

## COMMUNITY NEWS – JUNE 2010

The link to this information can be found at: <http://www.winchesterpopwarner.com/summer-youth-football-camp/>

The Black and Big Blue Youth Football Camp will be held in Winchester from June 21-24, 2010. This is an excellent opportunity for your son to participate in a fun, non-contact, instructional football camp with exceptional instructors. The camp will be conveniently held at the McCall Middle School field. I encourage every Winchester Pop Warner player to take advantage of this camp and especially those players who are new to football or those who will miss time in August due to vacations, etc. Each camper will be given the opportunity to learn and improve offensive, defensive and special teams skills.

The instructors for this camp are primarily from Paul Manganaro's Sachem Youth Football Club staff and from the Varsity staff at Phillips Andover Academy. Winchester Pop Warner coaches will also be on the camps coaching staff. The cost of the camp is \$99 and registration deadline is May 21st. To maintain a low camper to coach ratio, enrollment will be limited. Each camper will receive a Black and Big Blue Camp t-shirt and a guest NFL player will address the kids on the final night of the camp. We can also address any questions you may have about the camp and Winchester Pop Warner at our WPW information and final registration session on May 4th at the McCall from 4 to 6pm. This will be a great camp, please make every effort to have your son participate. More information and registration forms can be found at: <http://www.sachemyouth.org/>

### **Griffin Museum Summer Photo Camp**

April 30, 2010 (Winchester, MA) For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, the Griffin Museum of Photography will offer a two week day camp program this summer for middle school students (grades 5-9) and a one week day camp program this summer for elementary school students (grades 1-4). Each week will have a specific focus led by a certified visual arts instructor, Catherine Nasser. The first week is *Collage Assemblage* for grades 5-9 (July 5-9); the second is *Photo Arts* for Grades 5 -9 (July 12-16); and the third *Elementary Creative Arts and Photography* for Grades 1 – 4 (July 19-23).

We know your child will enjoy our offerings that utilize the photograph and other visual arts media for a fun and collaborative educational experience. Each class is structured to build visual literacy skills as well as develop critical thinking skills through artmaking. Although the classes do not require a camera, students are welcome to bring cameras to use in their projects. No photography experience is needed. **An exhibition of all student artwork will go on display at the museum after the completion of all workshops.** Class size limited to 15. See the website for details. [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org)

Students may take more than one class. Students grades 5-9 who register for the two classes, will receive a \$50 discount off of their total price. The *Collage/Assemblage* and *Photo Arts* classes will run from 9 AM to 3 PM on Monday through Friday with a half hour supervised lunch. Students should bring a packed lunch to class every day. The *Elementary* class will run from 9 AM to NOON.

The Griffin Museum of Photography is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated solely to the art of photography. Through our many exhibitions, programs and lectures, we strive to encourage a broader understanding and appreciation of the visual, emotional, and social impact of photographic art. The Griffin Museum of Photography is open Tuesday through Thursday, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Friday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 – 4:00 pm. The Museum is closed on Monday. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2 for seniors. Members and children under 12 are admitted free. Admission is free to all every Thursday. For more information, call 781-729-1158, or visit [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org).

### **A Message from the Presidents of the Family Action Network of Winchester.**

We are thrilled to announce that the Borggaard Beach Splash Park will be built this summer!

The scope of the park to be installed this summer will be determined by the amount of money raised by May 15th. Enough funds have been raised to date to implement a simplistic splash pad. We are now raising funds to go solely toward the above ground elements that would make this park complete.

#### **We have less than a week to reach our financial goal! We would like to ask that you consider:**

Will you & your children be joining us at the splash park this summer that will utilize town drinking water, is geared toward children aged 0-14, and that has the potential to be open from May to October? Do you have, or know of a child, with a disability that would benefit from having access to our region's only accessible outdoor water based recreation? Will you appreciate having a vibrant multi-generational community gathering place to relax and meet old friends and make new ones? Can you imagine how all Winchester residents stand to benefit from the potential generation of thousands of dollars in new revenue from the splash park? If you said yes to any of the above, or see the value that this project has for our town this year, then we **NEED** your help **TODAY!!** The implementation of the full Splash Park, as envisioned, is within our reach if we can rally our community members, friends, and generous donors to donate to the project in the next week!

**Our Fundraising Goal: The FAN Splash project was launched on May 31, 2009. Since then, we have raised:** \$135,000 in cash; \$29,000 from in-kind donations; \$20,000 from the Town for electrical improvements

**What We Still Need:** To implement the splash park as envisioned, we still need to raise an additional: **\$40,000**

#### **How can we meet our Goal?**

If every person reading this note donates \$100 today we will reach our goal!

Of course, donations in any and all denominations would be appreciated! We are proud to say that less than 4% of the money raised to date has gone toward FAN splash fundraising, publicity and administrative costs. All future donations will go directly towards the installation of the Splash Park. If you have already contributed to this effort with either your time or financial support, thank you for your generosity. If you could help by forwarding this email to your friends and family who you feel would benefit from and support this project, we would appreciate your help!

**How to Donate?** Visit [www.FANsplash.org](http://www.FANsplash.org) to make a contribution in any amount; or Send a check, payable to Family Action

Network, to:

FAN-Splash PO Box 805 Winchester, MA 01890 All Donations are tax deductible. For more information on how you can make a difference, please [Email](mailto:mailto:) us today!

Film and Website Links For More Information: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UjWn7MLGI> <http://www.fansplash.org/>

**Thank You For All Your Support!** Elizabeth Angelino, Andrea Cox and Kim King, Co-Presidents Family Action Network of Winchester

**The NextDoor Theater** has a full season of summer entertainment planned! To see what's happening "Next Door" at 40 Cross Street, please visit our website at [www.nextdoortheater.org](http://www.nextdoortheater.org) and see our full schedule of Broadway musical theater, free movie nights, children's performances, comedy nights, and our music series including Winchester High School graduates' Hoboken Philharmonic Jazz Quartet on June 10. Schedule, performance times and ticket info will be available on our website. See you Next Door this summer!

## **Winchester Police Department Reissues Zero Tolerance Policy Regarding Alcohol and other drug use by teens** Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Can Promote Decreases in Adolescent Delinquency.

Tragic social consequences can result when adolescents use alcohol. Underage drinking contributes to youth violence, traffic injuries and fatalities, crime, suicide, high-risk sex, and a host of other problems. In 2008, underage drinkers (defined as individuals younger than 21 years old) consumed 15 percent of all alcohol sold in the United States. Underage drinking is a leading contributor to death from injuries, which are the main cause of death for people under age 21. Annually, about 5,000 people under age 21 die from alcohol-related injuries involving underage drinking. About 1,900 (38 percent) of the 5,000 deaths involve motor vehicle crashes, about 1,600 (32 percent) result from homicides, and about 300 (6 percent) result from suicides.<sup>1</sup> Persons reporting first use of alcohol before age 15 are more than five times as likely to report past-year alcohol dependence or abuse than persons who first used alcohol at age 21 or older (16 percent compared with 3 percent).<sup>2</sup>

Underage alcohol use increases the risk of academic failure, illicit drug use, and tobacco use. It can cause a range of physical consequences, from hangovers to death from alcohol poisoning. It can cause alterations in the structure and function of the developing brain, which continues to mature into the mid to late 20s, and may have consequences reaching far beyond adolescence.<sup>3</sup> About 45 percent of fatalities in crashes involving a drinking driver under the age of 21 are people other than the driver.<sup>4</sup>

### Sources

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General. (2007). [The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking](#) (PDF 1.41MB), p. 10.

<sup>2</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies. (2004). [The NSDUH Report. Alcohol dependence or abuse and age at first use.](#)

<sup>3,4</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General. (2007). [The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking](#) (PDF 1.41MB), p. 11

In efforts to prevent these serious consequences, the Winchester Police Department has reissued their “Zero Tolerance” policy to all officers regarding underage drinking and other illegal drug use. Chief Kenneth Albertelli reissued a directive from his office as part of Alcohol Awareness Month (April) reminding all officers of the importance of consistent enforcement and prevention underage drinking by emphasizing law enforcement. This reaffirmation of policy strives to prevent and mitigate underage drinking and other substance use and abuse issues within the community. The police department strives to reduce these same issues which may cause death, serious injuries, m/v crashes, alcohol poisoning, over doses, sexual assaults, thefts and vandalism of both private and public properties to only name a few.

The Winchester Police Department (WPD) in collaboration with the Winchester Coalition For A Safer Community (WCSC) formerly known as the Winchester Substance Abuse Coalition have been working tirelessly over the past 15 years to educate youth, parents and community in the importance of a safe and healthy community. The Coalition while working closely with the police and school departments over the years have funded and provided **education** to students, staff, coaches and parents through countless programs, speakers, and a biennial youth risk behavior survey. They also provide **encouragement** through co-sponsoring school related events (dances, proms, education) and other town wide events to keep youth safe. The Coalition also provides **elimination** programs such as tobacco compliance checks, medication take back program, alcohol establishment employee education programs and others. The Coalition along with the police department supports the zero tolerance directives and the **enforcement** piece to keep all safe within the community.

### **Community Awareness Campaign:**

An email blast notice from the Superintendent of Schools will be sent home to each middle and high school student’s parent/guardian informing them of the police departments “Zero Tolerance” policy and will remind them of the laws and school rules around this very important issue. Parents/guardians also need to educate themselves on both the criminal and civil aspects of allowing alcohol or other drugs to be consumed or used in or out of their presence or on their property. In addition, we encourage parents/guardians to become familiar of school policy and rules such as with the Massachusetts Inter Athletic Association rules regarding substance use.

The Winchester Police Department and the WCSC is asking for your assistance by promoting safe behaviors among our youth in town, call and report an unsafe situation to either the police department at 781-729-1214 or to the School Resource Officer at 781-721-0775 (non taped line) and continue to work together in keeping our youth and community safe.