



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

Town of Carlisle

JUNE 2025

Happy Retirement, Sylvia!



On Thursday, May 29, friends, colleagues, and community members gathered at Great Brook Farm State Park to celebrate the remarkable career and well-earned retirement of Sylvia Willard.

The event featured kind and thoughtful remarks from State Representative Simon Cataldo, who also presented Sylvia with a special citation honoring her decades of dedicated service. Additional heartfelt speeches were shared by Select Board member David Model, former Conservation Commission member Alex Parra, Town Administrator Ryan McLane, and longtime resident Mark Duffy — all paying tribute to Sylvia's lasting impact on our town and its natural spaces. Guests enjoyed a beautiful afternoon, sweet reflections, and, of course, some well-deserved ice cream!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in honoring Sylvia — a true steward of conservation and community.

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Welcome Geoff Kotowski!



Please join us in welcoming Geoff Kotowski as the new Director of the Council on Aging and Human Services. Geoff brings nearly 20 years of experience from the Cambridge Council on Aging, where he most recently served as Director of the North Cambridge Senior Center.

Known for his collaborative leadership and strong community focus, Geoff revitalized senior programming post-COVID and built lasting partnerships. We're excited to have him leading COAHS into its next chapter!

From the DPW Director

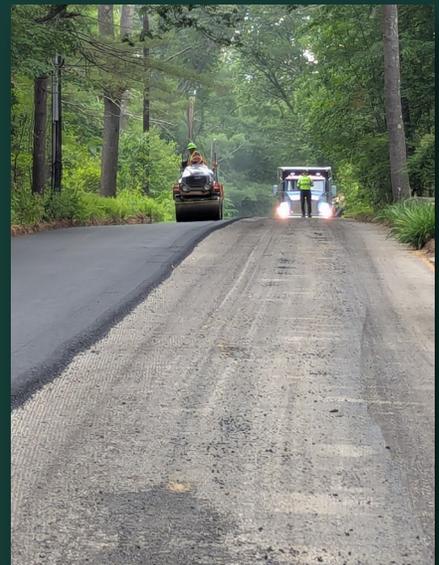
Jim Hall, DPW Director

Howdy folks!

As the start of summer is upon us, we have been extremely busy here at the DPW. In case you haven't noticed we have started our second year of a two-year paving plan. Stay tuned for a new 5-year plan coming soon. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents impacted by the ongoing paving project for their patience! The end result will be a tremendous improvement for all.

In other news, roadside mowing is scheduled to begin on July 7th. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about any trouble spots, please reach out to the DPW and we will handle them individually.

As always, thank you for your patience and understanding! HAPPY SUMMER!!!



New Town Hall Hours Begin July 1

Starting July 1, 2025, Town Hall will be transitioning to new standardized hours to better serve the community and support long-term staffing needs.

New Hours:

- Monday–Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This will be a soft launch, and we appreciate your patience during the month of July as staff adjust to the new schedule. We aim to be fully transitioned by August 1. Thank you for your continued support as we work to improve service and consistency at Town Hall!



From the Tax Collector's Office



**IMPORTANT NEWS **

The remittance address for paying tax bills is changing! Effective July 1st, the new mailing address will be **PO Box 848214, Boston, MA 02284**. This new mailing address will be printed on the remittance coupon portion of the tax bills being mailed at the end of June. If you use your bank's bill payer to send your payment, please update the address so your payment will arrive on time.

Town Hall hours will be changing effective July 1st as well to better serve our residents. Our new office hours will be **Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 12 noon.**

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax bills are being mailed at the end of June for the first and second quarters of FY26. First quarter bills will be due on August 1st, and second quarter bills will be due on November 3rd.

From the School Committee

Dear Carlisle Community,

As June arrives, it may feel like the year is winding down, but activity at Carlisle Public School is ramping up. We're closing out the 2024–2025 school year with a flurry of classroom presentations, field trips, performances, and community celebrations.

During the last week of May, both elementary and middle school students enjoyed Field Day. On Tuesday, June 3rd, we celebrated PRIDE Month with Carlisle's own PRIDE Festival, in partnership with local organizations. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who made this year's event such a success. We're already looking forward to next year!

The week of June 2nd, our 8th grade students headed to Washington, D.C., where they explored the nation's capital and created lasting memories together as they concluded their time at Carlisle Public Schools. Other exciting field trips in June included a grade 5 trip to Concord Museum, Grade 4 traveling to the Natural History Museum, Grade 3 visiting the historical sites of Boston, and Kindergarten touring the Carlisle Post Office.

The Gleason Library will honor the creative talents of our young artists by hosting an exhibit featuring work from 3rd grade and middle school students. The show runs from June 14th through September 6th. We're also excited for Old Home Day, taking place from June 20–22, with a variety of community activities.

A special milestone is fast approaching: 8th Grade Graduation. This cherished ceremony, honoring our graduating class and their families, will be held on Thursday, June 12th at 5:30 PM on the Plaza, weather permitting.

As we close out the year, we want to express deep gratitude to our families for their constant support. Our success is made possible not only by our exceptional faculty and staff but also by the unwavering partnership of the Carlisle community.

We also extend our warmest thanks and congratulations to our retiring staff members: Kathy Marsh, Cheryl Hay, Lori Desjardin, and Linda Vanaria. Your years of dedication have left a lasting impact, and you will be dearly missed.

Finally, we want to thank Lori Bruce and Matt Mehler for their years of service to the students and staff of Carlisle Public School. We wish them both luck and success in their new endeavors.

Wishing everyone a joyful end to the school year and a safe, happy summer!

Warm regards,

Brian Waterson
Carlisle School Committee Chair

Jim O'Shea
Superintendent of Schools



Stay Cool This Summer: Passive Cooling Tips for Your Home

Environmental Sustainability Committee

As the summer heat rolls in, keeping your home cool without relying heavily on air conditioning can be both eco-friendly and cost-effective. Here are some passive cooling strategies to help you beat the heat:

1. Optimize Natural Ventilation

- **Cross Ventilation:** Open windows on opposite sides of your home to create a natural breeze. This helps to flush out hot air and bring in cooler air.
- **Night Ventilation:** Take advantage of cooler night temperatures by opening windows and doors to let in the cool air. Close them in the morning to trap the coolness inside.

2. Shade Your Windows

- **Use Blinds and Curtains:** Close blinds or curtains during the hottest part of the day to block out direct sunlight. Light-colored window coverings are particularly effective at reflecting heat.
- **Install Awnings:** Awnings can provide shade for windows and reduce the amount of heat entering your home.



3. Dry your Clothes Outside!

- **Drying clothes outside** can save a significant amount of energy by line-drying their laundry instead of using a dryer. This not only lowers utility bills but also helps reduce the carbon footprint. Have you tried line-drying your clothes before? It's a great way to enjoy the fresh air while being eco-friendly!

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4. Minimize Internal Heat Gains

- **Limit Heat-Generating Activities:** Avoid using heat-generating appliances like ovens and dryers during the hottest part of the day. Opt for outdoor grilling or using a microwave instead.
- **Switch to LED Bulbs:** LED bulbs generate less heat compared to incandescent bulbs, helping to keep your home cooler.

5. Landscaping for Shade

- **Plant Trees and Shrubs and protect existing shade trees:** Strategically plant trees and shrubs around your home to provide natural shade. For a bigger environmental bang for the buck, ensure the new trees and shrubs are non-cultivar native species, which will support beneficial pollinators and wildlife. Deciduous trees are ideal as they provide shade in the summer and allow sunlight through in the winter.

6. Install Ceiling Fans

- **Ceiling Fans:** Use ceiling fans to enhance air circulation. They can make you feel cooler even if the air temperature is higher.



7. Insulate Your Home

- **Proper Insulation:** Ensure your home is well-insulated to keep the heat out. Insulation in the attic and walls can help maintain a consistent indoor temperature.

8. Use Light-Colored Paint

- **Exterior Paint:** Light-colored paint on the exterior of your home can reflect more sunlight and reduce heat absorption.

8. Reflective Roofing

- **Cool Roofs:** Consider installing a cool roof, which is designed to reflect more sunlight and absorb less heat than a standard roof. This can significantly reduce the temperature inside your home.

By implementing these passive cooling techniques, you can enjoy a comfortable and cool home throughout the summer while also reducing your energy consumption. **Stay cool, Carlisle!**

Boardwalk Rebuild at the Twin Peaks Trail Completed

The deteriorating boardwalk on the Twin Peaks Trail off West Street was demolished, and a new 120-foot boardwalk was completed Sunday June 8, 2025. This project took three- and one-half workdays to complete after several weeks of designing, planning and organizing. A total of 19 Trails Committee members and volunteers participated in the effort!





CULTURAL EVENTS

JUNE

13th & 14th 10 am - 4 pm: [Carlisle Garden Tour](#) (Carlisle Garden Club)

18th 6 pm: [Outdoor Summer Concert with the Party Band](#), Spalding Field (Carlisle Recreation, COAHS, GPL)*

19th 4 pm: [Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles](#) • Spalding Field (Carlisle Recreation)

19th 6 pm: Annual FRS [Strawberry Festival](#) • FRS Tent

20th 7 pm: Old Home Day Community Performance Showcase • FRS Tent*

* Carlisle Cultural Council programs and grant recipients.

JUNE

21st All day: [Old Home Day](#) – Carlisle’s 250th Colonial Celebration • Carlisle center • click link for schedule

21st-22nd [Carlisle Music Festival](#) • see below*

21st 9:30 am: Friends of the Library [Book Swap](#)

28th 10 am: Music at Carlisle Farmer’s Market • Kimball’s*

28th 10:30 am: [Insects for Beginners](#), Gleason Library (Carlisle Conservation Foundation)*

JULY

23rd 11 am: [“Peter and the Wolf”](#) with the Storytime Quintet, Gleason Library*

26th 10 am: Music at Carlisle Farmer’s Market • Kimball’s*

OLD HOME DAY WEEKEND!

[4th Annual Carlisle Music Festival @Old Home Day](#)

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June 2025

- Expanding to 3 Music Stages
- Children’s Activities
- Food Trucks & Exhibitors

Featuring exciting new groups and returning favorites

Yarina • Five O’Clock Shadow • Nightlife • 5 Orange • Concord Women’s Chorus

Kenny Selcer & Steve Gilligan • The Hansen Brothers • Hot Club of Carlisle • Soundbites

Red Velvet Slide • The Soul Soothers • Dale Joachim’s Jazz • Don’t You Worry

Neighborly • Carlisle Community Chorus • Backbeat Farm Drum and Brass Band



NEW EVENT! [Old Home Day Community Performance Showcase](#)

Friday June 20, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Music Festival Tent, FRS yard. Music, theater, poetry spoken word. Advance sign up required. Come out and enjoy our talented neighbors!

KEEP THE MUSIC PLAYING — DONATE TO THE CARLISLE MUSIC FESTIVAL @OLD HOME DAY

Entering its 4th year, the Carlisle Music Festival entertains hundreds of music lovers of all ages, while providing a “big stage” experience for the best of Carlisle’s talented musicians across many genres. Your gift to **The Carlisle Cultural Council Fund** will help us produce the Festival this year and in the future.

Limited supply of commemorative T-shirts available at the CCC table, OHD Country Fair!



MBTA COMMUNITIES

ZONING FOR MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING



The Planning Board
is excited to chat with all residents
- and gather feedback -
about how the MBTA Communities
housing law can work in Carlisle.



OPEN HOUSES

WHEN?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH
4 - 7 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 8TH
4 - 7 PM



WHERE?

UNION HALL @ FRS
27 SCHOOL STREET

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
DROP IN & CHAT WITH US!

<https://www.carlislema.gov/1195/MBTA-Communities>

For more information, scan the code above and stop by our booth at Old Home Day on June 21st!

From the Gleason Public Library

Martha Feeny-Patten, Library Director

Summer Reading Program 2025 at the Gleason Public Library

We are excited to announce our 2025 Summer Reading Program: Level Up at Your Library! Please download our [Summer Reading Program 2025 brochure](#) to read about our Reading Challenges, Book Bingo, and all our fun summer programs.

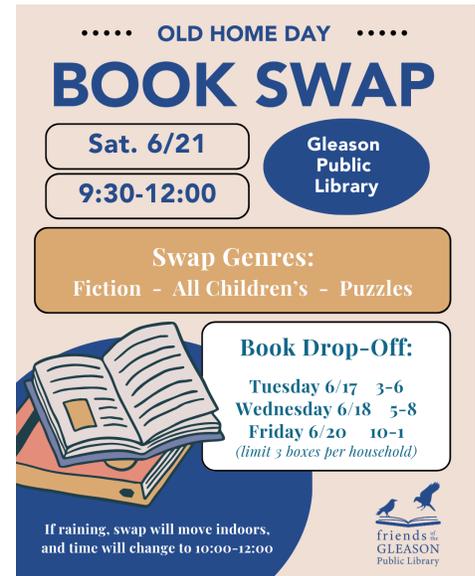
Reading Raffle

(Grades K-8)

The Gleason Library will use a Summer Reading Log (beginning Saturday, June 14th at 10AM)) to keep track of your reading! Log how many minutes you read to earn raffle tickets—the more you read, the more chances you have at winning one of our grand prizes.

(Teen – Grades 9-12)

For each title read, our teen patrons can fill out a raffle ticket entry (be sure to fill out both sides) and enter it in our Teen Raffle jar. Both the Teen Raffle tickets and jar are located at the Reference desk on the 1st floor.



..... OLD HOME DAY

BOOK SWAP

Sat. 6/21
9:30-12:00

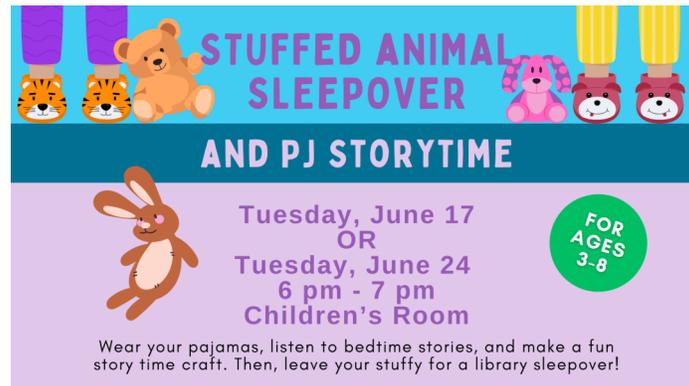
Gleason Public Library

Swap Genres:
Fiction - All Children's - Puzzles

Book Drop-Off:
Tuesday 6/17 3-6
Wednesday 6/18 5-8
Friday 6/20 10-1
(limit 3 boxes per household)

If raining, swap will move indoors, and time will change to 10:00-12:00

Friends of the GLEASON Public Library



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER AND PJ STORYTIME

Tuesday, June 17
OR
Tuesday, June 24
6 pm - 7 pm
Children's Room

FOR AGES 3-8

Wear your pajamas, listen to bedtime stories, and make a fun story time craft. Then, leave your stuffy for a library sleepover!

Book Bingo

We once again have a fun Book Bingo Challenge this year for PreK-Kindergarten, children grades 1-8, teens, and adults! Pick up a paper Bingo sheet at the library or [download them beginning Saturday, June 14th at 10 a.m.](#) In our children's challenge, readers can work toward a Bingo and win a small prize from our treasure chest. Fill all the squares on your Bingo card for a blackout and win a bigger prize! Books must be at or above the reader's reading level. Limit one Bingo prize and blackout prize per person.

Many thanks to our wonderful [Friends of the Gleason Public Library](#) who support the programs, crafts and prizes for our annual Summer Reading Program! The Friends is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation made up of volunteers interested in supporting and enhancing the programs, services, and materials available to our community through the Gleason Public Library. Because of your generous donations to the Friends, this past year we were able to sponsor over 120 programs at the Gleason Public Library which reached over 2,500 people in town, in addition to museum passes used by over 800 patrons.

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Library Hours

The Gleason will be closed on Thursday, June 19th, for Juneteenth, and on Friday, July 4th, and Saturday, July 5th, for Independence Day. Summer Saturday hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be in effect beginning July 12th. Monday through Friday hours remain the same year round: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesday 1 to 9 p.m.; and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More Gleason Events

[Creating a Tech-Healthy Family with Andrea Davis, Tuesday 6/17 at 7 p.m. on Zoom](#)

[Author Talk: Martha Kelly Hall, Wednesday 6/25 at 7 p.m. on Zoom](#)

[Insects for Beginners: Saturday 6/28 at 10:30 a.m. at the Gleason, followed by a Cranberry Bog walk](#) (with the Carlisle Conservation Foundation; supported in part by a grant from the Carlisle Cultural Council)

Poetry Contest Winners

The Friends of Gleason Public Library are pleased to announce the winners of this year's poetry contest, selected by a panel of judges through a blind judging process. The theme was "Wonder" and there were 36 entries—thank you to all of the poets. This event was supported in part by a grant from the Carlisle Cultural Council. This year's judges were Patti Russo, Dana Meyer, and Mary Zoll.

The winning poems by age group were:

- Age 8 and under: "The Kitty and the Butterfly" by Rayna Valchinov
- Age 9 to 12: "Come With Me" by Vivienne Petracek
- Age 13 to 17: "Wonder in Pretzels" by Ryan Silverstone
- Age 18 and Up: "Offering" by Rebecca Bishop; honorable mention to "Anthem" by Marianne Cook

[Read the poems in the May 30th issue of the Carlisle Mosquito.](#)

Library Building Committee Vacancy

The Gleason Library Board of Trustees is seeking a volunteer for the Library Building Committee, which oversees the library's interior renovation process. Interested residents please email director@gleasonlibrary.org to apply by July 23rd. Read about the building committee here on the Gleason website or contact director@gleasonlibrary.org with any questions:

<https://gleasonlibrary.org/about/trustees-endowment/building-committee/>

**creating a
TECH-HEALTHY FAMILY**
with Andrea Davis

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17
7PM
VIA ZOOM**

Are you tired of screens taking over?
Learn 5 steps to reduce screen time
and restore family time!



SUMMER CONCERT FOR ALL AGES!
PARTY BAND OF LOWELL

**Wednesday, June 18
6 pm
Spalding Field**

Your friendly, neighborhood,
mass-brass punk-funk army
from Lowell!



Now That Town Meeting Is Over—The Work Begins!

Ryan McLane, Town Administrator

With Annual Town Meeting behind us, it's time to roll up our sleeves and move forward on the major projects that will help shape Carlisle's future. I invite you to be part of the conversation.

Join me for my next **Town Administrator Coffee Hour**, scheduled for **Tuesday, June 17 from 9:30–10:30 AM at Clark Farm Market**. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, share your ideas, or simply learn more about the initiatives underway in town. If you're unable to attend, I'm always happy to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting at your convenience.

While I'm open to discussing any topic of interest, here are a few key projects we're focusing on this summer:

- Police Station Renovation**

Construction is expected to begin in July on a year-long renovation that will modernize the Police Station and support the Department's long-term community policing goals.
- Fire Station Planning**

The Select Board continues to work on a proposal for a Fire Station renovation to bring before voters this fall. Ongoing discussions focus on optimizing the space to support exceptional service for decades to come. Your input is vital!
- Road Maintenance Program**

Phase one of this year's road maintenance is complete. Phase two—targeting roads identified during our annual hearing—will go out to bid soon, with work likely starting in early fall. As always, we welcome continued community feedback.
- Fall Town Meeting – Sunday, November 2**

This year's Fall Town Meeting will feature important bylaw amendments, including proposals related to MBTA Communities compliance, the Wetlands Bylaw, and a potential demolition delay bylaw. Public hearings will be scheduled soon, and your voice is important in shaping these conversations.

These are just a few of the larger initiatives in motion. If there's anything you'd like to discuss—big or small—please stop by on the 17th or contact me directly anytime. I look forward to hearing from you!

COFFEE HOUR
with the Town Administrator

Town Administrator Ryan McLane will be available for conversations and coffee!

TUESDAY, JUNE 17
9:30AM – 10:30AM
CLARK FARM MARKET

The graphic features a brown and white coffee cup with the Carlisle logo, set against a light brown background with decorative starburst symbols.



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