Warwick Community Newsletter

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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.

Women's Guild

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

June 2, 2020 1:15 PM, Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held in the Kitchen of the Town Hall July 7, 2020 1:15 PM, Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held in the Kitchen of the Town Hall

Our May and June events for the Women's Guild are being rescheduled due to the virus pandemic. Details will be posted as the Town Hall becomes available.

*** Everyone be safe and healthy ***

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.

Our meetings will be online and residents can patch in at 978-248-8033.

Stay safe during this pandemic. Remember to social distance and wear a mask when appropriate as this protects you and others from you.

3 Principles of Hand awareness that we all need to practice

WASH your hands when they are dirty, after using the bathroom and before eating.

DO NOT cough or sneeze into your hands (use your elbow or a Kleenex)

Above all, **DO NOT** put your fingers in your eyes, nose or mouth.

SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE GERMS.

Ned Green Scholarship Fund Thank You

Thank you to the many contributors to the 19th annual hike for the Ned Green Scholarship Fund. This year a \$800. award will be presented to a deserving female graduate from Northfield.

Due to CV19, the group hike was cancelled, but I decided to solo hike it that snowy, blustery, cold Saturday. It was inspiring and heartwarming. The woods were quiet. No black flies. Sweet.

Ned once said, "Peace lies beneath footfalls."

Appreciatvely,

Clare Green

Foot Clinic

June 12, 2020 July 10, 2020

September 11, 2020 October 9, 2020 December 11, 2020



November 13, 2020 August 14, 2020

At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.

Subject to the current situation

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Election Results					
Selectboard	Brian Snell				
Assessor	Ann Kendall				
Board of Health	Helen Whipple				
Cemetery Commissioner	Tracey Kirley				
Constable	Brian Peters				
Library Trustees	Elaine Reardon	Nadia Woodson Mar	ti Cheri Roł	oartes	
Town Clerk	John Paganetti				
Transfer Station Commissioner David Koester					
Highway Commissioners	Robert Croke	Kevin Alden	Vern Bass		

LifePath Walkathon Thank You

The Warwick Walkers thank the many supporters who contributed so generously to the LifePath Walk athon. We exceeded the amount that was given last year. All we did was dedicate a week's worth of our normal walking to the walk a thon right here in Warwick. This is what has been going on for many years. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday a group of us meet at the ball field and some walk 2 miles while the "cane gang" walk 1 mile . Congratulations to one of the group, Ginny Fellows, who has been walking 28 years.

We welcome newcomers anytime.

Restaurant Review

Since most restaurants are closed due to the coronavirus restrictions, I have decided to take a break from writing a review until things start back to normal. Hope everyone is safe and healthy and enjoying their own cooking instead of going out.

Stay safe,

Gloria Varno

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee will resume yoga, zumba, basketball and a rockin dance jam

as soon as we are able

YOGA with Kalliope Kalombratsos, Wednesdays 5:00 pm Saturdays 9:15am Town Hall

ZUMBA with Susan Krieger, Tuesday 6 pm Town Hall

ZUMBA with Christine Rouleau, Sunday 8am Boiler Room Tully

BASKETBALL at the school gymnasium on Friday nights from 7-9

Library

Hello Warwick! As libraries statewide reckon with plans for a Phased Reopening of the economy, Warwick Library will maintain its current "curbside delivery" services for books and other items from its collection, as well as trash bags. Please call the Library during regular hours at 544-7866 or email me at wawick@cwmars.org. Stay tuned for updates as the situation progresses into the summer and look for more

virtual program offerings by the Library. Please let me know what you want/need and stay well! Ivan

<u>Virtual Story Time - Fridays starting in June</u>: Join author and storyteller Carmen Agra Deedy on Facebook at noon on Fridays for stories based on this summer's "Imagine Your Story" reading program theme. She will be sharing from her Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/carmenagradeedy/.

<u>Stargazing - A perfect family activity in this time of less pollution</u>: Looking for something fun and easy to do? Get outside and look up! Maybe pack some snacks and a cozy blanket and make it a star-hunting adventure. There's plenty to see from your own backyard: the moon is an awesome thing to look at, and you can still see some stars when the moon is out. You can download free star-viewing apps like Stellarium (www.stellarium.org), or WorldWide Telescope (www.worldwidetelescope.org), "which allows you to fly through the universe," says Caity Sullivan, education associate at the Charles Hayden Planetarium at the Boston Museum of Science. Contact the Library for additional resources, including a loanable telescope and binoculars (great for lunar viewing) from our Library of Things.

The best viewing is in places with little to no light, and on a cloudless night with low humidity, as extra moisture in the air can obscure your view. A clear view of the horizon also helps. "With these conditions, you can even see the hazy band of our Milky Way galaxy stretching across the sky," Sullivan says. Reading stories about the stars and planets can also be fun, or make up your own constellations and stories to go with them. Older kids can start a star-watching journal, recording and drawing what they see. Sky & Telescope magazine's website (skyandtelescope.org/homeschool-resources) has lots of homeschool astronomy resources, from links to observatory livestreams, NASA's Kids Club, and astronomy podcasts to downloadable star charts and activity packets.

<u>Free coloring pages for adults and kids</u>: link to online resource: https://www.skillshare.com/blog/inspiration/download-free-coloring-book-adults-kids.

From *The Private Life of Books*: "In silence between writer and reader, a memory of words and hands takes form. We learn substance and worth through others' eyes. Cloth, flesh, ink skin, paper, dust: these are but material forms in which ideas dwell. In the roar of a crowded shelf of books, desert sun and arctic night, distant seas of thought awaken, mingle and are still. Minds meet where the reading hand grasps the void, and inks its passage in empty margins. Lost, forgotten, thumbed, split: we bare the scars of patient decades and centuries' dreams. Whose hands will next hold me I do not know. The book too, reads its readers in real time." - Henry Wessels, *The Private Life of Books*, 2014; quoted in the 2020 documentary film, The Booksellers, directed by D.W. Young.

World's oldest dated book: "The Diamond Sutra was published on this date in A.D. 868 — it's the oldest printed book in the world to bear a date. It is a Chinese translation of a Sanskrit holy text, and its full title is The Diamond That Cuts Through Illusion. The book was printed using wood blocks, one block to a page and seven pages total, bound together in the form of a scroll. It's not very long, only about 6,000 words, and the whole thing can be recited in 40 minutes." - from the 5-11-20 Writer's Almanac.

New additions to the Collection: Check the Library's website page for new print books, music CDs and films/ DVDs.

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of WARWICK

JUNE 2020

Dear Friends,

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." Acts 4:32 -35

There are those, both inside and outside the Christian tradition, that find this particular reading to be "problematic". Were the early followers of Jesus Communists? No, not in the sense of political ideology, but yes in the sense of being part of an idealistic community that cared for all equally. Just how long this egalitarian ideal actually persisted we don't know, but elements of it have cropped up throughout history and around the world. St Francis and Sister Claire renounced their privileged birthrights to be in closer contact with the poor and vulnerable of their day as well as to develop a more direct, nurturing connection with the natural world. The Buddha was believed to have done the same. Much of Jesus' ministry was devoted to trying to instill a sense of communal responsibility in his followers. Mary's proclamation of her commission in giving birth and raising Jesus is nothing short of a manifesto of egalitarian principles; "he has scattered the proud...put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent empty away." (Luke 1:51-53) In another episode, Jesus is asked, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" After reciting the "laws", Jesus sums up with "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor...But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of heaven.""

Sharing seems to be a trait that needs a lot of encouragement to become habitual, and, in a society as highly competitive as ours, sharing receives little encouragement. We tell our children to share but then we teach them, through example, that you need to be selective in what you share and with whom you share it. This is mirrored by recent research into rates of charitable giving which shows that, as a percentage of wealth, those lower on the economic scale tend to give more than the top tiers. "How hard it is for those who have riches...The "kingdom of heaven" Jesus referred to was not just an after-death existence, but right now, right here on earth.

In these times of economic, political and social instability, I am once more reminded of what a unique community we live in. We aren't even near the level of self-giving that the early followers of "The Way" were purported to have lived, but there are a great many in town who have responded to the threats to our community, from the COVID 19 pandemic to the attempt to close our Warwick Community School. People have gathered to share information, resources and time to address these two situations with determination.

The work of keeping a high level, locally based educational opportunity for our children has expanded into a more far reaching effort to make connections with the natural and historical aspects of our community more accessible. From planning pathways and observation sites accessible for all ages and abilities to developing place-based educational resources that benefit the needs of children in the wider area. The work is time-consuming, but it will have a lasting, positive impact on the community.

The group that coalesced around setting up a web-based, <u>community "bulletin board"</u> where people can post needs and others can post resources, has expanded community outreach for many.

https://www.wmacma.com/request-help/ https://www.wmacma.com/volunteer/

The Metcalf community has <u>a no-interest loan fund</u> to help people through these difficult financial times and it is working with the broadband committee to help everyone who wants it, stay connected to the internet. The Chapel was given a hydraulic wood splitter by a generous former resident for the use of the community. A small but committed group of volunteers helps keep the Orange Food Pantry functioning. There are some in the community who make phone calls to keep those home-bound connected to the community outside of their homes. Some have taken to random, unsolicited deliveries of food (key lime pie to squash soup and more) Call the Chapel for more information (978 544-2630).

All these people, and more, who have devoted their time and energy to the community are what make Warwick a special and resilient place. Now, as restrictions ease, let's not forget the moral responsibilities to the communities that support the "rights" that some have raised as paramount.

In hopeful faith, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL on the lawn at the Town Hall. Music, friends and neighbors and "build-your-own" ice cream sundaes. We hope to be able to hold this event some time in July. Being outside, it does seem to fit into the social-distancing guidelines.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

ZOOM WORSHIP Every Sunday at <u>10 AM</u>. To get on the invitation list, call the Chapel or email <u>metcalfucc@gmail.com</u> We also post weekly inspirational devotionals from various contemporary sources.

DEACONS' LOAN FUND If you or someone you know in Warwick is having financial difficulties, call the Chapel (978 544-2630) for information on our no-interest loan fund. You don't have to be a church member to use this fund.

SACRED STONES Jacob, on the run from his brother, marked the place where he saw angels going up and down a ladder and said, "Surely God is in this place."

There is a place in front of the Chapel where we have gathered stones. We welcome people coming to commemorate some sacred event in their lives by either bringing a stone to add to the pile or rearranging the stones that are there as a meditation or dedication. Or if you have a "stone" that is weighing you down, leave it here and be free of its weight.

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 LIBRARY

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

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Green Corner - a new electricity supplier has been chosen

On May 20 Warwick joined forces with 12 other towns and chose an new electricity supplier for all electric accounts in Town that are still enrolled in National Grid's basic service, meaning there is not another company listed on the "supply" portion of the NGrid bill. So those folks still with NGrid as the supplier will be getting a letter in June explaining the switch and offering an opportunity to "opt-out" of the 41-month contract with the new supplier, Dynegy. Those folks who have chosen a supplier other than NGrid in the past (look on the supply portion of your bill to see if another company is listed there) will not receive the opt-out letter but will, in the near future, be able to opt-into the new contract.

In all cases, National Grid will still deliver electricity and bill for their service. We just directed them to purchase electricity on our behalf that is cheaper and greener than their normal "mix".

There will be two options:

100% electricity supplied through the purchase of 100% National Wind RECs (Renewable Energy Credits), for about 2 cents less than NGrid's average price of 10.94 cents/kWh

OR...

100% electricity supplied through the purchase of Mass Class 1 RECs, for about 1½ cents more than NGrid's average price. This is electricity generated by post-1997 renewable energy installations, mostly in Mass. These RECs will encourage even more projects to be built, such as offshore wind.

The average NE household uses 600kWh per month, so choosing 100% *LOCAL* clean energy would add about \$9 to the bill. From November through April, when NGrid's price goes up, this option will likely *be less* than NGrid's price, and that is the season when most folks use more electricity anyway.

The idea that someone would willingly pay more for electricity seems crazy, but this is one way that people can have some say into how they want their energy to be generated.

Here are the survey results:

60% of the survey responders chose "the cheapest and the greenest, as long as it is cheaper than the NGrid average"

25% chose "the greenest"

15% chose "the cheapest"

Responders to the second question said:

42.5% chose locally generated green is very important

37.5% chose somewhat important

20% chose not at all important

The third question asked if price stability was important, referring to the length of the contract:

52.5% chose very important

35% chose somewhat important

12% chose not at all important

Remember the proposed natural gas (methane) pipeline coming right through Warwick? Well, let's not go there again!Questions?..... 544-3419, Janice Kurkoski

May 2020 News From WCS

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this month's WCS Update. During this complicated and trying time of remote learning, we received the devastating news that the Commissioner of Education upheld the school committee's vote to close Warwick Community School as of June 30. Our staff and families are still reeling from this news but we are working diligently to devise a plan that will provide our students with the closure that they deserve, despite the pandemic. These plans include a joint 5th and 6th grade graduation, picture filled memory books for all students, and several other things that will depend on Gov. Baker's roll out plan to re-open Massachusetts. It is our hope that we will be able to gather together in small groups to hike Mt. Grace, plant flowers, and participate in other outdoor activities that will celebrate our school community. Stay tuned for more details as these events get closer. In addition, both the NES and WCS staff will be working on plans to transition our students to their new school.

In other news, there is a lot of wonderful learning happening despite the school building being physically closed. Here's a little update on all of the happenings of our remote learning!

First and Second Grade ~ Ms. Heather Willey

I am so happy to report that we have had great class participation in our 1/2 classroom virtual meetings! On Mondays and Thursdays, we have been looking at our "April Showers Bring May Flowers" journal in a whole class meeting format and have been introducing and sharing these activities-cooking/ baking projects, animal reports, opinions about music, mobiles, motivational quotes, recording signs of spring, sharing the growth of the bean plants that were planted "remotely", family trees, maps of houses and yards, interview/ biography ideas... and believe me when I write that these students have been quite busy and these meetings have been quite a joy to be a part of!!!

We have been holding smaller Math group meetings on Tuesdays, and have been enjoying our Wednesday Snack and Chat meetings where we have been sharing jokes, riddles, pets, and future ideas for upcoming Snack and Chats! While we always have an "agenda" for our meetings and it has been great to continue our learning experiences as a class, the meetings have also been just a great chance to catch up and spend time with each other- providing a window into *all* the learning that happens at home (not just what's on the agenda!!!!) And just as students are likely to ask for extra recess, there are students asking for more "snack and chats"...so business as usual?? Keep up the good work 1/2!

Third and Fourth Grade ~ Ms.Christine Mullen

The 3rd and 4th graders have been enthusiastically participating in Google Meets. We meet 1-2 times weekly as a whole group to connect following a Morning Meeting model. We enjoy sharing about our time away from school, showing off our projects, and introducing each other to our pets. Julie Severance is hosting "Snack & Chat" a social time for the students, twice a week as well. I know my own child counts down the minutes until those meetings, he loves seeing all of his friends!

The 3rd and 4th graders are working hard on biography book reports, opinion writing, and reading for pleasure. In addition, we are meeting twice a week in small groups to further our math learning. Our final units of study are geometry and fractions. Students have enjoyed learning using new technology, such as EdPuzzle and BrainPop, as well as traditional teaching methods via live and recorded video lessons. In science students are exploring rocks and minerals through experiments, observations, and video resources. Students also have several small scale "Genius Hour" projects going on at home in which they are learning how to raise chickens and rabbits, track animals, construct go-carts and rafts, and how to survive in space. I am so very grateful for the work that parents are putting in day in and day out to keep their children learning.

Fifth and Sixth Grade ~Ms.Lynn Hansell

Since going to this remote learning model, we have been working hard to get everyone set up with the proper technology such as chromebooks and good internet. Now that we're there, our online learning model is taking off and we've been in a good groove. We have two whole-class Morning Meetings a week, and then small group instruction throughout each day. To get into this groove, we've been focused mostly on math, reading and writing, but we also are using BrainPop and Mystery Science to keep up with some of our science standards. I have also been teaching students time management skills by requiring them to plan out what their "work hours" will be and which assignments they will do each day.

Now that things are humming along, we will be adding in more focus on social studies with sharing of our Europe and Asia projects. We will also be writing 5 paragraph persuasive essays before the end of the year. Stay tuned for information on how we might be able to maintain some of our end-of-year traditions and, of course, the celebration of this fabulous WCS community.

PE, Art, Music

In PE students have had the options of following online activities, making homemade equipment, creating new games outside and inside and, new last week, was a weekly challenge! Each week a weekly challenge will be posted to see how many students can finish the challenge. Please email Ms.Scott to give her the results! She will then let you know the results during the following week. Also, if there are any baseball fans out there, she posted a video this week showing three different ways to pitch a baseball.

Students have music and art Google Classrooms and have been participating in Mystery Draw activities, live art class drop-ins, song and movement activities and much more. There are also weekly meet-ups for our band students to come together and practice their instruments. Our specialist teachers often drop into our Google Meets as well. The children love seeing them!

Extra Special Remote Events

We are so lucky to be a part of such a fantastic community! Our after school clubs are happening even when we can't be together! We have had sessions of the Mindfulness Club with

Tracey Alden take place on our school FaceBook page. Clay Club is about to take off again, thanks to Janice Starmer. Students will get some clay to mold and shape at home and Janice will provide some written instructions and video lessons as well. The Improv Club will be taking place remotely next week so that students can wrap-up their work with Jonathan Mirin and the Piti Theater Company. The therapy dogs Gadget and Gizmo will be joining students at the end of the month for two sessions of Read with a Therapy Dog. Finally, our entire staff has come together to pull off daily read alouds on our Facebook page. We have recently been joined by some familiar faces from afar, including Clare Green, Allison White, and Kristyn Gibbs. There are so many wonderful and exciting opportunities for families to take part in even when we can't be together.



WARWICK Western Massachusetts Community Mutual Aid

COVID-19 Crisis Help in Warwick - Connecting Community Members

friendly phone call • groceries • general errands • pet care • urgent supplies

To request assistance or to volunteer...

Visit: www.wmacma.com Email: warwickmutualaid@gmail.com

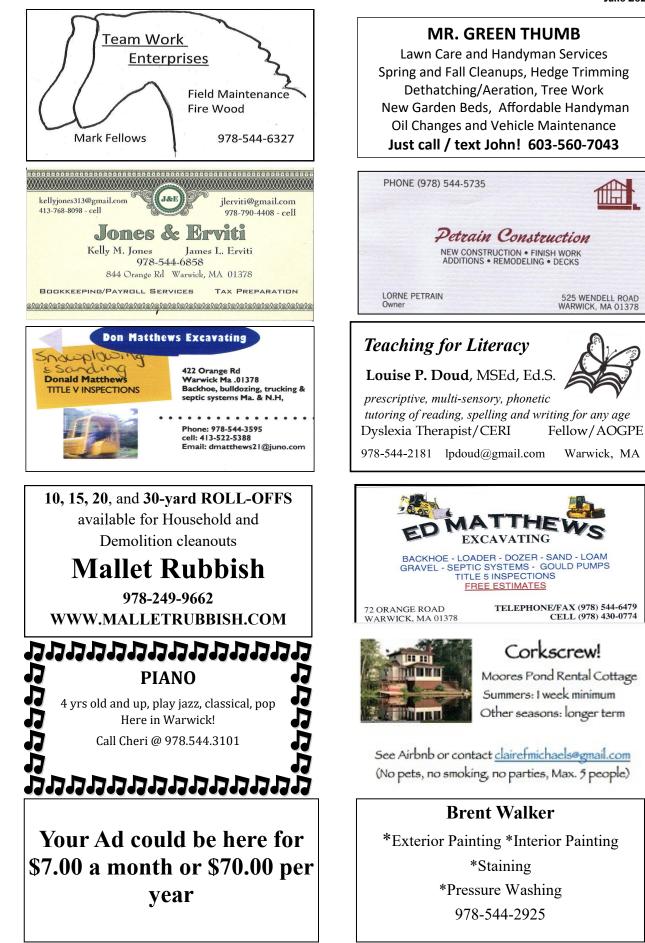
Call/Text: (978) 633-5323 (monitored in Warwick day/evening)

24-hour state hotline: dial 211

Thank you to all who have reached out to offer and request help! The willingness to give and receive help makes for a strong community. Please chesk the town website—warwickma.org—for a link to a list of resources we have compiled and will keep updated.

Warwick Community Mutual Aid Network

Claudia Lewis	Ana Bennett	Elaine Reardon	Louise Doud
(coordinator)	Brad Compton	Kaila Woodson	Nadia Marti



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