



Sons of Italy of Waltham
99 Cedar Street
Waltham, MA 02453

06/5/2023

Mr. Justin Barrett, Jr.
Community Preservation Committee
City of Waltham
610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452

Dear Mr. Barrett,

Please accept this request for CPC funding for the Sons of Italy (Dante Algheri Lodge #648), 99 Cedar Street, Waltham MA, to finalize a long-term facility restoration project.

During September 2017, representatives from the fraternal order presented the CPC board a two phase plan to preserve the building that has been the home for the Sons of Italy of Waltham and a two function room facility for the Waltham community. At that time, the CPC generously supported the initial phase (1) of the plan and issued funding. We are happy to report phase one was completed in December 2022 within budget and complies with local building code standards.

We are now looking to move on to phase 2. This next and final phase, will address the HVAC needs of the facility. This phase involves the replacement of HVAC systems within the facility. Based on our records, these systems were installed roughly during the year 1955. We conducted vendor site visits to evaluate the systems. We requested bids from independent qualified HVAC installers. The bid amounts are \$90,000 and \$97,000. We have provided documentation for your review. Due to the building's age and potential challenges, we have added 20% for miscellaneous contingencies. We are requesting \$109,000 from the CPC through the required application form and process.

We very much appreciate the support of the CPC and their funding support. The CPC has continued to support community social organizations, like ours, and it is our hope you will continue to see the value and benefit of these organizations.

Respectfully,

Gerald Chiarelli
Board of Trustees
Land Trust Chair

City of Waltham Massachusetts

Community Preservation Act

Historic, Open Space and Recreation

Funding Application WCPA-1



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant ⁽¹⁾ Waltham Sons of Italy

Name of Co-Applicant, if applicable ⁽¹⁾ _____

Contact Name Gerry Chiarelli

Mailing Address 99 Cedar Street, Waltham MA 02453

Daytime Phone (i.e. of Proposal Applicant) 781-893-8838

PROJECT BASICS

Address of Project (or Assessor's Parcel ID) 99 Cedar Street, Waltham MA 02453

CPA Category (check all that apply):

☐ Open space

☒ Historic preservation

☐ Open space recreation

☐ Community Housing (You must also complete Application WCPA-2)

CPA Funding Requested \$ 109,010.00

Total Cost of Proposed Project \$ 90,842.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Attach answers to the following questions. Applications will be returned as incomplete if all requested information is not provided. Include supporting materials as necessary.

GOALS: What are the goals of the proposed project?

COMMUNITY NEED: Why is this project needed? Does it address needs identified in existing City plans?

COMMUNITY SUPPORT: What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support and any petitions.

TIMELINE: What is the schedule for project implantation? Include a timeline for all critical items for their

completion.

CREDENTIALS: How will the experiences of the Applicant(s) contribute to the success of this project?
Success Factors: How will the success of this project be measured? Be specific.

BUDGET: What is the total budget for this project? How will the CPA funds portion be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified and justified. Detail the hard and soft costs. Identify contingencies.

OTHER FUNDING: What additional funding sources are available, committed, or under consideration? Include commitment letters if available. Identify all sources of other funding which have been sought for this project and the status of the requests.

MAINTENANCE: If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded? (Note that CPA Funds may not be used for maintenance, but maintenance is an important consideration for all projects.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Provide the following additional information, *as applicable*.

DOCUMENTATION: Provide written documentation that you have control over the site, such as Purchase and Sale Agreement, option, or deed.

CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION: ⁽²⁾ For projects with construction or rehabilitation, provide floor plans, elevations including the existing and proposed site plan(s), and any additional drawings or photographs which visually describe the project.

ZONING: Provide evidence that the project is in compliance with the current City Zoning Ordinance as Amended, as well as all other laws and regulations. If zoning relief is required, note the parts of the proposal not in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, and when an application will be made to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

CITY APPROVALS: Provide evidence that the appropriate City Boards and Commissions approve of the project (Waltham Historical Commission for Historic, Conservation Commission for Open Space, Park & Recreation Board for Recreation, and Waltham Housing Authority for Community Housing). As an example, a project in a City park would require that the Park & Recreation Board accept the project.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Provide evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is a plan for remediation in place.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: Provide evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration, or rehabilitation is proposed.

LEVERAGED ADDITIONAL BENEFITS: Provide information indicating how this project can be used to achieve additional community benefits.

Notes:

(1) City Property: If the proposal is located on City-owned land, either the Applicant or Co-Applicant must be the City Board, Commission or Department that has custody of the land.

(2) Appraisals: If the requested funds are for a real estate acquisition, an independent appraisal will be required which the Applicant will be required to fund. No funding decisions will be made without an independent appraisal. Additional appraisals may be required for final approval.

FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE USE ONLYApplication received on 6-6-2023Application received by Julie TooleDate Project presented to CPC for Submission Acceptance Process 6-6-2023Was Project accepted for Consideration? YesIf accepted for Consideration, Project Public Hearing date 6-13-2023

Following meeting Date for decision to recommend for funding _____

Was project recommended for funding to the City Council? _____

Was project funded by the City Council? _____

If project funded by the City Council, for how much? _____

Date funding Contract signed with applicant _____

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proposals for Community Preservation Act funding must be submitted using the City of Waltham's Application forms WCPA-1 and WCPA-2.

If the proposal is exclusively a community housing project, applicants must submit WCPA-2. If the proposal combines community housing with any other funding category, both WCPA-2 and the WCPA-1 must be submitted. Otherwise applicants can submit just WCPA-1.

All information requested on the application forms must be included with the proposal at the time of submission or it will not be accepted for consideration. Applications may not include any handwritten information.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted as hardcopy with eleven (11) copies (including one unbound for reproduction) to the official mailing address as specified in Article VI. If an Application is recommended for funding by the CPC, then an additional 17 copies must be provided for use by the City Council.

Applicants are encouraged to include any maps, diagrams, and/or photographs pertaining to the project. Letters of support for the project from community organizations or other sources may also be submitted.

Applicants will also submit an electronic version of each and every document submitted in their application if available, either on CD or USB flash drive, preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF) or other commonly used file formats (eg. .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpeg).

Applicants should include actual quotes for project costs whenever possible. If not available, estimates may be used, provided the basis of the estimate is fully explained.

Applicants should pursue matching or supplemental funds from state, federal and/or private sources when available.

Applicants should detail who will be responsible for project implementation and management. Their relevant experience should be included in the narrative. Please be sure that project management costs have been included in the overall project budget.

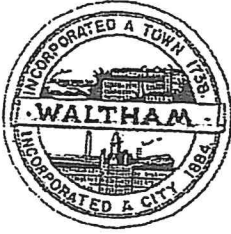
GOALS: The goal of the project is to preserve the ability to maintain proper cooling and heating in the Lodge's building and rental facilities.

COMMUNITY NEED: The Sons of Italy, with the past support of the CPC, has been able to update the building and facilities to match all local building and fire codes and requirements to remain in the function rental business. The building provides function halls that have received many interior updates to all the club to continue to provide these beautiful halls to the community members to use for their needs. To augment the CPC funding, the club has set aside and used roughly \$100,000 from its operating revenue over the last five (5) years to upgrade many assets to allow the function activity. The updates include, but are not limited to, new coolers, ice machine, bathroom updates, new tables and chairs, updated sound and WIFI system, as well as a surveillance monitoring system. These updates allow the club to provide two very nice facilities to the Waltham public and charitable organizations.

The final phase of the long term plan is to protect the ability for temperature control by updating the five (5) HVAC system within the building.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT : Include the letter from Lisa Battaglino and others (from original) and brief history Provide below.

TIMELINE: The schedule of the project would be three (3) to six (6) months. This timeline maybe impacted by the Vendor's availability and supply chain.



Waltham Historical Commission

610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452

To: Waltham Sons of Italy
Dante Algheri Lodge # 648
99 Cedar Street
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To Whom It May Concern;

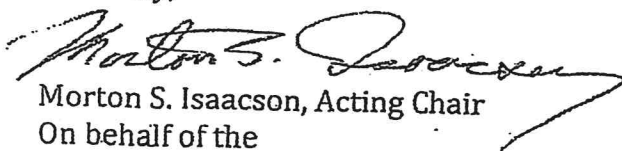
This letter is to give the approval and support of the Waltham Historical Commission to the Waltham Sons of Italy (Dante Algheri Lodge #648) for a project to improve and restore their meeting space located at 99 Cedar Street, Waltham MA.

This building is an important historic resource of the City of Waltham as it is the home since 1952 of an organization that has played an important part in the history and culture of the City since 1916. The Sons of Italy continues to perform many charitable works in the community, including academic scholarships to Waltham High School seniors. The scholarship represents one of the first awards given by a fraternal organization in the City.

The Waltham Historical Commission would also like to remind the Waltham Sons of Italy that all proposed work needs to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

The Waltham Historical Commission is pleased to endorse and support this important project.

Sincerely,



Morton S. Isaacson, Acting Chair
On behalf of the
Waltham Historical Commission



SON'S of Italy History and Community Involvement

From 1880 to 1920, an estimated 4 million Italian immigrants arrived in the United States, most from 1900 to 1914, and most from southern Italy and Sicily. Many Italian immigrants came to the City of Waltham where they made their homes. The Italian leaders of the City were anxious to form a fraternal organization of strictly Italian members. It was their belief that the problems of language, position and opportunity were common among them and helping each other could be facilitated by an organization of their own. The news of a National Order, known as the Order Sons of Italy, came to them, and after considerable discussion and investigation, it was voted to request a charter. The Charter was granted and in 1916 the Dante Alighieri Lodge# 648 was chartered on November 27th. The first meeting was held on December 3, 2016,

The Lodge was similar to that of a mutual benefit society offering the following benefits to its members:

- A Lodge Doctor at no charge to the member.
- Sick benefits after the first five days, and these benefits to continue until the member was released by the doctor to work.
- Death benefit of \$100.00 on a Lodge assessment plan.
- Assistance to members in their search for employment.
- Help in preparing for and obtaining Citizenship papers.
- Visiting the sick.
- Paying final respects to their departed members and their families.

The Lodge was at least a partial answer to the problems, needs and responsibilities of its members.

A group of women formed the Regina Margherita Lodge #1402 of Waltham in 1926. This Lodge served as a complement to the Dante Alighieri Lodge and has been instrumental in the continued success of the Dante Alighieri Lodge. The Waltham Lodges also sponsored both a boys' and girls' Junior Lodge.

After World War II a new era began for the Dante Alighieri Lodge. Concentration on the youth for membership to carry out the principles and ideals of their forefathers. The Veterans returning home wanted to take part in the functions of the community and joined the Lodge. In 1946, a transition took place to the ritual of the meeting which had been conducted in Italian until then was now conducted in English. This transition resulted in a more than a doubling of the Lodge's membership in 1947. At this time, the Lodge established the Dante Land Trust and a search for land began.

A site was purchased in 1949 with the ambition and hope to build a permanent home for its members at 99 Cedar Street. The dream of a permanent home began to take shape in 1950 when without funds the members started construction. The eagerness of the members who donated materials and services in the spirit of true fraternity developed and completed the Sons of Italy building that is still the Lodge's home at 99 Cedar Street. The building was occupied in 1952 with an addition added on in the mid-1960s. As the community stands back and looks at the building today, many remember or were told the stories of the toil and problems that were encountered during this period of close fraternity and visual achievement. The building stands memorializing the historical significance of the hard work and fraternity that brought out the spirit of the Waltham Italian-Americans and their contributions to the City of Waltham.

Today the Dante Alighieri Lodge and the Regina Margherita Lodge's successor the Regina Margherita Di Savoia Mixed Lodge# 1094 occupy the building. The Lodges continue many charitable works in the community and are very proud of their continued tradition of awarding academic scholarships to Waltham High School seniors. A tradition that began in 1954, the scholarship represents one of the first awards given by a fraternal organization in the City. The influence of the Italian-American culture remains in Waltham today. Those who stood together to build this building and the members that followed have or through their second and third generation family members have become the leaders of the Waltham community whether on the Waltham City Council, Waltham School Committee, as municipal department heads, Superintendent of Schools, Chairmen or members of the Boards and Commissions, as well as being represented in our business community as business owners and professionals. These citizens continue to carry on the Italian culture exemplified by those who built the building at 99 Cedar Street.

Dante Alighieri Lodge # 648

The Dante Alighieri Lodge# 648 was chartered on November 27, 1916. The Founders were Guiseppe Bari, Vittorio Barrile, Paul Franchina, Salvatore Yarmmartino, Carmelo Cannistraro and Salvatore Trapanese. The following men have served as the Venerables and Presidents since 2016.

Giuseppe Bari '16 -17
-Vittorio Barrile.'T7-f9
Paul Franchina '19-20
Salvatore Yarmatino '20-21
Carmelo Cannistraro '21-22
Salvatore Trapanese '22-24
Vittorio Barrile '24-25
Francesco Rizzo '25-26
Paul Franchina '26-28
Guiseppe Graceffa '28-29
Carmelo Lituri '29-30
Daniele Barbo '30-32
Paul Franchina '32-36
Rosario Campisi '36-37
Paul Franchina '37-39
Carmelo Lituri '39-41
Paul Franchina '41-46
Carmelo Lituri '39-41
Paul Franchina '41-46
Vincent Fallia '46-48
Modest Mele '48-50
Frank Demeo '50-51
Leo Gallitano '51-53
Charles Graceffo '53-55
Antonio Mosca '55-57
Edmund Tarallo '57-59
Peter Rizzo '59-61
Patrick Girolamo '61-62
Frank Demeo '62-64
Nicholas Cardillo '64-67
Signorine Vincuilla '67-68
Eugene Marmonti '69-71
Louis Cardillo '71
John Vellante '71-74
Fred Fucci '74-75
William Lombardi '75-77
Robert Cincotta '77-78
Joseph Caccitore '78-80
William Nisbet '80-83
Domenic Foti '83-86
Joseph Florio '86-88
Charles Lombardi '88-93
Arthur Bennett '93-96
Robert Lucente '96-99
David Carme '99-03
Richard Dunton 03-06
Michael Whalen 06-07
David H. Marcou, Jr. 07-16
Thomas J. Magno, Jr. 16-

Regina Margherita DiSavoia Lodge# 1402/ Regina Margherita Di Savoia Mixed Lodge# 1094.

The Regina Margherita DiSavoia Lodge# 1402 was instituted in February 1926. The Lodge got its name from the former Queen of Italy, who had passed away only a month prior to their institution. On April 14, 2013, The Belmont Mixed Lodge # 1094 and the Regina Margherita Di Savoia Lodge # 1402 merged to become the Regina Margherita Di Savoia Mixed Lodge # 1094.

Charter Members:

Carmella Campisi, Clotilda Profita and Providence Cacciatore.

Founders:

Providence Cacciatore
Carmela Campisi
Rose Cannistraro
Frances Castrogiovanni
Grace Gargone
Concetta Moriana
Josephine Morreale
Clotilda Profita
Concetta Rizzo
Vincenza Vincillo

Venerables/Presidents:

Carmela Campisi
Providence Cacciatore
Rose Cannistraro
Clotilda Profita
Mruy Ciacciatrarro
Anna Sardi
Clara Graceffa
Angelina Tarallo
Palma Guarenta
Adela Malone
Ann Serriella
Demi Marmonte
Gilda Sardi Kunz
Anita Vellante
Philomena Profita
Santa Walazek
Frances Giordano
Rosemarie Mele
Eleanor Vanaria
Catherine Bourassa
Nadia Mommolo
Jean Paoletti
Angelo Rossi

ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN f.J-1.IBRICA

The Order Sons of Italy (OSIA) is an Italian American organization with current missions that include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities, preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage, and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy;

The Order Sons of Italy contains 2 subsidiaries:

- o The Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF), is a private, philanthropic institution established by OSIA in 1959. To date, the SIF has given nearly \$163 million to scholarships, medical research, cultural preservation, disaster relief, and other causes;
- o The Commission for Social Justice (CSJ), founded in 1979 to protest the stereotyping of Italian Americans by entertainment, advertising and news industries. In 2009, the CSJ successfully worked to remove from the air 3 offensive, derogatory national advertising campaigns by major U.S. companies.

OSIA is a national organization of more than 60,000 men and women who represent the estimated 26 million Americans of Italian heritage, dedicated to promoting our culture, our traditions, our language, the legacy of our ancestors, and our contributions to the U.S. and the world. We are sons and daughters, grandmothers and grandfathers. We are corporate executives and we are union members...young students and retirees...teachers and attorneys...doctors and firefighters...bakers and Wall Street brokers...and everything in between. We are philanthropists and we are model global citizens with purpose beyond ourselves. And we are proud and patriotic Americans of Italian heritage. We exemplify the very best of what it is to be Italian American.

- ., The Order Sons of Italy in America® (OSIA) is the largest and oldest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States.
- o Founded in 1905 as a mutual aid society for the early Italian immigrants, today OSIA has hundreds of thousands of family members located in all fifty states and the District of Columbia, making it the leading service and advocacy organization for the nation's estimated 26 million people of Italian descent.
- e Its missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy.
- e Women have always shared equal rights with men in OSIA, and women make up about 50% of OSIA membership. Women have held leadership positions at all levels, including state president, national trustee, national vice, President and national president.
- o OSIA is for people of any gender, age, religion and profession. You don't even have to be Italian to join! Whether you are of Italian heritage or simply have a love for things Italian, OSIA welcomes you as a member.
- o The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was chartered on January 25, 1914 as the fifth Grand Lodge in the Order-Sons of Italy in America. Today, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is made up of over 7,000 members belonging to 68 lodges in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.
- o The Sons of Italy Foundation® (SIF) is a private, philanthropic institution established by OSIA in 1959. To date, the SIF has given more than \$164 million to scholarships, medical research, cultural preservation, disaster relief, and other causes.
- e The Commission for Social Justice® (CSJ) is the anti-defamation arm of OSIA. The CSJ is committed to fighting racism, prejudice, and the stereotyping of all races, religions and cultures, especially Italians and Italian Americans.
- o The SIF owns the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in Staten Island, N.Y. The museum is housed in the historic home of inventor Antonio Meucci and chronicles his life as well as that of his one-time house guest, Italian unifier Giuseppe Garibaldi.
- a OSIA's national headquarters is in Washington, D.C., near Capitol Hill.



June 1, 2017

Waltham Historical Commission
City of Waltham
City Hall, 610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02352

Dear Commission Members,

I write to you in support of the Waltham Sons of Italy, Dante Aligheri Lodge #648, and their efforts to secure city grants for their building on 99 Cedar Street. I am a dean in the College of Education and Allied Studies at Bridgewater State University and a former resident of Waltham. My interest in preservation of this historic and culturally significant site is based on its positive impact on the community and important focus on education. The Order of the Sons of Italy began as a support system for all Italian immigrants including my grandparents. It assisted members in becoming U.S. citizens, offered health and death benefits, provided scholarships, and established orphanages and free language schools. In short, they served as a catalyst for new immigrants to assimilate into society. The attention on education and philanthropic activities remains and to date the Sons of Italy organization has given over \$164 million dollars to educational scholarships and programs, disaster relief, cultural advancement and medical research.

Public schools have adopted a philosophy that promotes a culturally responsive curriculum. It is ideal when schools acknowledge the diversity of their student population and promote cultural awareness. Understanding and taking pride in one's Italian-American culture, similarly to other backgrounds, is critical for children and adults to thrive in society. For the Commission to acknowledge the social significance of the Waltham Sons of Italy building through the awarding of funds for improvement is in keeping with the true intent of community preservation. There are over 17 million Italian-Americans, making up the 7th largest ethnic group in the country. Upgrading to the Waltham Sons of Italy site does not just signify a commitment to the proliferation of scholarships, charitable contributions and the advancement of traditions, moreover it celebrates the philosophy that our backgrounds while all different, are equally worthy. In addition, those traditions can exist simultaneously with our shared values of encouraging educational opportunities, assisting those in need and working hard to create a safe, nurturing community.

The Waltham Order of the Sons of Italy has proven its social significance to the community through their scholarships, inclusive social events and benevolent contributions. In an era where it is critical to embrace cultural diversity to enhance society, the Commission's awarding of a grant to assist in the upkeep of this noteworthy building would be appropriate and commendable.

Sincerely,

Lisa Battaglini, Ph.D.

Dean

College of Education and Allied Studies
Bridgewater State University



May 24th, 2017

Waltham Historical Commission
City of Waltham
City Hall, 610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452

Dear Commission Members:

I have been asked to write a letter in support of the Sons of Italy of Waltham, a well-established organization that is in the process of applying for a grant. I am a professor of Italian language and culture at Bentley University and a teacher of Italian at Waltham High School.

My aim in this letter is to convey the high value the Sons of Italy has in our community. I have been teaching Italian since my days as a graduate student. My assignments have taken me to adult learning centers, Italian social clubs, public schools and universities. In each setting, I noticed a common theme: a strong interest for Italy and a sense of bonding with its culture. This passion, connected to intellectual curiosity, has prompted Boston area students to pursue their investment in Italian culture.

Waltham boasts a large community of Italian-Americans. In this fertile territory for cultural activity and language promulgation, the *Sons of Italy* club has been the backdrop of an increasingly social and cultural activity.

The idea for Sons of Italy was conceived by a group of immigrants who wanted an organization that represented the interests of Italians. They believed that the problems of language, position and opportunity were common amongst Italians living in the *Nuovo Mondo* and that an organization built upon mutual support could help strengthen their endeavors. In 1916, the Waltham's Dante Alighieri Lodge of the Sons of Italy was born.

The beginnings for Italians in Waltham were marked by hardship. In 1930, there were hundreds of Italian families living in the city, but their presence was hardly detectable. Their impact was not appreciated in the world of commerce, education, law, medicine nor politics. This first generation, whose biggest concern was survival, did instill a love for family, respect for hard work and others, and the importance of a good education in their children.

After World War II, an important shift came as Italians began to emerge in medicine, real estate, politics, education and commercial life around Waltham. It is around this time that the Sons of Italy's activity began to extend to community life with a new fervor. Especially significant were contributions to youth programs: they were among the earliest (1954) fraternal organizations to establish academic-scholarships not only for their members' offspring, but also to any Waltham

High School senior. The Edmund Tarallo Scholarship (founded in 2003) and the proficiency awards are prime examples. The club has acted as a supporting system to our students.

Today, the Italian-Americans of Waltham are the most upward bound national group in the community. Their sphere of influence spans from business ownership to education to public service. An institution like Sons of Italy helps maintain a strong connection to cultural heritage, national identity and charitable work to the community at large. Especially today, where the double-edged sword of progress threatens to homogenize identities, it is of extreme importance to protect local cultural organizations and invest in all those who, having congregated to our centers, will want to contribute to our community.

I encourage you to consider their application.

Best Wishes,

Vanessa Parravano
M.A. Italian Literature, Boston College
Adjunct Professor of Italian, Bentley University

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Waltham Public Schools

Drew M. Echelson, Ed.D., Superintendent

Cynthia Piantedosi

Assistant Director of World Languages

June 1, 2017

Waltham Historical Commission
City of Waltham
City Hall, 610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452

Dear Waltham Historical Commission Members;

My name is Cynthia Piantedosi, and I am the head of the World Language Department in the Waltham Public Schools and a Waltham resident for the past 40 years. In addition, I have been teaching Italian at Waltham High School for the past 18 years. I am writing in support of the Sons of Italy.

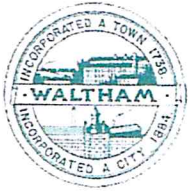
As the daughter of Italian immigrants, I hold the Italian culture near and dear to my heart. I share my passion and love for the Italian language and culture with my students. They are excited to learn about a country that has had such an influence in the world around them. Italian is the second most popular language taught at Waltham High School. Although not all students that take Italian are of Italian descent, they find value in dedicating themselves to learning about the Italian language and culture.

The City of Waltham represents numerous people of Italian ancestry. Sacred Heart Church was always referred to as the "Italian" church, where many of the parishioners have been and still are of Italian descent. As you can surmise from the popularity of Italian in our schools, and its influence in the community, Italian culture is of significant importance to the citizens of Waltham. Having an organization that represents the Italian heritage is vital in preserving the distinctiveness of Italian culture. Furthermore, The Sons of Italy gives back to the youth of Waltham. Each year, they provide scholarships not only for the children of their members; they also provide a proficiency award for a student that excels in Italian at Waltham High School. This student does not need to be the child of a member. This organization values our commitment to Italian by investing in our students. The Italian Festa on the Common during the past several years was a celebration of Italian culture that was well-attended and enjoyed by all. Many of our students found value in the event and volunteered their time to assist the members of the Sons of Italy.

Our city is fortunate to have a very diverse population. It is important to celebrate all of our great cultures. An essential 21st century skill that we teach our students is global awareness. I hope you will consider giving The Sons of Italy the opportunity to continue their work of sharing their legacy with others, so they can take part in our efforts to spread global awareness.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Piantedosi



CITY OF WALTHAM
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May 30, 2017

Diana Young, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
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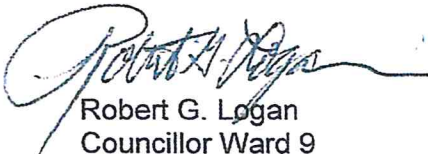
RE: Waltham Sons of Italy

Dear Madam Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of the Waltham Sons of Italy's application for funding through the Community Preservation Act. The Sons of Italy is an historic institution in Waltham, having been in existence here for over 100 years, and at its current location since 1952. It was originally was formed as a men's organization, with a women's lodge formed in 1926. The Waltham Sons of Italy supports the Waltham community through its academic scholarship program for Waltham High School Seniors, and contributions to various youth programs. Their function hall is often used for charitable fundraisers, and is part of the fabric of the neighborhood.

The building is an historic landmark on the South Side. The application is for funding to bring this building into compliance with Federal, State, and Waltham building and fire codes. I wholeheartedly support approval of the funding requested in this application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Robert G. Logan
Councillor Ward 9

[Community Corner](#)

Waltham's Festa Italiana Returns For 2023

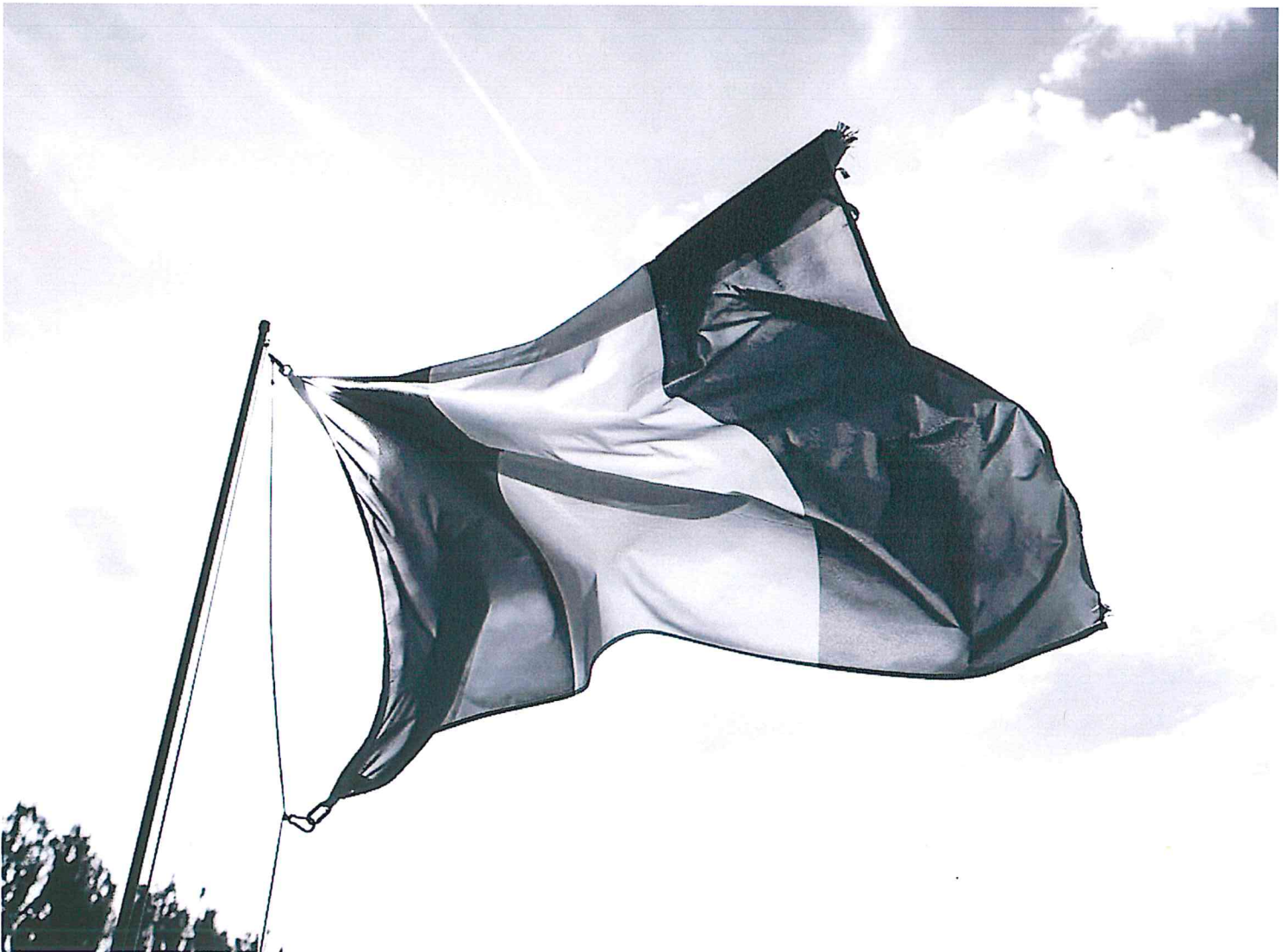
The annual Festa Italiana returns to Waltham Common this weekend. Here's what to know.



Montana Samuels, Patch Staff

Posted Tue, Jun 6, 2023 at 4:34 pm ET

Reply



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WALTHAM, MA — Waltham's annual Festa Italiana is back for 2023, and it's quickly approaching.

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The festival, hosted by the Italian American Alliance, is scheduled for June 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Waltham Common.

Music, Italian food, vendors and plenty of entertainment for kids are all on the agenda for the event, according to organizers.

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The event is both fun for the community and a [major annual fundraiser](#) on the IAA's schedule, officials said.

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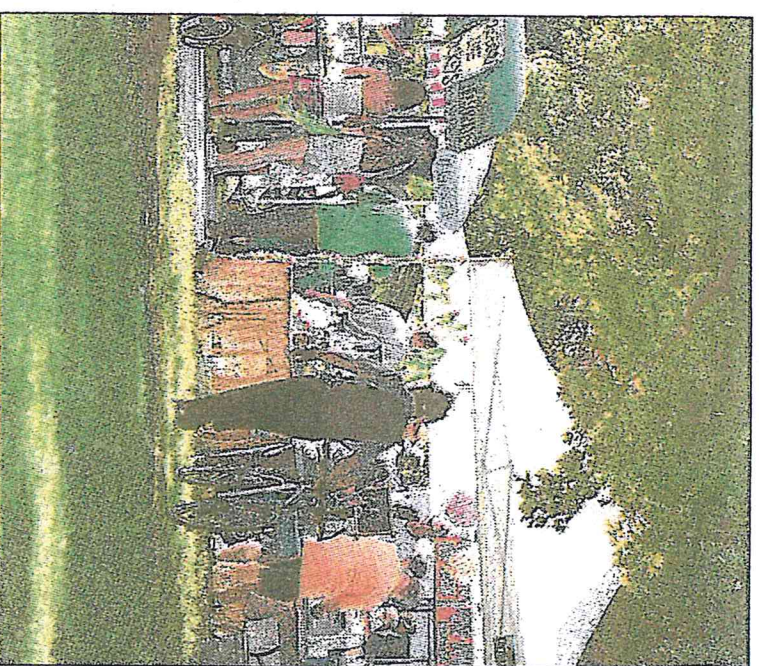
FESTA ITALIANA



Juliana Barbosa, 10, and Isabella Jellins, 9, both of Waltham, share an Italian ice. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / ANNA MILLER

Waltham played host to an Italian Festa on Saturday, June 4 at the Waltham Common. The event featured food, live music, and entertainment for children, including a mechanical bull, inflatables, and face painting.

The proceeds of the Festa funds a scholarship account, which gives scholarship awards to deserving high-school seniors not only in Waltham but also other Massachusetts communities based on academic excellence, community involvement, extra-curricular activities, character, and in some instances, Italian heritage and/or proficiency in the Italian language.



Waltham Common was buzzing with activity during the Italian Festa. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / ANNA MILLER



Mary Caramanica, 95, of Waltham, poses for a photo on Waltham Common during the Italian Festa on Saturday. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / ANNA MILLER



Devine Suuna, 5, of Waltham, enjoys an amusement ride. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / ANNA MILLER

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Estimate

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1929

05/01/2023

JOB LOCATION

99 Cedar Street

Sales

This estimate is for all materials & labor to upgrade all of the HVAC equipment in the building. We will replace the 2 existing American Standard 7 1/2 ton rooftop HVAC units with 2 new 7 1/2 ton Bryant gas/electric rooftop units with necessary adapter curbs. These new units will be installed with economizers for introduction of fresh air. We will also replace the 2 existing gas furnaces with air conditioning that service the lower level with new high efficiency direct vent Bryant furnaces and matching evaporator coils and cabinets & new condensing units. The existing freon lines will either be flushed using RX-11 flush as required or they will be replaced. We will also install a new high efficiency direct vent gas furnace and air conditioning equipment to replace the existing equipment that handles the private members lounge in the lower level. Also included in this estimate is the installation of a new direct vent on demand Navien tankless hot water heater to replace the existing 40 gallon gas water heater.

This estimate includes all necessary permit fees, gas piping, sheet metal transitions, electrical wiring, thermostats & crane costs.

Note. There may be a 6-8 week wait for the rooftop units.

There is a complete 1 year materials & labor guaranty.

50% due upon acceptance of this proposal and 50% due upon completion of the job.

TOTAL

97,680.00

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Please send a signed copy along with a check to the PO Box above to make a deposit.



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DATE
04/27/2023

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Property Location	Property Location 99 Cedar Street Waltham, MA 02453	0.00
service	After evaluating all of the HVAC equipment and found it to be passed it's useful life. And should be replaced with new high efficiency equipment that is sealed combustion. We will remove and dispose of all existing HVAC equipment. The following equipment to be replaced is two American Standard 7.5 ton roof tops on the roof for the upper level function hall. The lower level/function hall has two Lennox condensing units, furnaces and coils. One system is 4 ton with 80,000 BTU furnace and the other is a 2 ton system with a 40,000btu furnace and also the rear members lounge has a 3 ton American Standard condensing unit with a 60,000 btu furnace and coil. We shall supply and install a new gas fired high efficiency furnace condensing unit and an air exchanger in the first floor rear members lounge. we will also remove and dispose of the existing gas fired 40 gallon water heater and replace it with a new Navien NPE-210A which shall be wall mounted gas fired high efficient water heater. All heating equipment shall be carrier or equivalent. this price includes all necessary labor and materials for a complete operating system	0.00
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