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FOW News

It's so exciting to see work underway on the new playground in the Town Park. Congratulations and much appreciation to the wonderful Parks & Rec Committee and their volunteer team. Friends of Windsor is very pleased to announce that we're contributing to the effort with the purchase of a weatherproof chess table and stools, to be installed near the playground. Thanks to the support of you, our donors, we're able to support this important community project. If you'd like to add your support to help us with this and other efforts to promote community, you'll find a handy envelope in this issue. Thanks so much! –Deborah Balmuth



Celebrating Windsor Kids & Their Pets

by Leslie Reed

Who: Aria **Age:** 8
When she and her parents moved from Agawam to Windsor last year, Aria was extra happy to have her best friend along. It was hard to meet kids her own age with schools offering only virtual classes at the time.

Where: Route 9

Aria's best friend is Khaleesi, a 5-year-old female mixed breed of Maremma, Boxer, and Rhodesian Ridgeback. (The name is likely familiar to those who watched Game of Thrones.) Now that Craneville is back to in-person classes, the two are apart much of the day. Khaleesi "goes bonkers" when the school bus brings Aria back home.



Khaleesi is large and very protective of Aria. Her coat is deep brown, marked with freckled socks on her feet and a freckled bib on her chest. She whines when Aria is out of sight. Aria loves to play with her in their spacious backyard, often running in large circles through the grass with her hands free and Khaleesi's leash tied around her waist.



Windsor Town Park Playground Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, July 9, 11 AM, at Town Park on Peru Road

Join the Windsor Parks & Rec Committee as we celebrate the construction of our new playground! Food and music will follow a short ceremony beginning promptly at 11 a.m. Neighbors, friends, and family are invited to share in the joy of this long-awaited project. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this project possible. Please call/text Barbara Connors with any questions at 860-965-6594.

June Friday Night Cafe Events in Cummington

The Cummington Village Church kicks off the summer Friday Night Café on June 10, 6:30-8PM the pavilion in Pettingill Memorial Park on Main Street in Cummington with fingerstyle guitarist **Larz Young**. It will be an evening of blues, baritone, and tasty licks. Then, on **June 24** join us for a double bill: the always soulful **Jim K** will take the first set and **Brendan Leowolf's** new outfit **The Plants** will close out the evening.

BYO chairs, snacks, drinks. Once again brought to you by the friendly folks at the Village Church who believe music can be a powerful force for building community.—*John Bye*

Save the Date: July 16

The Windsor Church Annual Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, July 16 so mark your calendar and start saving donations. We are so grateful for community support! Watch more more details in the July issue of WN&T. —*Sharon DeGiorgis*

From the Green Committee

We have been researching grant funding options for installing a Level 2 charging station for electric vehicles in town. This station would primarily serve passers-through and day visitors since most town residents who own an electric vehicle can charge at home.

We are not sure how much such a charging station would be used or where the best location would be. What are you hearing? Do you hear that there is a need for a charging station in town? (We are not aware of any other stations along Route 9.) And where would be used? Send your responses to me at higinbo@hotmail.com or call 413-212-4352. --*Holly Higinbotham*

Energy-Saving Tip

Now that summer is here, we're all thinking about how to keep our homes cool. If you use air conditioners, be sure to change the filters because dirty ones make the system work harder. Also, setting the thermostat to a preferred temperature (for example, 78) and leaving it there makes the most sense. Setting it to a lower temperature will not cool the house faster! If you don't have AC, consider replacing single-pane windows with more efficient windows and/or use solar shades, tinting film, or even curtains to block the hottest rays of the day.

Windsor Library Summer Reading Program

The Windsor Free Library will be sponsoring a summer reading program with the theme "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," running June 25-Aug 13. All ages welcome. Kickoff is June 25 with story time at 11 AM on June 25; July 2,9,16,23,30; and Aug 6, 13.

For every book read, participants receive a raffle ticket, with the drawing to be held on August 13. Please register by emailing windsordirector@cwmares.org by June 11 or calling 684-3811, ext. 6 and leaving a message.

Reflections from Mame Whelihan

Heather Hill Farm, Shaw Road

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY, MAYBE! So is a sense of humor. Combine the two and you get another memorable anecdote, that's for sure. Years ago, I was taking the dirt road shortcut through a soon-to-be subdivision, maybe picking up a bit of speed--lo and behold, an observant law enforcer was parked there. He pulled me over and started his lecture, with my three little ones quietly observing from the back seat. He took pity and issued a warning. From the back seat a little voice indignantly piped up, "A warning?! You have to live with the consequences of your actions, or you will never learn." The officer smiled and told him he was absolutely right, handing my little one his card and saying, "if your mom ever speeds again, you call me." *I believe my son still has that card.*

Select Board Corner

The Town voted unanimously on May 2 to hire a Town Administrator due to the increasing complexity of managing the needs of the town. After extensive posting and advertising for the position, the Select Board interviewed and hired Madeline Scully at our May 23 meeting. She is already ramping up her skills in areas like procurement and grant management prior to July 1 when the position formally begins. The Town Administrator will ensure continuity of operations over time as board members come and go, as well as manage grants, engage in procurement for big projects, and coordinate communication between town boards and committees. We on the Select Board are all thankful that Madeline is willing to step up to the new challenge.

State law prohibits a person to hold both an appointed and an elected paid position, so Madeline has resigned as Town Clerk effective July 1. Anyone interested in being appointed interim Town Clerk pending next May's election for the post should contact Madeline or a Select Board member.

Work continues on the River Road project with a second culvert now being constructed. If all goes well, that culvert near 2065 River Road and the final one near the power lines will be completed before next winter. The town has applied for grants to replace the culvert on Flintstone Road near 254 Flintstone and another grant to complete the design for a culvert on Cheshire Road near the Cheshire town line. We will continue to post updates on the Rt. 9 project being undertaken by the State. —*Doug McNall*

LOOKING BACK:
Excerpts from Progress
(Windsor's first community newsletter)

This poem by Phoebe "Nell" Turner, nee Hathaway, of Windsor, written in 1935 when she was 90 years old.

CHILDHOOD

I long to tread the wayward paths of childhood;
I long to hear my mother's reprimand;
I long to take a ramble through the wildwood;
And wade the brook and dig the shining sand.
I long to rake the hay down on the meadow;
I long to bring the lowing cows at night;
I long to see my mother in the doorway
As she stood with match in hand to strike the light.

I long to go to school with sister Rosa;
I long to hear the saw in Deming's mill;
I long to take a romp with 'Dell' and 'Julia';
And brother Lant, and hide from sister 'Pril'.
I long to stand up in the class a-spelling;
I long to hide my classmates 'rifmatic';
I long to feel to the mischief in me swelling –
When teacher sends me out to get a stick.

But, all too soon, the happy school-days ended.
No more we gather beechnuts in the wood.
And all that's left is just a patch of gravel
To show where Deming's schoolhouse stood.
For someone took away the old red schoolhouse,
And silent is the saw in Deming's mill –
And gone, alas, are nearly all the school-mates –
And I, at ninety years, am waiting still.

This poem first appeared in the June 1957 issue of Progress, the monthly newsletter of the East Windsor Progressive Club. Mrs. Hathaway was twice the widow of Civil War Veterans and was noted for being the oldest woman in the state to hold a fishing license, regularly catching trout from the brook near her home on Cheshire Road. She died at the age of 98, in 1943.

Bird Tip for JUNE

June is a wonderful time of year to observe the activities of nesting birds. If you watch for birds carrying food, you might just discover where the nest is. Birds flying away from the nest are sometimes carrying fecal material (those nests need cleaning!). As the babies get bigger, watch them begging for food from their parents: vocalizing, madly fluttering their wings, and chasing the adults. It's all happening in your backyard and woods and fields!

--Holly Higinbotham



Town Clerk Notes

The town currently has the following employment openings:

Full-Time Equipment Operator for Highway Department. Minimum requirements: class B CDL, and 2A Hoisting License. Applications available in the Town Offices or on Windsormass.com.

Interim Town Clerk: Training provided; \$9297 annual stipend. See full job posting Windsormass.com/ under staffing.

COVID Help Available

COVID continues to affect many in our community. In my position as community outreach coordinator, I'm available to help all Windsor residents--of any age--who are sick. Please let me know if you or someone close to you has COVID and I will reach out to see how I can help. All my work is private and confidential.

I have N95 masks and washable cloth masks available, as well as COVID test kits. Please call if you need or want me to check on you a once a day or to call for 3 days or more. My phone is always on, including weekends. Stay safe.
--*Jessica Buoymaster*, 413-329 - 4364

What's Growing and What's Cooking?

It's spinach and strawberry season. Here's a recipe from *Jacques Pepin More Fast Food My Way*, available at the Windsor Public Free Library.

Spinach, Macadamia Nuts, and Raisins

2 tablespoons good olive oil
1/2 cup macadamia nut pieces
1 lb. small spinach leaves (or larger with stems removed), washed but still damp
1/4 cup raisins
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



Heat the oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add the nuts and sauce for 1-2 minutes to brown lightly. Add the damp spinach, pressing it down into the pan, and sprinkle the raisins, salt, and pepper on top. Cover and cook for about 2 minutes. Stir the wilting spinach with tongs so the nuts do not burn. After the spinach has wilted, cook, uncovered, for about 1 minute longer to cook away most of the moisture. Serve!

What about some good strawberry recipes?

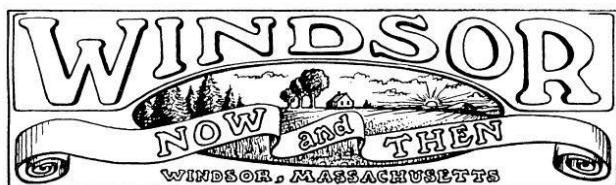
Check out Chef Del's Strawberry Tarragon Salad Dressing or Strawberry Chopped Salad (strawberries, cucumbers, and chickpeas) at Nutritionstudies.org/recipes.



And you know we can always count on the folks at kingarthurbaking.com/recipes for wonderful baker tested recipes: try their Strawberry Rhubarb Galette recipe!

What's cooking in your garden and what's a favorite recipe you'd like to share with neighbors? Send to: fowindsor@gmail.com. --*Val Kohn*

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MEET A WINDSOR ARTIST: Jane Lyon

By Cindy Efinger

Jane Lyon is a multi-faceted artist whose creative medium is jewelry. For 12 years, Jane has been creating one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces using an ancient method known as "lost-wax casting" method, which dates back some 6,000 years and fell out of common use in the 18th century.



Jane carves an original mold in wax, and then pours molten metal and zinc alloys into the mold, which is then destroyed in the process of removing the final piece.

Jane discovered this ancient method during travels to Greece. However, her artistic life began much earlier. As a young girl, she loved painting. In her early 20's, she opened a folk-art gallery in Pennsylvania. After closing the gallery, Jane fed her artistic soul through pottery and sculpture while also working in photography and photojournalism. Jane's creative spirit also extended to stage acting. For a while, Jane studied acting with Uta Hagen at the HB Studio in New York City.



Six years ago, Jane – a native of Pittsfield – wanted a return to her roots in a home offering open space and an environment of creative freedom. She found that home in Windsor. See her work at [facebook.com/thedandilyongroup](https://www.facebook.com/thedandilyongroup).