

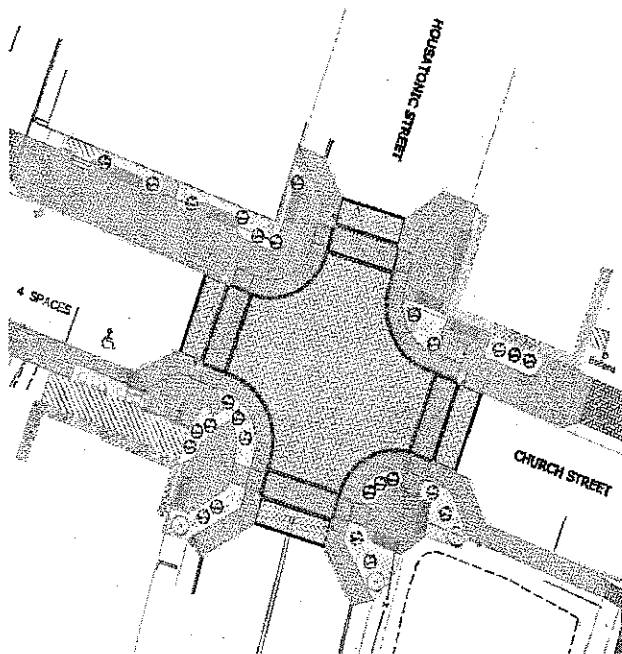
THE LENOX TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER

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The Church Street Project

Construction is well underway. The first stage is the water main, replacing a 100 year old 6" pipe with a new 12" pipe. Simultaneously we are continuing sidewalk and curb replacement starting at Walker Street and extending to Franklin Street. New street lights, mimicking the original Westinghouse lights, will be installed and we will have parking on both sides of Church Street. However the travel lanes will stay the same as they are now.



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday May 25th, 8:30 am in Lenox Dale — A Memorial Service will be held at St. Vincent de Paul's Church. The Parade will immediately follow the Church Service. A ceremony will then take place at Veterans' Park. In Lenox Village at noon the annual Memorial Day Parade will start at the Church on the Hill and follow Main Street to the Patterson's Monument. Here the annual ceremony will take place. The parade continues on to St. Anne's Cemetery. A Community Picnic will be held at the Central Fire Station at the conclusion of the parade and ceremonies.

Lenox Events Planning

The Selectmen are creating a schedule of special events to foster a strong sense of community spirit geared toward year round residents as well as visitors. Four primary types of events are considered:

1. Community oriented events: Apple Squeeze, Holiday Festivities, Green-up Day, Tub Parade
2. New events geared toward visitors: High School Theater Festival, Green living/Wellness Fair
3. Relax and Learn Theme Weekends: cooking, chess, literature, health and wellness
4. Corporate Retreats/small business mtgs: Capitalize on being an easy drive for NYC, Albany or Boston based businesses looking for less expensive options for business meetings and mini-conventions.

To assist in the development and implementation of a successful calendar of events a new Lenox Events Board is being formed. Anyone who would like to volunteer please contact the Selectman's Office.

Special Notes

Water and sewer bills are due June 8th

Public Hearing on the West Street reconstruction project will be June 22nd at 6:30, Town Hall

The Lenox Farmer's Market has a new home, Triangle Park, across from Hoff's Service Station every Friday from 2-6, until mid October.



WELLNESS SEMINARS

Wed. May 20th, 7:30 PM—Lenox Community Center – Move to Heal – A Workshop by Uli Nagel: Pilates. Understand why and how we move is just as important as that we move. FREE

Thurs. May 21st, 7:00pm – Morris Elementary School, Lenox – Wellness in our Schools – A Dialogue. Opening a discussion on how to make our schools truly healthy environments for learning and growth. FREE

Fri. May 22nd, 7:30pm – Tanglewood Room, Cranwell, Lenox – Four Voices on Health. Richard Squailia, yoga teacher; Andrew Goldman, osteopath; Michelle Hemingway, a medical doctor traditional and alternative; and Katherine Miller, Executive Chef at Lenox-based non-profit Enlighten Next – FREE

Sat. May 23rd, 10 to Noon – Lilac Park From Haybales to Tomatoes: The NO DIG Way! – Mary Acton-Adams. Learn to garden using permaculture-like methodology – without having to dig! – FREE

Sat. May 23rd, Noon to 6:00pm – Lenox Town Hall – Our Bright Future – Berkshires Extreme Green Expo – Put on by Volunteers for Change. If you feel that simply changing your light bulbs doesn't do justice to these remarkable times, this afternoon can help you find out more about what is possible, and connect to your own passion for change – FREE

Sat. May 23rd, 7:30 to 10:30pm– Lenox Library Reading Park – Bootleg, Nude Eel One Big Dance Party. Put on your dancing shoes, come out on this beautiful evening and have a great time. Good music, good fellowship, good fun and good for our health! Rain location: Lenox Town Hall. FREE

Sun. May 24th, 10:00 to Noon-Family Hike and the Lorax-Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Lenox. Do a short walk or a long trail. Be outdoors! Bring a picnic lunch. Kids' film, Dr. Seuss, The Lorax, will be shown in the barn at 11 and 12. The Lorax speaks for the trees! FREE

Sun. May 24th, 6:30 pm– Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival at Duffin Theater, Lenox High School. Prepare to be inspired, educated and moved to action. Whatever your interests, these films will expose you to forward-thinking ideas and global awareness—\$8/person; \$14 per family.

For more info: please contact Susan Olshuff at 413-637-2643 or at events@lenox.org.

NEW PLAYGROUND at OREBED

All the old equipment from Orebed Park has been replaced with a new structure made from recycled plastic. Funds came from the Community Center's capital budget and from Tri Town Rotary. A group of 30 volunteers from the community helped install the plastic structure – each having their own expertise. Local businesses donated food for the volunteers for their breakfast and lunch.

New picnic tables will be in place soon as well as a new see saw. This day long community project was organized by the Lenox Community Center.

WATER: The Need to Conserve

We must do our best to conserve water!! This will not only save us money and energy but ease the burden on the environment.

1. Be aware of how much water you use
2. Fix any leaks
3. Reuse water whenever possible
4. There are numerous water-saving devices – aerators, flow regulators and displacement devices

How about considering a Rain Barrel? You can keep your garden green with this environmentally friendly rain barrel. It catches the water from your down spouts. The Lenox Environment Committee has arranged a discount on rainbarrels through the New England Rain Barrel Company. This special offer is \$72.95 (regularly \$119.95). This offer is good until May 26th, 2009. To order call toll free 877-977-3135, or order on line at www.nerainbarrel.com

ELECTIONS: A Few New Faces

Voters returned the incumbents to the school board, re-electing Jay Carberry, Mary Beth Mitts and Heidi McLean. Linda Messana was reelected to the Selectboard (and chosen by her colleagues to chair the Board this year) and Dia Trancynger won the election to fill the seat vacated by Steve Pavlosky. Scott Pignatilli was reelected to the Board of Assessors, being joined by newcomer Jim Sorrentino. Incumbent planning board members Steve Sample and Ken Fowler were re-elected as was Moderator Hugh Cowhig. Jan Ward was elected to the Housing Authority and Jeanmarie Milne to the Board of Health.