



## Main Street Memories

### Walpole Welcomes Back Old Home Days - June 22 – 26

It has been five long years since we were able to come together and celebrate our town, our history, and our neighbors. We are looking forward to coming together again this June for a weekend of festivities. Back in 2019/2020 we held a logo contest. We are excited to announce that Melissa Belt was the committee's choice with a hand drawn picture of the town clock. Congratulations to you and thank you.

As always, we kick off OHD on Wednesday June 22 with the Town Block Party hosted by Mascoma Bank. There will be food, music, and lots of kid's activities. Music provided by *The Illusion* will get you moving and shaking. The Walpole Old Home Days committee will be selling this year's T-Shirts, Mugs and Bags during the entire weekend. (Also available for sale at Galloway Real Estate).

Friday June 24, we have Tom Murray's famous strawberry shortcake, The OHD Committee will be grilling up burgers and hot dogs for the Friday Night Street Dance. Local Rockers MOSEY DOWN will be playing from 7-11. Get down with their bluesy rock tunes and support our own local resident, Michael Daley. Around 9:30 the Fireworks Display will begin and can be viewed from all over the village. Friday night town residents are allowed to bring their own beverages to the Street Dance, but we ask all to respect the rules of the town, and be respectful of each other.

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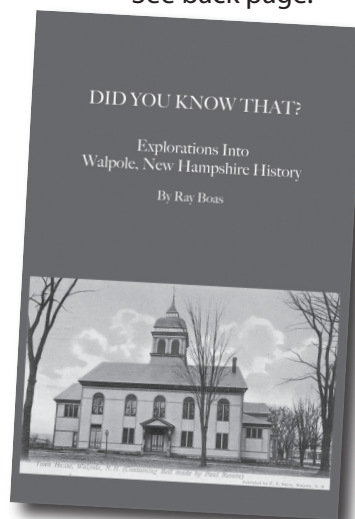


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*It's been too long since we could gather for Old Home Days. These Village Schoolers were part of the 2017 parade; now likely heading off to Middle School.*

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

See back page.



### From Peggy's Desk

Three years ago, a few months after Walpole received the Brownfield's clean-up grant of five million dollars, we were invited to submit a proposal for a workshop to be part of the *Revitalizing New England*, a Brownfields Summit for Area I of the EPA. Our proposal was selected as a New Hampshire State Showcase, but Covid interfered, and the summit was cancelled. It became a reality this year, 2022, so on Wednesday, May 18, *A Small Town Story: Thinking Big*, happened in Devens, Ma.

Michael McCluskey, the Brownfield Coordinator from NH DES acted as moderator as J.B. Mack, Principal Planner for Southwest Regional Planning Commission, Steven Rickerich, Walpole Brownfield Cleanup Grant Program

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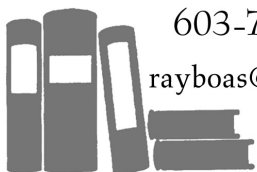
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manager/VP Sr. Geologist/Principal in Charge, Ransom consulting and I, the Walpole Project Director, Central Plating Brownfield Site, Town of Walpole described our town, our project, the work accomplished and what that site will look like by fall. We had an attentive audience of about 40 plus people from small towns all over New England.

Most of the other presentations were from large towns: The Mayor of Waterbury CT, described the transformation of an Old Dye and Thread Company in a blighted neighborhood which now houses a large indoor farmer's market open daily, year-round. A neighborhood which once had no grocery stores now not only provides healthy food but jobs for local people. Providence, Rhode Island moved Route 95 which wound through many neighborhoods, closer to the shoreline, straightening the road and cleaning up contaminated property, building parks and new commercial spaces.

The takeaway from this conference was that every successful project has an advocate or multi advocates and is accomplished through genuine partnerships who work together, with patience, through all the challenges of grant writing, developing supportive community networks, and clear communications. Walpole from the beginning had

the support of the Southwest Region Planning Commission who spend portions of their EPA Assessment Grants testing our Central Plating Site. Once Walpole acquired the old Central Plating Site, SWRP and Ransom Consulting who had conducted the testing, supported me in writing the EPA Grant application for cleanup funds. The NH Department of Environmental Services rejected an application from us for one of their Brownfield Program Grants. However, DES liked our project so decided to award us \$100,000, contingent upon our receiving an EPA grant and using that money first. The prior owners of Central Plating became solid partners as well because, even though we were buying the property for \$1.00, \$175,000 from the estate to offset what projected remediation costs of \$700,000 plus on-going costs over 5-10 years for testing wells on the property.

All along the way, the abutters, and all townspeople as well as Walpole employees supported our efforts. Partners have made all the difference. This Fall we will invite you all to a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate a new pocket park, a new parking lot, and our first EV stations.

It was exciting be part of a Regional Summit to share how we, a small Town, can take on a major project by forming multiple partnerships starting in our own backyard.

— Peggy Pschirrer

*Reaching Up and Out with training on Walpole's new ladder truck acquired from the Town of Keene. Hose and nozzle moves up and out with the ladder. The top of the Town Hall is easily reached.*

PHOTO: RAY BOAS



## New Art Gallery

### Opening in Walpole

The STUDIO 8 BARN on the corner of Main Street and Prospect Hill Road has been under renovation over the past few months by artist Bruce Blanchette with the goal of adding a new public art gallery to the multilevel structure behind his house. By improving the main studio space of the barn, an attractive small gallery has been outfitted for optimal display of contemporary wall hung artwork, and is scheduled to be ready for a preliminary art opening on Friday, June 10th, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The public is invited to stop in and discover the work of three Walpole artists.

The exhibition titled "As We See It" will offer impressive, large photographs by Peter Roos & Scott DuChene, as well as mixed-media reliefs by Mr. Blanchette. The ten foot high walls will provide space for larger works, and gallery lighting is being added. The first show will run through July 10th.

The future plan for STUDIO 8 BARN & Gallery will be to hold up to four exhibitions of professional quality art shows each year.

Please note: There is no parking allowed on Prospect Hill Road. Parking is limited to five cars next to the gallery itself. Cars may also park on the grass below the house.

Parking on Main St. and a short walk to the gallery is recommended

– Bruce Blanchette

## Alumni Association

### Fall Mountain Regional High School Classes of 1967 to 2021: An Association for You

After two years of planning, The Fall Mountain Regional High School Class of 1975 is proud to present, as a class gift, an Alumni Association - the first in the school's 55-year history.

The purpose of the Fall Mountain Regional High School Alumni Association (FMRHSAA) is twofold: to support future graduates of Fall Mountain Regional High School through the administration of an alumni scholarship fund, and to assist coordination of alumni activities. The first Alumni Scholarship will be presented in June of this year. Additionally, the new Association is in the process of recruiting talented and enthusiastic graduates to join the Alumni Association's initial Board of Directors, its five Standing Committees, and to serve as class agents from each graduated class.

Graduates, we need your help to sustain and grow this organization into something we can all be proud of. Please go to [www.fmrsalumni.org](http://www.fmrsalumni.org) to download our App, to join our new Association, and to find more information on how to become involved. GO WILDCATS!! The Fall Mountain Regional High School Alumni Association is registered as a New Hampshire Non-profit corporation and as an IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

– Mike Kolodziej

## Great Decisions

### Immigration and Changing Demographics

The *Great Decisions* public forum will meet again in the Walpole Town Library on Monday, June 6, at 6:00 PM.

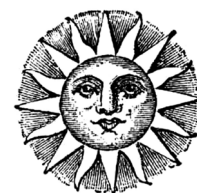
Last month we heard an inspiring report from Peter Stolley and Dennis Marcom, who volunteered at World Central Kitchen in Medyka, Poland. This NGO ([wck.org](http://wck.org)) has prepared more than 16 million highly nutritious meals for Ukrainian refugees since the beginning of the war. Another international agency that has set up camp in Medyka is Sauveteurs Sans Frontières (SSF) *Rescuers Without Borders* ([sauveteurs.org](http://sauveteurs.org)), an NGO providing medical relief. Polish Humanitarian Action ([pah.org.pl](http://pah.org.pl)) has been supporting Ukrainian refugees since 2014, staffed by volunteers who gave it high marks.

This month we will begin with a 30-minute "Master Class" from the Foreign Policy Association on demographic changes around the globe, the undeniable reality of migration, the impact of immigration on population growth and decline. This presentation will be available to Zoom participants simultaneously with everyone in attendance in the Hubbard Meeting Room at the library.

We will then hear from a number of people who are working with refugees and asylum seekers here in the USA. A discussion of US immigration policy and practices along the border will follow. In response to the recent massacre in Buffalo, NY, we will include the so-called "great replacement" theory among related topics. The relevant reading is *Changing Demographics in the World* by Joseph Chamie, found in the *Great Decisions Briefing Book* at the library or available via email from Library Director Jane Malmberg.

*Great Decisions* is a non-partisan, grassroots public forum that began in 1954 under the auspices of the Foreign Policy Association. All are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. The Zoom link is available by request from Library Director Jane Malmberg: [jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org). Join us on Monday, June 6, at 6:00 PM. for another great discussion. For more information on this program, visit [fpa.org/greatdecisions](http://fpa.org/greatdecisions).

– Sue Kibbe



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Saturday is the BIG Day! The Grange gets us all started off with their delicious breakfast sandwiches and then it is off to the races. Lolli-pop race (Kids 12 and under) starts at 8:15 AM and the Annual 5K begins at 8:30. Sign up the day of the race. Winners will receive T-shirts and medals.

The Parade Starts at 10 AM. We are honoring our very own leader, Cindy Westover, as Grand Marshall. She is very deserving of this honor, the amount of time and energy she has put into OHD has made it what it is today. Her leadership and guidance are unsurpassed, and we cannot wait to see the Grand Marshall and her Grand Babies leading the parade this year.

Do not forget you can still be a part of the parade. Email Stephanie Vose at smallcroft@gmail.com Stephanie has a great line up this year, with a number of marching bands and float entries. This year's categories are most memorable float; most memorable non-float; and, overall unforgettable winner

We are also inviting anyone who has a super cool vehicle, antique car, unusual mode of transportation to join in the parade. We will have a spot marked off for you to park your vehicles and show them off.

Let us not forget the kids bike parade. Decorate your bikes by St. John's Episcopal church. Elizabeth Snide will be there with ribbons and other fun things to make your bike parade ready.

The afternoon is all about activities and displays on the Common. From Food Booths, Dunk Tanks, and Information Booths there will be plenty to do and see. The Walpole Fire Department will have its Firefighters Challenge on the soccer field next to St. John's Church and the Auxiliary will have popcorn and cotton candy. New this year is IRON KETTLE FARM providing hayrides around town.

The Pet Show starts at noon by the small Gazebo across from the common. This is always one of the biggest hits of the weekend. Bring your pet, put it in a costume, come laugh with us as watch to see who will win THE ROXIE MEMORIAL AWARD. Kathryn Graves is the pet show emcee, and can be reached at short-horn25@hotmail.com.

Finishing off the Day is the Second Annual Alumni Softball Game at 5PM at the Walpole Middle School Field by the recreation center. We have some laughs planned, T-shirts ordered, and coaches fired up. Even Stevens vs. The Odd Balls. Signups around town, shoot an email to Kelley kell7604@gmail.com with questions. Anyone can play. Feel free to send

a message to the OLD page on Facebook at Walpole Old Home Days to sign up or come to the game to register.

Some locals may notice that we are not having the Talent Show or the Jazz Concert at the Hastings House. These were decisions made to keep all events outside. We want to unite after so many years yet want to respect peoples' comfort levels with group activities.

Sunday Funday.... The Hooper Golf Course is holding a HICKORY STICK Tournament. Please contact The Hooper Pro Shop, Chris Sherwin 756-4080 for sign ups and information.

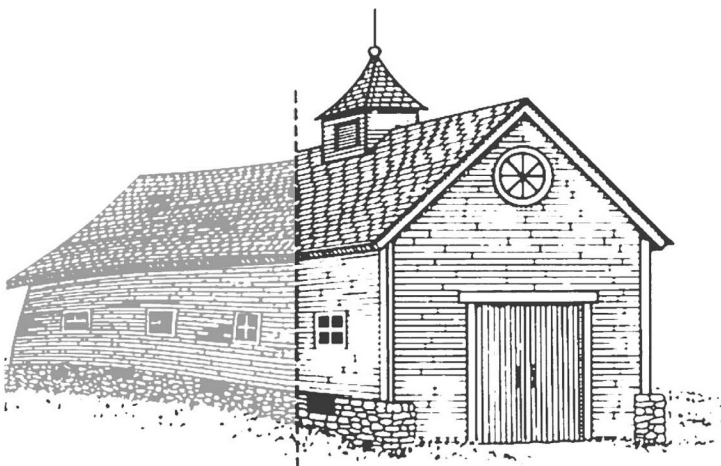
Starting at 4:00 PM we will have the Potted Planters Silent Auction in front of the Gazebo. Also, the Congregational Church will be having their Chicken BBQ. Tickets available at Galloway Real Estate or may be reserved by calling Betty Prentiss at 603-313-4801.

So now it is 5PM, The Walt Sayre Orchestra has just started playing on the common. Bring your comfortable lawn chairs, blankets, and friends, have a picnic or just enjoy the music. The Scouts of Walpole will be offering refreshments and passing around a donation basket. During Intermission will be the presentation of awards and all other drawings.

We are so excited for this years OLD HOME DAYS, Main Street Memories. See you in June.

- The Walpole OHD Committee

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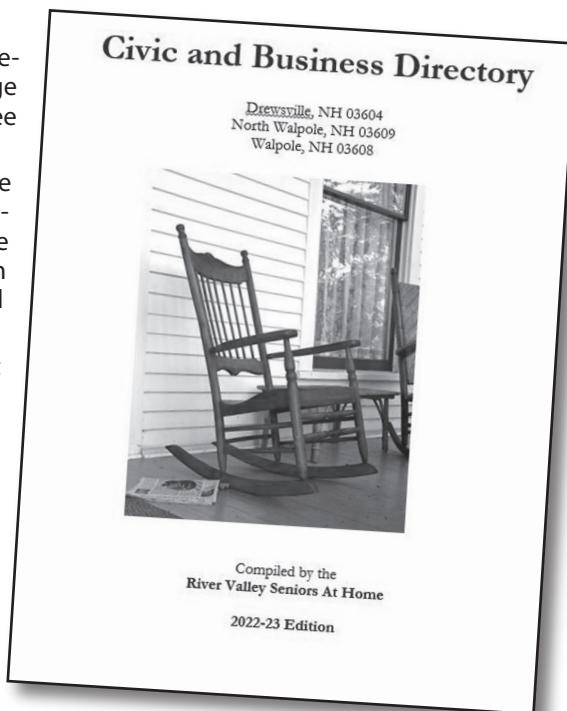
River Valley Seniors At Home is delighted to once again offer our 48-page 2022-23 Civic & Business Directory free of charge to anyone who wants one.

Do you remember telephone books? I do. Mine were always dog-eared and coffee-stained, with some of the tissue-thin paper torn from frantic page-turnings and covered with scribbled notes in the margins.

But then the phone books went away, and with it the easy source for all the numbers I need every day.

But the Civic & Business Directory is just that – a compilation of all the Walpole, North Walpole and Drewsville business and town numbers one could want, up-to-date and printed on glossy paper in easy to read print. It's surprising how often I use it – and yes, my previous copies became coffee-stained and dog-eared, too!

The Civic & Business Directory is sponsored by The Walpole Foundation, for whose support we are very grateful.



River Valley Seniors at Home is a one-stop clearing house for people 60 years of age and older for transportation, information and services, funded by annual membership dues plus donations and grants. We help match members' needs with reliable providers, or where possible by caring volunteers. And we keep members informed of educational, recreational and social events to help them stay active and avoid the social isolation that all too often harms seniors. RVSAH is a 'Friendly Voice on the Other End of the Telephone' for our members.

So come and get your fresh and free copy of the Civic & Business Directory at the RVSAH Booth on the Common the Saturday of Old Home Days, and be sure to say 'hi' to our great volunteers. The directory will be available at the Town Hall and the Library as well.

– Tara Sad

## Clean Up Day

### North Walpole Village Park

The North Walpole Village Park had a productive clean up day on April 30th. A big thanks to all those that participated. Our new landscaping project that was completed in the fall is looking great. We now have a Little Library in the north section of the park thanks to the Hindes-Moody family. Please feel free to take a book and/or leave a book. The park will also be participating in the Walpole summer library program. Information regarding that will be forthcoming. We will be hosting three outdoor movies this year, the first of which is Friday, June 10th at dusk. The movie will be Space Jam. All are welcome to attend. Bring pillows, blankets, snacks, etc. The volleyball net is up. Feel free to post on the park Facebook page if you want to get a game going and are looking for players. A big thanks to all for helping to keep the park clean.

– Diane Hartly



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**Coffee with a Cop**

### A Grange Event

Walpole Grange is setting a new date for a **Coffee With A Cop** get together. Plans are in place for this to happen on Thursday, June 9, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon at Tom Murray's Gathering Place on Westminster Street in Walpole. This will be your opportunity to meet and talk with a member of the Walpole Police Department, enjoy a cup of coffee and some goodies and perhaps meet someone you don't know and get acquainted. For more information please call 603-756-3677 and leave a message if necessary.

– Gwen Yardley

## Soap Opera

### Act 3

"Hopefully, we'll never need to speak of this again," he said naively last month. But no soap... actually more soap – one bar via UPS when I wasn't paying attention on the 20th. Oatmeal and Almond in a crushed and opened box, probably from something heavy dumped on top of the mailing pouch. The folks at the library had asked if they could have a bar for a project, so we'll see that this orphan gets a good home.

– Jan Kobeski

## Hooper Institute

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– Helen Dalbeck



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will again  
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next to The  
Gathering Place,  
Friday night,  
June 24,  
during the  
Old Home Days  
dance and  
fireworks.*

## St. John's Episcopal

The Rev. Daniel Wilfrid has been called as the Transition Bridge Priest for St. John's Episcopal Church in Walpole. Pastor Wilfrid is an ordained Lutheran minister, recently approved to serve in the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire. He retired from full time parish ministry in September of 2020, after having served a congregation in Holden, Massachusetts, for 23 years. He now lives in Jaffrey. St.

John's will be his second Bridge Priest assignment in the Episcopal Church since his retirement. From January 2021 through January 2022, he served St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Gardner, Mass. He will serve at St. John's while the congregation conducts a search for a new priest in charge.

St. John's Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Elm and Westminster Streets, holds worship services on Sundays at 10:00 AM.

– Stu Bloom



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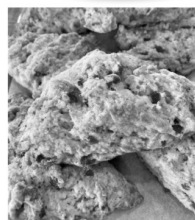
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## First Congregational

### June Events

Sunday worship is held every week at 10:00 AM. in the sanctuary, in-person, masks optional. We continue to make the worship service available on Zoom.

**Communion Sunday**, is every first Sunday of the month. All are welcome at the table. We celebrate the sacrament in the pews, with juice and bread pieces. We also simultaneously distribute Covid-safe, sealed communion elements. Our practice on Zoom is for worshippers on the internet to take part using their own bread and cup.

**Bible Study** will be on Summer Hiatus

from Memorial Day through Labor Day. We will resume our weekly sessions, Wednesday, September 7, from 4:00 PM. – 5:00 PM. All are welcome to join at any time. Just use the Zoom link below.

**Chicken Barbeque**, Sunday, June 26. With the return of Old Home Days, we will be barbequing chicken, as in past years. Further details will to be announced.

Join First Congregational Church of Walpole for Worship and Study on Zoom using the following link: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/87236977806?pwd=YkxyK2FwY1oyTCt5cXYzREZwL1lxdz09>

The Zoom link can also be found on our website: [www.walpolenhucc.org](http://www.walpolenhucc.org) as well as on the church's Facebook page.

– Richard Malmberg



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*Baseball is back at Hubbard Park*

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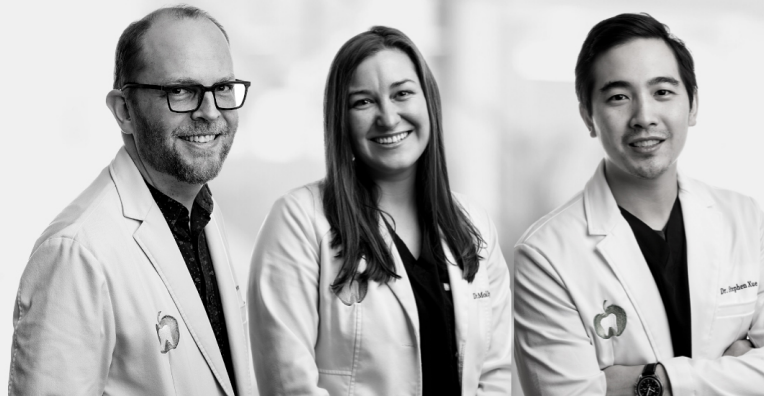
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# The Walpole Players

The Walpole Players are bringing Alan Bennett's *The Wind in the Willows* back to the Helen Miller Theater after almost 30 years! The play's U.S. premier was in 1993, performed by the Walpole Players and directed by Jane Skofield!

Several of the original cast will be returning with this production, almost all of them reprising their original roles: Tom Durnford as Toad, Bill Perron as Albert, Carolyn Norback as the Washerwoman, and Sharon Miller as the Barge Woman. Jeff Miller will also be returning but has swapped his original role of Rat for Stoat Ian. Other major characters include Mike Wright as Mole, John Luther as Rat, Dennis Scott as Badger, Mike Delaney as Otter and the Train Driver, Tom Winmill as The Magistrate, Lea Kablik as the Gaoler's Daughter, Gina Richardson as the Gypsy, with Ben Robison heading up the gang of vermin as Chief Weasel. There are too many cast members to name them all here, including lots of local children as young hedgehogs and field mice, so you'll have to come to the show to find out who else you know in this delightful adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's classic novel!

There will be five performances: Friday, June 17, Saturday, June 18, and Thursday, June 23, all begin at 7:00 PM, with a Sunday matinee on June 19, at 2:00, and closing night on Saturday, June 25, at 8:00 PM. Doors will open 30 minutes prior.

Tickets can be purchased at Galloway Real Estate at 47 Main Street in Walpole, Mascoma Bank at 53 Main Street in Walpole, and for the first time online at [TheWalpolePlayers.org](http://TheWalpolePlayers.org). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under age 12. Please email [WalpolePlayers@gmail.com](mailto:WalpolePlayers@gmail.com) or call (603) 756-2535, for more information.

— Lisa Bryan



**Bill Perron and Tom Durnford, back in the day.**

PHOTO: FROM PLAYERS' ARCHIVES

## Walpole Foundation

### The Gazebo

As summer is ready to set in and warm weather is fast approaching, it is the perfect time to reflect and appreciate the beauty of the Gazebo at 11 Westminster Street. The Gazebo was purchased and placed on the property by the Walpole Foundation in 2006. Many people use it as a place to gather with friends and family to socialize throughout the year. There is a group of musicians that uses it regularly to meet and play their music.

Lunches have been eaten there and dinners have been shared. It is also a great place to listen to band concerts that are performed on the common throughout the summer. On a hot summer day, it is the perfect place to get out of the sun. The gazebo provides a great place to sit, relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds it. With Old Home Days fast approaching, think of the Gazebo as a place to rest while you are out enjoying the festivities!

— Alberta Weimers



The Walpole Players Present

# THE WIND in the Willows

Friday, June 17, 7PM  
 Saturday, June 18, 7PM  
 Sunday, June 19, 2PM  
 Thursday, June 23, 7PM  
 Saturday, June 25, 8PM

The Helen Miller Theater  
 Walpole Town Hall

Tickets: \$15  
 \$10 for children under age 12

Tickets can be purchased at Galloway Realty,  
 Mascoma Bank, or online at [TheWalpolePlayers.org](http://TheWalpolePlayers.org).



## Walpole Town Library

### June Events & Activities

#### Museum Passes

We will once again be offering Museum Passes for Walpole library cardholders to borrow. You can check out any of the following passes (subject to availability):

- American Precision Museum
- The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center
- The Currier Museum of Art
- The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art
- The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens
- Mass MOCA
- The Montshire Museum of Science
- Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS)

We also have two new passes: one for the Bandwagon Series and one for the Wild Goose Players. Both are offered through Next Stage Arts.

#### Summer Programs &

#### Reading Challenges for Adults & Kids

**Our Summer Reading Challenge**, is back, for ALL ages! This year's theme is *Oceans of Possibilities* and runs from June 18-July 30. You will set your own daily reading goal (in either minutes or hours) and earn rewards as you read – cool brag tags (Kids) or raffle tickets towards fun prizes (Teens and Adults). Here is a list of just some of the activities we have planned. All take place at the Main Library unless otherwise noted:

- Geocaching Challenge (all around Walpole and North Walpole)
- Getting Started with Beekeeping
- Weekly visits with the Grafton Museum
- Wildlife Encounters "Tiny Creatures" at Town Hall
- Adult Crafternoons
- Kids Code Club (Drop-in) at the Main Library and the North Walpole Branch



- Teddy Bear Parade at Distant Hill Nature Trail
- Ice Cream Social

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We have a new program starting at the library on June 17th. Here is Toby the dog, to tell you all about it:

– Jane Malmberg

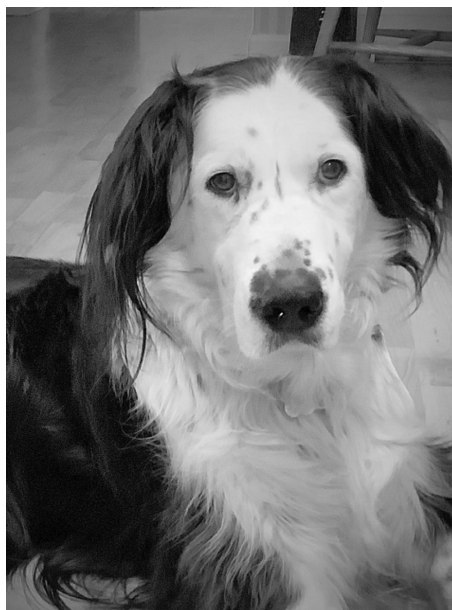
*Hi everyone,*

*I'm Toby, a gentle dog who lives in Walpole. I love Walpole! There are so many friendly people and beautiful places for walking. In June I'm beginning a new job at the Walpole Town Library. I'm going to be the Read to Me Dog! If you're a new, reluctant, or comfortable reader, I'm the dog for you. If you are between 5 and 16 years old, you can come read to me on Friday afternoons between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. This will begin on June 24th and continue through July 29th.*

*You'll need to make a reservation for your reading time. Please call the library (603-756-9806), or e-mail Julie at [jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org) to reserve your 15 minutes reading time.*

*I hope you'll come read to me! You can bring a book from home or find one at the library. I look forward to seeing you soon.*

– Toby



## Friends of the Library

### Plant and Book Sale

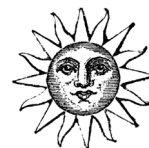
If you haven't had a chance yet to check out the Library Plant Sale at the Walpole Reuse Center, please stop in and have a look the next time you're at the Recycling Center (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8AM to 4PM). The sale will continue throughout the growing season.

We are gratefully accepting plant donations through the spring and summer months. If you need help digging plants to donate, we can help with that. Please call 603-439-7778 to arrange drop-off of plants. Our space for plants at the Reuse Center is limited.

We continue to have a great selection of books for sale at the Reuse Center. The book sale there is also ongoing. In addition, we are in the process of planning our large annual Book Sale at Walpole School, which will be held October 28 - 30. Due to limited book space at the Reuse Center, we request that you save your book donations at home for now, instead of bringing them to the Reuse Center. There will be several August dates (TBD) when we will accept book donations at the "Chicken Coop" behind the Hungry Diner.

As always, thank you so much for supporting the Walpole Library! The monies that are raised through the Friends of the Library help fund the cost of books, museum passes, movie licenses, and library programs.

– Jana Sellarole



## Read to Toby

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June 24 through July 29  
3 to 4 pm  
Main Library

A Reading Companion Dog transforms reading into a special, warm, and furry experience. For new, reluctant or comfortable readers ages 5-16. Bring your own book or choose one of ours.

To sign up for a 15-minute time slot call the library at 603.756.9806 or email Julie at [jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org](mailto:jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org)

# Walpole Old Home Days Schedule of Events

## MAIN STREET MEMORIES

**Wednesday June 22nd**

**5:30PM Town Block Party** hosted by Mascoma Bank,  
Mascoma Bank Parking Lot

Music by "The Illusion" Sponsored by The Walpole Foundation. Food, Music, Kids Activities to kick off the week!

**Friday June 24th**

**10AM to 8PM** Walpole Community Pool, Free to all

**5:00PM World Famous Strawberry Shortcake** by Tom Murray In front of The Gathering Spot \$\$

**6PM to 9PM Walpole OHD Street Dance BBQ** \$\$

The OHD Committee will be grilling Hamburgers and Hot Dogs to benefit future Old Home Day Events.

**7 to 11PM Friday Night Street Dance**

Local Favorite Band "**Mosey Down**" **7PM -11PM**

Sponsored by Florentine Films, Mascoma Bank and Jakes Market

Located at the Savings Bank of Walpole parking lot.

**9:30 PM Fireworks**

Sponsored by EE Houghton & The Walpole Foundation. Viewing from the Village



**Saturday, June 25th**

**8:00 AM "McGrange's"**— Breakfast Sandwiches by The Grange. Outside the Town hall \$\$

**8:15 AM Children's Lolli-Pop Race** (12 and under)

**8:30 AM 5K RACE** — Sign ups day of, \$\$

Sponsored by Bill and Chris Tyson. Start/Finish at Walpole Town Hall, prizes (to benefit Fall Mountain running and Nordic ski teams)

**10 AM to 8 PM** Walpole Community Pool, Free to all

**10 AM WALPOLE OLD HOME DAY PARADE**

Sponsored in Memory of John & Carol Hubbard

Grand Marshall Cindy Westover

Laura Palmer to lead Parade on "Abby"

Kris Nielsen, Parade Announcer

**This Year's Categories:**

Most Memorable Float Adult/Youth

Most Memorable Non-Float Adult/Youth

Overall, Winner — "Unforgettable"

**Kids Bike Parade:**

Decorate your bike with fun ribbons and decorations and follow the parade! Decorate by St. John's starting at 9AM.

**10 AM Common Displays for Walpole OHD**

(Non-profits...educational, fundraising and food, Kid's activities)

FM Scholarship Fund	Ice Cream donated by WC
Fire/Auxiliary	Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Drinks
Pinnacleview 4-H Clubs	Petting Zoo
Hooper Hill Hoppers	Sausage, Hamburgers, Drinks
Hooper Institute	Exhibits and food
FM Nordic Ski Team	Cow Plop Bingo
River Valley Seniors Home	Info
Women of Walpole	Information and Raffle
St. Johns Church	Info and fundraising
Walpole PTG	Dunk Tank
FMRHS Student Council	TBD
Horse Thieves Society	Info and Membership
Walpole Town Library	Info
Walpole Village School	Snow Cones
FM Freshmen Exec Council	Face Painting & Baked Goods

**11 AM Children's Play Area and Equipment Display**

Sponsored by Cold River Materials and Pinnacleview Equipment — Savings Bank of Walpole Parking Lot.

**11 AM Firefighters Challenge**

St. John's Church Field - Walpole Volunteer Fire Dept.

**11 AM Hayrides** around town provided by

Iron Kettle Farm

**11 AM Town Offices "Rest Stop"** by the War Memorial

Take a minute to sit and take a break

The old wooden chairs will be sold by donation with funds going to the care of the trees on the common.

**12:00 PM Pet Show**

Sponsored in Memory of Robert Graves

Located on grassy area by small gazebo.

**Children's categories:**

Largest Pet, Smallest Pet, Longest Tail, Best Costume, Pet Owner Look Alike, Most Enthusiastic Pet Owner, Cutest pet, Judges' Choice Award

**Adult categories:**

Oldest Pet, Best Costume, Pet Owner Look Alike, Most Enthusiastic Pet Owner. Roxy Memorial Trophy

**5:00 PM Second Annual Alumni Softball Game**

(Held at the Walpole Elementary Baseball Field)

Sponsored by The Hungry Diner

**Even Stevens vs. The Odd Balls**

Coached by Steven Even Corey & Mike the Oddball Rogers!

Dean Prentiss to Announce the game,

Hank Beecher behind the plate, and all the way from Tennessee. Gus Rogers on first!

If you went to Walpole or North Walpole schools, you can play! (Really anyone can play!)

Send a message to our Facebook page to sign up.

Additional sign-up sheets will be around town.

Last minute additions welcome! Baseball shirts provided!







Moments from OHD 2017



### Sunday June 26th

**8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast** - Town Hall  
To benefit Pinnacleview 4-H \$\$

**10 AM - 8 PM Walpole Community Pool** - Free to All

**Noon Walpole Old Home Days Golf Tournament** \$\$  
Hooper Golf Course  
Hickory Stick Tournament  
Old School Wooden sticks provided  
Sign up at the Hooper Pro-Shop.

**4:00 PM Potted Planters Silent Auction** \$\$  
On the Common in front of GAZEBO  
Winners announced at intermission  
Planters donated by Johnsons Greenhouse

**4:00 PM: Chicken Barbeque**  
First Congregational Church \$\$  
Sponsored by Hubbard Farms,  
Tickets can be purchased in advance.

**5:00 PM Band Concert**  
Sponsored by the Scouts of Walpole  
Featuring The Walt Sayre Orchestra  
Donation basket will be passed.  
\*\*Refreshments available\*\* \$\$  
\*\*Presentation of parade awards  
and other drawings at intermission\*\*

(Note: \$\$ indicates that tickets can be purchased  
in advance or a cost is involved.  
Otherwise, events with no symbol are free)



### Walpole Old Home Days Flower Pot Competition

1. We supply the pot
2. \$20 entry fee: benefit of Walpole old home days 2025
3. Pots will be judged & Prizes awarded
4. Pots will be displayed around town during Saturday activities
5. Pots will be raffled off Sunday at the band concert when all the awards are given out. Benefit of Walpole Old Home Days, 2025
6. Limited amount of pots, first come first served: Sign up with Cindy Westover At Galloway Real Estate, 603 756 3661
7. Categories are business, individual, youth or group
8. Pots themselves can be decorated as well as planted however you wish.



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### The Walpole Historical Society Celebrates Old Home Days!

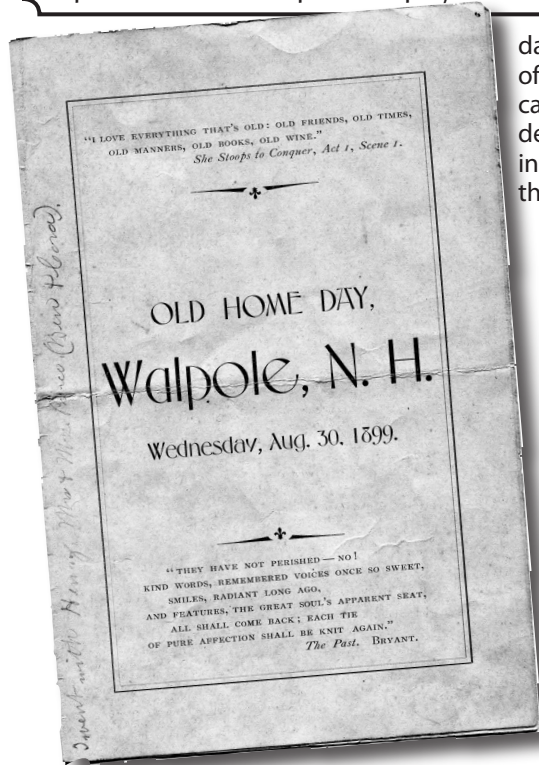
Come visit the Museum and Shop  
after the parade.  
Open 12-2PM on June 25

Regular hours this year  
Saturdays, 12-4PM  
from August 6 - October 15  
[www.WalpoleHistory.com](http://www.WalpoleHistory.com)



# Did You Know That...?

Explorations into Walpole People, Places & History with Ray Boas



## ...Walpole was among the

first New Hampshire towns celebrating Old Home Day in 1899? At the end of the 19th century, urban centers with the promise of jobs and prosperity were attracting thousands of young New Hampshire sons and daughters away from their farms. Towns were shrinking, vacant farmhouses falling into disrepair, and fields returning to forests. Governor Frank West Rollins, concerned with New Hampshire's sagging economy and migration of its inhabitants elsewhere, initiated Old Home Week in 1899 as an innovative measure to bolster the state's economy. Instead of succumbing to despair, Governor Rollins decided to throw a party.

Rollins' idea was simple. Hold a grand family reunion throughout the state of New Hampshire. His message said, "The residents of New Hampshire have conceived the idea of celebrating... Old Home Week, and of inviting every person who ever resided in New Hampshire, and the descendants of former residents, to return and visit the scenes of their youth and renew acquaintance with our people..." Representatives at the State House formed the Old Home Week Association with guidelines providing for local associations statewide. That first year 44 towns, including Walpole, reported to the state that they had formed Old Home Week committees. Initially the State of New Hampshire set the Old Home Day

date, requesting a post-event report of activities held. Eventually, (in typical New Hampshire fashion) each town developed its own format and date and in time morphed the date to every two, three or five years.



**"When we return to the old home  
we come truly into the presence  
of those who have gone before,  
and as truly as God did appear  
unto Abraham, Isaac, and Joseph,  
so truly do those we have loved  
return to us in our beloved homes."**

Professor Franklin W. Hooper  
Walpole Old Home Week, August, 1899

In the state's *Report of Old Home Week in New Hampshire August 26 - September 1, 1899*, it was declared that "Nowhere in the state was the real purpose and desire of the Old Home Week idea better achieved and fulfilled than at Walpole." Three hundred and fifty-eight invitations were sent out with twelve hundred people attending the celebration, "an eighth of whom were former resi-

dents or the children of former residents, home for the day." Walpole's celebration was held on Wednesday, August 30, with a picnic and exercises in the Pines in Copley Amory's pasture on the Drewsville Road - near the site where Flint and Twitchell were massacred in 1755.

"The formal exercises opened at 2 PM with music by the Bellows Falls Cornet band. Rev. Frank W. Pratt of the Unitarian Church offered prayer, and Hon. T. Nelson Hastings, president of the association, gave a brief introduction, reading a message of congratulation from Governor Rollins. The first speaker was Hon. Josiah G. Bellows, who concluded his remarks with a poem for the day by Charles P. Howland of New York. The singing of *America* by the audience was followed by an address from Rev. John Barstow of Medford, Mass., a native of the town. Another

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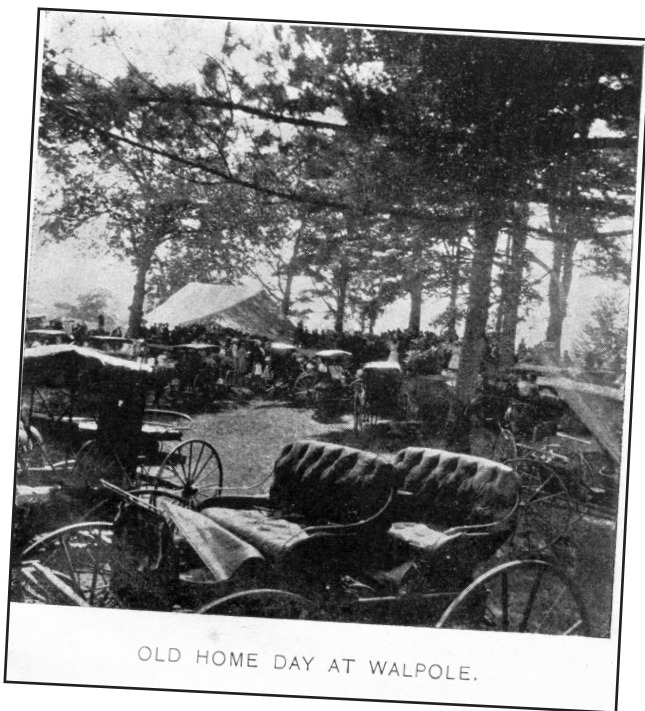
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honored native, Prof. Franklin W. Hooper of Brooklyn, N.Y., was heard with pleasure, and after a selection by the band, twenty-two children, drilled by Miss Lizzie M. Maynard, sang *The Old, Familiar Place* and *The Linden Tree*... Telegrams and letters of regret were received in large numbers and a few were read by the chairman... The exercises closed with the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*, benediction by Rev. E. A. Keep of the Congregational Church, and music by the band."

Old Home Day was an immediate success in New Hampshire, and has continued to this day. Our neighbors in Maine and Vermont adopted the idea in 1901, followed in 1906 by Connecticut and Massachusetts. The idea caught on elsewhere in the US and Canada. But, here in Walpole we can

proudly say we have been "on board" with Old Home Days since its inception in 1899 – now one hundred and twenty-two years ago.



OLD HOME DAY AT WALPOLE.

*(Editor's note - This article was originally published June 2014. It is only appropriate to again share the history of Old Home Days)*



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Everyone has a bat story. Did a bat find its way into your bedroom from the attic? Have you observed bats exiting a nearby barn at dusk to feed? June is a month of intense bat activity. They give birth this month just when insect populations swell.

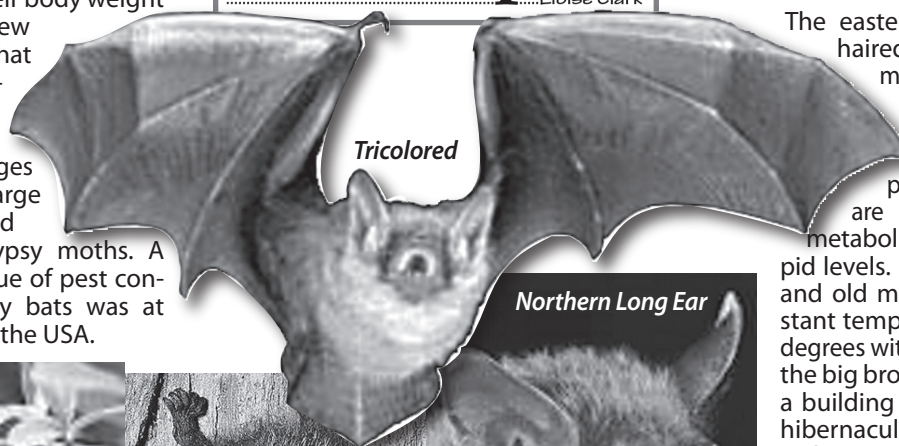
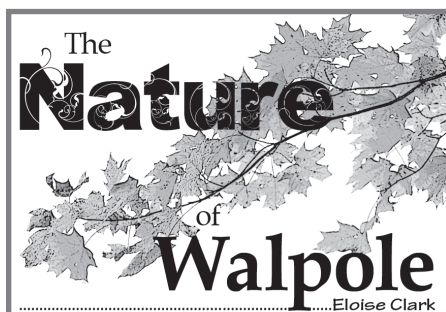
Bats are ferocious insect eaters. They use echolocation and deft maneuvers to capture their prey. In a night's foraging, bats will consume half their body weight in insects. According to New Hampshire Fish & Game that would be over 1,500 mosquitoes! Besides mosquitoes, bats also gobble wasps, beetles, gnats, midges and mayflies. They eat a large number of agricultural and forest pests, such as gypsy moths. A recent analysis of the value of pest control services provided by bats was at least \$3.7 billion a year in the USA.



*Eastern Red*

New Hampshire has eight species of bats known to occur here. Five species do not use human habitation but roost in large trees. They will use either live or dead foliage, loose bark or tree cavities to hide. Eastern red bats like large, deciduous trees. They roost high off the ground near the outer canopy edge. Silver-haired bats roost in the hollows of taller, more mature trees. The northern long-eared bat prefers tall, dead or decaying trees. The tricolored bat will roost during the day in the dead foliage of a deciduous tree, perhaps one broken off in a wind or ice storm. Their three shades of fur provide camouflage as the bat sleeps.

The hoary bat likes hemlock trees where it roosts in the foliage. It can also find its way into woodpecker holes and squirrel nests. It is our largest bat, 5-6" long with a 15" wingspan. It tends to be a more northern bat, thus it is well insulated with fur along the wing bones and on the ears. Our tiniest bat is the eastern small-footed bat, with a body length only 3.5" long. They prefer rocky outcrops for roosting. In our area they can be found on the stony face of Surry Mountain dam.



*Tricolored*



*Silver Haired*



*Northern Long Ear*



*Big Brown*

Most of the bats you have probably encountered are either the little brown bat or the big brown bat. Both of these species prefer the warm temperatures of your attic in summer, barn loft or outbuilding. They will form large maternal colonies from late May till early August while raising their young. In contrast, the tree dwelling species raise their pups singly, not in colonies. The males of all species roost apart from the females and pups.

*Eastern Small Footed*



Bats need to be located near water during the summer. Have you ever been out in a boat on a summer evening and watched the bats flit above the water or your head? Don't fret, the bats are interested in you only because you are drawing insects. They also need forests for foraging and large trees for roosting and raising their young. It's important before a logging operation to identify prime trees for our tree bats.

The eastern red bat, the silver-haired bat and the hoary bat migrate from our area to southern climes for the winter. The other five need to find a place to hibernate. These are true hibernators with metabolisms that slow to torpid levels. Bats hibernate in caves and old mines. They need a constant temperature between 40-50 degrees with humidity of 90%. Only the big brown bat may still occupy a building if it is insulated. In the hibernacula, bats will occupy different niches. Some prefer locations deep in the cave while others are nearer the



*Hoary*

opening because they can withstand harsher conditions.

Unfortunately, *Geomyces destructans* also has found a home in caves. You have perhaps heard of white-nose syndrome? It's a fungus that has caused bat populations to plummet. Little brown bats have lost 99% of their population from this scourge. Heartbreaking! This fungus was likely introduced to caves carried on the shoes of human visitors. It is native to Europe.



Bats can live 15 to 30 years in the wild, yet they only produce one or two pups per year. Their populations are teetering on the edge of extinction both within the state and elsewhere. Could you find it in your heart to live and let live with the bats that remain in your attic or outbuilding? These remarkable creatures need all the help they can get!





Walpole is recycling #5 plastics on the left side of the first window that you come to at Walpole recycling. You will probably see Will or Patty picking tin cans out of our #5 plastics cage from the person recycling before you because it is a new item to recycle and a change in process. Tin cans have been moved from the interior of the recycling center to outside near the main entrance. #5 plastic covers a variety of different textures and colors, so please be extra conscious of keeping all of our cages uniform according to the numbers on the bottom of containers. We try to correct contamination in the cages, but it helps volunteers and staff if the recycling is executed correctly by the public. The recycling community in Walpole is the best around, and I know

we as a community can add to our recycling pre sort responsibility. Thank you for your support.

Hey dude, It's oat soda season!, -please take care not to break beer and wine bottles or spill contents into our recycling work stations. More business is expected in warmer months, and broken bottles means downtime for clean up.

Our Friends of the Walpole Library are selling plants at the reuse center. Donations for hardcover books are \$2, softcovers \$1, children's books \$.50, and plants are either tagged with a price or by donation. All donations for these items are to be entered in the blue box marked "friends of the library donations." All other items within the Reuse center require donations that support the Fall Mountain food shelf. Please submit donations into the rusty, old school, refurbished, - tool box on the table in the Reuse center. Paper shredder is on its way (hopefully sooner rather than later)... "if you will it, it is no dream." -Theodore Herzl/ ...Walter Sobchak. Keep recycling Walpole!

- Ben Hoy

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## New AED

### Now at the Walpole Town Library

The Walpole Town Library is happy to announce that it now has a new portable AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine located at the Main Library, thanks to generous funding from the Walpole Savings Bank. The machine will be located near the checkout desk, but as it is portable, can be moved to other locations if needed. The Main Library and the North Walpole Branch will be closed on Saturday, June 4th so that library staff can undergo training on the new unit.

- Jane Malmberg

## Walpole AED Locations

Do you know where to find the closest AED in town in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) emergency?

### Locations:

- Walpole School – Elementary**  
(during school season)  
8 Bemis Lane
- Walpole Town Pool**  
(during summer season)  
14 Bundy Lane
- Walpole School – Primary**  
18 Primary Lane
- North Walpole School**  
17 Cray Road, NW
- Walpole Town Hall**  
34 Elm Street
- Walpole Recycling Center**  
Rte 123, North Walpole
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Walpole Clinic**  
11 Westminster Street
- Bensonwood Homes**  
6 & 10 Blackjack Crossing Road
- LaValley's Building Supply**  
40 Meadow Access Lane
- Hooper Golf Course**  
166 Prospect Hill Road
- Congregational Church**  
15 Washington Street
- Chamberlain Machine**  
14 Darling Lane
- Alyson's Orchard**  
Wentworth Road
- Bowman Dental**  
48 Meadow Access Lane
- Hubbard Park**  
30 Upper Walpole Road
- Savings Bank of Walpole**  
North Meadow Plaza
- Walpole TownLibrary**  
48 Main Street

Police & Fire vehicles in Walpole and North Walpole are also AED-equipped.





# What's Happening in Walpole Schools



*Finley and inspiration*

## Finley's Pet Project

Have you ever wondered what your pet would look like as a painting? Finley Aube, a third grader at Walpole Schools can paint your pet for you, with incredible results.

Finley has painted about 30 pet portraits so far, and she is continuing to grow her business to help raise money for the American Heart Association. "I love animals and I love painting and I wanted to combine that," Finley said. This new and creative way to raise money has been a big hit!

When she heard about the Jump Rope for Heart for the American Heart Association, Finley knew how she could help raise money for the AHA by painting pet portraits. According to Finley, "Since the fundraiser for the AHA has ended, I want to keep painting. I started a business called Finley's Pet Project to keep painting pets. Each painting I do for my business I will still donate a small amount to the American Heart Association."

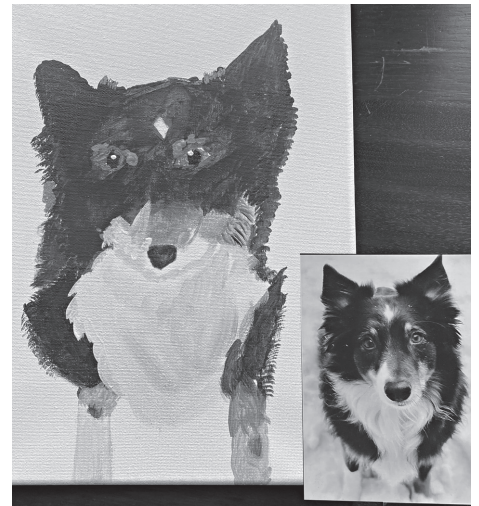
Finley has even painted pet portraits for several teachers in Walpole!

If you are interested in a pet portrait painted by Finley, you can email her at [Finleypet@gmail.com](mailto:Finleypet@gmail.com) or visit her Facebook page; Finley's Pet Project.

— Emily Heddon (Grade 8)



*A sampling of Finley's pet portraits*



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## Spring Poetry

– Avery Richardson (Grade 7), Adalynn Fuller (Grade 6), and Violet Walz (Grade 7)

### Frog

It hops and takes little jumps  
I bend down and hold out my hands  
It's spring  
Almost summer  
The lake has been silent  
You can hear the ripples of the water whisper with secrets  
I made a home out of a log for my new friend  
Even if it croaks with wonder in the dead of night  
I will stay

### Daisies

Cluttered in a bunch  
White petals fall with the breeze  
Long stems sprout about

### Spring Depression

I forgot.  
It's been 2 months.  
It's spring now.  
The flowers started blooming.  
Smiles are getting bigger.  
But I know it won't last.

### Smile

The rain starts to pour  
Take me back to sunny days  
I want to smile

### Bees

Pollen fills the air  
A hard day's work  
spreading dust  
Buzzing in the sun

### Grass

I open my eyes to see green grass  
The smell of dirt fills my nose  
Had it been this long since I stopped caring  
Last I knew there had been snow  
That was now a while ago

### Spring

A cool light wispy breeze,  
Birds chirping in the green trees  
The feeling of spring

### Someone's Cutting Lemons.

The citrus scent burns my nose.  
The cut lemons sit on the countertop next to the sink.  
The setting sun shines bright yellow onto the counter top  
The silence hurts more than the bitterness.  
The lemons sit there all alone and quiet.  
Sometimes I wonder what it would like to be a lemon  
To have no worries, to just sit there and be bitter.  
I think it would be nice, to be a lemon.

Small eggs scatter the house,  
Little kids running about,  
The warm feeling of the sun peeking through the clouds,  
All the children are so happy and proud.

Goodbye is what we say when someone leaves  
We tuck our hands into our long black sleeves  
Start to cry, but everyone else's face is completely dry  
You say your okay, but really your not  
You turn away your throat forms a big clot  
Your mind wanders into empty space  
And wait for the day you can see their gone face

## Fishing Derby

### Young Fishers Competition

It has been a tradition for many years that Scott Northcott and his family hosts the fishing derby for the Cub Scouts on Mother's Day weekend. It has also been a tradition for Troop 299 to sleep out the Friday night before the derby.

The brook is always stocked with brook trout. It usually is held nine in the morning until noon but you can always come back later to continue fishing. The main rules are to make sure you are using your own rod and to keep all of the fish you catch. You also have to be under the age of sixteen years old. The limit is five fish during the derby but you can always come back and catch more. It is a fun event that kids can enjoy participating in outdoors. We hope to see you there next year!

– Rowan Aube (Grade 6)

## The Celtics

### Continue to Win

The last time that we talked about the Boston Celtics, they were in series with the Nets last month. They ended up sweeping Brooklyn to the floor by winning the first four games, eliminating the Nets and sending former Celtic Kyrie Irving packing for home.

In the second round, the Celtics defeated the Milwaukee Bucks, who were the defending NBA Champions from a year ago. This Eastern Conference Semifinal series was a close one, with Boston earning the series victory in seven games. Jayson Tatum, Marcus Smart, and Jaylen Brown have led the Celtics in the postseason.

Currently, the C's are in the Eastern Conference Finals, with the winning team going to the NBA Championship. They are facing the Miami Heat, led by Jimmy Butler. The teams are currently locked in a 1-1 tie but the Celtics victory on Thursday, May 19th, was a crushing one. Hopefully, next month's article will be about the Boston Celtics competing in the NBA Championship Series!

– Taylor Latham (Grade 6)

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# From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

## Game Trail

Decided to swing by the Gas and Go, figuring to find Elwud hanging out there and sure enough, him and Cousin Darryl were sitting on the porch. Gas and Go advertised free coffee that day to the first 100 customers. Store opened at 6:30 am and Elwud and Darryl was there at 6:00.

They appeared to be in deep conversation, so I decided to interject myself and ask, "What's got you two so riled up?"

"Well sir," says Elwud, "Ya know that land 'bout a quarta mile up the road from me, it's been bot by some out of towners. So bean neighborly, I wandered ova to intraduce myself."

"You mean being nosey?" I asked.

(Cannot repeat Elwud's comment back}

"Anywho, heard lots of constructshun type noise and found them building a house right in the middle of the game trail. So I says to them, 'You mite wanna move that house 'bout 100 yards to the west as right now ya in the middle of the game trail and there's where the bears come through to get to the creek.'"

He get this attitude look and says, "You might consider minding your own business and the darn bears can find another route to the creek!"

Darryl and me just looked at each other, turned and left.

That night Velma woke me up due to ungodly noise comin' from up the road toward the new constructshun.

Later about midday I got Darryl and we mosyed ova to see what was happining. The partly constructed house was completely distroyed and Ol' Mossback (the bear) had left a huge pile of her callin' card in the middle of the floor.

The new owner was pounding a FOR SALE sign in the ground, to the west of the game trail.

Before we could say, "We told you", he turned and said shut up, climbed into his Mercedes and left the area.

There is a Native American saying, "When we show our respect for other living things, they respond with respect for us."

This applies to humans as well as animals.



## FROM THE CLARION...

**A sampling of what we've reported in more than 10 years of publication:**

**One Year Ago (June, 2021)** – Work began on May 11 to replace and improve water lines on Elm Street from the Town Hall south. The work on Elm Street is to replace the over 100 year old six inch main line.

**Three Years Ago (June, 2019)** – A retirement reception for Eloise Clark was held Sunday, June 23 at the Hooper Institute, to celebrate Eloise's 42 year tenure as Director of the Hooper Institute.

**Five Years Ago (June, 2017)** – Ernie and Susan Vose worked with the Monadnock Conservancy this spring to help protect their farmland. "I don't want to see our field messed up with houses," Ernie Vose said. The Conservancy's mission and work is to enter into voluntary land agreements with local farmers to preserve the rich farmland in the Monadnock region. Helping make the conservation easement possible were the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), the USDA Agriculture Land Easement Program, C&S Wholesale Grocers and private anonymous donors.

**Seven Years Ago (June, 2015)** – The Hurlburt Benefit Auction & Fundraiser raised approximately \$33,500. Organizers thanked everyone who supported this event, whether by donating auction items, attending the benefit, or donating their time and talents, particularly the Walpole Fire Department. It was amazing to see the community getting involved and supporting Herb after all of his years of service to the local community.

**Nine Years Ago (June, 2013)** – The curtain closed on The Players' production of the seldom-staged play, *Tourists Accommodated* by Dorothy Canfield Fisher. "This was one of our more successful plays," Ray Boas proudly proclaimed, "and we entertained almost 500 guests in the audiences during six performances in May." Set in the Lyman family's Vermont home, the audiences experienced what it was like for the Vermont family to provide lodging for city tourists.



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## Gleanings from the Town Minutes

**Selectboard - May 12** - RUGGIERO PROCESSING FACILITY: Joe Ruggiero advised they will be moving forward on a volume increase. There will not be any more trash on-site but there will be one more trailer in use each day. Right now he is at about three-quarters of his capacity. Mr. Dalessio pointed out that this will be a change with the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Mr. Ruggiero said the facility will have the same amount of trash. Right now he has one trailer come in to take out material but eventually he would like to use two trailers. It will not increase any of his traffic. He cannot find CDL drivers so will use bigger trucks.

Mrs. Pschirrer presented Police Chief Sanctuary proposal to buy an unmanned aerial vehicle or a drone for the public

safety. At this point there are no laws on the use of drones. They cannot be used as evidence but the Police Department has had many calls to houses with potential suicides. It would be very useful if they had a drone. It could fly around the house to see where certain people are. They hover around 100-to-200 feet and have terrific cameras. It would be very useful for them to buy a drone to meet their needs. They cost about \$14,000. When you are trained to use this drone a license is needed with the FAA. There might be \$4,000 available from the Police Association who is promoting the use of drones.

**Selectboard - May 5** - Estimate for Tree Work on Common: The Selectboard received an estimate of \$14,250 for tree work on the Common from Joe Hartmann. The Selectboard asked Mrs. Daigle to contact it is hoped there will be a walk around the Common to discuss what this work would cover.

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### PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Yes, at last we can again celebrate together with friends, and welcome back former residents and friends as we gather for Old Home Days (OHD) the end of the month. Continuing to exercise caution with COVID lurking everywhere, the committee is wisely keeping all activities outdoors. The full schedule is on the two center pages of this issue. Saturday will be a fun packed day from parade route to pet competition to events on and around the Common.

Yes COVID. I think we all know people now who even with having both shots and booster shots have come down sick with COVID. Varying degrees, fortunately not death, but congestion lingering long after the horrible feelings. Hard to comprehend how they caught it with all their caution. I for one am again avoiding indoor gatherings (and I have four shots), and am back to wearing a mask when going inside.

I look forward to receiving Eloise's Nature of Walpole each month. I learn so much with her fascinating research and brilliant writing to convey nature's mysteries to us. A few months back she and I emailed about assembling her articles in a book. Maybe, what do you think?

Finally, talking about assembling articles, it made sense to compile my ten years of short Walpole history articles in one place under one cover. Three months of computer work, and as I write this column I am just waiting to see the book's proof at the printer. Hope to see you during OHD so you can see a copy.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

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Available during Old Home Days, Saturday, June 25, under the tent on Elm Street - the west side of the Common. Or call Ray - 603 756-4545.

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