

The Cornerstone

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A Message from the WBCA President ~ Andy Lee

There is much to learn and enjoy by actively engaging in town meetings and activities. We saw many of you at the Spaghetti Supper last month. Amazing how a fantastic group of dedicated people came together to pull that off. Great job by all. Also, a special thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Village Clean Up on Earth Day. Be sure to check out the photos in this issue. We are looking forward to our General Membership Meeting, May 16th featuring guest speaker Patrick Johnson of Avangrid. West Barnstable Civic Association Scholarships will also be awarded in person that night. Flag Day June 14th is always a lovely, sentimental day, so please stop by if you are around. Save some time in mid-July for the Whelden Memorial Library Garden Tour. Then, of course, the best of summer is our Village Festival Saturday, August 19th. This quintessential event brimming with family and friends having a wonderful time is not to be missed. Mark your calendars and plan to join us when you can.

We hope you enjoy reading the articles in this *Cornerstone* as they are interesting, historical, and heartwarming.

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 welcome everyone of you to become a member of the WB Civic Association. For the nominal fee of \$15, or \$25 for a Family, you will be in the know. Join today!

2023 WBCA Educational Scholarship Winners



Rose Bancroft
Barnstable High School
Savannah College of
Art & Design



Grace Bunnell
Barnstable High School
College of Charleston



Annabelle Kane
Barnstable High School
Clemson University



Claire Komar
Sturgis Charter
Public School
University of New Hampshire



Lucille Komar
Barnstable High School
Harvard University



Micah Leary
Barnstable High School
UMass Amherst



Owen O'Connor
Barnstable High School
Lake Forest College, IL



Ava Pecorella
Dennis-Yarmouth
Regional High School
University of New Hampshire

Thanks to so many generous donations (please view the list of donors on the WBCA website), we were able to award scholarships to each of these amazing students who reside in West Barnstable. Checks will be presented Tuesday, May 16th at the WBCA General Membership Meeting. MA Representative Steve Xiarhos will present citations from the State House, and they will receive flower bouquets compliments of Meetinghouse Farm.

WEST BARNSTABLE VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Many hands make light work. If you would like to help out for an hour or two, please let us know. Everyone is welcome. westbarnstablecivic@gmail.org

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MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE

Civic Association General

Membership Meetings:

Social begins at 6:30 PM,

Meeting at 7 PM

January, May, October

Next General Meeting:

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Meet the Candidates Night

Held at 1717 Meetinghouse

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.*

Civic Association

Membership

www.westbarnstable.org

We invite you to join
the Association.

Annual dues:

Individual \$15 Family \$25

Save the Date!!

**West Barnstable
Village Festival**
Saturday, August 19th
Rain Date - August 20th

10 AM - 3 PM

From 1717 Meetinghouse to the
WB Fire Station, Meetinghouse Farm,
the WB Community Building,
Lombard Field, Whelden Library,
and the Train Station!

Town Council Update ~ Kris Clark



Welcome Spring! The West Barnstable Community embraced a spring day with a fantastic Spaghetti Supper on April 1st at the West Barnstable Fire Station. Many volunteers and the West Barnstable Fire Department staff collaborated on this gathering that radiated community spirit after a rainy morning changed to a cloudy day just in time for dinner. Funds were raised to support the West Barnstable Village Festival this coming August 19th.

The Town Council has been addressing zoning changes in Hyannis. We also are paying attention to the progress on the Town's effort to update our Local Comprehensive Plan. If interested, you may sign up for LCP updates at: <https://barnstablelcp.com/stay-connected/>

The Town is looking for new potential sources for municipal water. Some areas in West Barnstable which are on property owned by the Town are among the seven sites being evaluated by contractors for the Town of Barnstable. The West Barnstable Water Commissioners meet every other month to receive updates from the Town on the progress of this project. The public is always welcome to attend the meetings held at the West Barnstable Community Building at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5th. The Prudential Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the West Barnstable Fire Station at 4 PM. Their next scheduled meeting is May 17th. The public is invited to attend.

Please find your niche to help our Village be its very best by volunteering in a way that fits your schedule and interests. We thank the many volunteers who have already done so and continue volunteer work to make West Barnstable the special Village that it is.

West Barnstable Historical Society ~ Nancy Viall Shoemaker

Revolutionary War Soldier

Lt. Lemuel Snow

WBHS and the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation are hosting a lecture on a Barnstable patriot that few of us knew about, Lt. Lemuel Snow. The presentation will be at the Meetinghouse May 19th at 7 PM.

In June of 1776, 17-year-old Lemuel Snow of West Barnstable borrowed a musket and went off to fight in the Revolutionary War. He served for eight years, from Peekskill to Saratoga, Valley Forge to Providence. Snow became a lieutenant, witnessed the execution of John André, and was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. After the war he returned to West Barnstable for nearly 30 years, where he worked as a farmer and shipbuilder before settling with his family in what is today Indiana.

Join historian and Snow's descendant Kirk Moldoff for a look at the Revolutionary War and post-war life in Barnstable through one local soldier's experiences. The event is free, but donations are much appreciated.



Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, and to so many of you for attending the WB Spaghetti Supper April 1st.



Rick Bleakney, Lenny Clark, Andy Lee



MaryEllen Doherty, Diane Ross, Ginny Johnson, Maureen McAleer, and Ruth Weil



Ed Jay, Bill Meagher



Steve Wallace, Henry Komar



Charlie and Henry Hunt, Sheila Scudder, Lenny and Anna Hunt



Tom Kosman, Pooch Ewing, John Laliberty, Hilary Sandler



Jessica Silver, Priscilla and John Laliberty



Carol Dupuis, Ginny Johnson, and Pat Root



Dolores Schermer, Andy Lee

These photos, courtesy of Beth Meagher, are just sampling. Please check out the Annual Spaghetti Supper Page on the WBCA Website for more: www.westbarnstable.org

The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod ~ Are Your Bank Accounts Fully Insured? What You Need to Know about Deposit Insurance

Most of us don't spend much time worrying about how safe our money is in the bank. And we shouldn't. However, during these uncertain economic times, it is more important than ever to be aware of a few nuances to ensure your bank is fully safeguarding your deposits.

FDIC Insurance is the first step.

The FDIC insures all deposits up to \$250,000 per depositor, and most banks are FDIC insured. So, in the unlikely event that your bank failed or there was a bank run, you'd be covered for up to \$250,000 of your savings, checking and money market account; certificates of deposit; and retirement accounts.

But what if you have more than \$250,000 in deposits? What happens then?

Enter the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF).

The DIF is a private, Massachusetts-based fund that covers savings and mutual banks. It fills the gap that the FDIC leaves behind. The DIF insures all deposits above the FDIC limits, meaning your money is one hundred percent safe, one hundred percent of the time. This applies to personal, business, nonprofit and government accounts.

All banks that are members of the DIF are also members of the FDIC. But the reverse is not true. Most member banks display DIF signs on doors and at teller stations and

note their membership in advertisements and marketing brochures. Look for "Member FDIC / Member DIF". Or simply ask a customer service representative. The Coop is a member of the FDIC and DIF.

So, you checked and your bank provides DIF, what next?

Absolutely nothing, there are no forms, no paperwork, no special fees. Your coverage begins the moment you open a deposit account. If your bank does not offer DIF, it is likely time to re-evaluate your relationship with the institution.

Peace of Mind

Again, when you deposit money in the bank, you shouldn't have to worry about whether it will be there when you need it. Taking the small step to make sure your institution provides DIF coverage provides the peace of mind you deserve. And considering that no depositor has ever lost a penny in a bank insured by both the FDIC and DIF, that's peace of mind you can take to the bank!

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1717 Meetinghouse Foundation ~ Steve Musselman, Trustee



There's been a flurry of activity at the Meetinghouse. Several queued-up projects delayed due to COVID, and now that the pandemic has eased, it's time to get these pent-up projects started. The Foundation is pleased to report to our community that several projects are now complete, or about to be completed:

- *Phase One of handicap access, paving and hardscape improvements
- *Bell Tower restoration to address 70 years of weather-influenced dry rot. The accompanying photo shows the extensive dry-rot that was hiding behind the Cupola under-ceiling.
- *While scaffolding was in place, the Bell Tower was thoroughly repainted.
- *Air Conditioning of the first floor of the Meetinghouse
- *Phase Two of entrance hardscaping and paving



These investments are critical to preserve this historic jewel of our community, and to encourage broader community access. The 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation was established 71 years ago as an independent and sole steward of the Meetinghouse restoration and maintenance. It is through community participation, membership, donations, and bequests to the Foundation that these efforts of historic preservation are funded.

And now we plan on summer programs - including Hyannis Sound in early July - to be enjoyed in air-conditioned comfort.

Whelden Memorial Library ~ Andrea Figaratto, Director

Spring is here, and we've been busy!

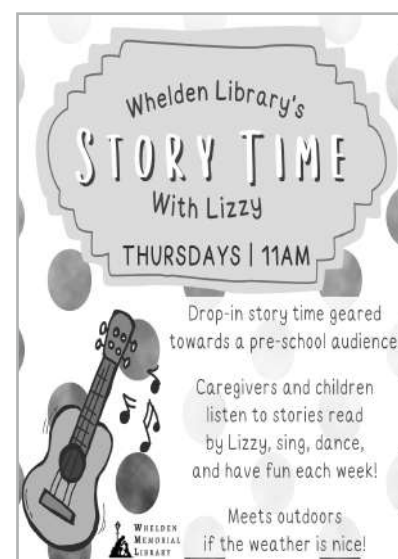
Thanks to Julie and Liz and their tireless work, we've had almost 200 programs this year, with attendance numbers like we've never seen before! Help us keep up the good work and consider donating to the library. Visit our website or stop in anytime to make a contribution. Or keep an eye out for fundraising events, like our Knife Sharpening in May or our annual participation in the Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival.

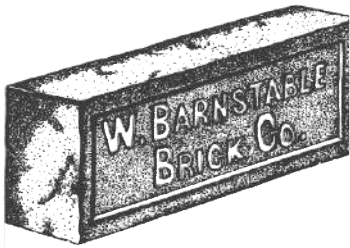
Our summer planning session is well underway. This year our Summer Reading theme is Find Your Voice. For the first time in a while, we'll have a program for adults in addition to our annual kids' program. Come July, stop by the library to find out more about the two separate programs. Then sign yourself (or your kids) up and get ready to read your way to some great prizes!

If you would like to stay up to date with the happenings at Whelden, sign up for our email newsletter and follow us on social media.

As always, don't forget: The library has more than just books! We have language learning software you can use from home, museum passes, puzzles, movies, free crafts, and more!

Have a suggestion for a program you would like to see or an addition to our collection? Visit our website and fill out our Request Forms; all feedback is appreciated.





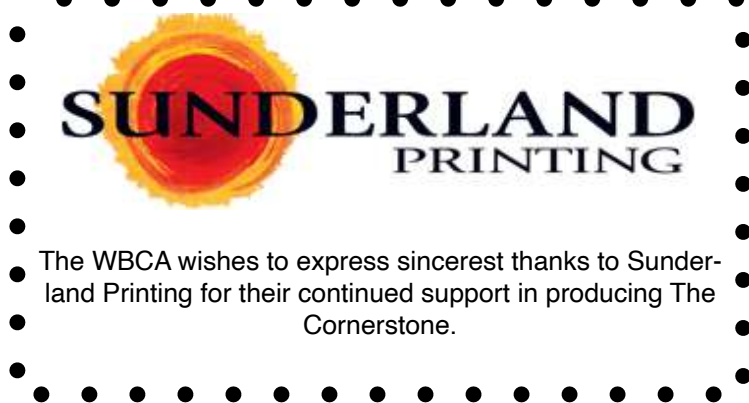
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**West Barnstable
Flag Day Celebration
2023** 16th Annual

**Wednesday
June 14th
6:00pm**

Featuring a ceremonial
USA Flag retirement ceremony

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

This short festivity will include appropriate music & readings.
Featured will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony hosted by
the West Barnstable Fire Department in accordance with
the US government, Veterans of Foreign Wars and
the five branches of the armed forces.

All are welcome — With Flag or not

The WB Fire Department will accept flags for this ceremony
if you cannot attend but have a U.S. flag to retire.

Visit www.westbarnstable.org for updates and more events

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Thank you, Tony Lovell, for facilitating our April 22nd Earth Day Village Clean Up in West Barnstable.



Tony Lovell, Graham and Sue Lane



Lucy and Clair Komar



Phillip Sullivan, Alena Nelson, Rusty, Rylee,
and Pamela Gage



Lenny and Kris Clark. WBCA President Andy Lee,
and Julie

Photos courtesy of Kris Clark.



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O'Connor, and Annabelle Kane



JJ, Beth, and Jackson Friel