



# Wellesley Historical Society

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## Board of the Wellesley Historical Society

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## Why I Joined the Board

by Chad Harris

History has always been a passion of mine, both personally and professionally as a teacher. I believe learning about local history is critical to understanding and being involved with your community — a message I try to impart to my children and my students. I am excited to be back with the Society, and hope to support the organization as it continues to grow and be a critical partner with our town.

*A resident of Wellesley since 2006, Chad has served as a Town Meeting and Advisory Committee member. He has also been very involved with Wellesley Youth Baseball. His wife, Emily Shanaban, is a graduate of Wellesley High, and their two sons attend the public schools.*



## Status Report on the Stanwood House

Society president Jared Parker has reported that Phase One of the Stanwood House project has been completed. This phase included hiring Morse Constructions to do the work and Dovercraft Construction to serve as building consultant. The completed work involved clearing the site of shrubs and trees in specific areas, demolition inside the building, and construction of a new ADA-compliant bathroom, as well as the completion of certain needed repairs and replacements.



“We are now getting ready to commence the next phase,” Parker said, “which will include paying off the mortgage and waterproofing the basement. A special note of thanks must go to our Single Building Historic District committee, appointed by the town, for all of their hard work.”

## Holiday Party Rings Seasonal Bells

The Society’s holiday party was held at the Wellesley Community Center on December 10 and drew an enthusiastic crowd of members. Refreshments were provided by Fiorella’s, Peter’s Pizza, and Quebrada and the event was organized by the Society’s Events Committee (see below). Society president Jared Parker welcomed everyone and

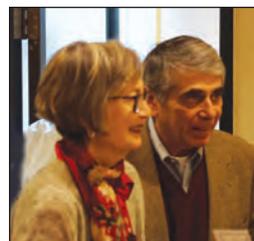


Ellen Quinn Meagher, Events Committee, left, with past presidents Martin and Melissa Padley, and Society president Jared Parker gave an update on the Stanwood House.

The raffle for a large basket of goodies from the Tollhouse Shop was won by past Society presidents Martin and Melissa Padley.



Marcia Doiron, left, and Nan Morrow of Events Committee



Board member Hapet Berberian, and his wife, Stephanie



Catherine Johnson, left, chatting with Jeanie Goddard



Suzanne Frederick and Society president Jared Parker

## The Wellesley-Needham Football Rivalry Redux

On November 18 the Society partnered with the Wellesley Free Library, Wellesley High School, Wellesley Media, and the Gridiron Club for the first Annual Wellesley-Needham

Football Game talk. The event stirred memories of what is the oldest high school football rivalry in the country. The first game, played in 1882, was the idea of Wellesley team captain Arthur Oldham, to help soothe the hard feelings between the two recently separated towns.



Memorabilia were on display and fans filled the room



Former head coach Bill Tracey and board member Sandy Joseph

## With Special Thanks to

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### *And Our Wonderful Events Committee*

Marcia Doiron, Suzanne Fredericks,  
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Judy Harrington, Peggy Heffernan,  
Sandy Joseph, Jennifer Madden,  
Christine Mayer, Ellen Quinn Meagher,  
Nan Morrow, and Maura Shoulkin,  
and our staff,  
Amanda Fisher and Taylor Kalloch

# Annual Appeal of the Historical Society

by Amanda Fisher, Executive Director

The Wellesley Historical Society is grateful for you and your continued support of its mission. We continue to develop and implement educational programming, events, and opportunities to share our collections and resources with you.

Please consider contributing today to help fund our programs, collections, and events: <http://www.wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org/annual-appeal>

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at our next program or event!

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (781) 235-6690, or email Amanda Fisher at [director@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:director@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org).

*Annual Appeal*



Amanda Fisher

## Save the date for these upcoming events

February 6, 2020, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. — **Trivia Night with a Twist** Bring your friends for the Society's first annual trivia game that combines general topics with Wellesley-specific questions. Trivia will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and participation requires that you form a team. Teams can be 3 to 8 people. Advance registration and ticket purchase are required. **You can purchase tickets on our web site: [www.wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org).**

**Place:** PapaRazzi, Lower Falls

**Tickets:** Members, \$30

Not-yet-members: \$35

**Food:** Included, cash bar

Silver-level sponsors:



[www.wellesleyrotary.org](http://www.wellesleyrotary.org)



March 29, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. — **An Afternoon with Susan B. Anthony** in the Wakelin Room of the main library in honor of Women's History Month and the centennial of the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution. Jessa Piaia will present her interpretation of the life of Susan B. Anthony, who is generally considered the driving force behind the women's suffrage movement in America.

THE LAST OF THIS YEAR'S LECTURES PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WELLESLEY FREE LIBRARY AND SPONSORED BY CHRISTINE MAYER, FORMER SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER

April 22, 2020, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. — **A Lecture on Wellesley's Belvedere Neighborhood** given by Keith N. Morgan, B.U. Professor Emeritus of American and European architecture. The lecture will be held at the Wellesley College Club. Pre-lecture hors d'oeuvres and cocktails.

April 26, 2020, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. — **Shakespeare Tea with Jeanie Goddard** is sponsored by North Hill in partnership with the Wellesley Theatre Project.

April 30, 2020, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. — **The Society's Annual Spring Celebration** is often referred to as the best party in Wellesley and will feature "The Magic of Wellesley" at Wellesley Country Club. Interested in becoming a corporate sponsor? Please contact Amanda Fisher, executive director: [director@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:director@wellesleyhistoricalsociety.org); (781) 235-6690.

## Community Partnerships

The Society partnered with the Wellesley Holiday Boutique in November and Sara Campbell in December. With strong support from the community, the Society received contributions through a percentage of the sales at each Sip 'n' Shop event. The fruit and cheese were generously provided by Roche Brothers.

Many thanks to the Wellesley Holiday Boutique and Sara Campbell as well as to everyone who came out to support us and shop for the holidays. In total, both events contributed \$400 toward the Society's operating budget.



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