Warwick Community Newsletter

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All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com (or call Beth Gilgun at 544 – 3464) or dropped off in the black box in front of Town Hall by the 20th of the month before the article will run. Please note that we are no longer accepting FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Beth for the number of copies required) if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations. ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIBERS WILL GET FULL SELECTBOARD MINUTES.

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Town Coordinator Report David Young

This March we will mark the one-year anniversary of our COVID-19 lockdown. Very shortly we will need your department's town report submission. The Finance Committee is working on the next year budget. We are modeling for 2% wage increases for town employees. The Selectboard has scheduled annual town meeting on the 1st Saturday in June at 1 pm with a rain date the following Saturday.

Work of survey, design, and permitting has begun on the Northfield / Warwick STRAP highway grant which puts \$2,000,000 of state grant funding to work on the Northfield Rd. It looks, based on a recent stakeholder meeting, that this construction is most likely to happen the summer of 2022. I hope we can replace the culverts this season. It makes for a flatter road in the long run. We owe much thanks to Representative Whipps and Senator Comerford.

Shout out to Fire Chief Larson who has been bringing in grant funding; most recently \$80,000 to replace fire Department breathing apparatus. I have appreciated his knowledgeable input on the fire panels at town buildings which are requiring repairs. Warwick Police Department is beginning to plan to meet the requirements in the recently passed police reform state legislation. Generally considered to be good law, it is going to be costly to implement. This subject is on the Mar 1 Selectboard agenda. Here is your reusable link to Selectboard meetings online: https://zoom.us/j/3717597885?pwd=Z0s1bzFwcGx3UHRrWGgvMGdBTituZz09

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The community is responding to another Pioneer School Committee driven realignment. This time it is moving all the 6th grade in with the Junior and Senior High schoolers. This goes against our district agreement, has resulted in a deadlocked School Committee, in allegations that the Open Meeting Law has been violated, has raised questions about how the SC operates and about the role of the Commissioner. The Acts of 2018 were passed by the Legislature and are part of a financial cure / bailout for our School District. I was a member at the time and I still am. The Acts are law and are now part of our operating agreement. The reasons cited against this change for 6th graders include lack of buy in by parents, a sham and inadequate process; close vote by SC at a meeting where the subject was on agenda as progress report, and just not appropriate given what the kids have faced in the past year. If moving the 6th Grade happens, the Commissioner must approve Please write him.

Jeffrey C. Riley, Commissioner of Education 75 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148-4906

A 2/3 vote of the school committee is required to pass the school budget. At this point we only have six members who are committed to moving 6th graders in with the big kids. I informed the SC that if 5 school committee members vote against the budget it is defeated, and it is back to the drawing board. The actual vote was 6-6. The budget failed.

What has Warwick accomplished lately on school reopening? We continue to plan to leave the District with a goal of July 2022. The Pavilion project sited at the school continues to receive donated funds and has received pledges of giving conditioned on us breaking ground. Our work to establish "place based" elementary education and curriculum is happening and has been recognized in the local news and on the editorial page. This is important because we believe DESE subscribes to a clipping service. We have cemented a relationship with a nearby grad school, Antioch U who have a campus in Keene. We have ventilation restored at the school building and have made enhancements that will reduce energy use, cost, and direct ventilation and heat to occupied areas. Once we get the kitchen inspected by our Board of Health, we will have the school's physical plant, including the drinking water system (that is another contract) certified and "student ready".

We are working in conjunction with Northfield and assisted by FRCOG on a Municipal Vulnerability Plan. This means we are looking at the potential effects of climate change. The first meeting which was held during the day was attended by representatives from Hwy, police, fire, conservation, planning board and building and energy. There will be an evening meeting to follow on Monday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Library

Library hours: Monday 10-4, Tuesday 1-8, Thursday 5-8, Saturday 10-12:30

Contact: warwick@cwmars.org; 544-7866.

Covid operations update: Curbside delivery continues. Home delivery is also available to those in need. Limited browsing by appointment can be done Tuesdays from 3:30 - 7:30 and Saturdays from 10 am - noon; contact the Library to make an appointment.

Wowbrary e-newsletter: Contact the Library if you'd like to receive weekly notices of new items available for borrowing, with graphics and full descriptions.

Short Story Hour - Thursday, March 18th @ 7:30 pm (Zoom): Librarian Ivan Ussach will read a short story, to be selected—stay tuned for an update in March. If this proves to be a popular idea, look for a regular monthly Short Story Hour—perhaps with different readers. Contact the Library for the Zoom link.

Harold Wolfson's Warwick book to be re-printed: Harold's February 7th Zoom presentation on his newest book, "A Town Time Passed By: Warwick Massachusetts", was attended by over 40 people—there was some good discussion, and everyone stayed to the end! Copies can be borrowed from the Library, and plans are underway for a small second printing sometime in March. The book will be a fundraiser, underwritten by the author, and available for purchase at the Library. Proceeds will benefit the Warwick Community School pavilion & school renewal project, as well as the Library and Historical Society. The suggested donation is \$20 (tax included). The soft-cover book is 35 pages with many color photographs. *To reserve a copy, contact Ivan at the Library or Tom Wyatt.* This is likely the last printing of the book.

On Bryson's *The Body* briefly — Sue O'Reilly-McRae shared the following pithy comments: In Chapter 6 of his 2019 book, *The Body*, titled "Down the Hatch: The Mouth and Throat," author Bill Bryson explains the interplay between our senses of taste and smell, noting that "all that is really going on in your mouth is texture and chemicals. It is your brain that reads these scentless, flavorful molecules and vivifies them for your pleasure." I just love the way this guy writes! If that's not delightful enough, he goes on to end this small but typically informative and a-pleasure-to-read paragraph with the following: "Your brownie is sheet music. It is your brain that makes it a symphony." In Chapter 7, titled "The Heart and Blood," Bryson describes the unbelievable workhorse, the heart, noting that while this organ weighs less than a pound and is about the size of a grapefruit, it squeezes and pumps our blood with enough force to move a fluid four feet up a tube, every second of our lives. *The Body* is a book packed with humor, insight, and not a few very crazy and disturbing stories of the medical field's attempts to uncover and understand the mysteries of the body. A great read.

Most common initial letters in words (English): TAOSHIWCBPFDMREYNLUGVKJQZX — Bourne and Ford, 1961

Finding Sanctuary - **Art and Nature in MA**: With Spring on its way, this is a good time to highlight a new book recently gifted to all libraries in the state by Mass Audubon—*Finding Sanctuary: An Artist Explores the Nature of Mass Audubon*, written and illustrated by Barry van Dusen. The title pretty much says it all. Van Dusen, an internationally recognized wildlife artist living in central Massachusetts, visited all 61 of Mass Audubon's public wildlife sanctuaries between 2015 and 2019. From his many drawings and sketches he produced over 200 watercolors of birds—lots of birds—as well as landscapes, flowers, plants and many other animals. Follow his travels and adventures from the Islands to the Berkshires in this lovely, informative and inspiring book.

Library

On the "Wick" in Warwick: Last year I borrowed London: A Short History of the Greatest City in the World on video from the Library. Alas, the first of the two CDs was missing, so I contented myself with a lecture on London's expansion between the World Wars. Recently I borrowed the video from another library and learned that the term "wick" means simply "trading town." Around 700 AD as it returned to prominence following the Dark Ages, London (formerly Londonium during the Roman Empire) became known as Londonwic.

Town Clerk

Thank you to everyone who has already returned your annual Street List! Responding to the annual Street Listing is part of keeping your status as an active voter. For anyone who has yet to return the form, you can drop it in the black box in front of Town Hall, or send it in the mail, attn: Town Clerk.

2021 Dog Licenses are available! Please send a self addressed stamped envelope to the Town Clerk, along with proof of a current rabies vaccine, and \$5 per dog (\$10 if not spayed or neutered). Checks should be made out to Town of Warwick.

Women's Guild

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

March 2, 2021 Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held at 1 PM in the <u>school gym</u>, using the coronavirus guidelines, no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask. Our presenter will be Beth Gilgun who will discuss Women's clothing in the 1750's. She will be displaying reproduction garments on a mannequin during

the discussion.

April 6, 2021 Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held at 1 PM in the school gym, using the coronavirus guidelines,

no more than 25 people, and 6 ft. apart and wearing a mask.

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

Board of Health

Helen Whipple, Nancy Lyman, Don Matthews

We have been checking and trying to locate places where 75+ adults can get a covid vaccine. We have found several local options:

- 1) Greenfield Senor Center 1-413-775-6411 Call and leave your name, phone number and birth date. This is an answering machine but they will return your call. Clinics will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. If there is a shortage of vaccine, they will generate a waiting list and you will be called as vaccine becomes available.
- 2) Heywood Vaccines To register for a future clinic the call center is 1-978-630-8304. Hours of operation ore Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10AM to 2PM. When you get a call, you can inquire about Athol Hospital or Haywood Hospital in Gardner locations.
- 3) Amherst Call Center 1-413-259-2425 Again, it is a call where you leave your name and number. They will call you and inform you of any future clinics. These vaccines have been given at Amherst High School. (Several Warwick seniors have had good luck getting their vaccines here.)

We encourage everyone to get a covid vaccine. This is the best way to get this pandemic under control. Please remember to wash hands, wear a mask and practice social distancing. This must be done even after you have had both vaccines until the country reaches herd immunity (75+% of the country vaccinated).

Warwick Scholarship Committee

A. George Day, Jr.

The Warwick Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the scholarship awards for 2021. Students who have been accepted as a full time student in an accredited post-secondary school and have been a resident of Warwick for 1 year or more are eligible.

(Article 11 Eligibility)

- a. The applicant must have been a resident of Warwick for
 - 1 year or more preceding application.
- b. Seniors in the graduating class at Pioneer Valley Regional School, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, other secondary schools and home-schooled students are eligible.
- c. Students in Accredited Post-secondary schools are eligible.

A student is limited to two scholarships awards from

the Warwick Community Committee, either from the Warwick Community Scholarship fund or

the Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship fund.

The Anita L. Pike Memorial scholarship is awarded to the Warwick graduating senior from Pioneer Valley Regional School with the highest scholastic going on to college.

Application forms and current by-laws are available at the guidance department of Pioneer Valley Regional School or at the Warwick Public Library. Applications must be received prior to April 15th. The application form can be sent to any committee member.

Scholarship Committee Members

A. George Day, Jr. Warwick Firemen's Association
Joseph Paul Warwick Firemen's Association
Kathy Connelly Trinitarian Congregational Church

Linda Gale Member at large

Arline (Lincoln) Vanderstelt
Martha Morse
Carol Foote

First Parish and Religious Society
Warwick Historical Society
Warwick Women's Guild

The Warwick Scholarship Fund received 2 donations of \$500.00 each this past year. These 2 individuals donated a portion of their stimulus payment. We will be most appreciative of any donations to our fund.

Warwick Council on Aging

Foot Clinic

March 12, 2021 April 9, 2021 May 14, 2021

At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.



Warwick School Renewal News - March 2021

What's happening:

The Warwick Education Committee is planning for the return to in-town schooling for our children! We need the community's help to know what our school population will be for the 2022-2023 academic year. So, we have launched a **Town of Warwick School Planning Survey**, to plan for the needs of families in Warwick.

If you are raising children in Warwick, please complete our survey via the link below:

http://bit.ly/warwickplaninngsurvey21. This survey will close on March 15, 2021.

Questions, comments or concerns please contact either Adam Holloway or Tom Wyatt Aholloway01@hotmail.com tomwyattphoto@gmail.com

Big news: The Warwick Selectboard have approved a draft agreement with Antioch University in Keene NH. In this project faculty and interns will help design a new place-based curriculum in advance of the elementary school re-opening. Selectboard member Brian Snell said that Antioch staff will also help develop a program this summer at the Warwick Community School (WCS). It will be divided into two 3-week sessions. The programs will run 3 days a week, focused on plant & animal life, exploration methods plus research topics such as conservation and the human impact on forests in Warwick. The free program will be open to all Warwick school-age elementary students with hopefully many parents and volunteers helping out. Education Committee member Janice Starmer applied, through the Warwick Arts Council, for a grant from the Warwick Cultural Council, our local chapter of MA Cultural Council. The \$3875 grant was approved; it will enable (along with \$1200 from the town) the summer plans and school year innovations to happen. The Recorder's Zack Deluca described in detail the Antioch-Warwick project in a recent article.

An Education Committee study group on early childhood education has been investigating options and requirements for Warwick children from birth to kindergarten age.

Warwick representatives have met with officials from area towns about working together.

Selectboard Chair Doc Pruyne continues to crank out grant applications, recently for school and town garden spaces. Donations have been received for loam for these beds!

Planning for the outdoor pavilion and amphitheater at WCS is moving forward. Education Committee members continue to consult with an architect from town (donating their services). Engineering assistance is being also pursued. The trapezoid-shaped pavilion will face a grassy apron and sloped hillside seating. The structure will fit a classroom of 16-20 socially-distanced students, but also provide for a community performance center.

The Pavilion fund appeal, begun in December, has already raised \$4955! Many thanks to the numerous Warwick residents and supporters from near and far!! Interested in supporting the pavilion project? Make checks payable to: Town of Warwick - Pavilion Mail to: Town of Warwick, Pavilion Project 41 Winchester Rd, Warwick, MA 01378. For more info/questions: contact Adam Holloway: 978-501-0609 or Tom Wyatt 413-768-8641 or email: school-redesign@town.warwick.ma.us

Want to be updated on Warwick's School Renewal? **Please let us know**. We are looking for partnerships with businesses, organizations, colleges & schools, towns and concerned citizens in our region. With a "chorus of support" Warwick can re-open its elementary school!

Warwick: committed to educating Warwick youth in town since 1768.

Tom Wyatt, Warwick Education Committee

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

MARCH 2021

Dear Friends,

"When we are connected to Our Story and The Story and not just My Story, we no longer need to protect or defend the mere part. We are now connected to something expansive and inexhaustible; and we can become a useful and contributing citizen in both this world and the reign of God." Fr Richard Rohr

Last month I referred to the work of Brian McLaren who uses the term "framing stories" to explain the foundations we use to build our view of the world. If our framing story tells us that we must dominate or be dominated, "...then we will have little reason to seek reconciliation and collaboration and nonviolent resolutions to our conflicts... But, if our framing story tells us ... that our lives can have profound meaning if we align ourselves with God's wisdom, character and dreams for us ...then our society will take a radically different direction"

Building on this framing story imagery, Richard Rohr speaks of three layers, or "domes", MY Story, OUR Story and THE Story, to further illustrate our areas of identification;. The smallest dome, "MY Story", "contains my private life, those issues that make me special, inferior or superior, depending on how "I" see it...My Story is often all the postmodern person has left...It's the little stage where I do my dance and where the questions are usually 'Who is watching me? How do I feel? What do I believe? What makes me unique?'...It's a passing arena...not big enough or true enough to create large or meaningful patterns by itself. It's all just personal anecdotes, and some people live their whole lives there..."

The next dome is OUR Story. This is where MY Story begins to connect with something larger than a small and somewhat isolated "self" to give more meaning to individual lives. Those who feel impotent as individuals join with others to have more of an impact on their larger social context. There is nothing wrong with this "dome" unless that is the end of the identity development process. If MY Story merges with OUR Story and grows no further, we end up with extreme ideologies that demonize and demean others who are not part of OUR Story. We see this happening on social media with the rise of groups like QAnon, ISIS and other extremist groups. This has always been a part of society; it's just faster and more wide reaching now. If OUR Story remains isolated from THE Story, then,

"Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity"

"The Second Coming" by William Butler Yeats

THE Story is needed to keep MY Story and OUR Story from devolving into "Mere anarchy". THE Story values the whole picture, past, present and future, equally; <u>all</u> the MY Stories, <u>all</u> the OUR Stories, and all the interconnections these have with each other and all the living and nonliving elements that make up and sustain life on earth. This is the center that must hold if we are to avoid the dystopian future of so many recent novels, movies and media series. The center cannot be held through authoritarian dictate and violence or the subjugation of one group by another. Without THE Story, it makes perfect sense to strip the land of all vegetation and blow the tops off mountains to get at carbon deposits as long as the debris isn't deposited in my backyard and the cost of cleanup and repair isn't put on my back. As long as <u>we</u> can deny any harmful (to us) effects, and <u>we</u> reap the financial benefits, then MY Story and OUR Story make perfect sense all alone.

THE Story is the foundation of most religions. Unfortunately, many subdivisions within all the religious traditions have stopped developing at the widely popular MY Story (individualism), validated by the OUR Story (sectarianism) level. It is long past time for humanity to mature to THE Story where it all gets connected in mutual care and compassion.

In hopeful faith, Dan.

UP COMING EVENTS

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP WEDNESDAY S, 6-7 PM

We start each week with a video presentation by Valarie Kaur followed by a discussion session. This will be a hybrid session; those who want to join in person at the Chapel (masked and distanced) will share the ZOOM conference with those at home via the large screen.

EASTER SERVICES Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 4, 6AM Depending on weather, we hope to meet for an outdoor sunrise service at the corner of Shepardson Rd & Shepardson Place.

EASTER ZOOM SERVICE will be held at 10 AM.

All other Easter activities have been cancelled

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

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

<u>BLANKETS/SHEETS/PILLOW CASES/ ETC</u> sheets (the shelters only have twin beds and mattresses) blankets and pillowcases, towels and washcloths are collected and taken to the area shelters. Bring clean and useful items to the Chapel and we will get them to the shelters.

<u>MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY</u> We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS 11 AM @ the school Thanks to Cliff Fournier, Zac Marti, Brian Snell and many others, we have free food to give to those in the surrounding community who could use help stretching their food budget. Come check us out.

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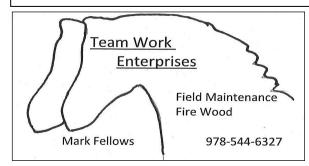


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