



HARDWICK NEWS

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The Senior Center has Moved

Grand Re-Opening April 27

at 10:30 in the Town House, Hardwick Center With Irish Music performed by Roger Tincknell

“From Ireland to America” is a festive celebration of Irish traditions performed on a variety of traditional folk instruments including: guitar, banjo, Irish bouzouki, Irish drum, bodhran, mandolin, pennywhistle, spoons and harmonica.

This popular program includes a variety of traditional Irish and Irish-American folk songs and tunes. Lovely ballads, work songs and familiar sing-a-longs are interspersed with lively jigs and reels. The audience is encouraged to sing, clap and dance. Irish step dancing and spoon playing instructions are included.

At 12:00 there will be a “Pasta bar” Donations to the COA accepted.

For more information contact the COA at 477-6707
or email hardwickcoa@live.com

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Important Dates

April 11 Town Elections

June 18 ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS:

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Town Election will be held on April 11, 2016 at the Hardwick Elementary School on 76 Schoolhouse Drive in Gilbertville. The polls will open at 10:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM. **Please remember to vote.**

Absentee ballots are available to those voters who will be out of town on the day of the election. Please contact the Town Clerk for information on voting by absentee ballot.

Hardwick Little League Parade/Opening Ceremony Sunday April 24, 2016

- 3:40 Gather for Parade – Pine St. Wheelwright
- 4:00 Parade Step Off – Down Pine St. to Veterans Memorial Field
- 4:15 Opening Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Field
- 4:30 Ceremony Closes – Set up for Little League game
- 5:30 Game – Veterans Memorial Field

Parade to Include -

- Police Cruiser, Fire Truck
- Quabbin ROTC Color Guard/Flags
- Veterans/Town and State Officials, Police Dept. / Fire Dept.
- T Ball Teams, Youth Minor Team, Minor Team, Little League team with banners
- 2015 Quabbin Champs, 2015 Mass District 3 Champs with banners
- Hardwick LL Board/ QALL President/Board

Gilbertville Public Library

Adult Coloring Club -First and third Wednesday of the month 6:00- 7:00pm

Book Club ~ Last Wednesday of each month 7pm-8pm

Knitting and Crochet Club ~ Every Thursday 2:30 pm-4:00pm
Come and learn. All welcome from novice to experienced.

"Stunning Still Lives" a pastel workshop by Greg Maichack June 15 at 5:30pm

TOWN CENSUS

Please remember to return your town census. If you did not receive a census form in the mail, contact the town clerk immediately.

Friends of the Stone Church Present: 5 "Plein Air Workshops"

June 18, June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, 8:30am to 1:30 pm

Join us in a friendly collaborative environment within which to create art outdoors. Workshop attendees will meet at the Stone Church and travel to a local outdoor site highlighting different aspects of landscape painting. All sites are easily accessible. All media are welcome as are all skill levels. A \$20 donation is requested, all money going to the *Friends of the Stone Church Stabilization fund*. the cost per session to drop in is \$5. Please sign up by phone 413 477-6028 or email pcwolfe56@gmail.com

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

If you are starting to clean out your home, attics, barns, garages, basements, closets, etc., and need a place to bring those items...we can help. Just load it all up and bring it to our Bulk Waste & Textile Collection Event being held on Saturday, on April 23rd, 2016 from 8 AM to 12 PM at the Hardwick Recycling Center. The center is located at 2011 Barre Road in Wheelwright, MA .

You do not have to be a Hardwick Recycling Center patron to participate in this event. This event is open to all residents of Hardwick and surrounding towns. So, if you are not a patron of the center, take some time while here to check out our facility and speak with staff to see the other services we offer. For those who pay by the bag for trash removal, you may find using the recycling center decreases the amount of trash, thus significantly reducing the cost for trash removal each year. Many of those who have curbside recycling services have chosen to remain or become patrons of the recycling center simply for the ability to recycle the hard to manage items (electronics, appliances, tires, motor oil, antifreeze, etc.) throughout the year, instead of having to wait for a collection event to be held in their community.

For this event, there is a \$5.00 charge for participation of non-sticker holders; however, there is no participation fee for those bringing textiles only. Please note, there are fees per bulk waste item, tires, electronics, appliances, fluorescent bulbs and oil filters to cover the cost of hauling and processing.

Not only can you get rid of those bulky, broken/ruined items, such as recliners, chairs, couches, mattresses, sinks, toilets, entertainment centers, suitcases, fencing, and bulky styrofoam (bagged), etc. You can also bring in your broken electronics, TVs, appliances, light bulbs, ballasts (PCB/non-PCB containing), thermometers, tires, used motor oil, used antifreeze, scrap metal and textiles.

Ecotourism for Hardwick: Towards an Action Agenda

Rural communities in Massachusetts, especially surrounding the Quabbin Reservoir, possess unadulterated natural resources and scenic beauty. Through ecotourism, UMass CED suggests ways for communities to harness these natural resources to provide an economic base without depleting or damaging them. Each community's strategies will be based on their uniqueness, specialty, and cache which help them stand apart and gain prominence.

Hardwick is essentially the complete package and this ecotourism master plan chapter is a way to tie all of their resources into a cohesive economic development plan. We created an ecotourism master plan chapter that is unique to the town's character and natural resources. It is to be used as an example for other rural communities who are interested in incorporating ecotourism into their master plan."

We are hoping that you will attend our interest meeting, ***Ecotourism for Hardwick: Towards an Action Agenda*** Saturday April 9 between 2:00-4:00pm at Hardwick Winery. This will be an opportunity to hear from the Hardwick Community Development Advisory Committee and the UMass Center for Economic Development on their ideas for future actions to implement an ecotourism economic development plan in the Town of Hardwick.

You have been invited as the committee feels your input, advice, and community experience is vital to refine this plan to be a successful strategy for success in Hardwick. Your input and feedback will help frame how the ecotourism plan is presented at the Town Forum in May. Please visit the town website's main page (<http://www.townofhardwick.com/>) to view the PDF of the report, "A Model Ecotourism Master Plan Chapter for Rural Massachusetts Communities: A Case Study of Hardwick, MA" prior to the meeting and come ready to discuss ideas and questions.

We will be looking for interested parties to become part of an advisory committee for the implementation of this ecotourism plan. Please keep this in mind when reviewing the report!

Hardwick Youth Center Hours

Wednesday: ages 5-12, 3 - 5pm
 ages 14-19, 6 - 8pm
 Thursday: ages 12-14, 3:30 - 5pm
 Friday:* ages newborn - 5, 9:30 - 11:30
 *playgroup with a parent or caregiver

Last week of HYC for the 2015-16 school year is
MAY 23-27

Summer programs will be offered.

Watch our FACEBOOK page for details coming soon

"Thank You!"

To all the Taxpayers of the Town of Hardwick thank You for your patience and understanding as we tried a new billing program. Because of the issues we encountered, we will be sending out "Balance Due" bills right after the 4th Quarter payments due May 2nd. These outstanding balances will be due by Friday May 27th. We will then issue the regular "Demands" bills That include the \$30 late fee around June 1st for those bills still outstanding.

Ellen F. Whitney, Collector

TOWN EVENTS

April

7 Special Town Meeting,
6:00pm, Administration Building

9 Ecotourism Meeting,
2:00pm, Hardwick Winery

11 Town Election

16 Lecture and Organ Concert, Stone Church, Gilbertville
Lecture 2:00pm, Concert
4:00pm

23. EARTH DAY at Hardwick
Recycling, 8:00AM —12:00

**27 Formal Opening of the
new Senior Center with
Irish Music by Roger Tinck-
nell.** 10:30, Old Town House,
Hardwick Center, Pasta Bar
Lunch

May

**9 EAST QUABBIN LAND
TRUST** "Projects Around the
Meadow", Wendemuth Meadow
Saturday, April 9, 9am - 4pm

**24
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**
Starts in Wheelwright at
9:30AM

June

**15 GILBERTVILLE PUBLIC
LIBRARY** "Stunning Still
Lives" workshop by Greg Mai-
chack. 5:30

**18 & 25 Plein Air Art Work-
shops**, Stone Church, Gilbert-
ville, 8:30am

23 Last week of HYC for the
2015-16 school year is MAY 23-
27

**25 EAST QUABBIN LAND
TRUST**
15h Annual Dinner and Silent
Auction at The Cultural Center
at Eagle Hill, 5:30PM

Friends of the Stone Church presents:

Let Joy Resound

Peter Krasinski, Dean, Boston Chapter American Guild of Organists with Bruce Hopkins, Donald Boothman, Diane Cushing, Jennifer Fijal, and John Tomasi performing works by J.S. Bach, G.F. Handel, Mendels-

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm

Gilbertville Stone Church, 283 Main Street, Gilbertville
Lecture by Musicologist Barbara Owen at 2:00 pm;

Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 4:00 pm

Ashburnham Community Church, 84 Main
Street, Ashburnham

Masterclass by Peter Krasinski at 2:00 pm

All Events \$60 One Concert \$35 Lecture \$10 Masterclass \$10, CD recording available for donation of \$100

Proceeds benefit the Friends' mission to stabilize the Stone Church

A special thanks to our sponsor Eagle Hill School and to our collaborating sponsor Historical Piano Concerts, Inc. FOSC PO Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031, <http://www.friendsofthestonechurch.org/ljr/>

if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please submit your request and email address

Some of the events announced here are not sponsored or approved by the Town of Hardwick or the Quabbin Regional School District. They are offered by other town organizations and are listed here in an attempt to show the range of opportunities occurring in town.

**WE WILL BE ON THE WEB
CHECK THE TOWN WEB SITE**