

Warwick Community Newsletter

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W o m e n ' s G u i l d

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

July 7, 2020	1:15 PM, Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held in the Kitchen of the Town Hall.
August 2, 2020	1:15 PM, Women's Guild monthly meeting will be held in the Kitchen of theTown Hall. Claire (Farley) Michaels and Jean Haskell will discuss their winery in CT. (Rescheduled from May)

*** Everyone stay safe and healthy ***

B o a r d o f H e a l t h

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.

Foot Clinic

Subject to the current situation

July 10, 2020	October 9, 2020
August 14, 2020	November 13, 2020
September 11, 2020	December 11, , 2020



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.

Fire Department News

Hello my friends,

This will be my last update on the fire department. I will be retiring as the Fire Chief on June 30th.

We have not been able to work on the station due to the virus, but we will be getting the roof done soon. My hope is to have the roof on and doors and windows done by the end of July.

We are still waiting to hear back on the 100-thousand-dollar grant for new SCBAs [self-contained breathing apparatus] keep your fingers crossed we are in dire need of this equipment.

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve you as your Fire Chief it has been a great pleasure. Warwick is truly full of kind people. I would also like to say thank-you to the best men and women I could have asked to work with this town is so lucky to have each and every one of you.

I will be staying on as a member for now so i will be seeing you all now and then.
Stay Safe everyone.

Chief Ronald P. Gates

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Zumba 9am every Thursday morning in the shade at Olson field parking lot .

With Susan. \$5

We tried it for the first time last week and it was great! Lots of space and fresh air. Please join us for a fun workout.

New comers always welcome.

HERBS AT THE MILLSTONE

This year I planted herbs around the mill stone in front of the library. anyone in the community can take snips to use for cooking, tasting or making a tea.

Dill, Parsley, Cilantro, Rosemary, Lavender, Borage and Thyme.

Enjoy ! Leanne Limoges

Library

Greetings - I hope this finds you all well. Some fun offerings this month—including weekly kids' movies at the Northfield Drive-In (tickets at Library)—and some good resources. Library is closed Saturdays for summer. Stay safe and happy summer! Ivan

Pandemic update: At press time, the Library remains closed to the public but continues to offer curbside delivery of trash bags, books, movies, CDs, magazines and loaner items (“library of things”) during regular hours. Inter-library loans have begun again at some larger libraries, and Warwick may see some delivery in July of outstanding requests. Much attention is being given to the process of gradually re-opening the building for patrons to browse—stay tuned.

Anti-racism materials: I've received numerous lists of online anti-racism resources for kids, teens and adults. I'll be putting some on the Library's web page, but please let me know if you'd like any of the lists/links.

Tuesday, July 21st @ 7 pm - Zoom presentation by author Serena Burdick: Burdick is an international bestselling author whose most recent book is *The Girls With No Names* (2020). The action takes place in the Gilded Age of New York City in the 1910s, “when suffragettes marched in the street, unions fought for better work conditions—and girls were confined to the House of Mercy for daring to break the rules.” The New York Times Book Review wrote: “The last page seems to come too soon.” Register for the Zoom call by contacting the Library by July 20th at 4 pm.

Kid's movies at the Northfield Drive-In: Supporting the Summer Reading Program's theme of mythology-folklore-fantasy, a different film will be shown each Wednesday at 8:30 pm, starting June 29th. **You must buy a ticket at the Library:** \$2.50 for age 15+, \$1 for ages 7-14, and free to 6 and under. Tickets will be sold the week before the showing and must be purchased and picked up by Monday at 11 am. The number of vehicles will be limited due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The theater concession stand will open at 6:30pm. They will have concession runners delivering food orders, and everyone is welcome to come in costume AND decorate their cars. People can be mask-less outside of their cars as long as they stay in their spot; **everyone must wear a mask when away from their car space.**

Movie schedule: July 1 - Princess Bride; July 8 - Labyrinth; July 15 - Never Ending Story; July 22 - Hook; July 29 - Willow; August 5 - The Secret of NIMH; August 12 - Back to the Future

Massachusetts Libraries' Video Library: at www.mavideolibrary.org, you'll find a collection of educational and entertaining videos, submitted by librarians and volunteers across Massachusetts. New content will be added regularly, so check back often to find more videos featuring: story times; art projects; science experiments; sing-a-longs, and more!

Facebook account - Coming soon: Connect with the library on Facebook! "Like" us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with the latest re-opening developments, new items in the collection, virtual events, and more.

Grammatical origins: “Separating words with blank space, and using punctuation marks and colored inks and upper- and lowercase letters to make easier sense of the words on the page--all these date from the time of Charlemagne (c. 747-814). Not until then was writing organized into sentences and paragraphs, with a capital at the beginning of each sentence and a full stop at the end.” - *The Library: A Catalogue of Wonders*, by Stuart Kells

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of WARWICK

JULY 2020

Dear Friends,

*I had not time to hate, because / The grave would hinder me,
And life was not so ample I / Could finish enmity.*

*Nor had I time to love; but since / Some industry must be,
The little toil of love, I thought, / Was large enough for me*

Emily Dickinson

On the 4th of July, we celebrate the “birth”, in 1776, of the United States as a sovereign nation. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln began his Gettysburg Address with, “*Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*” Ten months earlier, January 1, 1863, Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation. After the Civil War ended, that proclamation was difficult to enforce in the former Confederate States, but on June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger issued General Orders #3 proclaiming all enslaved persons in Texas, the most remote slave state, were free. This is the date celebrated by many as “Juneteenth”, or Emancipation day. I wonder how many of us are aware of this holiday and what it celebrates. I wasn’t until the recent demonstrations and the Black Lives Matter movement. But then, there is an awful lot that I, or many of us who enjoy the status of our white privilege, don’t know or have given much thought to.

Emily Dickinson’s poem expresses the idea that life is too short to waste on hatred and yet here we are, still embroiled in a struggle to break out of the grip of hatred that we as a nation have time and again repudiated. 244 years after the Declaration of Independence, 157 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, 57 years after Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr gave his “I have a dream” speech, we are still struggling with a racist legacy that denies our stated ideals as a nation. The poet Maya Angelou speaks to this struggle, “*You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.*”

The resurfacing of overt hatred, the visible disproportionate impact of the Covid-19 virus on black, indigenous and people of color (BICOP), the recurring specter of police violence and the concentration of environmental impacts on poor communities have been defeats, but they may lead us to define who we are as a people, as a nation. We can rise from this morass. We can be a great nation, but the path to greatness is not through intimidation and violence, it is through self-examination, determination and persistence.

These are dark times, but Valerie Kaur sees the potential in the darkness; “*The mother in me asks, what if? What if this darkness is not the darkness of the tomb, but the darkness of the womb? What if our America is not (dying) but is a country waiting to be born?*”

The Christian faith, along with most other world faith traditions, holds that humanity is given the possibility, the responsibility to be co-creators with God of a new world in which love, compassion and justice are the hallmarks of life and the forces of death and destruction are ultimately defeated.

In his farewell address to the Israelites before his death, Moses tells the people, “*...I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life that you and your descendants may live...*” We have a choice to make as a society and a nation. Let’s choose to live with justice, compassion and hope for all people, all life.

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 on Sunday, July 12 with a rain date of July 19. This of course depends on the situation with the virus. Being outside, it would seem to fit into social-distancing guidelines.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

ZOOM WORSHIP Every Sunday at **10 AM**. To get on the invitation list, call the Chapel or email metcalfucc@gmail.com 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

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



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 12 , 2020

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Mark Cappadona
508-485-5858 x3

WARWICK ANNOUNCES NEW ELECTRICITY PROGRAM USING 100% GREEN ENERGY

Residents and small businesses combined will save \$136,000

WARWICK, MA – Striving to be part of the climate change solution, the Town of Warwick is pleased to announce the start of its green energy municipal aggregation program that will help to increase the creation and use of renewable energy in Massachusetts.

In August 2020, Warwick will begin a 41-month term with Colonial Power Group and electricity supplier Dynege Energy Services in support of the Warwick Community Choice Power Supply program. The program will allow Warwick’s electricity ratepayers to buy, through the purchase of **National Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (or RECs)**, 100% wind power to light up their homes and businesses. A separate “opt-in” program will allow interested ratepayers to use energy derived from **100% Mass Class I Renewable Energy Certificates**. Benefits to choosing “local” energy include:

- Building local renewable energy capacity
- Creating local green energy sector employment opportunities
- Supporting the local economy
- Enhancing environmental sustainability

“We all recognize that bold action is needed to reduce our carbon footprint and improve our environment,” said Warwick Town Coordinator David Young. “By working together, our communities are able to get more affordable electricity prices for residents, bring additional local renewable energy to Franklin County, and help support the Massachusetts green jobs sector.”

The Warwick electricity program will result in a combined savings of more than \$136,000 for the Town’s residential and small business ratepayers over the term of the contract. Warwick joined with 11 other Franklin County communities and the Town of Huntington to combine their buying power and achieve better pricing for electricity ratepayers in all 13 towns.

Warwick ratepayers can expect the Community Choice Power Supply program to begin with the August 2020 meter reads (reflected in customers’ September 2020 billings). Billing, power, and customer service will not be interrupted. The one small change will be that Dynege Energy Services, the selected electricity supplier for the Warwick Community Choice program, will be printed under “Supply Services” on National Grid’s monthly bills. National Grid will continue to send one bill to each ratepayer, which will contain the cost of both supply and distribution.

The Warwick Community Choice Power Supply program is an “opt-out” program, which means Warwick residents and small businesses currently on National Grid’s Basic Service do not need to take any action to participate in this green energy program. However, the optional program that includes the use of 100% MA Class I RECs is an “opt-in” program, meaning Warwick ratepayers must request that they be enrolled. Choosing this (slightly) higher cost option will add about \$10 to the current average monthly electric bill, less in the winter and more in the summer.

It is important to note that any ratepayer with a supplier block on their electricity account must contact National Grid to ask to have the block removed or they cannot be enrolled in Warwick’s electricity program. Also, anyone who already has a contract with a competitive supplier will not be automatically switched. Residents can opt to switch from a contract with a competitive supplier but may be subject to penalties or early termination fees charged by that supplier. Ratepayers should verify terms with their competitive supplier before switching.

The Warwick Community Choice Power Supply program has no fees or charges for either the standard green energy program or higher renewable energy program or for opting out of the program entirely. Residents and small business owners are free to opt-in or opt-out of the Warwick electricity program at any time.

Basic Service rates change twice a year or more, depending on rate class. As a result, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service rate. The goal of the aggregation is to deliver savings over the life of the program against National Grid Basic Service. However, such savings and future savings cannot be guaranteed.

Communities have been aggregating electricity since a provision of a 1997 law allowed towns and cities to negotiate directly with power suppliers on behalf of their residents. Since then, more than 150 Massachusetts communities have initiated municipal aggregation programs.

Visit www.colonialpowergroup/warwick or call (866) 485-5858 ext. 1 for more information regarding Warwick’s Community Choice Power Supply program.



ABOUT COLONIAL POWER GROUP: Based in Marlborough, Mass., Colonial Power Group is the leading aggregation-consulting firm in Massachusetts. Colonial Power has been working with local governments since 2002 in the design, implementation and management of municipal aggregation programs.

Warwick Scholarship Committee

A. George Day, Jr.

2020 Scholarship Awards:

Pioneer Valley Regional School - Class of 2020

Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship

Morgan Lounder \$700.00

Anita L. Pike Memorial Scholarship

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Warwick Community Scholarship

Sara Simon \$700.00

Samuel Simon \$700.00

Students in college (2nd award)

Warwick Community Scholarship

Laurel Cooke \$700.00

Alice, Eric, Oscar Anderson Scholarship

Dana McRae \$700.00

2020 total \$4,300.00

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Joe Paul	Warwick Firemen's Association
Kathy Connelly	Trinitarian Congregational Church
Amber Holloway	Warwick PTO
Linda Gale	Women's Auxiliary to Fire Dept.
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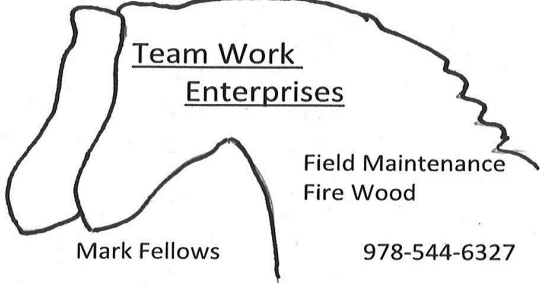
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ZUMBA—Thursdays 9am Olsen Field

ZOOM MEETING WITH SERENA BURDICK—July 21