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## City of Newburyport Reports Non-Human Case of West Nile Virus

**NEWBURYPORT** – The state Department of Public Health informed the City of Newburyport last week that there has been a confirmed case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in the community. This was a non-human case.

The City's risk status remains as moderate.

To protect against mosquito bites, the City recommends the following tips:

**Avoid Mosquito Bites – Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening, after 6 p.m., or early morning. Otherwise, take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing. Mosquitoes can be active during daylight hours when the temperatures are cool.

**Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites.** Although it may be difficult to do when it is hot, wearing long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

**Apply Insect Repellent When You Go Outdoors.** Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), or oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under 2 months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under 3 years of age.

**Mosquito-Proof Your Home – Drain Standing Water.** Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or getting rid of items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Some

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## SAVE THE DATE

1st Annual  
Celebration of  
The Pink House  
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June 14 2025  
for the 100th BIRTHDAY

## Celebrate the Pink House's 100th

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**ON THE ROAD TO PLUM ISLAND** – If you are pink and popular with humans of all ages who love to look at you, paint and photograph you as well as with many types of birds, including Osprey, which enjoy sitting on your chimney and roof, how would you like to celebrate your 100th birthday?

That is what the Supporters of the Pink House (STPH) is asking the house's legions of fans. Whether the house is still standing overlooking the marsh or if it has been moved to another site, the not-for-profit organization is planning to celebrate on June 14, 2025, the house that Gertrude Cutter built.

"We can't erase that history," said Sandy Tilton, a STPH board member last week. "The Pink House is part of the community. That's never going away."

The federal Fish & Wildlife Service, which owns the Pink House, is trying to sell it or trade it for other land that the agency believes will fit better with its wildlife protection mission. The Pink House has been declared a surplus asset by the Government Services Administration, which has tried to auction off the house.

For the last few weeks, the F&WS has offered potential buyers tours of the house in hopes that someone will want to buy it and move it to another site.

So far, there appears to be no takers, and the auction has officially ended, although Matt Hillman, the director of the Parker River Wildlife Refuge, which controls the

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Georgetown students entering Grade 5 gear up for the Essex County Day Program. (Photo Courtesy Georgetown Police)

## Georgetown Police Department Partners with Essex County Day Program to Send Over 30 Students to Camp

**GEORGETOWN** – Police Chief David Sedgwick is pleased to share that the Georgetown Police Department recently participated in the Essex County Day Program.

Georgetown Police recruited roughly 32 students entering Grade 5 to attend the Essex County Day Program, a summer camp run by the Essex County District Attorney's Office.

The free program was held in two sessions from July 22 to July 26 and July 29 to Aug. 2, at Higgins Middle School in Peabody, and students from across Essex County were eligible to attend.

The goal of the program is to educate students entering Grade 5 about anti-drug and violence lessons, anti-bullying, decision-making, and team building. During the program, students participated in team-building activities and presentations about making responsible decisions. Students also had the opportunity to take field trips to the Boston Aquarium and go bowling, and explore other interactive activities including a reptile showcase, a K9 demonstration, a firehose demonstration, and more.

The program concluded with a graduation ceremony for all participants.

Georgetown students were accompanied by School Resource Officer Taylor Ford and Peer Leaders Olivia Hiltz, a Georgetown Middle High School graduate attending

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School Resource Officer Taylor Ford holds Fluffy the alligator during the Essex County Day Program, courtesy of Rainforest Reptile Show. (Photo Courtesy Georgetown Police)

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Marc Maravalli, B.S., R.Ph. Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

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The Town Common encourages all citizens to submit letters concerning issues of interest and concern to the local community.

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All letters must be signed and include a daytime telephone number.

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In loving memory of

Liz Ichizawa, '04-05 Reporter (1956 - 2005)  
Jim Wilson, '20-22 Publisher/Editor (1954-2022)

## Jonathan David Allen Harris



Jonathan David Allen Harris, 72, of Rowley, MA, passed away at home on Sunday, August 11, 2024. He was the husband of Jacyn D. Stultz.

He was born on May 13, 1952, son of the late Bernard Harris and Sadye (Cohen) Harris.

Jonathan was a graduate of University of New Hampshire, University of Chicago, and Harvard Divinity School.

He was employed in sales and marketing in the telecommunications industry.

His passions included: history and reading, rock and ice climbing, music, his animals, and cigars.

Besides his wife, he is survived by brother, Michael Harris, (Andrea), nephew, Father David Harris, of St. Christopher's Catholic Church, Nashua New Hampshire; nieces, Elizabeth Harris Shesky (Craig), New York City, Michele Helland, Colorado, and great-nephew, Matthew Brown, Texas; great-niece, Bryce Van Calligan, Wisconsin; special extended families; Brenda and Bob Werhane and family, Illinois, and Kathy and Alan Carda, and family, Minnesota.

Calling hours were held at the F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, Rowley, Burial took place Rowley Burial Ground.

To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.fsrobertsandson.com.

-Arrangements entrusted to F. S. Roberts Son Funeral Home.

### Rockport Chamber Music Festival Annex Series

Pianist George Li will perform with the Borromeo Quartet and violist Barry Shiffman at the Shalin Liu Performance Center at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 25. He replaces pianist David Deveau, who was scheduled to perform as part of the Rockport Chamber Music Festival Annex series.

Deveau cited medical reasons as to why he is unable to perform. Ticket buyers have been notified of the change and informed of their options.

"I am incredibly appreciative that George Li, who has performed in the Festival several times, is able to perform in my place," Deveau wrote in a message to ticketholders. "I know you will enjoy the performance!"

Li, silver medalist in the 2015 International Tchaikovsky Competition and winner of the prestigious XIV Concours International Grand Prix Animato 2014 Paris, is regarded as one of the world's most talented and creative young pianists. His astonishing technique, distinctive tonal quality and exceptional musicality have earned him consistent critical acclaim (New York Times, Washington Post, International Piano Magazine, Toronto Star, The Boston Phoenix, The Boston Music Intelligencer) and enthusiastic audience response worldwide for his solo recitals, orchestral collaborations and chamber music performances. George won third prize in the 2015 U.S. Chopin Competition, and second prize in the 2014 Vendome Prize. In 2012, he received the prestigious Gilmore Young Artist Award, becoming its youngest recipient. His August 25 program includes Bach's Prelude & Fugue in E-flat minor, Well-Tempered Clavier I, BWV 853, arr. N. Kitchen; Mozart's String Quintet in G minor, K.516; and Brahms' Piano Quartet No. 2 in A Major, Op. 26.

All performances are held at Rockport Music's Shalin Liu Performance Center at 37 Main Street, Rockport, MA 01966. Visit our website at rockportmusic.org for the full schedule and more details. The Box Office is open Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm at 978.546.7391.

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The Gloucester Fire Department extinguished a working fire at 57 Holly Street (Courtesy Gloucester Fire Department)

### Gloucester Fire Department Extinguishes Structure Fire

GLoucester – Fire Chief Eric Smith reports that on Friday August 16, at approximately 3:29 p.m., the Gloucester Fire Department was called to 57 Holly St. for a report of a structure fire.

Companies arrived to find fire showing from a window, and quickly stretched a hose line into the home to knock down the fire by about 3:45 p.m. There were no reported injuries.

The family that lives in the home will be displaced.

Firefighters from Rockport covered Gloucester stations while companies battled the fire, and Beauport Ambulance was on standby in the area. The Rehab 5 truck also provided support at the scene.

The cause of the fire will be investigated by the Gloucester Fire Department.



A pickup truck drifts several yards offshore in the Merrimack River after it drove into the water at the boat ramp near Bridge and Church streets on Sunday night. (Courtesy West Newbury Fire and Police Departments)

### West Newbury Police and Fire Departments Respond to Vehicle Into Water

WEST NEWBURY – Chief Michael Dwyer reports that the West Newbury Police and Fire Departments responded Sunday night when a pickup truck drove into the Merrimack River at a boat ramp.

On Sunday, Aug. 11, at approximately 10:39 p.m., the West Newbury Police and Fire Departments were called to the boat ramp at Church and Bridge streets for a report of a truck that drove into the water. The truck's driver was reportedly out of the vehicle at the time.

A preliminary investigation determined that the truck's driver parked at the boat ramp and forgot to put his vehicle into park before exiting it. The vehicle then entered the water and drifted several yards offshore.

The West Newbury Police and Fire Departments were assisted at the scene by Merrimac Police, the West Newbury Harbormaster, the Haverhill Harbormaster, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Beverly Dive Team.

There were no reported injuries.

### Ipswich Museum Brown Bag Talk and Tour!

At 6:00 pm on Saturday, August 31, 2024, the people of Ipswich will gather at the Ipswich Museum at 54 South Main St. to celebrate and reenact the Marquis de Lafayette's visit to our town on August 31, 1824.

In 1823, General Lafayette received an invitation from President James Monroe to come to the United States in celebration of the nation's first half-century. When the citizens of Ipswich heard with "unfeigned pleasure" that "the undeviating defender of rational freedom and the rights of man, the illustrious friend of America" would be passing through our area, the town issued a proclamation that read, "We view his exalted character with profound respect and are desirous of manifesting our heartfelt gratitude and attachment to him and ardently hope he will honor this town with his presence."

On August 31, 1824, the town prepared the most elaborate tribute Ipswich had ever paid to a visitor. Veterans of the Revolution lined the streets, flags were posted along the roads and a decorative arch spanned the Choate Bridge. A cannon was provided for the salute. Musicians, guards, a horse troop, and the Denison Light Infantry were assigned to escort the General, and an elaborate banquet was planned at Treadwell's Inn.

# Gloucester, Ipswich, Newburyport, Salisbury, and Topsfield Receive Money from State's Bonding Bill

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

**REGIONAL** – Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, successfully pushed through six amendments aimed at boosting local projects in the Affordable Homes Act, recently signed into law by Gov. Maura Healey.

This new law and its associated programs are designed to help create, maintain and restore more than 65,000 homes across the state in the next five years.

To lock in these funds, Healey needs to authorize the expenditure of funds approved in the bond bill.

"The ongoing shortage of housing in Massachusetts is a serious problem, and one that communities and organizations in our region are working diligently to address," Tarr said. "These earmarks create the potential for meaningful and increased partnership between state government and those working locally to create housing and the infrastructure to support it."

The new law allows for \$5.16 billion to be spent over the next five years to tackle increasing housing costs and the ongoing housing shortage in the state. Six of Tarr's amendments made it through the Senate and were part of the final bill. They include:

Amendment #19: \$1 million for Tarr's home city of Gloucester for workforce development and affordable housing purposes

Amendment #22: \$3 million for planning and design of water infrastructure interconnections between municipalities and other public water suppliers in the Ipswich River watershed to support current and future housing

stocks.

Amendment #97: \$2 million for infrastructure improvement to facilitate housing production along the Rte. 1 corridor between Topsfield and Salisbury.

Amendment #99: \$500,000 for the city of Newburyport for the development of housing at the former Brown school located at 40 Milk Street.

Amendment #100: \$500,000 for Housing Support Inc. in Newburyport for the creation of housing to support low-income individuals, homeless individuals, people with disabilities, veterans and individuals in recovery in the Merrimack Valley.

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## Sequel to Debut Equestrian Novel

**MERRIMACK** – Local Author Jean MacDougall-Tattan's second novel, *Because of Biz*, is now available at Barnes & Noble, Bookshop.org, Amazon.com, and other online booksellers. The novel is the sequel to her debut novel, *Biz's Journey Home*, which was released in September of last year.

Both novels, which take place in rural northeastern Massachusetts, are about love, loss, grief, spirituality, resiliency, and how the strong bond between humans and horses can heal. "It takes love, kindness, the building blocks of trust, to foster the partnership that leads to the true magic of horse ownership," said MacDougall-Tattan, an Andover native now living in Merrimack. "I use the term 'horse ownership' loosely because I don't believe we ever really own another living thing – but they are in our care and how we care for them is what makes all the difference."

The books, traditionally published by All Things That Matter Press, are written for the young adult and women's fiction markets. They bring readers deep into the lives of Carol and Jill Ainsley, who lost their husband and father, Logan, years before, after he'd built a barn so young Jill could get a horse and keep it at home. Following his death, Biz, the image of the horse Logan envisioned, waiting in the paddock for Jill to come home from school, enters their lives desperately in need of someone to love him. Is it a coincidence or a gift?

When Carol and Jill bring Biz into their hearts, they have no idea how much he will rescue them from their grief and help rebuild their lives. The first book begins when Jill is twelve years old and ends at the beginning of her senior year in high school. The sequel takes readers through her senior year — a time of great transformation and new beginnings.

MacDougall-Tattan, former editor of *The Haverhill Gazette*, will celebrate the release of her second novel at The Purple Couch Bookshop in North Andover on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 1 pm. For more information or to register, please call the bookshop at 978-557-2187.

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# Huge, 500-Tons/Day Mello Trash Transfer Station Approved

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**GEORGETOWN** – The multi-year fight over a large trash transfer station here may be coming to an end. The Planning Board voted last week five to zero to approve a revised set of conditions for the station that had been negotiated between the board and Mello.

The prospect that the station could be built soon seems to have rekindled the opposition of some residents to the station that would start with 250 tons per day and grow to 500 tons per day in several years.

Planning Board vice chair Bob Watt proposed to postpone the vote until the board's next meeting to give members time to review the negotiated changes, but dropped the effort when chair Harry LaCortiglia pointed out the board has two weeks to review the modified order and sign it – or not.

LaCortiglia said he would understand if

some board members did not attach their names to this controversial decision.

"The construction of the Mello 500-ton transfer station and reconstruction of Carleton drive is set to begin in the coming months," an opponent Michael Birmingham wrote to other opponents.

In the negotiations, both the town and Mello won some concessions. The town won a fight over whether Mello can be issued an occupancy permit for the station if his company has not reimbursed the town for the cost of rebuilding the narrow, deteriorating Carleton Drive. Mello, who has pledged to pay for the road work, agreed the building inspector can stop operation of the transfer station if the town has not been fully reimbursed.

In the revised conditions, Mello does not have to hire a police detail for four months to manage traffic from additional trucks turning in and out of the intersection at Carleton Drive. The requirement was reduced to 60 days, 30 consecutive days

during the first month of operations, followed by four, five-day weeks if Police Chief David Sedgewick says it is needed.

In the past when he was chief, Donald Cudmore expressed concern that the department might not have enough officers to staff the detail at Carleton Drive.

"Given I only have 13 full-time officers (2 of which are reserve officers) this just would not be feasible given the size of the department as well as the interest needed to participate. Given the climate in policing, I would defer such enforcement action to the State Police as necessary. It is also cost prohibitive in my opinion at this time," Cudmore wrote.

The State Police offers a limited training course for commercial truck enforcement. "A team of four officers would be needed to create an Enforcement Team for commercial truck traffic," Cudmore wrote.

The training at the New Braintree State Police Academy is a two-week basic class and a specialized two-week training module. A 32-hour observation time with an active team is then the final requisite to become certified, Cudmore wrote.

The challenge is the narrow entrance to Carleton Drive for large commercial



The intersection at Carleton Drive and Rte. 133 (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

trucks turning on and off of Rte. 133. Birmingham pointed out that the Board of Health had requested that the entrance to Carleton Drive be widened, if feasible.

The turn from State Rte. 133 "has been documented as unmanageable for large trucks with vehicles in the exiting lane," Birmingham wrote. Widening the intersection "is not legally feasible since residential property abuts the west side and Rowley state forest abuts the east side."

The town, he wrote, may have to take some land from the state forest.

Birmingham urged Georgetown's state legislators to "closely monitor" the road rebuilding and construction of the transfer station.

The Conservation Commission, which was ordered by the state land court to approve reasonable conditions for the station, has its hands tied, said vice chair Rachel Bancroft.

The Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco has told the SelectBoard he is preparing a host agreement for the station, which would require Mello to pay the town a fee for operation of the station.

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## Contention in the Commons with Gordon Harris

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30PM at the Rowley Public Library

A remnant of our Colonial roots in Massachusetts is the word "Commonwealth," the principle that a political community must act for the common good, with power vested in the citizenry. In the commons, the early Massachusetts town adopted English institutions of land management that often predated their own experience in the mother country, reproducing medieval systems whose roots dated back several centuries, but this system didn't last long here. Local historian Gordon Harris will talk about the history of our Commons system here in America and why it changed.

Registration is appreciated but not required. Visit [www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar) or call 978-948-2850 to sign up today. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.

## Rowley Democratic Town Committee

The Rowley Democratic Town Committee will meet Thursday, August 22 at 7 pm at the Rowley Public Library. The Rowley DTC provides a forum to meet like-minded people, learn about local issues and candidates, and be active participants in the political process. For any questions about our meetings or to be added to our monthly newsletter please check out our website at [www.rowleydemocrats.org](http://www.rowleydemocrats.org).

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## Pink House Future?

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Pink House, has reportedly described the closing of the auction as "soft."

That means if an offer comes in over the next few weeks, it will be considered.

If no solution presents itself, the government could demolish the Pink House at a cost estimated at \$90,000. That could happen anytime, according to Rochelle Joseph, the STPH president. But she hopes the F&WS will wait until this winter after the birds' nesting and breeding season is over and the humans are painting or photographing it less.

Tilton hopes the F&WS will change its mind and leave the house where it is. "Everything is changing. Why can't the Fish and Wildlife Service change? It's their choice."

STPH also continues to search for a solution to the future of the Pink House and believes it has identified at least one good possibility, Joseph said. The government agency cannot sell the Pink House. It can only trade it for land the F&WS would like to have.

The STPH has a potential buyer if a land trade can be worked out.

"While we continue to work on solutions as long as The Pink House is standing, whatever the future holds, The Pink House is an integral part of our identity. It is indelibly woven into the fabric and culture of this community -- it's many businesses, our fundraisers, tourism, artists," the group's blog states.

"We want the community to have a hand in the creation of the (100th Birthday) celebration," Joseph wrote on the group's website. She invited all who love the Pink House to send their ideas for a celebration to [info@supportthepinkhouse.com](mailto:info@supportthepinkhouse.com).

"We're going to need your help to make it happen! If you would like to volunteer to chair or be on a committee to organize (the 100th birthday party), or donate art, food or beverages, or pitch

in as an extra pair of hands as needed, all are wonderful. Stay tuned for more in the coming months!" Joseph wrote.

Tilton said of holding the first Pink House Day, "Hopefully we are starting something that will be everlasting. The legend and the story will live on."

## Camp

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Bryant University this fall, and GMHS junior Mia Girard. Georgetown Police also partnered with NRT Bus company to provide transportation for students.

Other communities that participated in the program included Peabody, Ipswich, Gloucester, Marblehead, Beverly, Danvers, Salem, Lynnfield, Lynn, Saugus, and Swampscott.

The Essex County Day Program has run for about 27 years. This is the first year Georgetown has participated. The program was open to any student entering Grade 5, with each community being allocated 10 to 15 spots per session.

"This program was a great opportunity for Georgetown students entering fifth-grade to learn more about making responsible decisions, working as a team, and respecting their peers. Students were also able to foster relationships between peers and get to know the officers within their communities," said Chief Sedgewick. "I would like to thank the Essex County DA's Office for allowing us to participate in this program."

## Mosquito Alert

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mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by having tightly fitted screens on all windows and doors.

To stay up to date with information about positive cases of EEE or WNV and assess risk levels in the community, visit the Massachusetts Department of Health & Social Services.

# Health & Wellness

## Brighter Smiles...AREN'T ALL DENTISTS THE SAME?



By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

No two dental practices are alike! Each takes on the characteristics of the practitioner and the supporting team. Every office/patient interaction is the key to how that office "feels" when you walk in the door. Some practices may feel "clinical and efficient", while others feel somewhat more home spun and laid back. This approach is often reflected in the office's treatment preferences as well. I would hope that all dentists suggest what they feel to be the very best plan for any given patient....and present any reasonable options. The differences between the treatment suggested by one dentist and that of another reflects that dentist's preferences based on his or

her experience. Thus, differing treatment plans do not necessarily reflect any deficiency in either dentist's judgment.

I presented a complex case situation to a group of 15 dentists this past week. Even among this group of like-minded dentists, there were many different opinions as to how to approach this patient's care. Some dentists said they would not do anything, while others offered very sophisticated treatment plans.

It is important to remember that there are numerous ways to treat the same situation, and it is always important for the dentist to tailor the treatment plan for each patient's specific circumstances. A major part of those circumstances may be financial, and since different treatment plans can vary a great deal in cost, it is helpful if the dentist takes the patient's ability to pay into account.

Think of treatment plans like various models of cars at dealerships. All of the models are new, have warranties and will work well out of the lot. The higher end models, however, have some advantages not found in the less expensive models. Some options add years to the life of the car. Some add to the appearance and enjoyment of driving it.

Dental treatment plans are like that too. Saving a badly damaged tooth with a root canal and a crown will preserve it for a long time, but it is a larger investment than the alternative extraction. Replacing a missing tooth may be done with an implant or fixed bridge (not removable), or a removable

partial denture. One is a larger investment than another. The implant, for example, provides a more natural solution, but requires a higher level of care. A dentist should be able to explain the advantages and disadvantages of the various options, and allow the patient to make the decision.

All dentists who have graduated from an accredited dental school should be technically competent to perform any procedure that they personally feel comfortable with. But it is important to remember that each one is an individual, and no two dentists can perform exactly the same technical procedure in exactly the same way.

As a patient, you have no way to be able to judge the quality of the clinical treatment performed. Did it hurt? Does it look and feel good? Do I feel the investment was worth it? Those are the parameters most patients use to assess success. This starts with the trust in the dentist/patient relationship.

Over the years, I have developed a deep respect for those who practice dentistry. Many of my colleagues have impressed me with their technical abilities, and others with their communication skills. There are many great provider options for patients to choose from.

*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 [ipstclair@stclairdmd.com](mailto:ipstclair@stclairdmd.com)*

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Market Street Baptist Church, 37 Market Street Amesbury led by Rev. Michael John, Pastor offers Sunday worship service at 10:00 am followed by a coffee hour. An elevator to the sanctuary is provided.

Worship can be watched on: ACT12 (Thursdays at 4:30 pm & Fridays at 9:00 am); Port Media TV8 (Sundays at 8:00 am).

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You are hereby notified that a **Public Hearing** will be held via Zoom videoconference on Thursday September 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time when posted for the **Abbreviated Notice of Intent** by applicant: **Ronald Cooper** for the property located at: **335B Middleton Road, Map 42, Block 1, Lot 16.1, to construct an addition and decks in the front and rear of the existing house, portions of which are within 100-feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.**

The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Boxford website prior to the meeting. This is a joint hearing under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. For more information, contact Ross Povenmire at [rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us](mailto:rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us).

For the Commission, Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

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### TOWN OF BOXFORD PLANNING BOARD AND TREE WARDEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREE & SCENIC ROADS ACT

The Boxford Planning Board and the Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, Sections 3 & 4 (Removal of Public Shade Trees) & Chapter 40, Section 15C (Scenic Roads Act) to consider the **removal approximately 20 feet of stone wall and the removal of two trees at 28 Lawrence Road in Boxford.**

Said hearing will be held via Zoom teleconference on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM. The Zoom information will be available on the Town of Boxford webpage calendar several days prior to the hearing, or can be requested from [rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us](mailto:rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us).

For the Planning Board and the Tree Warden, Ross Povenmire

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### LEGAL NOTICE ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Town of Rowley Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Bylaw, as amended, a remote **Public Hearing** will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 8:00 PM, to consider a Stormwater Management Permit application filed by Turtle Crossing LLC for proposed construction of a Definitive Subdivision and an OSRD Subdivision roadway and sidewalks with drainage facilities and associated clearing and grading, utilities, turtle crossings and barriers, retaining walls, trails and observation platform at land off **Newbury Rd** (Map 1, Parcels 21 and 22), Newbury Rd (Map 6, Parcel 13) and 248 Newbury Rd (Map 1, Parcel 20) in Rowley, MA. Total site disturbance is approximately 150,397 sq. ft. (3.45 acres).

Daniel R. Shinnick, Chairman  
Rowley Conservation Commission

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In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote **Public Hearing** will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 7:45 PM to consider a Notice of Intent application filed by Turtle Crossing LLC for proposed construction of an OSRD Subdivision roadway and sidewalks with drainage facilities and associated clearing and grading, utilities, turtle crossings and barriers, retaining walls, trails and observation platform within in 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, 100' Vernal Pool Habitat and Priority and Estimated Habitat of Rare Wetlands Wildlife at land off Newbury Rd (Map 1, Parcels 21 and 22), Newbury Rd (Map 6, Parcel 13) and 248 Newbury Rd (Map 1, Parcel 20) in Rowley, MA.

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### LEGAL NOTICE ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote **Public Hearing** will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 7:30 PM to consider a Notice of Intent application filed by Gary MacCausland for proposed construction of a patio, associated walkways, repaving of existing driveway and a subsurface stone drainage trench to manage stormwater with restoration of impacted Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (2200 sq. ft.) and 100' Buffer Zone to BVW at **169 and 175 Glen Street** (Map 20, Parcel 17, Lot 6 & 6-1) in Rowley, MA.

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