



The Castle Arts and Community Center

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Hello Castle Team,

We've been busy sharing the vision for The Castle Arts and Community Center and preparing to apply to the RFP when it is released. See the most recent communication from Ward 4 Councilor Joe Demers on that process below. The process is moving along!

LATEST FROM CITY HALL

Message from Joe Demers

"Our draft of the RFP efforts have progressed to a final review of department heads (City Solicitor, City Engineer, Planning Dept, Purchasing, and Mayor). We will be going over any suggested edits/concerns/legal language additions early next week.

I anticipate that by mid to late August the RFP will be posted. There will be time for a site walkthrough, questions of applicants, and a 90-day window for all applications.

An initial screening will be conducted by department heads or their designees to ensure that all submittals meet the baseline requirements of the RFP, and then finalists will be referred to the Committee on Infrastructure and Public Lands.

If a submittal is determined to be viable and selected by the Committee, the Council would then move to authorize the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the selected proposal."

LATEST NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Here is a brief update of our recent activities. Please feel free to reach out with questions!

- Launched our new instagram account <https://www.instagram.com/castleartscommunitycenter>
- Visited Metalwerx in Waltham - thanks to castle community member Maureen McGann
- Finalized our master foundations and business database in preparation for the RFP
- Created an Contingent Pledge Proposal
- Film maker Erik Maynard, created a Woburn Video and the Castle Arts and Community Center was featured. Check out the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwRUUiJ3EEo>
- Emailed our fourth spotlight series - Metalwerx
- Created a donation link for community to support our campaign expenses
- Flyer drop of over 200 homes on the West Side of Woburn. Thank you to castle community members Brittney Carbone, Monia Doandes and Christina McCabe for assisting with this.
- Met with the Woburn Chamber of Commerce to discuss membership and partnerships with the Woburn Business Community.

Donations - Yes your contributions really do help!!!

We are currently raising funds to support the grassroots campaign effort to save the Wyman Castle and school property.



Donations directly support essential campaign expenses including:

- Yard signs
- Flyers and outreach materials
- Community awareness efforts
- Website and communication costs
- Registration and nonprofit startup fees

Please note all donations are tax deductible.

General Donation Link: <https://givebutter.com/the-castle-arts-and-community-center>

SIGN OUR PETITION

An important piece of our RFP application will be showing strong community support for our mission and vision. Please sign the petition if you haven't yet done so, and continue to share it with neighbors and community members.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN PETITION](#) or you can submit on the web page.

NEED A YARD SIGN?

[CLICK HERE FOR YARD SIGN FORM](#) or you can submit on the web page.

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Email us castleartsandcommunitycenter@gmail.com or you can submit on the web page.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We're happy to spread the news about arts, culture, and community events happening around our city. This flyer is from our friends at [SCI](#) - enjoy the free outdoor concerts happening throughout the summer! - *Board members of the Castle Arts and Community Center*

SCI Summer Concert Postponed to 8/14

The SCI Summer Concert at Library Park featuring Renee and the Renegades is postponed to Friday, August 14 due to a heat advisory and inclement weather. Renee and the Renegades is a band local to Woburn. Attendees can expect upbeat tunes, country covers, and the opportunity to learn some line dances. This event is sponsored by Katie K. Frazier, Esq. of Touchstone Closing & Escrow.

2026 SCI Summer Concerts
presents...

Renee and the Renegades
August 14
6-8PM

NEW DATE!

Located at Library Park, Woburn, MA
Sponsored by

TOUCHSTONE
CLOSING & ESCROW

Katie K. Frazier, Esq. of Touchstone Closing & Escrow

SCI Woburn SCIWoburn.org

Food and drinks available for purchase, courtesy of Empower Woburn.

The 2026 SCI Summer Concert Series is a program under SCI Leaders for Everyone's Tomorrow (LET). LET is supported by:

Beth Israel Lahey Health, Winchester Hospital, TJX, and others.

KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

The excitement is growing, and your VOICE can make a difference. Please contact your City Council members and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do the same. Let them know you support The Castle Arts and Community Center at the Wyman property.

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