

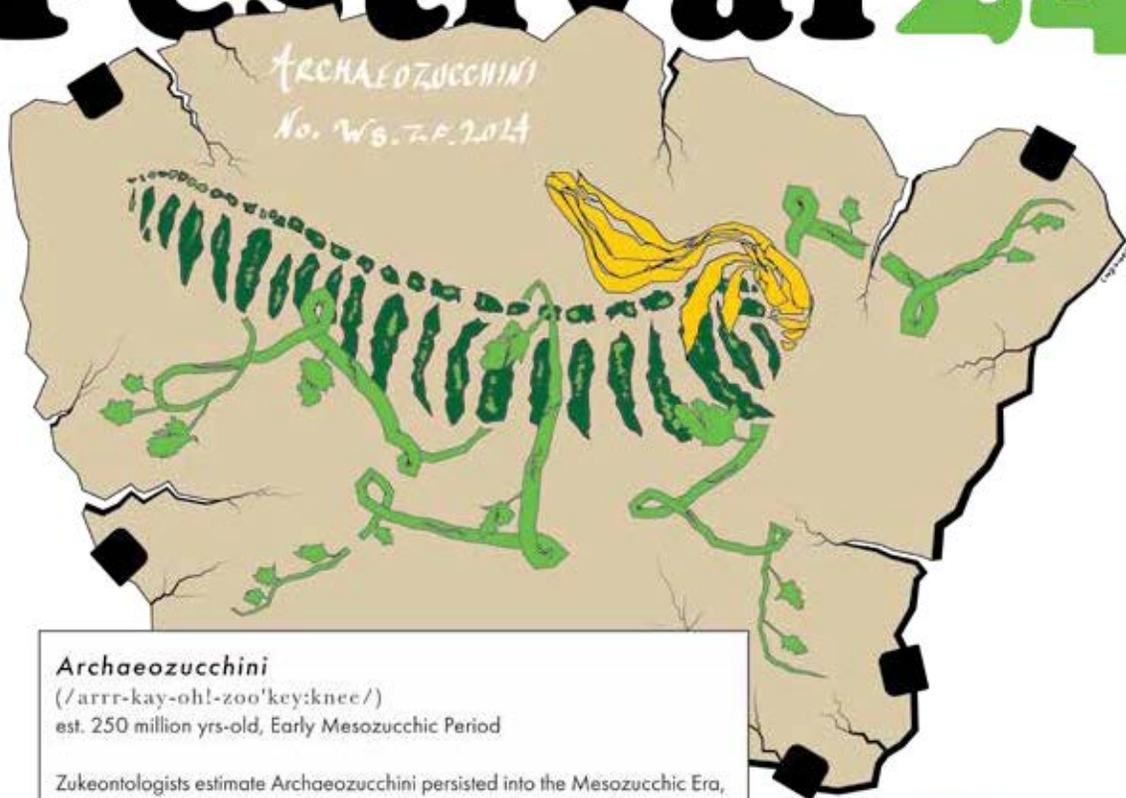
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## 250! West Stockbridge Zucchini 20 Festival 24



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WS.ZF.2024, collected by J. Naunauphtaunk, 1774  
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**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 10pm**  
**Downtown WS at Depot St. & Center St.**

# New Business Profile: Ella May's Ice Cream

By John Parker



*View from the street*



*Inside the shop*



*The patio*

What can be better on a hot summer day (or any day, really) than a cone or dish of delicious homemade ice cream? Lucky for us, a new business has opened on Main Street: Ella May's Ice Cream. The cozy shop is right next to the mini-sculpture park by the walking bridge. I stopped in the day of the town's 250th anniversary celebration and was greeted by the cheerful and friendly owner, Ella May Kibler-White, who gave me the lowdown on the new business.

Ella May's features ice cream made by her husband Matt White, a third-generation ice cream maker originally from Maine, who creates all the hard pack ice cream in a dozen flavors. Ella May proudly explained that their ice cream is made from high butter fat. It's all natural, organic, with "no artificial anything" and no carrageenan (common additive used as a stabilizer or thickener and made from seaweed. Who knew?). The shop also offers premium soft serve from Ronnybrook Farm Dairy in Ancramdale, New York.

Hard pack ice cream comes in one, two, and three-scoop portions (\$4, \$6, and \$8), soft serve in small and large (\$4 and \$6). They even have a "pup cup" (\$2) for lucky canine friends. Ella May said they expect to start making their own waffle cones soon and offer hot fudge toppings. In addition to indoor and sidewalk seating, the shop opens onto a pleasant garden patio with two tables under umbrellas for shade.

Asked about their plans for the colder months, Ella May reported they will stay open and bring in additional items such as panini, soups, hot chocolate, baked goods, eggs, and specialty cheeses.

Ella May commented that she and Matt were drawn to the West Stockbridge location, thanks to its small town charm, numerous cultural events, and traffic flow. She said, "People have been really lovely, supportive, and excited we're here." I couldn't agree more and wish them much success—I'll be back soon!



*Photos by John Parker*

*Happy customers*



*Ella May serves up a cone*

# 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 August 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 June 17, 2024

**Quorum present:** Select Board Members; Kathleen Kerese, Chair Andrew Potter, and Town Administrator Marie Ryan.

Andy Krouss was absent.

Andy Potter opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Andy then read the following statement:

*Any member of the public wishing to speak at the meeting must receive permission of the Chair. The listings of agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be in fact discussed and other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy, to approve Minutes from June 3, 2024.

All were in favor, minutes approved.

## Citizen Speak Time:

Andy read the following statement:

*This is an opportunity for the Select Board to listen to residents. Topics of particular concern or importance may be placed on a future agenda for discussion. This time is reserved for town residents only unless otherwise permitted by the chair, and speakers are limited to 3 minutes each.*

Thomas Ruffing, a Richmond resident, requested that the Board resume discussion in regard to the odor issues at Wiseacre Farm as soon as possible. Andy noted that this is already an agenda item for the next Board meeting.

## Town Administrator Update:

Marie mentioned that due to the intense heatwave this week, the Community Room at Town Hall will be open every day until 10 PM for residents that need a break from the heat. The Library will also have extended hours and will be open the remainder of the week from 10 AM until 6 PM daily, even on Wednesday, when the Town Hall offices will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

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# Exploring a Unified Fire and EMS Future

By the Fire Chiefs and Administrators of Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, and Richmond

On Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 1 pm, a pivotal meeting took place at the West Stockbridge Town Offices. The towns of Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, and Richmond convened to discuss the future of Fire and EMS Services for the three towns.

This preliminary idea seeks to improve the safety and efficiency of emergency services throughout the region. It proposes the implementation of a full-time 24/7 career staff of Firefighter EMTs to deliver enhanced emergency medical and initial fire response. The specific implementation across the three communities will be examined in the coming months.

Central to this initiative is the recognition of the invaluable role played by the three existing volunteer Fire Departments. These departments would maintain their identities, ensuring continuity, local engagement, and a deep-rooted sense of community pride. The volunteers have always been the backbone of our emergency services, offering their time, skills, and dedication to protect our towns. Their contributions are irreplaceable, and the new model seeks to build on their efforts, providing additional support without diminishing their vital role.

This initiative represents a proactive approach to the challenges faced by our emergency services. Although current services are adequate for the needs of residents and visitors, changing dynamics require forward-thinking solutions. Volunteerism will continue to decline, yet call volumes will undoubtedly increase. By working together, the towns are taking steps to ensure robust and reliable emergency response capabilities.

The preliminary idea is just a beginning. As discussions progress, the specifics of this plan will evolve, with future meetings dedicated to addressing each component in detail. The next scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 6 pm at the West Stockbridge Town Offices. A Zoom link will be provided closer to the date for those who wish to participate remotely.

This idea is more than just a plan—it's a vision for a safer, more connected community. By working together, pooling resources and expertise, the towns of Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, and Richmond can build a stronger, more resilient emergency services framework. The potential for enhanced collaboration and improved response times is important, promising a brighter future for all residents and visitors.

Stay tuned for updates and join us on this exciting journey. Together, we can create a safer, stronger community.



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**Appointment of James Ryan as new Police Officer – Chief Marc Portieri**

Chief Portieri introduced James Ryan to the Board and made note of his training and employment history as a strong, highly trained and committed Officer. He then requested that the Board appoint him as a West Stockbridge Police Officer. James thanked the Board for the opportunity and stated that he looks forward to working for West Stockbridge.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy, to appoint James Ryan as a West Stockbridge Police Officer.

All were in favor, motion approved.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Members Appointment – Joe Roy, Jr.**

Joe Roy, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Member, acting on behalf of the ZBA Chair, Randy Thunfors, requested that the Select Board appoint previous ZBA member Gunnar Gudmunson as well as a new member, Toby Casey, as the two alternate members of the ZBA.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy, to appoint Gunnar and Toby as the two alternate ZBA members.

All were in favor, motion approved.

**Dog Park Advisory Committee Update – Michael Bolognino**

Michael informed the Board that his Committee has been working very hard to answer the questions and concerns that the residents have brought up in regard to the dog park. They have made every attempt to hold additional meetings to meet with residents ever since the Annual Town Meeting. He stated there appears to be three main concerns;

1. Tax Burden to the residents – the park will be maintained and managed purely by donations.
2. Insurance Liability – Marie assured them that since it is on Town Property the park will already be included in the Town insurance at no additional cost to the Town
3. Protection of Health & Safety of dogs & residents – The Committee plans on hiring a veterinarian to assist with the health and safety of all.

Michael stated that at the Annual Town Meeting this year, there was an article in which the Community Preservation Committee recommended \$25,000 in funds for the Dog Park. The residents voted to approve the article and include an amendment. This amendment was to include a warrant article at the next Town Meeting to allow the residents to have final approval of the creation of a dog park in Town. Michael has been working with Town Administrator Marie Ryan on this issue. Marie spoke with Town Counsel who stated that this amendment should not have been accepted since it is not something required for this process. Town Counsel suggested the following options for a way forward by the Select Board on this issue:

1. Refuse to place an article on the next Town Meeting warrant and allow for the Committee to move forward with the dog park.
2. Place an article on the warrant and hope it passes.
3. Place an article on the warrant and state that it is an advisory vote only.
4. Place an article on the warrant and if it fails, withdraw the project.

Michael requested that the Board consider choosing option 1. He said that the Committee has worked hard on this project and have been extremely diligent on completing all of the requirements. They have held numerous meetings and included a large amount of outreach to the community for input. He feels since this extra vote is not a requirement, the Board should allow them to continue with the project without the weight of an additional obstacle.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy to allow the Dog Park Committee to proceed with their work on the dog park without obtaining the additional approval vote at a Town Meeting, to choose option #1 of Town Counsel’s suggested options.

All were in favor, motion approved, no need to have an article on this issue at a Town Meeting.

**Shared Fire and EMS Services**

Andy asked Kathleen if she was still interested in being the Select Board Representative to further research the possibility of a shared fire and EMS service either with Richmond, Stockbridge or both. Kathleen stated she was definitely interested in being involved.

Andy made a motion, seconded by Kathleen, to have Kathleen be the Select Board representative to assist in research for the possibility of a shared Fire and EMS service.

All were in favor, motion approved.

**Select Board Speak**

Kathleen suggested that social media has gotten out of hand with respect to the processes within the Town. She respectfully requested that Board/Committee Members and employees refrain from commenting on social media platforms in regard to Town issues.

Andy Potter make note of the passing of Norma Comstock, a long-time resident and retired teacher from West Stockbridge.

Kathleen made a motion, seconded by Andy, to adjourn at 6:30 PM.

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marie Y. Ryan*  
Marie Y. Ryan  
Town Administrator

**August Donor Roll Call**

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# WEST STOCKBRIDGE CELEBRATES 250th ANNIVERSARY

By Bob Salerno

On a warm, sunny Saturday on July 6, 2024, West Stockbridge celebrated 250 years since the town was officially organized in 1774. The day focused on our community and history with our historic buildings and shops in town as a centerpiece.

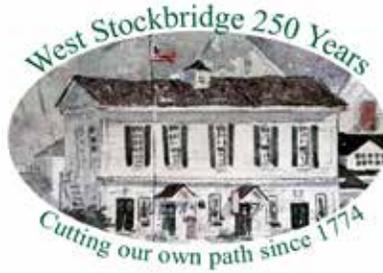
The celebration began with a small fife-and-drum parade on Main Street ending at the Old Town Hall. An opening presentation followed with the Select Board and honors given to Massachusetts State Representative Smitty Pignatelli and Town Moderator Gene Dellea. Morning activities centered around the Old Town Hall, with historic exhibits inside and old farm machinery, a cider press, and classic vehicle displays outside. Librarian Vicky Cooper offered a wonderful family reading upstairs in Vaber Hall, and at lunchtime, Parks & Rec sponsored a barbeque in the upper parking lot.

In the afternoon, people circulated through town, visiting the Congregational Church, stores, and historic buildings. Highlights were a History Walk on Main Street and a presentation by mason Vern Tower at TurnPark. There were 12 historic stops for people to visit and get a stamp in the program. Those who got all 12 stamps earned a free ice cream cone at the new Ella May's Ice Cream shop.

Later in the afternoon, for the closing, we all gathered at the Foundry for entertainment by Sarah the Fiddler, instrumentalist Joe Dziok and a slice of sheet cake decorated with the 250th logo. It was the perfect local West Stockbridge community day!

*Photos by John Parker*





# Thank you to the many volunteers and businesses who helped make the 250th celebration a great success for our community!

*Note: If we have inadvertently omitted anyone, our sincere apologies and thanks to you too!*

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Eric Beall  
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The Foundry  
Troy's Garage  
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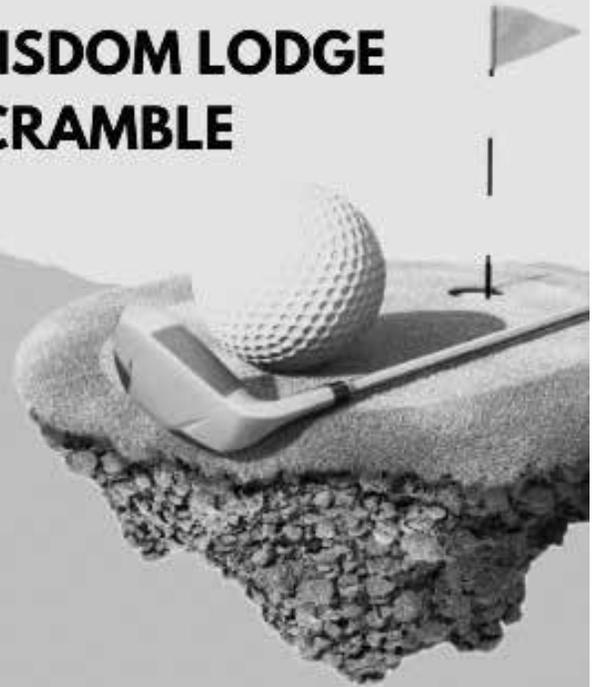
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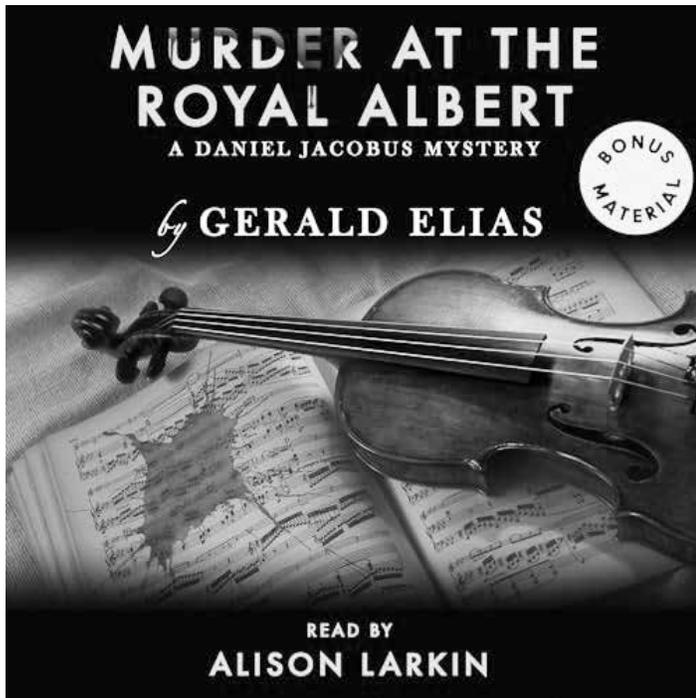
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# Mystery Writer and Violinist Gerald Elias to Speak at the Old Town Hall

By Liza Bennett,  
West Stockbridge Historical Society



Gerald Elias, an accomplished author, seamlessly blends his background in music and his passion for writing into captivating mystery and crime novels. Before turning to writing, Elias was a renowned violinist and former Boston Symphony Orchestra member, lending his lyrical and evocative talents to prestigious orchestras. His novels reflect his love for adventure and travel, drawing inspiration from his life's rich experiences.

Join us on a literary and musical journey through the works of this author whose novels transport readers into thrilling realms of suspense and intrigue. He will discuss his latest novel, *Murder at the Royal Albert*, the final installment of the Daniel Jacobus mysteries. The audiobook is narrated by local actor and author Alison Larkin.

When: Wednesday, August 14, 4–6 pm  
Where: Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street, West Stockbridge

Reception and book signing to follow  
The talk is free and open to the public

Co-sponsors: Friends of the West Stockbridge Library and West Stockbridge Historical Society ([weststockbridgehistory.org](http://weststockbridgehistory.org))

*Photo credit: Audiobook image courtesy of Gerald Elias*



## News from the Pews

By Ed Byrne, St. Patrick Church

It is with immense joy and gratitude that we gather once again to celebrate the beauty of this season and the fellowship of our community here at St. Patrick. Summer is a time of growth and renewal, for both nature and our church, with upgrades and the installation of our new wheelchair ramp and reserved ADA parking area. We will once again be representing St. Patrick Church at the town Zucchini Festival on August 10, selling zucchini sticks and dip, fried dough, fries, and home-baked zucchini items. Marsha McMahon will take over the role of office administrator from Margot Towl. Thank you, Margot, for 14 years of service! Blessings to you and yours as we enjoy the warmth of summer!

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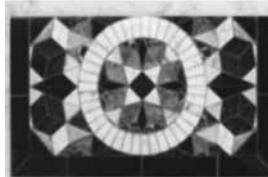
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# How to Deal with a Tick Bite and How to Heal If You Are Infected

Berkshire Lyme Alliance Public Meeting  
Berkshire Athenaeum (Pittsfield Library)  
1 Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Ground Floor Auditorium

Four Wednesdays at 6 pm:  
July 10, August 14, September 11,  
and October 16, 2024



Tick-borne illness is now a pandemic. Ticks are even active during winter. A total of 68% of ticks, of any size, now carry disease. There are 100 strains of Lyme disease in the United States, 300 strains worldwide, as well as more than 350 possible coinfections. Learn where to send a tick in for analysis, the best testing available if you become infected to see what you have been infected with, and the best treatments for healing. We at Berkshire Lyme Alliance are healing, and you can too. We also have tips everyone should know on how to protect yourself and your loved ones from tick bites and the deadly bacterial diseases many ticks carry. Unlike other diseases that affect percentages of a population, Lyme disease and coinfections threaten *all* of us.

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## August History Quiz Question:

As part of the preparation for the 250th celebration of West Stockbridge, we did some deeper research on the historic buildings in the village center and along Main Street. Many had multiple lives with previously undiscovered character. Places we drive by or stop in every day played many important roles in the 19th century as the town was developing, yet we tend to think of them as we know them now.

The buildings along the west side of Main Street, from Queensboro Wine & Spirits to the new Ella May's Ice Cream, are one of those historic sections with many transformations over the past 175 years. What is the history of those buildings, and what was in those spaces?

(Find the answer somewhere in this issue!)

When friends, neighbors, or relatives move, downsize, or just clean house, *please* ask them to think of the West Stockbridge Historical Society before they discard any old books, pictures, postcards, letters, or memorabilia of the Town of West Stockbridge. Email [info@weststockbridgehistory.org](mailto:info@weststockbridgehistory.org) or call (413) 232-4465.



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# August Art Calendar

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**August 1-11, "Glory Days"** featuring Don Sexton, Karen Carmean, & Natalie Tyler. Art on Main Gallery, West Stockbridge, MA. Reception: Saturday Aug 3, 2-4PM Artists Talk: Saturday, August 10, 2pm

**August 3, 9-11am, Urban Sketching Meetup** Hosted by Jill Gustavis. Downtown Pittsfield, MA. Free, RSVP for more info. RSVP: jill@jillgustavis.com

**August 7, 9:30am-4pm, Plein Air Workshop** with Lori Bradley. Bascom Lodge, Mount Greylock, MA. Sign up via <https://www.berkshireartists.org/calendar>.

**August 15 - 25, "Real, Surreal, Mannequins and More"** featuring Julie Wosk & Richard Lerman. Art on Main Gallery, West Stockbridge, MA. Receptions: Saturday August 17, 2-4PM & August 24, 5-7pm.

**August 25, Berkshire Photo Gathering.** See web: [berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings](http://berkshirephotogathering.com/online-meetings)

**August 29- September 8, "Head Space, Earth Space"** featuring Celia Kahn & Christian Dewailly. Art on Main Gallery, West Stockbridge, MA. Reception: Saturday Aug 31, 2-4PM

See [www.berkshireartists.org](http://www.berkshireartists.org) for all the in-person and online events offered by the Guild of Berkshire Artists!



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# Appreciation for the Semiquincentennial Celebration

By Select Board Chair Andy Potter

Following the wonderful 250th celebration on Saturday, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the extraordinary events in West Stockbridge on July 6. The festivities were a true testament to our town's rich history and vibrant community spirit. I commend the citizen-organized celebration and extend my deepest gratitude to the West Stockbridge Historical Society, especially President Bob Salerno, whose dynamism was pivotal in making this event a success.

Reflecting on 250 years of impactful history in West Stockbridge fills me with immense pride and gratitude. Our town's journey has been remarkable from our humble beginnings in 1766 to our official incorporation in 1774. Initially known as Queensborough and part of the disputed border between Massachusetts and New York, West Stockbridge has grown into a unique and historically rich community.

The town's evolution from five separate villages—West Center, West Stockbridge, Freedleyville, Rockdale, and Williamsville—to its prominence due to the railroad, which transported marble, showcases our ancestors' resilience and industrious spirit. The marble quarries, a defining feature of our history, played a significant role in the development of our town, contributing to its growth and prosperity. The high-quality marble extracted here was instrumental in building many significant structures. Additionally, the hamlet of State Line, with its own unique history and contribution to our town, adds another layer to our rich historical tapestry.

Celebrating this significant anniversary allowed us to reflect on our storied past, honor the contributions of those who came before us, and embrace the future with optimism. I am deeply moved by the collective efforts of our community and the West Stockbridge Historical Society in preserving and celebrating our town's history.

As we look forward to the future, let us continue to build on the strong foundation laid over the past 250 years, ensuring that West Stockbridge remains a place of rich heritage and vibrant community spirit.

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# The Zhedule & The Deets! 2024 Zucchini Festival



**Say What?** The West Stockbridge Zucchini Festival is an all-day, inclusive and kid-friendly event that celebrates our unique Berkshire community and of course everyone's favorite staple summer squash! The day is sponsored by the W.S. Cultural Council and organized by volunteers, neighbors and friends. **Come One, Come All!**

**When?** August 10th, 2024, 10am to 10pm  
**Where?** Downtown W.S. on Depot & Center Street  
**Parking Details, Festival Info & More at:**  
[wszucchinifest.org](http://wszucchinifest.org) | [@wszucchinifest](https://twitter.com/wszucchinifest)

- 9:30<sup>am</sup>** Pet Parade Registration\*  
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- 10:00** Pet Parade - Festival Kickoff!  
at AMICI Parking Lot
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- Baking Contest Submissions\***  
Open | 10am to 11:30am  
at Baking Tent (Depot & Center St.)
- Decorating Contest Submissions**  
Open | 10am to 3pm  
near Berkshire Bank Parking Lot
- 10:45** Pet Parade Awards Ceremony!  
at AMICI Parking Lot
- 11:00** Food Court Open | 11am to 9:30pm  
Berkshire food vendors serving a variety of good eats! And of course WS's great local food spots, bars, and eateries!
- Zucchini Weigh-Off Submissions\***  
Open | 11am to 2pm  
across from WS Post Office
- 12:00** Zuck River Races! | 12pm to 5pm  
On the hour, every hour (6 total races) on Williams River
- Baking Contest Awards!\***  
at Baking Tent (Depot & Center St.)

- 12:30<sup>pm</sup>** Sunday Strummers Ukulele Ensemble  
Live Music! | 12:30pm to 1:45pm  
at The 01266 Day Stage (WS Post Office)
- 1:45** Shut Up & Dance  
Live Music! | 1:45pm to 4-ish  
at The 01266 Day Stage (WS Post Office)
- 2:00** Solo Set by Composer Eric Shimelonis  
Live Music! | 2pm to 2:45pm  
at The Foundry Patio Bar
- 3:00** Happenstance Theater at The Foundry:  
*Pinot & Augustine*  
Live Theater! | Seating at 2:30pm, runs 45min. Purchase tickets from The Foundry, in advance or at the door.
- 2nd Annual WSZF Poetry Reading**  
behind Shaker Mill Books
- 3:30** Zucchini Weigh-Off Awards! \*  
across from WS Post Office
- 4:15** Zucchini Decorating Awards!  
across from WS Post Office
- 4:30** Berklshire Bateria & Bosa Triba  
Live Music! | 4:30pm to 6:45pm  
at The Baldwin Hardware Front Porch Main Stage (Center St.)
- 7:00** H.B. Funk  
Live Music! | 7pm to End  
at The Baldwin Hardware Front Porch Main Stage (Center St.)
- 9:00** Fireworks!  
Dance and watch the show from Center St.
- 10:00** All done!

*\* See Special Events & Contests page for event details!*

# Special Events & Contests

## 2024 Zucchini Festival



### Pet Parade

Are we doing 'Paw' or 'Shake'? Train up Wishbone, Fitz or Woodstock to get ready to kick off the festival with the **WSZF Pet Parade!** All species welcome and zucchini costumes very highly encouraged. Well-behaved pets & owners only.

#### How to Enter?

Day-of registration or pre-register by emailing. Please provide your pet's name, breed and any special talents.

#### Where?

Parade starts between Berkshire Bank & Amici, travels down Depot Street and then back for the Awards Ceremony.

#### When?

Day of Festival - August 10th

**9:30am** Registration & Check-in

**10am** Pet Parade

**10:45am** Awards Ceremony

**Questions?** Contact [wszucchinifest@gmail.com](mailto:wszucchinifest@gmail.com)

### Zucchini Weigh-Off Contest

Rome wasn't grown in a day! So roam into the garden and start tending a laurel-worthy Zuke for the **WSZF Zucchini Weigh-Off Contest!** Home-grown zucchinis of all shapes and sizes welcome.

#### How to Enter?

Enter your zucchini day-of festival, including your name and phone number with submission.

#### Where?

Weigh-Off Contest booth located across from the W.S. Post Office.

#### When?

Day of Festival - August 10th

**11am-3pm** Zucchini Submissions Open

**3:30pm** Weighing & Awards Ceremony

### Zucchini Baking Contest

Quit trying to trick the NYT Cooking paywall and start baking your own original Zucchini Cuisini for the **WSZF Zucchini Baking Contest!** Gluten-free, glutenous or gluttonous, Sweet or Savory--so long as its got zucchini, all baked edibles are welcome.

#### How to Enter?

Enter your baked good and recipe day-of festival at the Baking Contest booth at the corner of Depot St. & Center St. Recipe submissions must be written clearly or typed and must include your name, address and phone number.

#### Where?

Baking Contest booth located at the corner of Center Street & Depot Street.

#### When?

Day of Festival - August 10th

**11:30am** Baking Submissions must be in!

**12pm** Judging & Awards Ceremony

**Questions?** Contact [wszucchinifest@gmail.com](mailto:wszucchinifest@gmail.com)

### Be a Real Zucchini & Voluntini!

West Stockie Folks, There's Still Time to Volunteer!

Hang out with friends, neighbors and meet some new folks too by pitching in to prepare and run this year's festival! WSZF is only made possible when you and all of the great folks in our community come together. Any time you can give is welcome!

- 8/10 | Big Need for Day-of Volunteers!
- 8/9 | 5pm-8pm | Festival Set-up
- 8/11 | 7am-10am | Town Clean-up

**Get in Touch or Just Sign Up!**

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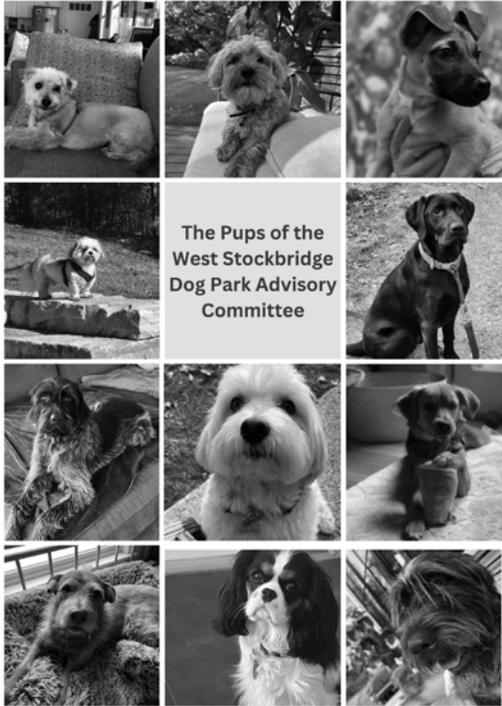
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## WEST STOCKBRIDGE DOG PARK DESIGN UNDERWAY

### Residents are invited to learn more at the West Stockbridge Farmers Market



WEST STOCKBRIDGE, MA, July 15, 2024 – When a 2022 survey indicated strong interest from West Stockbridge citizens in a town dog park, the town’s Parks and Recreation Committee put out a call for volunteers. An advisory committee was appointed by the town Select Board in October 2023, and the group became an official town committee this month. The committee has secured a \$275,000 grant from the Stanton Foundation to fund design and construction and a \$25,000 grant from the West Stockbridge Community Preservation Committee (approved by voters at the May Town Meeting). A location has been set on the town hall property. Following construction, the Stanton Foundation will also provide up to \$30,000 over three years for maintenance costs to support the new park’s success. The design process is now underway, and members of the committee are looking forward to sharing their efforts with the public at the town farmers market and the upcoming Zucchini Festival.

Jana Sax and Michael Bolognino, co-chairs of the committee (elected by the six other members), lead the 8 person group. “We came together in response to a survey of town residents, and because we’re excited for West Stockbridge to have a place for dogs and their owners to socialize and exercise safely,” said Bolognino. Added Sax, “We’re working closely with our town administrator Marie Ryan and a design firm with experience in dog park design. We hope to begin construction in the first half of 2025.”

The group meets twice each month in town hall. Meetings are open to the public and agendas and minutes are posted on the town website. Members of the committee will be on hand at the July 18 and September 5 West Stockbridge farmers markets to answer questions. They will also have an information table at the Zucchini Festival on August 10. The group also maintains an information page on Facebook at [facebook.com/groups/weststockbridgedogpark](https://facebook.com/groups/weststockbridgedogpark).

#### Contacts:

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# Community News & Events

## Stockbridge Grange Dinner

There will be no Grange dinner in August.

## Council on Aging

The Richmond/West Stockbridge COA Craft Group will meet at 9:30 am on Tuesday, August 6, in the Community Room at the West Stockbridge Town Offices. We will be making gift bags. Preregister to reserve your space and materials by calling Heather at Richmond Town Hall, (413) 553-7793. The class is free to residents of Richmond and West Stockbridge. It's a fun time—hope to see you there!



## 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.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library Committee meets every second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Community Room at the Town Offices. All are welcome.

*Please send your notices for Community News & Events to the Local Yokel, P.O. Box 238, West Stockbridge, MA 01266, email [info@thelocalyokel.org](mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org), or visit [thelocalyokel.org](http://thelocalyokel.org).*

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# In Response to The Smoking Brisket Conspiracy

By Joe Roy, Jr.

I enjoyed reading Gerald Elias's article in the July issue of *The Local Yokel*. But I'm compelled to offer an alternative to his version of how to smoke meat, especially the brisket, the beef motherload of perfection.

I've known Jerry and his family for about 40 years. We've shared many meals together and even had a friendly food fight (along with our kids) on one crazy evening years ago. Jerry is an excellent cook. We spent a week with his family in Tuscany years ago where he and his wife were on sabbatical. One day he took me to a nearby village to meet someone very important. I was expecting the mayor or some dignitary, but instead I met the village butcher.

It was there that Jerry introduced me to my first taste of an authentic Italian porchetta, an entire deboned pig stuffed with everything a meat lover dreams about. The locals probably had spent two days to create that masterpiece. Since then, Jerry has become a porchetta guru. He is definitely a master at cooking meat.

But Jerry crossed the line when he made fun of my very expensive custom smoker that took half a year to arrive after I ordered it. Admittedly, I appreciate anyone who can deliver a tasty meal in a simple way. And of course some shortcuts in preparing and executing an entrée that takes 9 to 12 hours to cook is very welcome. But a merely mortal pit master like me needs to explain the celestial pleasures of understanding the nuances of high-quality meat smoking.

First, the fuel: no propane or even those fancy prepared pellets used in the newfangled electric computerized chip burners. It must be red oak or hickory, maybe mixed in with a little applewood for sweetness, all of which should be seasoned, that is, air dried, for at least 18 months and cut to fit the offset fire chamber on the smoker. Forget about those funny-named woods like mesquite. That's for Texans. This is Yokel country!

Second, the smoker/cooker itself. Mine offers a reverse-flow design so the smoke flows in both directions for maximum and even exposure to the meat. The baffle allows the drippings to sizzle into the smoke so it bastes the meat with the smoke as it cooks. It's made of quarter-inch plate steel. I will leave it in my will to my grandchildren. There are still an infinite number of unused mystical features of my smoker, but to be honest, I'm still learning what they are.

Third, the meat. Jerry spoke of the legendary, almost holy, brisket. The best cuts are typically not the most tender, which is why they must be roasted "low and slow." The secret is understanding that tough meat can be transformed into a delicious feast. And its fat, rendered by the smoking process if properly done, greatly enhances the taste. That's why just about everyone loves bacon. And it's also why expensive tender cuts usually need a fancy sauce to taste good. Personally, I prefer thick beef back ribs, called the king of beef or "brisket on a stick." But I digress.

Finally, the cook—not the person, the actual process. Starting the fire. Getting the cooker to just the correct temperature and having the right amount and size of firewood to last at that temperature for 10 or more hours. Gathering all the tools: tongs, a really comfortable chair, thermometers, gloves, paper towels, your very best knives, pokers, butcher paper, spritzer, apple juice, and maybe some apple wine vinegar. Forget the fancy expensive rubs. Just salt and pepper will create the perfect bark (i.e., the flavorful caramelized crust).

Don't forget the smartphone so you can watch YouTube clips that remind you what to do and when. It's especially helpful to get past that pesky stall just before you wrap the meat during the final hours. One last ingredient: ample liquid refreshment, like whiskey and beer. It's going to be a long day.

And when your masterpiece is perfectly tender and you think you're done, let it cool and rest for an hour or two so the juices are reabsorbed into the meat for easier slicing. This is especially true as long as you don't mind eating dinner at midnight or starting the process before sunrise.

To sum up, in order to thoroughly appreciate the quasi-religious experience of smoking brisket, ribs, or prairie chicken, consider buying the very best equipment. Feel the love, learn to burn the cleanest smoke, put in the time. Buy the best! Don't even think about a garbage can smoker! Over the years, I've learned the many ways to smoke brisket. In the end, what's important is a result that makes you smile.

When I really want tips or shortcuts, I invite my son-in law Jim over to help. When Jim's here, I mostly watch. He's the family pitmaster and knows what to do and when. Or I could just ask Jerry and Cecily what they're planning for dinner. Their brisket too is mighty fine!



*The fine art of smoking beef. Photo courtesy of Joe Roy, Jr.*

# History Quiz Answer:

Queensboro Wine & Spirits was once was a larger building extending south along the block to Ella May's Ice Cream and behind it across the Williams River to Charles H. Baldwin & Sons (familiarily known as Baldwin Extracts). The original structure was built in 1830 by Daniel Spencer, Jr., a local entrepreneur. He had an earlier store next to the Public Market and also built the house next to the Old Town Hall. Daniel married his second wife in 1834 and had the wedding in that larger space. He became an early leader in the Mormon church, moving to Nauvoo in 1842 and later to Salt Lake City. (There's a whole story on Daniel on the Historical Society website.)

The store was sold to George Kniffen in the 1850s, who operated it as a general store. Kniffen built the extension in the rear over the Williams River that became a major meeting area and also the Masonic Lodge. George was an important person in town (another story) and a Mason. Unfortunately, the extension over the river was washed out in the 1938 flood. The second floor of the Kniffen store was also an active space. From the 1890s to 1900, the town's library was there before it moved into the first floor of the Old Town Hall.

In the 1870s, Kniffen built a large three-story building next door going south along Main Street. This development gave the block its name, and was likely the largest building on the street. It held a butcher shop, a dress store, and a grocery, with a private school upstairs.

The Kniffen Block was sold in the 1920s and renamed the Zanconato Block. On its upper floors after World War I was the Irish Catholic fraternal organization, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, and later the Italian Social Club and rehearsal space for the Italian Brass Band. The smaller building next door was an early boardinghouse, then a butcher shop, and later a millinery shop. These three spaces were our early version of a shopping center.

This little commercial center ended dramatically in 1935 when a large fire took down two of the buildings, but the Queensboro store somehow survived. The burned spaces were rebuilt with a cinderblock structure housing the post office, American Legion, and a dressmaker. These unattractive cinderblock structures remained through the 1970s until Westbridge Associates bought the three parcels. Then developer Gordon Rose built wooden fronts on two of the buildings. The third lot was torn down and never rebuilt. It remains a small park and an inviting space to enjoy your ice cream outdoors.



*Queensboro - Kniffen Block*



*Post Office in cinderblock commercial center*



*Wooden fronts were added to this cinderblock structure*

*Photos courtesy of West Stockbridge Historical Society*



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2. Who had one of these country chic weddings in August 2014?
3. Who made their wedding cake?
4. The Highway Department won the annual state skills and driving competition in September 2014. Who made up the West Stockbridge team?

1. "Farm to table food, where the china looks like it came from your grandmother's cabinet, and the flowers seem like they were just thrown into a vase"
2. Lily Thorne (the daughter of Peter and Sarah Thorne) and Simon Davenport
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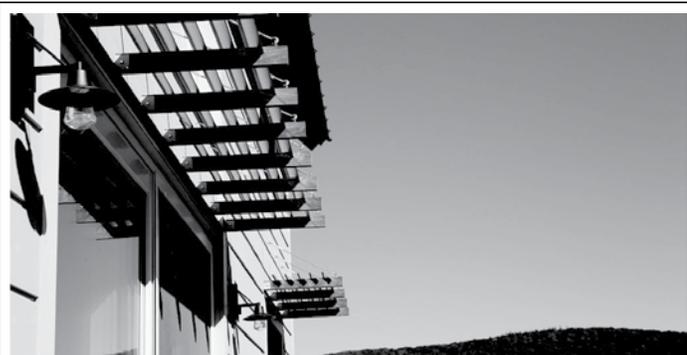
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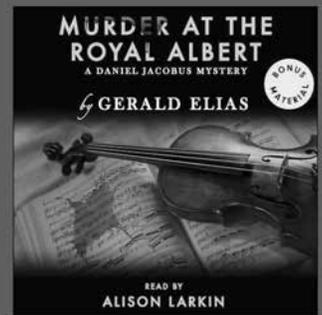
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Police Department	<i>Marc Portieri</i>	911 or 232-8500 (non-emergency)		24 hours, 7 days/week
Post Office	<i>Randy Bates</i>	232-8544		Lobby: 7 am-7 pm; 7 days/week; Window: Mon.-Fri. 9 am-4:30 pm; Sat. 9 am-12 noon
Sewer & Water Commission	<i>Michael 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>Kelli Bradbury</i>	232-0300	ext. 302	Tues. 1-5 pm; Wed. 7 am-12 pm; Thurs. 1-6 pm
Town Historian	<i>Robert Salerno</i>	232-4465		
Town Treasurer	<i>Benjamin Gelb</i>	232-0300	ext. 316	Tues. 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>Tom Beasley</i>	528-1580		
Zoning Board of Appeals	<i>C. Randolph Thunfors</i>	232-0300	ext. 300	

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## August 2024 News

By Margie Skaggs

August at Art on Main Gallery, 38 Main Street, features two exhibitions by five artists from the Guild of Berkshire Artists, open every weekend Thursdays through Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm.

**August 1–11: “Glory Days”** by Karen Carmean, Don Sexton, and Natalie Tyler  
 Reception: Saturday, August 3, 2–4 pm  
 Artist Talk: Saturday, August 10, 2 pm

**Karen Carmean** creates her oil paintings outdoors, or “en plein air,” using a limited palette, yet achieving lush color, while also exploring various historical or scenic sites in the Berkshires.

**Don Sexton** creates his energetic and thoughtful compositions through vibrant colors and adroit drawing, and by telling stories of people going about their lives around the world in their own personal “Glory Days.” Don hopes his works kindle memories of people and places for his viewers. His paintings in oil or mixed media often depict celebratory crowd-filled events at small town fairs in New England or urban celebrations. While working in the open air, he quickly captures the spirit and pulse of a place, whether active or restful, to produce works that evoke the joy of summer and life outdoors.

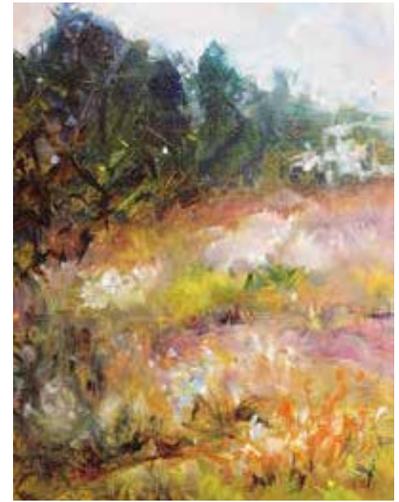
**Natalie Tyler’s** sculptures, inspired by the natural world, are made in various media, including glass and bronze casting, enabling her to explore the many fragile and forceful elements of nature. She incorporates color, texture, and light in forms that might include birds’ nests, flowering plants, seashells, or a burning tree—all commenting on climate change and its impact: rising sea levels, devastating wildfires, and melting glaciers.

**August 15–25: “Real, Surreal, Mannequins & More”** by Julie Wosk and Richard Lerman  
 Reception and Talk by Julie Wosk: Saturday, August 17, 2–4 pm  
 Reception and Talk by Richard Lerman: Saturday, August 24, 5–7 pm

**Julie Wosk** has long been fascinated by the blurred line between the artificial and the real, the alluring world of simulations and the enticing world of nature. Her photographs and paintings often picture mannequins and masks, or artificial women as simulations, a world she explores in her new book *Artificial Women*. In nature she is particularly drawn to images of peacocks in white or full color as they draw our eye with the bravura of their eye-popping display.

**Richard Lerman’s** inspiration comes from viewing the world in full color and interpreting what’s not seen as much as what is. Born into a family of artists who depicted pure representations, his work adds elements of the unforeseen, the mysterious, imagined, and even surreal. Working in acrylic, his densely packed scenes might include images of faces, food, hands, eyes, urban or rural images, and various symbols offered up to the viewer for personal interpretation.

*Images courtesy of the artists.*



*Karen Carmean, “Meadow at The Mount”, Oil on canvas*



*Natalie Tyler, “House”, Bronze*



*Don Sexton, “World Famous Goshen Fair”, Mixed media on paper*



*Richard Lerman, “Another Day in Infamy”, Acrylic on canvas board*



*Julie Wosk, “Dancing Delia”, Cold wax digital print*

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**August Calendar of Events**

8/1	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
8/6	Council on Aging Craft Group meeting	9:30 am	Community Room
8/7	Knitters Group	2-4 pm	Community Room
8/8	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
8/10	Zucchini Festival	10 am-10 pm	Depot & Center Streets, Downtown
8/12	Select Board meeting	6 pm	Town Offices and on Zoom
8/12	Planning Board meeting	7 pm	Town Offices
8/14	Knitters Group	2-4 pm	Community Room
8/14	Friends of the Library meeting	3:30 pm	Community Room
8/14	Gerald Elias book talk	4-6 pm	Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street
8/14	Berkshire Lyme Alliance Public Meeting	6 pm	Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield
8/15	*** Deadline for the next Local Yokel ***		Send to <a href="mailto:info@thelocalyokel.org">info@thelocalyokel.org</a>
8/15	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
8/21	Knitters Group	2-4 pm	Community Room
8/22	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street
8/22	Shared Fire and EMS Committee meeting	6 pm	Town Offices
8/26	Select Board meeting	6 pm	Town Offices and on Zoom
8/28	Knitters Group	2-4 pm	Community Room
8/29	WS Farmers Market	3-6 pm	Foundry Green, Harris Street

Note: Town Offices (including Community Room and Library) are located at 21 State Line Road, West Stockbridge.