

1. The Walpole Recreation Department and the Agahigian Family are collaborating to offer a special afternoon: “Thomas the Train Afternoon,” for the entire community on, Sunday, January 31 from 2:30 – 4:30PM. The Agahigian Family collects model trains and will be filling Blackburn Hall with many train “stations” and displays. Along with watching all of the trains in motion, there will be many wonderful things for the children to take part in as some of the displays will allow them to be interactive and actually run the models. Other happenings that afternoon will include train crafts, cocoa, and snacks. The price of admission is \$5 per person. Anyone interested in attending the “Thomas the Train” afternoon is asked to pre-register at [www.walpolerec.com](http://www.walpolerec.com).
2. Our next Dog Rock Coffeehouse is Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 10pm featuring Avi & Celia. Performances are held in the cozy confines of Blackburn Hall and feature our new lighting and audio equipment. We are thrilled to be able to have the Dog Rock Coffeehouse continue our commitment to expose the Walpole community to the vast riches that the local arts have to offer. For more information, visit [www.BlackburnHall.org](http://www.BlackburnHall.org).
3. Be sure to check out our new Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> podcast at [www.blackburnhall.org](http://www.blackburnhall.org). This podcast is hosted by Aicha Kelley and Jacqui Nardelli and features a guest appearance by Chris Ellis. The podcast details information on the Dog Rock Coffeehouse, our preschool programs, our cruisin’ cooking classes and many other programs.
4. Our next dance party for Walpole 6th graders is Friday, January 22 from 7:30 - 10pm at Blackburn Hall. Any 6th grader that wants to attend needs to come to Blackburn Hall with a parent to have a picture taken and fill out the application form. Application for the dance card is \$10 per child for the card and then each dance will cost \$5 to get in.
5. Save the date now for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Walpole on Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7:30 pm at Raffael’s. This annual event features local restaurants offering samples of some of their favorite and popular dishes. Don’t miss this chance to fill your bellies for only a suggested \$5 donation per person.
6. The deadline to register for Session II of Recreation Basketball is Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up now as spaces are filling up.
7. Most (but not all) Adult Education Classes offered by the Walpole Recreation Department are scheduled to begin the week of Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check out all of our exciting course offerings at [www.WalpoleRec.com](http://www.WalpoleRec.com) – and remember – the best way to keep a class from running is to not register for it in a timely fashion! Make sure to register on-time, and we hope to see you out & about at Adult Ed!!!