

A Place for Us

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For years now I have heard talk about creating a space for us teens here in Marblehead. Being an adolescent in a small town such as this can get predictable and rather...boring. Marblehead is a beautiful community to live in, but almost all teens, regardless of where they are growing up, can get restless. It's a syndrome. It starts in middle school, where the once seemingly "sophisticated" trips downtown to Terry's start to get repetitive. It proceeds into high school, where upperclassmen are itching to explore the outside world, and where "neck runs" also can get old, believe it or not.

Lucky for us, things are looking up. In addition to the reconstruction of the much missed Warwick Theater, there's a new show coming to town: a teen center. I will admit the term "teen center" made me cringe at first. But don't get the wrong idea, because this teen center can be anything that we teens want it to be. We will have a say in what events we want to do, and what kind of things we want in the center. We can get TV's, video games, pool tables, or maybe a small café! The possibilities are endless. The beauty of it is that this is a teen center, meaning it is run by us, for us.

Right now, the committee for the teen center is full of students who want to make this place fun. Current plans hint at concerts, camping trips, and a March Madness event! Again, this is up to us. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact hangtightmhd@gmail.com, or come to a meeting at the Community Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays (free pizza and soda).