

# District Bulletin



**Help spread the word!  
Vote for this Friday's Holliston at Westwood  
game to be the Boston 25 High School  
GameDay Game of the Week**

**Go to [boston25.com/votegameday](http://boston25.com/votegameday) to vote!**

**Polls close Wednesday,  
Sept. 20 at 11pm.**



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*Information contained in this bulletin has been approved by the Office of the Superintendent for distribution on email listservs as a service to community organizations.*

If you wish to have something posted in this bulletin, please contact John Cianciarulo at [jcianciarulo@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:jcianciarulo@westwood.k12.ma.us). Note: Recreation, School, Scouting, Town Hall, and Westwood Sports flyers will be posted a maximum of three times. Flyers from businesses, churches, or outside groups will be posted once.

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**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21**

**Rosh Hashanah: No  
School**

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**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26**

**9:30am**

**Superintendent's Coffee,  
High School Professional  
Development Room**

**27**


**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27**

**Early Release Day**

Dear Westwood Community:

I am a Thurston student working on a project, and I write to ask for your help. 826 Boston is a local nonprofit organization that empowers students (K-high school) through literacy. You can learn about the organization from my attached flyer, and also from their [website](#). 826 Boston is opening up a new Writers' Room at the Boston Teachers Union School, and my family and I are working to fill their library with good books. Attached you'll find my flyer, which asks that you **bring your new or gently used books for grade levels K-8 to the 826 Boston donation boxes in the lobbies of Westwood Public Library (660 High Street) or Downey Elementary School (250 Downey Street) between August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,  
Isaac Feinfeld  
[Feinfelds@gmail.com](mailto:Feinfelds@gmail.com)




**DONATE  
BOOKS!  
Levels K-8**

826 Boston is a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization that empowers traditionally underserved students ages 6-18 to find their voices, tell their stories, and gain communication skills to succeed in school and in life.

*826 Boston is opening a new Writer's Room in the Boston Teachers Union School and it needs books for its new library. Please bring your new or gently used books to help fill it up. We need as many as we can get!*

Donation boxes are located in the lobbies of the Westwood Public Library (Main Branch) and Downey Elementary School.



# Westwood SEPAC Social

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Come out and meet other Westwood parents that have kids with 504 /IEPs. This will be an informal gathering to give us the opportunity to socialize.

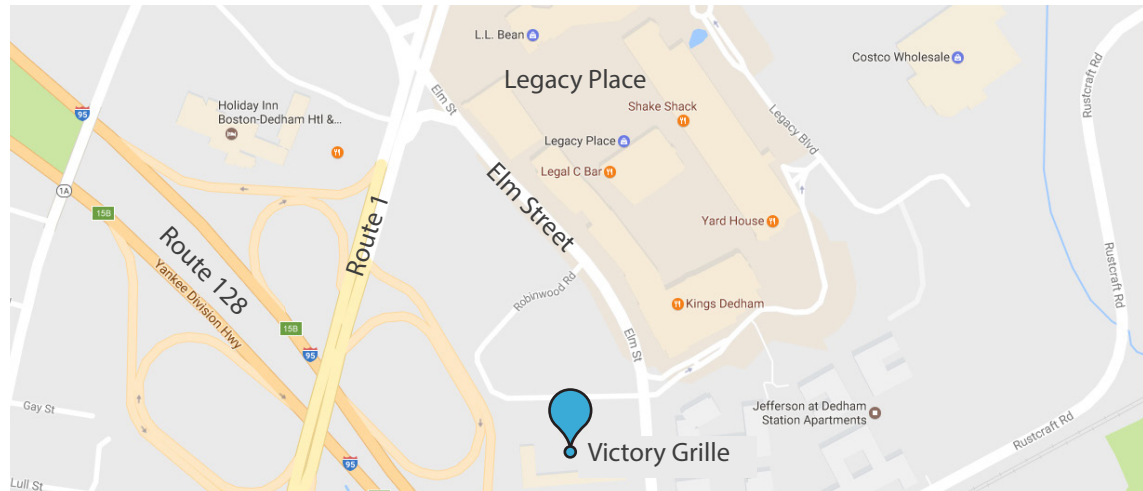


## Location

Victory Grille  
233 Elm Street  
Dedham, MA 02026  
(781) 686-1746  
victorydedham.com

## When

Wednesday  
September 20, 2017  
7pm-9pm



## Details

Please RSVP via email to [mbrenk@gmail.com](mailto:mbrenk@gmail.com)

The entire lounge area will be reserved for the Westwood SEPAC Social.

WESTWOOD SEPAC INFO

[westwoodsepac@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodsepac@gmail.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1703393949686415/>

[https://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/superintendents-office/Student\\_Services/SEPAC.cfm](https://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/superintendents-office/Student_Services/SEPAC.cfm)

Join our  
facebook group

# Westwood SEPAC

SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



You are invited to join the Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). Our mission is to work for the understanding of, respect for, and support of children of all abilities in our community.

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## What is the Westwood SEPAC?

The Westwood Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a state -mandated, parent-run group working to promote a network of parents, guardians, and caregivers of children with special needs. In addition, SEPAC partners with the Director of Student Services and the School Committee on policies. We receive input from parents, teachers, providers, and others to encourage understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of all special education students.

## Why Get Involved?

- To network with parents, guardians, caregivers
- To share your own expertise and experiences
- To learn about the available services
- To learn to advocate for your child's needs
- To volunteer and bring excellence to the educational experience of all students in the Westwood schools.

## Join if You Are...

- Parents and/or guardians of children who receive any type of special education services or accommodations in school, such as an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a 504 accommodation, or out-of-district placement.
- Think your child has learning challenges.
- Would like to understand or have an interest in the Special Education process.
- Parents, educators, or any members of the community who want to learn more!

## When are the Meetings?

Westwood SEPAC meetings are held in the Professional Development Room at District Administration. For a schedule of monthly meetings for 2017- 2018 school year visit: [http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/superintendents-office/Student\\_Services/SEPAC.cfm](http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/district/superintendents-office/Student_Services/SEPAC.cfm)

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**Join our closed Facebook Group:** Westwood SEPAC-Special Education Parent Advisory Council

**To volunteer, questions, or submit ideas on forum topics email:** [westwoodsepac@gmail.com](mailto:westwoodsepac@gmail.com)

**SEPAC Board:** Megan Brenk, Co-President • Meggan Flaherty, Co-President • Angela Pomarole, Secretary • Kelly Anderson, Treasurer

# Pasta Dinner

*To Benefit Troop 3 Westwood*



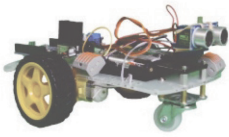
**Friday September 22nd**

5 - 7 PM

First Baptist Church  
808 High Street

\$6 per Person

*Come eat and then walk over to the High School  
for the Football Game & Westwood Day  
Fireworks!*



## 2017 Fall Semester STEAM Program

US STEAM Academy offers after-school STEAM classes to strengthen students' STEAM skills, and improve academic performance.

**Classes:** Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Programming, Electronics Engineering, Lego Robotics, Drone Basic, Drawing and Tutoring Service.

**Days:** Mondays to Fridays (We follow the schedule of Westwood Public Schools)

**Time:** 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm (from week of September 25 to week of December 11, 2017)

**Location:** Westwood High School (200 Nahatan St., Westwood, MA)

[Register Now](#)

[www.ussteam.org](http://www.ussteam.org) for class listing, schedule, and registration. Classes start next week!

**Visit us at Westwood Day  
on 9/23 this Saturday**

**Drone flying demonstration: 11 AM & 1 PM**  
**Robotics demonstration: 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM**



We offer a new class  
**Drone Takes Flight**

Explore the technology of a drone and how it is made. Students will learn to fly one of our specially designed, safe and fun drones.



Time Mon-Thurs.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday		Time Friday Only	Friday
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Mathematics - Grade 7- 8	Drawing I	Mathematics - Grade 3	Electronics Engineering	Robotics - Lego I	Robotics - Lego II	2:45pm - 3:45pm	Computer Programming - Java I
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Mathematics - Grade 2	<b>Drone Takes Flight</b>	Mathematics - Grade 4	Science and Engineering	Computer Programming - Scratch		3:45pm - 4:45pm	Micro Computer & Programming C

Contact us: Email: [contact@ussteam.org](mailto:contact@ussteam.org)  
Phone: [\(781\) 888-6182](tel:(781)888-6182)  
[www.ussteam.org](http://www.ussteam.org)



## COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Please join Superintendent Emily Parks for her first **Coffee with the Superintendent** on Tuesday, September 26 at 9:30am in the Professional Development Room at Westwood High School. This is an opportunity to discuss your perspective on the district and your hopes and expectations for your children's experience in school.

Please stop by if you are able to. There will also be other opportunities to talk in the coming weeks at events such as PTO meetings, SEPAC, and Site Council meetings.












  Just for Fun  



 **Teen Book Club** 



  2nd Early Release  
Wednesday of the month 

   1:30pm  
Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov.22, Dec 20 



 For teens and tweens in grades 6 – 8.  
Join Lizzy to talk about the books, characters, and  
authors you love & have some yummy snacks! 



# Mystery Making



Westwood Public Library  
Thursday, September 28 @ 7 PM

- Hank Phillippi Ryan
- Elisabeth Elo
- Sheila Connolly
- Clea Simon

**FOUR STELLAR AUTHORS**

**two thriller/suspense authors and  
two traditional/cozy authors will turn  
suggestions from the audience into stories**

Sponsored by the Friends of the  
Westwood Public Library and  
the Institute of Museum and  
Library Services with LSTA  
Grant Funding administered  
through the MBLC



  
Westwood Public Library

Sisters in Crime  
NEW ENGLAND



**September 30, 2017**

**Where:  
50 Carby Street  
Public Works**

**Time:  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**\$10.00 per car \*  
Cash or Check only**

\*Price per car is subject to change, oversized vehicles or vans may be assessed an additional fee

Bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in the original labeled containers. Do not mix the items together.

# Westwood Household Hazardous Waste Day

## Items Accepted

Aerosol cans, Cleaning Supplies, Oven and Drain Cleaners  
All Batteries except Alkaline  
Antifreeze, Engine Degreaser  
Carburetor Cleaner, Brake and Transmission Fluid  
Used Motor Oil or Car Wax  
Dry Cleaning Solvents  
Fiberglass Resins  
Fluorescent Bulbs  
Furniture, Floor and Metal Polishes  
Gas Grill Propane Tanks and Lighter Fluid  
Oil Based Paints and Strippers  
Paint Thinners, Solvents, Stains & Varnishes  
Photo chemicals, Chemistry sets  
Poisons, Insecticides, Weed Killers, Mothballs  
Rubber Cement, Airplane glue  
Rug and Upholstery Cleaners  
Solvent Adhesives  
Swimming Pool Chemicals  
Waste Fluid (Kerosene, Gasoline)  
Wood Preservatives (except Penta)  
Mercury Thermometers and Thermostats

## Items Not Accepted

Ammunition  
Asbestos  
Commercial, Construction and Industrial Waste  
Compressed Gas Cylinders  
Driveway Sealer  
Explosives and Fireworks  
Joint Compounder  
Penta Brand Wood Preservatives  
Pesticides containing 2-4-5 T  
Radioactive Wastes  
Silvex  
Smoke Detectors  
Syringes  
TV's and Electronics (e-waste)  
Tires  
Appliances  
No Metal Items  
Latex Paint— can be disposed in your trash once dried up  
Alkaline Batteries— can be disposed in your trash  
Any unacceptable items will remain in your car. We reserve the right to refuse unidentified materials and large amounts of hazardous waste.

**For more information, please visit the Public Works website at [www.townhall.westwood.ma.us](http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us) or call**

**781-251-2587**

**Westwood Residents Only**

Week of October 2nd, 2017

# Town of Westwood Household Bulk Collection Event

- Free Curbside Pickup of ONE Bulk Item on your regular trash day. One item per household.
- Place item at curbside by 7:00 am on your trash day
- No White Goods or Electronics– Appliances, Televisions, Electronics, or Computer Monitors.
- No Construction Waste or Metal Items
- Call 781-251-2587 with any questions on acceptable items

## What Bulk Items are Accepted?

- Bath tub– fiberglass
  - Chair– dining room or living room
  - Desk– wood
  - Door– wood
  - Furniture piece– wood
  - Mattress or Box Spring
  - Mirror
  - Sink– porcelain
  - Sleep Sofa (with metal)
  - Sofa/Loveseat
  - Sectional Sofa (up to 3 pieces)
  - Storm window
  - Toilet
  - Fence– wood (\*cut to length)
  - Wood Swing Set (\*cut to length)
  - Rug (\*cut to length)
- \* cut to length– cut into 3 ft. lengths tied in a bundle. Bundle cannot total more than 50 lbs. in total weight.

# Westwood Early Childhood | FALL 2017

## Monthly Activities

Registration is required for most programs and available to all Westwood residents.  
Please register for only the programs you are committed to attend.

**Musical Mondays:** (all ages) Join Tina Stone for a fun, interactive children's sing-a-long. Children and parents/caregivers find themselves clapping, singing, and dancing to Tina's lively performances!

**Westwood Public Library: Mondays, Oct. 2, Nov 6, Dec. 4 @ 10:30 AM**  
**Register: <http://tinyurl.com/weccmmon>**

**Fun with Friends:** (ages 2-5) Join Lizzy McGovern and Janet Lucey as they introduce families to books and activities that help children learn about feelings, differences, and caring about others. (social/emotional learning).

**Westwood Public Library: Mondays, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 @ 10:30 AM**  
**Register: <http://tinyurl.com/weccfwf>**

**Walk, Talk, Read:** (all ages) Hannah Gavalis, Children's Librarian and a Naturalist from Hale Reservation will read a story pertaining to nature followed by a short walk through Hale discussing the theme. **Hale Reservation: Mondays, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 @ 10:00 AM**

**Register: <http://tinyurl.com/weccwtread>**



WESTWOOD  
EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
COUNCIL



### Parent Education Workshop

**Language Development in the Early Years:**  
Stimulating your child's speech and language  
Tarynne Steenkamp, SLP presents speech and language milestones from birth -preschool. Learn how to enhance language through play. Gain an understanding of Red Flags

**Westwood Public Library Wed. Oct 11th 7:00-8:30 PM** Register <https://tinyurl.com/wecclang>

**Strong Beginnings: An 8 week wellness-themed series for new Moms and Babies:** Join Brooke Reilly on her heart-led mission of supporting women through the myriad of challenges that come with the transition of motherhood. Weekly topics include "Fourth Trimester Journey", "Build Your Village", "Connecting with Baby", "Mothering Your Mind" and more. **Islington Branch Library:**

**Tuesdays, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14 11/21 @ 9:30-10:30 AM**  
**Register: <http://tinyurl.com/wecbbmix>**

**Family Playgroup:** (all ages). Create, build, and pretend with other children and their families. Tarynne Steenkamp will provide activities that enhance language development, motor coordination and social interaction in a preschool environment.

**Westwood Integrated Preschool: Wednesdays, 10/18, 11/15 @ 10:00 AM**  
**Register: <http://tinyurl.com/weccfpg>**

**STEM Investigations:** (ages 3-5) Bubbles, building structures, numbers, counting and more! Join Meghan Cullen to explore hands on parent/child activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Observe, Investigate, Experiment!

**Westwood Public Library: Thursdays, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14 @ 1:30 PM**  
**Register: <http://tinyurl.com/weccsteminv>**

**Toddler Active Play:** (12mo-3 years) Join Deb Arscot, WPS PT, for an obstacle course, beanbag toss, bowling and other gross motor activities. Parents assist their child with motor development and come together as group for parachute play, singing and dancing!

**Westwood Public Library:** Fridays, Oct 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 @ 10:30 AM  
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/wecctap>

**Saturday Active Gym:** (Ages 3-4) Gym teacher Pat Foley organizes fun, non-traditional games and activities. Children and their parent/caregiver participate in group games using balls, hoops and parachute. Join him for the famous Cat and Mouse game!

**Deerfield Gym:** Saturdays, 10/14, 11/18, 12/16 10:00 and 11:00 sessions  
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/weccsagplay>

**Little Yogis:** Children ages 3-7 and their parents will learn simple yoga poses as they act out animals or characters from familiar stories. Erin Mann is a certified yoga instructor. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. **Westwood Public Library:** Saturdays, Nov. 4, Dec. 2. @ 10:30 AM

**Special PJ Little Yogis Tuesday Oct. 24th @ 6:30 PM**  
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/wecclly>


The Westwood Early Childhood Office is home of the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program. (CFCE) We serve families with young children. In an effort to support parents in their role as their child's first teacher, we have coordinated these programs to provide enriching interactions between parents/caregivers and children.



*Our goal is to provide programs that are inclusive and supportive to children of all abilities and their families. All Westwood residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.. If access to or participation in a program or event presents a concern for any reason, please contact Janet Lucey .*

## Contact Information:

Janet Lucey, Coordinator Westwood Early Childhood Office  
Hanlon School 790 Gay St. Westwood, MA 02090 (781) 461-9548

Please visit our website <http://www.westwood.k12.ma.us/early-childhood-council/> or email Janet Lucey at [jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us](mailto:jlucey@westwood.k12.ma.us) or find us on 

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Early Childhood Council, and generous donations from the Westwood Young Women's Club, and Foundation for Westwood Education, these programs are free of charge. We fund raise throughout the year and would appreciate any support you could offer whether as a financial donation or as volunteer hours.

## Join the Early Childhood Council!

Meet great people and make a difference for children in Westwood.

Meetings are held every  
1st Tuesday of the month @ 7:30 pm  
Westwood Library



# Strong Beginnings

**A free wellness themed series for new Westwood mothers and babies**



Brooke Reilly, OTR/L shares her heart-led mission of supporting women through the transition to motherhood. Weekly themes include "The 4th Trimester Journey", "Build Your Village", "Connecting with Baby" and more!

8 Weeks

Tuesdays:

October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.

November 7th, 14th, 21st.

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Islington Branch Library

280 Washington St. Westwood



Registration required: : <http://tinyurl.com/weccbbmix>

## For more info:

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790 Gay St. Westwood, MA 02090

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Please visit our website

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# Volun•TEENS

For Middle Schoolers in grades 6 -8.  Westwood Public Library

Interested in volunteering at the library?  
Need community service hours?  
Join us every first Wednesday night of the month for pizza and a library volunteer project in the Children's Department.

Make a difference at the library!

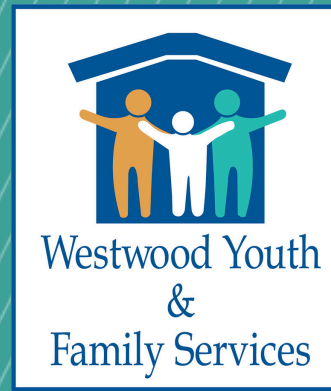
Requires application and registration

Apply at the Children's Ask Desk or email Lizzy at [ehmcgovern@minlib.net](mailto:ehmcgovern@minlib.net) for more info.

Wednesdays @ 6pm-7:30pm, Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th

Apply Today!





# Thurston Middle School

## *dances*

FRIDAYS, 7:30 - 10:00 PM

**First Dance: October 13**

**Welcome Back: School Spirit**

**Best School Spirit outfit wins a prize!**

**Entrance fee: \$10**

Proceeds go toward WY&FS Mentor Scholarship  
and TMS 8th Grade field trip.

**Questions?**

Nina Banozic, Youth Services Counselor

[youth@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:youth@townhall.westwood.ma.us)

Matt Kuklantz, TMS Assistant Principal



# WESTWOOD 2ND ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE

# YARD SALE



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 14, 2017  
9 AM — 2 PM  
RAIN OR SHINE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER BY THE OCTOBER 6TH DEADLINE, PLEASE VISIT

[WWW.WYWC.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.WYWC.ORG/EVENTS)

REGISTRATION PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WYWC AND THE ONGOING REPAIRS OF THE SCHOOL STREET PLAYGROUND

HOST YOUR  
**OWN** YARD SALE AND  
KEEP **ALL** PROCEEDS

Brought to you by the  
Westwood Young Women's Club

WYWC

## REGISTRATION AND MINIMUM \$25 DONATION GETS YOU:

- \* A SPOT ON THE OFFICIAL YARD SALE EVENT MAP
- \* ADVERTISING ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, INTERNET AND PRINT MEDIA TO GET SHOPPERS TO TOWN
- \* SIGNAGE AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS THE WEEK-OF TO BUILD AWARENESS FOR THE TOWN-WIDE EVENT
- \* PRE-ARRANGED PICKUP OF LEFTOVER ITEMS AT END OF SALE (IF DESIRED)
- \* BALLOONS AND ADDRESS LISTS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR THE MORNING OF THE EVENT

# TREETOPPERS

[Hale's After School Program]



The **Treetoppers After School Program** offers fun and challenging outdoor activities for 4th and 5th graders from surrounding communities. Treetoppers spend time every day exploring Hale's 1,100 acres, learning new skills, trying new activities, making friends, and even getting some homework done! Limited transportation is provided to students from Deerfield and Sheehan Elementary Schools.

## Featured Activities

Monday: **Field Games**

Tuesday: **Boating**

Wednesday: **Girls / Boys Outdoor Adventures**

Thursday: **Archery**

Friday: **Outdoor Living Skills**

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## FALL SESSION DATES:

Session 1: **September 5 - October 13**

Session 2: **October 16 - November 24**

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**Register at [www.halereservation.org](http://www.halereservation.org)**



# Friends Network



**2017-2018**

## **Group Description**

The Friends Network program matches Westwood 3rd - 5th graders with Westwood High School Mentors in 1:1 pairs that meet weekly to engage in games and activities in a relaxed setting. This is a great way for children to engage with a positive role model while forming a special friendship and having fun! This program is free of charge.

## **Who**

Westwood residents in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade

## **When**

November 2017 - April 2018

Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 PM OR 6:30-7:30 PM

## **Where**

Patricia Carty-Larkin Senior Center, 60 Nahatan Street

## **Contact**

Sarah Baroud, LICSW

(781) - 320 - 1006 or sbaroud@townhall.westwood.ma.us

## **Online Application:**

<http://www.townhall.westwood.ma.us>

Click on "Youth & Family Services"