



*Weston Senior
Activities Center*

*Grand Opening
Ceremony*

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*Saturday, June 3rd
24 School Road
Weston*

A brief history...



The Weston Senior Center began as a luncheon each Wednesday, run by volunteers in the 1970's. In 1997 the Town of Weston hired a part time Senior Center Director to run the Wednesday program. As nice as it was to have this once a week activity for seniors in the community, it was still a very limited program. Seniors, many of whom were retired but still extremely active and looking for more to do with their time, had to travel to the Westport Senior Center (as well as other Centers in the area) for more activities.

In the meantime, requested programs including Tai Chi, Strength Training and Yoga classes were put into place in borrowed locations. Craft classes began and are now very successful.

With the town mandate to reach as many seniors as possible among the population, there has been an expansion of activities over the last few years. Finally, it became apparent that it was time for Weston seniors to have a space of their own. A space where book discussion groups, watercolor classes, bridge groups, public affair discussion groups, writing courses, line dancing classes—really anything—could be held.

After exploring options in town, school Superintendent Dr. Lynne Pierson came forward to offer space in the form of two classrooms in Hurlbutt Elementary School South House. In August 2005, the okay was given to begin the planning stage. After nine months of planning, painting, organizing and building; the result is the space you are standing in today. We welcome you to the new Weston Senior Activities Center and look forward to many years of exciting and innovative programs.

-Jen and Nancy

Welcome

First Selectman Woody Bliss



Invocation

Rev. Dr. Bernard R. Wilson

Senior Minister, Norfield Congregational Church



Invited Guests:

Ellen Uzenoff, Chair, Board of Education

Senator Judith Freedman

Representative John Stripp



Carlton Anderson,

Chair, Commission for the Elderly

Fran Hines, Weston resident

Jen Ockenden Ruddy, Senior Center Director



Congratulatory Letters

Governor M. Jodi Rell

Congressman Christopher Shays



Proclamation

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Ribbon Cutting/ Sign presentation

Please join us for refreshments after the ceremony

With thanks to...

Weston Gun Club Community Foundation

Superintendent Lynne Pierson

Selectmen Woody Bliss, Richard Miller & Glenn Major

Town Administrator Tom Landry

Hurlbutt Elementary School Principal, Joanna Genovese

The Weston Commission for the Elderly

The Zuch Family

The Jespersen Family

The Rothenberg Family

The O'Brien Family

Tony Ockenden

Peg Taylor and the Family & Consumer Sciences class

Facilities Manager Dan Clarke and the entire
maintenance staff for the Weston School District

Peter's Market

Tony Cobelle, Contractor

Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Huang & Troop 788

Kiwanis members Roy Marsh & Bruce Matthews

Hal Halpin and Lamorte Burns & Co.

*And a very special thank you to the seniors in the Weston
community for your support, encouragement and advice—
because ultimately, this is ALL about you!*



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Nancy McCormick, Program Planner

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