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## Local Election Turns Nasty

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

GEORGETOWN – It's campaign season for towns that elect Boards of Selectmen.

This is usually a hurly burly time on the North Shore when current select board members seek reelection and compete with residents who think they would do a better job governing their town.

This spring, none of the contests seem as contentious as the four-candidate race in Georgetown, who are vying for two SelectBoard seats. The fiery contest, which has its roots in the on-going fight to control the town's Conservation Commission (ConComm), got more heated last week when photos of the private homes of at least five local officials were posted on social media.

The four candidates for the Georgetown SelectBoard are Doug Dawes, Michael Donahue, Bruce Fried and Laura Repplier.

Dawes has served three terms on the SelectBoard and was its chair. Donahue, a member of the Community Preservation Commission, is also running for the School Board. He has also petitioned the SelectBoard to remove Rachel Bancroft from the ConComm. She is also a SelectBoard member.

Fried is vice chair of the Planning Board. Repplier served nine years on the ConComm before the SelectBoard did not reappoint her.

Kevin Wood, who supports Dawes and Donahue for SelectBoard, posted on a community Facebook page photos of homes belonging to SelectBoard members, ConComm members and Planning Board members who support Fried.

One local official, who had her home's photo posted, suggested it was "Stalking."

When contacted by *The Town Common* about why he posted the photos, Wood responded with what he described as a "copyrighted statement" that he maintained must be quoted in full or the newspaper



Photo provided by Caroline Stella *Entering Georgetown*

would be in violation of federal law.

He wrote, "A number of elected officials in Georgetown are displaying 'Bruce Fried for Selectboard' campaign signs on their property in support of his candidacy. I originally reached out to several of my elected officials privately and requested their reaction to Mr. Fried's email. They did not respond to me.

"I then followed up with this request publicly by photographing the signs on their property and posting my query to them on Facebook. I did this to elicit a public respond from my elected officials and illustrate to the Georgetown electorate that their elected officials were at least tacitly supporting hate speech.

"There have been several objections to my posting the photographs and publicizing Mr. Fried's despicable email. There has also been significant outrage from numerous Georgetown citizens that Mr. Fried would write such an email and that our elected officials will not address that."

Fried's email to Dawes last August asked him to provide proof for his statement that many residents have complained about the ConComm. The commission is charged under state and local laws with protecting the town's wetlands.

Wood maintained that Fried's private email to Dawes was "hate speech"

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## Literary Festival Going Strong

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

REGIONAL – This year's Newburyport Literary Festival, which begins on Friday, will be the last time that Victoria Hendrickson, its director, founder and muse, will head the popular event.

She leaves the event that attracts some of the best novelists, writers and poets in a strong position financially and with volunteers who seek to carry on this literary tradition for the North Shore.

"We have good people coming up," Hendrickson said last week.

Now in its 19th year, the festival, which costs about \$45,000 a year to run, is also in good financial health. "We always need money," she said. But support from its sponsors, led by the original founders, the Newburyport Bank and Institution for Savings, continues to be solid.

More than 100 individual donors are listed on its web page, including 20 anonymous contributors.

Each year, the festival showcases in rotation fiction and non-fiction writers, poets and young adult writers. This year, in honor of non-fiction writers, the festival is featuring local historians Bethany Groff Dorau, Dyke Hendrickson and Ghlee E. Woodworth.

"We're proud to honor three local historians at this year's festival," Vicki Hendrickson said. "We are excited to celebrate the people and landscape of our coastal community and surrounding towns with stories that are rich and engaging."

Dorau is the executive director of the Museum of Old Newbury, after 21 years with Historic New England. She is the author of *A Newburyport Marine in World War I: The Life and Legacy of Eben Bradbury* and *A Brief History of Old Newbury* and has won several awards for preservation advocacy and museum leadership. She holds a master's degree in history from the University of Massachusetts.

A 12th-generation Newburyport native, Woodworth created



Photo by the Newburyport Literary Festival *Vicki Hendrickson*

Newburyport's Clipper Heritage Trail, a series of self-guided history tours accessed on the web, in brochures and on smartphones. She is a prolific writer with *Tiptoe Through the Tombstones*, *Oak Hill Cemetery* and *Newburyport Clipper Heritage Trail Volume I and II*.

If you have questions about Newburyport's maritime history, Dyke Hendrickson can answer them. The former journalist recently published his eighth book, *Reclaiming the Merrimack: An Action Plan to Clean the River*. He has also authored books on the Coast Guard, Newburyport's maritime history and on Plum Island. The opening ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m. Friday at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, brings the historians together to tell stories, moderated by former Newburyport Daily News editor Richard K. Lodge.

The event, the only event that costs money, includes a light supper and cash bar at The Grog Restaurant, 13 Middle Street. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at [newburyportliteraryfestival.org](http://newburyportliteraryfestival.org) or by check, made out to the Newburyport Literary Association, Box 268, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Saturday morning begins early at 8:30 a.m. with the popular Breakfast with the Poets at the Central Congregational Church.

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## Police Chief on Medical Leave

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

ROWLEY — While Police Chief Scott Dumas is on medical leave, the SelectBoard has named department veteran Stephen May to head the town's police force temporarily.

Dumas informed Town Administrator Deborah Egan on April 10 that he would be on medical leave. The reason for the medical leave has not been made public. The SelectBoard met the following day in an emergency meeting to follow the chief's recommendation to appoint May.

May retired seven years ago after joining the department in 1988. His last position as executive officer/lieutenant assigned him to supervise all officers and civilian personnel. When the chief was absent, he assumed all of his responsibilities.

Working with his son, Stephen May Jr., he is president of Stephen W. May LLC, his own corporate and municipal training firm. The firm offers a variety of trainings, including police training.

At Tuesday's meeting, chairman Clifford Pierce said May would be paid \$59.33 an hour and receive non-union police officer benefits, including an education stipend. He will be given a uniform and police vehicle immediately.

May returns to the department at a time when the officers have submitted a no-confidence letter in Dumas.

Union president John Raffi said Dumas has created a toxic environment due to a shortage of manpower that has resulted in an unprecedented amount of order-ins and day-off denials.

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Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

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## Rowley Candidates Night

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00PM at the Rowley Library

Candidates running for local office for the Town of Rowley and the Triton Regional School District will be available for public questions about their vision for Rowley's and Triton's future. This event will be recorded for later broadcast on Rowley Community Media.

Hosted by the Friends of the Rowley Public Library. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.

## Georgetown Police Repaint Station Garage with Help from Middle High School Seniors

GEORGETOWN – Chief David Sedgwick shares that Georgetown Police officers and two Georgetown Middle High School seniors worked together to give the station garage a fresh coat of paint.

After the floor was resurfaced in the garage, three Georgetown officers volunteered to help repaint the walls on Feb. 27.

On April 10, Georgetown Middle High School seniors

Isabelle Gondella and Olivia Hiltz were invited to the station to use their artistic abilities to paint the Department patch on the wall.

School Resource Officer (SRO) Taylor Ford selected Gondella and Hiltz because they have previously painted murals at GMHS.

“A huge thank you to our officers who volunteered their time to give the station a much-needed refresh and to the talented Isabelle and Olivia, who did a wonderful job painting our patch,” said Chief Sedgwick. “I explained to them that this would be the last time they could deface a police station and get away with it! We thank them for their excellent work and wish them well after graduation.”



Georgetown Middle High School seniors Isabelle Gondella and Olivia Hiltz painted the Georgetown Police Department patch on the wall of the station's garage. (Photo Courtesy Georgetown Police Department)

## Newbury Fire Department Members Train on Pump Operations

NEWBURY — Chief Dave Evans is pleased to report that members of the Newbury Fire Department received pump training earlier this month at the Byfield Fire Station.

During the day, you may see firefighters stirring at both of the Newbury Fire Department's stations if they're not out performing fire prevention duties, inspections, public education or answering emergency calls.

Chief Evans starts most days in his office

at the Byfield Station, with the full-time duty crews splitting their time between both stations, beginning at 6 a.m. at the Morgan Avenue Station. Both stations are equipped with a full complement of Ambulance and Fire Apparatus. This allows the on-duty crews and call members to utilize both stations for equipment and apparatus based on their locations in the town when an emergency arises.

The Newbury Fire Department consists of 58 members, including seven full-time members, counting the Fire Chief, as well as 51 Call/Per Diem members, and utilizes two stations, the Morgan Avenue Station and Byfield Station on Central Street.

The full time Duty crew splits their time between both stations during the day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., while Call/Per Diem members fill in during the day on call backs and cover overnight emergencies from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The Morgan Avenue Station, which is equipped with bunk rooms, allows for the overnight crew of two members to respond at a moment's notice, while call members respond from their homes to their respective stations when an emergency tone goes out. There are two overnight slots at the Byfield Station as well, only members respond from their homes when toned out.

“Both stations are instrumental in keeping our community safe,”



John Duxbury gives Firefighter Caity Baker a few pointers on the pump panel on Newbury Engine 10 during last Monday's training evolution. (Courtesy Newbury Fire Department)

said Chief Evans.

The most recent training provided at the Byfield Station was facilitated by John Duxbury, a retired Lawrence Fire lieutenant and former Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructor, who provided training to 26 firefighters, working to ensure all members present know how to set the engines into pump gear and work the water pumps.

Newbury firefighters train on the first Monday of each month, with most practical sessions being held at the Byfield Station or at various locations throughout the town.

Next Month, May 5, the Morgan Ave Station will be hosting the MFIRS (Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System) class through the Mass Fire Academy. Members and mutual aid partners will be instructed by Derryl Dion, Research Analyst/MFIRS Manager for the Department of Fire Services.

“We want to have all of our members properly trained on how to operate the pumps in case they need to do so during a working fire,” said Chief Evans. “This training is an invaluable chance to get all of our members up to speed on this important firefighting skill, and to provide practice and muscle memory for members who are already trained on pumps. We place a high value on training here, because the more we train the more ready we are to face the dangers of an actual fire.”

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# Literary Festival

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Come with comfortable shoes as you race from one venue to another to meet and listen to a wide range of biographers, poets, novelists and journalists discuss their work. New this year is Kate's Place, featuring author Kate Bolick in conversation with authors Nicholson Baker, Lucy Sante, Oline Eaton and Annie Weatherwax.

Kate's Place will convene what is being described as a Salon at 3 p.m. Saturday at The Dance Place in the Tannery Marketplace.

Saturday evening will focus on music and a book at the Firehouse with a performance by musical duo Green Heron. Journalist James Sullivan will moderate a conversation between Rounder Records' founders Marian Levy, Ken Irwin and David Manconi, who recently released a book about the founding of their record company, Rounders Records. Beginning at 6:45 p.m., they will discuss their book, *Oh Didn't They Ramble - Rounder Records and the Transformation of American Roots Music*.

Sunday events will be virtual between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. so people from around the world can

enjoy the Newburyport festival.

For a schedule, list of authors and to register for virtual events, visit [newburyportliteraryfestival.org](http://newburyportliteraryfestival.org).

"One of the greatest gifts that we can give our community is to instill a love of books and reading," wrote Michael Jones, president of the Institution for Savings. "The Newburyport Literary Festival does just that by dedicating an entire weekend to celebrate great literature, writers and readers."

Lloyd Hamm, President of the Newburyport Bank, wrote, "The Newburyport Bank, a community bank since 1854, has and will always be committed to supporting community-based initiatives such as the Newburyport Literary Festival, which encourages people of all ages to read."

Official bookstores of the event are Jabberwocky Bookshop and The Book Shop of Beverly Farms. Prior to and during the Festival, The Book Shop of Beverly Farms will donate 10 percent of the proceeds from sales of featured authors' books to BINC (Book Industry Charitable Foundation). To purchase a book, please visit <https://bookshopofbeverlyfarms.com>.

Registration is required for Sunday's virtual events.

# Local Election

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because it referenced Dawes' support for a local minister. Fried disputes that his email could be classified as hate speech.

Wood, who was voted down recently by the SelectBoard to fill a vacancy on the ConComm, argued that Fried's email "should be a disqualifier to hold public office."

"Bruce Fried is a candidate for Georgetown Selectman and elected member of the Planning Board. He wrote the attached email to Selectmen Doug Dawes in August 2023. In my opinion this email constitutes Hate Speech and should be a disqualifier to hold public office."

"I believe that public discussion of public official conduct is imperative to good governance. Those discussions can only further the goals advocated by the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion movement."

Wood has filed numerous complaints with the state Attorney General, accusing town boards, including the ConComm, of violating the state Open Meeting Law. The attorney general has taken no action on these complaints.

# Georgetown Website Devoted to Budget Development, Transparency

GEORGETOWN — The Town of Georgetown has launched a new website devoted to its annual budgeting process, providing a wealth of information so that community members may be more fully informed about the municipal budget process.

The Georgetown Municipal Budget Portal includes a number of easy-to-use features, including:

- A regularly updated calendar of board and commission meetings related to budget development including the Select Board and School Committee, as well as Town Meetings, elections and community information sessions.
- Access to recordings of meetings
- Presentations and documents regarding budget preparation.
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Town, School, Police and Fire budgets.
- A budget calculator that will allow property owners to estimate their tax bills for the coming year's budget.

Community members also may sign up to receive regular email updates on the budget, as well as ask budget questions directly to Georgetown's municipal leaders.

For more information, please visit <https://georgetownbudget.com/>.

Submitted by John Guilfoil Public Relations.

# Ipswich Running Group's Annual Plogging



Ipswich Running Group members Melanie Simard, Charlotte Bednar, Jessica Theriault, John Crespi and Michael Sullivan braved the rain on Saturday (April 20) to pick up trash during their Annual Plogging (picking up litter while jogging) run in honor of Earth Day. The group meets weekly on Saturdays at 9am at Jetties Bagels in Ipswich for a 3 mile run. All paces are welcome to join.

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## Community Forums for Action on City's Climate Resilience

Forums Will Provide Insights into the City's Climate Action Plans and Opportunities for Citizens to Engage in Future Resilience Efforts

NEWBURYPORT – The City of Newburyport Resiliency Committee invites the public to participate in the upcoming “Community Forums for Action.” The forums will be focused on enhancing local understanding of and action against climate risks. There will be four sessions each with the same content.

Mayor Sean Reardon highlights the importance of community involvement in addressing climate change in Newburyport, saying, “Climate change is already affecting Newburyport residents, and we want to give everyone the opportunity to learn more and contribute to our plans for mitigating its impact. We have such an engaged and active community, and I look forward to seeing high participation at these events.”

The forum sessions are scheduled for:

Tues, April 30, 2023, at 6:30 pm – Newburyport Senior/Community Center

Mon, May 6, 2023, at 1:00 pm – PITA Hall, Plum Island

Tues, May 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm – Newburyport Senior/Community Center

Tues, May 21, 2023, at 9:00am – Horton Terrace Community Center, Newburyport

The hands-on, interactive forums will provide participants with insights into Newburyport's climate action plans and offer opportunities to contribute to shaping our city's future resilience strategies. Each event will cover the local impacts of climate change, discuss ongoing and planned projects, and explore how residents can get involved.

Registration is required and there is no cost to participate. Interested participants can register for one of the forums at <https://tinyurl.com/NbptCommunityForums>.

### About the Community Forums for Action

The Community Forums for Action are designed to be interactive and informative, with the goal of making climate resilience a top priority in Newburyport. By involving local citizens, the Resiliency Committee hopes to foster a proactive community atmosphere where ideas and solutions can emerge organically.

“We are at a critical juncture where community involvement is absolutely necessary,” said Jane Healey, the chair of the Newburyport Resiliency Committee. “These forums are a great opportunity for residents to get up to speed on the issues and leave knowing how we all can work toward a more sustainable and resilient future for Newburyport. We hope residents join their neighbors in making a difference.”

The City of Newburyport and the Resiliency Committee are committed to transparent and inclusive processes that empower residents and stakeholders to take meaningful action against the challenges posed by climate change. To learn more about the Resiliency Committee's education and outreach initiative, check out <https://tinyurl.com/NbptCommActionProject>. To receive news from the Resiliency Committee, check Resiliency under “News and Announcements” on the City's subscription page: <https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/subscribe>

To get involved with the resiliency committee or for other inquiries, contact [resilientnewburyport@gmail.com](mailto:resilientnewburyport@gmail.com).

Funding for the forums has been provided by the Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Action Grant.



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## Rowley Water Shares Spring 2024 Flushing Schedule

ROWLEY — The Rowley Water Department would like to share the following information about the Spring 2024 flushing program.

Rowley Water will begin flushing on May 7. Flushing is scheduled to begin from 7-11 p.m.

Flushing will then be conducted Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The schedule is subject to change. Residents may experience low pressure and/or temporary water loss and discoloration during this time. Low water pressure should return to normal after flushing.

Please note: Discoloration should clear within a day or so. Residents should delay washing laundry until the water clears. Do not use bleach to remove stains, as bleach will set stains caused by iron. Rewashing clothes is the best solution in the event of stained clothes.

Flushing is conducted twice a year, in May and October, to help ensure sustained water quality and support the longevity of the system's infrastructure.

Residents who have questions or concerns about the hydrant flushing can call Rowley Water at 978-948-2640.

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Registration is required- space is limited! Sign up at [www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar) or call us at 978-948-2850. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.



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By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

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contributing factors.

With regard to beverages specifically, as described in the JADA article, the main carbohydrate additives to note are sugar, lactose, high-fructose corn syrup, sucrose, fructose, glucose, maltodextrin, and honey. The beverages to watch for containing these are milk – yes milk, flavored milk, 100 percent fruit juice and vegetable juice, soda, juice drinks, sports drinks, flavored water, flavored tea and coffee, energy drinks, smoothies, and nutritional supplements.

People usually consume multiple beverages daily. As I have described in past columns, one of the worst things you can do is to drink these kinds of beverages slowly throughout the day. Constant introduction of carbohydrates over a prolonged period feed bacteria and never allow the saliva to neutralize the oral environment. If you have decreased salivary production, this makes the situation much worse.

Here is a list of recommendations as stated in the JADA article:

1. Consume these types of beverages at meals only
2. Limit these types of beverages to once per day and to 12 ounces
3. Consume these beverages within a 15-minute time frame

4. Using a straw is preferable
5. Replace these sugary beverages with artificially sweetened or unsweetened beverages. \*\* I would add to that preferably non-carbonated
6. Brush teeth with fluoridated toothpaste 20 minutes after intake
7. Chew sugar free gum immediately after intake
8. Rinse mouth with water immediately after intake

Dental decay is preventable. Following the guidelines above, and practicing good oral hygiene can prevent the most common reasons for decay. It is important to note that most people have plenty of room for improvement with their oral hygiene. Brush your teeth right before your next dental appointment and then ask your hygienist or dentist to assess how well you are doing at plaque removal. You may be surprised at what you're missing.

*Dr. St. Clair maintains a private dental practice in Rowley dedicated to health-centered family dentistry. He has a special interest in treating snoring, sleep apnea and TMJ problems. If there are certain topics you would like to see written about or questions you have please email them to him at jpstclair@stclairdmd.com*

Dental caries (cavities, decay) is still very prevalent in today's society. There are many factors that contribute to dental decay. In addition, there are some people who are more susceptible to decay than others. In a recent article in the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA), sugar-sweetened beverages, one of the main culprits for dental decay, was discussed.

Dental decay is a multifactorial disease characterized as an infectious process during which carbohydrates are fermented by specific oral bacteria at the tooth surface. This results in acid production and enamel breakdown. It should be noted that the beverages described in this column are not the only things that lead to dental decay. Anything rich in carbohydrates or with high acidity can lead to decay. In addition, the right bacteria, genetics, insufficient home care, and salivary flow are all

## Pentucket Schools Open Registration Learning Collaborative

WEST NEWBURY – The Pentucket Regional School District has opened registration for the 2024 Pentucket Learning Collaborative, <https://sites.google.com/prsd.org/pentucketlearningcollaborative>, a selection of classes geared toward adults and people of all ages.

Classes run from May 1-29, and are held on Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. at Pentucket Regional Middle High School. Offerings include Art Studio, Culinary 101, Conversational Spanish, and Digital Literacy for Caregivers. Childcare is available.

Taught by educators in the Pentucket District, the classes aim to equip learners with skills or knowledge to aid in everyday life.

“Our classes are a collaborative in the truest sense of the idea,” Pentucket Schools Executive Director of Operations Jonathan Seymour said. “We’ve known for a while that creating communities where people of different generations can share experiences can lead to positive learning outcomes. We’re excited to present this opportunity.”

Over five weeks, students can master skills or knowledge in everything from food preparation and greetings in Spanish, to social media etiquette, painting and illustration, and caring for school-age children.

“It’s never too late in life to grow personally,” said Pentucket Superintendent Dr. Justin Bartholomew. “Our message to the community is loud and simple: if you’ve ever wanted to know the basics of another language or how to better to protect yourself online, take up one of our multi-generational offerings.”

Those interested in the collaborative can find out more on the website- <https://sites.google.com/prsd.org/pentucketlearningcollaborative>, and can register by contacting Visual Arts Teacher Marcia Nadeau on [nadeau@prsd.org](mailto:nadeau@prsd.org).

## Hampton United Methodist Church Hosts Spring Rummage Sale

Hampton, NH -The Hampton United Methodist Church, 525 Lafayette Road (Rt. 1), Hampton, will hold its Annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 4th from 8:30am – 2:00pm - Masks optional.

There will be spring and summer clothing, toys, books, games, furniture, shoes, small appliances, and household items for sale at very reasonable prices. Get great bargains and help church's mission projects in the community. All proceeds support community missions: Seacoast Family Promise, St. Vincent's Community Kitchen, Families First, Operation Blessing, Crossroads House, Haven, Gather, and more!

Hampton United Methodist Church (HUMC) is proud of the vital role it plays in the community. Its outreach and mission work extends throughout the Seacoast and beyond. Locally, it provides space for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Al-Anon meetings, as well as Meals on Wheels, and its food pantry is open every Wednesday. HUMC is also an active partner with Seacoast Family Promise, a non-profit agency that helps in guiding families who are experiencing homelessness toward stabilized housing.

All are welcome to worship at the church at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. As is the tradition in the United Methodist Church, holy communion is held on the first Sunday of each month. HUMC also offers a youth Sunday School program and nursery care.

For more information, contact the church office at 603-926-2702.



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