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– Charles Tashjian, Publisher



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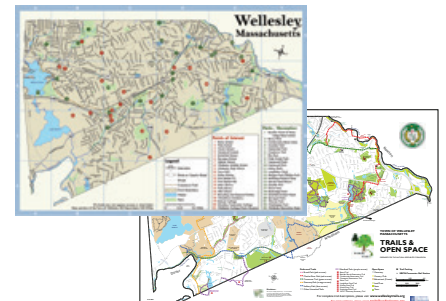
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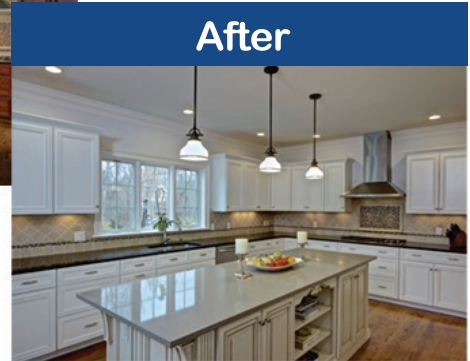
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History of Wellesley

More than 350 years ago, when a handful of men first settled the area around the Charles River that is now known as Wellesley, they were so delighted with their new town that they named it "Contentment." Although the name has changed over the centuries, the feeling of pride and satisfaction on the part of the residents toward their home still remains strong. For many residents, this feeling of community was best summed up in the 1981 Centennial Celebration, a year-long discovery of Wellesley which brought a new sense of awareness of its history, a new enjoyment of its present, and a renewed commitment to its future.

Through a history book, two multi-media shows, a time capsule, a historical play starring current elected officials as Wellesley's founding fathers, town-wide parties and birthday cakes, and skits for schools and summer camps, Wellesley spent a year learning about its past.

It learned that in the 1630s, after negotiations with Indian Chiefs Nehoiden and Maugus (whose names are still seen in town today), the first nineteen hardy pioneers paid five pounds of currency and three pounds of corn for the land which would become Wellesley. At the time, it made up part of a larger town, named Dedham. The land was good and within 75 years enough families were living in a section of Dedham so that a new town split off, named Needham. The western part of this new town, the part which was to become Wellesley, was called West Needham, and spent most of the 18th and 19th centuries as a small, quiet farming town. Men from West Needham joined their neighbors to fight and die at the beginning of the Revolutionary War at Concord on April 18, 1775, and at Gettysburg less than a century later.



In the 1820s farmers drove their produce to Faneuil Hall Market in Boston, and returned home to the popular clubs of the day: the "Newton, Needham and Natick Society for Apprehending Horse Thieves," and the Temperance Society. Then, in the 1830s, the railroad came to town, bringing Boston businessmen and the most modern way of life, forever changing the face of the quiet town.

One of the businessmen attracted to this pretty, restful place was Henry Durant, who in 1875 startled the countryside by founding Wellesley College, a college for women which has become one of the most respected colleges in the country, on its beautiful lakeside campus. He named the college to honor his next-door neighbor, Horatio Hollis Hunnewell, a wealthy businessman and town benefactor whose mansion was named "Wellesley" in commemoration of his wife, whose maiden name was Welles.



By 1880 the pace of life in town was quickening. Suddenly modern life was descending from all sides. There was the first newspaper, bank and telephone, with new churches and homes. Most importantly, the sense of identity which "West Needham" had always felt began to assert itself. Under the leadership of men like Durant and Hunnewell, joining together with the sharp town politician Joseph Fiske, Wellesley residents organized themselves and pushed for separation from Needham.

There was intrigue and frenzy, with a heated meeting at the town hall (which doubled as the poor farm and which later became the Wellesley Country Club), but finally the men of Wellesley triumphed and on April 6, 1881 the Massachusetts legislature christened the



new town of Wellesley, which took its name as a tribute to benefactor Hunnewell.

Progress continued to come rapidly, and within a decade the most modern conveniences had replaced the kerosene lanterns, the puddled paths overgrown with grass, and the cattle and grocers' wagons which had filled the streets. The town fathers, with money, political experience and community spirit behind them, decided that Wellesley should develop as a carefully planned and lovingly nurtured new town. Whatever was best, that was what Wellesley would have. Before the turn of the century there were: railroad stations designed by H.H. Richardson and Frederick Law Olmsted, America's greatest landscape architect; the first golf course in Massachusetts; a pioneering water system; commissioners to lay out park lands; Town Improvement Societies; town playgrounds; trolley cars; excellent schools; carefully planned neighborhoods; and, most important, a sense of optimism and pride.

Through the foresight of town fathers who in 1914 made Wellesley the first town in America to adopt zoning laws, Wellesley grew into a beautiful town. By the 1920s it was recognized as one of the leading suburbs of Boston, becoming a center for shopping when Filene's department store opened its first branch.

Katharine Lee Bates, a town resident and Wellesley College professor who in 1893 wrote "America the Beautiful," was perhaps the first person to bring the name of her home town to international attention when her song became popular among soldiers during World War I. Other Wellesley residents have throughout the years continued her example of devotion to town and country, in their own fields and their own way.



This rendering shows the Wellesley History Center sporting new paint colors as part of the work to be completed to transform 323 Washington Street into the Wellesley History Center. *Courtesy photo*

Wellesley History Center to Open in 2025

New Center Will Showcase the Wellesley Historical Society Collection

By J.D. O'Gara

"The Wellesley History Center is being built for Wellesley by the people of Wellesley," says Peter Mongeau, President of the Wellesley Historical Society. The new center, located at 323 Washington Street in Wellesley, is projected to open in fall of 2025, with the Wellesley Historical Society moving its collection in spring.

(The History Center) is a game changer," says Mongeau, "We will be able to exhibit all our collection and really engage the community. I think people will love the center when it's finished. It will change the town, and it definitely changes us as far as an organization. Our Motto is 'Open the door to history,' and we'll be able to engage the community and share the history of Wellesley."

The Wellesley Historical Society purchased the Stanwood House at 323 Washington Street for \$1.1 million. The house was built in 1916 and was formerly the home of Wellesley pediatrician Dr. Frederic A.

Stanwood and Mrs. Jeanette S. Stanwood. The Society paid off the mortgage in 2021 and a capital campaign was launched to raise funds to transform the house into the Wellesley History Center.

According to the Wellesley Historical Society website, the Wellesley History Center will be the first public, non-profit facility dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Wellesley. The Wellesley History Center will also serve as gallery space for other local civic groups to host events and display their materials.

Mongeau explains that the first floor of the new historical center will be open to the public, with four galleries, explaining, "We will put on multiple exhibits a year, open from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. weekdays and a few Saturdays to make it accessible to everyone." That includes an ADA-approved wheelchair ramp, with doorways wide enough for wheelchair access.

Three exhibits, at press time, were planned, so far, for 2025.

"We'll open in September 2025 for an exhibit of 'Wellesley through Time,' that will highlight our collection and run through November," says Mongeau. The

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Wellesley Historical Society Turns 100 in 2025

By J.D. O'Gara

The Wellesley Historical Society founded in 1925, will celebrate its centennial with special events planned from 2025 through 2026, says Taylor Kalloch, Executive Director of the Wellesley Historical Society.

The Society was organized by a group of Wellesley citizens with a mission to collect, preserve and share the history of Wellesley, but Kalloch explains that older items from the collection were somewhat eclectic.

"All local historical societies, particularly in New England, as they were founded in the early 20th century, were not professionally organized," says Taylor Kalloch, Director of the Wellesley Historical Society. While some of the collection from that era, she says, "hit the mark right on the nose, preserving Wellesley History," others were kept without much explanation. "Some of it was, this is a very cool item, but what is it telling us?" says Kalloch.

These days, the Wellesley Historical Society has an established collection policy dictating what it will and will not take. "As the field of local history has progressed over time, there's more of a sense of collecting the things that are telling the more complete

Wellesley story and how (items in the collection) relate to history outside of Wellesley. It all comes back to collecting and preserving Wellesley history."

According to its website, "The archives of the Wellesley Historical Society contain original records, objects, and artifacts that represent the history of our town, Wellesley ... Until 1975 the Wellesley Historical Society operated from a variety of locations, including the Town Hall and the Wellesley Hills Branch Library. In 1975 the Dadmun-McNamara House was purchased from the McNamara family for \$1 and moved to its current location at 229 Washington Street. The house had been built in 1824 by Daniel Dadmun, one of the early tollkeepers on the Worcester Turnpike, and today the building is known as The Tollhouse.

At The Tollhouse, the Wellesley Historical Society maintains its collections, offices, and a small shop from which all proceeds support the Wellesley Historical Society."

Source: *Wellesley Historical Society*,
www.wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org



Society has also invited the Wellesley Society of Artists to exhibit their paintings in December in the Center's galleries. "They will be available for purchase; we are working on some details," adds Mongeau.

Later, he notes, "In January, we'll have another exhibit, 'Fashion of Wellesley,' which will highlight our textile collection and will run through March. The Wellesley Historical Society also has over 2,500 butterflies. The third exhibit, to be presented in April, will be 'Butterflies of the World.'" Every exhibit will open with an opening night cocktail party, says Mongeau.

The Wellesley History Center will also feature semi-permanent displays of two paintings by Wellesley artist Mary Brewster Hazelton, an impressionist painter. "As part of our spring gala, which featured Anthony Amore, director of security for the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, we raised money to restore the paintings," says Mongeau. "On the Porch" depicts Hazelton's family, while "Margaret by the Sea," to be featured on the history center stairwell, is an image of a little girl sitting on a beach by the shore.

Mongeau, who moderates the WWII book discussion group at the Boston Athenaeum and who is active in a Civil War book discussion group, joined the Wellesley Historical Society two years ago, becoming President soon after. Immediately, he says, the group "set up a strategic plan, and the first thing we applied for was a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. We received the largest grant, \$200,000, they gave out this past year, but it was a matching grant, so we went out and raised another \$200,000 from the citizens of Wellesley."

Later at Town Meeting, Wellesley voted to provide a \$640,000 Community Preservation Act grant to the Wellesley Historical Society, to help renovate and create the Wellesley History Center.

"We believe the History Center will enrich the community, and people are excited about it," says Mongeau, whose wife and he raised four children during their 26-year residence in the town. "I think we live in a great town, and I think there's a lot of people in

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Wellesley that love history. We appreciate all the help we have received the last two years," he adds.

The Wellesley Historical Society, which receives no operating income from the Town of Wellesley nor the State of Massachusetts, could still use some funding to finish the moving, installation and finishing work of the new Wellesley History Center. If you'd like to help, visit the capital campaign page on their website:

<https://tinyurl.com/WellesleyHistoryCenterFund>

To learn more about the Wellesley Historical Society, visit <https://www.wellesley-historicalsociety.org>.

These two paintings by Wellesley artist Mary Brewster Hazelton (1868-1953) are part of the Wellesley Historical Society Art Collection and will be displayed on a semi-permanent basis at the new Wellesley History Center.



Margaret by the Sea (1915)



On the Porch (1906)

Wellesley Historical Society Founding Members and Officers:

"For some years there has been a feeling among many new and old residents of the Wellelsey's [sic] that there should be at least the nucleus of an historical society in the town which is so representative of the traditions of the past linked with all the activities of the present."

"Historical Society to be Formed in Wellesley," *Townsmen*, March 20, 1925, 1.

Founding members:

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Source: Wellesley Historical Society

Wellesley Theatre Project

A Creative Gem at the Heart of Our Community

By Jane Lebak

The Wellesley Theatre Project is making a big impact in the greater Wellesley area not only by teaching theatre classes and staging award-winning performances, but also by contributing to a number of community causes. They call their students "citizen artists."

Co-founded by Hillary C. Drew and Ben Rush, the Wellesley Theatre Project (WTP) provides theatre classes and opportunities for children from pre-kindergarten age up to Grade 12.

Students are introduced to the foundational skills of theatre in their initial class. Hillary Drew, Co-Founder and Executive Director, says, "Our job is to tell a story on stage. That includes your mind, your imagination, your focus, your creativity, your body, and your movement." Children first learn the basics of storytelling on stage, then move into the details of character creation, blocking, how to use props, and even the intricacies of musical theater and dance. More advanced classes include voice lessons, technical theatre, and theatre production.

A large part of these lessons is the teamwork. Ben Rush, Co-Founder and Artistic Director, says, "Nobody sits on the bench in theatre. Everybody's on stage at some point and working together. In whatever role you've been tasked with, you bring your best and your strongest so everyone else can bring their best and strongest."

In the future, WTP may begin hosting more offerings for adults, but currently most of the classes are for children, in part because both founders are passionate about bringing theatre to young people.



A scene from WTP's *Guys and Dolls*. Photo by Sandy Sandwich Productions (www.sandysandwichproductions.com) used courtesy of Wellesley Theatre Project.



Rush says, "Hillary and I are both kids of educators. Both of our mothers are special education teachers, and my father was an award winning high school theatre director."

Drew adds, "I have been doing theatre since I was three years old, and I grew up in a family that did theatre. It builds confidence and self-esteem, and it's an incredible community."

Wellesley Theatre Project has put on over a hundred performances during thirteen seasons. Drew says each production is selected depending on age groups and skill level. "We use shows for different time lengths. There's a kids version of a show, or a junior

"Theatre" or "Theater"?

A "theater" refers to the physical space housing the performance, whereas "theatre" refers to the art form!

version, or a high school version, or the full version that would have been on Broadway."

Previous performances have included *Elf Junior*, *Mean Girls*, *Matilda*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, and in September, 2024, a pilot production of *How to Train Your Dragon*.

All productions are licensed versions, but recently, the production companies have taken notice of WTP's high standards. "They need groups to pilot new shows before they send them to press and start licensing them," says Rush. "Through our participation at the Junior Theatre Festival, we got asked to pilot a brand new show."

Piloting a show means that, in addition to it never having been seen before, the theatre group sends feedback to the writers, creates video, and takes a multitude of pictures. Sometimes the writers themselves attend the performance in order to make adjustments to the final script. "We're about to do our fifth pilot in the last four years," Rush adds.

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A sixth pilot production may be in the works for the spring performances.

As mentioned above, Wellesley Theatre Project participates in theatre competitions. Rush says, "We've now gone for the fifth time to the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta, Georgia." Over 7,000 people attend this festival, a tremendous audience for the Wellesley performers. "We're the only group from Massachusetts who go, but there are groups from all over the world. In our third appearance at that festival, we were asked to be one of five groups that premiered a brand new show on the main stage."

In 2021, WTP won the top honor of Outstanding Production.

Theatre isn't just about outstanding productions, however. It's also about helping the performers become outstanding people.

Drew says of theatre education, "It provides understanding of people who are different than you. We put on plays of characters who are not us. That creates empathy and understanding of differences. Our world could use more of that."

Ben Rush says, "We're passionate about education and creating safe spaces for kids to figure out who they want to be."

He also sees the way WTP students develop strong public speaking skills. "They're gaining confidence in themselves. So many parents and students tell us, it's always the kids who've done theatre who are more ready to stand up in front of a class or go into a job interview and be eloquent speakers, speaking with confidence."



Wellesley Theatre Project students learn choreography for "Two by Two" in a master class with Scott Barnhardt in 2012.

Courtesy of Wellesley Theatre Project.

WTP also encourages community service, whether it's participating in the Wellesley Wonderful Weekend Veterans Parade with a float and a special performance, putting on a play at a senior center, or connecting a nonprofit organization with the theme of a show. "We just did Junie B Jones and had people bring in supplies for cradles to crayons," says Drew.

Rush believes Wellesley and the Wellesley Theatre Project are perfect for one another. "The community doesn't always know we're here, but we want to be a bigger part of the community."

As Hillary Drew says, "We focus on citizen artists. They're learning theatre and the skills, but they're also learning how to be really good people. They go out into the world and do good things."

The Wellesley Theatre Project is located at the Wellesley Community Center, at 219 Washington Street. They also have a website at <https://www.wellesleytheatreproject.org> with information about upcoming classes and performances.

Break a leg!



Wellesley Theatre Project's production of *Alice in Wonderland*.

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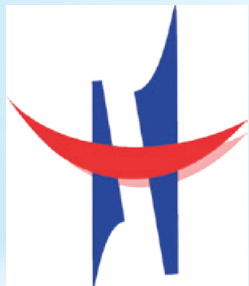
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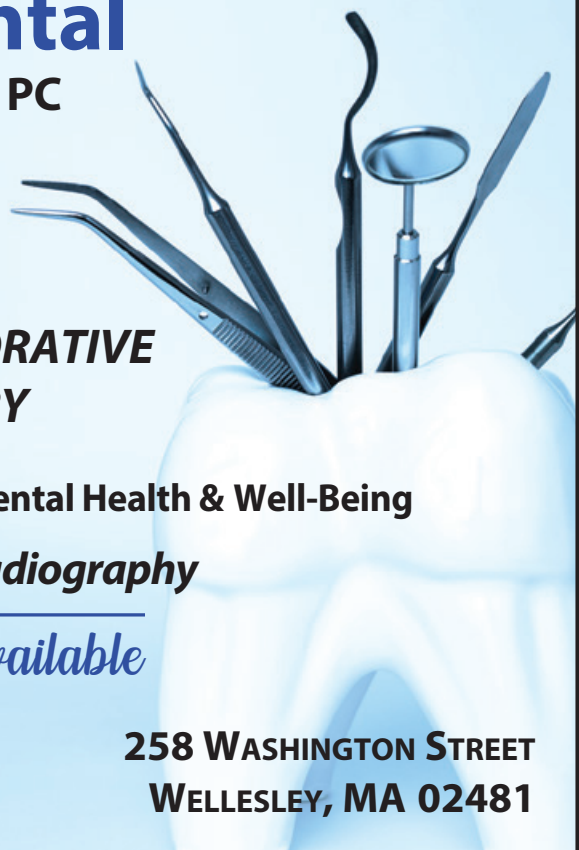
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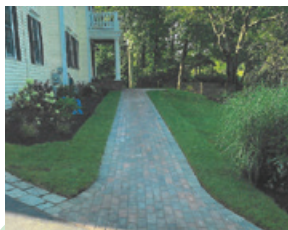
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On Mondays from October through May, Wellesley Friendly Aid hosts Friendship Circle, a program for senior women of all income levels. The Friendship Circle was begun in April of 1949, with support from the town recreation department, after a study by a Wellesley college student found older adults in town yearning for recreational activities and sociability. Participants in the Friendship Circle enjoy a wide variety of activities, and Wellesley Service League (<http://www.wellesleyserviceleague.org/>) provides transportation and wonderful lunches to participants.



Find more on the origins of the Friendship Circle at <https://wellesleyfriendlyaid.org>.

Friendship Circle began its new year of luncheon programs on October 21, 2024. Programs this year include concerts, craft workshops, and cooking demos, as well as talks by local authors, quilters and gardeners, as well as the Wellesley Police Department speaking about scam prevention. The group will enjoy a special end-of-the year luncheon in May.

For more information on Wellesley Friendly Aid, find them on Facebook or visit <https://wellesleyfriendlyaid.org>.

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Wellesley's Historical Society's Collections and Must-See Items

By Theresa Knapp

The Wellesley Historical Society houses over 470 linear feet of art. Its collections span from paintings and photographs, to butterflies and lace, and everything in between. The Society, currently at 229 Washington Street but slated to move in 2025, houses over 35,000 photographic prints, 2,075 objects, and 1,500 textiles.

"The Wellesley Historical Society has an extensive and growing historical collection dedicated to documenting the history of Wellesley," said Executive Director Taylor Kalloch, who has been with the organization since 2011 and has been its Executive Director since 2021.

"The collection includes architectural plans, archival records, entomological specimens, lace and lace



Denton Brothers Butterfly circa 1902.

fans, maps, atlases, newspapers, periodicals, objects, artwork, photographs, postcards, greeting cards,



Spectators cheer on runners of the 1975 Boston Marathon as they pass through Wellesley, which marks the midpoint of the race.



"Brussels bobbin lace, a jabot." This machine-made lace flower from the Ester Oldham Lace Collection was made in imitation of handmade Venetian needle lace. Like many of the lace samples in Ester Oldham's scrapbooks, this flower was a gift, given in this case by Minerva Roberts. The date the piece of lace was created is unknown, the scrapbook which it is part of was created in the mid-1900s.



A photograph by William Partridge shows a horse-drawn fire apparatus in front of Wellesley's Church St. Station in 1893.

their collection, many in their original mountings.

The Society's collection also includes items from the Ester Oldham (1900-1984) lace and fan collection, specifically a sampling of her fan collection, her entire collection of reference notebooks, library of lace books, thousands of pieces of lace, and lace-making tools, according to its website.

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and textiles. Together, these materials document both the extraordinary and the everyday life in Wellesley over time," said Kalloch.

Among its storied treasures is its famed Denton Butterfly and Entomological Collection. According to wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org, "In 1892, Willie and Winsey Denton of Wellesley formed The Denton Brothers, a business for exhibiting and selling their butterfly collection." Today, the Historical Society has more than 2,500 of those specimens in



Wellesley Fire Chief Thomas F. McNamara stands next to a department vehicle outside of Wellesley's Worcester Street Fire Station in 1930 shortly before stepping down as chief.

Must-See Items in the Wellesley Historical Society's Collection

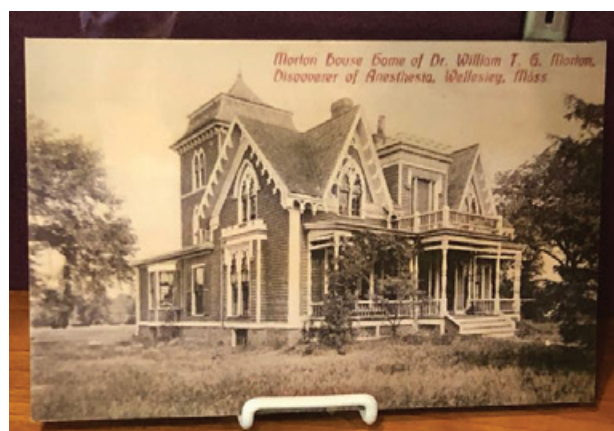
Five amazing items in the Wellesley Historical Society's collection that require an appointment:

1. The Art Collection, particularly paintings by Wellesley artist Mary Brewster Hazelton.
2. The Butterfly and moth specimens from our Denton Brothers Collection. These specimens, dating from the late 1800s and early 1900s, represent butterflies and moth species from all over the world, uniquely preserved in cases designed in Wellesley.
3. The Photograph Collection which contains over 35,000 photographic images of Wellesley ranging from 1880 to the present day organized by subject.
4. The Textile Collection and specifically several of the wedding dresses and a handmade engagement skirt and blouse set with crewel embroidery, which is a work of art in itself.
5. The Atlas Collection which provides visitors with an opportunity to see the layout of their neighborhoods throughout Wellesley's history.

Source: Wellesley Historical Society

'Greetings from Wellesley' Photo Postcards on Display at Library

A 1907 postcard entitled "Morton House, home of Dr. William T. G. Morton [1819-1868], Discoverer of Anesthesia, Wellesley, Mass." (circa 1907) is part of a "Greetings from Wellesley" photo postcard exhibit at the Wellesley Free Library (second floor). Curated by the Wellesley Historical Society.



Wellesley Historical Society's Collection by the Numbers

- 470 linear feet - Archives collection
- 49 individual and family collections
- 35 business, club, and organization collections, town and school collections
- 10 newspaper and periodical collections
- 64 audio/visual items
- 2,428 Denton Entomology specimens
- 35,000+ photographic images
- 223 linear feet library space
- 2,798 maps and plans
- 48 linear feet Oldham Lace Collection
- 2,075 (approx.) objects
- 1,500 (approx.) textile items

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Appointments may be necessary to view some of these materials. Before your visit, contact archivist@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org.

In addition to its extensive physical collection, the Wellesley Historical Society has other offerings such as a speaker series, an Oktoberfest, an annual Spring Gala, walking tours, and much more. There is also a vintage shop on site that sells "quality household goods" that have been donated to the Historical Society for the purpose of being sold to raise money for the Society.

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Wellesley Council on Aging Offers Many Services and Programs at Tolles Parsons Center

By Theresa Knapp

Wellesley's Council on Aging building, the Tolles Parsons Center (TPC), at 500 Washington Street, is not your typical COA - this is a vibrant senior community center that serves as a resource for residents over the age of 60.

COA Director of Senior Services said, "The Tolles Parsons Center is a warm and welcoming place for older adults to come and enjoy being part of a community. All of our programs are designed specifically for the 60+ age group; educational lectures, fitness programs, meals and entertainment attract residents who are interested in healthy aging. The Tolles Parsons Center is a hub for seniors to pursue social engagement and gain a sense of belonging while making new connections with others."

The TPC is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and occasionally later in the evening. The center is available to seniors from any town, except for the dedicated fitness/dance room which is dedicated to Wellesley residents only due to limited capacity.

The two-story building opened in 2017 and is laid out more like a recreation center than what people might think of as a traditional "senior center." Here, when patrons enter the building, they scan their membership card and select which events they will attend during their visit; this is one way the COA collects statistics on its programming.

Greenwood says the TPC's top five programs, in no particular order, include fitness classes; educational lectures; holiday luncheons; social activities like pool, card games, Mah Jong or knitting; and live musical performances

On the first floor is a multi-purpose room with a piano, movie screen, exercise equipment, and it is where lunch is served. There is also a café and lending library where patrons are invited to bring in a snack, enjoy a cup of coffee (provided by the Friends of the Wellesley COA, which subsidizes many programs), work on a puzzle, read a newspaper, borrow from the library, or simply visit - they are welcome to treat the space as if it were an extension of their home. There is also access to a large patio area.



Wellesley Council on Aging Volunteer Coordinator Sally Miller features two of the stuffed animals made by the Center's Community Service Bears group. Volunteers in that group create more than 200 bears a year for hospitals and nonprofits to benefit those in need, primarily children in crisis.

Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

On the second floor are several rooms that host a variety of programs including crafting and knitting areas, a card and game room (bridge, cribbage, dominos, mahjong, ping pong, BINGO, etc.), and a pool table where the Wellesley COA has a league that plays other local Council on Aging leagues.

The walls of both floors are decorated with the work of local artists.

Greenwood says one of the TPC's hidden gems is a full-time social worker onsite who is dedicated to Wellesley's senior population, and provides seniors and their families with comprehensive consultations. Another hidden gem is a transportation service for those who can no longer drive (the COA Bus brings seniors around town to get groceries or get to medical appointments).

Tolles Parsons Center Offers Many Programs

The TPC, in general, is a place to build community and social connections, and specifically offers:

- Concerts and movies
- Health, wellness, exercise programs (some virtual)
- Seasonal celebrations
- Art classes, workshops, groups (painting, knitting, felting)
- Poetry and book discussions
- Photography club
- Technology assistance
- Walking groups
- Lunches from local restaurants (registration required)
- Transportation (several options)

There can be a minimal charge for some programs, and there are scholarships available to cover the costs. Contact the COA outreach/social worker Kate Burnham at kburnham@wellesleyma.gov or (781) 235-3961.



Gerry Hume and Jack Kordash often play pool at the Center. Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

Community Service Opportunities

There are many community service opportunities at the TPC including the Community Service Bears group, which is a group of senior women who have been meeting for more than 20 years to create adorable handmade stuffed teddy bears, adorned in hand-knit sweaters. The group of 12 volunteers creates over 200 bears each year. The bears are donated to area hospitals and nonprofits benefiting those in need - primarily children in crisis.

Wellesley Seniors by the Numbers:

According to the 2020 census

Wellesley total population: 29,550

Age 65-69: 1,193

Age 70-74: 1,144

Age 75-79: 929

Age 80-84: 758

Age 85+: 785

Source: www.data.census.gov,
United States Census Bureau, 2020 census



Wellesley's Council on Aging building, the Tolles Parsons Center, opened in October 2017.

Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

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Another program offered this year was creating handwritten cards to be sent to veterans for Veterans Day. The center does programs like this throughout the year.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

There are other fun and engaging ways to volunteer including greeters, lunch servers, instructors, COA bus helpers (with groceries, etc.). For more information, contact Sally Miller, Volunteer Coordinator, at smiller@wellesleyma.gov or (781) 235-3961.



The walls of the Tolles Parsons Center are decorated with the work of local artists.

Public Library Offers Additional Resources

Additional senior resources are available nearby at the Wellesley Free Library. Those offerings include art exhibits, book groups, home delivery of materials, computer lab, consumer information, genealogy resources, newspapers, just to name a few.

For more information, visit the library at 530 Washington St. or www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org/beyond-wfl/senior-resources/

History of the Tolles Parsons Center

The Tolles Parsons Center (TPC) was a dream that Mary Esther Tolles, "Billie," and her cousin Evelyn Parsons, M.D. both shared. Billie gave a most generous bequest that launched the initiative for a dedicated free-standing senior center in the Town of Wellesley. The TPC stands on the former site of the American Legion Post 72. The citizens of Wellesley honor the generous donation of the original Legion land to the Town which allowed the TPC to become a reality. The TPC opened in October 2017.

Source: www.wellesleyma.gov/379/About-the-COA

The namesake of the Tolles Parsons Center are Billie Tolles (left) and Evelyn Parsons, M.D. (right). Source: Wellesley Council on Aging



Sustainable Wellesley volunteers gather at the Wellesley Parade sharing actions big and small people in Wellesley can do. Courtesy photo



Sustainable Wellesley, 20 Years and Still Sustaining

Includes Top 5 Steps Residents Can Take toward Positive Environmental Impact

By Theresa Knapp

The Sustainable Wellesley group is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that engages residents, businesses and the Town of Wellesley to take sustainable actions to project the climate; reduce pollution of air, land and water; preserve biodiversity; minimize waste; and ensure environmental justice, according to www.sustainablewellesley.com.

The website is filled with information that can be helpful in all aspects of life. It highlights research and statistics including:

- Buildings make up 56% of Wellesley's emissions
- Transportation makes up 34% of Wellesley's carbon emissions

The site also has a robust calendar of events the public can attend.

Phyllis Theermann is president of Sustainable Wellesley, and says she became involved in sustainability nearly 20 years ago when her children were young.

"I had watched a documentary on climate change

Visit www.sustainablewellesley.com for additional information related to:

- Decreasing office/home emissions
- Sustainable food choices
- Locate gas leaks in Wellesley
- Solar considerations
- Sustainable land care
- Transportation
- Take the Idle Free Pledge
- How to donate

where they asked, 'What will you do 20 years from now when you are sitting across the table from your children and they say, 'So you knew about climate change and you didn't do anything about it?,'" said Theermann.

"That was it for me. I knew how to write, how to organize, partner and market, so I threw myself into the initial Sustainable Wellesley group. Now, 20 years later, we are part of the fabric of this community

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with a strong voice. Taking actions on climate is more vital than ever, and more people are asking what they can do."

Theermann says the top five things people can do today include:

1. Obtain a no cost energy audit (available for homeowners and renters), as buildings are the number one greenhouse gas (GHG) emitter in Wellesley. The Town of Wellesley has information at wellesleyma.gov/1967/Free-Home-Energy-Assessment. The Town also offers a no cost Energy Coaching program (wellesleyma.gov/2086/Energy-Coaching) which offers residents no-cost guidance from a volunteer trained in clean energy technologies.
2. Vote your values in all elections and consider running for a public office - "be in the room where it happens."
3. Walk, bike, carpool, combine errands and use public transit/school buses more often. Catch Connect, the Town of Wellesley's local bus service, runs from 6.45 a.m.-8.45 p.m. and is currently fare-free (confirm before riding). Riders 12 and over are welcome to ride. For more information, visit wellesleyma.gov/1696/Micro-Transit-Catch-Connect-Service
4. Eat a plant-rich diet, simply eat less meat, as the production of meat and dairy generates much more greenhouse gas than the production of comparable amounts of plant-based proteins.
5. Sign up at www.sustainablewellesley.com/newsletter.html for the Sustainable Wellesley newsletter and/or follow them on social media to learn about local events, inspiration and news; and/or volunteer by contacting info@sustainablewellesley.com

For more suggestions, visit www.sustainablewellesley.com.

How energy efficient are Wellesley homes?

- Average household in Wellesley uses 990+ kWh (kilowatt-hours) per month
- Average Massachusetts (non-electric heated) household uses 583+ kWh per month

Source: www.wellesleyma.gov/1967/Free-Home-Energy-Assessment

Wellesley Student Creates Earthos, Clothing You Can Feel Good about

Fiona Jobson of Wellesley created the website Earthos to facilitate tangible lifestyle changes that benefit the health of the global environment.

Fiona, who is a high school senior, hopes to dive deeper into the field of sustainability and the use of marketing and psychological strategy in effectively communicating and creating empowering resources.

Launching Earthos to her school community, Sustainable Wellesley, and Wellesley High School, Earthos has received a tremendous positive response. She plans to continue to develop Earthos in the future.

For more information, visit bit.ly/EarthosOnline.



Fiona Jobson, Wellesley resident and founder of Earthos, a company that empowers customers to shop for quality products while being mindful of environmental impact. Courtesy photo

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5. **Consider solar**. Get an estimate from a [solar installer](#) for your home.
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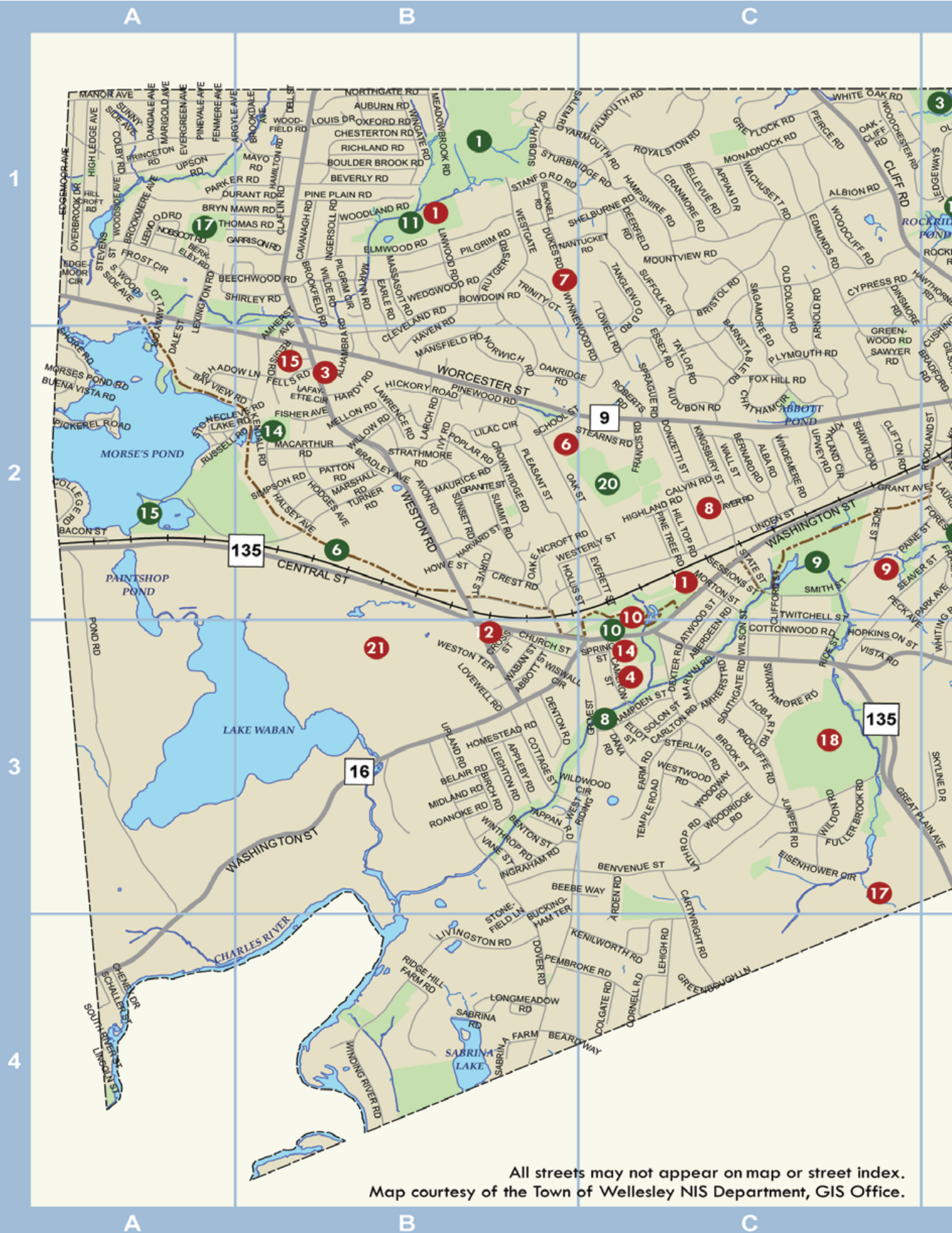
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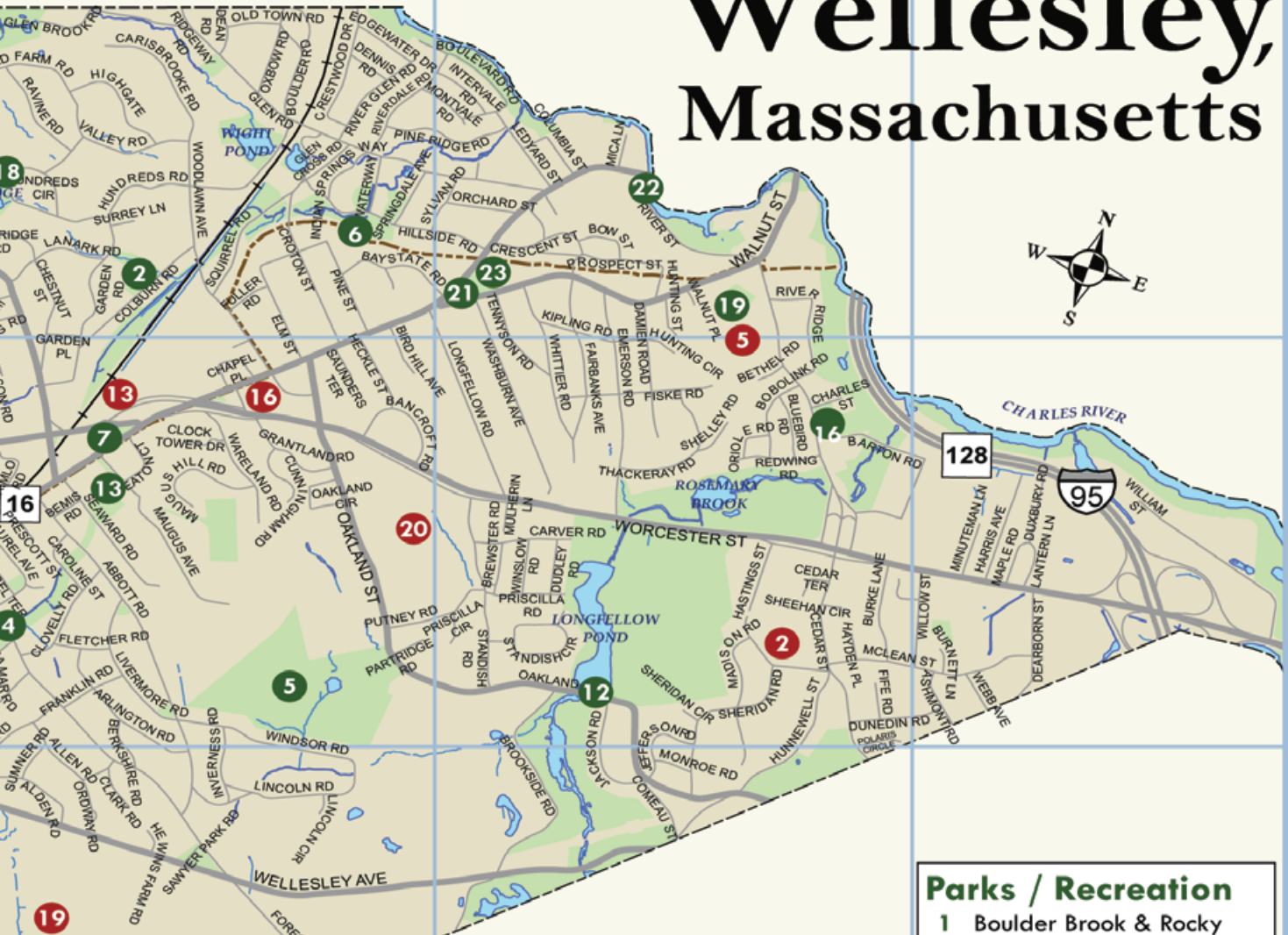
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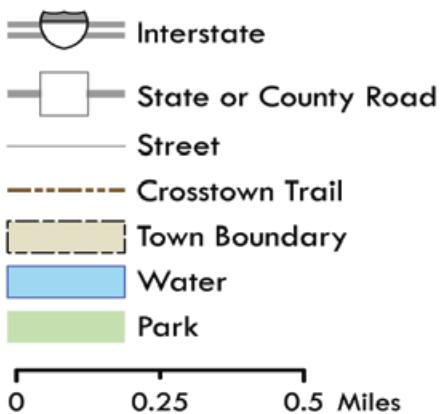


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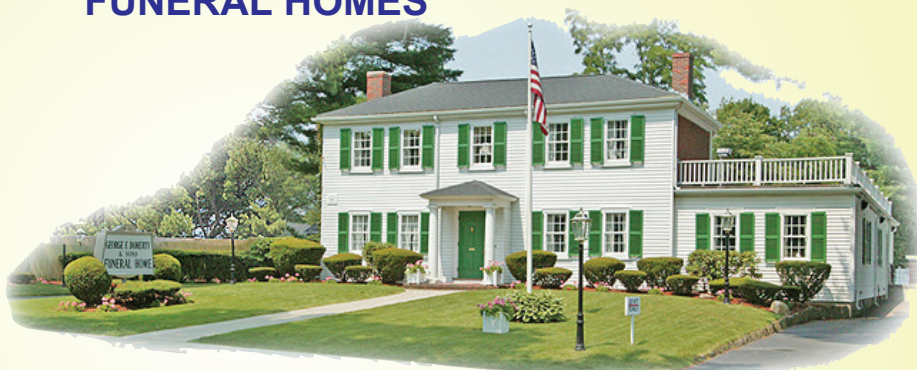
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