

# Local yokel

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WEST STOCKBRIDGE  
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*Batsman Stuart Kuller defends the wicket at a cricket match last summer. Cricket returns to West Stockbridge on August 28 (see inside for details). Photo by John Parker.*

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# A West Stockbridge Blast from the Past!

## Relive the Bicentennial Celebration at This Free Event

Presented by the West Stockbridge Historical Society

By Jill Pixley



Did you live in West Stockbridge or have a second home here in 1974? Here's a blast from the past for you—1974 was the year of our bicentennial celebration marking the 200th anniversary of the town's incorporation. Newer residents will also certainly enjoy this program.

Starting in 1972, a hardworking committee chaired by John Astore planned many activities and celebrations to commemorate the anniversary. Fortunately for us, John filmed two of the major events, the Grand Bicentennial Ball in February and the Grand Bicentennial Parade in July.

On August 19 at 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall on Main Street, the West Stockbridge Historical Society will be showing these two historic films in all of their vintage technology glory! Please join us for this free and fun evening. Be amazed at the (very) Grand Parade (yes, it was) and then possibly see yourself, your brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, and your friends and neighbors dancing to the beat of 1974 at the Grand Ball. Many attendees and dancers were personally acknowledged by cameraman John.



A free raffle will be held for a reissue of the 1974 Bicentennial coin. These beautiful coins will be available for sale at a reception following the program.

Hope to see you there!



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# Board of Selectmen Meeting Summaries

By Doane Perry

*Note: Copies of official board minutes are available at the West Stockbridge Public Library. Video recordings of town meetings are broadcast on Charter cable channel 2 and can be seen on the Internet at <http://vimeo.com/channels/weststockbridge>. Residents can be notified by e-mail of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualtownhall.net/subscriber>.*

## Open Meeting: June 20, 2016

### Bridge Repair Update

Curt Wilton was pleased to report that the bridge on Route 41 over the Williams River south of town was open to traffic in both directions ahead of schedule. He announced that the MassPike bridges over Moscow Road and over the Williams River are next in line for repairs.

### Highway Truck Purchase

A proposal by Curt Wilton as highway superintendent for the town to purchase a truck from Marcotte Ford in Holyoke for their bid of \$36,428 with power train and extra care warranties was moved, seconded, and passed by the Board of Selectmen. The second bid received was more expensive.

### Card Pond Weed Treatment

Earl Moffatt announced that Solitude Lake Management of Warren, Massachusetts, will make two applications of herbicide at Card Pond and Mill Pond. The herbicide works on contact against three types of weeds. Although the herbicide is not considered dangerous to people, Solitude Lake Management will post no-entry signs for 24 hours. Completion will be by mid-July this year.

### Mill Pond Park Hearing

The board discussed with Tenant Chair Evie Kerswell a date for a rent adjustment hearing and set July 18 at 7 p.m. as a tentative date.

### Village Cemetery

Marion Loring, chair of the Village Cemetery Commission, discussed the cemetery care budget with the Board of Selectmen. Marion took issue with Jim Hallock's statements that there was no money in the cemetery budget. She asked for the selectmen and Mark Webber's help in determining the committee's assets and in making a plan for needed work. Curt replied that the cemetery budget has two parts—one for mowing and one for tree removal. For the big capital expense of tree removal, the committee has \$10,500 available. Earl said there is also about \$8,000 in interest on the perpetual care fund available and about \$25,000 altogether.

Curt advised the committee to stick to working on the capital plan. Peter Skorput recommended prioritizing the trees up front. Peter is in charge of the Catholic Cemetery, which "looks nice." The Village Cemetery people want to lay out 10 more lots or plots that will yield \$2,155 or more be-

cause the cost of lots is being revised. Marion also invited people to take from the pile of wood chips. Curt suggested using inmates for labor. Earl recommended contracting with Richie Attwood, who has done successful work there.

### Annual Appointments

The board asked Mark to compile lists of annual appointments of officers of the town for action at the next meeting.

Curt reminded the other selectmen about the discussion with Jim Hallock in which Jim was asked to submit an invoice every six months for his stipend. Earl said that Jim was mistaken about not being allowed to use a chain saw. It wasn't mentioned in the agreement.

Curt expressed frustration about being asked by three different members of a committee about the town toilet and ladies restroom to the extent that he went out and bought a hand dryer. Curt said that committees need to have chairs who follow protocol, which involves going to administrative assistant Mark Webber at extension 319, custodian Dom Luchi at extension 310, and the Board of Selectmen if necessary. Mark was asked to refresh the committee lists, and Earl said committees should pick a leader annually.

In discussion it was said that Dom's voice mail has no name attached to it. Richard Squailia suggested updating the website too. Paula Farrell commented that on some committees the members do the work. The merchants are not a town committee, but Curt suggested they become a chamber of commerce and address the whole town.

### Complete Streets Grant

Mark is sending off the town's grant application this week. The Cheshire submission, which Mark also worked on, received a 98 out of 100 score. Curt expects funding will be awarded for fiscal year 2018.

### Other Business:

The closeout of the fiscal year worked out well for the town as no money needs to be transferred this year.

The town has made a pilot agreement with Truck Stop Solar.

Board of Selectmen meetings will be at 7 p.m. on June 27, July 11, and July 18.

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# Botanist's Corner

By Dan Lewis

August brings unbelievable bounty in a well-planned garden. The tomato, squash, and beans threaten to overwhelm our ability to pick them while the weeds just keep on coming! When harvesting your plot, take note of space you might use for double cropping, planting a fall crop of spinach, lettuce, and other fast to maturity plants (days to maturity is listed on the back of the seed packet) when other plants lose steam to get the most out of your space.

Poison ivy can be an extremely painful nuisance in any area where there is shade and moisture. An alternative to chemical sprays is 100% bleach sprayed directly on the leaves. Interestingly, this contact herbicide is selective, killing poison ivy while leaving grasses and even vinca (periwinkle) stressed but still alive.

Finally, if you are enjoying dahlias or canna lilies this year, put it on your calendar to dig them up and store them dry in your basement wrapped in newspaper. You can then enjoy those impressive long-lasting blooms year after year! Enjoy the botany!



## Community Garden Update

We have succeeded in planting the garden and beginning the harvesting and distribution process. As always, anyone in need interested in free produce should contact Dan or Meg at (508) 439-9657. We want to thank Crane Lake and Eisner camps for sending fantastic volunteers and all of the people that make this direct to community produce bank possible.

We are excited to add sweet corn to our repertoire this year, fertilized organically with leaf compost from the transfer station. It really is fantastic stuff! Last but not least, we want to thank Clark's Nursery that donated a lion's share of the plants in the garden. This garden belongs to everybody in West Stockbridge. Call the number above to volunteer, or just stop by the garden, pull a few weeds, and enjoy the space.



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## Open Meeting: June 27, 2016

### Truck Stop Solar Project

Kirt Mayland of Housatonic Solar 1 LLC, the firm developing the truck stop solar project on Route 102 (State Line Road), met with the board to discuss changes to his plan. As described in a letter to West Stockbridge Conservation Commission Chairman John Masiero, he now plans to use a "ballasted racking system for the solar panel array, rather than the driven post system originally proposed."

The letter explains, "The use of driven piles would constitute ground excavation [in the eyes of the Department of Environmental Protection] and trigger onerous remediation and monitoring requirements due to the contaminated onsite soils. To avoid these requirements and mitigate any potential risk to the surrounding environment resulting from excavation, the project design has been modified to utilize free-standing concrete ballast blocks in place of driven-pile foundations...which will rest atop the surface of the site."

The concrete ballasts that will be in the flood zone will cause the loss of 1,278 cubic feet of flood storage volume. Kirt argued that no amendment to the project's special permit is necessary because the change will have a negligible effect on the floodplain. Kirt argued that the minor loss of flood storage will not increase the lateral extent of flood waters during the 100-year flood event, and the removal of saplings and brush on the site may offset any flood storage loss. He noted that abutter Billy Kie was concerned about water flow, particularly the effect of driven posts on groundwater, and said that Billy should be happy with the change.

The board agreed that the impact of the change would be negligible and no amendment is required, and they asked Mark Webber to draw up a resolution to that effect.

### Amended Tree Warden Job Description

Following up on issues raised in a meeting with Tree Warden Jim Hallock at the June 6 selectmen's meeting, the tree warden's job description has been amended to spell out and clarify the tree warden's duties.

For example, although the previous job description did not say he cannot use a chain saw, it did say his job was administrative only. Now the job description says he has the ability to use a chain saw to open a lane for traffic on a road. Also, because the tree warden did not get paid in full in some years, the new job description requires him to collect data, create a paper trail, and submit an invoice to the town every six months. Clarifying procedures for dealing with downed trees on town roadways, the tree warden is now to be called first, and the Highway Department will clean up the next working day.

Curt Wilton's motion to accept the language changes were approved by all the selectmen.

### Rent Control Board Update

The selectmen discussed the upcoming Rent Control Board hearing scheduled for July 18 concerning rent adjustments for tenants of the Mill Pond Trailer Park. Skip Johnson represented the tenants. The Gennari family has taken back ownership of the park from Eric Levesque.

### Cable TV Contract Talks

The opening round of the town's second 10-year contract renewal with Charter is set for July 11 and will be about cable TV only. Internet service will be considered separately. Talks will include Tom Cohan for Charter and Bill Heely, the West Stockbridge town counsel. Curt is preparing a list of private roads for use by Charter for use in planning "last mile" service. Mark said that Charter will begin encrypting basic service and provide a new set-top box to customers during the first week of August.

### Baker Street Resurfacing

Curt announced that he has requested \$160,000 in state aid to resurface the entirety of Baker Street and a section of Route 41 in September. The plan approved by Mass Highway is to grind up the existing surface and to reapply it in a single two-inch layer with binder and sealer.

### Other Business:

The selectmen closed the bidding process on a highway truck/plow package and are taking under advisement a bid from Parker Brown for \$49,053.

Curt said the official posting place for town meetings is on the door at the front of the new Town Hall. The website is a courtesy. Earl Moffatt said Bill Biggs is in charge of the town's website, and he is seeking help from volunteers.

The selectmen gave Karen Carmean, president of the Richmond-West Stockbridge Artists' Guild, permission to place signs for the art show on the places where there are signs for the Farmers Market.

Paula Farrell reported that the Card Pond picnic, which was well reported on in the July *Local Yoke!*, was the best ever.

Cemetery Commission Chair Marion Loring described some difficulties with cemetery maintenance. Curt said he will try to get the Cemetery Commission, Board of Selectmen, and contractor Rich Atwood to work together. □

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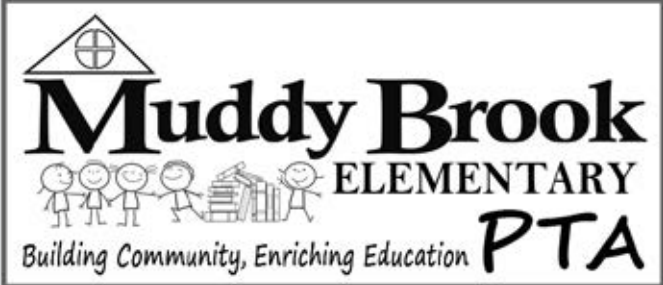
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**Business owners:** We are accepting donations for our annual fundraiser, the Muddy Brook Online Auction. Business owners and individuals are invited to donate tax-deductible items—services, gift certificates, classes, food, clothing, artwork, home furnishings, and more. This is our largest fundraiser of the year with the money generated directly supporting wonderful enrichment opportunities for our students including class field trips and a variety of music, theater, movement, creative writing, science, and nature programs, as well as community-building events for families and classroom support for teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the families of our community that you support the efforts of the PTA in enriching the educational experiences of our children. Contact Adrienne Rynes, PTA president, at akrynes@earthlink.net.

Please join fellow parents and teachers in making this year very special for the students of Muddy Brook. Share your ideas, start something new, get involved, **visit muddybrookpta.com, and like us on Facebook!**

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**August History Quiz Question:**

The Massachusetts Turnpike is one of the major land features of West Stockbridge. It was completed through West Stockbridge in 1957 with great fanfare and acclaim, especially in the eastern part of the state. While conceived and planned shortly after World War II and before the national interstate highway system, motivation for building the road was the same, an inefficient and deteriorating infrastructure and economic decline. Driving from Boston west to Albany was painful and slow. The most viable route was Route 2 along the northern portion of the state. Route 20 was also an option but even slower and in worse condition. Boston and the eastern part of the state were in economic isolation from the rest of the country.

The Mass Pike had a significant impact on the geography of West Stockbridge. State Line hamlet was cut off from New York State, Route 102 south of town moved up West Stockbridge Mountain, Route 41, the main road to Great Barrington, was cut in two and reconfigured to its present intersection, and Card Pond created. With the highway construction, the town also got a set of public steps and walkway that many drive by every day without noticing. Where is this public walkway, and where does it lead?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)



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# August Art Calendar

**Submissions due July 31 for both August/September show in the 1854 Town Hall in West Stockbridge and the September/October show at Good Purpose Gallery in Lee.** See requirements online in the members' section of [www.rwsag.org](http://www.rwsag.org)

**Plein Air: Paint, Sketch, or Photograph:** Weekdays, 9:30-1, with lunch and positive critique at end of event. Hancock Shaker Village on Mondays and The Mount on Thursdays require fees. Reserve by 5 p.m. the day before. See Facebook page "Berkshires Plein Air." Propose places for Saturday and Sunday. [kcarnean@gmail.com](mailto:kcarnean@gmail.com)

**Model Painting and Drawing:** Weekly three-hour sessions, usually Tuesdays, 6-9. RSVP to [riversidegrp@gmail.com](mailto:riversidegrp@gmail.com)

**Demonstration and Practice: Painting on your iPad with Anne Auberjonois:** Tuesday, August 2, 9:30-12:00, Lenox. Optional buffet lunch at noon \$20 including tax and tip; RSVP for lunch by 2 on Monday, August 1. Plein air painters may use oil, watercolor, photography, or iPad. RSVP for demonstration and practice and to receive location: [kcarnean@gmail.com](mailto:kcarnean@gmail.com)

**Art Demonstration and Business Meeting**  
Wed., August 3, 4:15-7.  
4:15-4:45: Instagram and Facebook seminar  
4:45-5:30: Demonstration of watercolor and a daily practice of watercolor sketching by Carolyn Newberger.  
5:30-6:30: Meeting. West Stockbridge Community Room, Town Hall, 21 Stateline Rd. (Rte. 102). RSVP: [kcarnean@gmail.com](mailto:kcarnean@gmail.com)

**First Fridays Artswalk**  
Friday, August 5, 5-8, Pittsfield, North and South Streets. [www.firstfridaysartwalk.com](http://www.firstfridaysartwalk.com)

**Positive Critique**  
Thursday, August 11, 4-6. Bring two or three pieces of your art. West Stockbridge Town Hall, 21 Stateline Rd. (Rte. 102), WS. For required reading and RSVP: [carolgkelly@hotmail.com](mailto:carolgkelly@hotmail.com)

**The Grow Show:** Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14, 9-5, Berkshire Botanical Garden. Come see inspiring flower show and we hope our paintings and photos.

**Artist-to-Artist Open Studio:** Wednesday, August 17, 6-9, proposed location West Stockbridge. Work, chat, experiment. Limited to first 20. RSVP: [kcarnean@gmail.com](mailto:kcarnean@gmail.com)

**Fine Art Show/Sale, 1854 Town Hall, West Stockbridge:**\* August 25-September 4, Thursday and Friday, 3-7, Saturday, 12-6, Sunday, 12-3. Submit your registration and waiver to [mshaggs@verizon.net](mailto:mshaggs@verizon.net) and inventory on members' page of our website by July 31.

Richmond-West Stockbridge Artists' Guild  
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## Recent Works



Bill Graulty



Margie Skaggs



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Carol Kelly



Ken Kelly

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## Community News & Events

### Stockbridge Grange Dinner

A reminder: no public dinners will be served at the Stockbridge Grange during the month of August. The dinners will resume in September.

### Council on Aging Cookout

On Tuesday, August 2, we will enjoy another COA cookout in place of our regular potluck. It will be held in the back of the Town Hall where the picnic tables are located. We need to know if you are coming, so please call Paula at 232-4394 and leave your name and if you are bringing a salad or dessert should you get the answering machine. The rest of the meal will be provided. Bring along an extra chair if you have one. We want to see as many seniors as possible. If it rains it will be cancelled.

### Congregational Church BBQ and Bake Sale

The West Stockbridge Congregational Church will have a chicken BBQ next to the church at 45 Main Street on Saturday, August 13, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. For \$15, adults get ½ chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, baked beans, roll, and brownies or blondies plus water and lemonade. For \$5, children 8 and under get a hot dog on a roll, ½ ear of corn on the cob, chips, and brownies or blondies plus water and lemonade. Takeouts will be available. Reservations may be e-mailed to [wscongregationalchurch@gmail.com](mailto:wscongregationalchurch@gmail.com) or called into the church's answering service at 232-4256. Of course, people may just show up. Live music will be provided by Mary Ann Palermo and the First Take.

The church will also hold a bake sale in front of Baldwin's Extracts from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 20.

Send your notices for Community News & Events to the Local Yokel, P.O. Box 238, West Stockbridge, MA 01266, or by e-mail to [info@thelocalyokel.org](mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org).

## Calling All Cricketers!

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## Parks & Recreation Update

Huge thanks are due to the WS Board of Selectmen for their efforts to tame the weeds in the pond. Hopefully by next year the problem will be greatly reduced.


On a more disturbing note, there has been a report of leeches in the water in the bathing area of the pond. The Parks & Recreation Committee is currently in contact with MA Fish & Game Agency to determine what steps to take *should* this become a problem. If anyone encounters the creatures, please call (917) 209-0926 so P&R can monitor the situation.

The beach is now officially open. Be sure to check the schedule for the lifeguard hours. If anyone would like to apply for a position as a part-time lifeguard, call (917) 209-0926. Parks & Rec would like to have a lifeguard on duty for a few hours every day.

August 28 is the day that cricket returns to West Stockbridge! A fun game, starting at 2 p.m. on the town playing fields and open to beginners and pros alike, will be followed by tea on the lawn. Save the date!

Anyone wanting to play bocce, who's willing and able to donate a few hours of time to help coordinate, do get in touch. Next meeting is August 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall or call (917) 209-0926.

Let Parks & Rec know what other activities you'd like to see offered in the town!



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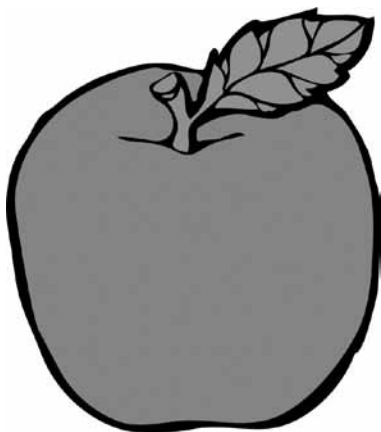
## END-OF-THE-SUMMER TOMATOES: Good for You and Delicious

by Rachel Alves, RD, LDN



Summer may be coming to an end, but a glorious end of the season is the abundance of delicious and nutritious tomatoes! Tomatoes are well known for their delicious flavor, variety, and versatility, but they are also a nutritional powerhouse because of their antioxidant content, in particular lycopene. They are also rich in vitamins A and C, fiber, and potassium.

Botanically speaking, tomatoes are a fruit, but the USDA classifies them as a vegetable. We thank the Spanish explorers for tomatoes because they likely originated in South America. They made their way around the Caribbean, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East but were especially beloved in Italy. Tomatoes have really caught on in the United States in the last two centuries. Before that, they were considered poisonous because they are from the *nightshade* family, a botanical family of plants that encompasses many species. Some are inedible or even poisonous, but some like potatoes, eggplants, and tomatoes are staples in most diets. Some people have a sensitivity to nightshades and may have to limit them. But according to the Tomato Products Wellness Council, the tomato is the second most popular US vegetable, second only to the potato. Today, 75% of the total tomato crop is processed into tomato paste, sauce, juice, ketchup, or canned tomatoes.



Tomatoes are rich in phytonutrient (plant-derived content that encourages good health) including flavonones and carotenoids that may help reduce inflammation and cancer risk. The most famous carotenoid is lycopene that gives the tomato its rich color and is a powerful antioxidant. It accounts for 80% of the lycopene in the American diet. Lycopene is unique because it has a greater bioavailability *after* cooking or processing, so it is more readily absorbed and used by the body. So go ahead and enjoy your favorite tomato sauce, tomato paste, or ketchup to increase lycopene absorption. Even adding olive oil to cooked or raw tomatoes can increase the absorption of lycopene and other carotenoids. Tomatoes are not only delicious. Eating them may improve heart and bone health, boost cognitive function, and decrease risk of cancer, especially ovarian, prostate, and digestive cancers. A tomato's protective benefit comes from the whole tomato and its myriad of carotenoids and nutrients.

Each of the many varieties of the tomato has its own characteristics or best uses. Here are just a few:

- Cherry: Small, round, and delicious served in salads or mixed with pasta
- Grape: Small, pear shaped similar to the plum, great in salads or as a snack
- Compari: Sweet, juicy, and low acid; a little bigger than cherries
- Vine ripened: Allowed to ripen on the vine, making them very juicy and tasty
- Plum: A higher solid content, perfect for sauces and tomato paste
- Heirloom: Open pollinated (nonhybrid), introduced before 1940
- Yellow: Low acid
- Beefsteak: Larger and great sliced in sandwiches
- San Marzano (pear shaped): Considered the best tasting gourmet tomato

So what can we do with all of those end-of-summer tomatoes? How about canning them to preserve their fresh deliciousness so you can have that “summer tomato” all year round? To get started, check out <http://www.simplycanning.com/canning-tomatoes.html> or <http://www.freshpreserving.com/canning-101-getting-started.html>.

If canning doesn't appeal to you, cook up and freeze marinara sauce, serve caprese salads (sliced fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, and basil), and make more pizzas! Stuff tomatoes as a delicious vegetarian meal, or simply slice them, drizzle with balsamic vinegar, and add a sprinkling of salt to enjoy summer's freshest. *Tomato: A Fresh-from-the-Vine Cookbook* by local author Lawrence Davis-Hollander (Storey Publishing, 2004) has 150 recipes using tomatoes.

Whatever you do, simply take pleasure in summer's end and the bounty of tomatoes it brings!

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# Charter: HDTV/Broadband/Phone Update

By Carol Kuller, West Stockbridge Cable Commission

We just wanted to let you know where we stand in the process of getting updated services for TV, Internet, and phone.

As you know, WiredWest is gone and Charter/Spectrum has had their trucks out wiring around town. They are rewiring and upgrading equipment in all areas that currently have Charter service. It has always been the goal to ensure that everyone has service. And to that end, we are in discussions with Charter to identify and confirm areas that are still unserved. You have been very patient. Over 90% of the town will be upgraded by August 2. However, it may take up to the end of 2017 to bring service to all the unserved areas, 100% of West Stockbridge.

New all-digital video service will be available on 8/2. The broadband service, with a standard speed of 60 Mbps, will be available on 8/9. The phone service will be available in September. All customers are eligible for the double-play and triple-play pricing discounts. The first year you can get one cable box or card free. That will give you time to explore your options. Since phone is not yet available you will have future eligibility for introductory offers.

If you are currently a subscriber, you *must* have a new box or cable card. Old boxes/cards will stop working on 8/1. You can call Charter at (855) 757-7328. You can have the box or card sent to you or you can go to the office in Chatham. If the box is sent to you, you will also receive a return carton for you to return your current box or card. Installation instructions and cable are included. You will be eligible for double- or single-play introductory offers if you include broadband and/or phone service.

If you are not currently a Charter subscriber, you will need to call them to find out if you are already wired or go online at [Spectrum.com/digitalnow](http://Spectrum.com/digitalnow). It is suggested that you call or go online after 8/9 when broadband will be available. If you are wired, you can sign up and get a cable box or card for each TV. You can also sign up for a “triple play”—phone, TV, and Internet—for very reduced rates for the first year. You can also sign up for individual services if you only want Internet or TV or phone and also get introductory offers.

The cost is higher for individual services. For new eligible subscribers, it will take up to 7 days for installation unless you request a Saturday, which will take longer.

There is a 10% senior citizen discount on the price of basic service if you meet the following criteria:

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If you are a seasonal resident, lower rates will be available for one to six months.

Persevere: Not all the Charter customer service representatives are aware of what is going on in West Stockbridge.



*Charter (now Spectrum) technicians have been busy rewiring and upgrading equipment around town. Photo by John Parker.*

# The market season is already half over—how quickly it goes!

But there are still wonderful days ahead as our loyal vendors continue to provide what is best in the Berkshires. It's time now for tomatoes, corn, peaches, and fresh veggies galore.

Chef Tony will be doing his own special tribute to the Zucchini Festival on August 4. His emphasis will be on creative ways with (what else?) zucchini and with tomatoes. Tony's creations are always tasty.

Be sure to stop by for a sample.

The Zimmer Quartet, Reinhardt & Ciccarelli, Duo Eamon, and Linda Worster will be adding to the festivities of the market during the month, cosponsored by the WS Cultural Council, and another new kids' project will be unveiled each week at the Fun for Kids tent.

Children's authors Jana Laiz and Kara Van Kirk Levin will appear with their charming books, crafts, and readings.

Great entertainment, excellent food for dining al fresco, the freshest vegetables and meats to take home and savor, bread and desserts warm from the oven! All this plus great condiments, unique spices, olive oils, vinegars, maple syrup, unusual wines, one-of-a-kind gift and household items, activities for kids, and

gorgeous cut flowers—there's something for everyone.

And if you take a chance and buy a raffle, you might just be the winner of the weekly market basket that's chock full of goodies from every vendor.

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Try your hand! Taft Farm tomato tower. Photo by Catherine America.



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Be sure to stop by to meet and greet the erudite and charming Mr. Harvey as he lends his own special brand of British wit and decorum to our very favorite market.

Don't miss it!

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We're turning the page on "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" our July 2016 Summer Reading Program. Our young patrons and their families got a sneak peak at the new Berkshire Carousel, enjoyed a four-week series of creative movement classes taught by Berkshire Pulse Studios dance educator Ellen Gorman, and helped our favorite magician Scott Jameson with a variety of magic tricks.

Readers have until August 12 to submit reading logs for the summer raffles. Our LEGO Club (Thursdays and Fridays) continues through August.

We thank the Friends of West Stockbridge Library for underwriting our summer children's programs as well as support from the West Stockbridge Cultural Council. Also thanks to the Massachusetts Library System, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and the Boston Bruins, with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Western Mass Library Advocates, Friendly's, and the Eastern States Exposition for donating tickets.

- Have you met our student volunteers? Say hello to library helpers Adam Boscarino (second summer as a volunteer) and Maddie Mullen.
- Library assistant Jodi Magner has redesigned and updated our Facebook page. Post something at <https://www.facebook.com/West-Stockbridge-Public-Library>.



Help from the audience for one of magician Scott Jameson's tricks.

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- If you use an e-reader, explore the new statewide Commonwealth e-book Collections (CEC) at [eBooks.masslibsystem.org](http://eBooks.masslibsystem.org).
- Board meetings of the library trustees are now the third Tuesdays of the month. All are open to the public. Next meeting is August 16, 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Reminder: We offer day passes to many local attractions. Pick up our Summer 2016 brochure and thank the Friends of the Library and the West Stockbridge Cultural Council for supporting this program.
- As always, we welcome suggestions on just about anything to improve our library.

Lee Appelbaum and Jodi Magner



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Passes are provided by the Friends of the West Stockbridge Library, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the West Stockbridge Cultural Council.



## Art at the West Stockbridge Library August/September Artist

*Freya Segal  
Faces and Portraits in Watercolor  
and Mixed Media*



Freya Segal, a resident of the Berkshires, has always had a profound love of the visual arts. Her formal training began while she was living in Memphis, Tennessee, where she studied at the University of Memphis and the Memphis Art Academy. She works in watercolors and mixed media, a process that enables her to view the subjects as landscapes: fluid, changing, colorful, and challenging.

Freya's experience as a mental health counselor has led her to an understanding of how the face reflects experiences and emotions. Portraits and faces are reflections of the human condition. She hopes her paintings give the impression that they are unfinished but have begun to capture the soul of the individual.

Her artwork is in private collections in Florida, New York, and Massachusetts.

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# Pythagoras Theatre Works Is Back for Summer 2016

Pythagoras Theatre Works, the professional theater company in West Stockbridge, returns this season to the historic West Stockbridge 1854 Town Hall with two plays adapted from the works of renowned Berkshire author Edith Wharton.

Our summer season features two riveting adaptations of Edith Wharton's short stories, **The Promise** (from Wharton's French-language short story *Les Metteurs en Scène*) and **Roman Fever** (from Wharton's acclaimed short story of the same name), performed one after the other with a short intermission in between. Berkshire playwright and Shakespeare & Company founding member Dennis Krausnick has masterfully adapted two of Wharton's best stories. The cast includes Corinna May,\* Diane Prusha,\* and David Joseph.\*

Pythagoras is also pleased to announce that the production is being staged by acclaimed theater director Normi Noël. In addition, we're being joined by costume designer Peggy Walsh, lighting designer James Bilnoski, and production manager and associate producer Sadie Clouser.

Once again we're featuring live music during our production. New York City composer and cellist Paul Brantley will write the score and accompany on the cello. "We're very lucky," says Producing Artistic Director Michael Burnet, "that the schedules of these particular artists lined up to make this endeavor possible this summer. And we not only have David Joseph acting and singing on stage, but he's also decided to join us as a coproducer and board member."

Since 2014, Pythagoras has been working in association with the West Stockbridge Historical Society and the town of West Stockbridge to create a vibrant theater in the heart of town and to help in their ongoing effort to completely renovate the historic 1854 Town Hall. "It's an invaluable landmark," says Coproducer David Joseph, "with a long history as the center of town life. We want people to know about it and experience it firsthand. It's an historic, charming theatrical space, and has some of the best acoustics I've ever experienced."

Our mission is to create theater that transports you to another time and place—to consider the mysterious, the exhilarating, the hilarious, and the profound in what otherwise appear to be simple human stories. We primarily look to historical pieces from the 19th and early 20th centuries, especially works by authors with a connection to the Berkshires and stories about local history and people.

*Pythagoras is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization operating at the pleasure of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its generous citizenry.*

*\* Member of the Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers in the United States.*

Performances: August 2, 3, 4, and 5 at 7 p.m.

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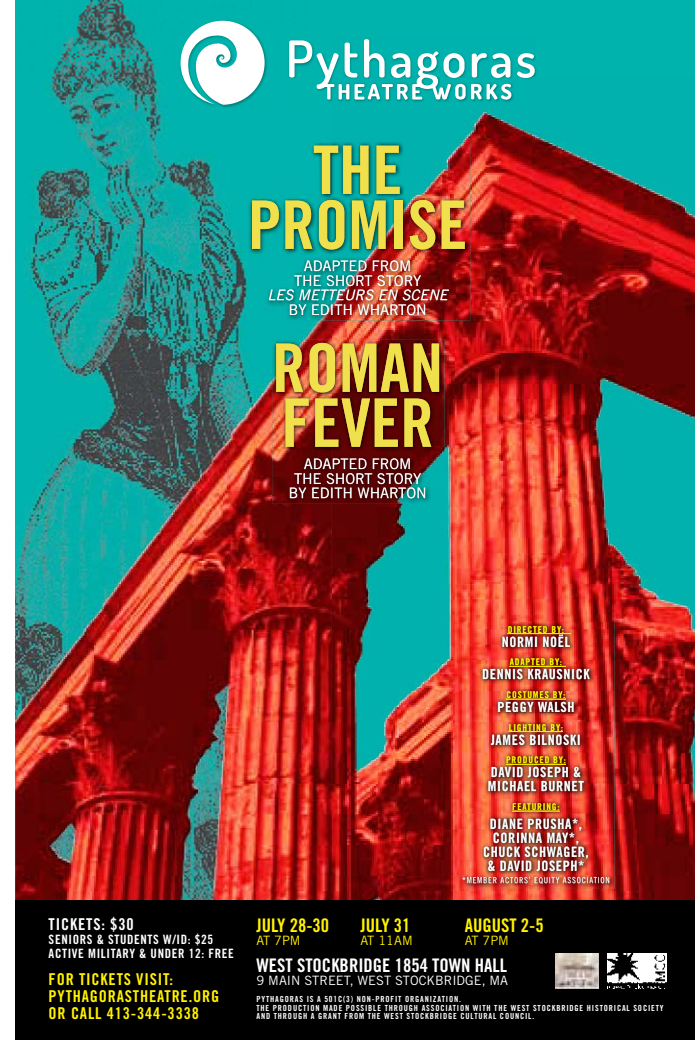
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## The Promise

Adapted from Edith Wharton's *Les Metteurs en Scène*, Blanche and Jean are both Gilded Age opportunists who survive by riding the coat-tails and trains of the moneyed set, providing companionship and any other diversion their erstwhile so-called friends may desire. They are especially versed at playing elegant matchmakers who contrive liaisons and, oftentimes, marriages between Europe's aristocracy and the American nouveau riche. Yet after many years of wearing these masks and playing these roles, an encounter in Gilded Age Paris reveals the fate that neither could have foreseen. Features Diane Prusha\* and Chuck Schwager.

## Roman Fever

Recent widows Alida Slade and Grace Ansley leave their New York high-society lives to go on holiday for the season in Rome, along with each woman's marriageable daughter. We find them on a summer afternoon on the terrace of a restaurant that overlooks the ruins of the Roman Forum. Their daughters have gone off for the evening, leaving the two women alone to drink wine and reminisce. However, as the conversation turns to an earlier time when they were in Rome together, old rivalries surface, secrets are revealed, and their friendship will be forever altered. Features Corinna May,\* Diane Prusha,\* and David Joseph.\*



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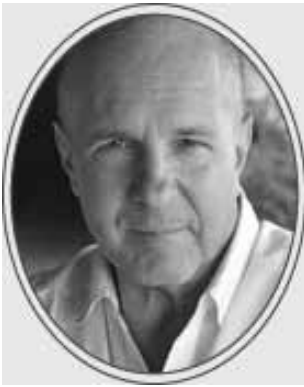
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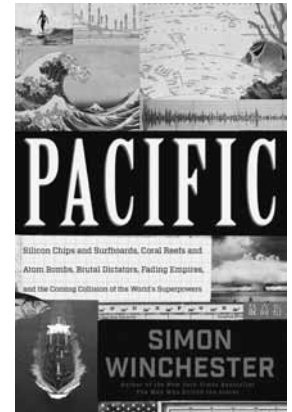


Author Simon Winchester

## West Stockbridge Historical Society Presents

### Bestselling Author Simon Winchester at Old Town Hall

By Liza Bennett



One of the country’s bestselling authors of nonfiction and Berkshire County resident Simon Winchester will talk about his enthralling new biography of the Pacific Ocean on Friday, September 9, in the Old Town Hall. In *Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictators, Fading Empires, and the Coming Collision of the World’s Superpowers*, Winchester delves into the history of this imposing force of nature and examines how it will help define the world of tomorrow.

Today, the Pacific is ascendant. Its geologic history has long transformed us—tremendous earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis—but its human history, from a Western perspective, is quite young, beginning with Magellan’s 16th-century circumnavigation. It is a natural wonder whose most fascinating history is currently being made.

Winchester’s personal experience is vast and his storytelling second to none. And his historical understanding of the region is formidable, making *Pacific* a paean to this magnificent sea of beauty, myth, and imagination that is transforming our lives.

Join the West Stockbridge Historical Society for what is bound to be a fascinating program, followed by a reception downstairs with the author.

Open free to the public. Donations to benefit the 1854 Town Hall Restoration Campaign are encouraged.

*Book cover graphic and author photo provided by West Stockbridge Historical Society.*

## West Stockbridge History Quiz Answer:

Two historic main routes head south from town that date back to early Mohawk hunting routes. Route 102, the road to Stockbridge, followed its present course to the left of the Stone House and along West Stockbridge Mountain (although lower down the ridge). The road to the right of the Stone House was called Great Barrington Road (now Old Great Barrington Road). That was the main north-south route for the western part of the county until the Mass Pike was built in 1957. It is now a quiet dead-end street.

At the end of the Old Great Barrington Road is a set of steps leading up to the present Route 41, ending just before the bridge over the Mass Pike and across from the exit ramp. This walkway is well maintained by the Highway Department. How many people are aware of it, let alone ever walked along the path? It provides a pleasant circular shady walk through the south end of town, connecting to sidewalks and some of our most historic houses.

While some would argue the Mass Pike provided us limited benefits, this rarely used little pathway is a benefit of the 1950s highway construction and altered our community landscape.

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](mailto:info@weststockbridgehistory.org) or call 232-4270.



Top: Stone House ca. 1909.

Walkway connecting Old Great Barrington Road to Rt. 41 near Turnpike exit ramp.

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# Recipe Corner by Lynn Ryan

## CHEDDAR TOMATO COBBLER

Yield: 8 servings

I had another recipe in mind for this issue using our beloved zucchini in memory of the Zucchini Festival, but I had this cobbler last night at a gathering of friends where we all brought potluck and I changed my mind. This was clearly the favorite, so I got the recipe to share with you. With all of the wonderful tomatoes heading our way, this is *amazing*—enjoy every bite!

1 Tbsp. olive oil  
1 Tbsp. butter  
2 medium onions, halved and sliced about 1/8-inch thick  
1 Tbsp. packed brown sugar  
3/4 tsp. sea salt

1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar  
2 Tbsp. fresh oregano  
6 cups cherry tomatoes  
3/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/4 cup cornmeal

1 1/4 tsp. baking soda  
1/4 tsp. sea salt  
1/4 cup butter, cut up  
1/4-1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup milk

In a 10-inch ovenproof skillet, heat oil and butter over medium-low heat. Add onions, brown sugar, and 3/4 tsp. salt. Cover and cook for 10–15 minutes or until the onions are very tender, stirring occasionally. Remove cover and turn up the heat to medium high. Cook and stir for 5–10 minutes more or until the onions are light brown. Remove from the heat; carefully add the vinegar. Stir in the oregano. Transfer the mixture from the skillet to a bowl or plate and set aside.

Add the tomatoes to the skillet and roast in a 400° oven, uncovered, for 15 minutes or until tomatoes have popped and released their juices. Stir in the onion mixture.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl combine the flour, cornmeal, baking soda, and 1/4 tsp. salt. Using a pastry blender, cut the butter into the flour mixture until pea size. Stir in the cheese, then milk, until all the dough is moistened.

Remove the skillet from the oven. Carefully drop the dough onto the tomato mixture in eight mounds, spacing them evenly. Bake about 20 minutes more or until a toothpick inserted into the biscuits comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack but serve warm.

Adapted from [www.midwestliving.com](http://www.midwestliving.com).

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August 2016 Calendar of Events		Date	Event	Time	Location
	8/1	Planning Board meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices	
	8/2	COA Cookout	12 noon	Picnic area behind Town Offices	
	8/2–8/5	Pythagoras Theatre Works: The Promise and Roman Fever	7 p.m.	1854 Town Hall	
	8/3	Knitters & More	2–4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room	
	8/4	Farmers Market	3–7 p.m.	Merritt Green on Harris Street	
	8/8	Board of Selectmen meeting (tentative)	7 p.m.	Town Offices	
	8/9	Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Town Offices Board Work Room	
	8/9	American Legion	7 p.m.	Town Offices	
	8/10	Knitters & More	2–4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room	
	8/11	Farmers Market	3–7 p.m.	Merritt Green on Harris Street	
	8/13	Chicken BBQ	4-6 p.m.	W.S. Congregational Church	
	8/15	*** Deadline for the Next Local Yokel ***		send to <a href="mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org">info@thelocalyokel.org</a>	
	8/8	Planning Board meeting	7 p.m.	Town Offices	
	8/16	Library Trustees meeting	4:30 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room	
	8/17	Knitters & More	2–4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room	
	8/18	Farmers Market	3–7 p.m.	Merritt Green on Harris Street	
	8/19	A Blast From the Past: Bicentennial film screening & raffle	7 p.m.	1854 Town Hall	
	8/20	W.S. Congregational Church Bake Sale	9:30–noon	In front of Baldwin’s Extracts	
	8/22	Board of Selectmen meeting (tentative)	7 p.m.	Town Offices	
	8/24	Knitters & More	2–4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room	
	8/25	Farmers Market	3–7 p.m.	Merritt Green on Harris Street	
	8/28	Cricket Match	2 p.m.	Town Offices Playing Fields	
	8/31	First Day of School (BHRSD, Richmond)			
	8/31	Knitters & More	2–4 p.m.	Town Offices Community Room	