



The Cornerstone

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A Message from the WBCA President ~ Nancy Meagher

We wish the best to our West Barnstable Civic Association 2021 Scholarship Winners as they head off to their respective colleges and universities this month. Thanks to donations from so many of you, each of these wonderful students received \$1,500, lovely flowers arranged by Judy Desrochers at Meetinghouse Farm, and a gift certificate from the Cape Cod Creamery. Applications for 2022 will be available in February.

Nancy Shoemaker's article about the windows in the Community Building which have been restored to their original design, is both interesting and informative. What a gift those photos she describes will be.

Now that the Transfer Station is open, Meetinghouse Farm, Whelden Library, and other nonprofits are back to fundraising at the Returnable Shed. Having spent many shifts there, I would like to point out a few helpful tips. Please be sure cans and bottles are acceptable for deposit funds. That means no soup cans, wine bottles, or cans without MA on them. Rinsing everything is greatly appreciated.

Food is a focus at the Village Festival this year with Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Kielbasa Dogs, Chicken Tacos, Tomato Sandwiches, Chips, Watermelon, Chowder, Littlenecks on the grill, Oysters, Corn-on-the-Cob, Smitty's Ice Cream, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, and Cotton Candy. See you there!

		
James Bancroft Barnstable High School University of South Carolina Darla Moore School of Business	Charles Hart Barnstable High School University of New Hampshire	Lilianna Harvey Barnstable High School Wheaton College
		
Alexandra Stampfl St. John Paul II High School Commonwealth Honors College UMass, Amherst	Emma Tilton Barnstable High School Boston University	Emma Yalmokas Barnstable High School Colby-Sawyer College

2021 WBCA Educational Scholarship Winners



Photo taken by Kris Clark at the last NRHS meeting when the smoky haze affected the view of sunrises and sunsets.

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MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

WBCA General Membership Meeting:

Meeting:

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Board Meetings:

First Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM

Visit www.westbarnstable.org for all things West Barnstable
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West Barnstable Fire Department ~ Chief Joe Maruca

The West Barnstable Fire Department has added fourteen new volunteer firefighters this year. Volunteers, Ernie Cox, Allyssa Llorentty, Braden Wilson, Sean Clifford, Kate Dorsey, James Stergis, Ryan Friel, Kyle Hein, Jacob Rider, Quantez Franklin, Chloe Higginbotham, Jennifer Lannon and Alex Smith started training in April and after about 160 hours of basic training; they started responding to emergency calls on June 29th. They still have a similar number of training hours ahead of them in order to take their Firefighter Certification Test this coming winter. In addition to full-department Tuesday night training, you'll see them practicing on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Volunteers are a critical part of how the WBFD provides service to our community. Volunteers make up most of the fire department and participate in every emergency call. With 40 volunteers, WBFD has one of the largest volunteer fire and EMS forces in the region. The volunteer force is lead by a full-time staff of seven.

Captain Troy Jewett, one of the department's full-time staff, leads and manages the entire recruit training program. The instructors for the program come from the WBFD's membership.



Happy Summer, fellow West Barnstabilians!



I hope that you and your families are staying safe as we emerge from a restricted lifestyle due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After checking with Town and health officials, we are ready to resume our Annual Village Festival this year on Saturday, August 21st.

The town has passed new regulations to provide for Accessory Dwelling Units attached to primary dwelling units. The intention is to provide more opportunities for year-round housing.

We have also been working to support the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. This 30-year plan is comprised of three 10-year phases, predominantly focused on sewer expansion. Each phase consists of multiple individual projects that will proceed through permitting. The plan is designed to reduce nutrient pollution in embayments to a level

consistent with regulatory thresholds know as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). By reducing nutrient pollution in embayments, the plan also protects water quality in ponds, and drinking water sources. In addition to meeting water quality thresholds, the plan is designed to provide the wastewater infrastructure needed to support community economic development and affordable housing needs.

Please know that my efforts to address the trash that has spilled out of the "Trash Train" have made for better management of that process. Let me know if you see trash along the tracks so that we can keep their easement litter-free. Also, I have been in touch with Eversource to make sure that the gates to their easement along Oak Street are closed and locked and that the trash has been cleaned up this spring.

Please be aware that the Town continues to provide vaccine opportunities. I serve to make our Village and Precinct 11 as good a community as it can be. Feel free to contact me by phone: 508-428-8754 or email: precinct11clark@gmail.com. Be sure to let me know if you'd like to be on my email list to receive my newsletters with town, village and local information.

I'll see you at the West Barnstable Festival on August 21st.

West Barnstable Historical Society ~ Nancy Viall Shoemaker

You may have driven by the West Barnstable Community Building and wondered why some of the front window panes are now diamond-shaped.

While maintaining and repairing the building, the Town restored these windows to their original design. The photo (at right) shows the building soon after its construction in 1903.

The structure was originally built as a grammar school for West Barnstable students grades one through six – after the earlier building burned down in 1902. Construction costs for the school came to \$5,426. An average of 80 students would fill the building each year – in 1914 the student enrollment was 107! The building had three classrooms with three instructors, each teaching two grades. Students walked to school from as far away as the intersection of (now) Routes 132 and 6A. Students from Marstons Mills were driven to school by a horse-drawn 'barge'.

Helmi Wiinikainen Viliesis wrote about her school experiences during World War II: "Helen Hayden was principal in 1941 . . . her school was taking part in the "Adopt A Ship Program" to boost the morale of our ships at sea. . . . Captain Frank Wirtanen, a West Barnstable boy and former student of her school, was the captain of the *S.S.E.J. Sadler*. The kids corresponded with his crew. They learned geography from the different ports the ship stopped in and incorporated their other studies around their letter writing to the ship. Someone from the ship sent us a life preserver that we had on the wall of the 5th and 6th grade room."

The village has a rich history with many stories. And soon you will see some of that history on the walls of the Community Building. In 2019 the

West Barnstable Village Festival Committee awarded its annual "Gift to the Village" to a project that will bring local history to its residents. Historical photographs will be enlarged and mounted on the walls. The Town is an enthusiastic supporter of this project.

One of the photographs that will grace the walls will be this image of the building with its diamond-shaped window panes!



Tootsie, Snickers and Sno-ball were forced to break out the fan on Saturday July 17. Photo by Tony Lovell.

THE 30TH ANNUAL
West Barnstable
Village Festival
Saturday, August 21st
10am to 3pm

Rain Date – Sunday, August 22

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 Foam Frolic
- Kids Games & Races Face Painting Balloons by Zach
- Model Railroad Railroad Museum Discounted Train Rides
- Police K-9 Dog Demonstration
- Live Music 50/50 Raffle FOOD!
- West Parish Yard Sale
- Magic Show Dunk Tank Flower Show
- Meetinghouse Farm Summer Marketplace
- COVID Vaccination Station

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

**30th ANNUAL WEST BARNSTABLE VILLAGE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2021 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

(Rain Date: Sunday, August 22nd)

Along Route 149 (Meetinghouse Way), West Barnstable

Transportation between all "5 LOCATIONS" - Complimentary Air-conditioned Vans (Running continuously)

WEST BARNSTABLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

*****CLASSIC CAR SHOW from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM*****

- First Lutheran Church-Nisu Bread
- 50/50 Raffle
- K-9 Dog Demonstration
- Live Band
- 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation
- DJ Will Plikaitis
- WB Historical Society
- Kids Games
- Amazing MAGIC by Rich Archer
- BALLOONS by Zach
- WB Civic Association
- Face Painting
- Picture Yourself (WB Photo Board)
- Dunk Tank
- Garden & Flower Show-Dig & Delve Garden Club
- Chowder and Shellfish by Barnstable Association for Recreational Shellfishing (BARS)

WHELDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

- Crafters
- Used Book Sale

MEETINGHOUSE FARM SUMMER MARKETPLACE

- Art & Craft Vendors
- Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
- Children's Activities
- Yard Salers
- Corn Hole Team Competition
- Foam Frolic
- Garden Experts
- Community Labyrinth Introduction
- Refreshments
- Plein Air Painters
- Container Gift Arrangements

Line Dancing and the Country Flavor Band

WEST PARISH CHURCH

=>> => YARD SALE 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM <= <<=

WB RAILROAD STATION

Cape Cod Central Railroad Narrated Scenic Train Ride / Round-Trip approximately 70 minutes

Tickets \$12 (CASH ONLY) / Train Departs Station at 12:25 PM

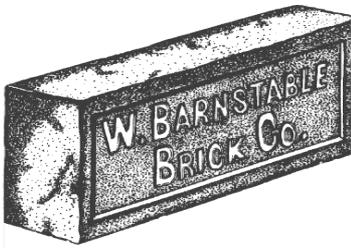
1911 Train Station Museum open by National Railway Historical Society (NRHS)

Railroad Cars open by Cape Cod Model Railroad Club – Indoor/Outdoor Model Train Layouts

- 9:00 AM-1:00 PM 1717 Meetinghouse Open for Visitors / West Parish Church – **YARD SALE**
- 9:00 AM-3:00 PM **FARM ANIMALS** at Barnstable Farm & Pet
- 10:00 AM-10:30 AM **Pre-registration** for Kids Games & Races –Near the bleachers at Lombard Field
- 10:30 AM-12:00 PM **KIDS GAMES & RACES** – Lombard Field
- 11:00 AM-2:00 PM **BALLOONS** by Zach – Outside the Community Building
- 11:00am-1:00pm **LIVE MUSIC by Smoochpaywell** – sponsored by The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod
- 11:00 AM-2:00 PM **Barnstable Wildlife Showcase** – Outside the Community Building
- 12 Noon **NATIONAL ANTHEM** sung by Leslie Gage
VILLAGE FESTIVAL GIFT from the West Barnstable Village Festival Committee
WB CITIZEN of the YEAR AWARD sponsored by Whelden Memorial Library Trustees
- 12:10 PM-12:45 PM **AMAZING MAGIC** of Rich Archer – INSIDE the Community Building *Sponsored by Barnstable Farm & Pet and 7 G's Liquor Store
- 12:30 PM-1:15 PM Barnstable **Police K-9 DOG DEMONSTRATION** – Lombard Field
- 1:00 PM **Line Dancing and the COUNTRY FLAVOR BAND** at Meetinghouse Farm
- 2:30 PM **FOAM FROLIC** by WB Fire Department at **Meetinghouse Farm**
- 3:00 PM **50/50 DRAWING** – Advanced Ticket Sales: Whelden Library & The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod
- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM **VACCINATION STATION** - COVID vaccinations administered FREE adjacent to the Old Selectman's Building

>>This Schedule subject to change / For more Information, Pictures or Updates: www/westbarnstable.org<<

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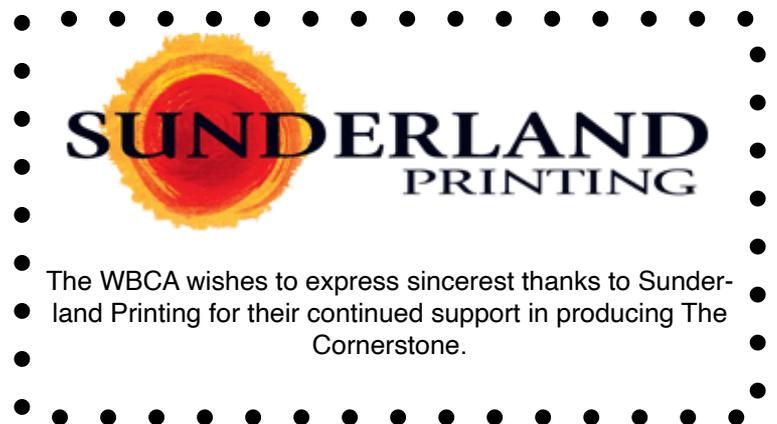
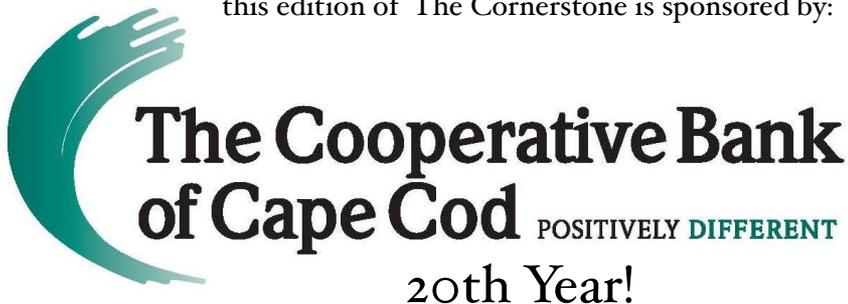


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Meetinghouse Farm ~ Judy Desrochers

The Farm is busy preparing for its annual summer fundraiser after cancelling last year because of COVID concerns. You'll see some changes this year, including a new name for this fun event. Formerly, art at the farm, The Meetinghouse Farm Summer Marketplace will be selling art items but will broaden its offerings and add new vendors and activities.

There will be music, games, children's activities and more. The community will also get its first real look at plans for a community labyrinth and the Farm's current progress on this project.

Of course, this summer's event is part of West Barnstable's Village Festival Celebration, also welcomed back after being cancelled last year. So, get ready for a day of family fun! Let's celebrate a new year, a healthier year and a happier year.

West Barnstable Train Station Cape Cod Chapter National Railway Historical Society - Linda L. Pegnato

This past year was different for all of us!! After a thorough cleaning and organizing in early May 2021, members of The Cape Cod Chapter, NRHS officially opened our headquarters at West Barnstable Train Station & Museum, on Saturday, May 15, 2021 for the first Cape Cod Central Railroad Scenic Excursion train. It was a sunny, clear and high 60s temp day. We have



Cape Cod Central Railroad's scenic train makes a station stop at West Barnstable, Mass. on Saturday, July 3, 2021. FL-9 2011, in its former New Haven Railroad livery brings up the rear in this photo. The railroad station was built by the New Haven Railroad in 1911. Photo by John Greene.

steadily welcomed passengers every Saturday since. Taking a look back due to Covid-19 concerns, all Chapter activities were cancelled until Massachusetts restrictions eased. The train station had been closed to the public and we did not have a Chapter business meeting from January 2020 until July 15, 2020 when the first virtual meeting was held. Virtual meetings continued until June 2021 when we were able to go back into our train station. Last August, our National Representative Ellen Scott advised that she was elected Chairman of the Advisory Council to fill an unexpected vacancy and she is currently in the National Secretary position.

Our Chapter thanks Cape Cod Central Railroad President Christopher Podgurski for funding a much needed new station sign this year. We held a welcome back BBQ Social June 16, 2021 for our members and their families at the train station. Cancellations were the Chapter's Annual Banquet usually held in June with a Guest Speaker and a community event that the Chapter participates in - the Spaghetti Supper usually held in April. Good news to report is the West Barnstable Civic Association Festival Committee decided to run the Annual Festival on Saturday, August 21. The station will be open 10:00am to 2:00pm for passengers to purchase a reduced ticket for the Cape Cod Central Train Excursion up to the canal and return. Hopefully, everyone will get back to normal this coming year. Many Cape Cod Rail Fans post on Facebook their wonderful rail photos and drone videos of the Cape Cod trains for all to enjoy. When you're in Barnstable and on Cape Cod, stop by and visit! www.capecodnrhs.org