

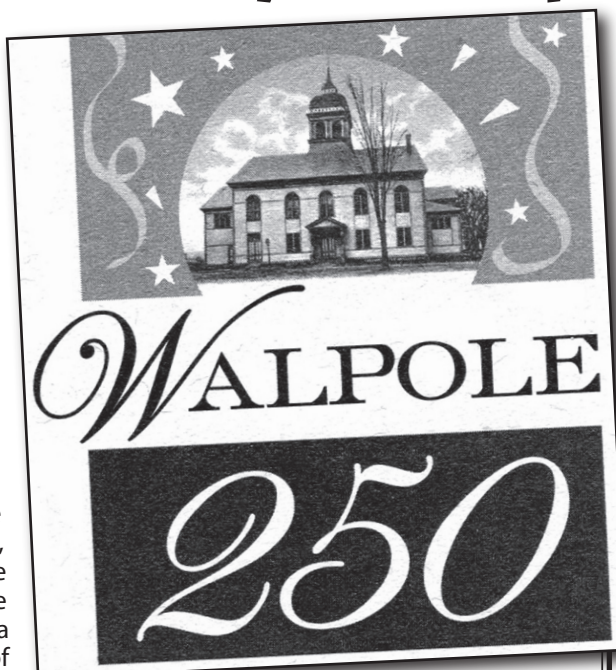


20th Anniversary of Walpole's 250th

This is the 20th anniversary of the gala party Walpole gave itself in 2002 in celebration of the 250th anniversary of its founding in 1752. We have Tara Sad and Eric Merklein to thank for the impressive three day celebration over the Labor Day weekend (August 30 - September 1, 2002) that culminated with a sit-down dinner of steak, turkey and ham for 800 guests under a 180 foot by 60 foot tent erected on the Common, followed by a glorious singing of "Happy Birthday to Walpole" with never ending cake. We were joined by then-Governor Shaheen, the British Consul General from Boston, and a myriad of other federal, state and local dignitaries. One of the highlights of the evening was a standing ovation given to three of Walpole's finest – Mark Houghton, Herb Hurlburt and Larry Devault as they were honored by Jeanne Shaheen for their selfless work in assisting in the aftermath of 9/11 the year before (see page 15). A 12-piece dance band then played into the late hours.

Events and activities in celebration were spread around town with a rock and salsa concert kicking things off on Friday night, August 30. Saturday was a packed festive day with the most impressive parade the Town has probably ever hosted. Throughout the day there were concerts in churches, tours of historic homes, and carriage rides. A high tea was served to the ladies by tuxedo clad gentlemen, otherwise known as the "horse thieves." The evening featured Fritz Wetherbee entertaining the audience with interesting tales from Walpole's history, followed by a contradance.

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Walpole Infrastructure Improvement Projects Informational Meeting

Many of you own older homes and know they need maintenance to keep them in good condition, and the town's infrastructure is no exception. On September 20 the Select Board will hold an informational meeting at the town hall at 7 PM. This meeting aims to inform the community of the status of several significant projects impacting our town's infrastructure.

Our agenda will include updates on projects affecting road repair, bridge replacement, Reservoir dam, Vilas Bridge Waste Water Bypass, and Police Station Study. Also on the agenda will be a brief update from the Walpole Community Power Committee. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

The Select Board hopes to see many of you at this important informational meeting.

– Steve Dalessio

(Editor's Note: Do plan on attending, learning, and becoming engaged in guiding Walpole's future)

From Peggy's Desk

Without a doubt, we are on our way to fall! When I wake at 5 AM – my usual time - it is no longer completely light outside. Daybreak has slipped to after 6:00 AM and sunset is steadfastly becoming earlier. My emotions are conflicted: do I have to give up summer which always promises more free time but never delivers or should I welcome Fall which its surge of activity: football, crisp, clear October skies, cider, more focused meetings?

Activities for the Town of Walpole never really took a summer break. This issue of **The Clarion** has several articles calling us to participate. Join the Selectboard, the Walpole Police Committee and the Walpole Power Committee for a Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 PM to discuss not only the Power and Police Committee work but also all the infrastructure plans on the horizon for correcting such problems as flood damage on School Street, moving the sewer lines from under the Vilas Bridge, Houghton Bridge, and other issues.

Come to the Hooper Institute Fall Festival on September 24, 11:00 – 3:00 with games, good food and fun for the whole family. This seems to be a new fall tradition and a joyous one.

October 1, on the Town Common, River Valley Seniors at Home will host a "Walpole Welcomes all Newcomers" event from 2:00 - 4:00 PM for everyone to meet the many new neighbors who have moved to our beautiful Walpole. RVSH have asked the Selectboard, the Fire Department, EMS, and the Police to all be available to greet Newcomers and neighbors alike. Of course, there will be food, door prizes, music etc.

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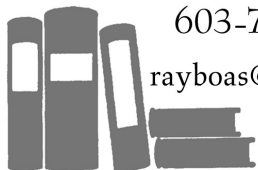
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Explore...

Walpole's Rail Trail

Now is a great time to visit the Rail Trail that runs along the west side of Walpole. Under a State-issued permit, the Cheshire Rail Trail in Walpole has been brush hogged from approximately behind the CITGO/JiffyMart in the north to the Westmoreland border in the south. The Conservation Commission funded the work. Trail Committee volunteers have cleared fallen trees and branches from the trail.

The State-owned Rail Trail is now passable for over 7 miles in Walpole. The Cheshire Rail Trail continues southward through Westmoreland and Surry to Keene and beyond. The Rail Trail is open to walkers, runners, bicyclists and equestrians. No motorized vehicles are allowed (except for snowmobiles in snow season.)

The trail surface in Walpole is mostly grass/weeds and dirt. There are some wet and muddy spots on the trail, despite our dry weather. Use caution: The trail surface is uneven in many places. The Rail Trail is accessible from Blackjack Crossing Rd, Halls Crossing Rd, River Rd, the Walpole Gateway, Route 123, and the Boat Launch WMA. There is limited parking at many of these locations.

When using the trail please be respectful of the private land-owners who abut the trail. Please follow trail signs, especially through Homestead Farm, and please follow "leave no trace" principles. Maps of the Rail Trail are available in Town Hall. They were produced by the Trail Committee. Many thanks to the Walpole Trail Committee, the Walpole Conservation Commission and the Walpole Selectboard for supporting this project.

— Wendy & Will Grossman

Walpoleans visit the exhibits at the 250th Anniversary celebration.



Walpole Foundation

Walpole Village Store: Repairs and Improvements

September is a month for change. Schools start back in session and vacation mode turns to work mode.

This September a much-needed project will be done to the building that houses Spencer's Restaurant.

We are hoping that interruption and inconvenience will be kept to a minimum. The sewer pipe that runs from the building needs to be replaced. At the same time the water line will be replaced as a precautionary measure. The pipe is located by the front steps that lead into the restaurant. The brick walk will be replaced with a walk that is level. The current brick has shifted with the yearly frost, creating an uneven surface. The curbing will also be straightened.

The construction is scheduled to start on Monday, September 12. The hope is to have it done in a couple of days and the walk completed shortly thereafter. During the construction, Spencer's Restaurant will be closed.

Please excuse the disruption while the work is being done. In the end, it will all be worth it!

— Bert Wiemers



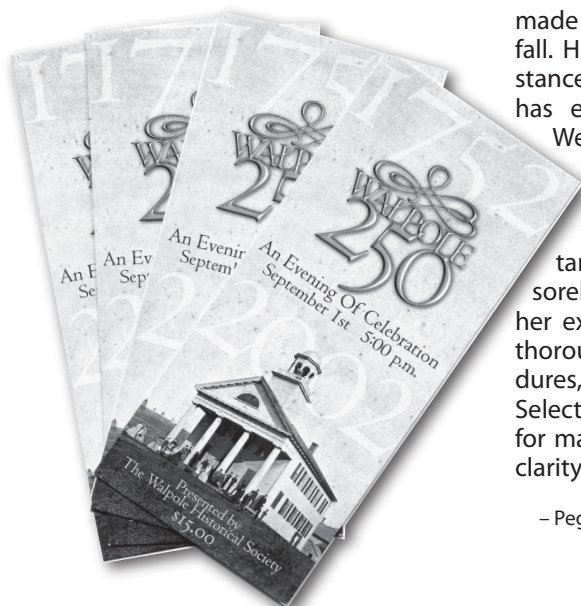
Colonial reenactors on parade.

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The "soccer field" west of St. John's Church featured many activities, including: Native American singers and dancers, storytelling and readings about Walpole's history, colonial reenactments, reenactors from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and the construction of a Bensonwood timber-frame cottage, auctioned off for charity at the culmination of the festivities.

Poster-size photographs from the Historical Society's archives were mounted throughout the village showing what the town looked like at the turn of the century (1900). But the main reason for the event was "to thank the founding families that came before us for building and protecting this idyllic town in which we live," and to celebrate "this marvelous place and the people who live, and have lived in Walpole, North Walpole, and Drewsville."

— Ray Boas
(who bought the first dinner tickets)



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In case of rain, we will move into Town Hall.

This list does not cover all the other activities at the Library or the Walpole Historical Society or the Walpole Elementary School or Fall Mountain High School. Who said small towns have nothing going on?

A meeting was held in mid-August to review next steps for the old Central Plating site. Expect to see Green Site Services who removed all the dirt, back in town to do all the necessary drainage work on the site and trench the area for electrical conduits to be laid for installation of EV charging stations. There will be some lighting installed around the EV stations so that they are obvious for nighttime use. We will indeed be mindful of how bright the lights are and how far their beams will reach. We will make every effort to see that they are not intrusive for abutters. Every effort will be made to complete the parking lot this fall. However, because of some circumstances we could not control, the EPA has extended our required deadline.

We are waiting to hear if the DES has also granted a delay.

After September 1, Regina Borden will no longer be Recording Secretary for the Selectboard. She will be sorely missed not only because of her expertise as secretary but also her thorough knowledge of meeting procedures, protocol, and applicable law for Selectboards. Regina has been a gem for many selectboards. We will miss her clarity, guidance, and friendship.

— Peggy Pschirrer



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Richard Parkhurst

Kudos

Walpole Letter Carrier "Safe Driver of the Year"

The United States Postal Service has announced that Walpole's letter carrier Richard Parkhurst has earned a 30-year Million Miler Award and the 2022 Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year Award.

"Pretty cool," said Parkhurst. "They told me it [being a dual awardee] hasn't happened in 58 years."

The Joseph M. Kaplan Safe Driver of the Year Award honors professional drivers for their driving records, including miles and years driven without a preventable accident. Each year, the National Safety Council gives the award to one employee from each USPS area. Parkhurst represents the former Northeast Area.

The Million Mile Award is for recognizing drivers with 1,000,000 miles or 30 accumulated years without a preventable incident accident. Richard said his safety attitude boils down to being courteous. "People are always in a hurry, so let them go," he said. "Keep an eye out for other vehicles all the time, you always have to be vigilant and aware."

Richard was also invited to the National Safety Council's annual presentation of the Safe Driver of the Year awards to be held in San Diego this month, September. "He's well deserving of the awards," said Walpole Postmaster Lori Haddad. "He not only cares about his safety, but our safety."

— USPS Atlantic Area Insight



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The Recreation Report

It has been a great busy summer down at Whitcomb Park. The pool closed on August 26 this season with our staff heading back to school. Thank you to everyone who stopped in to visit the pool this year. We were happy to see everyone's bright faces down at the pool. Thank you to our staff for another great summer, and a huge thank you to our pool manager, Stephanie Green, for managing the pool all summer long.

The Walpole Summer Basketball League season came to an end with Coach Andy Buswell and his Bowman Dental team winning the championship game. They defeated Chroma Technology 63-62 in a nail biting thriller of a game. We want to thank our volunteer coaches - Andy Buswell, Kraig Harlow, and Alan Parker - for their time spent coaching basketball over the summer. Thank you to our officiating crew - Harvey, Daryl, and Jimmy - for spending their Tuesdays and Thursdays at the park. Also, thank you to Bowman Dental, Chroma Technology and Cold River Materials for sponsoring our league this season.

On August 12, North Walpole Park hosted a free outdoor movie night: *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, and 45 community members came to watch. Thank you for joining us. We would love to see more families down at the park. Our next



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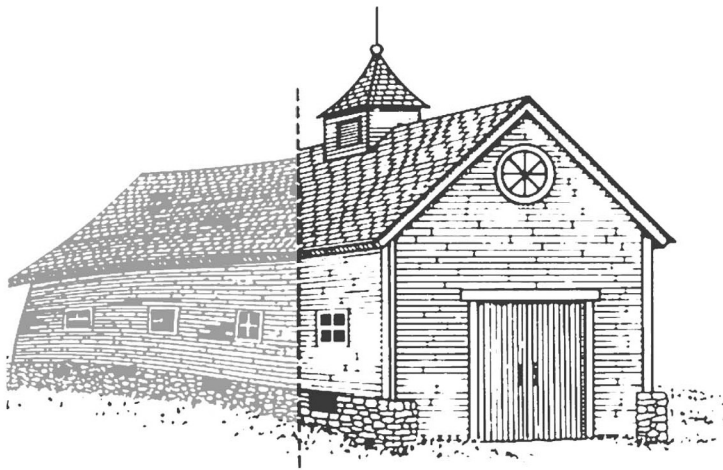
movie, *Encanto*, will be September 9 at Whitcomb Park. The movie will start at dusk. We hope to see you there.

Soccer signups have closed for the season but if you want to sign up late, reach out to Kraig Harlow. He will happily place your child on a team so they can have fun playing soccer this fall. Also, the park will be open until November with pickleball, basketball and tennis being available. Just bring your own equipment and enjoy your activity.

Please feel free to contact Kraig Harlow at kraigharlow@outlook.com for ways you can volunteer as coach, to sponsor sport teams or movie nights, or to make suggestions about events you'd like to see happen in Walpole. Please give us a follow on Facebook at 'Walpole Recreation-NH' for more information.

- Kraig Harlow

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Questions about Zoning? Don't ask the Zoning Board!

Walpole's town counsel has recently informed the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) that our job is not to answer questions about zoning. In fact, we may be getting the town in trouble if we do.

For many years, if you had a question about what was needed in order to build an addition that was too close to the property line, or operate a business outside of the commercial district, or any of a myriad of issues regarding the Town Zoning Ordinance, you may have been sent to the Zoning Board to explain the project. The ZBA understood the Ordinance and could see what type of appeal was needed in order for the project to be allowed.

In the past the ZBA would just tell you what was needed and hand out applications and instructions for filling them out. However, we live in litigious times, and we have been instructed that we must stop doing this. Legally, the ZBA is a quasi-judicial board, and its members should only hear about a project after an application has been submitted and if we have no personal reason to pre-judge the 'case.' Listening to an applicant describe their project before an application has been submitted is one way that we may be considered to have prejudged a project.

Therefore, if you have questions about a potential project or need help understanding the application process, the Town asks that you call Mr. Ernest Vose at (603)756-3589. Mr. Vose is a former long-time member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and is thoroughly familiar with the Walpole Zoning Ordinance. He can direct you to the application forms you will need and explain the application process to you. When the ZBA receives the application, the board will set a hearing for the following month, and the abutters will be notified. We look forward to hearing all about your project at the public hearing.

— Jan Galloway-Leclerc
Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustment

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Crop Hunger Walk 2022

Save The Date! October 15, 2022

Join a planned walk of approximately 3.5 mi. around Walpole beginning at Walpole Common at 9:30 AM.

The purpose of the Crop Hunger Walk is to raise money through donations to alleviate hunger both locally and globally, and to promote sustainable clean water projects and agricultural practices.

Local beneficiary: Fall Mountain Food Shelf- receives 25% of all funds raised by Walpole Crop Hunger walkers.

How to participate: Register for the walk either as an individual or as part of a group. You may register online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/walpolenh>, or you may register the day of the event at 9:00 a.m., at the Walpole Congregational Church, on the Common. If you are unable to join the walk, but would like to contribute, you may make an online donation through the website (above) toward an individual walker's effort or to a team.

The Walpole Unitarian Church, at the corner of Main and Union Streets, will resume Sunday services on Sunday, September 11, following a summer recess.

– Wendy Hartly

Women of Walpole

After a summer hiatus, the Women of Walpole will resume in September with a Welcome Back meeting on September 14 at 2 PM at the home of Katie Beam. Katie's address is 368 Ramsey Hill Road.

We have invited Megan Fulton from the Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention to speak to us about the good things being done at MCVP. We will also be collecting dues and welcoming new members. Dues for the 2022-2023 season will be \$35.00. Mark your calendars now and look for us on Facebook.

Women of Walpole is open to any woman who lives or works in Walpole, North Walpole or Drewsville. Members should feel free to invite a non-member neighbor to learn all about WOW.

For further information, please feel free to contact Susan Johnson at 603-313-4018. See you in September.

– Susan Johnson

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St. John's Episcopal Church of Walpole will sponsor a team for the annual Walpole CROP walk, to be held this year on October 15.

The CROP walk is sponsored by Church World Services, a global nonprofit whose mission is to eliminate hunger by providing clean water, sustainable agriculture, and livestock globally, as well as by supporting American efforts to combat hunger funds. Each year, 25% of the funds raised remain in the local area, and will be donated to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf, which serves Walpole and four neighboring communities.

Those who wish to walk can join in the effort by walking with a Walpole team or starting their own team. Teams do not need to be church affiliated. Any group or individual is welcome to fundraise and walk.

To make a donation or for more information, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/stjohns-episcopal-church>. Checks made out to "CWS-CROPWALK" may be sent to St. John's Episcopal Church, PO Box 179, Walpole, NH 03608.

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Contact Helen Dalbeck hooperinstitute@myfairpoint.net or call 603-756-4382

– Helen Dalbeck

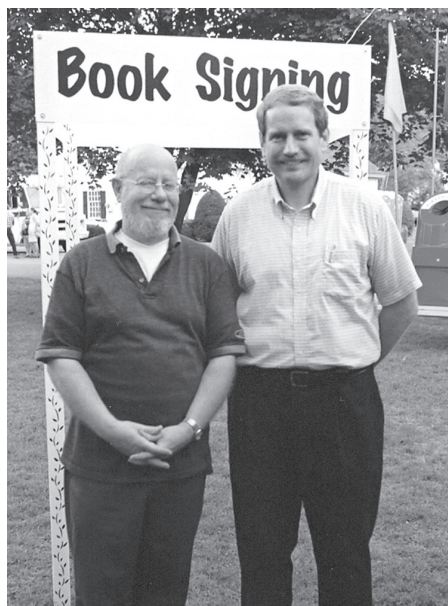


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Fritz Wetherbee and Charles Wright on the Walpole common during the 250th celebration. Fritz gave a presentation on Walpole's history, and asked Charles (who authored a book on Walpole headstones) who was the first person to die in Walpole. The answer: Thomas Flynt, and Daniel Twitchell, killed by the Indians in 1755 on the Old Drewsville Road. He used the information in his presentation.

First Congregational

September Schedule

Sunday worship is held each at 10:00 AM., In the sanctuary and on Zoom.

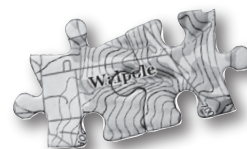
Communion Sunday, is every first Sunday of the month. All are welcome at the table. Covid-safe, sealed communion elements are available. Our practice on Zoom has been for worshippers to take part using their own bread and cup.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 4-5 PM, led by Pastor Richard Malmberg, will be on summer hiatus through Labor Day. Resuming in September, we will begin at the end: Revelation.

Join First Congregational Church of Walpole Worship and Study on Zoom using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87236977806?pwd=YkxyK2FwY1oyTct5cXYzREZwL1lxdz09> The Zoom link can also be found on our website: www.walpolen-hucc.org

– Richard Malmberg



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Drewsville Cemetery looking west to the Common

...Depending upon how you

count, there are six cemeteries in Walpole? Our town, founded in 1752, there could have been burials on private properties, but it appears that the first internment in the old "burying ground" was in 1757. Located on a plateau at the bend on Fessenden Hill (named for Rev. Thomas Fessenden whose home was on the corner), later named Cemetery Road and now North Road, the cemetery is down the hill from the First Meeting House which stood at the intersection of what is now Old North Main, North Road, and Old Drewsville Road. At the cemetery remain several original receiving tombs. The Hearse House was located here as well. Most of the burials here occurred in the 1800s, but some continued into the 1900s.

In 1844 and in 1849 it was voted to enlarge the "old cemetery". At Town Meeting in 1851, it was voted to purchase land "adjoining the old burying ground". The land purchased is to the west, down the hill which drops almost 60 feet, to Turnpike Street, later NH Route 12 and now Main Street. Named the Village Cemetery, the main entrance is across the road from the Walpole Schools. The cemetery was laid out with a number of roads and walkways. In reading the stones, it appears some burials did occur prior to the purchase date. Two prominent features in the Village Cemetery are the monument to the Town's founder, Benjamin Bellows, on the south side of the cemetery almost up at the plateau, and the Kilburn Monument alongside Main Street. John Kilburn, the first settler in Walpole, died April 8, 1789. This monument was erected later. In 1898, maple trees were set along the west side of the cemetery.

In 1901, it was "voted to see about enlargement of Village Cemetery". Moving swiftly fifty years later, with a Warrant of 28 articles at Town Meeting in 1952, voted was "\$500 to purchase addition to the Village Cemetery", 4.84 acres north of Cemetery Road (now North Road) and east of Rt. 12 (now Main Street). The first burials here took place in 1952.

An historically important location in the southeast part of Walpole is Carpenter Hill Cemetery, which was on the Third New Hampshire Turnpike where troops, marching through to battle in the American Revolution, were hosted at Goldsmith Tavern. The burying ground



was established here sometime before 1790. Just a few families are interred here. It is a bucolic spot, and one of my favorite off the beaten path cemeteries to visit and explore. A small plot across

the street from Carpenter Cemetery is the grave of Scott Wellington, a single stone surrounded by four granite posts. There may be a backstory as to why Scott is across the road.



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For this article, for the first time I visited the Drewsville Cemetery, which is set back behind a residence at the south-east corner of the Common. In 1815, Thomas C. Drew (who is buried in the middle of the cemetery) donated an acre of his land to the Town of Walpole for this burying ground. Again, a lovely place to visit, complete with its old hearse shed.

On Route 123, heading out to the Recycling Center and Alstead, is Saint Peter's Cemetery, which was consecrated in 1891. An expansive

Left: Harold Wellington visits the grave of his grand uncle, Scott Wellington, on Carpenter Hill, Walpole.

Below: circa 1875 Stereoview of the Village Cemetery with Benjamin Bellows Monument on top right.

field, you will recognize a number of prominent Walpole names here.

Finally, on Old Drewsville Road another single stone marks the site where Thomas Flynt and Daniel Twitchell were killed by Indians in 1755. In my remote travels on Vermont and New Hampshire back roads, I will often see small family plots. Are you aware of any others hidden in Walpole?



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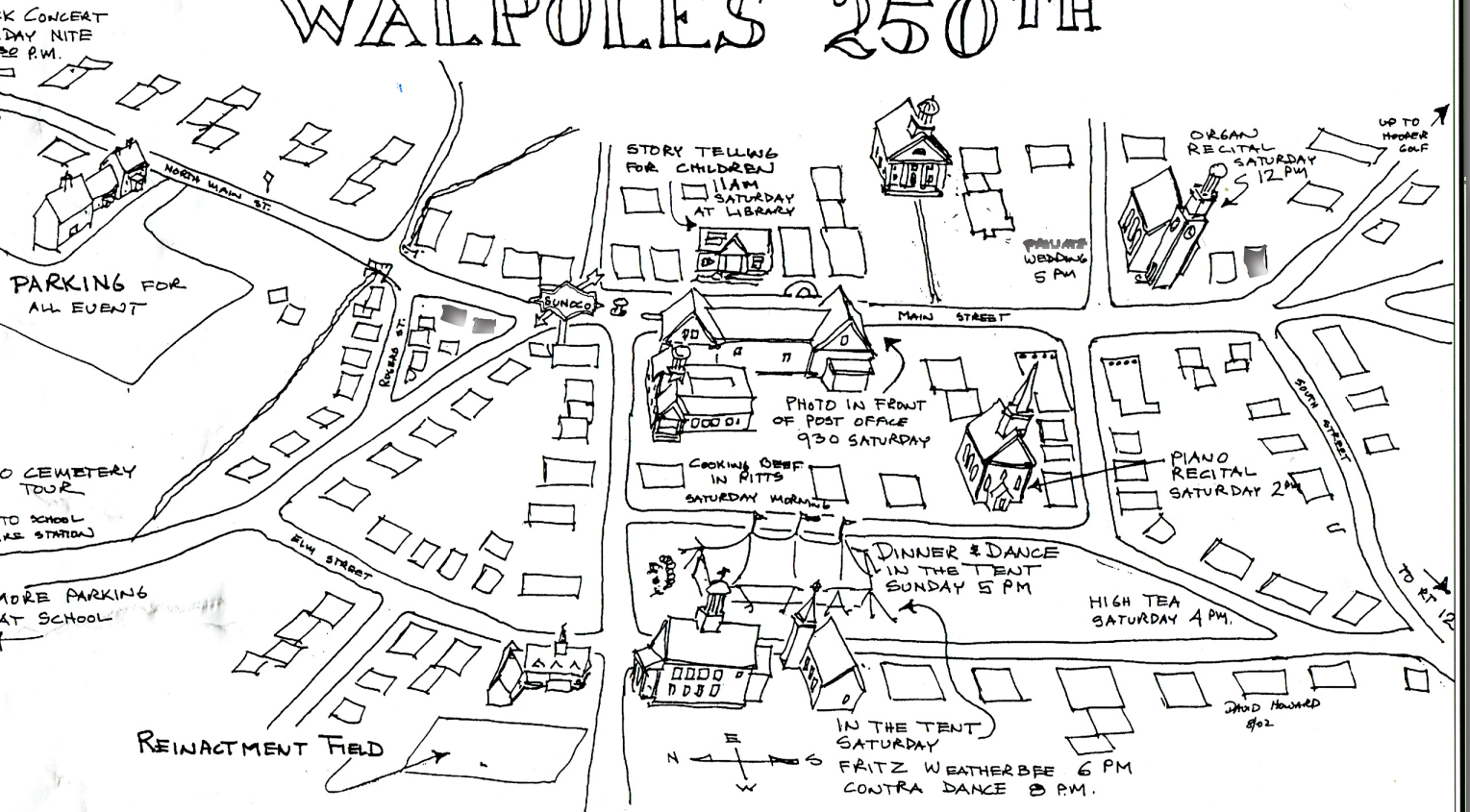
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WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN WALPOLE'S 250TH



September is spider month. Their population numbers are at a peak now. It's not your imagination that cobwebs seem to appear overnight in nooks of your home. Look out on your lawn after a deposit of dew. Notice the webs of sheet spiders covering the grass. Many of us have bumped into a spiderweb intended for much smaller prey. Webs are everywhere, proving that spiders are the original worldwide web builders.

Spiders are arachnids, distantly related to ticks. Unlike insects they have only two body segments instead of three, a combination head/thorax (cephalothorax) and abdomen. The cephalothorax contains the brain, mouth and venom glands. A pair of palps or fangs administers venom! Spiders have eight legs with which to navigate the world, all attached to this segment. The abdomen contains the rest: the heart, digestive, reproductive and breathing systems.

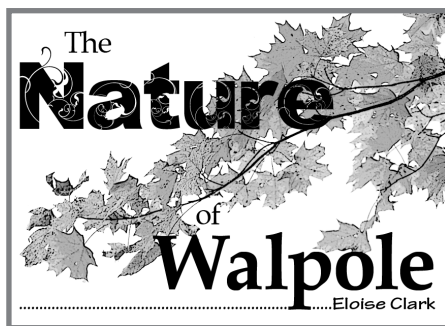


House spider

Several pairs of spinnerets occupy the tip of the abdomen. They produce silk, spun for many uses. This all-purpose protein material is super strong, elastic and waterproof. It's perfect for a trap door for spiders that ambush their prey. Perhaps you've watched a spider meticulously wrap its meal in silk? Spiderlings benefit from a silken egg case or a silk lined nursery burrow.

Have you ever watched a spider drop earthward on its dragline, Miss Muffet style? The spider can use the same line to help it retrace its path. A magical phenomenon of the fall is watching young spiders "ballooning". They spin spider silk until the wind lifts them from their perches and carries them to a new location. The masses of ballooning spider threads are known as gossamer.

Let's look at some of the spiders you are apt to encounter. Close to home are two spiders that produce those pesky cobwebs. American house spiders (*Arcaearanea tepidariorum*) are identified by their large, round, shiny abdomens. They produce light brown egg sacs woven into a messy filament of cobwebs. The cellar spider (*Pholcidae* family) hangs in very loose webs from ceilings. It has very long, delicate legs and a small, narrow body. The female can carry a cluster of eggs in her fangs, wrapped in silk of course.



Outside your door, look for sheet webs in grassy areas. They're about the size of a small plate. These are made by spiders measuring a quarter inch or less (*Linyphiidae* family). They hide beneath waiting for insects to land. Funnel web or grass spiders (*Agelenidae* family) measure $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Their webs look similar to the sheet webs. Look closely at the corners to find a spider waiting at the bottom of a funnel.

As you venture into taller grass or your garden you may discover the black and yellow garden spider (*Argiope aurantia*). Its orb web is a wonder! The spokes or radii support the orb. The radii are not sticky, so the spider can navigate to its prey. A sticky spiral orb ensnares flying insects. Grasshoppers are especially prized. They are quickly wrapped in a silken shroud after being immobilized with venom. There's a zigzag band of white woven through the orb, purportedly to deter birds from bumping into it. Remarkably the spider renews its web daily to refresh the glue of the spiral.

Nocturnal orb weaving spiders (*Araneidae* family) build their orbs to catch night flying insects such as moths. They set up in fields or even near your porch light. They create new orbs nightly. These bejeweled orbs twinkle in the morning light festooned with dew.

Many spiders eschew webs for hunting. You may have noticed fishing spiders (*Dolomedes* family) near water. These 2" spiders tackle aquatic insects, tadpoles and small fish. The slightly furry wolf spider (*Lycosidae* family) loopes after its prey. As it forages along the ground at

night, its eight eyes will light up in a flash-light beam. Sac spiders (*Chibionidae* and *Miturgidae* families) look much like wolf spiders in size and coloring but are not furry. They create small silk sacs under rocks or loose tree bark as sleeping retreats and to raise their young.

Jumping spiders (*Saltacidae* family) have eight large eyes, squat bodies and sturdy legs for leaping to capture prey. They will tack silk from their abdomen as a dragline to anchor themselves before jumping. Crab spiders (*Thomisidae* family) can be seen on goldenrod in the late summer. They look and move like crabs. They wait motionless in the blossoms for prey to come. They can change colors from white to yellow or pink, depending upon the flower.



Jumping spider...jumping

The variety of hunting styles, the diversity of habitats spiders occupy and the time of day spiders are active ensure there is less competition for food among the spider clan. These ferocious little predators are important cogs in the food web. Spiders help to control insect populations. They in turn provide a morsel for birds, salamanders, wasps and other spiders. Keep an eye out for these remarkable creatures.

Thanks to *A Golden Guide to Spiders and their Kin* by Herbert and Lorna Levi. It has a wealth in information about spiders and other arachnids. There is also much reliable information available online.



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Walking Tour of Walpole – September 24 at 10:15 AM – meet at the museum to join Bill Ranauro for an architectural tour of town. Then stay for our “Christmas in September” Sale from noon to 4 pm, featuring hot dogs with Cub Scout Pack 299, delicious treats and woodwork from Far Hills Farm, a display from the Walpole Town Library, and embroidery, gift baskets, and baked goods from three young Walpole entrepreneurs

Behind the Scenes – October 1 at 12:30 PM – join us to find out what the museum keeps in all those spaces you can’t usually see when you visit!

Come to the museum at 32 Main Street for a little refreshment and some extra insight into the variety of our collections and the history of our community. The Walpole Historical Society will be open every Saturday from noon to 4 pm through October 15, as well as by appointment. Visit us at www.walpolehistory.com.



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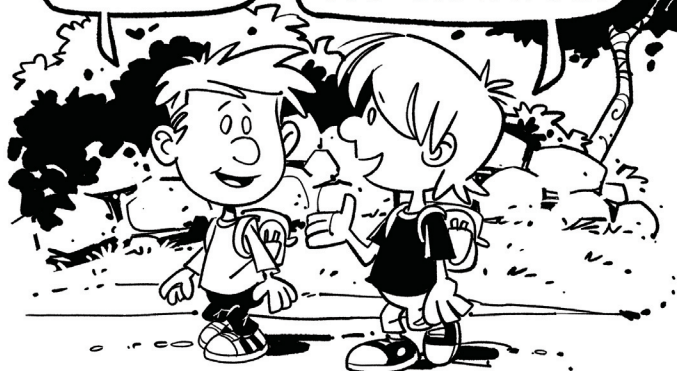
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Walpole Town Library

Adult Programs:

Great Decisions at the Library starts up again in September. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 12, at 6:00 PM. This month will feature a guest speaker on local demographics, a video on refugees, a review of U.S. immigration and what has transpired at our southern border during the Biden administration, among the topics for discussion.

New Program: Caregiver Support Group. Are you caring for a relative, a friend, a neighbor? A new Caregiver Support Group will start in the fall at the library. Walpole resident Judy Epstein will facilitate the group. Judy has worked as a mediator and facilitator and has many years' experience counselling caregivers and leading support groups. Come to share information, seek support, and get ideas from others in the same situation. We will hold an information session on Tuesday, September 13, at 2:00 PM. in the Hubbard Community Room.

Crafternoon: Friday, 9/9, 1:30 PM., Main Library.

Check 'Em Out Book Discussion Group: Saturday, 9/17, 9 AM, Main Library.

Social Justice Group: Wednesday, 9/21, 6:30 PM, Main Library.

Books & Friends: Mondays 2:00 – 3:00 PM, North Walpole Branch.

Knitting Group: Mondays 1:00 – 3:00 PM Main Library.

For more information or to register for adult programs, please call Jane Malmberg at 603-756-9806 or email jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org.

Children's Programs:

Wiggle Time and Story Times start up again in September. The first date for Story Times is Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM. The first date for

Wiggle Time is Monday, September 12, at 10:00 AM.

New Program: Homeschool Family Meet-up behind the library, Mondays, 10:30 AM after Wiggle Time. Meet new friends and enjoy a time to socialize. Weather permitting.

Code Club. Starting in September. For kids in grades 2:00 – 5:00. Meets every Tuesday, at 3:30 PM at the North Walpole Library and every Wednesday, at 3:30 PM at the Bridge Memorial Library. The fall session is full, but look for winter session signup in December.

For more information or to register for children's programs, please call Julie Rios at 603-756-9806, or email jrios@walpoletownlibrary.org.

– Jane Malmberg

Library Art Exhibit

The Road Not Taken, a fine art exhibit inspired by the poetry of Robert Frost, comes to the Walpole Town Library - both the Main Library and the North Walpole Branch Library buildings. The exhibit will run from September through October 2022.

The presentation, designed by three Derry artists, Ingeborg V. Seaboyer, Judy Krassowski and Corinne Dodge, features approximately 30 works that reflect a variety of personal interpretations of the most famous as well as some of the "less traveled" works of one of America's most inspiring poets, Robert Frost.

Images in pen and ink, watercolor, acrylics and oils are accompanied by a selected verse that inspired each individual work. An exhibit reference book provides additional information on the artists as well as upcoming exhibit venues.

For more information, please contact Jane Malmberg at 603-756-9806 or jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org.

– Jane Malmberg

Great Decisions

Walpole Demographics, Refugees, Immigration

Great Decisions will resume Monday, September 12, in the Hubbard Meeting Room at the Walpole Town Library. The public forum will begin at 6 PM; Zoom participation will be available from Library Director Jane Malmberg.

We will begin our discussion with a short video: *America is Failing Its Refugees and Itself*, produced by Ken Burns and his UNUM team. This film is available on Ken Burns' UNUM educational website, a digital resource which explores the intersection of history and current events, providing historical perspectives on issues affecting us today, combining film footage, interviews and commentary.

Following the video, Peggy Pschirrer, our doyenne of local demographics, will present some startling statistics. How have Walpole's demographics changed over the past 50 years? What has happened to our farms, industries, housing and youth? And what are the implications of all these changes?

The suggested reading (copies available at the library) is a Foreign Affairs article: *America's Refugee Revolution: How Ordinary Citizens are Taking the Lead in Resettling Newcomers* by Gregory Maniatis (July 27, 2022). Also recommended is a Noah Smith interview with Leah Boustan, research economist, describing the misconceptions we all have about immigration, which is available on Substack: <https://noahpinion.substack.com/p/interview-leah-boustan-economist>

What are your views of immigration in the United States today? We will examine the various pros and cons and misconceptions surrounding this sensitive issue. Does this have any relevance to our community? You must draw your own conclusions. We welcome your participation either in person or via Zoom at 6:00 pm on September 12, 2022. For the Zoom link, please contact Jane Malmberg in advance of the meeting: jmalmberg@walpoletownlibrary.org

– Sue Kibbe



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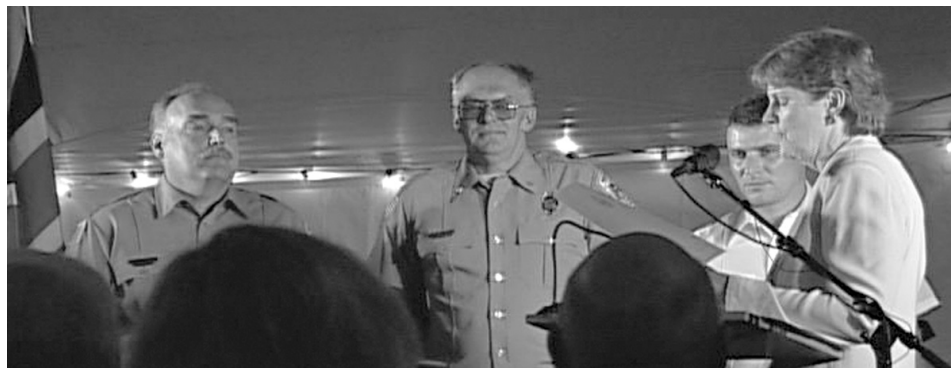
I don't know about you, but I've been seeing a lot of new faces in town lately. It seems that, since the pandemic, Walpole has become home to a host of new families who have chosen our beautiful town as their own.

But who are they? I know I would like to get to know them, and I imagine you would, too. But how?

River Valley Seniors at Home has come up with a fun and unique way to introduce ourselves to the new people in town – we're having a 'Walpole Welcomes Newcomers' party!

On October 1, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the Town Common will be the site of a gathering of Walpoleans new and old, who will come together to eat, greet and make new friends. We will have delicious refreshments, representatives from our town offices (including police/fire/EMS and others), and even raffles for wonderful prizes. Children are encouraged to come, too.

This will be a fun chance to find out more about our new neighbors, and to welcome newcomers to Walpole – the best town in the world!



Walpole 250th Vignette: From left, Larry Devault, Herb Hurlburt, and Mark Houghton, as they were being honored by then Governor Jeanne Shaheen for their work in assisting in the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy.

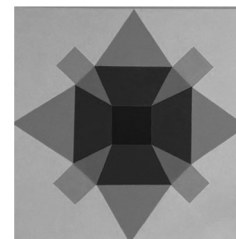
For the newly-arrived, look for your invitation which will be delivered to your house soon. And please come - we look forward to meeting you!

River Valley Seniors At Home, Inc. is a membership organization that works to keep seniors in their homes longer by offering services, transportation and socialization, and a 'Friendly Voice on the Other End of the Telephone'.

– Tara Sad

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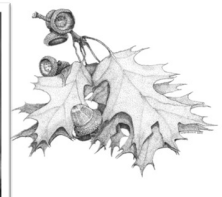
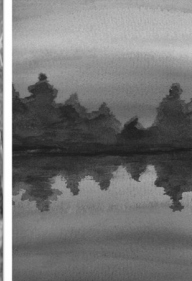
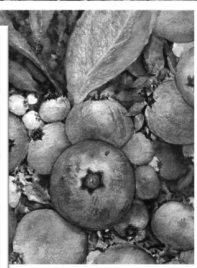
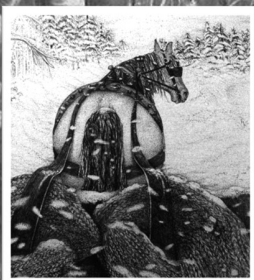
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We hope to scoop for you soon!



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The Beat

This month starts a new column focusing on community safety. Community safety is about feeling safe, whether at home, in the street or at work. It relates to quality of life and being able to pursue and obtain the fullest benefits from your domestic, social and economic lives without fear or hindrance from crime and disorder. Walpole has been referred to as a "quintessential New England town" and as being more like sleepy town Mayberry. This outward presentation aside, the crime statistics tell a different story.

From local popular press (Keene Sentinel, Eagle Times, Brattleboro Reformer) we know that this general area is experiencing domestic violence, daytime burglaries, drug trafficking, and human trafficking. Those arrested for drug trafficking offenses are often from out-of-state. In Walpole alone, police calls for service (July 16-August 15) are up over the previous month, while police departments in all surrounding communities face officer shortages.

You may be aware of the Walpole Police Study Committee, which Selectboard Member Peggy Pschirrer has written about, the purpose of which is to explore building a new police department. Sadly, significant damage to the Walpole Police Department building in North Walpole occurred on two separate recent occasions by persons with criminal intent. Officer and department staff safety is of paramount concern, and structural repairs to the current building are urgently needed.

In the coming months, we'll cover topics such as prescription drug safety, school safety, and motor vehicle safety. In the meantime, watch for notice from the Selectboard for an upcoming town informational meeting that will include more on community safety in Walpole. You can make a difference by being informed of the needs of our first responders in Walpole, and by supporting those needs so that they can continue to protect and serve our community effectively.

— Cherie Watson

Walpole Grange

Walpole Grange #125 held its annual community awards night on Tuesday, August 16 under the tent at Alyson's Orchard. Master Adam Terrell and members Kathy Yardley and Jane Trombi presented awards to several very deserving people.

The Educator Award was given to Laurel Perron, who teaches first grade at Walpole Primary. Laurel accepted the award, and acknowledged the very dedicated group of teachers that she works with, saying it was as much for them as it was for her. Serena Rathke was recognized as the recipient of the 2022 Walpole Grange Scholarship. She will be studying agriculture business at SUNY Cobleskill this fall. Edward Gowdy received the Young Farmer Award. Edward is a senior at Fall Mountain this fall, and is very involved in his family's farm, helping with forage production and the dairy cows.

The Tsitsonis family, owners of Diamond Pizza, accepted the Business Award for their hard work and efforts

Grange Awardees: L to R: Cheryl Mayberry, Eli and Lambrini Tsitsonis, Laurel Perron, Serena Rathke, Chas Street, Edward Gowdy.

to keep the business open during the pandemic and for providing so many local youth with a positive first job working experience. Steve Dalessio and Peg Pschirrer honored Cheryl Mayberry with the Community Citizen Award. Cheryl recently received her MBA from Southern NH University, going to school while working full time as a grant writer for FMRSD and serving as selectwoman for the town.

Walpole Grange's very first Quilt of Valor presentation was made to a very surprised Chas Street, who served in the US Air Force from 1976 to 1999, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. The grange is planning a second Quilt of Valor presentation this fall. Walpole Grange Steward Kathy Yardley was recognized for 40 years of continuous grange membership.

The program was followed by refreshments and socializing. For information about Walpole Grange, contact Adam Terrell at 603-903-4113.

— Kathy Yardley

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And now, my cup runneth over. Since the middle of July I've been informed that I am the winner of a gen-u-wine, honest-injun, John Deere Lawn Tractor. If you doubt me look at the attached screen shot.

The original is glossy, full color, and dripping with credibility. Why doubt it? Even if I've never owned a John Deere tractor (or any other Deere product); never struck up a casual conversation with a John Deere employee or sales person; never contacted John Deere electronically or in any other format. It makes perfect sense that I should be The Chosen One... All I have to do is click on the Get Started button and that little green mowabout will be on its way.

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Perhaps not. I mean, if I won it and they know how to contact me, why didn't they just ship it to me? With a bow attached... and a full tank of gas.

And then, as the Clarion went to press last month, yet more good fortune. I'm not a winner this time, but Ace Hardware assures me via email that I am merely a few electronic steps away from being the proud owner of a Weber Spirit Grill. Such luck. I clearly need to invest in some megabucks tickets.

The John Deere assault stopped in late July, but returned with a vengeance on August 10 – 14 emails over the next 2 weeks; a whopping seven on the 11th. And still more after that. They are nothing if not persistent.

It's possible that taking those short online steps might not immediately compromise my Mac and initiate an assault on everything I hold dear, but I'm not going to risk it despite a fair amount of curiosity.

Anyone else a lucky winner? If not, I suspect some of my fellow Walpoleans soon will be. I'm going to let these opportunities slide... and eagerly await the next gift horse – I'm holding out for an SUV.

– Jan Kobeski

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Cold River Materials Donates Sandbox to Kurn Hattin Homes

Do you remember playing in a sandbox when you were a child? It was a wonderful, creative time. The Kurn Hattin Homes' children now have that opportunity. A big thank you to Gary Patch, Area Manager for Cold River Materials in Walpole, NH for donating and, along with his team, installing a large sandbox for the children. Also, thank you to Annette Wilson, who was a long-term substitute teacher last fall at Kurn Hattin Homes, for initiating this donation.

A sandbox is one of the best nature-made 'toys' for children. They practice collaboration and social skills such as asking for objects and sharing. Math and Science are all integrated during sandbox play. The Kurn Hattin children are loving creating in their new sandbox!

– Kim Fine



Look for the return of our
student reporters in next
month's *Clarion*.



From the Far Side of Walpole

Observations by William Moses

A Child, a Puddle and a Mother Bring Back Memories!

Outside Wal-Mart store:

Child: "Hey, a puddle!" Mom: "No, no boots!"

Child: "But a puddle!!" Mom: No boots, No Puddle!" (repeated several times)

Child: "But Mom, a puddle." Mom, somewhat annoyed; "NO BOOTS, NO PUDDLE!"

As I passed by, I could not refrain from saying, "No boots, no puddle, no fun!" Wow, even I was amazed that at my age I could still out run this young mom. Of course, in her defense, she was dragging a five year old behind her.

This made me think of all the things our parents said to us and we said to our kids that probably made little or no sense at the time. I have added the thoughts that went through my head at the time, but were never, ever said aloud. To have said them to mother would have brought out the dreaded statement, "Just wait until your father gets home!" Here are a few others we have all heard or said.

"Quiet down, I can't even hear myself think." Did one ever ask what they were trying to think about? Not if they had half a brain in their head!

"As long as you live under my roof, you will live by my rules." Moving out to the tree house did not count as out from under their roof! Why? "Because I said so, that's why!"

"If you don't stop crying, I'll give you something to cry about." I already had something to cry about, I did not need anything else.

My sister always got me in trouble. She would start something, I would get caught retaliating, and mother would say, "You kids make me so crazy, I could fly!" One day after she had said it, I stood near her and just stared. Finally, she said, "What are you staring at?" Later I realized that the comment I made was not thoroughly thought out. "Just waiting to see you fly." Whack! Boy, I never saw that coming, followed by, "Just wait until your father gets home!"

The worst comment ever, which was actually a curse, was; "When you have kids, I hope they grow up to be just like you."

I am not saying whether or not the curse was carried out, but safe to say, "The acorn does not fall far from the tree!"

Gleanings from the Town Minutes

Conservation Commission - August

1 - Walpole Gateway Update: Alicia said she walked the ephemeral stream path and saw the largest silver maple she has ever seen. She plans to go on the NH DES website to see which is the largest in the state, then possibly measure the one on this trail. {it was} decided at an earlier meeting to observe how many cars they see parked by the kiosk at any one time. No one has observed more than two. Peter thinks a split rail fence would be the best barrier with a sign. There is space for two cars in a temporary turnaround. Signs will direct the public to park back up at the kiosk (loading and unloading only). The gate will be unlocked. It can be pulled back then latched without a

lock. Alicia said there should be a car-top sign like they have at Lake Warren.

Selectboard August 4 - The Selectboard accepted the resignation letter received from Mr. Dave Adams as he is unable to continue as the Town Treasurer. The Selectboard is in the process of putting together a list of possible replacements for consideration.

Planning Board August 9 - Site Plan: Potato Barn proposed three residential apartments in the Granary, Piggery and Connector. Apartments will be 1,100, 2,000 and 800 square feet. The 2,000 square-foot apartment in the Granary is two floors. Owner is Steve Rudek of Sacramento, CA. Tax Map 14, Lot 6, commercial district. Barry Bellows is in charge of construction. (Editor's Note: About August 17 it was noted on-line that the Bellows Walpole Inn and the Potato Barn went on the market for sale).



FROM THE CLARION...

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

One Year Ago (September 2021) - One hundred years ago, about this month, Hubbard Farms had its genesis. In 1914, Ira Hubbard decided to raise chickens. Raising chickens was a sideline for Ira. His focus was raising and not selective breeding. That changed in 1921 when Oliver, who had majored in poultry production, returned home after graduation. ... Maple Hill Farms began in 1921 with a flock of about 1,000 pullorum-free birds.

Three Years Ago (September 2019) - Hooper Institute Welcomes New Executive Director - The Trustees would like to extend a warm welcome our new Executive Director, Helen Dalbeck. Helen comes to the town with 29 years of experience in science, environmental and museum education.

Five Years Ago (September 2017) - Walpole's Secrets Exposed...The September issue of New Hampshire Magazine tells a story that Walpoleans try to keep their secret, and all to themselves. Featuring a photo of the Walpole Academy building, home of the historical society, the article by Barbara Radcliffe Rogers states "Walpole Epitomizes NH's Monadnock Region."

Seven Years Ago (September 2015) - Originally permitted in July of 2012 to be a transfer site for construction debris only, Ruggiero Trash Removal has applied to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) for a permit to add the processing of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), defined as primarily residential waste. The processing facility is located on Route 12 at the southern end of Walpole in the industrial park. Much of this residential waste could come from Vermont for processing.

Nine Years Ago (September 2013) - 2013-14 Leadership Academy - On behalf of the Walpole Grange and co-sponsor, The Walpole Foundation, we invite you to participate in an important program for the future of our town: the 2013/2014 class of the Walpole Grange Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy was founded in 2006 by Chuck and Sue Bingaman as a way of identifying potential leaders in our town and to introduce them to the people, groups and organizations that make Walpole the wonderful place that it is. (Editor's note: With so many new residents in the community it would nice to again have the academy to get people engaged in community affairs)



Falling Secrets



Falling leaves,
 Red, orange, yellow, and gold.
 The morning mist taking what is ours,
 The ground beneath us covered with secrets,
 Our surroundings beginning to fade to brown
 The mystical wonders of summer turning to fall.
 New, and old beginnings,
 As dawn ends,
 The fog of secrets fleeing,
 Our land revealing what was hidden.

The squirrels bustling about,
 Hiding what they need.
 Caves and nooks being searched for,
 The bears moving about searching and preparing for their
 sleep.
 So many falling secrets.

The trees are shedding,
 Piles to jump in,
 The wind is beginning to tell it's secrets,
 Out with the sweaters,
 That keep us warm,
 For fall is in bloom,
 And secrets are falling everywhere.

—Keira Doescher

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PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Every morning I read VTDIGGER emails that provide news and happenings in neighboring Vermont. Recently an article on the loss of local newspapers affected me. Following statistics of closures, the article said "1,300 communities around the country no longer have any local news coverage." But, most powerful is the statement at the end that without a local news source - "That's bad for democracy. If you don't have a local news source, you don't know what's going on in your community, and it's very hard to engage."

If you think back, the **Clarion** has informed the community, and enabled residents to become engaged and make a difference. But, "timing is everything". It is impossible, with a monthly paper, to have upcoming announcements in front of the public immediately. There must be time for people to read, react and become engaged. Therefore, if planning a meeting or event that you would like presented to **Clarion** readers, please keep our publishing schedule in mind in the scheduling of your event's date. With the correct lead time, and visibility in the **Clarion**, it could make all the difference in the success of your event. Thank you.

— Ray Boas, Publisher

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**Some of the 800 guests
under the tent at
Walpole's 250th
anniversary celebration.
See page 1; 10 & 11.**

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