

News and Notes for Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Here's a couple interesting opportunities this weekend. First is the annual Williamstown litter cleanup day on Saturday, April 29, 9am - 12pm, Field Park, Williamstown, and Bloedel Park, South Williamstown. They're looking for volunteers to pick up trash along roadways, parks, and riverbanks all across town. The check in point is Field Park or Bloedel Park anytime between 9:00 a.m. and noon for instructions and a trash bag. Please wear bright clothes, we want everyone to see you, it's a safety thing, and appropriate shoes. You know what these are. You should also bring your work gloves. Come for an hour or more. Kids are welcome! Oh-if it rains, the activity will happen the following day, Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, same time, same check in locations! For information, contact Anne O'Connor; [aoconnorwilliamstown@gmail.com](mailto:aoconnorwilliamstown@gmail.com)

The annual Repair Cafe is happening this Saturday afternoon at Sheep Hill (671 Spring Hill Road, Williamstown) from 1:00-4:00pm. Got dull knives or scissors? A lamp in need of a tune up? A sweater in need of mending? There are all sorts of people who know how to fix articles in need of repair. Stop by and get that favorite jacket repaired before you toss it away. This is a free event, but donations are accepted.

Here's an interesting future conversation. I know, it's a May happening but I just had to post this one...On Saturday, May 13, 10:30 AM, "Plant Guy Eric" a cannabis cultivation consultant (now that's a title to put on your business card) who's based in central Massachusetts will be at the Milne Library to talk about growing pot. In your own back yard.

Yup, it's true. He's going to talk about the basics of growing cannabis. He'll talk about growing marijuana in your own backyard for medical or recreational personal use. He will cover everything from planting, through the growing process and finally how to harvest your crop. This is clearly a show for adults and subsequently you MUST be 21 to attend. You can sign up for your spot at this session be going to their website at [www.milnelibrary.org](http://www.milnelibrary.org) or call 413-458-8250 for more information.

I wonder if Plant Guy Eric is bringing samples...

Here at Harper, Reiki has proven to be a very popular addition to our service array and everyone, and I mean everyone, who has met with Mary for a session has come away pleased. Reiki sessions are offered starting at 11:00 every Tuesday morning, slots are limited and reservations are required. 413-458-8250 for information. Self defense classes with Betsy Paul will be continuing in May, we'll post the dates later in the week. Our next session with her is Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. All are welcome, just stop by and join us.

Brown Bag food delivery is happening this Friday afternoon. Brown Bag is literally a brown paper sack filled with shelf stable groceries and fruits and veggies in season sponsored by the FoodBank of Western Massachusetts. There is an applications process, we are happy to get you an application to fill out if you're interested in participation, this service is free to eligible individuals. The bags should be here around 1:00 Friday afternoon, pop in and pick yours up.

Friday this week is a pizza luncheon followed by an open mic poetry reading, I've heard it called a "slam" at 1:00. Bring something of your own to share or borrow someone else materials. This will be fun, bring yourself and something to read. Or recite, whichever... Readings will be limited to five minutes. The pizza requires reservations but the event itself is open to all.

See you soon

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