

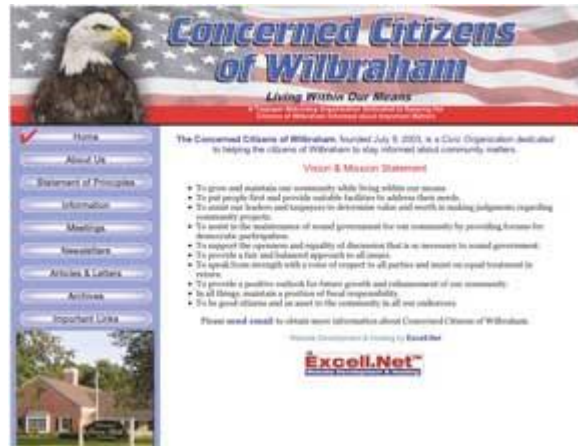
Concerned Citizens Unveil New Website

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WILBRAHAM - Up to date information is the key to any successful organization and the [Concerned Citizens of Wilbraham](#) (CCW) know this. The group recently unveiled a redesigned Web site which should be fully operational early in the new year.

"We're putting it together right now," Patricia Shaw, one of the webmasters from [Excell.Net](#), told Reminder Publications. "The main page of the Web site was finished a couple weeks ago, with Matt Villamaino [a resident of Wilbraham and an employee of The Communications Group] coming up with the graphics and the design."



Patricia and Stan Shaw, also of Excell.Net, joined the CCW shortly after it was formed in July 2003. "We were looking for something to do for them and decided we would like to donate a Web site to the group," Shaw explained. "The original Web site was created in January 2004 and now we're revamping it."

She added the group started with a simple site and that the new site would carry over older information and have new information added to it as it is delivered from Bob Page, one of the more prominent members of the CCW.

"Bob asked us to redesign and it's always good to update," Shaw said. "He wanted a fresh look, something softer."

"With the holidays, our new site is still under construction," Page said. "Our goal with the Web site is to bring information to the people of our community."

He added the site, www.concernedcitizensofwilbraham.org, will be for both existing members of the CCW and town residents alike.

The group currently mails approximately 500 newsletters to members of the CCW every other month and Page hopes with that information on the Web site as well, more Wilbraham citizens will become concerned citizens. Shaw said Page was looking to have the Web site mimic the look of the newsletter. "He wanted continuity," she said.

One of the biggest issues the CCW is currently working with is the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA)'s interest in Minnechaug Regional High School. "As concerned citizens, we're not sure we're ready to invest a lot of money in a building that's only 30 years old," Page said. As the issue is ongoing, updates will be posted on the Web site for viewing purposes.

The CCW meets monthly 10 months out of the year, so the Web site will be an essential tool for all members, according to Page.

Shaw stated that she hopes to have the Web site done by end of January at the latest.

Excell.Net has been in business since 1996, and in addition to designing the CCW's Web site, they also focus on small- to medium-sized business. "We provide affordable, findable and functional Web sites," Shaw explained.