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WLT Newsletter

Come Celebrate Keep the Wood in Westwood Day!

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The Westwood Land Trust invites all Westwood residents to attend a benefit concert featuring Livingston Taylor to be held on Sunday, September 12, from 2 to 6 PM. The concert, which will also include other local performers, will be held on North Beach at Hale Reservation. Roche Brothers supermarket has generously agreed to sponsor the event, which will be a family oriented celebration of Westwood's open space.

For over thirty years, Livingston Taylor has toured with such major artists as Linda Ronstadt, Jimmy Buffett, Fleetwood Mac, and Jethro Tull. He has recorded eleven albums, and is a full professor at Berklee College of Music in Boston where he has taught since 1985. Currently, Taylor is an artist-in-residence at Harvard University.



Livingston Taylor, called "consistently impressive," by *The Washington Post*, will headline the WLT celebration.

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How Conservation Restrictions Preserve Land

Westwood Land Trust preserves land by encouraging landowners to place conservation restrictions (also known as conservation easements) on their property. A conservation restriction is a written agreement between the landowner and WLT that limits development of the property while reserving rights to maintain or expand existing buildings and, depending upon the size of the property, add additional houses or other structures. The conservation restriction lasts forever - it applies to the current and all future owners of that property. A well-crafted conservation restriction maximizes the landowner's right to enjoy the property and preserves the marketability of the property while also providing important conservation benefits such as the preservation of scenic views, pro-

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Meet the Westwood Land Trust Board



Pictured from left to right are Steve Olanoff, Karen Manor Metzold and David White-Lief.

The Westwood Land Trust is made up of your neighbors, dedicated individuals who care deeply about preserving the future of Westwood.

Steve Olanoff A semi-retired computer consultant, Steve is a member of the Westwood Planning Board where he has served for over twelve years. He is the Vice President of the Friends of Blue Hills and is the town representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the Three Rivers Interlocal Council and the Regional Transportation Advisory Council. Steve enjoys birding, hiking, cross-country skiing and sailing in the Boston Harbor Sailing Club. He and his wife Cheryl live in Westwood

Karen Manor Metzold Karen's professional experience includes teaching, higher education administration, and computer analysis in the financial services industry. Karen serves on the Westwood Educational Foundation and has volunteered on the Thurston Site Council, Curriculum Review Committees and Deerfield PTO Board. Karen and her husband Tom have two sons, Evan and Edmund.

David White-Lief A WLT founder, David is a partner in the Boston law firm Breakstone, White-Lief and Gluck, P.C. and an active member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Locally, David is the chair of the Organization for the Preservation of the Environment and Nature (OPEN) and a Sewer Commissioner. He and his wife Jan have two children.⌘

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tection of streams or wetlands or protection of habitat. Conservation restrictions are a terrific way to reduce property taxes, generate income tax deductions and minimize the cost of transferring land to the next generation:

1. The restriction on development lowers the value of the land reducing the property tax assessment;
2. The landowner can take a charitable federal income tax deduction for the difference between the value of the land without development restrictions and the value of the land with restrictions.
3. The restriction lowers the land's value for gift and estate tax purposes, making it less expensive to transfer the land to the next generation; and
4. Up to \$500,000 worth of the land's value may be excluded from Federal and MA estate taxes.

For more information regarding conservation restrictions, please call Nancy Dempze at 617-557-9726 (w) or 781-551-8020 (h). ⌘

Come Celebrate ...

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Money raised from this event will be used by the Land Trust to help preserve 36 acres of land off of Hartford Street. The Perry Family, which has owned the land since 1908, has recently agreed to sell development rights for the property (worth approximately \$3.5 million) for \$1.5 million. This will preserve the land and prevent development of any additional houses on the property. The Perry property is strategically located because it connects to Hale Reservation and is adjacent to other undeveloped land near Buckmaster Pond, creating the potential for a trail from Buckmaster to Hale Reservation. Since its inception in 2000, WLT has worked tirelessly to preserve open space in Westwood, succeeding in preserving the Prout Farm on Clapboardtree Street and the Hunnewell property on Sandy Valley Road.

Tickets for the event, which are \$15 each (free for children under 12), can be purchased at the Cooperative Bank at 265 Washington Street or All Occasions at 569 High Street. The concert will be held rain or shine and tickets are nonrefundable. To purchase tickets or for more concert information, call 781-326-1770 or log onto the WLT website at www.westwoodlandtrust.org. Please note that phone orders will be charged an additional \$3 processing fee per ticket. Parking is available on site but walking distances to the concert site will vary. Please let an attendant know if you have any special needs and every effort will be made to accommodate you. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at the event. No alcohol will be allowed.

Don't miss an entertainer who has been called "one of the most consistently entertaining, tasteful, and intelligent of songsmiths" performing in your backyard. Please come and enjoy a fun family afternoon while helping to preserve the character of Westwood for future generations.☘



We Need Your Help!

Let's work together as a community to keep the "wood" in Westwood!

As we embark on our goal to preserve as much open space as possible in Westwood, we need your help. The Westwood Land Trust welcomes volunteer energy, financial contributions, donations of land and conservation easements to continue our efforts. Contributions to the Westwood Land Trust are tax-deductible. We are an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Yes! I'd like to make a donation to the WLT. Please accept my tax-deductible contribution.

Please make checks payable to the Westwood Land Trust

Yes! I'd like to volunteer my services to the WLT.

Please fill out the contact form and return it to us at the following address:

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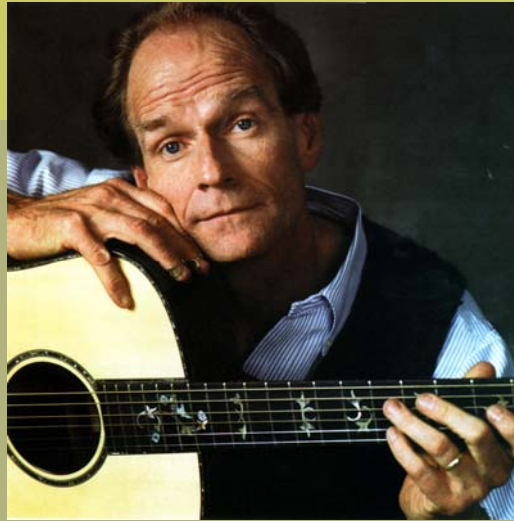
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For more information, contact us at 781-551-0173 or visit our website at www.westwoodlandtrust.org

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Thank You to Roche Brothers - Title Sponsor

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Call 781-326-1770
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Sunday, September 12, 2004 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Hale Reservation

SAVE THE DATE!

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