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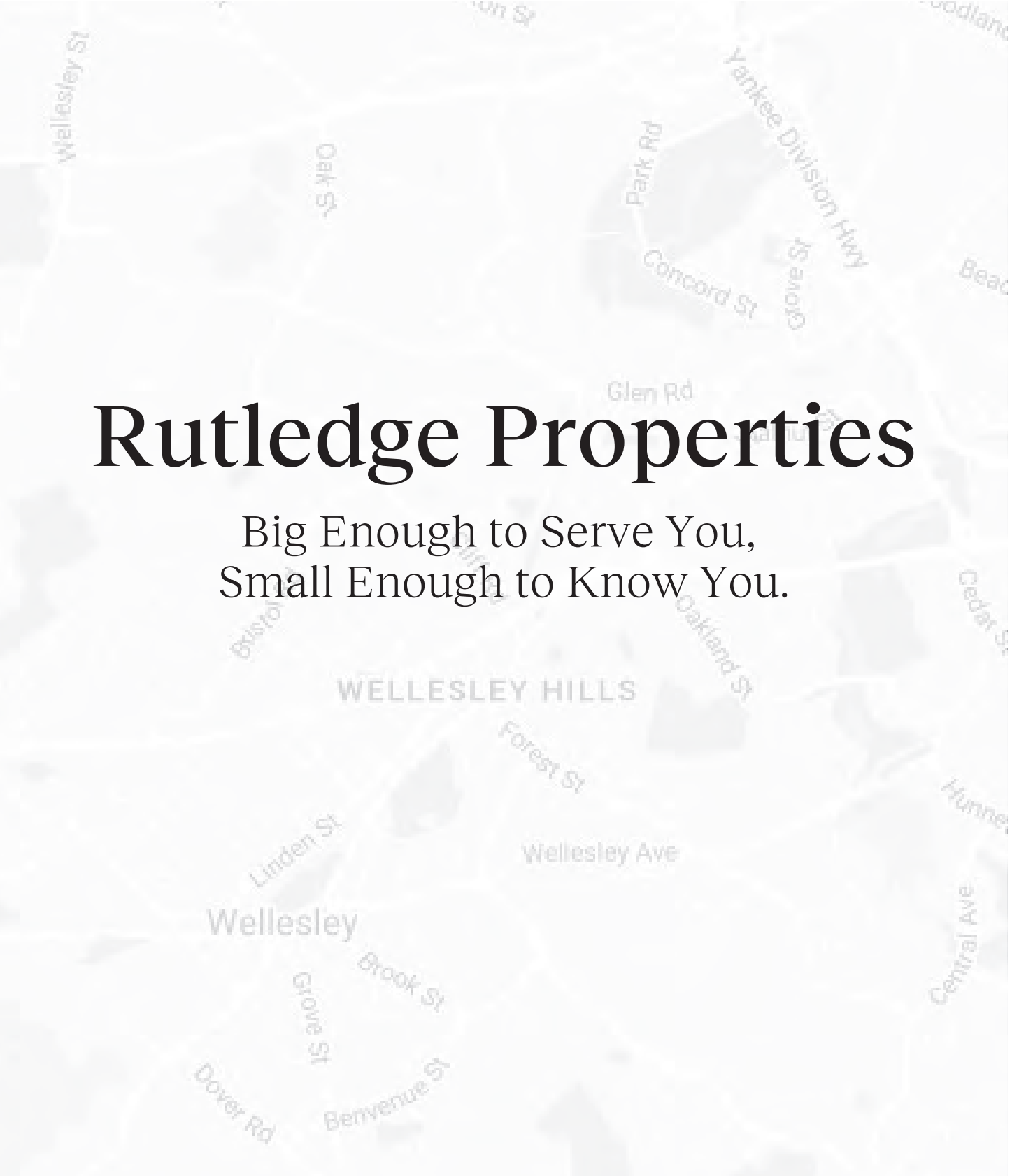
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## To the Residents of Wellesley:

Thank you for welcoming us into your home as the Wellesley Phone Book, a go-to resource for over 53 years. With today's technology and private phone listings in constant flux, we have transformed and upgraded our product into Wellesley Home Magazine, a glossy, full-color business and reference guide for the community of Wellesley. This annual publication will feature historical content, reference listings for all things Wellesley, a town and recreation map, town-related articles and advertisers, both throughout the publication and in a directory in the back of the magazine. You may also visit us online at [WellesleyHomeMagazine.com](http://WellesleyHomeMagazine.com). This website will also feature a business and residential phone number search option, so you can find your neighbor or business in the town of Wellesley.

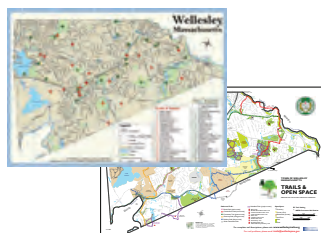
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- Charles Tashjian, Publisher



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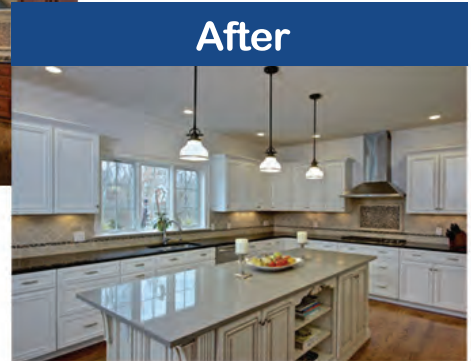
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|                                       |              |
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| 485 Washington St.            | 781-235-1212 |
| Court Prosecutor              | 781-489-6662 |
| Bureau Criminal Investigation | 781-235-1212 |
| Records                       | 781-235-2189 |
| Chief Terrence Cunningham     | 781-235-0062 |

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|                                    |              |
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| Engineering                        | ext. 3315    |
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| Recycling & Disposal Facility      | ext. 3345    |
| Water & Sewer Division             | ext. 3355    |

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|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
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|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Administrative Offices        |                        |
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| Superintendent's Office       | 781-446-6210 ext. 5605 |
| Asst. Superintendent's Office | 781-446-6210 ext. 5603 |

#### Town Hall

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 525 Washington St.  | 431-1019  |
| Assessors           | ext. 2274 |
| Building Department | ext. 2228 |

#### Fair Housing Committee/

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Fair Housing Officer | ext. 2232 |
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| Payroll              | ext. 2210 |
| Retirement           | ext. 2216 |

#### Historic District Commission/

|                                                                 |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
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| Network & Information Systems                                   | ext. 2280    |
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|-----------------|--------------|

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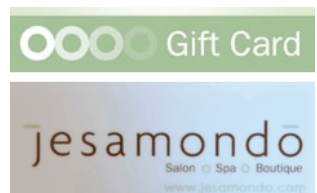
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Asst. Superintendent's Office .....ext. 5603  
PAWS Integrated Preschool  
63 Hastings St.  
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Interim Principal - Toni Jolley  
Fiske 45 Hastings Rd. .... 781-446-6265  
Voice Mail ..... 781-446-6219  
Principal - Rachel McGregor  
Hardy 293 Weston Rd. .... 781-446-6270  
Voice Mail ..... 781-446-6225  
Principal - Grant Smith  
Hunnewell 28 Cameron Pl. .... 781-446-6275  
Voice Mail ..... 781-446-6245  
Principal - Ellen Quirk  
Schofield 27 Cedar St. .... 781-446-6280  
Voice Mail ..... 781-446-6230  
Principal - Gerardo Martinez  
Sprague School 401 School St. .... 781-263-1965  
Voice Mail ..... 781-263-1969  
Principal - Leigh Petrowsky  
Upham 35 Wynnewood Rd. .... 781-446-6285  
Voice Mail ..... 781-263-1510  
Principal - Jeffrey Dees

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Wellesley Middle School  
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Voice Mail ..... 781-446-6250  
Principal - Mark Ito

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Wellesley High School 50 Rice St ..... 781-446-6290  
Voice Mail ..... 781-446-6305  
Principal - Dr. Jamie Chisum  
Guidance Department .....ext. 6

## COLLEGES

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Babson Park ..... 781-235-1200  
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Mass Bay Community College  
50 Oakland St. .... 781-239-3000  
President: David Podell, PHD  
Wellesley College  
106 Central St. .... 781-283-1000  
President: Paula A. Johnson

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 Riverbend School ..... 508-655-7333  
 Toddler-Grade 8  
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 Grade 6-12  
 333 Winter St., Weston 02493  
 Ned Parsons, Head of School  
 Meadowbrook School ..... 781-894-1193  
 Grade Pre K - 8  
 10 Farm Rd., Weston 02493  
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 St. John School ..... 781-235-0300  
 Grade Pre K - 6  
 9 Ledyard St., Wellesley 02481  
 Siobhan Mahoney, Principal  
 Tenacre Country Day School ..... 781-235-2282  
 Grade Pre K - 6  
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 Kid Stuff Nursery  
 Sue Sullivan 219 Washington St ..... 781-235-9581  
 Miss Ellen's Playschool  
 Ellen Prives, 38 Willow Street ..... 617-633-2618  
 Montessori Day School of Wellesley Hills  
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 40 Abbott Rd ..... 781-795-5571  
 The Montessori Children's House of Wellesley  
 Director - Jennifer Lee  
 10 Waban St ..... 781-235-9439  
 PAWS Integrated PreSchool 63 Hastings St  
 Rebecca Zieminski ..... 781-446-6222  
 Together We Grow Preschool  
 Lisa Calderone, Director  
 3 Pinevale Ave ..... 781-772-1321  
 Wellesley College Child Study Center  
 Director- Maureen Morgan  
 Anne L Page Building  
 106 Central St ..... 781-283-2695  
 Wellesley Community Children's Center  
 Executive Director- Carolyn Stolor  
 106 Central St ..... 781-235-7667  
 Early Childhood Program ..... 781-235-7667  
 Program Director- Darlene Howland  
 After School Program ..... 781-235-1474  
 Program Director - Karen Gaudette  
 Wellesley Hills Children's Center  
 Director, Linnea O'Neil  
 309 Washington St ..... 781-235-7844  
 Wellesley Montessori School  
 Christopher Ackerman  
 79 Denton Rd ..... 781-237-6670  
 Wellesley Nursery School in the Hills  
 Director, Melanie Dawson  
 207 Washington St ..... 781-237-9137





# Police Department

## WELLESLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Wellesley Police Department is primarily responsible for all law enforcement activities within the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts. The department has 61 full time employees, which include:

- 1 Animal Control Officer
- 1 Records Clerk
- 2 Custodians
- 2 Secretaries
- 4 Lieutenants
- 6 Sergeants
- 34 Police Officers
- 11 Public Safety Dispatchers
- Chief of Police
- Deputy Chief of Police

The Wellesley Police Department maintains coverage 24 hours a day and houses the Town of Wellesley Emergency Communication Center, which also dispatches the Wellesley Fire Department.

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The Main Library has 56,000 square feet on the first and second floors; plus there is 28,000 square feet in the basement, which includes parking and storage. There are 17,158 Wellesley residents with library cards. The Library is open 7 days a week. There are 204,140 books in the Library's collection, 18,608 DVDs, 18,563 music CDs and audio books, 85,824 eBooks and 16,414 downloadable audio books. The Library subscribes to 209 magazines and 92 databases.

### A Year in the Life of Wellesley Free Library

This is what happened at the Wellesley Free Library from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020:

There are 20,576 Wellesley residents with library cards. The Library is open 7 days a week. There are 186,480 books in the Library's collection, 17,550 DVDs, 15,519 music CDs and audio books, 62,856 eBooks and 25,888 downloadable audio books. The Library subscribes to 228 magazines and 37 locally owned databases plus 52 databases from the Massachusetts Library System.

281,593 people of all ages walked through the doors. Each had an individual reason for visiting the Library;

628,787 items were checked out or renewed;

424,317 of items circulated were books;

126,684 questions were answered by the Information Services Staff — by phone, email and through the website;

17,077 children and young adults attended 897 programs;

4,640 adults attended 477 general interest programs and computer classes;

69 volunteers donated 5,066 hours to shelve books, teach in our ESL program and provide other important support activities;

73 full and part-time employees worked to serve you.

\* Covid-19 Pandemic played a role in the statistics. All Wellesley Libraries buildings closed on March 15, 2020 through the remainder of FY20.

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But most of all, Wellesley is known for the thousands of accomplished, thoughtful women it has sent out into the world for over 100 years—women who are committed to making a difference.

## **A Transformative Educational Experience**

Every year, some 2,400 of the world's top undergraduate women are challenged to exceed their own highest personal and intellectual expectations. The mastery Wellesley graduates demonstrate across the professional and vocational spectrum, and the influence they wield—whether in their own communities or on the world stage—is testament to a singularly empowering undergraduate experience.

Wellesley's lively academic community places a high value on rigorous, probing inquiry, and creative, cross-discipline thinking. Its collaborative approach to scholarship encourages students to question, debate, and refine their points of view, not only with each other, but with our world-class faculty—often by working directly with them on groundbreaking projects.

A Wellesley education fosters the highest standard of readiness for the “real world” in its graduates, in terms of ability to think, act, and contribute meaningfully and effectively in their chosen areas of interest.

## **The “Full-Engagement” Advantage**

Wellesley's full-engagement academic philosophy extends to the running of the College itself. The student voice is central to decision-making here; students serve on major committees of the Board of Trustees, participate in faculty search, and contribute to strategic planning.

Students participate in a wide range of extracurricular projects: The College and its surrounding community and the greater Boston area offer hundreds of internships, advocacy projects, and the rare advantages of being a vital member of the single largest academic “hotspot” in the country.

Expected to be fully engaged while at Wellesley, students carry this sense of purposeful involvement and personal commitment throughout life. It is the signal mark of a Wellesley woman.





### **A Widely Envied Campus Environment**

The sheer sense of scale of the breathtaking natural environment, in which buildings are thoughtfully sited, distinguish Wellesley's physical setting in the classically New England town of Wellesley, Massachusetts, just outside of Boston.

Home to leading institutions such as the Albright Institute, the Knapp Social Science Center, the Davis Museum, The Newhouse Center for the Humanities, and the world-renowned Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley's resources are a magnet not only for the surrounding community and metropolitan area; they attract attention—and scholars—from around the world.

### **Commitment to Women**

Everything about Wellesley College bespeaks its commitment to women, and to providing them with an unequalled educational experience that honors and cultivates not only what is best about each of them, and their own potential, but about what women offer our world.

### **Our Values**

Intellectual Discovery and Excellence

We believe in the transformative power of curiosity, learning, and teaching.

### **Gender Equality**

As a women's college, we have always been committed to gender equality as foundational to societal progress.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

We affirm that diversity is essential to educational excellence, and we are committed to being a community in which each member thrives.

### **Connection and Community**

We value the equal dignity of every member of the community and our sustained connection to one another, to our campus, and to our mission.

### **Empowerment and Social Change**

We believe in the power and potential of our students and all members of our community to envision the world in which they want to live and to take action to make it real.

### **Integrity and Academic Freedom**

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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.



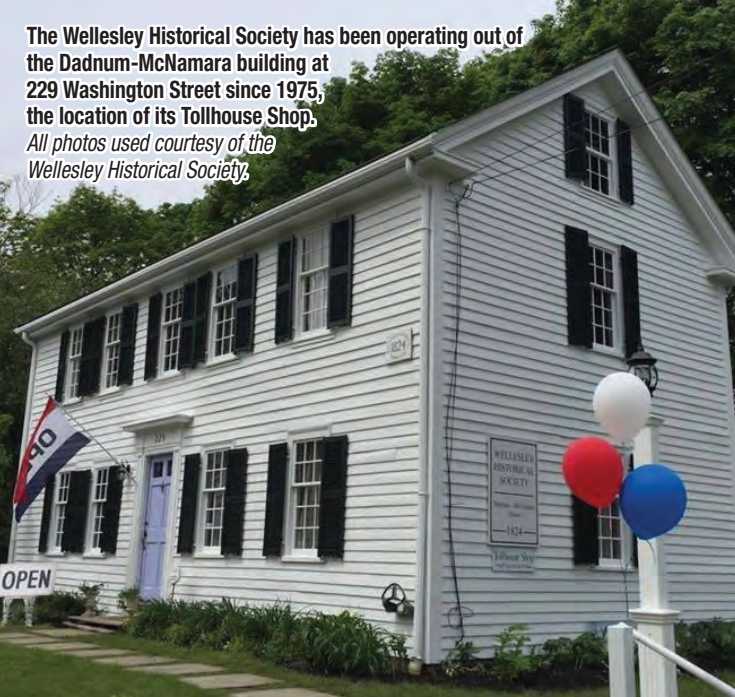
Progress continued to come rapidly, and within a decade the most modern conveniences had replaced the kerosene lanterns, the puddled paths overgrown with grass, and the cattle and grocers' wagons which had filled the streets. The town fathers, with money, political experience and community spirit behind 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.

The Wellesley Historical Society has been operating out of the Dadnum-McNamara building at 229 Washington Street since 1975, the location of its Tollhouse Shop.

All photos used courtesy of the Wellesley Historical Society.



By Judith Dorato O'Gara

Since 1975, the Wellesley Historical Society has been located at the Dadnum-McNamara house at 229 Washington Street in Wellesley.

"Our mission is to be a historical resource for the town, and what that means is always evolving," says Taylor Kalloch, Executive Director of the Wellesley Historical Society, who began as an intern with the organization 11 ½ years ago. In its endeavor, the Wellesley Historical Society provides education programs, collects and preserves historical materials that tell the story of the town's people, and partners with schools and other organizations to be an active member of the community. "We want to inspire people to appreciate the heritage and culture and history of the town they live in," says Kalloch, "History is one part of what forms the collective identity of a place."

Toward that mission, the Wellesley Historical Society raises funds through its volunteer-run Tollhouse shop, a small nook at its headquarters that sells gently used, glassware, and small home décor

"We like to say smaller than a bread box," laughs Kalloch, "and we're open for in-person shopping Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., and we also have an online shopping component." All items sold at the Tollhouse Shop, are donated to the society. To shop online and later pick-up in person, visit <https://wellesley-historical-society.square.site/shop/tollhouse-shop/2>. You can also check out the Tollhouse Shop's offerings on Instagram, at <https://www.instagram.com/tollhouse229/>.

"All of the sales go back into funding the Society," says Kalloch, "It's a great way, as a donor or as a shopper, to support the Society in a fun way, and it fits the reduce, reuse, recycle concept."

## Wellesley Historical Society Evolves with the Town

With the current location "bursting at the seams" with collection items, as Kalloch puts it, progress in readying its second building continues at full speed.

"We purchased 323 Washington Street, the Stanwood House, named for the original owner, Dr. Stanwood, at the very end of 2012," says Kalloch, "It took us seven years, but we've paid off the mortgage, and that was step one. We've sort of entered phase 2 of the capital campaign, transforming it into archival storage and space for the public. There's significant work that needs to be done."

On the first floor of the Stanwood House, door frames and the bathroom have been made accessible, but the Society is facing a \$150,000 cost for HVAC in the building, as climate control for archival collections is integral to housing the historic collection. "We need to keep temperatures 50-60 degrees and 40-60% humidity year-round," says Kalloch.

Another big project for the future home of the Wellesley Historical Society -- waterproofing in the basement. "It's fine if you're going to put your household possessions down there," says Kalloch, but again, the area will house a large portion of the Society's collection. "The first floor will be completely public space, with exhibits and dedicated research space, and the second floor will be office space for staff and collection storage for textiles and photographs."

Those interested in contributing to the capital campaign can visit <https://wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org/capital> for more information.

Kalloch, who serves as Archivist and Collection Manager as well as Executive Director, notes that the Wellesley Historical Society's collection tells "not just the history of the building, but of everything and everyday life in Wellesley and also the history of how Wellesley fit into the wider world as well." In fact, The Society offers two self-guided "Child's Life in the 1880's" toolkit, available to visitors to borrow for two weeks on a first come/first serve basis. If you're interested in borrowing a toolkit, make sure to contact Kalloch at [director@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:director@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org) at least a week ahead of time.



**Part of the Wellesley Historical Society's collection includes over 3,000 specimens of butterflies collected by the Denton brothers. A small portion of these specimens travels to Wellesley third graders as a combined study of science and history.**





Now that the mortgage for the Stanwood House, at 323 Washington Street, has been paid off, the Historical Society will work on installing an HVAC system suitable for housing its historical archives, continuing to make public exhibit space accessible, outfitting office space, and waterproofing the basement.

As time moves on, the Society is always “thinking forward in how we’re collecting,” says Kalloch. “Our collections range from objects, everything from a sewing needle to farm equipment. We have a significant textile collection, archival collection, and part that includes an entomology collection, by the Denton Brothers; circa 1900, they were creating their specimens – there’s over 3,000 of them,” says Kalloch. In fact, each year since 2016 (outside the past two pandemic years), Wellesley’s third graders have been introduced to 24 specimens from the collection.

“(The children) learn about butterflies and their defense mechanisms. It gives children a chance to learn and it’s a great way to blend science and history together,” says Kalloch, who admits children have a lot of questions about how butterfly specimens were killed to be added to the collection. “They think that’s mean, which it is, but today, if you want to study a butterfly, you can just use your smart phone. In 1900, you’re looking at a long boat ride, there’s photography, but not as we know it today. If you had to study the natural world, you had to kill it. It’s a history of science and history as well, a blended program.”

With fall approaching, the Society is also gearing up for its 5th Annual Craft Beer event.

“It’s a craft beer event, usually with 5-6 local craft brewers. Attendees get to have a tasting, and it’s a great introduction to the Society,” says Kalloch, “Wellesley tends to empty out in the summer, but everyone’s back in the fall. This sort of launches our fall programs.”

On Sunday, September 18th at 2 p.m. the Society will offer a lecture by Dr. Robert Savage about Isaac Sprague IV, and on Sunday, November 13th, at 2 p.m., Jessa Piaia will speak about Susan B. Anthony. Both lectures will take place at the



Wellesley Free Library. To find out more information about the talks, visit <https://wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org/programs>.

This fall, the Wellesley Historical Society also plans to post a Historical Scavenger Hunt of Wellesley Square up on its website. This project was developed by two Wellesley Girl Scouts, Elizabeth McDonnell and Thea Fischmann, from Girl Scout Troop 73505, as work toward their Silver Award. The project, supported by the Wellesley Historical Commission and Wellesley Historical Society, was introduced this year at Wellesley’s Wonderful Weekend, which takes place each May.

“Wellesley is unique,” says Kalloch. “We have three different historical organizations and committees. We (Wellesley Historical Society) are the only nonprofit historical repository, the town, as part of the town government, has the Historical Commission, and they’re in charge of the historic plaques you see on buildings, and then there’s a Historic District Commission.

Currently, the Wellesley Historical Society’s Board of Directors number 10 positions, although that number can change from year to year, and the organization has a core group of about 15-20 volunteers.

To stay apprised of current happenings at the Wellesley Historical Society, you can check them out on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/wellesleyhistoricalsociety>) or Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/wellesleyhistorical/>)

You can join the group’s email list by emailing [info@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org) or consider becoming a member to be the first to learn about and get early access to upcoming programming. Membership information is available: <https://wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org/membership>.



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This coming celebration of Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend, scheduled for May 20-22, 2023, will be the 25th year of festivities, including fireworks, added to the Veterans' Parade. Photos used courtesy of Wellesley Celebrations Committee.



# Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend to Mark 25 Years in 2023

## VETERANS' PARADE GOING ON 55 YEARS IN THE TOWN

By Judith Dorato O'Gara

Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend, "is probably the single event in Wellesley that gathers everyone together. The way our culture is now, there are very few times we all gather for a single purpose, and this is the event that does that. You're either in the parade or you're watching the parade. In the weekend, every single social and civic organization is doing something. They're at the picnic with a booth, or they're in the parade," says Carl Nelson. He's Treasurer and a member of Wellesley Celebrations Committee, which reports to the Town Select Board. The 25-year Wellesley resident has volunteered for Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend for the past decade, this past year serving as Parade Marshal.

The Veterans' Parade, which honors all veterans who have served our country and recognizes the many organizations and people who serve Wellesley, has taken place for going on 55 years. Twenty-five years ago, festivities were added to create an entire weekend of family fun centered on community pride, with the next Wellesley Wonderful Weekend scheduled to take place on May 20th-22nd, 2023.

"It's exciting that (2023 will be) the 25th year of the Wellesley Wonderful Weekend," says Nelson. "For over half a century we've had the veterans' parade, but now it's the 25th year we've been holding the fireworks and the umbrella events – open houses at all the police and fire stations, nature walks and those types of things on Saturday, and then Sunday we have the parade, a band concert, picnic, games, and fireworks on Sunday night. It's probably the largest celebration in the MetroWest area. This year, we also just added a car show and co-sponsored a dog show with the Welles-

ley Rotary Club, that benefited Ukraine relief. It was such a success we will continue it this year."

Hunnewell Field is the center of a lot of activity during the weekend, with a stage, a picnic area, and a fun zone, as well as booths with vendors and community organizations. In addition to performances, the stage offers a place for the Wellesley community to acknowledge outstanding community members each year with awards for distinguished service, community service, dedicated service, and special recognition.

The celebration is primarily funded through donations, says Nelson, with about 90% of funding coming from donations from either corporations or by residents. "The town provides a lot of services and things like that, which is fantastic. They also provide about 10% of the funds," says Nelson. Private supporters can choose from various levels of sponsorship, including Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Patron. Over the years, certain sponsors have provided exceptional sponsorship, notes Nelson, "Roche Bros., if they sponsor it again (in 2023), has sponsored the fireworks for each and every one of the 25 years. We're also blessed to have the Wellesley Dental Group, Drs. Ali and Ali, who have also sponsored for the last 10 years."

Many volunteers, bringing their own unique talents to the table, are always needed for Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend. Whether you have time to give that weekend or whether your special skill set would better suit the months leading up to May, the Celebrations Committee can use help in the following areas:

- Parade Day Management
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In addition to the parade, local groups and vendors operate booths at Hunnewell Field.





# Wellesley Education Foundation:

## REWARDING INNOVATION IN CLASSROOMS

By Judith Dorato O'Gara

What brings added value to the classroom? In Wellesley, a district that boasts excellent schools and teachers, dedicated parents and a supportive community combine to further elevate innovation and excellence in the schools. For over 30 years, the Wellesley Education Foundation (WEF) has underwritten grants to educators with great ideas to enhance their classrooms.

Over the past 10 years, the Wellesley Education Foundation has given \$2.8 million to the schools, with about \$250,000 per year being the organization's goal, says WEF co-president Amy Hernandez (who shares the role with Elizabeth Shlala). She explains that the amount given "depends on the teachers. We're not the experts, the teachers are. We rely a lot on if the teachers need it. They have the pulse on the district."

Hernandez explains that grants run the gamut.

"Some of these grants are so exciting," says Hernandez. "There's a lot of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) grants – robots for the Middle School, they build and program robots in a science class, portable microscopes for physics classrooms, kits so they can analyze DNA, a Padcaster, to create their own weather videos. It's really value added to the classrooms. Sometimes we'll get grant (applications) for reading, and we think reading is kind of essential, but for the first grade, we did provide books with bags to take home. We've given makerspace materials for libraries, and this year we had a bunch of theatre stuff, in the auditorium in the high school, microphones and lighting and funded grants for public speaking."

Hernandez continues, "We can't do things like help with teacher salary but have funded professional development. We focus a lot on project-based learning. We purchased furniture for certain classrooms to promote project-based learning, and recently, given the pandemic, we did some with social-emotional learning. We also will fund speakers, working with the district to see what the need is. We did one grant for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion director, for the author of *Caste* to come and speak, and some books for different classrooms. Sometimes we'll pilot some things, like Spanish for K-5th grade. We funded it for three years, I



believe, and then (the school) continued it."

Hernandez explains that grants WEF funds must provide innovation and excellence in the schools. This year, WEF is funding a district-wide social-emotional learning audit for the schools.

The 35-member board, who have only begun meeting in person after two years of meeting remotely due to COVID-19, meets six times a year to review grant applications and work on fundraising. All members are parents who live in Wellesley, with two co-presidents and two vice presidents (also presidents-in-training), and all make a 4-year commitment, with an option for a 5th year.



COVID-19 brought on new challenges to all public educators, and Wellesley was no different. Since the district's needs arose so quickly during the pandemic, the organization put together the COVID Innovation Fund with an initial contribution of \$250,000 from WEF's endowment. The COVID-19 Innovation Fund provided \$600,000 to facilitate weekly SARS-CoV-2 testing for staff and students and allowed Wellesley to implement one of the first public-school viral testing pilot programs in the nation: The Safer Teachers, Safer Students: Back-to-School Pilot Testing Program.

Wellesley's success served as a model for other school systems. "We funded for everyone, including faculty and staff, three days before we opened in person, and we fundraised to continue testing weekly for upper levels, and then we tested 3rd grade and up, so that was a big undertaking last year."

"Like everyone else, we just kind of struggled through the pandemic," says Hernandez. "Zoom is not the same as having in-person meetings," and some current members, up until this year when in-person meetings resumed, had only met other WEF members through virtual meetings.

COVID-19 also prompted a change in WEF bylaws, says Hernandez.

"During Omicron, there were so many teachers out, we changed bylaws, so (members) could start subbing," says Hernandez.

The pandemic also forced a step back from what was a large event, a large STEM expo that WEF used to work with the Wellesley Public Schools' Science Department to put together.

"It was huge. People from all over the area would come to it, but it was a huge undertaking. It grew and grew and became too much. That, mixed with COVID, we decided to no longer do that and support the district through grants. It wasn't a decision we took lightly," say Hernandez.

Funding for the Wellesley Education Foundation comes from the community.

"Our Spelling Bee is a huge fundraiser," says Hernandez, of the fall event that has run for 32 years. About 50 teams participate in the Wellesley Spelling Bee, representing local businesses, law firms, alumni groups, community organizations and school PTOs as well as student teams from Wellesley High School. The winning team takes home the Ruth Humphries Bee trophy to keep for their reigning year, and all winners are listed on a plaque that hangs at the Wellesley Free Library.

The Red Apple campaign is also a large WEF fundraiser.

"I don't know who thought of this, it's such a great idea for holiday gifts, end-of-year gifts for teachers — you can buy a Red Apple. The teacher gets one magnet and gets a nice note, like so-and-so donated a Red Apple in your name. It's



## Wellesley Education Foundation

### Inspiring the Love of Learning

a great fundraiser. We have parents contributing to WEF and honoring their teachers at the same time," says Hernandez. "The teachers love it, parents love it, we love it."

Hernandez, a former teacher, joined the Wellesley Education Foundation, she says, because she loves "being involved, and to help with education and be invested in the community." One of her favorite WEF traditions, she says, speaks to the high quality of the Wellesley School System.

"Each year we have a chair ceremony — if you've worked in Wellesley Public Schools for 25 years, we give you one of those black academic chairs, and this past year, to note, we had 12, and next year, we're going to have 12. Not a lot of people know we do that, and it's not a fundraiser. It doesn't involve parents, just teachers," says Hernandez. She adds, "that you've had so many teachers for 25 years — that says a lot about the quality of education in the district."

Overall, Hernandez says, the Wellesley community as a whole has been very generous. "I think the parents are dedicated. It's just nice we can add value to the classroom," she says, "We don't ask outside our community for fundraising. Parents just want to help contribute to the schools."

For more information about the Wellesley Education Foundation, or to volunteer or donate, visit [www.wellesleyeducationfoundation.org](http://www.wellesleyeducationfoundation.org).

**The annual Wellesley Spelling Bee, which has run for 32 years, is a big fundraiser for the Wellesley Education Foundation.**





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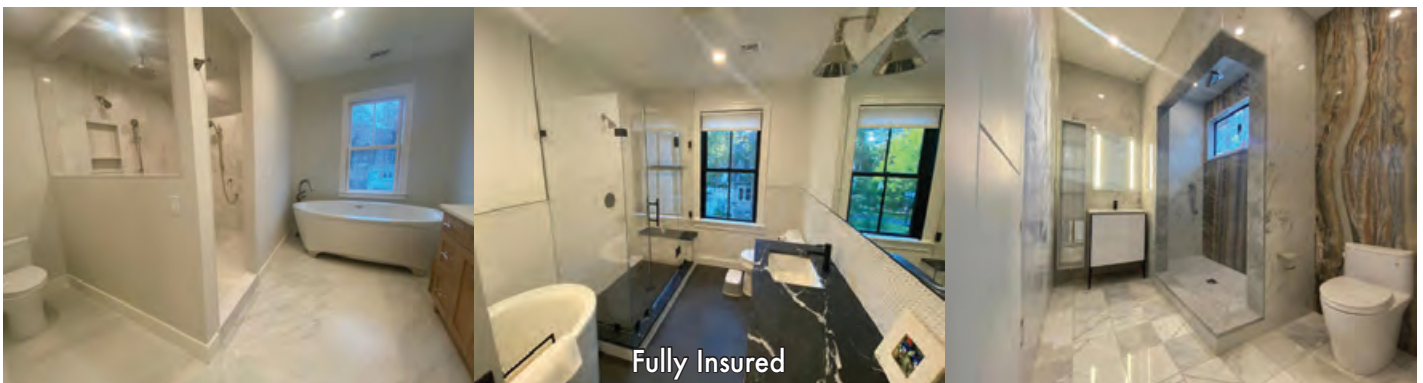
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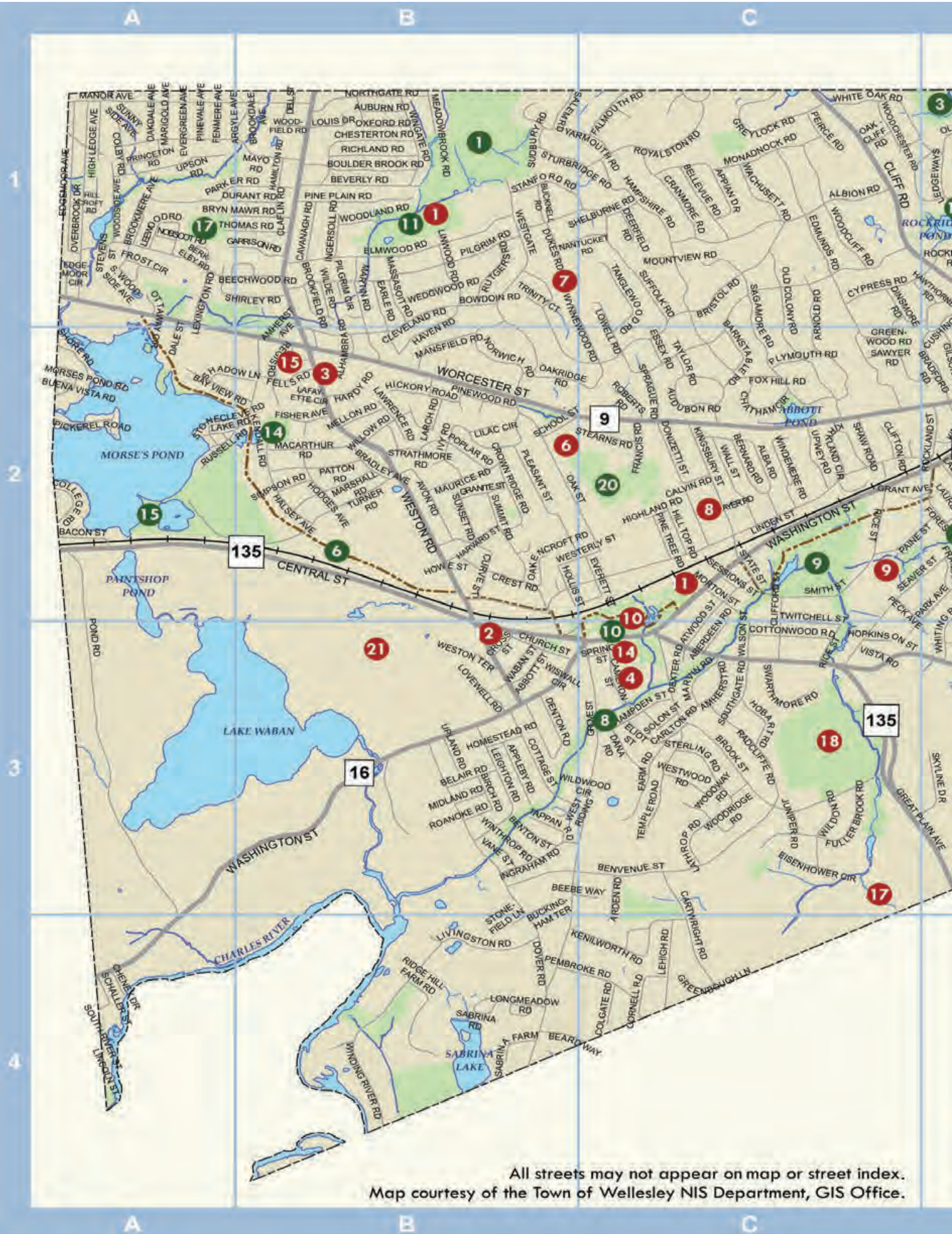
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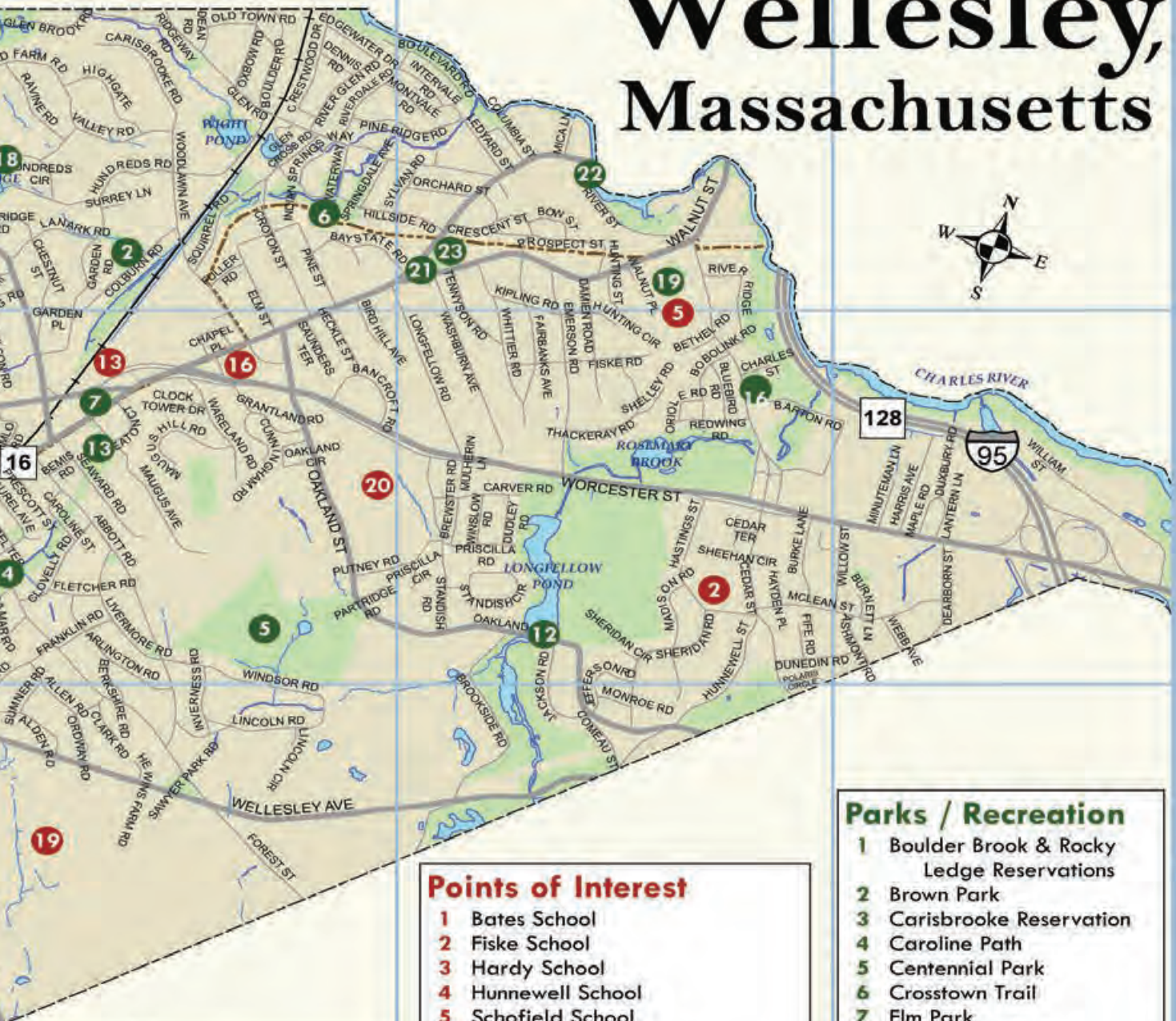




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- Street
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- Town Boundary
- Water
- Park

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## Points of Interest

- 1 Bates School
- 2 Fiske School
- 3 Hardy School
- 4 Hunnewell School
- 5 Schofield School
- 6 Sprague School
- 7 Upham School
- 8 Wellesley Middle School
- 9 Wellesley High School
- 10 Town Hall
- 11 Police Station
- 12 Fire Station #1
- 13 Fire Station HQ
- 14 Main Library
- 15 Fells Library
- 16 Hills Library
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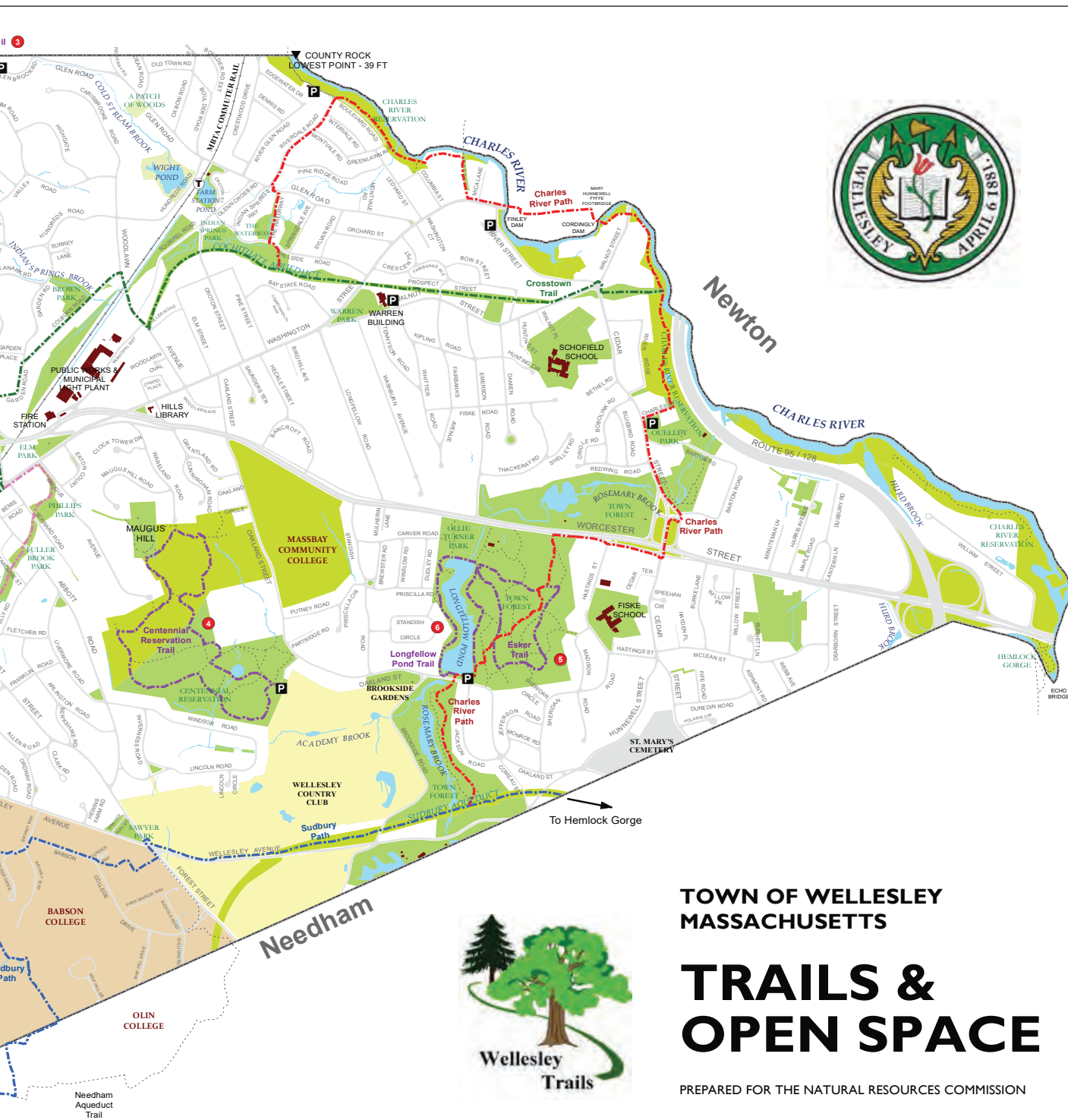
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# SPOOKY WELLESLEY

By Jane Lebak

Wellesley has a long history, and as any history buff knows, with history come ghosts.

Spooky happenings are a piece of any New England town: homes with questionable histories, weird disappearances, faces in windows, and houses that aren't quite the same in daylight as by moonlight. Gather around the campfire and listen closely, because Wellesley is no different.

Take, for example, the Wellesley Inn, initially built in 1860. Stories grew about Room 18, a reportedly haunted bedroom where furniture moved and flowers mysteriously re-located into the hallways. The room had a “water closet” with a toilet operated by a pull-chain, but the water would be heard flushing even when no one was in the room.

The Inn’s “Lafayette Lounge” also had its own spectral residents, with furniture shifting about and the occasional whiff of rosewater perfume where no one was standing.

Unfortunately, even spooky shivers were not enough to keep the Inn in business. It closed in 2005 and was demolished in 2006, taking its ghost stories with it.



**The Wellesley Inn, built in 1860 has since closed, but rumor had it that Room 18 and the Lafayette Lounge were sites of paranormal activity. Photo used courtesy of Wellesley Historical Society.**

Wellesley College has no shortage of ghost stories. Alumnae Hall, for example, has a basement theater called “the black box.” In that theater, some have reported seeing guests from another era, such as a man in a top hat, enjoying the performances. Still others have experienced glitches with the lighting during productions, or even full-on light shows.

The Beebe ghost is creatively named because it lives in Beebe Hall, supposedly on the sixth floor. This poses something of a problem, since according to the res life website and exterior

photographs of the building, Beebe Hall has only five floors. Nevertheless, the rooms occupied by this ghostly black-clad woman are supposedly accessible through a trap door, so you’ll have to work hard for your haunting.

Wellesley’s “suicide suites” are a series of three rooms located in the base of Tower Court, and accessible only by tunnels. While these rooms are not used as dorms now, legend has it that every year, at least one student living in these suites would have committed suicide, or in some tellings, one student developed mental health issues and attempted to harm the others. Furniture would be reputedly moved around, and the custodial staff also reported oddities. Whether because of the odd location, the reputation, or the overall strangeness of the suites, they are locked and no longer accessible.

Perhaps capitalizing on the ghost stories, the College’s Guild of Carilloners, a student organization and ensemble of the music department, have hosted a Halloween Haunted Tower, allowing guests the experience of climbing the bell tower while listening to the echoing spooky tunes on the bells and enjoying the creepy Halloween décor.



**Author Liz Sower began her podcast “Ghosts in the Burbs” back in 2016, crafting weird tales centered in Wellesley. Photo used courtesy of Liz Sower.**





**Alumnae Hall and Beebe Hall, at Wellesley College, purportedly have their own resident ghosts. Photo used courtesy of Wellesley College**

Wellesley College isn't alone in its hauntings. Renee Mallett's book, *Haunted Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts*, includes a haunting from Babson College as well. According to Mallett, sounds of an otherworldly poker game have been heard by students in Bryant Hall, but whenever they go to investigate, no players can be found.

Another unusual connection to Babson is the distant Dogtown, reputedly haunted by witches who used to live there after the town's abandonment in the mid 1800s. Today, visitors to Dogtown will see many boulders carved with strange motivational messages. These stones were commissioned by Babson College's founder, Roger Ward Babson, to give work to unemployed stonecutters. But the stones themselves and their messages (such as "Help Mother" and "If work stops, values decay") give a deliciously creepy feel.

In neighboring Weston, Regis College also has its own set of hauntings. On the second floor of College Hall, a former piano teacher can be spotted from the corner of your eye as you walk the halls. On the fourth floor, a religious sister is occasionally spotted in her full habit, with the rattle of rosary beads just barely perceptible.

With so many older buildings and historic stories, it's no wonder ghost stories abound. Rock Ridge Road was a school for boys that burned to the ground in 1916, creating ripe ground for stories of spooks and ethereal sounds that can't be tracked down. Is it haunted?

For modern-day haunting stories, Wellesley has its own creative talent in author Liz Sower. Sower began her podcast "Ghosts in the Burbs" back in 2016, crafting weird tales centered in Wellesley. Her website is <https://www.ghostsin-theburbs.com>.

For Sower, Wellesley is the perfect setting for ghost stories. "I blend in details from my real life, and many of the characters are amalgamations of people I've known or met. While the monsters and ghosts in them seem completely improbable, the characters are just real enough to make you question whether or not the story might be a little bit true."

They are, however, fiction. Sowers' most recent publication is the audiobook *Lilith*, "a Tale of Motherhood, Isolation, and Demonic Possession."

Sower crafts her stories with a very "Wellesley" feel. "I'm leaning hard on that old writer's advice 'write what you know.' I know horror because it has always been my favorite form of distraction. And I know family life in an intense social setting because I live it. So, there are demons and witches and monsters in these stories, but what I really love is imagining my neighbors' reactions to the paranormal nightmares in their homes. For example, Jen simply can't deal with Bloody Mary terrorizing her family right now because she has twenty women coming to her house on Tuesday for a trunk show for goodness sake... Hillary, Vanessa and Jill aren't just the three witches who make PTO events dreadful, they're the witches who trapped their best friend's soul and used her energy to grant them wishes..."

For the town of Wellesley, the combination of the past and the everyday has brewed up these stories, whether fact or fiction. The routine life of a college dorm or an inn, a PTO meeting or an abandoned cemetery—these are what make history come alive, and perhaps keep it alive.



**Wellesley College's Guild of Carillonneurs, a student organization and ensemble of the music department, has hosted a Halloween Haunted Tower, perhaps capitalizing on spooky campus tales. Photo used courtesy of Wellesley College**



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# Forest Bathing in Wellesley

By Marjorie Turner Hollman

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We had a perfect outdoor fall day to try forest bathing at Elmbank in Wellesley, Mass. The bright blue sky offered a perfect backdrop for the glowing fall foliage. The breeze provided a varying shower of leaves as the wind increased then died back down.

Bonnie contacted me and asked if I would shift plans from our original thought to head to Hopedale Parklands. Had I ever heard of forest bathing? Did I want to try it? Well, sure. We signed up through Sacred Threads, (<https://sacredthreadcenter.org/>) where our group leader arranged the sign up for the program.

Once we arrived at Elmbank, we headed to an outdoor patio where the small group, all wearing masks, gathered at safe distances from each other to start what turned out to be a sort of Zen meditation on the outdoors. Michelle Ryan, Certified Forest Therapy Guide in Training and the leader of the group, shared with us some of the his-



**Intriguing evergreen quite close to the trailhead leading to the Charles River**



**Michelle Ryan introduced us to the concepts of Forest bathing before we set out**

tory of forest bathing, noting that the idea originated in Japan, which in the 1980s was concerned about a population that had left the countryside in large numbers to move to the city. This shift in population exhibited high levels of unhappiness, anxiety and ill health. The government wondered if offering time in the outdoors, reconnecting to the natural world might be of benefit to its citizens. Turns out their guess was correct.

And thus, forest bathing. Not a hike, instead, this was time spent under the trees of Elmbank, near the Charles River. Some sat in shade, others chose sunshine.

We listened to the wind, studied closely the ground underneath our feet, walked slowly, and took time to use all our senses to pay attention to the natural world.

In between times when we ventured out, we were offered “invitations” to focus on specific concepts (color, sound, smells, the ground). When we



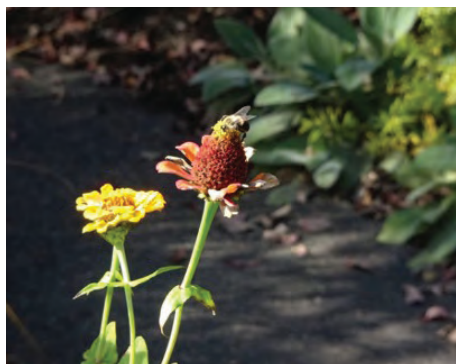
**Glowing foliage surrounded us at Elmbank in Wellesley**

returned we shared (or not) something we had observed or experienced.

All the while, the foliage glowed in the sunshine. Elmbank is known for its gardens, and is the headquarters for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. The gardens will soon be closed for the winter, but for now, they remain open as flowers not touched by frost continue to blossom.

Michelle poured out some pine needle tea, made of eastern white pine nee-





**A bumble bee hard at work among the flowers of Elmbank on this sunny fall day**



**Tiny purple flowers reach for the light among fallen leaves in the grass**

dles, steeped for 20 minutes in boiling water; the allowed to cool. She added a sprig of mint to balance the pine flavor.



**Pine cones fallen on the ground After a squirrel had had its meal, the remains of the pine cone return to the earth**



**Trees on fire- impossible to ignore**

We ended the time with a Japanese tea ceremony. Michelle explained that at other times, not during a pandemic, she would share tea she had made with us. For now, being careful to reduce contact with others, she alone drank a small cup of her pine needle tea, and poured another small cup on the ground in thanks to the earth.

We learned while there of other trails across from the parking area at the entrance to the gardens, which will bring visitors down to the Charles River. I look forward to visiting again soon so we can explore these trails and take in views of the river. Happy Trails!

Marjorie Turner Hollman is a writer who loves the outdoors, and is the author of *Easy Walks in Massachusetts*, 2nd edition, *More Easy Walks in*



*Massachusetts*, 2nd edition, *Easy Walks and Paddles in the Ten Mile River Watershed*, and *Finding Easy Walks Wherever You Are*. Her memoir, the backstory of *Easy Walks*, is *My Liturgy of Easy Walks: Finding the Sacred in Everyday (and some very strange) Places*.

She has been a freelance writer for numerous local, regional, and national publications for the past 20+ years, has helped numerous families to save their stories, and has recorded multiple veterans oral histories, now housed at the Library of Congress.



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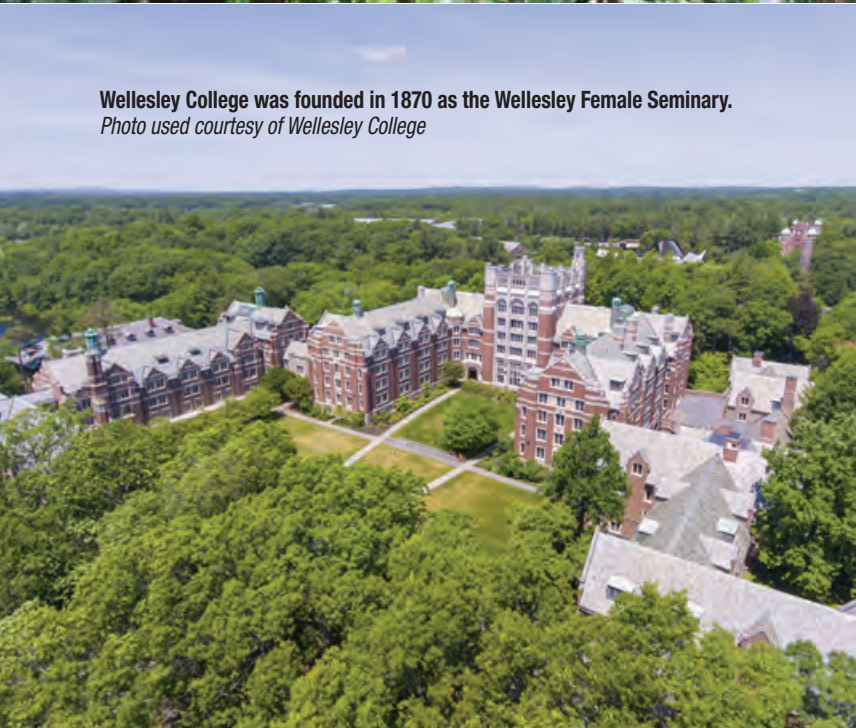
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Wellesley College was founded in 1870 as the Wellesley Female Seminary.  
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# Town and Gown

## WELLESLEY AND ITS COLLEGES SUPPORT AND INFLUENCE EACH OTHER

By Jane Lebak

Wellesley doesn't "feel" like a college town, but with three thriving colleges, the colleges have a very strong influence on the town's character.

Wellesley Select Board Chair Tom Ulfelder says, "There's a wide variety in terms of perceptions of the colleges in town. Our goal is to have everyone feel welcome and create a sense of belonging."

Wellesley College was founded in 1870 (as the Wellesley Female Seminary) and interestingly, although settled in 1660, the town itself wasn't incorporated until 1881. As such, Wellesley College and the Town of Wellesley have come of age together, mutually influencing one another over the decades. Babson College opened its doors in 1919. MassBay Community College campus is a relative newcomer, with the Wellesley campus opening at the location of the former Elizabeth Seton High School in 1975.

With a combined enrollment of ten thousand students, the three colleges are bound to have an impact on Wellesley's culture, Wellesley's values, and Wellesley's economy.

Jeremy Solomon, MassBay's Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Marketing, and Communications, says, "The diverse student body from MassBay not only serves the Wellesley community as consumers--frequenting local businesses for goods and services--they also provide vibrancy as they walk about our town."

All three colleges stress the importance of community service. On their website, Babson College boasts 27,000 hours of community service annually by their students, in both ongoing and one-time service opportunities as well as service-learning opportunities. The Natalie Taylor Scholars Program combines community service and entrepreneurship, and among the requirements are 300 service hours.

Wellesley College features a Civic Engagement program for their students, although they've had to flex with the impact of COVID-19. Students have become creative with their service work, hosting blood drives and finding other ways to help the community even when person-to-person service opportunities were limited.



MassBay's "Buccaneer Volunteers" are also active, with the website helping students find personal ways to give back. But, because it's a community college with three thousand part-time students, many of whom may be struggling to pay for college, MassBay straddles the line between offering community service and receiving community services. "I think we were all shocked at the level of food insecurity among MassBay students," says Ulfelder.

Because of this, this past February, MassBay Community College and Temple Beth Elohim (TBE) collaborated to provide free meals to students through the volunteer-based TBE Table program.

Food insecurity isn't limited to MassBay. Starting in 2020, Wellesley College opened two food pantries on campus for students facing food insecurity when the dining halls were closed in December and early January. Students were able to avail themselves of meals like mac and cheese, ramen noodles, yogurt, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

Cultural events on the colleges are often open to the public. Jeremy Solomon says, "In addition, MassBay frequently hosts educational and other cultural events and activities open to the public, which can be found on our website: <https://www.massbay.edu/upcoming-events>. MassBay also proudly partners with local businesses and organizations, sponsoring events and community service activities that contribute to the quality of life in the Wellesley community."

For example, the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra, now in its 72nd season, has a relationship with MassBay. Solomon says, "Since 1984, MassBay has been proud to host the exemplary Wellesley Symphony Orchestra as our orchestra-in-residence, with performances open to the public taking place throughout the year in our McKenzie



**MassBay's Wellesley Hills campus opened in 1975, at the location of the former Elizabeth Seton High School.**

Auditorium on the Wellesley campus."

The Wellesley Symphony Orchestra performs not only familiar classical pieces but also provides opportunities to new composers and young performers. The Young Soloist competition is scheduled to resume next year after a pause due to the pandemic.

The public is also able to enjoy the Wellesley College Botanic Gardens and the H. H. Hunnewell Arboretum, located on the Wellesley College campus. While the buildings are still closed due to COVID-19, the outdoor gardens are open to the public and feature thousands of plants from over a hundred and fifty different plant families. At the H. H. Hunnewell Arboretum, guests can view several habitats, including a swamp, meadow, different forest types, and even a butterfly garden.

From an economic perspective, the colleges have a massive impact on the town's finances. According to the Wellesley 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, the colleges were three of the top seven employers in

the town, with Wellesley College coming in first place with 1050 employees, Babson in third place, and MassBay in seventh. To put that into perspective, that makes up eighteen percent of total town employment (excluding employment by the town itself). Wellesley College is the fifth highest principal taxpayer in the town.

The colleges also have impact on the economy on a smaller scale. "Coming out of the pandemic, we've made efforts to revive our retail sector," says Ulfelder. "We have a number of smaller, new restaurants, and that's giving students an opportunity to work, to dine, to be downtown, and to look at the other shops."

From his work with the Select Board, Tom Ulfelder has a unique view into students as a powerful political force. "We've seen in the past years an increase in college student participation in social issues in town--issues around sustainability and environment, following Roe vs Wade, following George Floyd, these students are making their opinions known. We welcome this, and it lends momentum to these issues.





**Babson College opened its doors in Wellesley in 1919.**

They're creating a lot of positive energy by forcing our attention to these issues."

With three colleges in town, Wellesley has changed to fill their needs and in turn changed the students. As Tom Ulfelder says, "It's extraordinary to meet these students and see what they're like. I'm so glad I'm in a town where there are three schools."



**Now in its 72nd season, Wellesley Symphony Orchestra has a relationship with MassBay as its orchestra-in-residence, with performances open to the public. *Photo used courtesy***



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# When it can be smart to hire a painting pro

Few things can revitalize a home more readily than a fresh coat of paint.

Thanks in part to the affordability of paint and its ease of application, painting is something that even novice DIYers can typically handle. According to the marketing advice guru Brandon Gaille, it is estimated that residential interior paint only lasts around three years before it needs to be updated.

Exterior paint can fade, chip and peel due to various environmental factors. As a result, many homes can likely use a fresh coat of paint in at least one room.

As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals.

Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various paints — including finishes for particular applications — will hold up. Novice painters may do more harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job.

Professional painters have spent hours upon hours learning the ropes of what



works — and what does not. Painters often understand that painstaking preparatory work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied.

Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can improve efficiency. That means a professional job can typically be completed much more quickly than a DIY project.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend additional time and money fixing them.

Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro. Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience.

Painting can give a home a facelift, and oftentimes it is smart to turn the work over to professionals to ensure the job is done just right.

# Why do painters wear white?

The sight of professional painters decked out in white overalls is a familiar one to many people. Perhaps you've pondered just why painters wear white? The reasons behind painters' sartorial choices is not easily verifiable, but it's fun to explore nonetheless.

The actual name for a painting professionals wardrobe is "painter's whites." White canvas or denim pants, white t-shirt, overalls, and a white cap are often worn by painters. The idea of wearing white may date back to the 1700s, when there were not a variety of house colors available. As a result, white was the primary choice of paint at this time. If white paint were to be dripped on a white uniform, it wouldn't be readily noticed before laundering.

Painters also used to mix 50 pounds of "white lead powder" with a can of paint paste to make about two gallons of paint. The mixing process produced large amounts of white dust. To hide the dust, the painters wore white.

It is also believed that some painters crafted clothing from the white sails from ships.

Another theory behind painters' preference for white work gear traces its origins to 19th century union painters. Those in the union adopted the all-white uniform to differentiate themselves from non-union painters. Sometimes a black bow tie was added to complete the professional presentation.

There are some practical reasons for painters to wear white. White clothing tends to be cooler when working outdoors or in sunny locations. Should painter's whites become dirty, they're easily bleachable without the color fading. Also, white is a pristine color that will present the appearance of cleanliness. Homeowners may readily invite and trust a clean worker into their homes to get the job done.

Painters often find that their business logo stands out sharply against the white of a uniform, which can be another practical reason to don some white overalls. White clothing also can be less expensive to replace.

Today, because there are many other paint hues available, painter's whites may not be so pristine. But those variously shaded specks and splatters may be indicative of a seasoned professional who has put in many hours on the job.

Painters have long worn white as their unofficial uniform. The theories as to why vary, but the tradition is likely here to stay.

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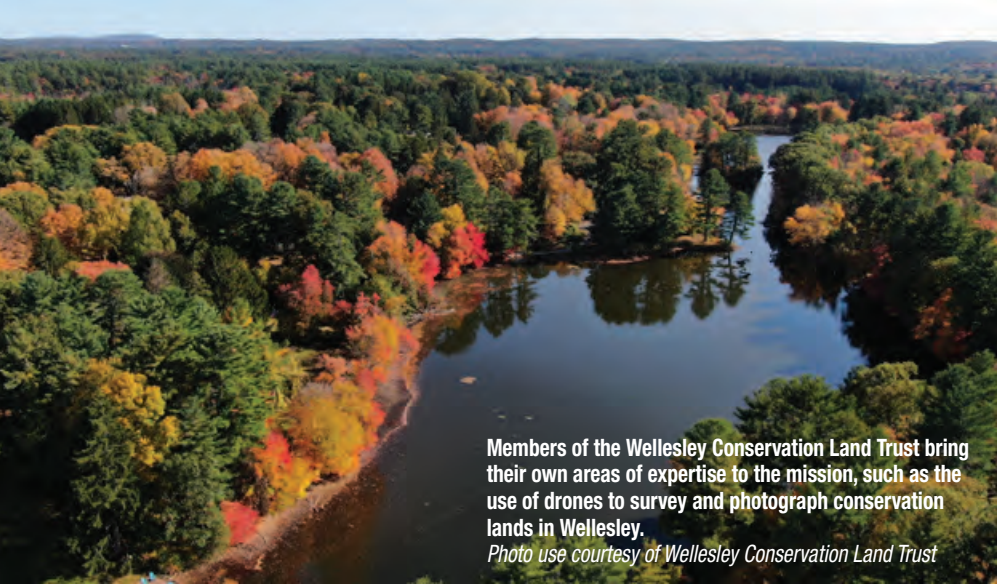
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# Land Trust Works for Wellesley's Green Space

Members of the Wellesley Conservation Land Trust bring their own areas of expertise to the mission, such as the use of drones to survey and photograph conservation lands in Wellesley.  
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By Judith Dorato O'Gara

Why do people move to Wellesley?

"Proximity to Boston, the education system, and then, it's the beauty of the greenery in town, the open space," believes Michael Tobin, president of the Wellesley Conservation Land Trust (WCLT). "I hear people say, 'I moved to town because of that, and I am within walking distance to a brook, to trails, to green space' or 'my property abuts it.'" "Green space, he says, "is a selling point."

That green space doesn't always come with a lifelong guarantee, however.

"What astounds people is, when they're here, and all of a sudden the green space they thought was protected, is in threat of being developed," says Tobin.

On Rte. 16, for example, Wellesley College had four acres, says Tobin, wooded land that had been zoned back in the 1960's. Around 2017-2018, the homes for which it was zoned were built. "People driving by said, 'Oh my god, how could all this open space we thought was preserved now have five houses? We thought it was preserved!' My response is much of this land is in private ownership. Whether it's an institution or a private college or a home and a family, we need to be reaching out to these organizations and these people to say, 'Let's preserve

half your land; let's preserve all your land, because once it's in a developer's hands, it's too late. We need to act now to preserve what we currently have before we lose that."

That's where the Wellesley Conservation Land Trust steps in. The organization began as the Wellesley Conservation Council back in 1958, when a handful of alarmed individuals facilitated the preservation of the Guernsey Sanctuary, Carisbrook Reservation, Centennial Park, and Boulder Brook Reservation. The founders modeled the organization after the Sudbury Valley Trustees and the Weston Forest and Trail Association, which had been successful in promoting conservation.

Even land owned by the town, says Tobin, is not necessarily safe from the chopping block.

"We had to rebuild two elementary schools," Tobin explains, "One of the choices was to do it on one of the school properties, where there was woods and a rock ledge. Six acres were going to be destroyed, versus the other school location, where there were the playing fields in the back and (the plan would) move the playing fields to the front. And so, we helped to advocate preserving the nature. We need smarter thinking instead of trying to react when one piece of property is under threat," says Tobin.

The 20-year Wellesley resident got involved with the organization during the "Save the North 40" initiative, when Wellesley College was set on selling 46 acres of open space near his street. Tobin joined a community grassroots effort to help convince the college that development to the highest bidder was not necessarily in the interest of all parties and the town. "There was enough community interest that the town purchased the property - and there was overwhelming support by Town Meeting members," says Tobin.

The Wellesley Conservation Land Trust aims to preserve open space, maintain that open space and educate residents young and old on matters of conservation. The group works in cooperation with Wellesley Natural Resources Commission and works closely with the Town, and Sustainable Wellesley, to present education programs.

"We also partner with the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). Under the NRC is the town parks and town sanctuaries; they have the group the Wellesley Trails Committee, which maintain approximately the 35 miles of trails in town"

Tobin further explains that the Wetlands Protection Committee works under state jurisdiction.

Sometimes, homeowners will express interest in protecting a wetland near their property, and "we'll say, 'it's already protected.'"

Among other initiatives, the WCLT has worked in loose collaboration with other local towns in trying to understand and implement the tree bylaws. The Wellesley Conservation Land



Trust has been able to share its important successes with other towns in the Commonwealth.

In October of 2020, the WCLT won a court case against a landowner of property for which the organization managed a conservation restriction. "The landowner had clear cut a section of their property and built a sports court on it in violation of the conservation restriction. We ultimately went to state judicial court and won and set a precedent in Massachusetts, that if a landowner violates their conservation restriction, not only do they have to take measures to restore it, but they're also liable for damages. That's the hook. Where most land trusts, like us, might be land rich and cash poor; we found a law firm to take the case to court pro bono."

WCLT invests a lot of time not only ensuring that open space in Wellesley is protected from development, but that the land under protection is maintained as well. Right now, says Tobin, for example, a privately-owned pond, Wight Pond, and its surrounding land, has wetlands protection, but the Land Trust is looking at how it will be maintained into the future. Similarly, a long-term WCLT goal aims to preserve a 13-acre piece of property Wellesley College was looking to sell in 2014, the site of the Cheever House.

"We would be interested in acquiring it, as a long-term goal. Meanwhile, there's this 100-year-old mansion that requires millions of dollars of restoration and maintenance. How can you maintain this historic structure, the other 11 acres maintain as natural land, whether it's working with Wellesley College, town residents or finding grants," says Tobin.

"People have different reasons they want to protect open space," says Tobin. "It may be for the greater good, climate change, trees they want to protect or geologic artifacts they don't want destroyed. Those are examples of ways to reach out to people to get them interested in our mission."

A groundswell of new WCLT board members also brings various areas of expertise and focus, says Tobin. "Amy Goldman, MIT's head of Planned Giving, joined board beginning

of this year, and so you could imagine that's a skill we need on our board given our mission," says Tobin, whose own background is high tech and biotech, and so he handles WCLT's website, social media, and has used drones to view and photograph conservation areas. The board also has a naturalist and a GIS expert.

Sometimes, areas of expertise lead to projects that draw others' interest to conservation.

An updated Wellesley Conservation Land Trust booklet on the geological history of Wellesley, for example, spurred recent programs.

"The booklet was done in 1961 by a spouse of a Wellesley College professor of geology. We sit on a fault line. We sit on two different bedrocks (where) the Roxbury granite and Dedham granite both meet. There's ice age geology," says Tobin. A recent update of the booklet yielded two PowerPoint presentations delivered over Zoom this spring as well as two guided fieldtrips, filmed by Wellesley Media (available on YouTube), one on bedrocks and one on geological ice age, surficial geology. All were sold out, but free.

"We had people come out of the woodwork, the middle school science coordinator, came out and wanted to teach what we brought out, a structural geologist in town wants to get involved and help carry this forward, and someone came out and wanted to join a Wellesley rock club," says Tobin, who says the COVID-19's silver lining, for WCLT, was boosted interest in programs that could be offered remotely.

"We've been able to attract four times the number of people to our events. Because of Zoom, it's easy in the evening to log onto an event, and we've put on more programs in (recent) years, attracted more members, attracted more interest and more donations," says Tobin.

To stay apprised of upcoming programs, and to learn more about the Wellesley Conservation Land Trust, visit [www.wellesleyconservationlandtrust.org](http://www.wellesleyconservationlandtrust.org).

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## Lienau Memorial Sanctuary

The **Lienau Memorial Sanctuary** is located in Weston and was purchased in 1974 with money given in memory of George L. Lienau. The Town of Wellesley wanted to purchase land owned by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but a small strip of this property was located in Weston. Since a town may not own land in another community but a land trust may, the Land Trust acquired this one-acre strip that was over Wellesley's border in Weston, allowing the Carisbrooke Reservation to be added to the Town's conservation lands. The Carisbrooke Reservation Trail is located off of Glen Brook Road.

## Pickle Point

The Wellesley Conservation Land Trust purchased **Pickle Point** in March 1960 from the Norumbega Boy Scouts. Pickle Point is a 500 x 50 foot promontory jutting into the northwest side of Morses Pond just west of Route 9. It is an esker which is a gravel ridge deposited by a glacier.

## Cronk's Rocky Woodland

**Cronk's Rocky Woodland** was given to the Wellesley Conservation Land Trust (WCLT) in 1977 by Gertrude Cronk in memory of Corydon P. Cronk. This woodland preserve of native wildflowers was next to their home at 10 Crown Ridge Road and had been in their possession for nearly thirty years. Cronk's Rocky Woodland is now fenced with a gate at the entrance on Crown Ridge Road and includes a rustic cabin and a marked nature trail.

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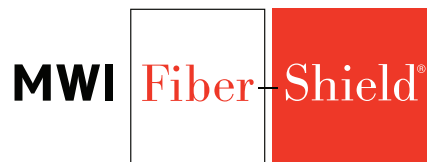


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