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*Fly fishing on the Williams River, downtown West Stockbridge.
Photo by Anastasia Stanmeyer, editor of Berkshire Magazine (see "On the Cover" inside)*

Congratulations West Stockbridge Graduates! Monument Mountain Regional High School

- Wesley Matthew Blackwell
- Adam Joseph Boscarino
- James Lee Hallock
- Christopher Lee Kilmer
- David Benjamin Kilmer
- Anthony Dominick Marino
- Charles Matthew Medeiros
- Charles Blue Raczkowski
- Ryan James Schaeffer
- Noah Allan Taxter
- Sophia Isabella Tenuta
- Olivia Mckenna Thiemann
- Gabriella Gallow Thierling
- Curt George Wilton



Photos by John Parker

Select Board Meeting Minutes

[Editor's note: At the town administrator's request, the Select Board minutes here are reprinted verbatim with no editing of text. Official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library and on the town website, <https://www.weststockbridge-ma.gov/>. Select Board meetings may be viewed on Spectrum cable local access channel 190. Residents can receive e-mail notification of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualltownhall.net/subscriber>].

Select Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2020

Remote Access by Free Conference Call.com

6:00 PM: Open Meeting
Quorum present: Select Board
Members: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Eric Shimeloni, Member, Director of Public Works Curt Wilton, and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.
Review and act on previous meeting minutes.

Agenda Items/Action/Discussion Items:

Meeting Opened at 6:00 PM

Vote/Discussion appointments to Vision Committee:

Bernie made a motion to appoint Thomas Lipiczky and Doane Perry to the Vision Committee per Joe Roy's recommendation. Eric Seconded, all were in favor.

Discussion of Memorial Day:

Marie explained that the Veteran's will be holding a private ceremony for the deceased veterans at Town Hall at 9:15 on Memorial Day. Then, the Town Police and Fire Departments will have a wave parade through Town. She explained that Smitty Pignatelli also purchased and delivered 2 banners to the Town of their Fire Trucks to thank all veterans. She then asked Joe Roy, Jr. to explain the Parks Department's plan for a ceremony to be filmed at Town Hall at 10:45 AM on Memorial Day with no audience in attendance.

Joe Roy told the Board that he plans on having a few children do a reading, Caitlyn Graham will sing, Bernie will make a speech and a Pastor and John Zick will do an opening and closing prayer for our veterans. Joe also stated that he will be filming this ceremony and he will post on YouTube and Facebook. Marie also said she will post this video to the website as well.

Eric and Bernie both said they appreciate the effort for this ceremony and agreed it was a good idea.

Discussion of Community Compact Agreement:

Eric stated that the Town will be entering into a renewed state program – the Community Compact Agreement. He explained that the Town is being given two grants totaling \$50,000. These grants are for assistance for General Master Plan assistance as well as Housing. Eric explained this will be a very public process to use the funds and he will make sure there will be a lot of public outreach which will include surveys.

Discussion of other items:

Bernie asked Curt for an update on the cemeteries. Curt stated that Bob Filleault is making sure the cemeteries look their best for

Memorial Day. Curt said that stones have been straightened up, trees have been cut and trimmed and the Veterans have placed flags on the cemeteries. Curt said it is all coming together and looking good.

Eric and Bernie said he appreciates all the work the DPW has been doing and thinks the bike racks and center of Town looks great.

Marie praised Curt and his crew for the wonderful job they did by recycling the wood from the old playground equipment into posts with rope in the parking area near the Post Office. She said they have been working hard and saving the Town money at the same time and doing a great job!

Curt also told the Board that the Parks Commissioners are in the process of ordering the new playground equipment.

Marie told the Board that the Board of Health will not be opening the public bathroom for some time if at all this summer season. She also notified the Board that the Farmers' Market will begin the end of May and has been cleared by the Board of Health to open.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn, Eric seconded, the Select Board adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan
Marie Y. Ryan

Select Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020

Remote Access by Free Conference Call.com

6:00 PM: Open Meeting
Quorum present: Select Board
Members: Bernie Fallon, Chair; Eric Shimeloni, Member, and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.
Review and act on previous meeting minutes.

Agenda Items/Action/Discussion Items:

Meeting Opened at 6:00 PM

Vote/Discussion approval of Aggregation Plan:

Bernie explained that this plan has been posted on the website for public comment of which there was none, and that this plan will help save money by purchasing electricity as a group with most of the other Berkshire County Towns.

Bernie made a motion to approve and accept the Aggregation Plan, Eric seconded and both were in favor with no further discussion.

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Annual Town Meeting Results

By John Parker

The town of West Stockbridge held its annual town meeting on the evening of Monday, June 22, with participants masked and social distancing, in the Town Offices gymnasium. The meeting had been postponed from its traditional date earlier in the month due to COVID-19. Town Administrator Marie Ryan reported that 53 voters attended, and the proceedings took just over an hour. All 44 articles on the warrant passed.

Voters approved the town budget of \$5,918,407 for fiscal year 2021, an overall increase of 8.2% including a 5.3% increase in the largest single item, the town's share of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District operating assessment (\$3,170,825). The town share of the district's capital budget decreased by nearly 18% (\$90,796).

Voters approved appropriation of funds for a new police vehicle, new voting equipment, new computer hardware and software for the Town Offices, security cameras for the Town Offices, gear racks for the Fire Department, a new boiler for the DPW/Fire Department building, resurfacing and repairing the Transfer Station roof, purchase of a parking lot, and plantings at the solar array near the turnpike entrance/exit. With the required two-thirds margin, voters also approved appropriation of \$426,273 to complete the West Center Road reconstruction and resurfacing project.

Voters approved enacting the Stretch Energy Code regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy. Also approved was a bylaw requiring the tax collector annually and periodically to provide lists of persons, corporations, or businesses that have not paid local taxes, fees, assessments, or other municipal charges to any town department, board, commission, or division that issues licenses or permits, unless that party has a pending application for abatement or petition for appeal.

Sources: Marie Ryan, Town Administrator; "West Stockbridge annual town meeting review," Berkshire Eagle, June 20, 2020.

On the Cover...

At dusk each day, Collin Parker is knee-high in the rivers of the Berkshires. On this day, he stands in waders in the gently flowing Williams River that runs behind a row of Main Street buildings. He casts the line long as if he's been doing this for years. But the 14-year-old only started fly fishing after COVID settled in and he was looking for something else to do but play Xbox for hours on end. He already knew how to fish but never fly fishing, so he spent even more hours researching online, and his living room is now filled with his collection of flies that he made mostly from natural parts like his own hair. It's now in his blood, fly fishing, and he has waded up and down the Williams in his hometown of West Stockbridge, as well as the Farmington, the Housatonic, and other rivers. His mom sits patiently in the van, sometimes talking to him, but mostly giving him space to fall into his own rhythm and focus. On this night, he followed the current for a good length to stay clear of a snapping turtle and a beaver that he had spotted. He catches plenty of fish and most times releases them. His mom is now planning to take him on day trips to the Catskills, something that he is really excited about. Soon, though, he won't be casting a line at dusk. He was selected to play baseball in Pittsfield this summer with practice from 5 to 7. He's ready for it, though. The fly fishing has only strengthened his throwing arm.

Instagram post by Anastasia Stanmeyer, editor of Berkshire Magazine (and West Stockbridge resident)

Looking for Town Election Results?

With the town election held on June 29, results were not available in time for this issue, so we will post the results on our website, thelocalyokel.org, as soon as possible after the election.



SECOND NATURE GARDENS
DESIGN/INSTALL/SUSTAIN

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Come Celebrate Summer with us!

An advertisement for Hoffman Pottery. It features a black and white photograph of a woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling and looking towards the camera. She is wearing a dark jacket. In the foreground, there are several pieces of pottery, including a large butterfly-shaped vase and a smaller one. The background is dark. The text "Hoffman Pottery" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the bottom of the image. Below it, the tagline "works that dance with energy" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the advertisement, the address "103 Great Barrington Rd/Rt 41 • West Stockbridge, MA 01266" and the phone number "413.232.4646" and website "www.EHoffmanPottery.com" are listed in white text.

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Vote/Discussion of posted signs for Roots Rising Virtual Bike Tour - Mary Spina

Mary Spina explained to the Select Board that the Roots Rising would like to hold a virtual bike tour from June 19- June 28, 2020. This would go through Richmond, Canaan, NY and West Stockbridge. She was looking for permission to be able to put up some signs to help the bikers with directions throughout the tour. She explained that the bikers would be biking on their own time independently. She said there are different tours of different lengths for all levels of bikers. Mary also asked that if it is approved, she would also need a letter signed by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and the Select Board for Kevin at Mass DOT who is requiring this from each town before he gives permission as well.

Bernie made a motion to approve all signs for the Roots Rising Virtual Bike Tour, Eric seconded with no further discussion, all were in favor. Marie stated that she will get the letter to Mary as soon as possible.

Vote/Discussion of FY21 Re-appointment list:

Bernie made a motion to approve all the re-appointments (see list to right), Eric seconded and with no further discussion, all were in favor.

Discussion of other items:

- Eric asked if he could read a statement for the Massachusetts Police Association due to all the unrest with the Black Lives Matters movement and the death of George Floyd by a Police Officer. Bernie agreed. Eric then read the following:

The Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association representing Police Chiefs in all 351 cities and towns and most college campuses denounces the egregious actions taken by four members of the Minneapolis Police Department whether by action or inaction that resulted in the death of George Floyd on May 25 2020. Our Massachusetts Police Officers have thoroughly embraced the six pillars of the principles embodied in the final report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and remain committed to professional conduct democratic policing and procedural justice for all people.

- Bernie mentioned that he got a request from someone asking what Police Chief Portieri was doing if anything with what is happening in the country currently. Bernie commented that he spoke with the Police Chief Portieri and that he told Bernie he just had a phone meeting with the other Chiefs in Massachusetts and they all were trying to not issue tickets to people while they are protesting and let them get their feelings heard without any aggression and to keep the peace. Bernie then stated once he told this person what the Police Chief told him she was reassured that Chief Portieri is working on plans with the situation.

Bernie made a motion to adjourn, Eric seconded, the Select Board adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Y. Ryan

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Reappointed Town Officers, 2020-21

| Office | Name | Term/Expires |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Town Accountant | Elaine Markham | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Town Counsel | Kopelman & Paige | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Conservation Commission | John Masiero, Jr. | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Sue Coxon | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Deputy Collector | Arthur Jones | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Official Weighers | Marc Portieri | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Faith Libardi | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Memorial Day Committee | American Legion Post 254 | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Veterans Grave Officer | Wayne Cooper | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Veterans Agent | Laura Hills | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Parking Clerk/Hearings Officer | Ronni Barrett | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Zoning Board of Appeals | James Clary | 5 yr. 2020 |
| | C. Randolph Thunfors | 5 yr. 2020 |
| ZBA Alternates | Elizabeth DiGrigoli | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Earl Moffatt | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Building Inspector | Brian Duval | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Zoning Enforcement Officer | Brian Duval | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Board of Registrars | Marge Powell | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Youth Services | Parks and Recreation Comm. | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Emergency Mgt. Director | Louis Oggiani | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Consultant to Veterans Agent | Wayne Cooper | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Right to Know Officer | Steve Traver | 1 yr. 2020 |
| Part-time Police Officers | Frank Murphy | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Santi M. Messina | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Brandon Messina | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Lukas Horn | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Stephen Parkington | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Michael Renton | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | David Lupiani | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Violations Appeals Officer | Marc Portieri | 3 yr. 2020 |
| ADA Coordinator | Brian Duval | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Field Driver | Select Board | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Fence Viewer | Select Board | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Parks and Recreation | Nora Calautti | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Joe Roy | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | J P Boscorino | 2 yr. 2020 |
| | Caitlin Graham | 2 yr. 2020 |
| Cable TV Commission | William Barth | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | George Cox | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Arts Lottery Council | Marge Powell | 6 yr. 2022 |
| Oil Burner Inspector | Larry Morse | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Gas Inspector | Robert Gennari | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Capital Planning Committee | Finance Committee | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Investment Committee | Finance Committee | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Town Historian | Robert Salerno | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Historical Commission | Robert Salerno | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Patricia Soldati | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Earl Moffatt | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Scott Sawyer | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Chief Procurement Officer | Marie Ryan | 3 yr. 2022 |
| Plumbing Inspector | Robert Gennari | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Asst. Plumbing Inspector | Bob Krupski | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Sewer and Water Commission | June Biggs | 1 yr. 2020 |
| | Elizabeth Digrigoli | 2 yr. 2020 |
| | Mark Webber | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Marion Loring | 4 yr. 2020 |
| | Earl Moffatt | 5 yr. 2020 |
| Council on Aging | John Zick, Chair | 5 yr. 2020 |
| Berkshire Reg. Planning Comm. | Dana Bixby | 5 yr. 2020 |
| Wiring Inspector | Karl G. Cooper | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Assistant Wiring Inspector | Doug Wilber | 3 yr. 2020 |
| Smoke/Fire Alarm Inspector | Steve Traver | 1 yr. 2020 |
| Agriculture Commission | Russell Fadding | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Victor Stannard, Sr. | 2 yr. 2020 |
| | John Springstube | 2 yr. 2020 |
| Ag. Com. Alternates | Peter Negrini | 3 yr. 2020 |
| | Curt Wilton | 3 yr. 2020 |

TurnPark Art Space Suspends 2020 Season, Grounds Remain Open

TurnPark Art Space, the former quarry turned sculpture park and cultural center in West Stockbridge, is suspending its 2020 season (May through October) due to the coronavirus pandemic. During this time, the grounds remain open, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, in accordance with current public safety guidelines.

The planned retrospective of TurnPark Art Space architect Alexander Konstantinov, who passed away in 2019, as well as exhibitions from Doug Fitch and Arcady Kotler, will be postponed to 2021. All planned outdoor activity, including performances and workshops, will either be cancelled or postponed to future dates. The Gatehouse and Garage Galleries and the gift shop will remain closed until further notice.

As permitted, TurnPark will organize a limited number of smaller scale and social distancing-adaptable activities including guided tours and community “art-at-a-distance” showcases. More information will be available at www.turnpark.com.

“While we are thrilled TurnPark Art Space has evolved into a year-round destination for discovery and reflection,” says TurnPark Art Space co-founder and director Igor Gomberg, “the warmer months, beginning in May, are our chance to showcase the full capacity and potential of this unique and wonderful space. We are saddened by the necessity of having to suspend our planned activities during what would have been our fourth season, but we are committed to the public’s safety.”

“We look forward to being together again,” added Gomberg. “To this end, we hope to offer a few activities this summer that will allow us to gather in a safe, responsible manner. In the meantime, we invite you to visit the park on your own. Recently, we installed *Torso*, a sculpture by Nikolai Silis, who inspired us to create TurnPark. May we all continue to be inspired.”


TurnPark Art Space is located at 2 Moscow Road in West Stockbridge. For the safety and well-being of all visitors, please observe all current guidelines, including social distancing, recommended by local health officials, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For current information about the coronavirus, visit www.cdc.gov.

Due to the loss of income from the suspension of TurnPark’s 2020 season, please consider leaving a donation in the designated box at the Gatehouse entrance or by making a secure tax-deductible contribution at www.turnpark.com.

Founded in 2017, TurnPark Art Space is a cultural and recreational space located in West Stockbridge, MA. Spread over 16 acres of a former quarry, the diverse and stunning landscape incorporates hills, meadows, and a dramatic 65-foot vertical drop, with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. The grounds feature a natural park, outdoor sculpture collection, gallery, outdoor amphitheater, and a gift shop, as well as ongoing exhibitions, a live performance program, and site-specific children’s areas. Learn more at www.turnpark.com.



“Bohr and Einstein,” sculpture by Vladimir Lempert. Photo by John Parker

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Town Offices Reopened

Required protocols will be in place to enter the building.

Town Offices have been reopened to the public as of June 15. There will be protocols in place including wearing masks in the building, and no one will be allowed to enter an employee's office unless allowed by the employee. No public restrooms will be available at this time. Also, the meeting room will have limited seating for committee and board meetings, and if there is expected to be a large number of people at a meeting, it will be held in the gym. The library currently cannot be open but will continue the way it is working for now per the state. The chairs of the boards and committees who hold meetings may continue with virtual meetings or they can hold in-person meetings.

Tennis courts and basketball courts are open now but not the playground yet. The baseball field, soccer field, and the skate park may be used independently with social distancing and masks. There are no organized sporting events at this time.

The beach at Card Pond will be open too but with no dock, no trash cans available, and no Porta Potty. If you go to the town beach, please plan on bringing your own garbage bags and carry in/carry out everything.

There will be no use of the Community Room allowed at this time because we will keep the food pantry going in that room for a while. Again, please see the police for access to the food pantry.

We are happy to welcome back all of our residents and hope everyone is healthy and safe.

We are pleased to award
The 32th Annual Stone House Properties LLC Scholarships to
ADAM JOSEPH BOSCARINO · CHARLES MATTHEW MEDEIROS
SOPHIA ISABELLA TENUTA · OLIVIA MCKENNA THIEMANN
GABRIELLA GALLOW THIERLING

2020 Graduates of Monument Mountain Regional High School
CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES!!

We'd like to extend continued Best Wishes to past West Stockbridge Recipients:

Joshua Barnes
Laura Hudson
Lam Nguyen
Ali Viola
Anthony Dellea
Dawn Costerisan
Jason Scibek
Claudia Masiero
Nathan Guss

Shane Miner
Emma Wolfe
Peter Thunfors
Andrea Sartori
Matthew Lopez
Sarah Guss
Kerry Biggs
Francesca Anderegg
Peter Anderegg

Jennifer Losaw
Amanda Hanley
Joshua Kohler
Kristin Kruszyna
Joseph Barrett
Kelly Susan Allen
Whitney Shook
Sam Graulty
Ethan Oberwager
John Kruszyna

Brian Webber
Corey Baldwin
Riley Baldwin
Anna Lucia Lister
Tara Korte
Lily Michaels
Shawna Norton
Keegan Baldwin
Anna Campetti

Dylan Cole-Kink
Candice Slosek
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Juri Kiin
Brianna Davis
Hannah Korte
Tristan Alston
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The Foundry: A Unique Local Arts Venue Copes with COVID

By Amy Brentano

The opening reception at The Foundry on March 7 for 30 U 30, celebrating visual and performing artists from the Berkshires under 30 years of age, was packed. The event marked the beginning of the venue's second year in business, and the gallery was bustling with patrons and young artists. But lurking underneath the buzz was the imminent darkness of a rising worldwide epidemic that would limit communal gatherings in the very near future.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, forcing the doors of art venues both locally and nationally to shut abruptly. The Foundry's gallery and black box theater at 2 Harris Street fell into darkness. Designed as an intimate space that brings community together for rock concerts, chamber music, comedy, original theater, open mics, spoken word, and educational programming, the young venue's excitement of launching into another successful year has been squelched.

The Foundry is a for-profit business with a full liquor license that supports its operating expenses that include the monthly commercial mortgage payments, electricity, water and sewer, real estate taxes, heating, and more. Creating itself as a for-profit business allows the venue independence in choice of programming and its mission of providing the community challenging work with the intention of creating meaningful dialogue as well as giving a platform to often unheard voices. But its for-profit standing as a business in the arts has made it financially challenging during the pandemic. The venue does not qualify for many of the grants currently offered to non-profit arts organizations.

Last month, the prolific artist Pat Brentano (patbrentano.com) donated 200 small pieces of mixed media artwork to be offered as perks for a fundraising campaign entitled "Fund the Future." The artist exhibited her work at The Foundry last year. The pieces currently hang in the gallery's windows, and the campaign is on IndieGoGo. The link for donating is on The Foundry's website, thefoundryws.com, and social media @thefoundryws. To date the venue has raised over \$11,000 toward a \$15,000 goal. The venue is astounded and inspired by the local support.

Plans to reopen for outdoor performance only are in the planning stages and depend on Governor Baker moving the state into phase 3 of reopening businesses. The property lends itself to safely gathering audiences in the outdoors while socially distancing. A stage will be erected utilizing the venue's sound and lighting package on the back side of the black box theater while audience will have access to The Foundry Green across the privately owned road. (The West Stockbridge Farmer's Market again is in residence on the property May through October from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays.) With so many of the Berkshire arts attractions shut down, the venue hopes to attract a wide audience and be able to continue to provide the community with quality programming. Patrons can bring their own chairs and blankets for seating, similar to the beloved Tanglewood, but with a socially distancing layout.

In addition, Truc Orient Express, a longtime favorite family-owned restaurant a stone's throw across from The Foundry, is providing curbside pickup Thursday through Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. Patrons can preorder food from Truc's or from one of the other choice offerings in town and bring it to The Foundry's pea-stone patio to sit at socially distanced tables and receive table service to order a drink while supporting the venue through this difficult time and enjoying the beauty of West Stockbridge and the Williams River.



*Actress, producer, and educator
Amy Brentano. Photo by John Parker*

Parks & Recreation News

Hello everyone,

This is Joe P. Roy from the West Stockbridge Parks & Recreation Committee, and I have some exciting news to share about the status of our town parks.

We are pleased to announce that our town parks at the Town Offices and Card Pond are once again *open*! Please be advised there are a number of new rules and regulations that we all must follow to enjoy these areas. These rules are listed here and also posted at the entrance to each area. If you have any questions about these new rules, please contact us at weststockbridgeparks@gmail.com.

You may have also noticed that Curt Wilton and Public Works have been busy down at Card Pond. There has been some excellent tree and grounds work done that has literally brought new light to the area! In addition there has been a handful of routine maintenance done up at the skate park at the Town Offices.

We are also extremely pleased to announce that the new playset for the Town Offices has been purchased and is currently in production. An image of the new equipment can be seen up next to the skate park. The old playground set has been removed and dismantled. Public Works did a great job at repurposing the salvageable lumber from the old playground and used it at the municipal parking lot next to the post office. Early estimations have the new equipment up and ready for use by early August. We will keep you posted!

In addition to the new playset, the Town Offices playground, when it reopens, will also be getting some new updates. Out of date/unsafe equipment will be removed. Some of the equipment is being removed and will be put back once the new playset is in. We are also getting all new swing seats for our existing swing sets.

Sadly, there is one bit of bad news. Earlier this year a tree came down and took out the old monkey bars that have apparently been there since the stone age because not even my father knows how old they are. I'm guessing that just about everyone reading this has had their time as a child swinging from those bars. They will be missed!

Outside of that last bit, we are all very happy about the new things coming to our parks. We hope that everyone gets a chance to enjoy them and the new additions to come. Please feel free to reach out to us by e-mail if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Joe P. Roy, Cait Graham, Nora Calautti, JP Boscarino, and Helen Nolan



West Stockbridge parks are now **OPEN** with the following new rules and changes:

- Stay a minimum of 6 feet away from other people. You must wear face coverings if you are unable to practice safe social distancing. Please try and keep your face covering on whenever possible.
- Only engage in games with people from your own household.
- Parents & Guardians must monitor children at all times to insure they are wearing face coverings properly and maintaining proper social distancing.
- You may NOT be on the property if you feel sick or have a fever.
- Wash hands and face with soap and water or sanitizer before coming and after leaving the property.
- There are no trash cans on site. Bring your own trash home. Anything you carry in, you must carry out.
- Do not wear a mask in the water. If your mask gets wet, take it off and maintain safe social distancing from others.
- There will be no porta potties on site at the Town Hall or Card Pond this year.
- There will be no volleyball net or diving dock at Card Pond this year.
- Please be polite and respectful if you need to remind others about these rules. If those people continue to not follow the rules then please call the West Stockbridge Police Department at 413-232-8500.

Thank you for your understanding.
Be well and stay safe.

The West Stockbridge Parks and Recreation Committee



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TUESDAY 10am-5pm | WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY 2-6pm | SATURDAY 10am-2pm

Summer Reading Extravaganza, West-Stockbridge-Style!

Greetings and best wishes to all for your good health and happy summer from all of us at the West Stockbridge Public Library.

At this writing we are finalizing our summer reading plans. There will be lots of time all summer for all to participate, so please join us!

The library is setting up a story-walk around town.* Our book is *Duck on a Bike* by David Shannon (any “No David!” fans out there?) Readers are given a map to find each page of the story as they walk, skateboard, rollerblade, bike, or scoot from place to place. Kids of all ages are invited. Call or e-mail us, and then come over to the library to pick up your package that will include the story-walk map and a ticket for a treat to enjoy while you read the book all around town.



How about counting up your reading by jumping into the WSPL summer reading program? Thanks to a generous grant,** we have a fun way for you to count your reading at weststockbridgelibrary.beanstack.org.

There will be badges along the way, and at the end of August the library will celebrate all readers and award five of you a lovely prize. We think you will enjoy climbing the Beanstack! One of the many things we like about it is that readers older than age 18 are welcome to register and count up your reading. Why not have a family-wide challenge to see who powers through the most reading at your house this summer?

*Our sincere thanks to Jess Maloney at South Berkshire Kids and everyone who is hosting a page of our book.

**Wow! It is very cheering to be given access to Beanstack.org for not one but two summers of reading: Huge thanks to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for agreeing that reading is essential.



Scrapbook July 2020: TEST YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE!

1. The Berkshire Hills 12-and-younger boys' soccer team qualified and went to the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions June 21–26, 2011, in Lancaster. Who was their coach?
2. Who were the West Stockbridge graduates from Monument Mountain Regional High School in 2011?
3. The state completed a million-dollar-purchase of a 290-acre open-space preserve. Why?
4. Jerry Elias, a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, plays what instrument and wrote what book?

Answers: 1. Henry Baldwin. 2. Keegan Baldwin, Angelica Cardillo, Elizabeth Gennari, Shawna Norton, Peter Ostrander, Ryan Vandervoort, Zachery and Travis Wilton, and Andrew Zick. 3. A move intended to keep the land forever wild. 4. Violin; *Death and the Maiden*.

COVID-19 Information, Assistance, and Resources

Town of West Stockbridge

This is a reminder to continue with social distancing. The town has closed use of all playground equipment to help avoid contact and the spread of the coronavirus.

A food pantry is now available at the Town Offices including diapers and toilet paper. Please go to the police station, and they can assist you in getting what you need at any time of day.

Animal food will remain at the Transfer Station for now during normal business hours. Please see Wayne for assistance.

Here is a state website link for current updates on the health crisis:

<https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Here is a link to resources for food assistance:

<https://theberkshiredge.com/where-to-find-meals-food-and-fresh-produce-in-the-berkshires-now>

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Berkshire Hills Regional School District

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- Brien Center 24-hour crisis hotline: 1-800-252-0227
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- BHRSD COVID-19 Community Hotline: 1-855-BMC-LINK (1-855-262-5465)
- Berkshire County Regional Housing: 413-499-1630
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Community Health Association

Berkshire Health Systems has established a toll-free hotline for questions regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

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The Massachusetts Department of Public Health also provides daily updates on Massachusetts-specific information and resources at www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus.

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Undoubtedly one of the most well-known precursor texts for all things pandemic is the Old Testament. The Ten Plagues of Egypt in Exodus comprise a tale of pestilence, bubbling boils, lice, and the death of firstborn children. For this final plague, the Israelites marked their doors with lamb's blood to avoid God's punishment, culminating a pandemic parable that explores the connection between morality and sickness.

Over a thousand years later came a more autobiographical story, Daniel Defoe's *A Journal of the Plague Year*. Technically historical fiction, Defoe (of *Robinson Crusoe* fame) weaves a pandemic narrative through the eyewitness accounts of his uncle during the 1655 Great Plague of London when the bubonic plague ravaged its streets for a devastating final time. Blending scientific figures and vivid descriptions of "a world of corpses strewn in streets and pits," Defoe has given readers a grim and cautionary tale of nature's fickle ruthlessness.

These are but a sampling of pandemic stories passed on through printed page. We read them to inform our present and our future, but why do we write them? To lecture? To warn? Or perhaps we write them simply to express our fears during a frightening and unpredictable time, hoping for a flicker of empathy from a reader far in the future.

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We are happy to include them in the next issue.



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Community News & Events

Due to the coronavirus health emergency, many meetings and events are being cancelled or postponed. We are including all information available to us up until publication, but with the likelihood of changes, readers should check with the office, department, or organization for the latest information.

Community Health Association

The CHA blood pressure clinics are on hold due to the coronavirus health emergency.

Stockbridge Grange Dinner

The dinners at the Grange have been suspended indefinitely due to the health crisis.

Council on Aging

All are invited to bring their lunch, drink, mask, and chair for an outside lunch at the Town Offices, weather permitting, on Tuesday, July 14, at 12 noon under the trees on the library side of the building. If you have any questions, give Paula a shout at 232-4394.

Also good to know: The Tap Room at Shaker Mill offers a free community lunch every Sunday from 11:30 to 12:30 for those who want or need a meal. Just come inside the restaurant wearing your mask and your choice from the brown bag. They will be happy to provide your lunch in short order.

Send your notices for Community News & Events to The Local Yokel, P.O. Box 238, West Stockbridge, MA 01266, e-mail info@thelocalyokel.org, or visit thelocalyokel.org.

“We Remember When . . .” Growing Up in West Stockbridge in the 1950s

A Series of Recollections by John Bormolini and Friends

Other Pandemics: Polio and Tuberculosis **By Peter Angelini, with Foreword by John Bormolini**

Foreword:

Having been invaded by COVID-19 since January, we thought it would be an appropriate time to think back to the 1950s and the other epidemics that were always lurking as we grew up: polio (also known as infantile paralysis) and tuberculosis. Peter Angelini’s recollections vividly bring the fears of that time back to life for us.

In the early 20th century, polio was one of the most feared diseases in industrialized countries, paralyzing hundreds of thousands of children every year. Soon after the introduction of effective vaccines in the 1950s and 1960s, however, polio was brought under control and practically eliminated as a public health problem.

The following is from Jonas Salk Biography, by Biography.com Editors, A&E Television Networks, <https://www.biography.com/scientist/jonas-salk>.

In 1947, Jonas Salk took a position at University of Pittsburgh, where he began conducting research on polio. By 1951, Salk had determined that there were three distinct types of polio viruses and was able to develop a “killed virus” vaccine for the disease. The vaccine used polio viruses that had been grown in a laboratory and then destroyed.

Preliminary testing of the polio vaccine began in 1952—the shot given mostly to children. National testing expanded over the next two years, making it one of the largest clinical trials in medical history. Roughly 1.8 million children were given the vaccine during the test phase. In 1953, Salk administered the experimental vaccine to himself, his wife, and sons. Salk’s efforts were supported and promoted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. When the vaccine was approved for general use in 1955, Salk became a national hero. President Dwight D. Eisenhower gave him a special citation at a ceremony held in the Rose Garden at the White House.

In its first few years, the vaccine had a remarkable impact on the number of new cases of polio reported. According to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, there were more than 57,000 cases in the United States in 1952. A decade later, that number fell to less than a thousand. The Salk vaccine was replaced with a live virus vaccine developed by Albert Sabin around this time as it was less expensive and easier to use.

Salk died of heart failure on June 23, 1995. With his groundbreaking vaccine, Salk had earned his place in medical history. He will always be remembered as the man who stopped polio.

From the Presidential biographies, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/franklin-d-roosevelt>, citing “The Presidents of the United States of America,” by Frank Freidel and Hugh Sidey, copyright 2006 by the White House Historical Association.

The most recognized person to contract polio was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In the summer of 1921, when he was 39, disaster struck. He was stricken with poliomyelitis (polio). Demonstrating indomitable courage, he fought to regain the use of his legs, particularly through swimming. . . . He was elected President in November, 1932, to the first of four terms.



*Jonas Salk.
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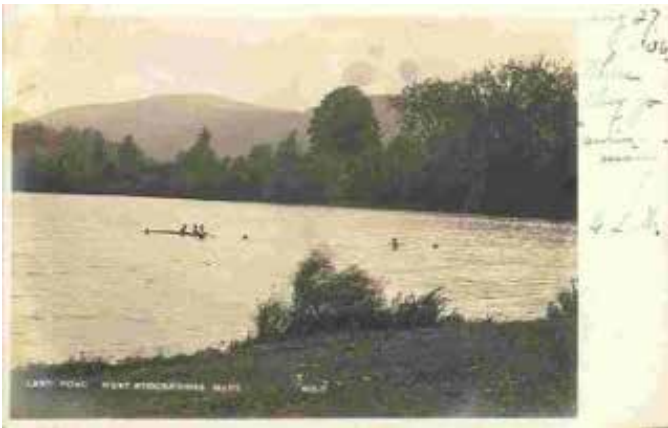
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From Peter Angelini:

Thinking back to the polio outbreak in West Stockbridge in the 1950s, I believe I was in fourth grade at the time, which would have been 1951, when my cousin Lori Gennari, John Frana, and Nancy Dellea contracted polio. I'm pretty sure that Louie Sartori got it as well. I believe that they were hospitalized for a time and that Lori, John, and Louie had fairly mild cases, while Nancy was in the hospital for quite a long time. I think she was in an iron lung, probably the predecessor to today's ventilator, due to breathing complications. When Nancy came home and was recuperating, she was lonesome, not having seen her friends for a long time, and our Cub Scout den visited her. We had to stay on the opposite side of the room from her bed because of the possibility of contagion.

As there was no vaccine for polio then, we all had to receive shots of gammaglobulin, an immune system booster. I remember that Dr. Persing set up his work station behind the curtains on the gym/auditorium stage of the New School. We all lined up and, when it was our turn, went in, dropped our pants and drawers and got the shot in our butts that hurt a lot.

At the time, it was believed disease was spread by mosquitoes that breed and thrive in stagnant water. In some years when there was a prolonged dry spell, there would be no water flowing over the dam at Card Pond, which raised concern there would be mosquitoes and meant no swimming was allowed.



Postcard, "Card Pond, West Stockbridge, Mass."
From <https://sites.google.com/site/weststockbridgetowncom/history/postcards#TOC-Card-Pond>

Every January, each room at school had a March of Dimes card, and we would put our spare dimes in the slots until it was filled. January was polio awareness month, and the March of Dimes was a fund-raising tool. Later, after polio in the United States was conquered by the Salk vaccine, the March of Dimes focused on birth defects, which I believe is still the case.

Poliomyelitis wasn't the only dreaded disease; I remember having patch tests at school every year for tuberculosis. A chemically treated bandaged was placed on our upper arm and left there for several days. If it caused a rash, you were positive and had to go to Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington for a chest X-ray. For some reason, I always tested positive. That's all for now. Stay healthy.

I also asked Steve Salvi if he contracted polio. He responded, "Yes, Dr. Persing diagnosed both of us [Steve and wife, Lori Salvi, family name Censato] with polio about 1952. I had no aftereffects. Lori does have hip problems that may be related."

Note: This article would never have been possible if not for Peter Angelini. Thanks a million, my friend, for reigniting our memories of "West Stockbridge, Our Hometown."

John Bormolini is a West Stockbridge "ex-pat," now residing in Leavenworth, Kansas. Readers who would like to share their stories of 1950s West Stockbridge are invited to e-mail John at johnbormo@aol.com

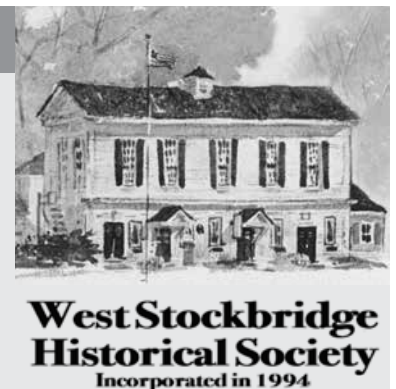
July History Quiz Question:

West Stockbridge village center still has many iconic structures that date back to the mid-1800s. That period saw the spurt in development of the town as the quarries and mines created a strong economy and the railroad opened up the farm village to the world. Although many of the structures have been modified over time, added on to, painted, covered with new siding, or otherwise changed, they still retain their original character. Their historical nature is what helps make our village special.

One structure that dates back to that era has never been modified and is one of the oldest man-made features in town. People see it almost every week, especially in the summer. What is that structure?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

When friends, neighbors, or relatives move, downsize, or just clean house, *please* ask them to think of the West Stockbridge Historical Society before they discard any old books, pictures, postcards, letters, or memorabilia of the Town of West Stockbridge. E-mail info@weststockbridgehistory.org or call 232-4270.



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The wall. Photo by Bob Salerno

The land just south of the railroad station naturally sloped, and a strong retaining wall had to be constructed to support the rail line. That wall had to be substantial to hold the weight of the train. In building the wall, they used the best local materials available, West Stockbridge limestone and marble from the local quarries. It was set without any mortar to hold it together. This retaining wall still exists, serving as the backdrop for the West Stockbridge Farmers Market.

Over the years, trees, roots, and scrub brush grew around and above it, and naturally tried to destroy it. Tree roots can push out the stone, bad drainage undercuts the base, and weeds get in the spaces and deteriorate the stone face. The Public Works Department recently cleared the brush and some of the trees on the top. The wall is much more visible now. When you look at it, appreciate what it must have been like to build it by hand in the 1840s, without the benefit of any machinery, backhoes, or bucket loaders.

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- You can respond to the U.S. Census online or over the phone in 13 languages, or wait for the paper form to be delivered to you.

Learn More: 2020census.gov



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts 2020 Census Liaison

For more information:
www.ma2020census.org
1-833-MA41-2020 (1-833-621-2020)
ma2020census@sec.state.ma.us

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July Art Calendar

Guild of Berkshire Artists | BerkshireArtists.org | gobasocial@gmail.com

2020

TUESDAYS, Demonstration, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Watch an artist demonstrate various mediums and techniques each week via Zoom. Details on how to watch are posted on our homepage and events page.

TUESDAYS, Art Together, 2:30pm-4:30 p.m.

Join Karen Carmean and other Guild of Berkshire Artists making Art Together online using the Zoom platform, every Tuesday afternoon 2:30-4:30pm. Details on how to watch are posted on our homepage and events page.

FRIDAYS, Art Together, 2pm. Join Eva Schuster and other Guild of Berkshire Artists making Art Together online using the Zoom platform, every Friday afternoon 2-5pm. Details on how to watch are posted on our homepage and events page.

FRIDAYS, Meet the Artist: Zoom Edition. 5pm. Join a different artist each week to gain an insight into their processes and art. Every Friday evening at 5pm. Featured artists and details on how to watch are posted on our homepage and events page.

July 26, Berkshire Photo Gathering, Sunday July 26, 2-4 p.m. Online. See webpage <http://berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings> for more information.

Due to physical distancing, the Guild of Berkshire Artists has suspended all in person events until further notice.

New events may be added as opportunity arises, please check online for the most up to date information and access instructions.



Leon Levin



Rose Tannenbaum

Eve Richard

Art in the Time of Pandemic

an Online Art Show

www.berkshireartists.org/june-pandemic-show

On Display Online:
June 5 - mid-July 2020

25% of all sales to go towards food pantries or medical supplies affected by Covid-19.

Following "Art in the Time of Pandemic" we have more online shows lined up! Stay tuned as details become available.

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July 2020

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July 2020 Calendar of Events

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| Due to the coronavirus health emergency, many meetings and events are being canceled, postponed, or held online. We are including all information available to us up until publication, but with the likelihood of changes, readers should check with the office, department, or organization for latest information. | | | |
| 7/2 | Farmers Market | 3-6 p.m. | The Foundry Green, Harris Street |
| 7/3 | Town Offices closed for July 4 holiday | | |
| 7/4 | Independence Day | | |
| 7/8 | Select Board meeting | 6 p.m. | See agenda on town website for details |
| 7/9 | Farmers Market | 3-6 p.m. | The Foundry Green, Harris Street |
| 7/13 | Parks & Recreation Committee meeting | 5:30 p.m. | See agenda on town website for details |
| 7/14 | Council on Aging BYO outdoor lunch | 12 noon | Outside the Town Offices, Library side |
| 7/14 | Vision Committee meeting | 6 p.m. | |
| 7/15 | *** Deadline for the next Local Yokel *** | | Send to info@thelocalyokel.org |
| 7/16 | Farmers Market | 3-6 p.m. | The Foundry Green, Harris Street |
| 7/21 | Vision Committee meeting | 6 p.m. | See agenda on town website for details |
| 7/22 | Select Board meeting | 6 p.m. | See agenda on town website for details |
| 7/23 | Farmers Market | 3-6 p.m. | The Foundry Green, Harris Street |
| 7/30 | Eid al-Adha (begins at sundown) | | |
| 7/30 | Farmers Market | 3-6 p.m. | The Foundry Green, Harris Street |