

CLERK'S CORNER –MAY 2016
SUMMER IN WENHAM

It seems to be true that when you don't have a plan for how you are going to spend your time, you'll usually find yourself doing nothing and perhaps wasting the moments you have to make a difference. Well, in Wenham or its surrounds, this doesn't have to be the case.

Try to set time aside on Memorial Day, Monday May 30, 2016 to remember those who have died in defense of the values and freedoms which constitute the USA. Our schools have thoughtful assemblies on Friday May 27th and our local parades are scheduled to start at 8:55am at Hamilton Town Hall and then at 1pm at The American Legion Hall in Wenham on Monday.

Pleasant Pond passes are available for a fee to residents of Hamilton and Wenham at the Wenham Town Clerk's office and lifeguards will start to staff the beach from 10am-6pm starting after Memorial Day weekend. Fishing licenses are obtained through the State website which can be accessed through the official online licensing and game harvest reporting system of the MA Dept of Fish & Game, "MassFishHunt". The Patton Park pool project is proceeding on schedule, with hopes to open sometime this summer. The HW Recreation Department will keep us posted on their Facebook page and website, www.hwrecreation.com.

This time of year is also a great time to frequent the local farms and farmer's markets. Both offer wonderful goods and a variety of different experiences that should not be missed. Check out the following website to find farm stands and markets in Essex County;
www.northeastharvest.com.

Other local summer events are the Sunday evening concerts at Patton Park starting Sunday June 19th from 5-7pm. The spectacular Two Town Celebration is set for Saturday June 25th from 4pm to 9pm with a rain date of June 26 at Patton Park. The day's events include a bike parade, amusement rides, music, food and other activities culminating with a fireworks display at dusk. Wenham Day, hosted by the Wenham Museum, is scheduled for Saturday August 27th and is always a great day to see local entrepreneurs, crafters, food, live entertainment as well as a time to enjoy the downtown of Wenham.

Summer is also a great time to investigate your opportunities to further serve the community. Many committees and boards are looking for volunteers. See the town's website, www.wenhamma.gov or contact the Town Administrator's office for more information, 978-468-5520 x2.

The 2016 street listing for Wenham, otherwise known as the "nosey book" will be available in mid-June. The publishing of this listing is required by Mass General Law (CH51) and relies on your responses to the annual census. Books are distributed to all public safety departments and are available for purchase at the Clerk's office.

Lastly, please put these election dates into your calendar, check your voter registration status at www.registertovoteMA.com, and then remember to vote. Absentee ballots can be requested through the clerk's office.

Election	Date	Last day to register/change registration
State Primary	September 8, 2016	August 19, 2016
Presidential Election	November 8, 2015	October 19, 2016
Town Meeting	April 1, 2017	March 10, 2017
Town Election	April 6, 2017	March 10, 2017

Dianne Kaplan Bucco was elected the Town Clerk of Wenham in April 2014. More information on the Wenham Town Clerk can be found at www.wenhamma.gov and by following the Wenham Town Clerk on Facebook.