

WELLESLEY CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING --- AGENDA

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 7:30 PM Kingsbury Room, Police Station

Opening of Meeting Chairman

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Secretary's Report: Secretary- Tory DeFazio

REVIEW OF 2025 ACTIVITIES:

I. 27th WELLESLEY'S WONDERFUL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:

A. 57th Annual Veterans' Parade Theme for 2025: "The Founding of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marines".

1. Parade Unit Status-- Bands, Military, Novelty Acts, Animals, Schools, etc.-- Carl Nelson
a. Honorees—Grand Marshals: Madon, Bradley, Shortsleeve; Chiefs of Staff: Fleming, CDR Schaefer, Sinnott; Dist. Ser.: Olney; Ded. Ser.: Brady; Comm. Ser.: Well. Hist., Lisa Collins, NRC, (NO), John Lanza, Rec. (NO), Craig Mack (Schl) (NO).; Spec. Rec.: Deland Gibson Ins. (125 yrs), Dover Saddlery (50 yrs), Café Magal (25 yrs), Greens Hardware (20 yrs) Isabel Harvey (20 yrs), Swellesley Report (20 yrs), Wellesley/Weston Mag. (20 yrs). Oldest Vet: Joe Nickerson (98) [6/26/26].

b. Convertibles, All Trucks—Steve Kehoe, Jim Bishop

c. Vehicle disposition at reviewing stand and Shuttle Buses, etc.

d. Reviewing Stand Tasks -- Chairs -- After Parade Collation (Food), Village Church

e. Fly-over (Collings), MSP helicopter – Beth Sullivan-Woods, Pete Jones, Kevin Hanron

f. Color Guards, Army, Navy, Marines Bands, etc.—Phil Rolph

2. Military Units in Parade & Morton Field - Pete Jones, Sgt. Lucasz Szablowski, USMC

3. Wellesley Weekend Schedule—MLP mailing.

4. Other New Developments Since Week of April 30th.

B. Open Houses, Other Events-- Police, Fire, DPW (Touch A Truck), MLP, COA, New Town Hall, Wonder Run (WHJWC).

C. Other activities—Car Show, Wellesley Sq., Transportation (Catch Connect?).

D. Publicity--Swellesley Report, Townsman, Patch, Globe, other local magazines and media.

1. Signs—Honorees, etc. (George Saraceno), Parade units, Sponsors, Hunnewell Field, Banners: RDF, WHJWC, Kiwanis, Lawn signs (locations), Message Boards (WPD, DPW).

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer- Carl Nelson
Finances-- Available
Chris Spagnuolo
First Finance letter
MLP Finance letter

II. HUNNEWELL FIELD

- A. Concert—The Reminisants, Wellesley Town Band, The Wellesley Theatre Group
- B. Field Booths – Chris Shedd
- C. Food
 - 1. Frank Sacchetti, Captain Mardens, etc.
- D. Fireworks—Atlas Pyrovision (Pyrotechnico), Roche/Sudbury Farms, Needham Bank, David Donahue
- E. Rides—Perfect Parties
 - 1. Assistants needed to help with Rides
- G. Permits
- H. Other— Ponies, Balloon Twisting, Face Painting, Straw, Porta Potties, etc.

CONCLUSION OF MEETING