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Dear Weston History & Culture Center Supporter,

The Weston History & Culture Center has been part of the Weston community for 63 years. Thanks to the support we receive from our donors, we continue to evolve, resulting in a richer experience.

Our largely volunteer-run organization aims to bring Weston's history to life through exhibits, tours, and programs. This year, a Weston homeowner's weekend garden project turned into a journey of discovery. Using a metal detector and shovel, she unearthed objects spanning two centuries, from 18<sup>th</sup>-century coins to pottery, tobacco pipes, and everything in between. These artifacts gave us a glimpse into Weston's past, resulting in this year's unique exhibit, "Weston.... What Lies Beneath."

Engaging the entire community is essential to us. Third graders learn about Weston's history during their yearly field trip with hands-on activities, from one-room schoolhouses to agriculture to exploring life in the 1940s and earlier. We offer a wide range of programs and exhibits for children and adults—most are free. Our summer concert series continues to bring live music to our bucolic grounds. The historic Coley House allows visitors to return to the 1940s and learn what life was like in Weston.

2025 will be a pivotal year as we reopen the Coley Barn with a new exhibit, "Weston at Work," which will explore Weston's agricultural, manufacturing, and textile industries and the people who played roles in these sectors from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> century. This family-friendly exhibit will include a variety of interactive components that will allow visitors of all ages to actively engage while they learn about Weston's past.

The Weston History & Culture Center is a private non-profit organization with no local government funding; we rely on charitable contributions from supporters like you. Donations make everything possible – from designing exhibitions, educational programs, and events as well as maintaining the significant historic structures on our three-plus acre campus. To learn more about us, please visit our website: [www.westoncthistory.org](http://www.westoncthistory.org). Or visit us and explore the Coley House, our exhibits, or one of our many programs.

As we approach the end of the year, we will continue to offer seasonal programs and hope to close 2024 with your vital support. Please help us with your donation so we can continue to serve Weston and surrounding towns with our exhibits and programming. **We deeply appreciate your support.**

Thank you,

Pamela Kersey  
President

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