

# Wrentham

## IN TOWN NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024



**Kevin Sweet**  
**Town Manager**

Thank you for your interest in the latest newsletter, feel free to share. If you have a story or photo you'd like to see featured in an upcoming issue, please contact my office. Enjoy!



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## *From the desk of Kevin Sweet*

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The Public Works Building Committee met in August and September to finalize securing an Owner's Project Manager for the project. A Request for Qualifications was posted and we received proposals from a number of qualified applicants. The PWBC was able to narrow the list of interviews to 3 and is on track to select an OPM to start the design process.

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We were awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FG) Grant, in the amount of \$1,000,000 in federal funding for Norfolk & Wrentham to purchase a regional 100ft Aerial Tower Truck.

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The email domain for public safety personnel has been updated. The old domains, @police.wrentham.ma.us & @fire.wrentham.ma.us, are still active but will be discontinued in the future. Take care to send any correspondence via email to the updated domains, @wrenthampolice.gov & @wrenthamfire.gov to ensure prompt delivery and responses.

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New website! We're refreshing our website which will deliver a more positive user experience and offer new features to subscribe to agendas & minutes, newsletters, and calendars!



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Welcome back students, faculty, and staff to Wrentham Public Schools and King Philip Regional! We wish you all the best in another successful academic year!

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We held the second bid opening for the Sweatt Park Project and are in the process of qualifying the lowest apparent bidder. We're optimistic that we'll be able to make an award and kick this project off!

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# NATIONAL HONOR FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Town has received the  
Distinguished Budget  
Presentation Award from the  
Government Finance Officers  
Association for the FY25 Budget!



The Town has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Fiscal 2024 budget. The GFOA established the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare comprehensive financial reports that are transparent and offer full disclosure while recognizing individual governments that achieve this goal. Thank you to our department managers, our Finance Director/Treasurer Michael King and our accountant Christine Dupras for their hard work in developing timely budgets that reflect fiscal reality and the Town's vision for success."

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Assistant Town Clerk, Anne Fisk, received her Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the New England Municipal Clerks' Institute & Academy.



Assistant Treasurer-Collector, Kathy Nelson, is now a Certified Municipal Assistant Treasurer through the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association.



Director of Planning & Economic Development graduated from the MMA-Suffolk Local Government Leadership & Management Program.



Town Manager Kevin Sweet, received his Certified Health Officer designation.

## Welcome to Our Team!



Kaitlyn Benoit, joins the Department of Public Works as an Administrative Assistant



Scott Smith has been appointed to serve as the Regional Veteran's Service Officer.



The Department of Public Works participated in a Tree Pruning Training presented by Nicole Forsyth, horticulturist and plant science teacher!

## *Library*

**September 11 :: 3:30 pm**  
Choose Your Own Adventure  
Book Club

**September 26 :: 12:00 pm**  
Page Turners Book Club

**September 21 :: 10:30 am**  
Discover the History of your Wrentham  
House with Marian Pierre-Louis

**September 24 :: 7:00 pm**  
Gladius, classical/flamenco  
style guitarist

## *Around Town*

**September 7 :: 12 pm**  
Wrentham Wroad Wrace &  
Wrentham Day!

**September 11 :: 8:30 am**  
September 11th Memorial Service

**September 26 :: 6 pm**  
Wrentham Public Schools vs  
Wrentham Police Softball Game

**October 19th**  
Early Voting for Presidential  
Election Begins

**October 21 :: 7:30 am**  
Fall Town Meeting

## *Council on Aging*

**September 3 :: 1:30 pm**  
Drums Alive

**September 10 :: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
Flu Clinic

**September 10 :: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**  
Flu Clinic

The COA newsletter with a full list of upcoming  
events & programs is available digitally:

[www.wrentham.gov/195/Council-on-Aging](http://www.wrentham.gov/195/Council-on-Aging)

**PLEASE JOIN THE  
WRENTHAM SELECT BOARD &  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS FOR A**

**SEPTEMBER 11TH  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

**WRENTHAM TOWN HALL,  
9/11 MEMORIAL  
STARTING AT: 8:30AM**

Sponsored by Wrentham Recreation

# Aerobic Dance

with Carolyn Tripp

Fall 2024

Aerobic Dance - provides a fun, safe, and effective workout. Classes designed for all levels. Basic dance steps are choreographed to popular hits from all music eras. Bring mat, sneakers, and water.

**Fall 13-week Session**  
Starts September 9, 2024  
Monday and Wednesday  
6:30 - 7:30pm

Mark the date!  
**\$175**

Roderick Elementary School Cafeteria  
120 Taunton St - Wrentham  
\*\* Note \*\* Sept 9th & 18th class will be held at Delaney Elementary School Cafeteria

Registration or Questions:  
Contact Carolyn Tripp  
508-463-7893  
[hat1010@comcast.net](mailto:hat1010@comcast.net)

[wrenthamma.myrec.com](http://wrenthamma.myrec.com)

WRENTHAM RECREATION PRESENTS

## Chi Running Chi Walking Fall Workshops

with Marc Waxman

Join our workshops and learn how to run/walk with less effort and reduce the risk of injury.

### Chi Running Workshop

ChiRunning is the world's leader in teaching a safe, efficient, and natural running technique aimed to reduce injury and improve personal performance

<b>When</b>	Sept 12 & 26, 2024   6:30 - 8:30pm
<b>Where</b>	Wrentham Elementary School Gibbons Gym
<b>Cost</b>	\$75 Wrentham Runners members \$150 non-members (details below)

### Chi Walking Workshop

ChiWalking will help you reach your personal goals from rehabilitation to managing weight to staying active as you age

<b>When</b>	Oct 3, 2024   6:30 - 8:30pm
<b>Where</b>	Wrentham Elementary School Gibbons Gym
<b>Cost</b>	FREE

It's FREE to become a Wrentham Runners member! Join today and start enjoying the benefits of being a part of our runners community!

For inquiries and registration, please visit [WRENTHAMMA.MYREC.COM](http://WRENTHAMMA.MYREC.COM)

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE

17TH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER  
OF THE YEAR



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS GONE THE EXTRA MILE, SHARED THEIR TIME, TALENT AND ENERGY FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY?

NOMINATIONS  
DUE

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OCT

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO

SELECT BOARD'S OFFICE  
79 SOUTH STREET  
WRENTHAM, MA 02093  
- OR -

SBOFFICE@WRENTHAM.GOV

## FALL TOWN MEETING INFORMATION



WARRANT OPEN: SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

WARRANT CLOSE: OCTOBER 1, 2024

TOWN MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 2024





The Metacomet Public Health Alliance nurses  
will be offering a

# FLU CLINIC

for Wrentham residents older than 18 years

**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**

**10:30AM-12:30PM & 1:30PM-4PM**

**Wrentham Senior Center** (400 Taunton St)

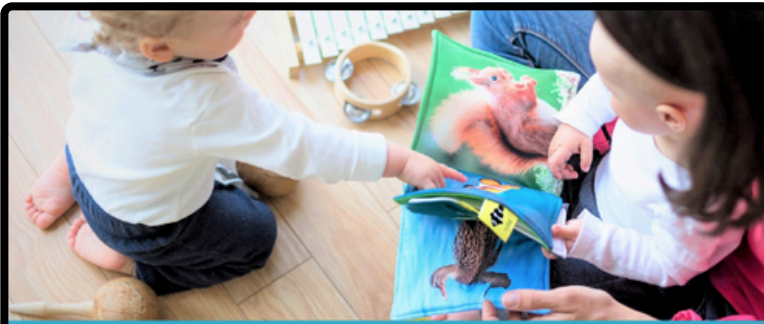
Regular and high dose for seniors available.

**REGISTER NOW**



Bring your insurance cards and wear short sleeves.

Protect yourself by getting vaccinated yearly!



## Baby/Toddler Playgroup

**Fridays**  
**10:00am**

Babies and toddlers under 2 with a caregiver are welcome to come and meet new friends, and play with the toys and gym equipment purchased with funds from the Friends of the Fiske.



MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Tuesdays  
10:00am

## Page Turners Book Club

Thursday September 26, 12:00-1:00pm  
Fiske Public Library

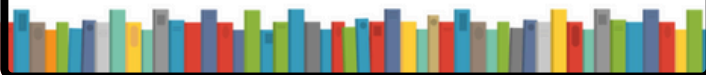


Kids in grades 4-6 are invited to bring a lunch and join us for an early release day books club meeting of the Page Turners Book Club. This month we will be reading Alone by Megan E. Freeman.

Register at [fiskelib.org](http://fiskelib.org)



\*Pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk.



## Preschool Storytime

3-5 year olds

Thursdays  
10:00am

Kids age 3-5 are invited to join Ms. Sara for weekly themed stories, songs, games, and crafts.



FISKE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

# GLADIUS

CLASSICAL & FLAMENCO GUITARIST



Raised in Atlanta, Georgia, pupiled by Andrés Segovia's protégé, and driven to obsession by Eddie Van Halen—Gladius is an award-winning composer and "accomplished classical/flamenco style guitarist" who soulfully "shreds on the electric" (Phil Keaggy), sharing the bill with Grammy winners and mesmerizing audiences nationwide with his electrifying live act since 2016. No registration is required. This performance is free and open to the public.

# 24

SEPTEMBER  
7:00 PM

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:

508-384-5440

[fiskelib.org](http://fiskelib.org)

FISKE PUBLIC LIBRARY



JOIN US FOR  
**DISCOVER THE HISTORY OF  
YOUR WRENTHAM HOUSE**  
WITH MARIAN PIERRE-LOUIS

Saturday, September 21  
10:30-11:30 AM

SWEATT ROOM,  
Fiske Public Library  
110 Randall Rd.,  
Wrentham MA

No registration required.  
508-384-5440  
[fiskelib.org](http://fiskelib.org)

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 11 3:30pm

Kids in grades K-3 are invited to join us for an interactive book club. We will read the book aloud and work together to choose a path and decide the fates of the characters!

Register at  
[fiskelib.org](http://fiskelib.org)  
beginning July 9.

CHOOSE YOUR  
OWN ADVENTURE®

# NEW WEBSITE, NEW SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE!



## NEW LOOK!

We've refreshed our site to provide a better user experience for residents & visitors. A mobile-optimized design that ensures easier navigation and interactions with content from any desktop, smartphone, or tablet, anytime and anywhere. With a new color palette and sliding banner of photos from around town, we hope you will find our site more user-friendly & easier to navigate.

## ENHANCED FEATURES!

The updated Agenda Center allows for the storing, sharing, and searching of public meetings and agendas, enabling citizens to remain informed and engaged in public policy and local issues.

The Meetings & Events calendar allows citizens to stay informed about the scheduling of important local events, including public meetings, classes, activities, community events, and other valuable opportunities for engagement.

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# WE'RE HIRING!

## HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

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Check out our latest  
employment opportunities by  
scanning the QR code below or  
by visiting our website!



# Deputy Fire Chief Swearing In Ceremony



Patrick McMorrow  
& John Donovan  
were sworn in as  
Deputy Fire Chiefs  
on Thursday,  
August 8th



The Wrentham 350th Committee donated photos of the celebration to Town Hall. Shout out to committee member Karen Becker, for delivering all of the framed photos!



Recreation hosted the Annual Senior-Employee Cookout at Sweatt Beach. Staff & seniors had a great time!



# DEPUTY CHIEF GEORGE LABONTE

07/01/1980 - 08/12/2024

We will remember Deputy Chief Labonte with fondness and gratitude. He served our community with honor and distinction for many years, leaving a lasting impact on everyone he interacted with. His legacy of service, integrity, and kindness will continue to inspire us all.

