



# The Cornerstone

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## A Message from the WBCA President ~ Hank Farnham

I have been wondering how long the construction was going on around the Community Building so I found the article I wrote for the Cornerstone's April, 2008 issue- 10 years ago. Here is what was happening then:

- 1) The DPW graded the parking lot and added some drainage. The telephone pole berms were replaced with timber guard rails abutting the ball field. The fence around the field was replaced and they loamed and seeded the field.
- 2) Temporary repairs were made to the Old Selectman's Building to stabilize it, and an historical survey was done to determine the repairs needed (subsequently finished).
- 3) The Community Building received new bathrooms, a new roof and siding, and refinished floors. The building still needs new windows and curtains, and the ball field and parking lot need to be finished. So November voting will still be at the fire station.
- 4) The Luke's Love Foundation received the final permits to create their Boundless Playground. Now the playground is moving to a safer spot 100 feet away.
- 5) HAC's two affordable housing projects received permits for 12 units of elderly rental housing on Lombard land next to the OSB, and 28 rental units adjacent to the YMCA on Rte. 132.
- 6) Judge Joe Reardon, new Lombard Trust Trustee, started working with building owners who lease the trust land, to finally improve their property as well as the trust's revenue stream.

As you can see, it takes time and people to get things done. More needs to be done, it never ends. We need volunteers, young and old, for our various projects, even if it is only an hour or two at an event. We have a great board that meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Community Building at 7:00 PM. There are also three general membership meetings: the third Tuesday of January, May and October with a social at 6:30 and speakers at 7:00 PM. All WB residents are invited and meetings are free and informative. They are a great way to meet neighbors and get your kids involved in our community too. Please join the WBCA. Dues are only \$10.00 a year and you will make a difference. Enjoy the Spring!

## 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation ~ Frederick Clausen

In case you missed it, the West Barnstable Historical Society March meeting, held in the Meetinghouse, was an emotional event honoring Audrey Loughnane, Betty Nilsson and Helmi Viliesis. The Foundation took the opportunity to posthumously award the Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins Award to Betty for her years of support and distinguished service to the West Parish Memorial Foundation now named the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation.

In other news, the Foundation completed the sale of its Shaw' Lane/Church Street property to the Barnstable Land Trust. The land will now become part of The Cape Cod Pathways connecting the Moss Property to the Town-owned Jenkins Wildlife Reservation. This partnership of nonprofit organizations, while benefiting both, will provide public access, protect a diverse wildlife habitat, safeguard water quality and help preserve West Barnstable's scenic, historic and cultural character.



## 1717 Meetinghouse 2018 LECTURE SERIES

2049 Meetinghouse Way (Rte. 149), West Barnstable at Exit 5 off Rte. 6

April 25, Wednesday, 7:30 pm	Annual Meeting of West Barnstable Fire District
April 27, Friday, 7 pm	Seven Times Salt, Music of the Plimoth Colony Settlers
July 1, Sunday, 7 pm	Hyannis Sound, popular a cappella singing group
July 15, Sunday, 7 pm	Meeting House Chamber Music Festival, Donald Enos, Artistic Director
July 19, Thursday, 7 pm	An Evening with Author Robert Finch Fifty Years of Exploring the Beauty and Mystery of Cape Cod, presented with APCC
August 10, Friday, 7 pm	West Barnstable's (Very) Mad Jack Percival, Retired Judge Greg Williams
October 12, Friday, 7 pm	Author Michael Tougias: Cuban Missile Crisis
October 20, Saturday, 7 pm	Organ Concert by Joseph Marchio, Chatham Chorale Director
November 11, Sunday, 4 pm	Battle Lines: Poetry and Music of World War I Pianist Jacqueline Schwab, Retired Judge Greg Williams

## West Barnstable Scholarship Committee ~ Jane Manzelli

The West Barnstable Civic Association held a fundraiser at The Barnstable Restaurant and Tavern on Sunday March 11, 2018, which benefitted the West Barnstable Civic Association's Scholarship Fund. It was a fun evening with delicious food, fabulous music by Livin' Las Vegas, a cash bar and silent auction! Approximately 55 people attended the event, which raised \$5000. The attendees bid on an array of thirty wonderful auction items donated by individuals and local businesses.

The West Barnstable Civic Association offers scholarships to graduating seniors from public or private schools, who are residents of West Barnstable.

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### MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Civic Association General Mem- bership Meetings:

Held at the West Barnstable

Community Building:

Social begins at 6:30 PM,

Meeting at 7 PM

#### Next General Meeting:

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

#### Board Meetings:

First Tuesdays of the month; 7:00PM at the

West Barnstable Community Building. All

meetings are public and those interested are

encouraged to attend.

## Annual Spaghetti Supper



Gary and Kathi Cremeans, Kathi Hausser (with the pink tray), Deirdre and Barry Paster. (Kris Clark photo)



Ann Hills (on the left) enjoying dessert with friend Barbara MacLean (on the right) and Barbara's daughter, Betsy Costa. (Kris Clark photo)



Cberyl Moniz (West Barnstable Post Office) and her two grandchildren, Lillian Rae and Robert William Troup. (Kris Clark photo)

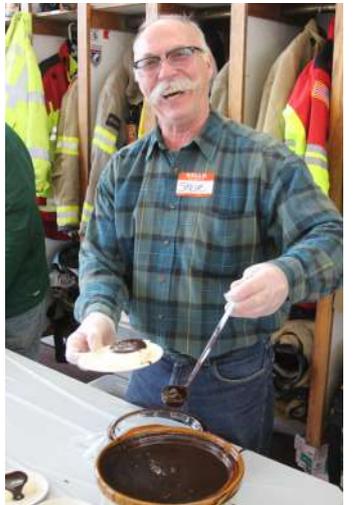
Serving nearly 300 dinners at the West Barnstable Fire Station, Leasha, Rusty, and Lenny headed up the kitchen tasks for this year's Spaghetti Supper on April 7th. Scores of volunteers helped before, during and after the Spaghetti Supper, bringing together our West Barnstable community at this popular annual event.

The Spaghetti Supper is designed to promote community spirit in our Village, but also raises funds to support the annual West Barnstable Village Festival. The rainy morning cleared out for a nice gathering at the Fire Station where volunteers from the West Barnstable Civic Association worked with the staff at the Fire Station and volunteers from the Whelden Library and others to plan for this community get-together. New and old friends and neighbors enjoyed visiting and catching up after this year's brutal winter.

A favorite part of this event is having young students bus tables and serving the diners beverages and dessert. Lenny's homemade "Auntie's Chocolate Sauce" was a hit as usual. New this year, attendees had the opportunity to select the Village Festival T-shirt design by vote. A clear winner was chosen and 2018 T-shirts will be on sale at the Festival August 18th.

Save the Date: SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th! Always the third Saturday of August, the West Barnstable Festival will be happening in the heart of our Village. (Rain date: Sunday, August 19th)

The Festival Committee consists of two representatives from the WB Civic Association, the Whelden Library and the WB Firefighters Relief Association, along with six other members at large. Please feel welcome to join the fun and help with planning another wonderful community get-together August 18th.



Steve Wallace ladling Lenny's homemade Auntie's Chocolate Sauce on ice cream. (Fire Chief Joe Maruca photo)



Chet and Dot Ciborowski (on the right) with daughter Jean Ciborowski Fabey and her husband, Tom Fabey (on the left).



Greeters in "Spaghetti Sauce" red sweaters, (left to right) Jenifer Wetz and Carol Jay.



Whelden Library trustee, Pooch Ewing scooping steaming hot spaghetti onto a diner's plate. (Fire Chief Joe Maruca photo)

## West Barnstable Historical Society ~ Nancy Viall Shoemaker

A man from West Barnstable was big news in the Boston newspapers earlier this month. I'd congratulate him but he's not only left town, he's been deceased for 157 years. This man's portrait has been discovered at the Supreme Judicial Court in Boston. It's not that the painting just appeared; the artwork has been gracing the wall outside Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants' office for years. But the identity of the man who sat for the portrait has long been a mystery.

Enter Keith Downer, the assistant chief court officer at Dudley District Court. Downer's family was, and still is, in the antiques business. He has been using art forensics to date paintings since he was a young boy. Art is often dated by a knowledge of prevalent and popular painting styles of an era, along with the clues that clothing and even hair styles offer the viewer. The materials used - and their conditions - offer important clues. Downer used ultraviolet light and a trained eye to date this painting to around 1830. He used "bright yellow and white light tests" to find the initials "L S" on the back of the painting. With a high degree of certainty, Downer and the Supreme Judicial Court feel that they have found the identity of the man in the painting: West Barnstable's Lemuel Shaw. "The court believes that the most persuasive arguments, confirmed by the forensic report that the court has received, point to a younger Lemuel Shaw."

So who was this West Barnstable native? Lemuel Shaw was born in 1781 on Church Street in the 1683 Old Parsonage which still stands today. He was educated in the classics by the local minister which was the custom for young men in the 1700s. His instructor, The Reverend Oakes Shaw, was the second minister of West Parish Church (at the 1717 Meetinghouse). Rev. Shaw was also Lemuel's father. Lemuel attended Harvard College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1800. He was admitted to the bar in 1804 and elected to the Commonwealth's House of Representatives in 1811 and to the Senate 1821-22. From 1823 on he focused on commercial law.

In 1830 Gov. Levi Lincoln swore Lemuel Shaw in to the office of Chief Justice of the Commonwealth's Supreme Court. It was a job he had not sought and was reluctant to accept. His friend Daniel Webster finally persuaded him to accept the position. He would serve as Massachusetts' Chief Justice for 30 years. His tenure as Chief Justice coincided with an exciting time in our country. Commerce was booming; the railroads were being built. Shaw was responsible for adopting important legislation that would guide and control these growing industries. He delivered over 2,200 opinions during his time on the bench.

So now, in 2018, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has a name to this painting that has graced its walls. And West Barnstable has a new look at the man from West Barnstable who helped make the world a better place and made his village proud.

An interesting fact: Lemuel Shaw's daughter Elizabeth married the author Herman Melville. Shaw and his son-in-law were friends and traveling companions. Melville's novel "Typee" was dedicated to his father-in-law Lemuel Shaw.



**Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod ~ Ted Snook**

As warmer weather approaches and Americans start their spring cleaning, The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod is offering six tips to help you spring clean your finances as well.

1. **Review your budget.** If you've experienced change in your financial situation, update your budget. Prioritize expenses and identify areas where you can cut back. Develop a strategy for spending and saving – and stick to it.
2. **Evaluate and pay down debt.** What do you owe and what are the interest rates? Pay off existing debt by tackling loans with the highest interest rates or eliminating smaller debt first.
3. **Set up automatic bill pay.** Remove missed payments by signing up for automatic bill pay. You can set it so that money is withdrawn from your checking account on the same day each month.

4. **Sign up for e-statements, paperless billing and text alerts.** Converting to paperless billing will help keep your house (physical and financial) more clean and organized, and will help protect you from fraud.
5. **Check your credit report.** Mistakes can lower your score, increase your interest rates, or prevent you from getting a loan, so utilize your annual free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus.
6. **Manage your money on the go.** Use the convenience of online and mobile banking to check your balance, pay your bills, transfer funds, deposit a check and send money to friends...anytime, anywhere.

As always, we're here to help. Reach out to Ted Snook at [ssnook@mycapecodbank.com](mailto:ssnook@mycapecodbank.com) or 508.568.3430 with any questions.

**Meetinghouse Farm ~ Judy Desrochers**

If you are a gardening enthusiast, May is a very exciting month and looking ahead to June is "over the moon." Every new growing season is buoyed by optimism and energy. This year will be the "best ever garden", new varieties will flourish, pests will be outsmarted and last year's mistakes are history!

Garden romanticism is integral to every New England gardener's resilience and good-humor. In fact, we know we'll make different mistakes this season. New varieties will underperform, a menacing pest will fly in from parts unknown, and nature will deliver a weird weather pattern that perplexes us as well as our plants. How wonderful that it doesn't really matter! The breeze is reassuring. The sun is warming. The soil is intoxicating. There will be something beautiful and delicious in the garden and that is the hope and joy of it all. Along with the Farm's regular gardening tasks, this summer we are working on two new major projects. We are beginning work on a labyrinth and meditation area and also developing a plan for a new garden designed on the principles of Piet Oudolf. Both projects are labor intensive and need volunteer support. We'll keep you posted on how you can help!

Check out our website: [www.meetinghousefarm.org](http://www.meetinghousefarm.org) for details on Farm events. We maintain a Constant Contact list of over 500 supporters. Keeping the list current is a major task. Please let us know if you would like to be on the list and are not currently receiving our notices. ([desrochersj@comcast.net](mailto:desrochersj@comcast.net))

Happy Gardening!

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**THE THIRSTY  
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AND CANS  
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**West Barnstable Fire Department ~ Joe Maruca**

The West Barnstable Fire Department (Wbfd) recently placed a new ambulance in service. The new ambulance, a 2018 Ford 550 with a Lifeline Ambulance body, replaced the department's 2007 ambulance at a cost of \$281,904. It is expected to serve West Barnstable for eight to ten years.

The new ambulance has two features that the old ambulance lacked. It has four-wheel drive to assist with operations during winter storm events, and an electric power stretcher and loading system that lifts the patient into the ambulance.

In April, the department took delivery of its new fire engine. The new truck replaces the 2002 engine that was plagued with rust and mechanical problems. The new truck is a 2018 Rosenbauer Engine. (Rosenbauer is one of the largest international manufacturers of fire engines.) The truck carries 750 gallons of water, pumps 1500 gallons of water per minute, and seats six firefighters. The new truck cost \$461,742, and is expected to serve for 15 to 20 years.

The ambulance was paid for from fire district savings. The district has made a practice of putting \$25,000 per year into a fund for replacing the ambulance, and the district plans to continue doing this. The engine was paid for by borrowing \$300,000 over ten years and paying the balance from savings. The men and women of the West Barnstable Fire Department thank you for your generous support of the department through your tax dollars and your willingness to purchase this ambulance and fire engine.

Feel free to stop by the fire station and check out the new trucks.



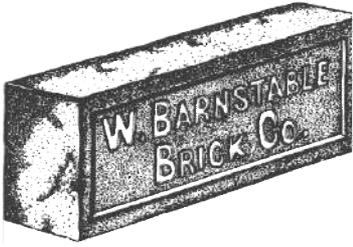
Elizabeth E. Madden (Betty), 87 with her niece Donna Medeiros at the Spaghetti Supper. Betty is the granddaughter of Emilio Silva, the former head foreman of the West Barnstable Brick Factory that was located in West Barnstable in the 19th century. Emilio; nicknamed "Frank", Silva; supervised the making of the bricks and then hand picked them for the Our Lady of Hope Church on 6A in West Barnstable. Betty is proud of her Cape Cod heritage and loves to talk about growing up on 6A at her grandfathers farm house and the old times in "West Barny".

**West Barnstable Train Station and Museum ~ Linda L. Pegnato**

The Massachusetts Coastal Excursion Trains will be departing from the West Barnstable Train Station and Museum on Saturdays and stopping at Pairpoint Glass on select dates in May (16th, 26th & 27th) and then continuing through the majority of the 2018 season. [www.capestrain.com](http://www.capestrain.com) Beautiful Cape Cod Central hand-pressed suncatchers will be available for purchase from Pairpoint Glass! Visitors who purchase the suncatchers in advance will receive a discount, and they can choose which color they would like when they arrive at Pairpoint.



Come visit us at the West Barnstable Train Station and museum. We are open 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturdays beginning May 5 through October. [www.capecodnrhs.org](http://www.capecodnrhs.org)



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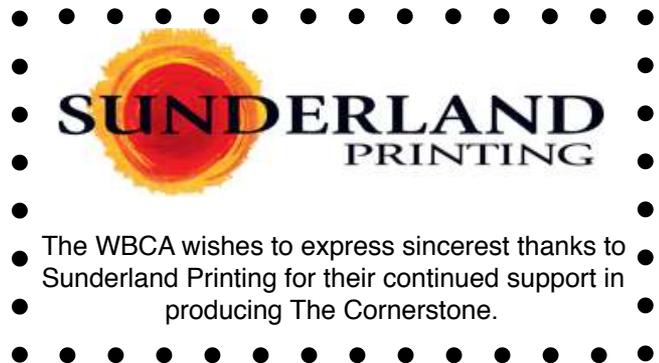
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 Sunderland Printing for their continued support in  
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### Town Council Update ~ Phil Wallace

Hello Everyone,

Currently the Town Council is working to approve the CIP Budget (Capital Improvement Plan). It contains 31 new projects, most of which are related to the improvements within our school structures. The cost of the CIP this year is \$18.2 million. That is down about \$7 million from the previous year.

With respect to West Barnstable, Lombard Field construction continues, although a little behind schedule due to the bad weather we had in March. Currently the lights are up, the scoreboard is assembled and operational, the press box is built, and the new ball field will be going in by the end of April. Upon completion of the ball field, construction will begin on the new parking lot. Construction of Lukes Love playground will begin when the parking lot is completed. At this point in time it does not appear as though we will be able to use the West Barnstable Community Building as a polling location for the upcoming Congressional elections. Most likely we will be back at the firehouse to do our voting.

Work has stalled at the Paine Black House. The CPC (Community Preservation Committee) has not been approached to give advice to the Town Council about appropriating funds for the completion of this project. The June completion date will be moved back. There is no appropriation in the budget this year to do anything with the shooting range. The police department however, has entered into an agreement with Cape Gun Works to use their shooting facility in Hyannis.

The Asset Management Advisory Committee, of which I am the Chairman, has put twenty-three properties out to bid. Twenty-two of the twenty-three properties received bids and will be sold. This should return hundreds of thousands of dollars to the town coffers over the coming years. I'd like to thank David Anthony, Director of Property and Risk Management, and our Assistant Town Manager, Andy Clyburn, for their hard work at getting this done. As always, thank you for allowing me to be your town counselor. It is my privilege.

~ Phil Wallace

### Whelden Memorial Library ~ Victoria Allard

Happy Spring! We hope you have been able to enjoy some of the wonderful workshops, author talks, social media classes and children's programs that we have been offering! Please keep up-to-date with all activities by visiting our website [www.wheldenlibrary.org](http://www.wheldenlibrary.org) or signing up for our newsletter!

We have many exciting things planned for the warm months ahead! Please join us:

- Wednesday, May 2nd - Movie Night: Disney's *Coco* 5:45 PM - 7:15 PM
- Tuesday, May 8th - Mother's Day Storytime & Craft 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
- Saturday, May 12th - YARD SALE & Friends' Bake Sale 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 27th - Armchair Travel Series: Barcelona & Pamplona 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Sunday, July 8th - Garden Tour - Call for details
- Monday, July 23rd - Sea Glass Art Frame Workshop 6:00 PM (pre-registration required)
- Friday, Aug. 31st - Summer Concert on the Lawn with Kareem Sanjaghi 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

The Friends of the Whelden Library (F.O.W.L.) and the Board of Trustees are welcoming new members!

Please call for information and meeting times: 508-362-2262

The new flag pole on the Exit 5 Rotary was arranged and paid for by Steve Xiarhos, Deputy Chief of the Yarmouth Police Department, and friends. There will be a **flag raising ceremony** there **May 15th**, National Police Memorial Day, at 3:00 PM **dedicated to fallen Officer Sean Gannon.**

**West Barnstable  
 Flag Day Celebration  
 2018**



Meetinghouse Farm  
 (Route 149 near Village Green)  
 2135 Meetinghouse Way



**Thursday, June 14th  
 6:00 pm**

Featuring a ceremonial USA Flag retirement ceremony  
*All are welcome — With Flag or not*

Visit [www.westbarnstable.org](http://www.westbarnstable.org) for updates and more events