



# Welcome to Wakefield

**The Wakefield Center Neighborhood Association (WCNA)** is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to the beautification and improvement of Wakefield's center and adjacent parks. Since the early 1980s, the WCNA has worked closely with Wakefield's municipal and educational offices, other non-profit groups, and local businesses to meet our goal of civic contribution to the quality of life for Wakefield citizens and visitors.

## Festival by the Lake

For more than 30 years, the WCNA has raised operating funds from our signature event, the popular Festival by the Lake. The Festival draws talented crafters and artists from all over New England. Each year we host about 120 artisans selling jewelry, paintings, pottery, photographs, clothing, leather goods, and a variety of other custom-made collectibles. Many local non-profit organizations also attend to showcase their efforts. A children's area provides rides, face-painting, and other activities. WCNA members operate a food tent selling hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, soda, and desserts. The 2017 Festival will be held on Saturday, June 10 with a rain date of Sunday, June 11. Please stop by the food tent and say hello.



## Past and Ongoing Projects

Include a bustling new children's playground; maintenance of the town's iconic gazebo; design and installation of memorial benches along the Upper Common walkways; refurbishment of the fountain and flower plantings at the Rockery; the installation of new lampposts and a sprinkler system on the Upper Common.

## Current Projects

Our current major project is the replacement of the fence that surrounds the Memorial (Upper) Common. The granite posts will remain, but most of the iron railings have been damaged by rust or accident. Some of the fence has been repaired. The picture on the right shows a completed section. Aided by a significant grant from the Town, we have purchased materials necessary for the completion of the job. Work on installing the new fence continues this year.



**Missing Spanish-American War plaques at the Rockery to be replaced by Memorial Day 2017**



## Spring Egg Hunt and Bunny Visit

Break out your cameras for this fun annual event for children and parents. The kids are sorted by age group then they romp through a fresh hay bed, searching for thousands of chocolate eggs. Organized chaos at its best. Prizes are awarded, too. There's excitement for everyone. Near the end of the event the Easter Bunny visits, brought to the Common in a bright red fire engine.

## Winter Festival of Lights

Held in early December on the Upper Common, the evening starts with hot chocolate, choir singing, and a visit from Frosty the Snowman who magically makes thousands of lights twinkle to life in the trees surrounding the area.

## Join us!

Membership in the WCNA is open to anyone – dues free – who wants to improve the vitality of the open spaces surrounding Wakefield's center and to encourage the enjoyment of these areas. We'd love to have you visit us during one of our monthly meetings. And we can always use volunteers for a few hours of help during our community events.

If you would like to join us in our endeavors, please get in touch. We look forward to seeing you. We get together monthly except during the summer. Our meetings are held in The Savings Bank Community Room (at the corner of Main and Avon Streets).

## Wakefield Center Neighborhood Association

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## WCNA 2017 Calendar

**June 7, Pre-Festival meeting, 7:30pm**

**June 10, Festival by the Lake**

**June Festival wrap-up, date & location TBD**

**September 19, Business meeting, 7:30pm**

**October 19, Annual & Business meetings 7:30pm**

**November 21, Business meeting, 7:30pm**

**December 1, "Lighting of the Lights" 7pm**



**Frosty and Bunny**



**Benches,  
lighting, and  
irrigation on the  
Upper Common**



**The Rockery  
and  
The Hiker Statue**



**The Gazebo  
on the  
Lower Common**