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### **Outdoor Mobile Movie Nights Kick Off on July 28 in Tailby Commuter Rail Lot**

**July 21, 2020 (Wellesley, MA)** – Pack the popcorn, pick up take-out, and pull your car into a spot at the Tailby parking lot for a night of safe, summer entertainment – the Town of Wellesley Recreation Department and Youth Commission Mobile Movie Nights! Beginning on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and running through Monday, August 31, 2020 Wellesley families, teens and senior citizens can watch new releases and favorite classics from the safety of their cars as part of a six-week outdoor movie series.

The **free** movie series will kick-off with *Minions*. Coming attractions are: *Knives Out*, *Mean Girls*, *Trolls*, *Shrek*, *The Hunger Games*, *Missing Link*, *Sing*, *Jurassic Park*, *The Great Escape*, and *Harriet*. Movie-goers will listen to the sound by tuning in on their car radios or bringing their own portable Digital FM radio.

Mobile Movie nights are a collaborative effort between local non-profits, businesses and Town of Wellesley departments. The presenting sponsor is the **Kiwanis Club of Wellesley**, with additional sponsorship provided by the [Community Fund for Wellesley COVID-19 Relief Fund](#), an endowed fund of the Foundation for MetroWest, a 501(c)3, and **Deland Gibson Insurance Associates, Inc.**

“Kiwanis Club of Wellesley is pleased to be part of this Town-wide effort to bring unique, safe entertainment to our community,” said Kiwanis president Janice Coduri. “Thank you to the Wellesley Free Library for choosing a fantastic selection of movies, especially *Knives Out* - watch for some recognizable local scenes when you attend. We also appreciate the Town staff who worked ‘behind the screen’ to make this program a reality this summer and for many summers to come.”

### **Movie Schedules**

During the six-week run, movies will be shown in the Tailby commuter rail lot in Wellesley Square typically on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights starting at approximately 8:45 p.m. Tuesday night movies will be geared toward families; movies on Wednesday nights will alternate between movies more likely appeal to teens sponsored by Deland, Gibson Insurance, and movies more likely to appeal to senior citizens.

On Monday, June 27, the Town will hold a Mobile Movie Night preview for Wellesley's first-responders, frontline workers, sponsors and other invited guests. This private event is a thank you to all who worked so hard to keep our community safe during the past four months of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The public movie series will begin on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. The movie schedule is available on the [Recreation Department website](#).

### **Registration Information and Details**

Mobile Movie Nights are open to Wellesley residents and their guests. While there is no cost to attend Mobile Movie nights, space is limited, and advance registration is required through the Wellesley Recreation Department. The registration portal will open 5 days prior to each scheduled movie night. For example, to attend the movie on Tuesday, July 28, you may sign up beginning on Thursday, July 23. Attending households must have or create a RecTrac account with the Recreation Department to register.

Mobile Movie Nights are for vehicles only; attendees must remain in their cars throughout the duration of the movie. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, no walk-ins, bicycles, or other non-enclosed vehicles will be allowed to enter. The Tailby parking lot will open one hour before sunset on movie nights, or at approximately 7:15 p.m. Movie-goers will be directed to parking spots, and all cars must be in place by 8:15 p.m. for pre-screening information and movie previews.

No food or public restrooms will be available during movie nights although attendees may bring pre-purchased take-out or picnics to eat while in their cars.

**PLEASE NOTE: Commuter parking will be restricted on movie nights. Cars must be gone before 7:15 p.m. or will need to be parked on the outer ring of Tailby lot parking spaces. NO PARKING is allowed in all spaces parallel to the MBTA train tracks.**

### **Mobile Movie Night Supporters**

In addition to the main program sponsors, Mobile Movie Nights are supported by many Town departments and organizations. Public performance licensing for the movies is sponsored by the Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries. Blu Ray DVDs were purchased through the Wellesley Free Library Foundation Centennial Fund, and electricity for the Tailby parking lot is provided by the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant.

Mobile Movie Nights will be staffed by members of the Wellesley Green Shirts youth employment corps. This newly created group provides part-time job opportunities for Wellesley youths who are working to offset education costs. Green Shirts staff members will wear neon-green shirts during movie nights and help direct traffic, operate movie equipment and assist movie-goers.

For more information on Mobile Movie Nights, please visit the [Recreation Department website](#).

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