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Walden Woods News

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Special Interest:

If you live in Duplexes or Townhomes and have black tarp fence behind your property, you may go ahead and take it down. Simply discard in your trash bin.

Check out the *NEW* current information page on our website for up-to-date information about activities in our community.

Farmers' Market Opened For the Season

First Town Downtown announced that the much-enjoyed Farmers' Market has opened for the season. The Farmers' Market is located at 240 Broad Street on the corner of Maple Avenue and Broad Street.

Stop by from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons from June 21 through October 25.

At the market, you will find fresh, locally grown fruits,

vegetables and flowers; handmade jewelry; honey and beeswax products; fresh-baked breads and desserts; all natural grass-fed beef, pork and farm-fresh eggs; cow and goat milk, yogurt and cheeses; live, local musicians and guest chefs monthly.

For more information about the Farmers' Market, visit

www.firsttowndowntown.org or call (860) 688-5165.

Some of the regular vendors include:

- All Things Beaded
- Autumn Oak Farms
- Belnotti Bakery
- Farms of Southern New England
- Forgotten Acres Farm
- Get Baked
- Newgate Farms
- Roses Berry Farm
- Scantic Valley Farm
- Stefan Farms
- Sweet Pea Cheese
- Walter Mukowicz

2012 Concerts on the Town Green

The Windsor Chamber of Commerce and First Town Downtown invite you to the summer concert series being held weekly on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

July 19 - GLAMOUR GIRLS
Sponsored by ING

July 26 - BEATLES FOREVER

Sponsored by Windsor Federal Savings Bank

August 2 - MAESTROS MEN

Sponsored by Town of Windsor Recreation & Leisure Services

August 9 - KICK BAND

Sponsored by Bill Selig Jewelers, Johnson, Dowe, Brown & Barbarotta, Bart's Beanery & Bagge, Cennamo & Pascoe LLP

August 16 - FARMINGTON VALLEY BAND

Sponsored by Carmon Funeral Homes & the Carmon Family

August 23 - FREEDOM TRAIL GOSPEL EXPLOSION

Sponsored by Trinity Christian School & Chamber Insurance Trust

Rain Dates - If it rains, the concert will be re-scheduled for the following Tuesday.

Read On the Green Grass



Thank you to Peter DeBisschop, who mounted the new TV at the Meeting House in a secure, custom built cabinet.

“Read on the Green Grass” is a program to promote literacy in young children. At each location, special guests will read aloud, then children will participate in a brief activity coinciding with the book just read.

GOSLEE POOL (starting at 12:30 p.m.)

July 10 – *We Are All Alike, We Are All Different* read by Zandra Persaud

July 17 – *The Little Red Hen* read by Barbara Tolve Silver

July 24 – *The Wind Blew* read by Ann Walsh

July 31 – *Tikki Tikki Tembo* read by Police Officer Sue Bowman

August 7 – *Johnny Appleseed Goes A Planting* read by Police Chief Kevin Searles

August 14 – *Swimmy* read by Lisa Boccia

August 21 – *Over In the Meadow* read by Jennifer Mitchell & Kathy Kopacz

- **A healthy snack will also be provided**

WINDSOR TOWN GREEN (starting at 6:15 p.m.)

July 5 – *We Are All Alike, We Are All Different* read by Susan Kirschner Robinson

Jul 12 – *Owen* read by Emily Moon

July 19 – *Commotion In The Ocean* read by Rabbi Lefkowitz & Cheryl Anderson

July 26 – *Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type* read by Mark Walker

August 2 – *The Tiny Seed* read by Police Chief Kevin Searles

August 9 – *Caps For Sale* read by Donna Campbell

August 16 – *Stella Luna* read by Jay Carmon

August 23 – *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten* read by Barbara Tolve Silver

- **Please bring a gently used book for a weekly book swap!**

This program is brought to you by The Windsor Chamber of Commerce and First Town Downtown with a special “Thank You” to the Law Office of Cori-Lynn Webber, Ellsworth Medical LLC, Windsor Federal Savings, WCSC, Bill Selig Foundation, Branford Hall, Carmon Funeral Homes, Oliver Ellsworth Family Resource Center, Konica Minolta Business Solutions.

For more information, visit www.windsorcc.org or call (860) 688-5165.

Annual Tag Sale Is A HUGE Success

The annual Walden Woods neighborhood tag sale was a huge success with more than 38 residential units participating. Hundreds of shoppers flocked to our neighborhood on Saturday, June 23 for the bargains on furniture,

clothing, household items and so much more.

A special “Thank You” to Tag Sale Committee: Janine Malave, Genevieve Lattimer, Roland Bernier, and Pam Jones.

Social Committee Update

The Social Committee recently kicked off the summer pool season with another successful pool opening party. Subway grinders were brought in along with various salads and desserts. Sixty-six people attended. Since there was so much leftover food, the Social Committee was able to take the excess to South Park Inn, a homeless shelter in Hartford.

Although the pool was a bit cloudy due to an excess of cottonwood seeds and some algae residue from a “too mild” winter, a number of kids and adults were seen enjoying the water as the afternoon progressed.

Although the pool had not technically passed inspection due to some needed minor mechanical work, the temporary pool shut down which occurred immediately after the party allowed for a more significant clean-up repair and scouring of the pool floor. Timing for this was perfect since the weather was not that great.

The Social Committee is also planning a variety of activities that bring the community together:

Game night continues to be enjoyed by many on the last Friday of each month.

Golf night is being planned by Alanna Herrick for the last Thursday of each month beginning on June 28. Please contact her at ajherrick5@gmail.com if you are interested.

Book Club meets on the last Thursday of each month

For these and other upcoming events, check the Walden Woods website calendar page – www.waldenwoodsct.com/calendar/

Working with the Meeting House Committee, the Social Committee put together a proposal for a large screen HD television to be installed at the Meeting House. This was approved by the Conservancy Board at their April meeting and is already in place. Many thanks to Peter DeBisschop, who determined the costs, made the purchase, installed the television, and built a beautiful cabinet. Plans are to use the equipment for presentations in Board meetings, and also for social events. Peter DeBisschop and his wife, Kathy Larkin, just hosted our first movie night on June 15 with a showing of *War Horse*; 11 people participated.

With all the approvals in place for the pond patio, expect a patio opening wine and cheese event to follow directly after the installation...stay tuned.

The 2013 Walden Woods calendar is already being organized by Diane Drew. Please submit your pictures to her at drewdgd@comcast.net.

As you can see, there is much happening here at Walden Woods. Hopefully, you can find something that interests you and join in our community life.

Finally, if you are interested in joining the Social Committee or getting more information about what the group does, please contact Committee Chair Roland Bernier at rbernier73@gmail.com.



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Ad Hoc Boundary Committee

An unfortunate clerical error was made when Walden Woods was first developed into three councils (Village, Woodmoor and Pond Bridge) - maps with clear council boundaries were never legally filed with the Town (even though development maps do exist). The *ad hoc* Boundary Committee was

formed in 2009 and met several times without coming to conclusion. This *ad hoc* committee reconvened in 2011 and since then, many residents have volunteered time at meetings and by offering historical perspectives for our newer unit owners. Now that Country Walk has added two more

councils (Townhomes and Duplexes) and all five councils' expenses are being more thoroughly examined, it has become imperative that legal council boundaries be identified on maps and filed with the Town. Please stay informed, as the results will affect your Conservancy and council payments not to mention your property value.

Please stay informed regarding the issues affecting Walden Woods...decisions that are made will affect our property values.

Swimming Pool Update

On Friday, May 25, Health Inspectors from the Town of Windsor visited our swimming pool for their annual safety inspection. The result of that visit was that the pool had a faulty flow gauge and that chlorine and pH levels were too high. There were also several other maintenance items noted.

At that time, the pool was determined to be unsafe for opening.

On June 4, inspectors returned and noted that chlorine and pH levels were still too high for swimmers. The pool was therefore closed

The pool was drained for cleaning and mechanical repairs to the filter. It remained closed until the positive health inspection on June 15 provided the go-ahead for swimmers.

Rest assured, the Town's Health Department will frequently re-inspect to insure compliance with code and safety to residents.



Pool Attendant Will Be Hired

At the May 30 Conservancy Board Meeting, the Directors voted in favor of hiring a pool attendant for the swimming season.

Just prior to the June 27 meeting, the Board received a proposal from a resident who offered to fill the role personally with three resident employees assisting. Unfortunately, the offer was rescinded after the Board's vote.

In compliance with Conservancy By-Laws, the Board is seeking three proposals to review. If you or anyone you know would like to submit a proposal for consideration, please contact Jeff Byers at Elite Property Management (jeff@epmlc.com).

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Fix That Password – NOW!

Originally published by
Ellen E. Schultz
(WSJ/Internet Security)

A few years ago I had to hack a couple of family email accounts after the passwords were lost. It took a few weeks, but I finally guessed the password of one and the answer to the security question of the other, which enabled me to change the password and recover years of vacation photos.

This exercise showed me that when it comes to the security of online accounts, the biggest threats aren't necessarily viruses and spyware, but poorly chosen passwords, user names and security questions that can make accounts crackable by familiar people – and hackable by bad guys using common software.

Retirees with limited tech-savvy can be especially vulnerable, putting them at risk as they increasingly handle their banking, credit-card and retirement accounts online, check their Social Security benefits, or access their health-care plans. According to the Pew Research Center, people age 70 to 75 had the largest percentage increase in Internet use in recent years. And regardless of their skill level, older users are likely to have more assets.

But a few simple steps can reduce to almost zero one's chances of being hacked, and reduce the frustration and time it takes to juggle multiple passwords for dozens of accounts.

Here are some tips.

Start by setting up a user name that is difficult to guess. Most people use their own name, which means that anyone from your mother to a mobster can log on to the Fidelity or Chase website and enter your name, and then attempt to crack your password (see below).

Don't let bad guys get to first base. Use an alias. After all, Citibank doesn't care if your user name is Joe Jones, Whatsamata U or RomeoXOXO.

Next build a password with at least 10 digits. This isn't as hard as it seems.

Begin by selecting a phrase from a poem, scripture, lyric or advertising jingle, and create a word using the first letter of each word. For your Wells Fargo account, it might be: IAWL (It's a Wonderful Life).

Then capitalize every other letter, and add special characters (\$, # / etc.), followed by your ZIP code: laWl@10036. Once you get the hang of it, it's simple. MiTrOaE\$\$10005 ("Money is the root of all evil").

You could also set up a password using your favorite section of the tax code, say 411(b)(1)(H), which already sounds like gobbledygook you made up on purpose, or a Bible citation, such as "1Timothy_6:10," or Job22:7." Go wild.

For added security, make up a phrase and a number ("My mother is from Missoula") + (your height and age) = MmIfM%51170.

Avoid using actual words, because password-cracking

software can run through the entire dictionary in less than a minute. That is advice most people ignore, including many of the 6.5 LinkedIn users whose user names and passwords were stolen earlier this month and posted on a black-market website.

At www.leakedin.org, which was formed to help people whose information was stolen, you can type in various passwords to see if they were compromised. I entered a handful of potential passwords I made up on the spot, including Bullwinkle, JulesVerne, HarryPotter, GeorgeWBush, Django, pa\$\$w0rd and thisandthat. All turned out to be actual LinkedIn passwords that had been leaked and cracked. Surprisingly, no one was using 2BorNot2B.

You don't need dozens of passwords. Create at least five, and use the most complex for sensitive accounts such as email, Facebook and TurboTax. Use different passwords for online retailers or airline awards programs, and another for utilities, such as your cell phone and cable providers.

Have a fourth password for less sensitive sites, such as Pinterest or Netflix, and a throwaway password for sites you visit once, such as a news site that requires you to set up an account to access an article.

Ideally, you should have a different user name and password for each site, but that is a tall order in real life. If you want to go this route, use a password manager program, such as SplasID.

If you write your passwords down, don't disclose the root "word," but instead use a hint. If your phrase is "Round up the usual suspects" (RuTuS), the hint might be "Casablanca." And don't write down all the numbers, either. The crib sheet for your TD Ameritrade password, RuTuS//10036, would thus be: Casablanca//1****6.

Although intended to increase the security of your accounts, security questions can actually make them easier to crack. These are the questions you must answer if you have forgotten your password and want to reset it.

Unfortunately, the questions can be easy to guess. Someone who knows your mother's maiden name, your city of birth, your favorite color or sports team might be able to reset your password and gain access to your account.

I managed to crack the family Yahoo account by guessing the answer to the security question, chosen by the person who originally set up the account, which was "What was your high school mascot?" (Answer: Purple haze).

If the security questions are all as pitiful as the ones above, add a prefix or suffix to thwart hack attacks. "Name of your first pet?" Answer: Mr. PicklesXYZ.

Finally, make sure your wireless network at home is also protected by a strong password. If it isn't, neighbors can use it to go online, or creeps (and at one point Google Street View cars) can intercept what you are doing on the Web.

Community Garden

Thank you to
The Law Offices of
Cori-Lynn Webber
(also a Woodmoor resident)
for scanning our most
recent reserve study into
.pdf format so that all
residents can have a copy.

If you didn't get yours yet,
request one by contacting
Jeff Byers
at Elite Property
Management.

jeff@epmlc.com

Our garden has gotten off to a great start. We have such enthusiasm among the gardeners. We started off with a group of us prepping the garden area, with lots of weeding and digging. On May 19, we had a planting day with much variety in our garden plantings. It's such fun to see how each gardener has personalized their garden plot with signs, ornaments and colored tomato cages. If you have not yet taken a walk by the garden, we encourage you to do so. We still have plots available, covered with landscape cloth and

mulch to kill the weeds, but easily removed for you to garden. We are hoping our harvest is so good that we will bring some of our produce to the Windsor Food Bank. Thank you especially to Peter DeBisschop for his work on getting our soil ready and to Dale Herrick for making us number signs for each plot.



Walden Woods Website

There is a new way for you to get information about events in Walden Woods. At www.waldenwoodsct.com, a new page has been created to display messages and information. The objective

is to reduce the number of e-mails while providing you news that is there when you want to access it. Please check out (and bookmark): www.waldenwoodsct.com/latestnewsinformat/

Quick Updates...

Yoga is finished for the summer...but will return again in the fall at the Meeting House.

Book Club continues to be popular, with 14 attendees at the last meeting.

The first Movie Night was held at the Meeting House on June 15 and other movie nights are being planned.

Game Night will be held on the last Friday of the month.

Thank you to Peter DeBisschop, who has planted flowering annuals around the Meeting House.