



# Town of Westford Massachusetts

Town Manager's Newsletter

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**Brush Chipping**  
10:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Saturday, April 22, 2017,  
Westford Highway  
Garage, 28 North Street

**Westford Town Wide  
Clean Up Day!**  
Saturday, April 29, 2017,  
8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

**Annual Town Election**  
May 2, 2017



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## Dear Westford residents,

I share the Board of Selectmen's appreciation for the efforts and dedication of our Building, Emergency Management, Fire, Highway, Police and School Departments for providing exceptional service this year during all of our winter storms.



Ellen Harde  
Photo courtesy of WestfordCAT

We had a very productive Annual Town Meeting at the end of March, and I thank everyone who participated. This event is vital to ensuring our town residents are informed and involved as the legislative body of our town. You may find the results of the meeting on our town's webpage [here](#). Special thanks to all who prepare and assist with the meeting. This year I include the students and staff of the Nashoba Valley Technical High School for their contribution of cakes and calligraphy in congratulating Ellen Harde on her retirement as our Town Moderator for the past 25 years. Ellen will be missed in this role, but will surely remain very active in our town through the coming years.

To address one of the citizens' petition articles presented but dismissed during the meeting, the Board of Selectmen is establishing a new Tax Relief Examination Committee. This committee will review the proposed citizens' petition, [found here](#), examine possible personal and property tax relief for seniors, disabled, and low income citizens, and provide a recommendation for next year's Annual Town Meeting. You may apply for membership on this new committee by filling out a Citizen's Activity Form in the town manager's office, or online at this link: [Citizens Activity Form](#).

The Main Street reconstruction project is scheduled to begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. This project includes replacing the water main and reconstructing the road. Our Engineering, Water and Highway Departments are managing the work and have posted information about the project at this link: [Engineering web page](#). The exact dates are weather dependent, so please be sure to sign up for the latest construction news through our town's website: [westfordma.gov/subscriber](http://westfordma.gov/subscriber)

Congratulations to resident Chris O'Neil for being awarded the bronze medal at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Schladming, Austria! I am very proud of his accomplishments and his representation of our town and our country at this international event. Chris previously won two gold medals at the 2015 Massachusetts Special Olympics. Chris is a role model of perseverance for people of all abilities. Chris was commended by the Board of Selectmen for his accomplishments at their March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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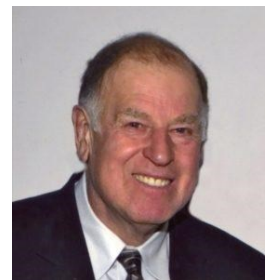
Chris O'Neil  
Photo courtesy of The Lowell Sun

Our Selectmen also recognized Westford Academy seniors Lauren Flynn, Dorothy Goodwin and Olivia Overington for their efforts with Peace Love Cupcakes which resulted in them donating \$28,040 to a charity working to improve health and agriculture in Africa.

Congratulations to Nancy Cook, who received designation as Roudenbush Community Center Person of the Year! A wonderful fundraising event was held in her honor on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Abbot Mill at 1 Pleasant Street has been selected to receive a 2017 Paul and Niki Tsongas Award as part of this year's Power of Preservation Awards by Preservation Massachusetts. Developer Chris Yule and the mill project will be recognized as one of the organization's Best Overall Preservation Projects. Be sure to check out the Abbot Mill website [here](#), to see how the mill has been rehabilitated into a residential apartment complex in the heart of Forge Village.

It is with great sadness I note the passing of life-long resident and community servant George Spencer Fletcher (1933-2017). In addition to enjoying the fruits of his family's farming, the town is grateful for George's many years of service in our fire department, various committees, as a Selectman, and a Trustee of Westford Academy. George was the care taker at East Boston Camps for over 40 years. We will remember George's quick smile and wit and his selfless contributions to our town. He will be missed.



There are several openings on local boards and committees, including: the 12 North Main Street Task Force, Affordable Housing Committee, Agricultural Commission, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, Communications Advisory Committee, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, Economic Development Committee, Energy Committee, Historical Commission, Master Plan Implementation Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Permanent Town Building Committee, Public Works Initiative Committee, Tax Possession Sale Committee, Tax Relief Examination Committee, Town Center Parking and Traffic Study Committee, and others. I urge you to peruse our website for information about the work of these committees; and if you have interest, please complete a Citizen's Activity form at this link: [Citizen Activity Form](#) or stop by and fill out a form in the Town Manager's office.

Would you like more detailed information on Board of Selectmen meetings? Click the following links to access: [Board of Selectmen Documents](#) & [Board of Selectmen Meeting Videos](#).

I hope you are enjoying these temperate spring days as much as I am.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jodi Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi Ross  
Town Manager

## J.V. Fletcher Library

The J. V. Fletcher Library is applying for a  
**Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Grant**  
from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

The Fletcher Library has applied for a Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners LSTA FY2018 Grant Award, in the special category of Readers' Advisory Services. Joyce Saricks, author of *"Readers Advisory Service in the Public Library,"* defines Readers' Advisory as: "[a] patron-oriented library service for adult fiction readers. A successful readers' advisory service is one in which knowledgeable, nonjudgmental staff help fiction readers with their reading needs."

The Fletcher Library is seeking this Grant to ensure that all Library staff have the time and opportunity to be trained, educated and build skill-sets that will allow them to provide consistent and exemplary Readers' Advisory Services to Library Patrons. Since staff at the Fletcher Library are cross-trained, we want to be sure the Cataloger at Main Desk is as comfortable and knowledgeable recommending the latest, most popular mystery as the Main Desk staff person who is already adept at the process. And we want the Children's Librarian at the Fine Art's desk to have handy resources to help a patron looking for her next audiobook to read.

We will also incorporate exciting new tools for patrons that all staff will have been trained to use when they recommend books (in some cases they will have created the tools), such as: personalized staff recommendation bookmarks; a staff blog on our website; staff doing "Book Talks" on WestfordCat; introducing mobile, lightweight iPads at all the public services desks loaded with bestseller lists, genre oriented sites, staff produced resource pages, "Read-Alikes" and so much more.

The Library will be notified on July, 14 2017 with respect to our Grant Award status.



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## Recreation Department Sound Bites

### Being Pat

Moving in to the new space on 22 Town Farm Road has kept Director Pat Savage especially busy as she follows up on numerous details that include the review of potential programs for the new programming space. The arrival of spring brings additional tasks for Pat, such as managing Capstone interns from Westford Academy; working with the Eagle Scouts on seasonal projects; opening and permitting town fields, Stony Brook Conservation Land, and Town beaches; and preparing for Summer Weekly Programs that entail ordering equipment and supplies, and hiring over 100 seasonal employees to staff the department's full-week programs, like Kids Club, Destination Exploration, and Summer Beach Party. Such duties are in addition to Pat's ongoing responsibilities, from tracking and processing revenues and expenses for the three department divisions, (Parks and Grounds, Cemetery, and Recreation/Recreation Enterprise), to attending monthly meetings with both the Cemetery and the Parks & Recreation Commission.

### Healthy Westford

Parks & Recreation Assistant Director, Michelle Collett, and staff member Joy Felicani, recently joined *Healthy Westford*, a newly formed committee of residents led by Town of Westford Health Director, Jeffrey Stephens, R.S. The *Healthy Westford* mission is to work with town departments, boards, and committees to improve the health and safety of Westford's households, public spaces, and ecosystems.

Come visit Joy and Michelle at the **WestFest Food Truck Festival & Health + Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 6, at the Abbot School**. This social event promises over 40 vendors, offering a broad selection of food and lots of fun for the whole family. As part of this event, *Healthy Westford* has organized a Walk-a-thon Raffle with great (and healthy!) prizes. The walk-a-thon track around the school will have four mini exercise stations – the more exercise you get, the more tickets you will earn for use in the **Healthy Westford Walk-a-thon Raffle**.

### Making a Difference at WPC

Westford Parks & Recreation staff member, Tamara Demaio, received the "Make A Difference" award from the Norman E. Day School. As the WPC Day School Site Director, Tamara is known for her "passion and positivity", says Day School Principal Aid, Rena Guerin. The Make a Difference award highlighted the "close and genuine" relationship Tamara has with both her WPC children and her high school counselors. Additional comments noted that Tamara runs a tight ship; high school counselors are "ready at their posts" each day to greet the children, and when children are corrected, it is with "firmness and encouragement". "Day School is very fortunate to have someone like Tamara," says Rena. "She gives these kids a safe and familiar place to unwind after school. And they have time to focus on their homework, and spend time with friends who feel like family. That makes a difference!"

### Spring Programs

Look for great SPRING programs for ADULTS, such as: Adult Archery; Adult and Child Archery; Aikido; Completely Cardio; CPR, AED, and First Aid to include a special FAMILY NIGHT class on April 26; Adult Rowing; and Tennis. For a programming overview, visit the [westfordrec.com](http://westfordrec.com) home page, and look for the Spring-Summer Brochure link, or the activities link.

## Recreation Department (Continued)

### SUMMER IS CALLING

**REMINDER Westford Parks & Recreation SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION FAIR** will be held on Wednesday, **May 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, at the Parks & Recreation Department, 22 Town Farm Road. Come meet the staff from Summer Beach Party Week, Kids Club, Destination Exploration, Ready, Set, Go!, Leadership Program, Tennis, Archery, Rowing (excludes H.S. Crew Team), Swim Lessons, and more. They will be available to answer any questions you may have about our summer programs.

**Early Registration Discount:** Register for a Westford Recreation spring/summer program on Wednesday, May 10, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., and receive \$10 off one spring/summer program with a value of \$50 or more. Valid only on May 10, 2017.

### Using our Noggin with New Summer Programming for Kids

Westford Parks & Recreation is introducing two new programs this summer, Chess Wizards and Play-Well LEGO®. Since 2002, **Chess Wizards** has inspired children nation-wide to “think logically, solve problems, win graciously, and learn from defeat.” This summer children can learn to play chess and improve their game while meeting new friends! The new **Play-Well LEGO®** program helps children learn the fundamental principles of engineering and physics, while creating and collaborating with their summer friends. Both programs will offer full-week coverage, with options to combine the program with Westford Parks & Recreation Summer Weekly Programs, Kids Club and Ready, Set, Go!.

### Wanted: Lifeguards

Love to Swim? Looking for a summer job? Westford Parks & Recreation is looking for lifeguards for Forge and Edwards Beaches during the 2017 summer season. If you need certification, consider taking our **Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Class**. This class provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to aquatic emergencies. Visit the Activities tab on westfordrec.com to learn more. For prerequisite information email [rec\\_waterfront@westfordma.gov](mailto:rec_waterfront@westfordma.gov).

### WPC NEWS

#### Westford Partnership for Children (WPC) Session 5

WPC Session 5 begins April 24! In addition to homework time and outdoor play, children attending Session 5 will have a variety of fun offerings to choose from, such as Play-Well LEGO® STEM program, Creation Station, No-Bake Cooking, Cartooning, Get Messy Arts & Crafts, Sports Mixer, and Tennis Lessons with Marcus Lewis. WPC Session 5 registration forms are NOW available at westfordrec.com or the Westford Parks & Recreation office at 22 Town Farm Road. You can enroll for WPC programs at any point during the session. Learn more about WPC at westfordrec.com.

**WPC April Vacation Special Programs** for grades K-8 ran from April 18-21. Guided by our experienced staff, activities included a Fenway Park tour and a visit to the USS Constitution; Plimoth Plantation; Roger Williams Zoo; and Kimball Farm mini-golf, and bumper boats, with ice cream, of course!

**Westford Partnership for Children (WPC), the Westford Parks & Recreation After School Enrichment Program, provides a safe, stimulating, and fun environment Monday through Friday, from school dismissal until 5:45 p.m.** The program encompasses a range of activities, from homework help and science exploration, to math, technology, storytelling, visual arts, and sports and games. The WPC program runs five sessions during the school year, each with unique activities and flexible hours that support the needs of the town's children and their families.

**You can enroll for WPC programs at any point during the session.** For additional information, call 978-692-5532. For WPC 2017 registration forms, visit [westfordrec.com](http://westfordrec.com), or the Westford Parks & Recreation office at 22 Town Farm Road.

## Health Department



On March 28th, Health Agent, Rae Dick was Inducted as a Local Public Health Institute Fellow at the LPHI 2017 Leadership & Management Graduation Ceremony. This award is given to Public Health Professionals who demonstrate the mastery of Public Health Practice; a commitment to Professional Development; and a willingness to act as a Public Health Steward for Public Health Practice.

Additionally, Food Inspector, Arnie Price, Health Agent Rae Dick, and Health Director Jeff Stephens all have earned the credential of Certified Professional in Food Safety (CP-FS). This was achieved through a successful application and an award of an FDA grant, to complete course work. This is awarded by the National Environmental Health Association, (NEHA).  
**Congratulations to all on their hard work!**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

*That your town is partnered with TickReport to provide a subsidized tick testing program. Contact TickReport or your town's Board of Health for the rate.*

Submit Online Form      Mail Tick      Receive Results

[www.TickReport.com](http://www.TickReport.com)

### Who Should Worry About Tick-Borne Diseases?

Anyone who spends time outdoors runs the risk of exposure to ticks. It is important to remember that you do not just have to walk through a wooded area...ticks can easily be found in leaf litter at the edge of your yard, around ornamental plantings, places that offer some shade and high humidity.

### Why Should I Have My Tick Tested?

While not a substitute for medical consultation or diagnosis, tick testing can help you and your physician assess your risk of exposure to Lyme and other diseases.

### We offer:

- Identification of tick species and life stage.
- High-resolution photomicrographs of the tick.
- Assessment of the tick's feeding status.
- Tests for presence of tick-borne pathogens, (bacterial and viral) in ticks. Visit [www.TickReport.com](http://www.TickReport.com) for a complete list of pathogens.
- Secure URL link to your report on our website.

The Laboratory of Medical Zoology (LMZ) tests thousands of ticks from all over the country. Having your tick tested couldn't be easier.

1. Place the tick in a sealable plastic bag.
2. Complete the online submission form at [www.TickReport.com](http://www.TickReport.com).  
Pay the discounted fee online with a credit card or enclose a check.
3. Label the bag with the order number assigned by TickReport.
4. Send the labeled tick in an envelope to:  
*Laboratory of Medical Zoology  
Fernald Hall, University of Massachusetts  
270 Stockbridge Rd.  
Amherst, MA 01003*
5. Results of the tick test will be sent to you in 5 business days or less.

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## Health Department (Continued)

### STEPS TO SAFE AND HEALTHY FRUITS & VEGETABLES

#### From the Store to Your Table

Fruits and vegetables are healthy to eat. But did you know that harmful germs, like Salmonella, E. coli, and Listeria, can sometimes be on fruits and vegetables? There are steps that can help keep you healthy—and your fruits and vegetables safer to eat—from the store to your table.

#### Fruit and Vegetable Safety at the Store or Market

##### Check for Bruises

Choose fruits and vegetables that are free of bruises or damaged spots, unless you plan to cook them.

##### Keep Precut Fruits and Vegetables Cold

Choose precut and packaged fruits and vegetables that are refrigerated or kept on ice.

##### Separate

Separate fruits and vegetables from raw meat, poultry, and seafood in your shopping cart and in your grocery bags.

#### Fruit and Vegetable Safety at Home

##### Wash

Wash your hands before and after preparing fruits and vegetables.

Wash or scrub all fruits and vegetables under running water before eating, cutting, or cooking.

Fruits and vegetables labeled “prewashed” do not need to be washed again at home.

##### Keep Cold

Refrigerate cut, peeled, or cooked fruits and vegetables as soon as possible, or within 2 hours. Refrigerate within 1 hour if the temperature outside is above 90°F.

Use a refrigerator thermometer to make sure the temperature stays at 40°F or below.

##### Separate

Store fruits and vegetables away from, and not next to or below, raw meat, poultry, and seafood. These items can drip juices that may have germs.

Use a separate cutting board for fruits and vegetables that is never used for cutting or preparing raw meats, poultry, or seafood.

Wash cutting boards, counter tops, and utensils with hot, soapy water before and after preparing fruits and vegetables.

**Get fruits & vegetables home and in the fridge in 2 hours or less**



**Memorial Day 2017** - Town wide celebration of Memorial Day will be held on Sunday, May 28th. Ceremonies will be conducted at Freedom Park @ 9 AM, Forge Village monument @ 9:15 AM, Graniteville monument on North Main St @ 9:45 and then at Nab Lake, Byrne Ave. dam at 10:30. On the Town Common, the reading of the Honor Rolls will begin at 10:45 AM. We are looking for READERS, if you'd like to read, please call the Veterans Services office!

Culminating the village ceremonies will be a parade starting at noon from the Roudenbush Community Center to the Town Common where various tributes will be given.

Veterans who would like to participate should meet at the Cameron Senior Center at 8 AM on Sunday. All are encouraged to commemorate our US servicemen and servicewomen who have died in defense of our country on this holiday weekend. Join us if you can.

All veterans and Memorial Day event participants are invited for a luncheon at the Nabnasset American Legion Post #437 at 114 Dunstable Rd. immediately following the service on the Town Common.

An "event guide" containing parade routes and times will be located on the town website, <http://westfordma.gov/veterans>. If you'd like to participate, contact Terry at (978) 392-1170

**US flags to be placed on veterans graves in May**

American Legion Post #159 members will be putting the US flags up in the weeks prior to Memorial Day. We will do our best to make sure that every veteran's grave is properly marked. Sometimes a flag will be misplaced or unintentionally omitted, please let the Veterans Service Officer know if a flag is missing, we will try and put one in place prior to Memorial Day. The Town of Westford's Military Burial Index can be found at <https://data.westfordma.gov/vets/>



The flat bronze markers are provided by the VA at no cost, more information on obtaining them can be found at [http://www.cem.va.gov/hm\\_hm.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp) or by calling/emailing the Veterans Services department. (978) 392-1170 or [veterans@westfordma.gov](mailto:veterans@westfordma.gov)



## Recycling Commission

### Brush Chipping 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

#### Saturday, April 22, 2017, Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

Proof of Westford residency required.

Accepted: Brush and branches up to 3 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length. Must be average residential brush categories and reasonable amounts: A load ranges from a trunk to pickup truck -----volume, includes tow behind a full trailer.

Not accepted: Building materials (e.g. fences, boards), land clearing materials and debris (e.g., roots, bushes, anything mixed with poison ivy), grass, and leaves.

Cost: \$10 per load, checks preferred, payable to the Town of Westford.

### Westford Town Wide Clean Up Day!

#### Saturday, April 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Meet at Roudenbush Community Center at 8:30 a.m. to register, have coffee and a light breakfast. Get your location assignment. Return to RCC at noon with your trash.

The first 50 people to check in will be given T-shirts!

To register your group, email [irusso@roudenbush.org](mailto:irusso@roudenbush.org).

Individual volunteers can register and will be assigned to a group.



### Electronics & More Collection 8 am – 2 pm

#### Saturday, May 6, 2017, Westford Highway Garage, 28 North Street

The Westford Recycling Commission holds two Electronics & More recycling events each year in Westford, one in the spring and one in the fall. Westford utilizes the services of Northeast Materials Handling of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

This is a fee-based collection OPEN TO ALL; CASH OR CHECK ONLY (checks should be made out to "Northeast Materials Handling"). The Town of Westford receives no proceeds from this event.

<b>The following are accepted FREE OF CHARGE:</b>	<b>No plastic toys.</b>
· Appliances: Small, anything that plugs into an electrical socket:(irons, hair dryers, toasters, electric toothbrushes, hand mixers, blenders – no glass, etc.)	· Ink and Toner Cartridges
· Refrigerators, washers, dryers, Air Conditioners / Dehumidifiers, Microwave Ovens, etc.	· Fire extinguishers (empty)
· Cell Phones and Telephones (Home & Office)	· Game Consoles
· Computers and towers (CPUs), Laptops	· Propane tanks (empty)
· Smoke/Carbon Monoxide detectors	· Printed circuit boards
· Home Electronics & Related Appliances (DVD, DVR, Stereos, etc.)	· Battery operated tools and Power tools
· Printers, Copiers and fax machines	· Chargers, Batteries (NiCAD, Lithium and Rechargeable <b>ONLY</b> )
· Network equipment, Modems, Servers, Switches and Routers	
· Flat Screen Computer Monitors - if recycled <b>WITH</b> a computer	

<b>Items accepted with fees:</b>	
· Children's car seats - \$15	· CRT Computer Monitors - \$15
· All TVs (regardless of size) - \$30	· Flat screen monitors <b>WITHOUT</b> a computer - \$15
· Speakers - \$10.00 (House Speakers with large wood or plastic housing)	

[www.westfordma.gov/recycling](http://www.westfordma.gov/recycling)

## Cameron Center Events

### **GAY NINETIES CELEBRATION**

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30- 2:30

Join us for this very special time when we honor our residents that are age 90 and over at a memorable luncheon at the FRANCO.

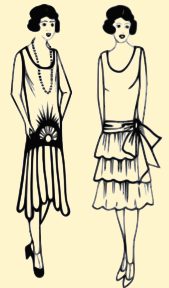
The morning will be filled with opportunities to see new and long-time friends, enjoy a catered lunch by Shirley Caterers starting at 11:30. Also, we are looking forward to having the Justin Meyer Trio from Indian Hill providing an array of genres of music starting with the big band favorites of the 1930's.



Our honored Westford guests age 90 and over are welcome to bring two guests at no charge to enjoy this much-anticipated celebration. The cost of the other guests will be \$9 for non-Friends members and \$7 for Friends members.

We ask that you register by Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> by calling 978-692-5523.

**Event Sponsors:** Friends of the Cameron Senior Center, Emerson Hospital, Concord Oil and Westford Rotary Club



### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15

Lunch is being sponsored by: **Evviva Cucina of Westford**

The program will be led by Marilenin Vasquez, a veteran Public Affair Specialist of the Social Security Administration. Our speaker will speak on the current changes within the programs offered through the Social Security Department which include benefits such as Social Security Disability, Widows benefits, Supplemental Social Security Income, establishing on-line Social Security personal accounts for accessing your information timely and a lot of time for Q&A.

Please RSVP with a 48-hour notice by calling 978-399-2330.

### **LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL PRESENTS:**

A Healthy Nervous Systems Leads to A Healthy Life

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-6:30 at the Cameron

Please register by calling Lowell General at 1-877-544-9355

### **TAI CHI-YANG TAO-**

This short form of Tai Chi will be offered at the Cameron for eight weeks starting April 20<sup>th</sup> thru June 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8PM.

This form is a series of 13 movements done in a circular pattern in five directions.

The cost is \$40 for Westford residents and please call Lowell General to register at 1-877-544-9355.

**To view the complete Council On Aging Newsletter please visit our website:**

**[www.westfordma.gov/coa](http://www.westfordma.gov/coa) and click on**



Westford Senior Center

Cameron Center Events (continued)

**SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING FOR BOOMERS**

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7PM- Open to all residents

Presenter: Jon Bicknell, Certified Financial Planner

A new generation is getting ready to collect Social Security. Find out what you need to know to make the most of your retirement benefits. How and when to sign up for benefits, minimizing taxes and estimating income and more. RSVP-978692-5523

**SENIOR TAX WORK PROGRAM - APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 4PM**

Tax Work applications are available at the Cameron Senior Center. Please apply if you are interested in sharing your professional skills and experience in participating in this program by working 100 hours in exchange for a \$1000 reduction (minus federal mandated deductions) in your FY 2018 personal real estate tax bill. No income requirement must be age 60 and over to make an application as well applicant must own and occupy the property which taxes are paid. Participants are selected through a lottery process however first time participants will be given priority for placements. Applications must be submitted to the Cameron Senior Center and applicants are welcome to observe the lottery process on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11AM.

For additional questions please contact Alison Christopher, Town Social Worker at 978-399-2325.

**CAMERON SENIOR CENTER NEEDS GARDENERS!**

We are excited about having our own 10x10 plot at the Westford Community Gardens so please call and let us know you would be interested in helping in this NEW endeavor we are undertaking at the Cameron.

Gardner hot line is 978-692-5523.



**LOCAL COMPANY MAKES DONATION**

Once again local company, **Ekaru**, has provided two items off our wish list which include an **eight foot projector screen which pulls down from the ceiling which** was recently hung by our skilled building maintenance team, John Wilson and Chris Mitchell (left to right).

This very user friendly projection screen will make visual presentations a lot easier to enjoy from whatever chair you are sitting in our multi-purpose room. Also, **Ekaru** graciously provided a needed pair of speakers for our many programs.

Be sure to watch your **June newsletter for the Cyber Security presentation that Ekaru will be providing** to our center. Jodi Ross recently offered this presentation to department heads and I as the COA Director found it so informative and unbelievable that the lengths people will go to steal or hack into one personal technology devices. This presentation is eye opening, easy to understand and a great extra step to protect your personal information.

