



January may have given us lots of snow to shovel, but it's good to take a minute to enjoy winter's beauty.



Emily enjoys a snowy walk to her friend Savannah's house.

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**Homeowners meetings held  
on the last Wednesday of  
every month.**

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## Sip, Savor and Share

On March 12, the Social Committee will sponsor an event entitled "Sip, Savor and Share." All adults (ages 21 and over, please) are invited to the Meeting House from 7 to 9 pm and are asked to bring their favorite bottle of wine, beer or non-alcoholic beverage and to share with neighbors. You are also asked to bring your favorite cheese for the group to sample and the Social Committee will supply crackers. Have fun chatting, imbibing and nibbling with your neighbors!

## What's Happening In Windsor?

Sidewalks on Marshall Phelps Rd - There will be a public hearing at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, February 22 in Town Council chambers, 275 Broad St. to discuss the possibility of constructing sidewalks that connect Walden Meadow Road to Day Hill Rd.

Budget Sessions – The town is hosting the last of three budget workshops for residents on Wednesday, March 30 from 7 to 9 pm in town council chambers, 275 Broad St. Residents are invited to attend so that they can provide recommendations on how to set spending priorities for the Town's budget, which will take effect July 1.

Superintendent of Schools to leave Windsor for Milford – Dr. Elizabeth E. Feser, superintendent of Windsor's schools since 2002, has been named superintendent of Milford's public school system. She is expected to begin that position in April, leaving Windsor to search for her replacement.

Shad Derby Committee hard at work – The 2011 Shad Derby Planning Committee, which is made up of local business owners and community volunteers, has already begun planning for the annual Shad Derby festival and parade, which take place on Saturday, May 21 this year.

T.J. Maxx is moving in to the building previously occupied by A.J. Wright. Timing of the Grand Opening is unknown at this time by the Editors of Walden Woods News. Stay tuned.

## 2011 Events

Mark your calendar for these terrific events being planned by our Social Committee.

Saturday, March 12  
Sip, Savor and Share  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16  
Spring Fling and Egg Hunt  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23  
Earth Day Clean Up  
10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 7  
Kite Flying at the Ball Field  
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 29  
Memorial Day Picnic at the Pool  
11:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 20  
Summer Social at the Pool  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 1  
Fall Food Drive to benefit Windsor Food Bank

Saturday, November 5  
Cards and Game Night  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3  
Adult Holiday Party  
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4  
Children's Holiday Party  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



A view of snow piles on Pond Bridge.

## Zocco's Restaurant Event

by Barbara D'Amaddio

On the evening of February 7, more than 55 Walden Woods residents, family members and friends braved the cold and headed out to enjoy the third annual Zocco's Restaurant Pasta Dinner.

This popular event, sponsored by the Walden Woods Social Committee, features an eat-all-you-want, cooked-to-order pasta bar, which includes a variety of pastas, sauces, meats and vegetables. Best of all was the opportunity to visit and socialize with neighbors and shed "cabin fever" for an evening.

Five free desserts and a Zocco's gift certificate were raffled, thanks to a generous donation from the restaurant. Hats off to Robby, our pasta chef, for helping organize the event and providing us with gourmet fare!

**"TO SHORTEN WINTER..,  
BORROW SOME MONEY  
DUE IN SPRING."**

## Understanding the Standards Committee

by Barry Towers

By choosing to live in Walden Woods we all agreed to the guidelines of our declaration and the rules and by-laws of our community. The declaration calls for the creation of a Standards Committee in order to maintain the high quality and tasteful design and keep the landscaping attractive and consistent for all units.

When you are planning a home improvement project there is a simple process that begins with the Request for Addition, Alteration, or Improvement Form (AAI Form). This form is used to describe your project in detail - who will do the work, what type of materials will be used, dimensions, color, finish, etc. This form is submitted to Elite Management and the Standards Committee before any work begins on your property.

During review the Committee may inspect the site, interview the unit owner, request information from the contractor, or do other research. This is normally done in a reasonable length of time and approval or denial is usually rendered quickly. If you are not approved you have the right to appeal to the Conservancy Board. If you are approved an inspection will follow after the project is complete to verify that all the work was done as proposed.

So as you think of remodeling projects, please keep in mind that following these simple rules is the right thing to do for yourself and your fellow residents. AAI Forms are available on our website or through Elite Management and should be self-explanatory. However, if you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Elite Management or one of the Standards Committee members.



Radost Koleva of Hawthorne Lane.



## Earth Day

by Diane Drew

Earth Day is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in and was first held on April 22, 1970. While the first Earth day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations. Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network and is celebrated in more than 175 countries every year.

Walden Woods will be celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 23 at 10 am with a clean-up program designed to engage all Walden Woods residents in removing litter from our beautiful community. This event is co-sponsored by the Environmental and Social Committees. Each participant will be assigned a location for clean-up; with bags, gloves and picks provided by the sponsors. Donuts, fruit, coffee and juice are also provided at the Meeting House for all who participate. Think of it as a wonderful opportunity to beautify the community while visiting with other residents. Details will be provided in a flyer as the date approaches.

**“THERE ARE NO PASSENGERS  
ON SPACESHIP EARTH.  
WE ARE ALL CREW.”**

Marshall McLuhan, 1964

## Changes in the Woods

by Bob Ellis

Newsletter: Credit for the changes you see in this issue of the "Walden Woods News" can be attributed to its new editor, Genevieve Lattimer. After a two-year search to find someone to replace Bob Ellis, Genevieve stepped forward and volunteered to ensure that we continue to receive community specific news and information in this format.

Website: The administration of our website ([www.waldenwoodsct.com](http://www.waldenwoodsct.com)) is now in the capable hands of Christine Looby. The website provides a plethora of community-related information that demands a high level of dedication and imagination to maintain and we know Christine is ready for the challenge.

Meeting House: Juliana Gingerich has volunteered to chair the Meeting House Committee. She will be coordinating the efforts of her committee to monitor the use of the meeting house and maintain its condition to ensure that all residents are able to enjoy this amenity. Juliana offers a high level of enthusiasm and will serve our community well.

Duplex Council Representative: At a recent Duplex Council meeting, Kathleen Lucas was elected to join Margy Schuck as the two Duplex Council representatives on the Conservancy Board of Directors. She offers her constituents a promise of conscientiousness and common sense. Kathleen replaces Tom Schuck, who was serving on an interim basis.

Each of these individuals responded to our November call for volunteers and we thank them for donating their time and effort to our community. Likewise, we applaud all the residents that signed-up to join a committee in the recent weeks. If you would like to get involved, please consult the website for committee contact information.

## Bob's Joke Corner

by Bob Ellis

A real man is a woman's best friend. He will never stand her up and never let her down. He will reassure her when she feels insecure and comfort her after a bad day. He will inspire her to do things she never thought she could do; to live without fear and forget regret. He will enable her to express her deepest emotions and give in to her most intimate desires. He will make sure she always feels as though she's the most beautiful woman in the room and will enable her to be confident, sexy, seductive and invincible.

No wait...I'm sorry...

I'm thinking of wine.

It's wine that does all that stuff.

Never mind.

## Spring Fling and Egg Hunt

The Social Committee is planning its annual "Spring Fling and Egg Hunt" on Saturday, April 16 from 2 to 4 pm at the Meeting House. This popular event for children and adults features crafts and games for the kids inside the Meeting House and an egg hunt on the lawn. Refreshments will be served. Plan to attend and welcome spring with your neighbors and their families.

**"No matter how long the winter,  
spring is sure to follow."**

- Proverb