



The Cornerstone

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A Message from the WBCA President ~ Nancy Meagher

The best of summer is yet to come at our Village Festival Saturday, August 17th. This quintessential event brimming with family and friends having a wonderful time is not to be missed. In addition, Whelden Memorial Library, 1717 Meetinghouse, our Historical Society, and Meetinghouse Farm continue to offer a full calendar of activities and events. Please save the date for our October 17th General Membership Meeting where we will be featuring a Candidates' Night.

Our mission is to represent the citizens of West Barnstable in working for the betterment of our community. We support positive working relationships, promote communication, civic engagement and community spirit. We are fortunate to reside in this lovely Cape Cod village where kindness prevails. There are more than 3000 registered voters in our precinct and we invite everyone of you to become a member of the WB Civic Association. (www.westbarnstable.org) For the nominal fee of \$15, you will be in the know. Join today!

West Barnstable Historical Society ~ Nancy Viall Shoemaker

West Barnstable Historical Society is gearing up for an exciting year of events. This fall the Society will host an evening of stories on "Growing Up in West Barnstable" at a local restaurant. Future programs include a visit to our train depot, the history of West Barnstable's Trout Farm, a program at the Old Selectmen's Building (now open!), and a field trip to the site of the West Barnstable Brick Yard.

WBHS is pleased to hear that the Paine Black House will be receiving Community Preservation Act funds to complete the restoration of the Paine Black House on Meetinghouse Way. The house was bought by the Town in 1999. It was built in the late 1700s and boasts a beehive oven in one of its multiple fireplaces. Future use of the building has not yet been decided, but WBHS hopes to offer a program at the house to discuss the building's rich history when construction is complete.

Stop by our table at the Village Festival and catch up on our history and our latest news!



Paine Black House



Can you identify this building? (Answer on Page 3)

Whelden Memorial Library ~ Victoria Allard

Whelden Memorial Library is excited to participate in the 2019 West Barnstable Village Festival! This year we will have something for everyone! Shop for lovely handmade items offered for sale by an array of vendors, visit our handbag and accessories table, and enjoy great food and conversation at our Whelden Concession Stand! For early birds, there will be coffee and pastries on sale by 9:00 AM.

Inside the library, there will be a bake sale full of scrumptious goodies, kids crafts in the Children's Room, and the Friends of the Whelden Memorial Library (F.O.W.L.) will be having their Basement Book Sale from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please join us Saturday, August 17th, at Whelden Memorial Library, 2401 Meetinghouse Way in lovely West Barnstable from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. We look forward to seeing everyone!

For information on upcoming programs at the library, please visit our website www.wheldenlibrary.org or call us at 508-362-2262.

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MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

Civic Association General

Membership Meetings:

Held at the West Barnstable

Community Building:

Social begins at 6:30 PM,

Meeting at 7 PM

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday, October 15th, 2019

Board Meetings:

First Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the

West Barnstable Community Building.

All meetings are public and those interested

are encouraged to attend.

THE 29TH ANNUAL
West Barnstable
Village Festival
 Saturday, August 17th
 10am to 3pm

Rain Date - Sunday, August 18

Free Shuttle between all Festival Sites

- Community Building -
 Whelden Memorial Library - Train Station
 - Meetinghouse Farm -
 1717 Meetinghouse & West Parish Church

All along Route 149 in West Barnstable Village

- Classic Car Show
- Crafters & Artisans
- Art Show
- Foam Frolic
- Face Painting
- Bake, Produce & Book Sale
- Kids & Model Railroad
- Railroad Museum
- Discounted Price for Train Rides
- Police K-9 Dog Demonstration
- Live Music
- 50/50 Raffle
- FOOD!
- Kids Games & Races
- West Parish Yard Sale
- Magic Show
- Dunk Tank
- Flower Show
- Art at the Farm & Silent Auction

Visit www.westbarnstable.org for updates
 For more information, call West Barnstable Fire Department at 508-362-3241

Meetinghouse Farm ~ Judy Desrochers

“Life is what happens while you’re making other plans.” Unfortunately, the Farm’s plans for a summer night of classic jazz with the local group “Swing Easy” had to be cancelled due to rain. Thanks to everyone who made plans to support the Farm by attending. We will hope for a happier outcome next year.

Another annual event, **art at the farm**, is just around the corner. This event will be held on Saturday August 17 as part of the West Barnstable Village Festival.

This year **art at the farm** will feature music by popular local singer and guitarist, **Graham Hempstead**.

The ever-popular **Silent Auction** will include many auction mainstays. Bid on a long-lasting and beautiful Christmas tree from **Cobbweb Farm**, a unique and delicious dinner at **Tumi**, tickets to the **Barnstable Harbor Eco-Tour** and many others. We’ll also surprise you with some new and unique items. So make sure you stop by the Farm on Festival Day and check out the fabulous **Silent Auction**.

For details on the **artists and craft persons** who will be participating in **art at the farm** check out the flyers that will be posted around the village.

If you are feeling artistic and creative, the Farm is again sponsoring a “**Litter Sculpture Contest.**” The contest offers cash prizes and has a number of categories for entering. Details and entry blanks are available at meetinghousefarm.org and also at Whelden Library. Let’s get creative and remind everyone that “sand dunes and salty air” don’t mix well with empty nip bottles and plastic cups. Need materials to get started? The Farm has hundreds of nip bottles to share from previous clean-ups!

See you at **art at the farm!**

Hello Friends,

As you may know by now, we are in full swing! Luke’s Love reopened on Friday, April 5th and the Town of Barnstable held a sweet Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 10th.

We are grateful to the Town for their commitment to preserve the original gift from 2009 including all the engraved bricks and relocate us with such loving care and attention to detail. Special thanks to Mark Marinaccio and Chris Gonnella (DPW grounds crew) who worked tirelessly throughout the process to make sure things were done better than ever... we like to say that Luke’s Love is now Twice As Nice!

We would also like to thank the amazing donors of The Luke Vincent Powers Foundation and the following companies/ organizations for their generous support toward the relocation:

- Juliagarden of Osterville
- Cape Cod Cornerstone
- Stonewood Products
- Govoni Forestry
- Baha’is of Barnstable
- Childs Arborists

It is a thrill to be reopened and we are so happy for all the children and families as they begin to make many more happy memories at Luke’s Love!

All Kids, All Abilities, All Love ❤️

With a Happy Heart,

Suzanne Powers

Co-Founder

The Luke Vincent Powers Foundation

PS: More exciting additions are in the works so please follow us on Facebook & Instagram for updates!



1717 Meetinghouse Foundation ~ Frederick Clausen

The sound of music reverberated throughout the Meetinghouse from July 15th to the 20th 2019. West Parish of Barnstable collaborated with the Cape Cod and the Islands Chapter of the American Guild of Organists as the AGO sponsored a Pipe Organ Encounter. The POE is designed to provide instruction and practice for eighteen young people between the ages of 13 and 18 learning how to become organists. West Parish was one of five Cape churches involved in the POE.

The event at the 1717 Meetinghouse began with a free concert on Monday evening by one of the faculty, Clara Gerdes. Clara is the Assistant Organist at St. Bartholomew’s Church, NYC, and a graduate student at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. The concert was warmly received by a large crowd of mixed generations many of whom were in the historic Meetinghouse for the first time. Then, for the next four mornings, Clara gave lessons to two of the young people.

The last event for the POE in the Meetinghouse was a private recital by the entire group of students on Saturday afternoon. The recital was followed by a reception in the Parish House.

For those interested in organ music, the Foundation has two recitals programmed. The first, on August 11, 2019, will be presented by an acclaimed Parisian organist, Laurent Jochum. The second will be performed by Joseph Marchio, Chatham Chorale Director, playing his beloved Mander Organ on October 19, 2019.

West Barnstable Fire Department ~ Joe Maruca

West Barnstable Firefighters Practice Pumping Water from the Village Green Cistern. Without fire hydrants, the WBFD uses underground water cisterns as one source of firefighting water. There are four cisterns in WB; one at the Village Green, one at Lombard Farm, one at Lothrop’s Lane, and one at the Olander Building on Route 6A. Pumping water from the cisterns is just one of about 70 training sessions the department conducts each year. The typical WBFD Firefighter participated in 243 hours of training last year. The department has five full-time firefighters, five part-time firefighters, and 38 volunteer firefighters.



Saturday, August 17th from 10 AM - 3 PM

29th Annual West Barnstable Village Festival

Fun for the entire family...**All along Meetinghouse Way (Route 149)**

The festivities span from West Parish Church all the way down to the Train Station. “Just hop on the Bus...Gus” We have provided **air-conditioned vans** to transport all guests to the FIVE (5) locations along Route 149. **Parking locations:** West Parish Church, Meetinghouse Farm, WB Train Station, and the Field across from the Community Building.

The **CLASSIC CAR SHOW** will be featured in the parking lot, by the **Community Building**, where you can join us for Free Face Painting and live music by “Smoochpaywell” along with plenty of food, activities, a 50/50 Raffle and even a Magician . . . Let’s not forget the Dunk Tank for a cool splash. Across the street at the **Library** there’s a “**HOOPLA**” for kids, a bake sale and a “**Picnic**” style atmosphere with plenty of “**Grilled Favorites**” . . . bring your appetite!

Meetinghouse Farm satisfies all your senses . . . listen to **Live Music** by Graham Hampstead, indulge with Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, bid on the **Silent Auction** offerings, peruse the Litter Sculptures and drench yourself in bubbles at the **FOAM FROLIC**.

West Parish Church is hosting a **HUGE YARD SALE!** Down at the other end of Route 149 is the **WB Railroad Station** . . .Toot! Toot! The Cape Cod Central Railroad is offering a **Narrated Scenic Train Ride** for \$12 per person (cash only). Round-trip takes approximately 70 minutes / Departs the station at 11:25 AM. All Aboard!!!

WE NEED YOUR HELP . . . Setting up the morning of the Festival from 8 AM-10 AM, as well as Clean-up from 3 PM-5 PM.

If you’d like to be a part of the planning or Volunteer for certain tasks please call Leasha Batta at 203-331-5561 or sign-up on our village volunteer website at www.westbarnstable.org



Lauren Schoote singing the National Anthem



The Sullivans: Jessie, Kate and Mary



5 Smart Money Moves for New College Graduates

More than 70 percent of college graduates began their career owing more than \$37,000 in student loans in 2017. Considering the living expenses they’ll soon face, graduates would be wise to focus on their financial future now. The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod has highlighted five smart decisions graduates should consider to position themselves for financial success:

Live within your means. You can find yourself struggling financially if you don’t take time to create a budget. Calculate the amount of money you’re taking home after taxes, then figure out how much money you can afford to spend each month while contributing to your savings. Be sure to factor in recurring payments.

Pay bills on time. Missed payments can hurt your credit history for up to seven years. Consider setting up automatic payments for regular expenses like student loans, car payments and phone bills. Take advantage of any reminders or notification features.

Avoid racking up too much debt. Understand the responsibilities and benefits of credit. Shop around for a card that best suits your needs, and spend only what you can afford to pay back. Credit is a great tool, but only if you use it responsibly.

Plan for retirement. It may seem odd, but now is the best time to start planning for your retirement. Contribute to retirement accounts like a Roth IRA or your employer’s 401(k). Invest enough to qualify for your company’s full match.

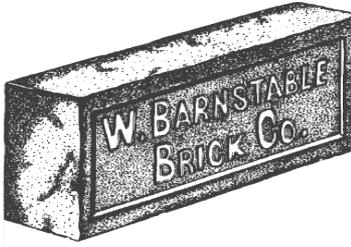
Prepare for emergencies. Start an emergency fund and do your best to set aside the equivalent of three to six months’ worth of living expenses. Start saving immediately, no matter how small the amount.

If you’re unsure of where to start, The Coop is here to help. Stop by our West Barnstable Branch, 1121 Route 6A, and speak with Maeghan DeLellis.

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Photo Quiz Answer: This was a post card of the former Crystal Pineapple, now the Barnstable Land Trust office.

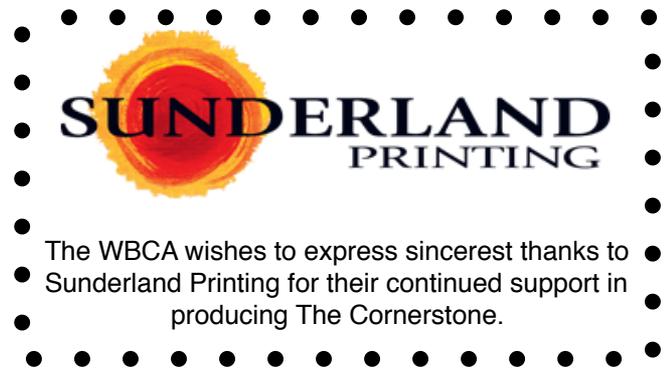


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Town Council Update ~ Phil Wallace

Greetings and salutations!

Well if you don't like the weather on Cape Cod wait five minutes it'll change, unfortunately it's not always for the better.

Recently, with the help of several dedicated villagers, I was able to persuade the Community Preservation Committee to recommend the use of \$177,000 of CPA Funding for the purpose of finishing the Paine Black house. An additional \$50,000 in Capital Improvement Funding will be necessary to finish the interior of the house.

Currently, Sandy Neck Beach is open to .7 miles. Hopefully, in the near future that will be extended, as it's been a very cozy summer for everyone at that beach. Town owned Old Barnstable Fairgrounds golf course and Hyannis golf course have gone completely organic in their fertilization. This has many people very upset. We want to keep a close eye on the quality of those courses. If you see something while you're out there playing, such as burn spots, moss, molds and the like, please report it. We currently have 15 committees, commissions, and boards that are looking for committee members. If you feel you have a particular skill and would like to serve your town don't hesitate to call me and I'll give you a list of committees that are looking for help.

I believe we have the most uniquely wonderful precinct in the entire town, primarily because of the diverse constituents that you are. It's been a wonderful honor to be your town counselor, and I thank you.

Philip Wallace, Barnstable Town Councillor Precinct 11

West Barnstable Roundabout ~ Rusty Gage

Fellow West Barnstable Citizens,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the Men of Cape Canal Crew, Iron Order Motorcycle Club (IOMC). In February of 2016 we adopted two square miles of the Mid-cape Highway to include both on and off exits East and West bound, the Route 149 bridge, which has now been renamed The First Responders Overpass and the "Roundabout" in which stands a beautiful 30-foot American Flag. The paperwork involved to adopt this site was unbelievable, but with the help of a few great guys from MassDot, we were granted the *official* papers of adoption.

Our job is to pick up the trash, which mostly consists of beer and wine containers, hundreds of nip bottles, fast food waste/trash, and sometimes personal trash. We average four to five large bags of trash per outing. We are contracted to clean up once a month from April to November, but we usually pick up twice a month. We are asked to provide to the state the quantity of trash, the number of men required, and the time involved. We take great pride in maintaining our designated area and do so pretty much all year long. We also cut back trees and branches from road signs to make them more visible and do a bit of mowing and weeding. We love the honks and waves from passers by as it shows that you approve and that you care. Thank you for all of your support!

Richard "Rusty" Gage, West Barnstable

West Barnstable Train Station and Museum ~ Linda L. Pagnato

Hope you're all enjoying this summer! The Cape Cod Chapter, NRHS has been busy at the train station. The museum is open Saturdays May through October from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Scenic Excursion train tickets are available on Saturdays 11:25 AM departures. See www.capectrain.com. Cash sales at West Barnstable Train Station. Free parking. On the Village Festival day August 17, Cape Cod Central Railroad will have a special discounted ticket of \$12.00 per person cash sales at our Ticket Office. Train departs the platform at 11:25 AM and travels up to the canal between the bridges and returns for about a one hour and ten minute scenic ride. Also, our Chapter has printed a 20-page color booklet providing a concise history of the Cape's railroad lines! The booklet is available for \$5. To receive your copy by mail, please add \$1.75 for a total of \$6.75. Copies are available for sale at the train station. We are also having a special railroadiana book sale on Festival Day, so we hope you visit the train station and see our historical displays too. Ask us about our Rail Camp program for boys and girls high school age.

All aboard! www.capecodnrhs.org