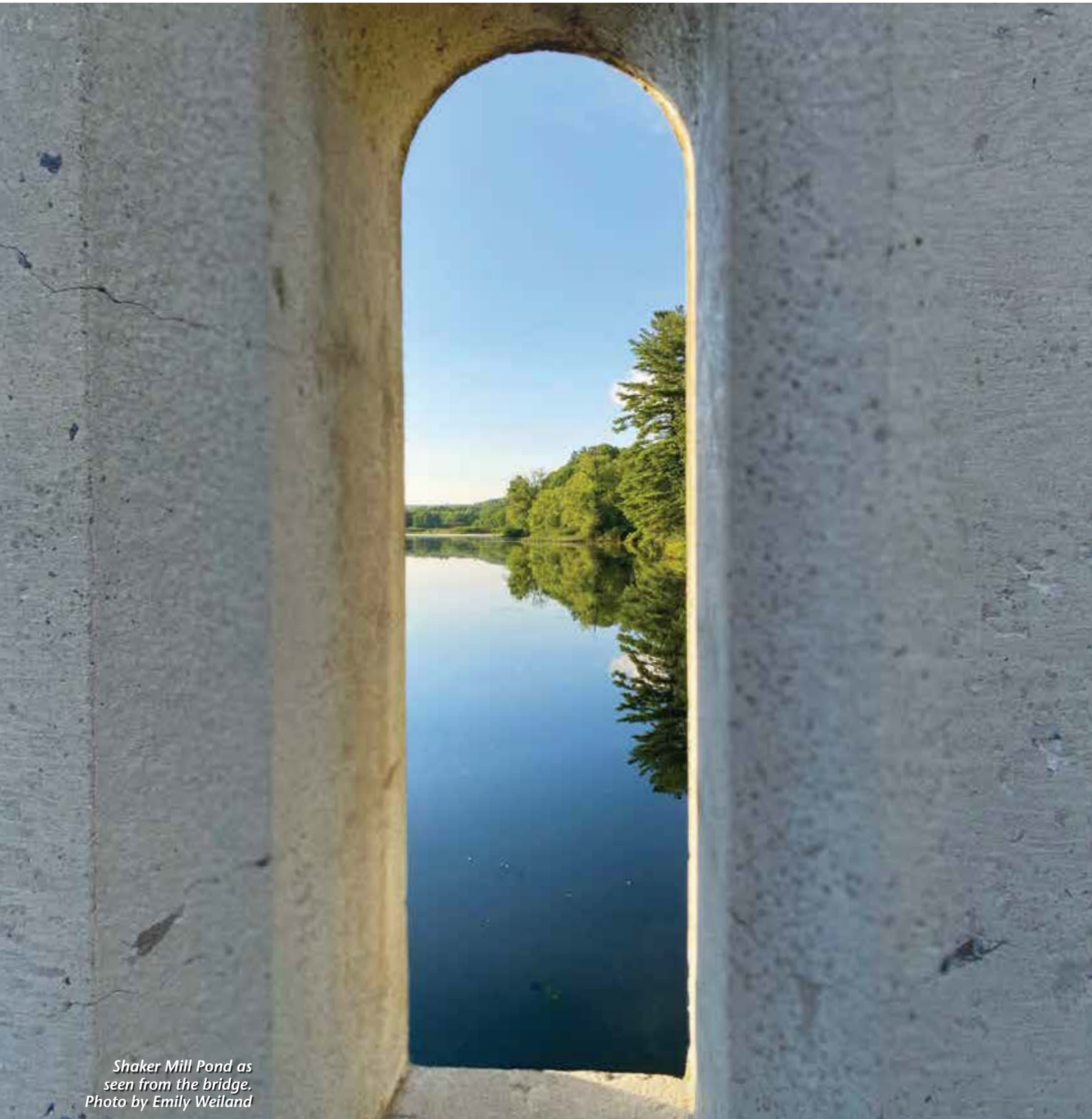


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*Shaker Mill Pond as  
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# About the Artist: Karen Andrews

“Every artist should have their own gallery space,” says Karen Andrews, artist in residence at Inner Vision Studio on Furnace Road, just a mile north of West Stockbridge village. An accomplished watercolorist, photographer, and creator of attractive functional art products, Karen welcomes visitors to her adorable periwinkle- and coral-colored studio with just a phone call ahead during the off-season. During the summer the gallery will be open more regular hours.

Her inspiration for Inner Vision Studio happened while visiting the famous home-based galleries of the artists of Deer Isle, Maine. Artists and art lovers can stay connected easily through a permanent art map of the region. Karen was convinced this was the way she wanted to sell her art. When they returned home, she and her husband fixed up their former one-stall horse barn into a small exhibition space.

“Commercial galleries have their purpose,” says Karen, “but they add cost for the buyer and the artist, and they create a separation between them. “I prefer to meet and get to know my customers directly, and if they live locally, I can even let them ‘try on’ a piece of art in their home before buying it.”

Karen and her beautiful watercolors, delightful tableware, and whimsical apparel have been lovingly displayed and purchased here in the Berkshires for over ten years. Many second homeowners return year after year to purchase more art and see what she’s up to. You may have seen her botanical watercolor placemats at local fairs and on friends’ tables.

Throughout the pandemic it was safer to shop online, so Karen enhanced her e-commerce website, InnerVision-Studio.com. Customers can shop easily for an ever-growing range of paintings, prints, and functional products. “I make yoga pants in about a dozen different patterns, and they come in six sizes. If you live nearby, you can try on a pair and make sure you get the right size. Or you can buy a matched set of gifts: a set of placemats, a glass cutting board, an apron, and a linen tea towel. I’m becoming sort of a destination for things like Mother’s Day and housewarming gifts.”

It’s always inspiring to speak to the creator of a work of art, and Karen loves to tell visitors about how a piece came about. Karen’s other vocation is Creativity Coaching, a guided practice that helps clients free up their creative juices and increase their productivity and visibility.

Karen’s artwork spans many mediums and approaches, and Inner Vision Studio is never the same place twice. Each summer she displays some new work—impressionistic watercolors or collages of architectural ruins, for example. “One of the great things about having my own gallery is that I can express many different parts of myself, which I couldn’t do in a commercial gallery. They tend to pigeon-hole artists, and it can be limiting,” says Karen.

The experience of visiting the studio is both uplifting and magical with its luscious gardens surrounding the colorful building. Inner Vision Studio is a delight to the senses and the imagination. “Artists and art lovers need each other,” says Karen. She invites visitors to come by to say hello, pick up some gifts, explore her artwork, and see what’s happening now. Stay tuned for gallery hours, and feel free to call ahead for a spontaneous studio visit by calling (413) 212-1394.



*Photos courtesy of Karen Andrews*

# 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 are on Zoom and can be viewed by clicking on the link in the meeting agenda posted on the town website calendar. Residents can receive email notification of town events and meeting agendas by subscribing at <http://weststockbridgema.virtualltownhall.net/subscriber>].

## Select Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2022

**Quorum present:** Eric Shimelonis, Select Board Chair and Members Roger Kavanagh, Kathleen Keresey and Marie Ryan, Town Administrator.

**Others in Attendance:** Director of Public Works Curt Wilton

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and listed Select Board members present.

### Approval of Minutes:

Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting.

Roll call vote;

Roger Yes      Kathleen Yes      Eric Yes

Minutes approved.

### Town Administrator Update:

-The Town has received a grant for \$2,500 for an A.E.D. for the Fire department.

-When Emilie Jarrett, Community Nurse, retires in the end of June, Curt Wilton, Director of Public Works will be moving into her office at Town Hall. Curt currently shares his very small office with Highway Superintendent, Jamie Boyer. This move will give both of them sufficient space to work.

-In regards to the Shared Ambulance with Richmond, after a discussion with Danielle Fillio, Richmond Town Administrator, it was decided that each Town will hire one of the EMT's. Richmond does not want to take on the OPEB liability for both employees, this way we share the liability. The cost will be the same to the Town. Instead of paying our share to Richmond, we will be paying the employee directly.

-Postcards have been mailed out to remind voters of the dates for the Town Meeting and the Town Election. Town Reports are available the Town Library and Town Hall and on the website.

-The Sewer & Water Commission sent out a bid for a new RBC unit (rotating contactor). They received two bids and the low bid

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# Annual Town Meeting and Election Results

By John Parker

The 2022 annual town meeting was held in the Town Offices Gym on Monday, May 2. In a marathon 3-hour session, all articles were approved except for one proposing to appropriate \$8,000 for a feasibility study for possible extension of Harris Street to Moscow Road. Minutes are available on the town's website at <https://www.weststockbridge-ma.gov/town-clerk>.

Voters approved the FY23 budget including a 3% increase over last year. The budget aims to balance fiscal restraint in a challenging economic environment with ensuring continuity and quality of town services, maintaining the aging infrastructure, and adjusting some town employee salaries that were below current standards and averages.

The annual town election was held on May 9. According to Town Administrator Marie Ryan, of the 1,157 registered voters, 401 cast ballots for a turnout of about 35%. In the one contested race, challenger Andy Potter, a former member of the Berkshire Hills Regional School Committee, defeated incumbent Select Board chair Eric Shimelonis, 251 to 143. A special town election will be held on May 31 to fill another seat on the Select Board vacated as a result of the resignation of Roger Kavanagh, whose decision to step down came too late to be included in the earlier town election. Running for that seat are Andy Krouss and Peter Skorput.

# Town Election Results (May 9)

<b>Moderator</b>	
Eugene Dellea	358
Write-ins	2
Blanks	38
<b>Select Board</b>	
Eric Shimelonis	143
Andrew Potter	251
Write-ins	7
Blanks	0
<b>Town Clerk</b>	
Veronica Barrett	343
Write-ins	3
Blanks	55
<b>Town Collector</b>	
Write-in: Kellie Bradbury	77
Write-in: June Biggs	18
Other write-ins	16
Blanks	290
<b>Board of Assessors</b>	
J. Edward Sporn	322
Write-ins	1
Blanks	78
<b>Finance Committee</b>	
J. Edward Sporn	313
Write-ins	1
Blanks	87
<b>Planning Board</b>	
Ryan Beattie	324
Write-ins	0
Blanks	77
<b>Board of Health</b>	
Earl Moffatt	296
Write-ins	6
Blanks	99
<b>Library Trustee</b>	
Sarah Elyse Schaefer	326
Write-ins	1
Blanks	74
<b>Cemetery Commission</b>	
Marion Loring	342
Write-ins	0
Blanks	59
<b>Total number of voters</b>	<b>401</b>

## Town Seeks Volunteers for Community Preservation Committee

The town is looking for residents interested in serving on the Community Preservation Committee. We need three at-large citizens who currently are not on any elected or appointed other committees or boards in town. If you are interested, please email Town Administrator Marie Ryan at [admin@weststockbridge-ma.gov](mailto:admin@weststockbridge-ma.gov) or call (413) 232-0300, ext. 319. The deadline to indicate interest is Tuesday, May 31. Thank you for your interest in serving the town!

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was \$105,000. Last year at a Special Town Meeting the Town approved \$55,000 towards this project. Marie will ask the Board at their next meeting to vote to approve the difference to be paid from the ARPA Funds. Marie requested that the Board accept the bids, they all agreed.

**Master Plan update – Seth Jenkins, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC), Eric and Dana Bixby, Planning Board Chair**

Seth gave an overview of the timeframe to complete the final version of the Master Plan, with public forums planned for June. He has been working closely with Dana, Eric, and the Master Plan Committee on this project. Dana confirmed with Seth that the Planning Board will be able to review and comment on the final document before they officially adopt it. Dana stated she believes that the grant money needs to be used by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eric confirmed that yes, there needs to be a final vendor document by that date and he will inquire if there is any possibility to get an extension for the deliverable. Eric pointed out that this June 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline is merely for the complete first draft, and that we must have a comprehensive local and public process to revise the draft Master Plan with consensus. Dana also asked that BPRC to assist the Planning Board in preparing zoning updates for a Special Town Meeting sometime this summer which would then be incorporated into the Master Plan. She felt there should be enough funds to cover this additional cost, Seth agreed.

**Sign Permit for the Historical Society**

Roger asked which zoning district the Historical Society building is located in. Marie said it they are located in the commercial and village center overlay district. Roger noted that the Sign Bylaw describes a “Business District” which is not mentioned in the zoning map, nor anywhere else in the bylaws. Kathleen suggested that the Board place this item on hold until the next meeting when more information can be provided. The Board agreed.

**Sign Permit for the Town Library**

The Town Library would like to place an “Open” and “Closed” sign attachment to the Town Hall sign for residents to know when the Library is open. Roger made a motion to approve the sign permit for the Library, seconded by Kathleen.

Roll call vote;

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes  
Sign Permit approved.

**Approval to accept ARPA Funds**

Per a request from Elaine Markham, Town Accountant, Marie requested that the Board vote to accept the ARPA Funds for the Town.

Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to accept the ARPA Funds given to the Town.

Roll call vote;

Roger Yes Kathleen Yes Eric Yes  
Motion approved.

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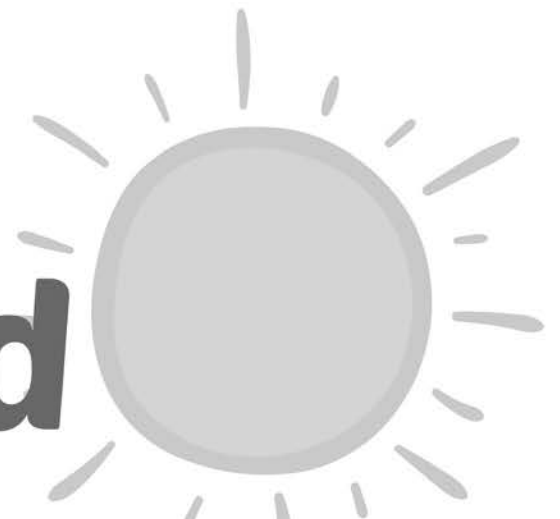
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**Municipal Parking Lot Agreement – Eric**

Eric stated that both owners of 6 Depot and Werkshires have signed the Parking Lot Agreement that the Board had previously approved. Roger asked if the parking lot would be reserved for customers of the businesses that use that lot and Eric responded, no, it will be a municipal lot that is open to everyone. Eric explained that the plan is to lay out the parking lot in a way that will double the available parking spaces, and this will be our largest municipal lot. Curt stated that once this is signed, he will begin working on the parking lot per the plans laid out by Foresight Land Services. He will also purchase signs that state it is a municipal parking lot. Curt mentioned that the survey and lay out cost \$2541 and that there will be additional costs to his budget to maintain this parking lot. He will continue to keep track of the total costs and update the Board throughout the year.

Eric made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to accept and approve the Municipal Parking Lot Agreement.

Roll call vote;

Kathleen Yes      Roger Yes      Eric Yes  
Agreement approved.

**Select Board Speak:**

Eric informed the Board that we have begun an application process for a USDA Rural Development Grant that will likely yield \$39,000 to offset the cost of the new DPW truck. He would like to work with Curt and Marie to get this completed, the deadline is in June. Eric also noted that there is a mobile healthcare grant available using resources from left over COVID funds that could help pay for the cost of the Fire Chief’s new vehicle.

**Citizen Speak:**

Joe Roy inquired about the sign permit status of his and other businesses in Town. Marie explained that Kathleen is creating a list of all the businesses that have signs. Marie will take this list to Town Building Inspector Brian DuVal to research and see if any of the businesses have a sign permit. Marie will then go through the process to get businesses without sign permits to be in compliance.

Joe informed the Board that the Vision Committee has begun discussions in relation to permitting in Town. He said they are willing to research and create a document that lists all the permitted uses and which permits are needed for each. The Board agreed this would be helpful to residents and prospective businesses, and the Board will coordinate this effort going forward.

Eric made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger.

Roll call vote;

Roger Yes      Kathleen Yes      Eric Yes  
Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*  
Town Administrator

Documents:

- Award letter form the State for \$2500 for Fire Department AED
- Bid information for new RBC Unit for Wastewater Plant
- Sign Permit Application from Town Library
- Sign Permit Application from Historical Society
- Signed Parking Lot Agreement
- Master Plan update from Dana Bixby, Eric and Seth Jenkins, BRPC

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## June History Quiz Question:

In the second half of the 1800s, West Stockbridge was a bustling industrial town, supported by the iron and lime industry and integrated with the outside world by the railroad. The two railroads through town were the Boston & Albany, which ran through State Line, and the Housatonic, which ran up from Connecticut, through Great Barrington, Housatonic, through the village center, and out to State Line.

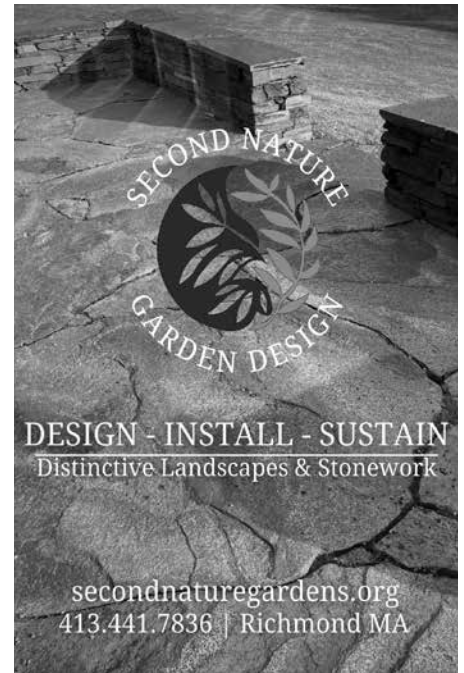
A third rail line was never built but did have an impact on the town. We still see evidence of this railroad when we drive around the village center. What was that unfinished railroad, and what was its significance for our town?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

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# TurnPark Presents Annual Summer Festival *Healing Flames* June 11

By Michelle Kaplan, TurnPark Program Coordinator

The Annual TurnPark Art Space Summer Festival, a day-long celebration of art and nature, will be held Saturday, June 11, from 4 to 10 pm. This year's event, "Healing Flames," will feature a variety of performing and visual arts across the grounds, as well as food by HAND CRAFTED and the unveiling of *Earth & Sky* from world-renowned Estonian-American ceramicist Sergei Isupov. The festival is also a continuation of TurnPark's extensive relief efforts for Ukraine.

Chingiz Dub, led by Sasha Drey, is the festival's musical highlight. Mixing traditional Tuvan throat singing with experimental electronic music, Chingiz Dub intertwines mythological and fairy tale elements with psychedelic trance, costumed performance, and rock concert energy to create a new tincture for the senses.

The visual portion of the event will be developed by Georgian-born multimedia artist and frequent TurnPark collaborator Uta Bekaia. In his practice, the New York and Tsibili-based Bekaia engages multiple artistic media, creating wearable sculptures and immersive installations, along with costumes, ceramics, and embroideries.

The centerpiece of "Healing Flames" will be the inaugural firing of the rare and captivating "petal" kiln. Over the course of the day, the 8-foot-tall wood-fired kiln will steadily increase in temperature until 10 pm when it will open like the petals of a flower to reveal a fiery glowing sculpture, Isupov's *Earth & Sky*.

"Healing Flames" will also offer additional opportunities to support Ukraine, through direct donations and the purchase of unique merchandise, extending an aid drive that began in March when TurnPark shipped thousands of items from the community to humanitarian organizations working in Ukraine.

"Our Summer Festival is fast becoming a much anticipated annual highlight, charged with so much creativity and energy," says TurnPark co-founder and director Igor Gomberg. "This year's event is also deeply personal as we continue to address the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and the global impact of war. We look forward to gathering with the community in the spirit of peace, serenity, and healing."

Event information: Saturday, June 11, 4–10 pm, TurnPark Art Space, 2 Moscow Road, West Stockbridge, MA, 01266. Tickets, \$30 through May, \$35 June 1–10, and \$40 day-of are now available from [turnpark.com](http://turnpark.com) or by searching "healing flames" at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Tickets may also be purchased at the TurnPark Art Space Visitor's Center. Children 12 and younger are free accompanied by an adult.

Dear Friends!

The past few months have been challenging for the TurnPark family. Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine has affected our lives in unimaginable ways. As an organization founded by a family with roots in both Ukraine and Russia, we strongly believe the responsibility to spearhead any relief effort as well as to increase the awareness about the situation is our responsibility.

We created TurnPark because we believe in the power and beauty of community, and we feel deeply grateful to all those who participated in the TurnPark Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine drive. No words can describe the immense feelings of love and belonging we felt when we saw the Ukrainian flag flying all over West Stockbridge. Thank you for making this drive a success and thank you for reinforcing our belief in the power of community.

Unfortunately, the war is still continuing, and people are still suffering. Now it seems more effective to collect money for their direct needs. We invite you to join us in our fundraiser to help Ukraine via [www.turnpark.com](http://www.turnpark.com) and attend TurnPark's Annual Summer Festival on Saturday, June 11, 2022, from 4 to 10 pm. This year's theme is "Healing Flames," and the festival is a continuation of TurnPark's effort to aid Ukrainian citizens and refugees, with opportunities to purchase unique merchandise and donate. We will gather together with the intention of bringing peace and healing to our exhausted world.

The centerpiece of the festival will be the firing of *Earth & Sky*, a large-scale ceramic sculpture by world-renowned ceramist Sergei Isupov, who was raised and educated in Kyiv, Ukraine. The festival begins during the hottest part of the firing and continues until the 8-foot-tall kiln opens like the petals of a flower to reveal the fiery glowing sculpture at 10 pm. This attraction is exceptionally rare because only a few of these kilns exist. The event will also include an exciting array of multicultural performances, visual artworks, and music, along with drinks and food by HAND CRAFTED.

Tickets and more information can be found on social media and on our website, [www.turnpark.com](http://www.turnpark.com). We look forward to welcoming you at the festival and at the park in general throughout the season (May 13–October 31).

In these uncertain times, we find inspiration in the words of bell hooks: "When we let our light shine, we draw to us and are drawn to other bearers of light. We are not alone."

*The TurnPark Team*

*Photos courtesy of TurnPark Art Space:*

# Plein Air In-Person Workshop



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All you will need to bring is a great attitude, a desire to learn to paint from nature, and your supplies.



*Chris was featured on the Plein Air Magazine cover with an article by Bob Bahr in the Dec-Jan 2022 issue of Plein Air Magazine!*

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**Materials used:** Oil, Acrylic

**3-day workshop:**

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# Residents Weigh In on Land Conservation and Outdoor Recreation

By Lauren Gaherty, Senior Planner, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

As we reported in the April edition of the *Local Yokel*, the town of West Stockbridge is concurrently updating its Master Plan and developing its first Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP). These planning processes will lay out a blueprint for maintaining a rural West Stockbridge that serves the needs of current and future generations. As part of this effort, the town sponsored two public surveys last summer and fall. Along with these surveys, the town hosted a public forum on April 13 to gather firsthand the residents' views about open space conservation and outdoor recreation needs. This article updates the findings of the OSRP process.

## Residents Voice Their Needs

When asked what outdoor activities they currently enjoy doing, 82% of survey respondents stated that they “walked/hiked,” the activity that was by far the most popular. The other top activities that respondents engaged in were gardening (69%), bicycling (51%), swimming (50%), bird watching (43%), and boating/kayaking and playgrounds (at 42% each).

West Stockbridge is endowed with lands that are free and open to the public. Of the nine sites listed in the public survey, Olivia’s Overlook is by far the one most visited by respondents, with 50 of them saying that they visited the site “very frequently” or “frequently.” At the same time, many respondents indicated that they’d never heard of some state-owned sites, such as Flat Brook Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Cranberry Pond and Maple Hill WMA, or the town-owned Tom Ball Mountain.

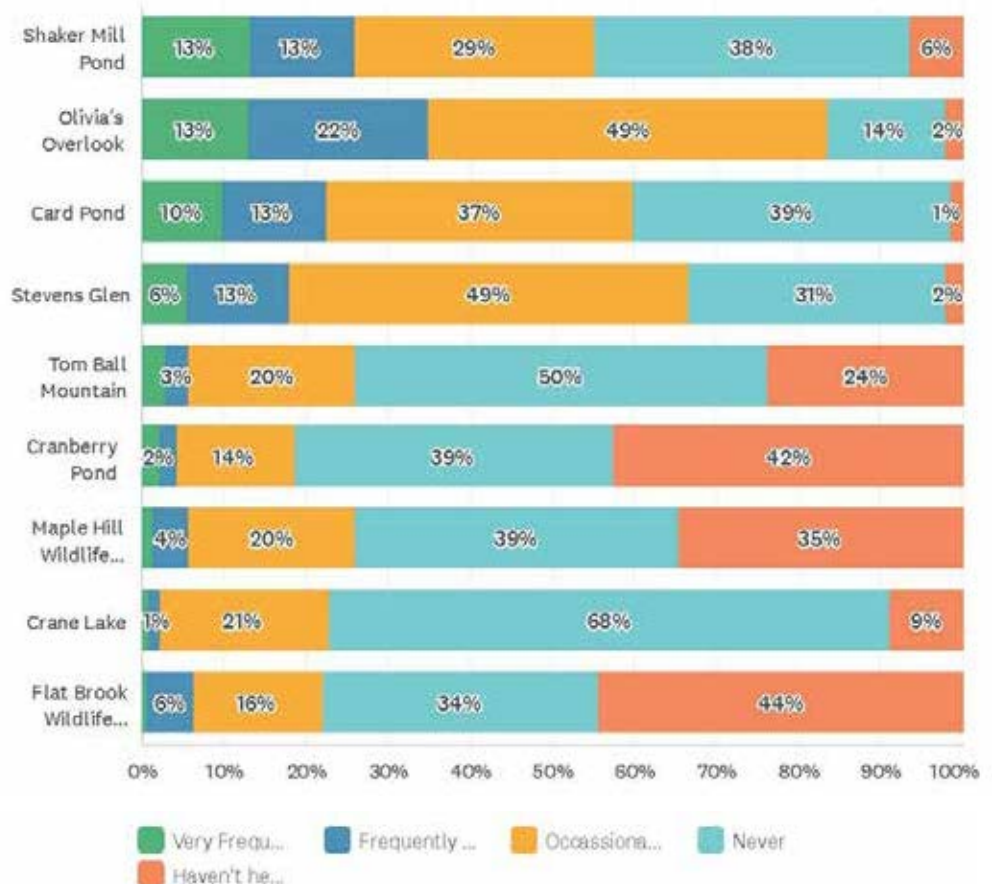
Survey respondents were asked for suggestions on how to improve outdoor recreation in West Stockbridge. Thirty percent of respondents indicated a need to have more hiking, walking, and biking trails, with many citing a need for easy walking trails linking the downtown to other recreational areas. Currently, no walking/hiking trails in the town are on gentle terrain. Twenty-two percent of respondents mentioned their desire for safer ways to bike, with many specifically stating a desire to create a walking/biking trail along the old railroad corridor that parallels the Williams River. This desire was restated by residents who attended a public forum held on April 13.

Both Card and Shaker Mill Ponds were mentioned very specifically, with 22% stating the need for improved maintenance at Card Pond, with many citing the need to control excessive aquatic vegetation and goose droppings. Other respondents cited the need to improve the Card Pond parking lot and add amenities such as a walking trail and some type of shading.

## You are Invited to Review the Summary of Findings

An OSRP Summary of Findings is now posted on the town’s website for public review and comment. This document summarizes the major findings of the draft OSRP and offers recommended actions on how to conserve key landscapes and wildlife habitats and to improve recreation offerings in West Stockbridge. The OSRP Working Group has developed an Action Plan that it believes will help meet the needs of residents and their families. These actions emerged after considering all the input residents have provided and the improvements that town officials have already recommended. We encourage you to visit the document and let us know your thoughts.

Public survey respondents chose the public open space sites they visit the most (see bar graph).





## Art Connects with Everyone on Main Street in The Guild of Berkshire Artists' July Show

The Guild of Berkshire Artists will have its first indoor art show since the pandemic began in the lofty, airy second floor of the 1854 historic Old Town Hall. The guild will be showcasing how art is universal, based on our shared cultural values that connect everyone on Main Street and in the broader Berkshire communities. Approximately 25 artists, drawn from the ranks of the guild's more than 170 members, will exhibit works in oil, watercolor, acrylics, stained glass, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, and woodworking. Free and open to all, the show runs from 10 am to 5 pm Friday through Sunday, July 8 to 10, and again on July 15 to 17. For further information, visit [www.berkshireartists.org](http://www.berkshireartists.org).

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Pensi Il Verde was started in 2006 for the purpose of ladies learning what the stock market is all about, how to pick stocks, what to look for, know the terminology, start their own retirement fund, make money (hopefully).

We are looking for two additional members. Our meetings last about 2 hours or less depending on the business at hand, and we meet every last Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 pm at 55 Lenox Rd, West Stockbridge. Once you have become more familiar with what is happening, you will be obligated to provide 3 new stocks to report on per year.

A computer is a must or access to one. The initial investment is a onetime non-refundable \$100 fee payable to the club. The other expense would be having a subscription to IBD (*Investor's Business Daily*), since we use it for our reports, among other sources.

Each month, the ladies (partners) make a \$50 minimum investment to the club. Each partner will have a capital account, and each month she will get a monthly statement showing her assets in her capital account. Stocks are picked by a majority vote, and the presenter will follow the stock of choice and report at each meeting.

This is a great way to learn about stocks, make new friends, and have some fun.

Please reply to [scoxon417@yahoo.com](mailto:scoxon417@yahoo.com) if interested.

Hope to hear from you, Sue Coxon

# Giving Back: The 2022 Town Cleanup

By Lily Thorne Davenport

My father, Peter Thorne, has been hosting the town cleanups for the last 30 years. Every third Saturday in April, he'd get me and my sisters out the door along with a hearty group of West Stockbridge residents to don yellow vests and pick up cigarette butts and nips off the side of the roads around town. Some years were sunny and beautiful; others, like this year, started off with a bite in the air and the threat of rain or snow.

It is lucky for the town that my father, who was born in the UK and still carries his green card, is an incredibly civic-minded individual. Like many of this small town's residents, he is always quick to give his time and energy in any helpful manner he can. He and my mother have always shown me the importance of being involved in the community you live in. After I moved back last year, my father and I stopped by the Highway Department to get things ready, and in a passing conversation, my dad mentioned that I'd be taking over the responsibility of organizing the town cleanup. This was news to me, but I was happy to jump on in.

This year we had 38 people (if you include the kids) show up at the firehouse. Folks set out to clean up Route 41 south of town, West Center, Woodruff, Moscow, and Lenox Roads, parts of Route 102, Baker Street, High Street, and Card Pond. We had a lovely resident of Great Barrington, Colleen Coyte, join the efforts, along with quite a few new faces. Colleen spent the morning cleaning up around Card Pond, and when asked why she came to help out she said, "I volunteer because it always helps something or someone. When I recently cleaned Card Pond, I was protecting wildlife and making sure that nature wouldn't get sick on debris lying around. I helped to enhance the grounds by collecting debris and improving quality of the natural environment. And it makes me feel good that I was able to help in some way!"

Yellow garbage bags dotted the roads all around town after everyone's hard work. Curt Wilton, the Director of Public Works in town, took a few photos of all the bags his team collected.

Thank you so much to the participants. I've listed your names below (please excuse any misspellings, and if I haven't noted you here, I am sorry, it was a cold morning). It is because of people like you, who care about your community, or even your neighboring community, who understand the value of taking care of a place for all of the inhabitants, animal and human alike, and giving back, because as Colleen says, "It always helps something or someone."

Participants in order of appearance:

Colleen Coyte  
Eric Shimelonis  
Anne Wild-Rocheleau  
Strafford Wild-Rocheleau  
Madeline Rocheleau-Holmes  
Tristan Cayenne  
Jason and Lauren  
Sue Mullen  
Truc Nguyen  
Andy Potter  
Brenda Elling  
John Elling

Bob Salerno  
Margie Skaggs  
Karen Carmean  
Doane Perry  
Peter Rothstein  
CC Cave  
Lynn Ryan  
Bobie Clady  
Joseph Giramma  
Rachel Fagerburg  
Connie Egan  
Jared Gelormino

Jenny Hallock  
Simon Davenport  
Willem Davenport  
Hannah Cinelli  
Josh Cinelli  
Ezra Cinelli  
Althea Cinelli  
Caitlin Hersey  
Dan Hersey  
Luella Hersey  
Desmond Hersey  
Peter Thorne



Photo courtesy of Lily Thorne Davenport

# Housatonic Valley Association Launches Explore-a-thon Event

By Kelley Hall, Communications & Engagement Manager



The Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) recently opened online registration for its inaugural Explore-a-thon event, a unique way to promote awareness and develop support for environmental health in the Housatonic River Watershed by encouraging people to enjoy the outdoors.

Explore-a-thon will be held during the entire month of June; there is no central gathering location. To participate, people register either alone or as a team and then enjoy the outdoors anywhere in the tri-state area, a nearly 2,000-square-mile watershed, by walking, hiking, biking, or just enjoying the scenery.

Registrants are also eligible to compete in a variety of competitions, for example, most miles hiked with a dog, most sites visited, and best bird photo, for prizes including a guided overnight experience on the Housatonic River, Patagonia gear, a private chef's dinner for six at Troutbeck (in Amenia, New York), a pair of hiking boots, an REI daypack, and more.

In addition to outdoor activities, people can support Explore-a-thon by making a donation or visiting a partner brewery. All proceeds from the event will go toward HVA's critical work in protecting the waterways, lands, and wildlife in the Housatonic River Watershed.

"Everybody makes a difference when it comes to making the Housatonic River Watershed healthy. By having fun outdoors—finding new adventures or enjoying familiar ones—I'm excited to say that anybody can participate in our first-ever Explore-a-thon, said HVA Executive Director Lynn Werner. "And everybody who does will be raising critical funds to help protect our waterways and lands, making the Housatonic Valley climate-ready for all."

To learn more about the event and register, visit [www.hvatoday.org](http://www.hvatoday.org) and click on the "Explore-a-thon Event" tab.

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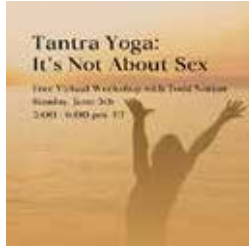
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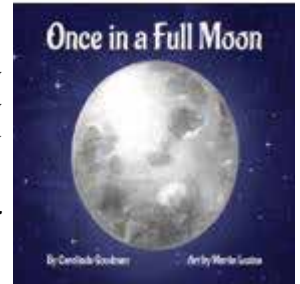
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Greetings to all from your town librarians, trustees, and friends! We have several fun and interesting events this month.



**Zoom event with Todd Norian:** West Stockbridge Library, Becket Athenaeum, and Lee Library present internationally acclaimed Todd Norian, yogi, author, founder, and longtime Berkshire resident, in an enlightening, *free* one-hour live online lecture/workshop, *Tantra Yoga: It's Not About Sex. The Truth About the Path to Inner Peace and Unreasonable Happiness*, on Sunday, June 5, from 5 to 6 pm. Register at <https://www.ashayayoga.com/tantra-yoga-its-not-about-sex>.

**Author Event:** Author Carolinda Goodman will read from her picture book, *Once in a Full Moon*, on Saturday, June 11, at 11 am in the Community Room and present a moon-related craft. *Once in a Full Moon* tells in lively rhyme, illustrated in rich colors, the stories behind the different names for this monthly visitor, many of which come from Native American tradition.



Under her “other” name, Carol Goodman Kaufman is the food history columnist for the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* and the *Berkshire Jewish Voice*. She also writes mysteries and freelance articles.

The first 20 children to arrive at the Community Room will receive a free copy of the book. Masks are strongly encouraged. Event is sponsored by the West Stockbridge Public Library and supported by the Friends of the Library.

**Children’s Mental Health Awareness Story Walk:** Please enjoy our latest Story Walk featuring the book *Isaac’s Story*. The pages of the book will appear on signs near the West Stockbridge playground.

**Borrow a musical instrument!** Musician Eric Shimelonis has shared a ukulele and a children’s classical guitar for loans and learning. Two more ukes were gifted to the library from Irene Vassos. Please call or come in to pick one up!

**Take and make** children’s art activities continue; please help yourself to the latest craft fun created by the tireless Miss Vicky. *We look forward to seeing you soon! Vicky, Rachel, Tess, and Brad (he’s back!)*

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## NEW ADULT FICTION

- Baldacci, *Dream Town*
- Barnhill, *When Women Were Dragons*
- Diaz, *Trust*
- Donlea, *Twenty Years Later*
- Egan, *Candy House*
- Hua, *Forbidden City*
- Mandel, *Sea of Tranquility*
- Reid, *Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*
- Sandford, *Investigator*
- Scottoline, *What Happened to the Bennetts*
- Skördeman, *Geiger*
- Trigiani, *Good Left Undone*
- Tyler, *French Braid*
- Walsh, *Love of My Life*

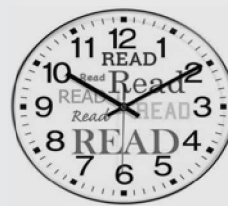
## NEW ADULT NONFICTION

- Asher, *Where the Children Take Us*
- Barr, *One Damn Thing After Another*
- Olsen, *If You Tell: A True Story of Murder*
- Schweizer, *Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich*

## NEW YOUNG ADULT AND CHILDREN’S BOOKS

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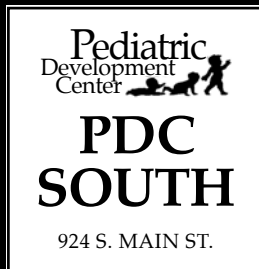
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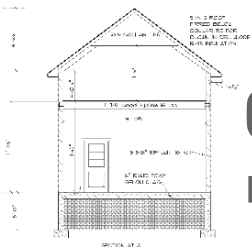
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# On the Home Front

By Thom Lipiczky

## Septic Systems

A recent *Washington Post* article reported that “Climate change is wrecking septic tanks.” It described what happens when a septic system is overwhelmed by heavy rains, ever more common in certain areas due to changes in our climate. I think I can safely say we all want to avoid “soggy socks” and smelly backyards resulting from a system that is unable to absorb and process wastes adequately.

It occurred to me that there’s much I don’t know about how a septic system works. (Or what bitcoin is, but that’s a topic for another column, *not* one of mine.) So here’s the moment both of my readers have been waiting for: a column on getting your sh\*t together!

Here’s the explanation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):

Septic systems are underground wastewater treatment structures, commonly used in rural areas without centralized sewer systems. They use a combination of nature and proven technology to treat wastewater from household plumbing produced by bathrooms, kitchen drains, and laundry. A typical septic system consists of a septic tank and a drainfield [note from me: *also called a leach field*] or soil absorption field.

Many of us in West Stockbridge have private septic systems if we’re not hooked up to the town sewer system. These systems use *the power of microbes* (!) to process the wastes and convert them into harmless—indeed, sometimes beneficial—by-products.

Back to the EPA explanation (our tax dollars at work!):

1. All water runs out of your house from one main drainage pipe into a septic tank.
2. The septic tank is a buried watertight container usually made of concrete, fiberglass, or polyethylene. Its job is to hold the wastewater long enough to allow solids to settle down to the bottom, forming sludge, while the oil and grease floats to the top as scum.
3. Compartments and a T-shaped outlet prevent the sludge and scum from leaving the tank and traveling into the drainfield area.
4. The liquid wastewater (effluent) then exits the tank into the drainfield.
5. The drainfield is a shallow covered excavation made in unsaturated soil. Pretreated wastewater is discharged through piping onto porous surfaces that allow wastewater to filter through the soil. The soil accepts, treats, and disperses wastewater as it percolates through the soil, ultimately discharging to groundwater. If the drainfield is overloaded with too much liquid, it can flood, causing sewage to flow to the ground surface [the “soggy socks” effect noted earlier] or create backups in toilets and sinks.
6. Finally, the wastewater percolates into the soil, naturally removing harmful coliform bacteria, viruses, and nutrients. Coliform bacteria is a group of bacteria predominantly inhabiting the intestines of humans or other warm-blooded animals. It is an indicator of human fecal contamination.

Because processing wastes is a sanitation issue, our town Board of Health (BoH) agent oversees the siting, design, and installation of septic systems. Title 5 of the state regulations determines this oversight, and a licensed Title 5 engineer must sign off on septic work.

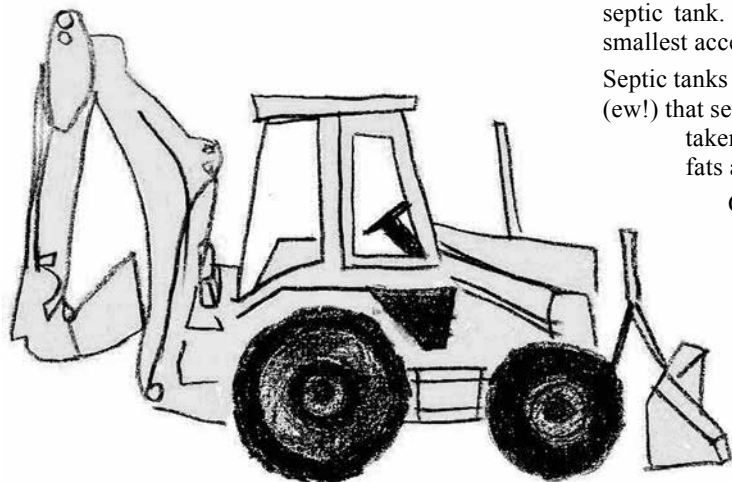
Construction of a new home requires a system designed by a professional engineer. A “perc test” shows the ability of the soils to absorb the effluent from a system. An excavator digs several test pits, and the engineer and BoH agent observe the timed rate of absorption in an open-ended pipe filled with water. Sales of existing homes also require a Title 5 inspection to make sure the system is performing adequately.

The number of bedrooms in a house (*not* bathrooms) determines the size of the septic tank. Usually, a tank with a minimum capacity of 1,000 gallons is the smallest acceptable for houses up to three to four bedrooms.

Septic tanks should be pumped out periodically to remove a buildup of the sludge (ew!) that settles at the bottom and keep the system working well. Care should be taken not to overload the system by pouring paints or large amounts of fats and grease down the drain.

OK, that’s it for this month! Flush away!

Send questions, comments, or rants to [info@thelocalyokel.org](mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org).



## Community News & Events

Due to the coronavirus health situation, 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

Weekly blood pressure clinic schedule: every Wednesday from 9 to 10 am at the Town Offices, 21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge, and every Thursday from 9 to 10 am at the Richmond Congregational Church, State Road, Richmond. Info: Emilie Jarrett, RN, (413) 232-0122, or [Emilie@charws.com](mailto:Emilie@charws.com).

### Stockbridge Grange Dinner

On Sunday, June 12, the Stockbridge Grange will serve a takeout-only dinner at the Grange Hall at 51 Church Street, Stockbridge. The dinner will be stuffed breast of chicken, with chocolate and lemon pies for dessert. Cost is \$14. Pickup time is 12 to 1:30 pm. To place an order, call (413) 243-1298 or (413) 443-4352. The deadline for ordering is Friday, June 9.

### Council on Aging

Our next luncheon will be at noon on Wednesday, June 8, outside weather permitting (otherwise, in the Community Room). Bring something for potluck or just bring your own lunch. Please bring a chair because we will be sitting out front of the Town Offices. Any questions, please call Paula at (413) 232-4394.

### The Knitters Group

The Knitters Group meets every Wednesday from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room at the Town Offices. All crafts are welcome.

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## History Quiz Answer:

The Lee & Hudson Railroad was started in the early 1870s to run from Lee to State Line. At that time, the Housatonic Railroad had a monopoly on freight traffic through South County, servicing the local glassworks, mines, and quarries. The area's businessmen and farmers believed the Housatonic rates were exorbitant (which they likely were). A group of people got together and decided to build a competing railroad. They raised funds from local businesses and incorporated in early 1873. The mayor of Hudson and officers of the Boston & Albany recognized the potential and even joined in the funding. This venture had promise.



1893 railroad station. Photo courtesy of West Stockbridge Historical Society

The new railroad would service farmers and industries in Lee, Lenox, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge, bringing freight to the State Line junction to connect with the Boston & Albany for service to Albany, Hudson, and points west. The Housatonic monopoly would be no more, commerce would increase, and both the port of Hudson and the Boston & Albany Railroad would benefit.

In March 1873, the owners of the three railroads met and agreed to build a passenger station in West Stockbridge to service all three lines. At that time, the town only had a small depot that was typical of the time. It was nothing special, basically a shelter for handling freight. The proposed fancier new station, pictured here, would cost \$5,000, shared by all three lines, and be situated approximately at the location of the current Six Depot. It would be 20 x 60 feet, large for the time and designed in the classic Victorian-era style.

At first the Housatonic Railroad didn't take the Lee & Hudson seriously and paid little attention to the line. They had their own route, and no serious competition could impact it. But as money was raised and various sections of the line began to be constructed, the situation changed, and the owners of the Housatonic became more assertive.

But it didn't matter. The Lee & Hudson worked on construction through 1873. One of the completed roadbeds is visible on Route 41, just south of Card Pond. On either side of the road are elevated embankments that would support a trestle over the road to Great Barrington. Further south of town are pieces of the roadbed to the east of Route 41 on private property. One of the most dramatic stretches is off Glendale Road where rock cuts were blasted to run the line. There is even a stone shed in the woods where the black powder was stored.

By late 1873, the management of the Housatonic got serious. They wouldn't allow the Lee & Hudson to cross their rail line, effectively cutting off access to the West Stockbridge and State Line interchange. The Lee & Hudson ran out of money and time. The engineering challenges around Stockbridge, plus the limitation on State Line access, doomed the railroad, and it closed.

The new elaborate passenger station in West Stockbridge went forward, however. It lasted until 1899 when it burned down. A new station, more modest, replaced the charred shell on the same site. It was modified extensively by Gordon Rose in the 1970s, but its remnants are seen today in the core structure of Six Depot.



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## **June 3, TKG First Friday Reception, 5-8pm.**

Come meet the artists on display during June at TKG Realty in Pittsfield! Zoom reception link available, check website for more details.

**June 7, Photo Editing Workshop, 1:30-2:30pm.** Work on mobile photo editing with others via Zoom.

**June 8, Monthly Meeting, 4-6:30pm.** In-person with Zoom access available. Demo/Seminar TBD. Sign up required, see the Website for more details.

**June 12, Potluck, 4-5pm.** Join hosts Freya Segal and John and Linda Mancia over Zoom. See website for more details.

**June 13, Collage & Mixed Media Workshop, 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Join Carolyn Abrams for Collage & Mixed Media.

**June 16, Plein Air program starts, 10am-1pm, Mon-Sat.** Check website for more details including locations and weather procedures.

**June 21, Best Practices, 3pm.** "Topic TBD" Panel discussion with Susan and David Honneus.

**June 21, Garden Party at Shaker Mill Inn 5pm.** Celebrate the art on display at the Inn and the art from the Plein Air workshops with Chris Morel out in the garden.

**June 26, Berkshire Photo Gathering.** Online. See following webpage for more information: [berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings](http://berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings)

**June 30, Art Book Gathering, 9:30-11am.** Share a favorite book: artist, or process. Visit [www.berkshireartists.org](http://www.berkshireartists.org) for more info.



## **Oil & Acrylic Plein Air Workshops with Chris Morel**

**3-day June 14-16 & 2-day June 20-21**

Join Chris in and around West Stockbridge as he leads 2 different plein air workshops this June! Chris is a nationally recognized Plein Air artist and has done demos with the guild in the past. To see if spots are available check the website!

**Wednesdays, Art Together,** Join GBA artists together online using Zoom. See website for times.

**June 6 & 20, Procrastinator's Challenge!, 10-11am.** GBA members can join for a jumpstart on their creative productivity via Zoom.

**June 14 & 28, Positive Critique, 7:30-8:30 p.m.** Join Michele Caplan for a positive critique session for Guild members via Zoom.

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Assessors Office	<i>Mary Stodden</i>	232-0300	ext. 303	Tues. 1–5 pm; Thurs. 9 am–1 pm
Board of Health	<i>Earl Moffatt</i>	232-0300	ext. 314	Fri. 9 am–4 pm, or by appt.
Select Board	<i>Kathleen Keresey, Andy Potter</i>	232-0300	ext. 319	
Town Administrator	<i>Marie Ryan</i>			Mon.–Thurs. 7 am–3 pm Fri. 7–11 am
Building Inspector	<i>Brian Duval</i>	232-0300	ext. 313	Leave Message for Inquiries
Conservation Commission	<i>John Masiero</i>	232-7063		Leave Message for Inquiries
Council on Aging	<i>John Zick</i>	232-0300	ext. 340	Leave Message for Inquiries
Emergency Management	<i>Louis Oggiani</i>	528-2175		
Fire Department	<i>Steve Traver</i>	911 or 329-7153 (non-emergency)		Mon. 6:30–9 pm
Highway Department	<i>Curt G. Wilton</i>	232-0305		Leave Message for Inquiries
Library	<i>Rachel Alter</i>	232-0300	ext. 308	Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Sat. 10 am–3 pm; Tues. and Fri. 2–6 pm; closed Sun.
Police Department	<i>Marc Portieri</i>	911 or 232-8500 (non-emergency)		24 hours, 7 days/week
Post Office	<i>Colleen A. Wich</i>	232-8544		Lobby: 7 am–7 pm; 7 days/week; Window: Mon.–Fri. 9 am–4:30 pm; Sat. 9 am–12 noon
Sewer & Water Commission	<i>Michael Buffoni</i>	232-0309		
Town Accountant	<i>Elaine Markham</i>	232-0300	ext. 317	Leave Message for Inquiries
Town Clerk	<i>Ronni Barrett</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	Tues. & Thurs. 1:30–3:30 pm
Town Collector	<i>Kellie Bradbury</i>	232-0300	ext. 302	Tues. 3–7 pm; Wed. 7 am–12 pm; Thurs. 1–6 pm
Town Historian	<i>Robert Salerno</i>	232-4465		
Town Treasurer	<i>Karen Williams</i>	232-0300	ext. 316	Thurs. 9 am–4 pm
Transfer Station	<i>Wayne Cooper</i>	232-0307		Tues. & Thurs. 10 am–6 pm and Sat. 8 am–6 pm
Tree Warden	<i>Andrew Fudge</i>	212-9206		
Veterans Agency	<i>Laurie Hills</i>	528-1580		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

Official Town Government Website: [weststockbridge-ma.gov](http://weststockbridge-ma.gov) • Community and Business Website: [visitweststockbridge.com](http://visitweststockbridge.com)

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# Spring Concert

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**Old Town Hall, Main Street, West Stockbridge  
Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 2 pm**

**Catherine Hudgins, clarinet • Sarah Atwood, violin  
Amy Sims, violin • Nathaniel Farny, viola • William Rounds, cello**

**Franz Xaver Wolfgang Mozart/Catherine Hudgins:**  
Piano Quartet in G minor, Op. 1 (arranged for clarinet and string trio)

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>19</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### June 2022 Calendar of Events

Due to the coronavirus health situation, 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 the latest information.			
6/2	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
6/4	Shavuot (begins at sundown)		
6/6	Select Board meeting	6 pm	See town website for details
6/8	COA luncheon	12 noon	Town Offices, 21 State Line Road
6/9	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
6/11	TurnPark Summer Festival	4–10 pm	TurnPark Art Space, 2 Moscow Road
6/11	WSHS Daryl Lowery Jazz Concert	8 pm	Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street
6/12	Stockbridge Grange takeout dinner		See Community News for details
6/14	Flag Day		
6/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		Send to <a href="mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org">info@thelocalyokel.org</a>
6/16	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
6/19	Father's Day		
6/19	Juneteenth		
6/20	Juneteenth holiday (Town Offices closed)		
6/21	First Day of Summer		
6/21	Select Board meeting	6 pm	See town website for details
6/23	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street
6/26	Card Pond Opening Party	11 am–1 pm	Card Pond
6/26	WSHS Chamber Players Spring Concert	2 pm	Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street
6/30	Farmers Market	3–6 pm	The Foundry Green, Harris Street