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### Paper Talk

Welcoming fall, with cool mornings, darkness descending earlier in the evenings, dramatic sunsets, and yellow leaves wafting softly down. Drink in the deep, rich colors of Windsor's autumn. --Deborah

### FOW News

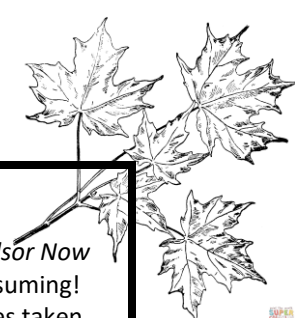
**Windsor Then:** We are excited to be launching our series of special inserts featuring Windsor recollections from residents who took part in our oral history project, Sharing Our Stories! First installment is included in this issue, so much more to come... Thank you to everyone who participated and helped with this.

**Windsor Now:** FOW is preparing for the 2021 issue of the community directory/phone book, with plans for a Spring release. Please email your updated phone number and preferred contact info at [fowindsor@gmail.com](mailto:fowindsor@gmail.com). We'll be reaching out asking local business sponsors for their support. This is a great way to raise awareness of your trade, crafts, or business, and it helps us continue to publish and distribute the community directory for free to everyone in town. A sponsorship includes a business-card-sized ad in the directory for just \$45. If you don't hear from us, please let us know of your interest at [fowindsor@gmail.com](mailto:fowindsor@gmail.com).

**Your Best Shots:** The 2021 directory is going to include a gallery of Windsor photos. Get inspired by visiting the online version of the annual Windsor Photo Show at the Windsor Photo Show Facebook page, and look for information about how to submit photos for the directory in our next issue. We look forward to seeing your Windsor beauty shots!

**And Now, the ASK:** Oral histories, the directory, this newsletter: FOW is all about keeping Windsor's community connected and engaged. As always, your support is critical, and so gratefully received. If you can, please consider a tax-deductible donation to Friends of Windsor, 1890 Route 9, Suite 8, Windsor 01270.

—Susan Phillips



Be sure to check out the **OCTOBER Community Calendar** online at [friendsofwindSOR.com](http://friendsofwindSOR.com) (under *Windsor Now & Then*). Activities are gradually resuming! You'll also find inspiring local images taken by Windsor residents.

## Town Clerk Notes

Important INFO Please Read

### Special Town Meeting

October 13 6PM

Town Hall Parking Lot.

Zoom info available on the STM warrant posted on windsormass.com, Windsor FB and all public places.

Residents may attend in person or remotely (although only those physically in attendance may vote). Masks and social distancing required.

Please, if possible, read the posting and call/email questions prior to the meeting. Communication can be hard if it is windy.

### Nov 3 Election

All vote by mail ballots will be sent to those who have applied for them by October 9. If you did not receive yours, call the Town Clerk IMMEDIATELY 413-684-3811 ext 1. Please return your ballot asap.

Early in-person voting will take place at the Town Offices 10/24, 10/26-10/30 noon until 7PM. I encourage all residents, not voting by mail, to take advantage of this opportunity.

Election day is November 3, 2020. Polls will be open at the Town Hall 7am-8PM. You may vote in person on this day if you did not vote by mail, or in-person early vote.

Last day to register to vote in the Nov 3 election is Saturday October 24.

### Board of Health

Still looking for one more person to round out the BOH. BOH meets once monthly as needed and handles some light administrative stuff occasionally in the office. (Like reading the mail)

—Madeline Scully

**Berkshire Health Systems has a TOLL-FREE HOTLINE for questions regarding COVID-19.**  
**Hours: 7 am to 7 pm, seven days a week**  
**CALL 855-262-5465 (855-BMC-LINK)**

## Upcoming at Tamarack Hollow Nature Center

Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center, located at 1515 & 1516 Savoy Hollow Road (PO Box 115), Windsor is sponsoring the following events. For more information, visit

<http://www.tamarackhollow.com>. To register for any of these events, email: [aimee@gaiaroots.com](mailto:aimee@gaiaroots.com).

**\*EVERY MONDAY: West African & Caribbean drum and song classes with Aimee Gelinis M.Ed ONLINE & IN PERSON at the Dalton CRA. 5:30pm beginner / 6:45pm advanced. Registration required**

**\* Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm: Boreal Spruce-Fir Forest Plant, Tree and Wild Edible Hike at Tamarack Hollow. This round trip, 2-mile hike led by Naturalist and Tamarack Hollow Director Aimee Gelinis M.Ed. Program fee is \$15 pp. Registration required.**

**\* Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm: Boreal Forest Volunteer Trail Work Day at Tamarack Hollow. Help clear trails and continue to prep the site of the future nature center – come for some of time or the whole time! Snacks and cider provided (in accordance with current guidelines). Please bring your own gloves (and lunch if staying for the day). Registration required.**

## Windsor Trunk or Treat

Windsor Parks and Recreation Committee is hoping to hold "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 31 at the Windsor Town Park on Peru Road. Due to COVID restrictions we are still trying to determine how to do it safely.

Please look on the Windsor Facebook page for the latest updates.



For questions and to RSVP your interest in participating, please contact Barbara Connors at [kadiskadis@yahoo.com](mailto:kadiskadis@yahoo.com) or 860.965.6594.

## Select Board Corner

Fall is here! I love this time of year – the crispness, the colors, and the cool weather. Also coming to you this fall is a Special Town Meeting! We are meeting outside of the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 13 at 6pm. Bring a mask, a chair, and a jacket. This meeting will also be broadcast on Zoom, but per state law you are only allowed to vote in Town Meetings if you are physically present. The warrant can be found on the town website and posted in local stores.

The primary agenda items are financial, with the most significant item being an article for a match contribution to the River Road Project. I will take a moment to explain what this project entails and the work that has gone on to make this happen.

The project allows us to repave River Road and replace three culverts that have been deemed critical for replacement. The Town has been incredibly successful in securing multiple grants (over \$1.75M) for this project. None of the funding to date has come from the town coffers. However, our most recent grant (\$460,000) requires a 25% in-kind contribution. Most of this contribution is coming from our general highway funds and the credit of employee time. However, while we had hoped to use our Chapter 90 funds as part of our match, this is not allowable. This means we are about \$50,000 short (which means a loss of \$150K of grant money).

We are proposing that this grant match come from certified free cash, with the expectation that our Chapter 90 funds (which we had intended to use in the match), will be reallocated for other highway department projects. If you have any questions about this project or the funding sources, please feel free to reach out to me at [ktobin@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:ktobin@westfield.ma.edu).

We hope to see you there! –Kim Tobin

### SENSE OF COMMUNITY

"The Eyes of the Future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time."

--Terry Tempest Williams

## Reflections from Mame Whelihan

Heather Hill Farm, Shaw Road

**Live and Learn.** Must I always have to learn things the hard way? Quite a few years ago when I thought I was a great parent and knew all about everything my youngest son had his heart set on a suede vest that was a bit pricier than I thought feasible. Time passed and I mellowed. For his birthday the vest came home. He was so surprised and so happy.

There was a tag attached to it so I asked him to get the scissors and I would cut it off. Back he came, crestfallen. He had tried to cut it off himself and had cut the vest. I was furious and lashed out – a lot – and when I finally un-mouthed and took a breath he looked at me and said, “Don’t you know how bad I already felt?”

I had been so stupid and unfeeling I had made a sad situation very much worse. I vowed then and there that I would never, ever, do that again. Now, years later, my youngest grandson makes a poor decision and I immediately proceed to tell him what a jerk he is. Yes, I actually called the light of my life a jerk. He looked at me and said, “Don’t you know how bad I already felt?” Live and learn? Not me! I did it again. Words hurt. My words certainly did.

Here’s that word I just invented – un-mouthed. It’s what I will become before I let loose and ever say anything that will compound a hurt. It’s a beautiful word and it’s mine, but feel free to use it!

### Historical Commission Collectible Postcards

The Windsor Historical Commission has created a set of postcards featuring photos from the Commission’s archives of people and places from Windsor’s past, including the Ball factory and the E.L. Bird meat delivery wagon (shown below).

We weren’t able to hold our annual Pie Sale fundraiser this year, so we are happy to offer the five-card set as a gift with a donation to the Commission as we continue our efforts to repair the Museum building.

If you would like to make a donation (and receive a set of postcards), you can send a check, made payable to the Windsor Historical Commission, c/o Deb Balmuth, 85 Shaw Road, Windsor, MA 01270. Thanks so much for your support!



Two of the collectible postcard images!

### The Lone Apple Tree of Warren Road (now High Street Hill Road)

Reading the apple stories in the September issue of *Windsor Now & Then* reminded me of our lone apple tree.

John and I moved to Windsor in July of 1974. Our home was constructed in 1969. It was the first house built on Warren Road by Neils Krook. Our property originally was part of the Warren Farm. There are still partial stone walls dividing the land and cellar holes of past buildings. The deed to our property names our road Warren Road. At some point Warren Road was renamed High Street Hill Extension and now is named High Street Hill Road.

The lone apple tree in our yard is a remnant of the Warren Farm and still bears fruit. When the apples fall to the earth in late summer or early fall, you just might see a deer or two enjoying the juicy fallen apples.

Today a young fox decided to take a nap under a tree near the lone apple tree...That’s another tale. –Cathy Garcia, 9-15-20



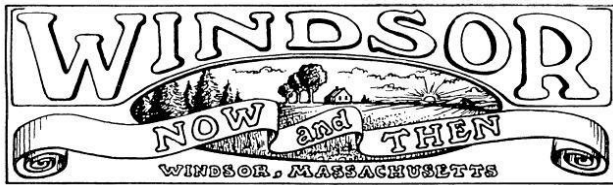
### Windsor Cultural Council Grant Applications Invitation

The Windsor Cultural Council invites grant applications for the 2021 funding year. The grants, distributed through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, provide funding for local cultural and educational programs. To complete the form online, visit <https://massculturalcouncil.org/>. It’s a great opportunity for artists and educators to share their gifts with our community. Next year is our 250th celebration and it would be great to fund Windsor talent!

Applications must be completed online by November 16, 2020.

The Windsor Cultural Council does not seek or schedule community events; it just provides monetary support. If you have a favorite program you would like to see offered in Windsor, please encourage the presenter to apply for a grant. For questions, call Barbara Connors at 860.965.6594 or Ben Harellick at 978.771.8118.

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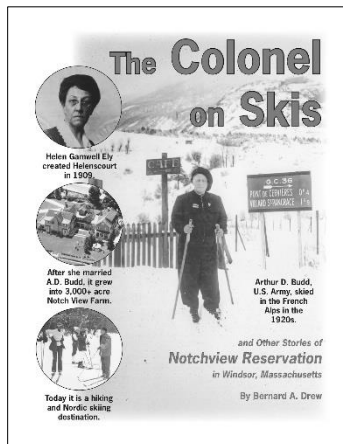
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SHARING OUR STORIES, VOLUME I  
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***The Colonel on Skis*** is a new history of Windsor's Notchview Reservation, focused on the characters who lived there, and written by one of the people who knows it best. Bernard Drew grew up on the property and knows where all the best blueberries and cellar holes are located. What follows is a condensed excerpt appropriately focused on Colonel Arthur D. Budd... and his skis.



*(Budd was a much-decorated World War I officer who led American troops against the Germans in some of the most important battles in France. Later in life he and his wife Helen assembled the properties that became Notchview.)*

The Trustees of Reservations ratcheted Notchview reservation into a Nordic ski center in the 1970's. It was historically appropriate, since Arthur D. Budd was a skier. He skied for pleasure in Windsor. But he was not an amateur. He learned to ski in the Alps while in the Army. He had credentials.

"Because of his application and tenacity, he made rapid progress at the ski center in Briançon...he was the finest example of energy and endurance during exercises; he was the model of a perfect comrade,

recalling the beautiful hours lived on the front during the Great War by the French officers and soldiers who were in close contact with American Troops." – from a letter certifying Budd a "first-class skier," from the General Center for the Instruction of Skiing of the French Army.

As he eased into retirement, (Budd) eased onto a pair of skis and took to his own network of woods roads and cut trails.

"Lieut. Col. Arthur D. Budd...and Mrs. Budd, who are spending Easter and the weekend at their country place on Windsor hill, enjoyed skiing today on an old farm between Windsor and Savoy," the Berkshire Eagle reported in 1931. "Col. Budd said tonight that the snow averages about 18 inches in depth. It was mushy but not sticky and they greatly enjoyed their novel sport for Easter."

We had two pair of Budd's skis at Gate Cottage for several years...I strapped on the first pair for my first cross-country skiing experience. It didn't go well. I had no poles. The coil metal strap didn't fit my shoes. I put them back...

One pair of Budd's skis hangs at the Notchview Visitors Center.

*Thanks to Bernard Drew for sharing an early copy of his work with us!*  
--Susan Phillips

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