

IN TOWN NEWS

Town of Wrentham

Spring 2023

Issue 10

From the Town Administrator



From left Chad Lovett, Gregory Enos, Kevin Sweet, Joe Botaish, Chris Gallo, Jim Anderson, and Bill Harrington

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 30th for Wrentham's Center Lot improvement project that was started on April 3. The Center Lot project will be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Improvements will include paving the lot, adding pedestrian walkways, landscaping and conduits for future EV charging stations.

The lot's new design was created by Level Design Group, LLC. Based out of Plainville, they worked closely with Wrentham's Director of Facilities and Capital Planning, Chad Lovett and town officials.

Located on the corner of Route 1A and Route 140 in downtown Wrentham, the lot has been vacant since the Wrentham Center School was demolished in the 1970s. The dirt lot was used as parking for visitors dining nearby or attending events on The Common. Civic and non-profit groups have also held fundraisers to support local groups such as the Girl Scouts and the Sohoanno Garden Club.

This project is a vital piece in keeping Wrentham's beautiful and vibrant downtown area accessible for residents and visitors. This property has been underutilized for decades and this project will allow its potential to be more fully realized.

I.W. Harding was awarded the contract for the construction work following a public bidding process earlier this year.

Kevin Sweet



The 350th Committee has been busy planning events that will take place throughout 2023!

- May 20 - William Sweatt Day
- July 15 - Wrentham's Birthday Party
- September 16 - Grand Parade
- October 15 - Time Capsule Burial
- December 2 - Gala at Lake Pearl

Visit wrentham350.com for more information and join the party!

Important Dates

- May 29 - Memorial Day - Town Offices Closed
- June 5 - Town Meeting - 7:00 p.m. KPFS
- June 19 - Juneteenth - Town Offices Closed

Staff Updates



Feb 14 we said Good Bye to Mary Beth Bernard our part-time HR Director for four years. Above with Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator.



Principal Assessor Ann MacCarthy's last day was April 27. Ann was with the Town for six years. We will miss her holiday spirit! She always had goodies on the counter for visitors. Good luck in Mansfield Ann!



Hailey Loftin joined the Public Works Department as Administrative Assistant. She arrived in time to have the first major snow event of the new year! Welcome Hailey!



Select Board Members attended Mary Beth's Farewell party. From left James Anderson, Chris Gallo, and Joseph F Botaish, II handing her flowers.



Welcome new Police Officers Brandon Perella (L) and Kristine Crosman (R). Kristine joins Wrentham from North Attleboro Police. Brandon joins us from Bellingham Police.



Meet Cassia Monteiro, Epidemiologist. Cassia works for the Metacomet Public Health Alliance which is a collaboration between the Towns of Franklin, Norfolk, and Wrentham. As an epidemiologist, data is her thing! She compiled statistics for the Health Outcomes Dashboard on the Metacomet website. Find interesting info on how the residents of the tri-town area compare to the national average in categories like diabetes, heart disease, cancer and binge drinking. Click here to take a look <https://tinyurl.com/2ahr2755>



Kendra Wisell-Ford, Administrative Services Manager and Benefits Specialist organized an Employee Benefits Fair along with Mike King, Finance Director. Held on April 26 at the Delaney School Cafetorium, the event was attended by over 75 employees!



Wishing Detective Bob "Oakie" O'Connell all the best as he leaves the Wrentham Police Department after 29 years of service to join Plainville Police. Prior to becoming a detective, he served as an Auxiliary Officer in Randolph, worked for JC Detective Agency and was on the Wrentham Fire Department as an auxiliary member. Bob grew up in Wrentham, attended public schools and graduated from King Philip HS.

April 28 Arbor Day



This is the 33rd year that Tree Warden Ray Rose (2nd from R) of Wrentham DPW has coordinated an Arbor Day for the Wrentham Elementary School 5th graders. The Holly Club donated a Birch Tree to be planted on the WES grounds while National Grid donated Ginkgo Trees for each of the students to take home and plant. Members of the State Forest Fire Control and Forestry presented with Smokey the Bear. Also in attendance were 350th Committee chairs Cindy Thompson and Ed Goddard who presented 350th tokens to the students.

Read Across America



Sgt. Dan Morris reads to students with Cruiser by his side at the Delaney School on Read Across America Day in March.

Town Hall Sign Repainted



Chris McKeon (L) and Chad Lovett (R) of Facilities installing the newly repainted sign at Town Hall.

Trout Stocking at Lake Pearl



Trout were stocked over two days in April. Coordinated by Gary Duquette (R) of the Lake Pearl Study Committee here with Darlene Nickerson (L) making delivery from the Gilbert Trout Hatchery in Plymouth.

Police Union Hosts St. Patrick's Day Lunch for Seniors



From left Officer Scott Ellis, Sgt. Rick Mayhew and Officer Steve Eaton serving



Members of the Wrentham Police Union along with helpers



Firefighter/Medic Renae Mansfield provided musical entertainment

Upcoming Events



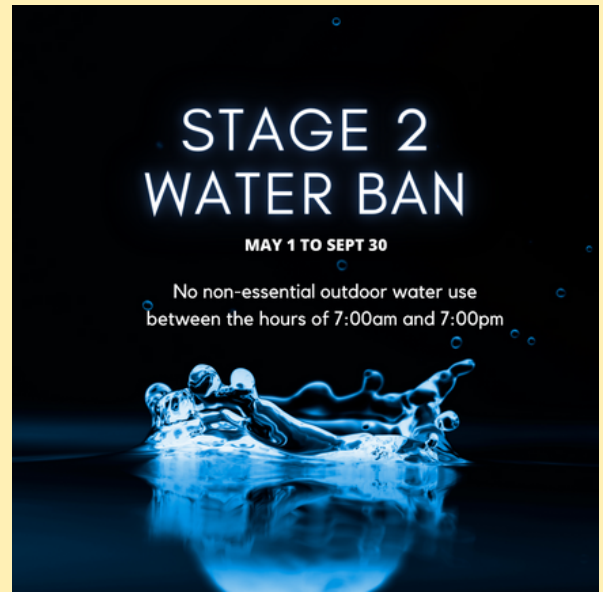
**William Sweatt
Wrentham History Day**

May 20, 2023 / 12 - 4pm
Wrentham Town Common

Rain Date: May 21

Celebrating our past and planning our future

Water Ban starts May 1st



**STAGE 2
WATER BAN**

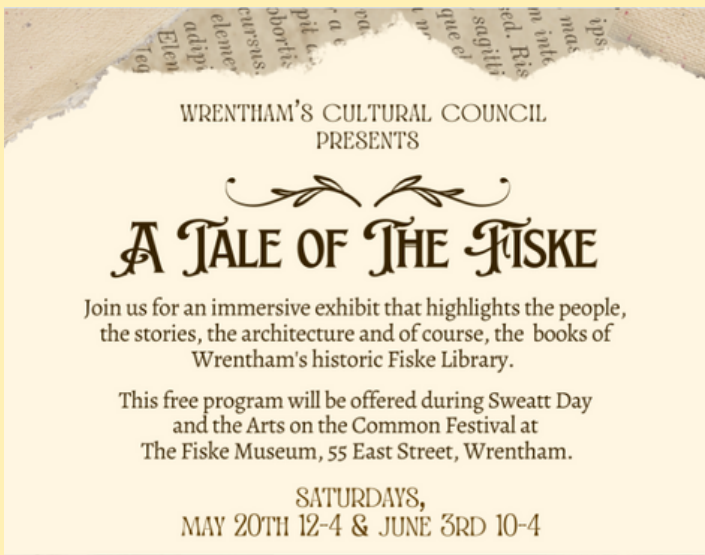
MAY 1 TO SEPT 30

No non-essential outdoor water use
between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm

Stage 2 Mandatory Restrictions on Non-Essential Outdoor Water Use

Effective: Annually from May 1 through September 30

Restriction: No non-essential outdoor water use between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm



WRENTHAM'S CULTURAL COUNCIL
PRESENTS

A TALE OF THE FISKE

Join us for an immersive exhibit that highlights the people, the stories, the architecture and of course, the books of Wrentham's historic Fiske Library.

This free program will be offered during Sweatt Day and the Arts on the Common Festival at The Fiske Museum, 55 East Street, Wrentham.

SATURDAYS,
MAY 20TH 12-4 & JUNE 3RD 10-4

July 28 Zip Trip Comes to Wrentham



20th Anniversary
EST. 2004
ZipTrip

DEDHAM	7/7	GLOUCESTER	8/4
MENDON	7/14	WHITMAN	8/11
SANDWICH	7/21	STERLING	8/18
WRENTHAM	7/28	NATICK	8/25

Boston 25 will be broadcasting live from the Town Common from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, July 28. There will be live interviews, free giveaways, and so much more! Save the date and come down to the Common to show your Wrentham spirit!

Watch for more details!



Household Hazardous Waste Day Suspended

The Town of Wrentham's Household Hazardous Waste Day has been suspended due to the prohibitive cost and the limited number of companies who provide on-site hazardous collection service. As an alternative, the Town has aligned with two local companies, **Eco+ Recycling** in Foxboro and **NEDT** in Sutton, that provide recycling and disposal of hazardous items for a fee. Residents may contact and pay these companies directly for hazardous items that they need to dispose of.

For more information, please click this link to visit the Town's **[Household Hazardous Waste Page](#)**



Saturday, June 3
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Town Common

Eversource Crew Pitches In



Recreation Director Jeff Plympton (R) with Eversource employees who volunteered to come to Wrentham and help with spring clean up at Rice Complex and Sweatt Beach. Wrentham Resident Frank Giampa, (2nd from R) a manager at Eversource, coordinated the project with Plympton as part of the company's community outreach program.



What's up at the Senior Center



Stephanie Duquette, Special Projects Coordinator (L), joins the Wrentham Senior Center with the help of Linda Plympton, Administrative Assistant (R). Residents age 60+ are encouraged to join the Senior Center and participate in daily and weekly activities. There are also great trips available like the fall weekend to Lake George for a hot air balloon festival. Check out the May calendar [here](#).

Special thanks to those who shared photos for this issue!



2023 CONCERTS ON THE COMMON SUNDAYS AT 6 P.M.

- JUNE 11 - KP BAND @ KPHS BUS CIRCLE
- JUNE 18 - TO BE ANNOUNCED
- JUNE 25 - RIVERBOAT STOMPERS
- JULY 2 - ELASTIC FIVE
- JULY 9 - REMINICENTS
- JULY 16 - BARE BONES BIG BAND
- JULY 23 - SCOTT BROWN & THE DIPLOMATS
- JULY 30 - MIKE & JOES BIG BAND
- AUGUST 6 - DAYBREAKERS
- AUGUST 13 - TOM ABBOTT
- AUGUST 20 - INFLATABLES

★ Sponsored by the Sweatt Fund ★

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Downtown Events 2023

- May 20** **William Sweatt Day**
12 pm to 4pm Town Common
Join the 350th Committee as they host a tribute to William Sweatt. Rain Date May 21. Free Ice cream and Tacos. Free event.
- May 29** **Memorial Day Parade**
10 am Starting at Randall Road proceeding on South Street (Rte 1A) to Center Cemetery
- June 3** **Arts on the Common**
10 am to 4 pm on the Town Common. Juried Artist Vendors
Free event, Rain or Shine
- June 18** **Concerts on the Common**
6 pm on the Town Common
Every Sunday through August 20
* June 11 KP Band at KPHS Bus Circle 6 pm
Free event.
- July 15** **350th Birthday Party**
12 pm to 3pm Town Common
Join the 350th Committee for Cake and help celebrate Wrentham's birthday. Free event.
- July 28** **Boston 25 Zip Trip**
6 am to 10am Town Common
Join Boston 25 News as they broadcast live and show your Wrentham Spirit. Free event.
- Sept 9** **Wrentham Day**
9 am to 3 pm Town Common
Sponsored by Wrentham Recreation
Free event.
- Sept 16** **350th Grand Parade**
12 pm Parade Details TBD
Parade will pass through downtown Wrentham
- Oct 15** **350th Time Capsule Burial**
1 pm Town Common
Join the 350th Committee as they bury the Town's time capsule. Free event.

For more information visit: www.wrentham.gov