



News to Know - March 2025

Welcome to the first issue of *The W*!

What's *The W*? It's a new Town of Wellesley digital newsletter for our community, providing updates on projects, policies, and local initiatives, delivered to your inbox.

The W will highlight issues important to residents, businesses, and the public; educate readers about key topics; and link to resources with additional information, to help all of us connect with and engage in Town government and our community.

Read *The W*. Encourage your friends and neighbors [to subscribe](#). Share feedback with [The W editors](#) about this new communications tool. Thank you!

2025 Annual Town Meeting Starts April 1 (no joke!)



Wellesley's Annual Town Meeting begins on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of **Wellesley Middle School** (50 Kingsbury Street). The public is invited to attend. Town Meeting is the legislative body for the Town of Wellesley, with 240 elected members representing 8 precincts, who vote on overall Town operations.

2025 Annual Town Meeting members will consider 37 Articles on the [Town Meeting Warrant](#) which include:

- Reviewing and approving operating budgets
- Funding proposed special capital projects
- Authorizing changes to Town operations
- Adopting new and revised Town bylaws
- Adopting new and revised Zoning bylaws
- Other business coming before the Town

Each year before Town Meeting, the Select Board and the Advisory Committee work with Town staff to prepare detailed documents about the issues to be considered. These include the [2025 Budget Book & Town Wide Financial Plan](#) and the [2025 Annual Town Meeting Advisory Report](#).

The complete Town Meeting schedule is below:

- Week 1: Tuesday, April 1 & Wednesday, April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Week 2: Monday, April 7 & Tuesday, April 8 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Week 3: Monday, April 14 & Tuesday, April 15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Week 4 (if needed): Monday, April 28 & Tuesday, April 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

Town Meeting and other Wellesley government meetings can be viewed on demand on the [Wellesley Public Media Government Channel](#).

[Read More](#)



Connect with the Select Board

The Select Board is the five-member elected board that serves as Wellesley's executive branch of government and collaborates closely with all other Town boards and committees. The Select Board meets regularly; [agendas](#) are posted in advance on the Town website; the proceedings are livestreamed on [Wellesley Public Media](#). To reach all Select Board members, email sel@wellesleyma.gov

Select Board Office Hours are held twice a month, either in person or on Zoom, and dates are posted on the Town meeting calendar and on social media pages. The next scheduled office hours date is April 16, at noon, with [Tom Ulfelder](#).

Building Permit Fees Increase on April 1

Beginning April 1, 2025 fees for all permits issued by the Building Department will increase. This modification applies to Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Gas, and Sheet Metal permits. These changes update the fee schedule to reflect current costs associated with construction, permit processing, inspections, peer communities, and enforcement. Fees for commercial building permits will not change at this time.

[See the new fee schedules.](#)

New Veterans Services Officer

Wellesley recently hired a new [Veterans Services Officer](#). Dan O'Neill will support roughly 3,000 Veterans and their families in Wellesley and four other surrounding towns that make up the West Suburban Veterans District. He'll be helping them access healthcare and financial benefits available through the state's Executive Office of Veterans Services and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



Dan served in the U.S. Navy during the Persian Gulf War from 1992-1996, and following his retirement from the military, had a 25-year career in corporate communications, working for large organizations like Iron Mountain and CVS. Dan is at Wellesley Town Hall on Fridays, and can be reached by email at doneill@westsuburbanveterans.com or cell phone at 781-850-5504.



WPS Future of Preschool Community Survey

Wellesley Public Schools (WPS) is committed to developing and executing a long-term vision for preschool in the Town. Parents and caregivers, staff members, and community members are invited to take a brief survey to help assess the needs of Wellesley's youngest learners and their families, and give input on options for expanding access to public preschool at P.A.W.S. (Preschool At Wellesley Schools).

[Take the survey here.](#)

Celebrate Public Health Week!

The 30th Anniversary of National Public Health Week is April 7 - April 11! Join the Wellesley Health Department in celebrating the staff - nurses, social workers, and health inspectors - who keep our community healthy and safe. Take part in events and activities for a healthy Wellesley. Visit the Health Department webpages to learn more!

How healthy is Wellesley? [Take the Community Health Assessment](#). This confidential, online survey takes only a few minutes. Your input will help guide future programs, services, and health resources for Wellesley.

Community Events Calendar - Dates to Kno W

Be in the KnoW about community events in Wellesley! Check out the [Community Calendar](#) on the homepage of the Town website. And submit your events using our [online event submission form](#).



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