

Administrative	Grant to Community Preservation Committee for administrative support, studies, etc.	\$50,000
Total		\$630,654

In conclusion, we wish to thank the proponents who participated in the process this year and to thank the Town for its foresight in enacting the CPA.

Respectfully submitted,

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**2005 – FINAL REPORT OF THE WELLESLEY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE  
(WCC)**

The 37th Annual Parade and the Seventh Annual Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend, which included 16 events, were held over the weekend of Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 2005. For the seventh year the Annual Parade was a Spring event rather than, as in the past, a Fall event. But because of a rainout the final quarter of the activities: the Picnic in the Park, the Classic Rock Concert and the Piece de Resistance of the weekend, the Fireworks were postponed and completed on Sunday, June 5, 2005.

The highlight of the Weekend, the Annual Parade, was dedicated "To Those Who Serve" with the 2005 theme being "Many Communities...One Wellesley!" Again this year, as was the case the last two years, this event was held between a serious rain forecast. But with a clearing for a few hours on Sunday afternoon, May 22, it stepped off with 116 units recorded as entries and 15 bands and musical groups providing music for the over 2,000 marchers; representing civic, military, militia, school, service, specialty and veterans groups. Additionally, 12 floats were entered, 8 of which received award recognition, with the Best School float going to the Sprague School, which will hold the school trophy until the next Parade. A fly-over of the line of March, by World War II aircraft and a Massachusetts State Police helicopter, added to the success of the event.

The 18 events under the umbrella of Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend, started on Friday afternoon, May 20th with a Memorial Dedication in Memory of R. Arnold Wakelin, the late Executive Director of Wellesley Town Government at the Town Bell in front of Town Hall

and later that evening an 18th Century Military encampment, was set up on the hillside in front of Town Hall by the Royal Irish Artillery, which lasted until after the Parade on Sunday.

Saturday morning began with the Wellesley Rotary Club's Annual All-Day Pancake Festival at Wellesley High School. A Bike Safety Day was held at the Tailby Parking Lot, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Wellesley. Also throughout the morning the Wellesley Historical Society held their Annual May Fair at the Wellesley High School gym in conjunction with the Pancake Festival.

For the third year the Wellesley Trails Committee coordinated a walk, this year around Morses Pond.

At 10:00 AM the Law Enforcement Memorial Statue was dedicated in front of the Police Station. Then from mid morning through late afternoon, numerous Open houses were held throughout town: at the new Recreation and Health Departments at the Annie F. Warren Building on Washington Street, and for the sixth year, popular open houses were held at the Wellesley Police Station, hosted by the Wellesley Police Department and for the fourth year at the main Wellesley Fire Station #2 on Route 9, hosted by the Wellesley Fire Department. Additionally a micro-chip clinic for household pets was hosted by Stray Pets in Need (SPIN) at the Wellesley High School Parking lot. Saturday's events were completed at 4:00 PM with an Ecumenical Memorial Mass for all veterans, hosted by the Wellesley Veterans' Council at St. Paul's Church.

On Sunday at 1:00 PM the Wellesley Celebration's Committee took a chance and started the 37th Annual Parade--having been given a weather forecast that showed a few hours of no rain and clearing skies--and then coordinated the step-off of the Parade along Washington Street, continuing from the Wellesley Community Center, at the junctions of Routes 9 and 16, and ending just after 3:00 P.M. over the Crest Road Bridge to the Tailby Parking Lot.

The evening activities could not be completed when the weather again became stormy on Sunday, May 22 and was postponed and rescheduled for two weeks until Sunday, June 5.

On that day the "Final Quarter of the Weekend" finally began on Hunnewell Field at Noon with the Wellesley Little League and Girl's Softball All-Star games. Then at 5:30 P.M a Franks and Macaroni Dinner was hosted by the Interfaith Community for Action in Wellesley (ICAW) and rides, games and crafts were offered for the children, until dusk. Additionally, throughout the evening hot dogs and other food and drink were provided for attendees by the Charles River Rotary Club and other vendors.

At 7:00 PM a Classic Rock Concert, featuring a Wellesley based rock and roll band, "The Impaired Visionaries" played for the thousands in attendance at the Picnic in the Park at Hunnewell Field. Until dusk, rides were available for kids, including among others the "Moon Bounce", "Big Slides" and "Merry-Go-Round" and face painting, balloon twisters, clowns and other concession stands, added to the festivities that were topped off with free ice cream for all, donated by Edy's Ice Cream Company.

Then at dusk the Piece de Resistance of the evening and the Weekend, a spectacular Fireworks display at Hunnewell Field, finally went off under clear skies.

Preceding the Weekend's activities, a Coloring contest for all elementary students was held using as a theme, "Many Communities ... One Wellesley!" which although producing fewer entries than in past years were displayed in merchants windows throughout town.

Honorees of the 2005 Parade were:

Parade Grand Marshals	John and Edwina (Dwin) Schuler, Community Activists
Community Service Award	Laurence D. Shind, retiring Wellesley Selectman
Distinguished Service Award	Joellen M. Toussaint, Community Service Activist
Community Appreciation Award	Larry Ng, Community benefactor
Meritorious Service Award	Dr. Sandra S. Nicolucci, retiring Director of Performing Arts in Wellesley Public Schools
Parade Chief of Staff	Philip B. Rand, Wellesley veteran activist
Special Recognition Award	Hoffman Insurances Services
Veteran's Honor Award	Albert A. Barbieri, longtime activist in Wellesley veteran's affairs

Donations were received from citizens, local merchants, civic groups and service clubs and from many along the parade route and at the fireworks, which amounted to \$32,365.89 from over 275 donors. A town appropriation of \$9,700.00 plus the donations were all used toward the \$39,506.64 cost of conducting the 7th Annual Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend and the 2005 Annual Parade, most of which was for fees of the bands and specialty units and the Fireworks.

Special thanks go to all of the members of the Wellesley Celebrations Committee who coordinated all of the activities of this year's extended Wonderful Weekend: Mark Antonelli, Jim Bishop, Cathy and Hyacinth Brauner, Ted Coates, Salvatore "Tory" DeFazio, Lindsay Ellms, Robert McGuane, Lyn Mononen, Vice-Chair Irene Palmigiano, Phil Rand, Debbie Reynolds, John Saunders, John and Dwin Schuler, Harold Sheldrick, and Teresa Touey.

Many others helped, particularly from among Wellesley's wonderful town employees, including the Police and Fire Departments, the Engineering, Highway, Municipal Light Plant and the Parks and Recreation Departments, who unselfishly gave much of their personal time and energy in order to make the Weekend's events a success. Special thanks to Veteran's Service Officer Richard Dillon for his valuable assistance toward the weekend's success.

An additional thank you goes to all the donors, who each year come to the assistance of the Celebrations Committee; particularly the Haynes Management Company and Roche Brothers/Sudbury Farms Supermarkets for their donations, that made the fireworks display possible. All of their help is most sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely,

Royall H. Switzler, Chairman  
Wellesley Celebrations Committee

### **THE WELLESLEY CULTURAL COUNCIL**

The Wellesley Cultural Council consists of ten Wellesley residents appointed by the Selectmen. Its primary task is to administer the funds that the Massachusetts Cultural Council allots to Wellesley from State funds, including the Lottery. These funds support the arts, humanities and sciences in the Wellesley community.

The council also serves as an advocacy voice for the arts in our town and state. Our membership continues to change and grow. Members in 2004-2005 include: Suzanne Beisecker, Robby Morse Levy, Mark Geer, Nora Racy Phillips, Sajida Khudairi, Norberto James, Ellen Haller, Ruth Anne Nuwayser, Jan Schwaner (treasurer) and Andrea Kaiser (chair).

The Council is, always, grateful to those individuals and groups in Wellesley who work in support of the Council and offer suggestions and financial contributions, especially the Rotary Club of Wellesley, whose ongoing contributions allow the Wellesley Cultural Council to distribute more grant monies than allotted by the State.

#### **Local Cultural Grants**

The Wellesley Cultural Council meets approximately four times annually at Town Hall, the Library and/or the Police Station. In the fall of each year, grant applications are announced via the Wellesley Townsman and blank applications are distributed to the Library and Town Hall. All applications are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October of each year. Applications that are received by the deadline are then distributed to the members. Grants are reviewed for content, benefit to the community, uniqueness of activity and variety in form. The Council follows guidelines provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The process is completed by December 15<sup>th</sup> each year and decisions are passed on to the MCC for final approval. Final notifications go out in early January.

All grants are “reimbursable,” so grant monies are distributed only after an event or activity has taken place and documentation to that effect is presented to the Wellesley Cultural Council Treasurer for payment.

In 2004-2005, the Wellesley Cultural Council was granted \$2370 by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. There were 11 successful grant applicants: The Art of the Flute - \$700 for