of insanity...doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results."

The same can be said about our current politics of partisan exclusion and division. The ideology of "exceptionalism" is not new. Every major human civilization has had the image of themselves as exceptional right up until the entire enterprise began to fall apart, often due to environmental degradation, but also from class stagnation and the maltreatment of the lower classes. Even in Jesus' time, there were the elite, individuals who kept control of the social system through religious purity laws and military power to keep the lesser classes under physical control. The idea is simple; divide and conquer; keep communities from developing that could be an alternative to the power and control of wealth.

At some point, some set of circumstances or some person comes along to challenge the very structure of society; Moses in Egypt, Buddha in the east, Mohammed in North Africa and Jesus in Palestine to name a few. From the beginning, Jesus' defined his mission as *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free."*(Luke 4:18) It wasn't just saving individuals; it was about repairing the broken community to save individuals, wherever two or more are gathered.

Many young people want to embrace that ideal of a healing community, of leaving the isolating anonymity and contagion of the cities to find safe, "authentic community". Some have found their way to our area and are looking for the community of people and nature that, to some extent exists here. In the 1960's and 70's, young people perceived the lies underpinning our social structure. Now, Covid 19 and Black Lives Matter have once again exposed those same lies. In both times, it was mostly the young who had a vision of a better way. We are in a time of disorder and re-order. This is an opportune to come together and welcome the "new thing", as old as God's love for all creation. In hopeful faith, *Dan* 

# **UP COMING EVENTS**

Covid numbers are once again rising around the area and we are not anticipating they will disappear any time soon, so we are looking into ways of making the Chapel sanctuary a space that is as safe as possible. We are looking into air purification systems with the hope that we can begin to have small, masked and safely spaced gatherings even after we have been forced to close windows and doors. We have had some programs and movies while we could provide good ventilation and we would like to do more during the coming cold months. As we proceed we will be passing along what we have decided to do and hopefully invite you to some enjoyable viewing in small groups.

# **Guided Advent Reflections**

We usually begin the Advent Season with an "Advent Workshop", making decorations for the season. We will not be doing that this year. We will begin our Advent Reflection series on Sunday, Nov 29 followed by three more Wednesday night programs. We hope to be able to gather a few in the Chapel as well as via ZOOM. As details are worked out, we will post more information on the church facebook page.

# **ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL**

# FREE FOOD AT THE CHAPEL starts at 10 AM Fridays.

The food that comes on Friday, thanks to Cliff Fournier and others, usually includes frozen meats as well as bakery goods and produce, so come check it out. We don't close up until around 5 PM, but the selection is always best early.

As the weather begins to close in on winter, we will be trying to make arrangements to continue in a safe and accessible manner.

# FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. **Disposable diapers, personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with "food stamps".** 

**MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRAR** We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.

**SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND OTHER LINENS** There is a box in the front hall of the Chapel for these items for the Franklin Emergency Shelter in Greenfield.

# What is Code Red?

It's a reverse 911 system to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports. The department makes one call and all those registered receive the message.

You might have recently received a message from an 800 number from Police Chief David Shoemaker telling you about Code Red and instructions on how to register. A lot of people were confused by the call and didn't understand it and some didn't receive a call.

This week, the Warwick Women's Guild, had Chief Shoemaker come to our monthly meeting, explain the system and more details on how to register. If you received a phone call and want all your emergency alerts to go to that phone number, you don't have to do anything. It means you were set up for that phone number. If you didn't receive a call, the phone number the town has for you is not current so you should get online or text Code Red and register. If you don't have a land line, you can have calls sent to your cell phone or email address. You can put multiple phone numbers in. For instance, I have my land line and cell phone listed along with my email address. Then if I am not home, I will get that call on my cell and can plan accordingly being away.

The easier way to register, is go to the Town of Warwick, web page (http://www.warwickma.org/) if you have a computer and scroll down to the Police Department's New Link which says "Click here for the new Code Red program". Click on HERE and it will bring you to the Code Red registration page. If you have a Google Account, Facebook or Twitter account, you can sign in with that user ID and password, OR create an account for just Code Red.

Once logged in, you can follow the instructions for adding your land line phone number, or add other phone numbers and also your email address.

If you don't have a computer, you can use your cell phone and TEXT, "WarwickMA" to 99411 to enroll in Code Red public safety alerts. They will send a link to your cell phone and following the instructions which should be similar to above, you can register.

For those of you who have no access to a computer or cell phone, you can always go to the library and use one of those computers. Chief Shoemaker is going to check with the librarian, Ivan, and see if we can schedule a session some Saturday or evening where the Chief and myself will walk people through the process.

Surrounding towns are also getting this system. A friend of mine, lives in Templeton and they have it and said it is "Very Helpful".

Hope this clears up some of the questions!

Gloria Varno





# School meals are FREE for ALL CHILDREN through June 30, 2021.

Schools around Massachusetts will now be able to offer free meals for kids through the end of the academic year, with no income restrictions, thanks to a new USDA waiver for school lunch rules as well as additional funding. This is part of a national effort to sustain students and their families during the coronavirus pandemic.

PVRSD will be providing five days worth of breakfast and lunch meal kits free of charge at Friday curbside pickups. Meals are available for remote learners and any child under 21 years of age. Please fill out one survey - https://forms.gle/dPBr7bYwNNkztHog7 - for each child. The survey must be filled out each week. If you have questions, please contact Michael Onorato at 413-498-2911 ext 602 or at onoratom@pvrsdk12.org.

The Warwick curbside pickup takes place at the Warwick Community School each Friday morning from 9:30-10:30. If that time is difficult for you, please reach out to Mr. Onorato to request your family's meals be delivered to the Metcalf Chapel, where they can be held for you until 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

As always, if you need assistance or wish to volunteer in some capacity, please call, text, or email us at (978) 633-5323 or warwickmutualaid@gmail.com.

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# Corkscrew!

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# **CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

Don't Miss these NOVEMBER events WOMEN'S GUILD –NOVEMBER 10 AT SCHOOL MUSEUM OF BAD ART ZOOM —NOVEMBER 20