



NEWSLETTER The Castle Arts and Community Center

Save the Wyman Committee



May 2026

Hello Castle Team,

It has been a busy month filled with attending meetings, conducting research, and preparing the launch of our new official website.

We hope to see you at the Summer Arts Festival on June 7, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Spence Farm. We will have an information table where you can learn more about our efforts, sign our petition, and pick up a yard sign to show your support.

LATEST FROM CITY HALL

May 6, 2026 Town Hall Meeting - Board members attend along with several citizens.

Please see news article - [Mayor request authority to solicit RFP's](#)

May 19, 2026 City Council Meeting - Board members attended

City Council voted in favor of authorizing the mayor to develop a Request for Proposal for disposition of real property for ground lease for the Wyman school property.

What does this mean?

On May 19, the City Council voted to allow the mayor to begin preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the future of the historic Wyman School property.

An RFP is a public process where developers or organizations can submit ideas and plans for how the property could be used. The discussion involves a possible ground lease, which means the city would likely keep ownership of the land while leasing it to another party for redevelopment or use.

This vote does not finalize any plans for the property. It begins the process of exploring proposals and future options for the site.

May 26, 2026 City Council Meeting - Board members attended

Please see news article [Council Com. backs plan to pursue Wyman lease](#)

Breaking it down:

- Authorize Mayor = The Mayor is allowed to move forward with the next step.
- Request for Proposal (RFP) = A formal document asking interested parties to submit plans and proposals for the property.
- Disposition of Real Property = The city is considering transferring rights to use the property. It does not necessarily mean selling it.
- Ground Lease = The city would typically retain ownership of the land while leasing the property to another party for a long period (often decades). The lessee may be allowed to renovate, develop, or operate the site under the lease terms.
- Wyman School, 679 Main Street = The specific property being discussed.
- The city is beginning a formal process to solicit proposals and explore options for the property's future.
- Once proposals are received, they would typically be reviewed and could require additional approvals before any agreement is finalized.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

- Delivered over 100 more petition flyers
- Ordered another 50 yards signs, making it a total of over 500 out in the community
- Presented to Woburn Welcomes group - this presentation included updates and the story of what we are trying to accomplish for the Wyman school property
- Received our official Certificate of Exemption letter from the state of Massachusetts
- Finalizing all copy for the launch of our new website (moving from Save the Wyman to our non-profit site Castle Arts and Community Center.)
- Attended the Town Hall on May 6 with Mayor Concannon
- Attended the May 19 and May 26 meetings at City Hall
- Researched Wyman history at the Woburn Public Library archive room. Thank you to Jena Saul the new archivist for her assistance
- Continued to deliver flyers all over the city.
- Met with non-profit attorneys to prepare for the RFP process with the city.
- Finalized our donation platform through GiveButter, a free resource for organizations and nonprofits



Donations

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>



PETITION - Sign to show your support to create an arts and community center.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN PETITION](#)

YARD SIGNS - Want a yard sign?

[CLICK HERE FOR YARD SIGN FORM](#)

FLYER DROP - Help us make sure our voices are heard, we're asking everyone to take part in our **10-10-10 Plan**

- Print 10 copies of the [attached flyer](#)
- Spend just 10 minutes delivering them
- Reach 10 homes in your neighborhood

NOTE: You can also email us at savethewymancastle@gmail.com or castleartsandcommunitycenter@gmail.com to have us add your family/friend/neighbors names to our yard sign list or petition.

SAVE THE WYMAN CASTLE COMMITTEE'S VISION FOR THE WYMAN PROPERTY

Here is a short video presentation outlining the Save the Wyman Castle Committee's vision for transforming the old Wyman school property into a vibrant arts and community center.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW VIDEO](#)

Join our email list to get the latest information.

savethewymancastle@gmail.com or castleartsandcommunitycenter@gmail.com or visit <https://sites.google.com/view/savewymancastle/home>

Please contact your council members and encourage others to do the same to support an arts and community center.

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