

### FOOD SAFETY IN HOT WEATHER

Warm weather conditions may be ideal for outdoor picnics and barbecues, but they also provide a perfect environment for bacteria and other pathogens in food to multiply rapidly and cause foodborne illness.

Take these steps to reduce your risk:

- ▶ Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling food;
- ▶ Use a food thermometer to ensure that food reaches a safe internal temperature - hamburgers should be cooked to 160°F large cuts of beef may be cooked to 145°F for medium rare or 160°F for medium; poultry must reach 165°F;
- ▶ Do not put cooked food on the plate that held raw food unless it has been washed with hot water and soap first;
- ▶ Do not let food sit out for more than **one** hour in hot weather without it being refrigerated.

### AQUARION CUSTOMERS IN WESTPORT

In an effort to conserve water, Aquarion has announced a mandatory twice weekly sprinkler irrigation schedule in effect through October 31. If the last digit of your address is an even number, you may water Sunday and Wednesday from 12:01 am-10:00 am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight. If the last digit of your address is an odd number, you may water Saturday and Tuesday from 12:01 am-10:00am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight. If you do not have an address number, you may water Sunday and Wednesday from 12:01 am-10:00am, or 6:00 pm – Midnight.

Questions? Call Aquarion Customer Service Center at 1-800-732-9678 during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm).

### DRUG DEACTIVATION KITS

WVHD has a number of drug deactivation kits that it is distributing free of charge. These kits can be used to deactivate up to 45 pills, 6 ounces liquid, or 6 patches (NO syringes). These kits provide a safe way to dispose of excess and expired medications. Ask at the Health District's front desk for your kit.

### CHOLESTEROL AND BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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Screenings include total, LDL, and HDL cholesterol levels, blood sugar, triglyceride levels and blood pressure. With this information, licensed health professionals will help you develop a personal action plan to make heart healthy choices. Fasting is required. The cost for the screening is \$25, cash, check, Mastercard or Visa. Call Loren Pace, RN, at 227-9571, ext. 231, for an appointment.

### THE WESTPORT WESTON WILTON MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

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The Westport Weston Health District is seeking motivated volunteers to join its Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC is a specialized component of the Citizens Corps, and part of a national network of volunteers dedicated to assisting hometown emergency preparedness and response efforts. The MRC stands ready to respond with our community's local officials to public health emergencies (and non-emergencies as well). MRC members receive free training and learn to better prepare themselves and their families for emergency situations. For more information about the MRC see our web site ([www.wwhd.org](http://www.wwhd.org)).

## CLINICS

The following clinics are held at the Health District,  
180 Bayberry Lane, Westport

#### HIV/AIDS COUNSELING AND TESTING CLINIC

##### By Appointment Only

Open to all regardless of age or residence. Anonymous or confidential HIV, STD (chlamydia and gonorrhea) and Hepatitis C testing available. This clinic is free, but a \$10 donation is suggested. Call Loren Pace, RN, at 227-9571, ext. 231, to schedule an appointment.

#### WELLNESS FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

##### By Appointment Only

Blood sugar testing and free blood pressure screening, monitoring, and counseling are offered. TB testing is available for a charge.

#### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

##### By Appointment Only

Routine immunizations and boosters are available for adults and children. Fees payable by cash, personal check, or Mastercard/Visa. Call Loren Pace, RN, at the Health District at 227-9571, ext. 231, to schedule an appointment.

#### TRAVELERS CLINIC

##### By Appointment with the Clinic Physician

Travelers meet with a WWHD physician to review travel itinerary and receive recommended immunizations and prescriptions. Bring records of previous immunizations. Fees payable by cash, personal check or Visa/Mastercard. Call Melissa Romano at 227-9571, ext. 224, to schedule an appointment.

