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Richard Burke Jones' painting of the 1941 Newburyport High School graduation. Frank Cousins Sr. is at the rear. (Photo provided by Richard Burke Jones)

Newburyport History | By Himself, But Not Alone

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Gertrude “Trudy” Woodard, the mother of a family that included folksinger James Taylor, sang from the stage before joining the line of students to accept her diploma in the 1941 graduation ceremony at Newburyport High School.

During the ceremony, she witnessed an incident of racial discrimination that influenced her life and the lives of several of her classmates.

The incident, which *The Town Common* wrote about three years ago, is now the subject of a new painting by local artist, City Clerk Richard Burke Jones.

The painting depicts the graduating class walking in a procession to accept their diplomas from Dr. Rupert Nock, a 30-year-old, first-year principal, who would have the

middle school named for him.

At the request of the then-Mayor James Carens, Nock moved Frank Cousins, the only African American student in the class, to the rear of the line to walk alone. According to a classmate, who was traumatized by the event, it was Ruth Carens, the mayor's daughter, who asked her father to have Cousins moved to the rear. He was supposed to walk next to her, near the front of the line.

Jones' painting, which he unveiled recently, depicts Nock handing out the diplomas to the graduating class that included Ruth Carens at the front of the line and Trudy Woodard behind her, wearing a white bow in her hair. Also portrayed are Norman “Normie” Wells, looking back at Cousins, and Cousins himself walking alone at the rear.

“When it was time for the graduates to line up, my father was told he could not line up with graduates whose names began with the letter C,” Cousins' son and namesake, Frank Cousins, Jr., said publicly in a sermon four years ago at the First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist Church in honor of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Instead, he had to walk alone,” the younger Cousins said.

Jones, an accomplished painter who is well-known for painting scenes of the Newburyport area, decided to paint the Cousins' incident after attending the unveiling of a new informational plaque by the Newburyport Black Initiative in the city's Brown Square. The plaque, which celebrated African-American soldiers and

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Featured Speaker: Lizbeth Heyer, President 2Life Communities

Greater Newburyport YWCA Annual Engaging Communities Luncheon

April 16, at Mission Oak

NEWBURYPORT – Lizbeth Heyer will be the featured speaker at the YWCA Greater Newburyport annual Engaging Communities Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm at Mission Oak Grill, 26 Green Street in Newburyport.

Lizbeth Heyer, President 2Life Communities will highlight how they have successfully worked with lower income households to help them in “Age in Community.” Lizbeth brings more than 35 years of non-profit and public sector experience in affordable housing development, planning, policy and advocacy.

“As we prepare to open our first senior housing program, YWCA Residences at Ingalls Court in Methuen, we hope you

will join us for an informal luncheon filled with purpose and community spirit” says Executive Director, John Feehan.

“We will also honor Dr. Annmary Connor, Executive Director, Amesbury Housing Authority, as this year's Community Champion in recognition of her dedication to expanding affordable housing and supporting our most vulnerable community members.”

Lunch and cash bar will be available. Tickets may be purchased on line on the YWCA Greater Newburyport website: www.YWCAnewburyport.org

YWCA Greater Newburyport is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, dignity and freedom for all. ♦

Georgetown Candidate's Forum - Monday April 28

GEORGETOWN – *The Town Common* invites all contested and uncontested candidates for the May 12, 2025 election to kindly participate in a televised forum on Monday, April 28 from 7 :00 P.M. (sharp) to 8:30 P.M. The event will take place in the third floor meeting room at Georgetown Town Hall.

Each uncontested candidate who chooses to participate will be asked to provide a three-minute summary of why they are running for office and share any priorities for the

coming year/years.

In addition to a three-minute closing statement, candidates for the contested race for Housing Authority will be asked three questions:

Question #1: Share with us what you see as the priorities of your position.

Question #2: What can you provide for Georgetown residents?

Question #3: What changes do you see for the housing authority and the residents?

In addition to a three-minute closing

statement, candidates for the contested race for Select Board will be asked three questions:

Question #1: Share with us what you see as the priorities of your position.

Question #2: Share with the voters your thoughts on town spending.

Question #3: Why are you running?

The *Town Common's* Senior Reporter Stewart Lytle will be addressing the candidates and seeking any clarifications should such a need arise. Lonnie Brennan will serve as time

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Groveland Eradicates Lead in Water System

GROVELAND – Superintendent Colin Stokes and the Groveland Water and Sewer Department provided the following update on efforts to identify and eradicate any remaining lead service water lines owned by residents and businesses in town.

As a result of this ongoing effort, zero new lead lines have been discovered, and the Groveland Water and Sewer Department is now confident that few, if any, lead service lines remain in town. If the results hold, it will cap an effort that began in the

1980s when the installation of new Lead was banned.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires municipal water departments to identify materials used in water service lines, which are the pipes owned by the property owner that bring water from the street into a home or business. Through its aggressive efforts, Groveland identified approximately 1,158 service lines whose makeup material was unknown.

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Boxford Stiles Pond Athletics Partnership

BOXFORD – The Town of Boxford and the Boxford Athletic Association (BAA) are pleased to announce a partnership to staff and operate Stiles Pond Beach for the upcoming 2025 season.

For decades, Stiles Pond Beach has been a beloved summer destination for residents and families, thanks in large part to the dedicated volunteer leadership of the BAA. Under this new operational model, the Town of Boxford – through its Recreation Committee – will take on oversight of beach operations. This transition includes the hiring of a paid

Beach Director, who will be responsible for day-to-day operations, including scheduling lifeguards and managing the snack shack.

“The Town greatly appreciates the many years of service provided by BAA volunteers in operating Stiles Pond Beach,” said Town Administrator Matt Coogan. “Their commitment has helped make the beach a true community asset, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in partnership as the Town takes on a more active operational role.”

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Marc Maravalli, B.S., R.Ph.
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In loving memory of

Liz Ichizawa, '04-05 Reporter (1956 - 2005)
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Candidate Forum

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moderator and facilitator.

The Town Common hopes this forum will provide a good opportunity for residents to learn a little more about various elected positions in town and get to know straight from the candidates where they stand and why they seek your vote.

Uncontested Races 2025:

TOWN CLERK (3 years)

Karri A. McManus

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Charles David Surface

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Bret L. Moyer

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Peter J. Durkee

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 years)

Cheryl A. Lachendro

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Michael Carl Anderson

WATER COMMISSIONER (3 years)

Stephen M. King, Jr.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 years,

2 positions)

Susan K. Clay

Susan Lee Clohecy

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (2 years)

Erin Hathaway Wormell

PLANNING BOARD (5 years)

George William Comiskey

PLANNING BOARD (1 year)

Kara Lynn Peters

Contested Races 2025:

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)

Gail Leslie Forsythe-Vail

Kevin Richards

SELECT BOARD (3 years)

Michael William Donahue

Eric Viele

Ballot Question Note:

The Select Board, Finance Committee (whose members are appointed by the town moderator), the School Committee, and other departments have promoted an approximately \$6 million property tax increase - Proposition 2 1/2 override - in addition to "normal tax increases each year" for the upcoming election. The election will take place at the Perley Elementary School from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on MONDAY MAY 12. Additional information will be printed in subsequent editions of the paper.



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16	Wed	2:06	8.3	2:38	7.4	8:31	0.3	8:37	1.3	5:57	7:28	☾
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Rowley's Three Sweet Peas Bakery Event at Council on Aging

ROWLEY – Kick off the Spring season with a cooking demonstration by Angela and Heather from local favorite restaurant, Three Sweet Peas Bakery, on Thursday, Apr. 10th at 10am at the COA. This month, they'll

be sharing their secrets for making a Spring Salad with homemade lemon dressing. Call the COA at 978-948-7637 to save your spot! The Rowley COA is located at 39 Central St., Rowley, MA.

Rowley Democratic Town Committee

ROWLEY – The Rowley Democratic Town Committee is holding a caucus on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at the Rowley Public Library. The doors will open at 6:30pm and the caucus begins at 7pm. The caucus determines who will represent Rowley as delegates at the Massachusetts Democratic State Convention to be held on September 13, 2025 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Up to four delegates and up to four alternate delegates will be chosen. Any registered Rowley Democrat may participate in the caucus and as a delegate at the convention. Any interested Rowley Democrats may attend the caucus. The Rowley Democratic Town Committee will hold its regular

April meeting immediately following the conclusion of the caucus.

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Again, if and when the Republicans ever organize a committee in Rowley (there is no Rowley Republican Town Committee - confirmed again at press-time), we will of course print their meeting announcements, etc., also.

Groveland Water

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The Department issued a mailing with a QR code, asking affected property owners to self-identify and photograph their service lines. Additionally, Groveland Water and Sewer staff have been inspecting approximately 5-6 homes every day. With more than 600 inspections completed this year, zero lead service pipes have been found.

Residents are encouraged to complete a Water Service Line Identification survey here to help Groveland Water and Sewer collect this vitally needed data.

Lead service lines, while primarily affecting the home or business they service, can also result in backflow, sending dangerous lead into the water system. Eradication of these pipes from public water systems is viewed as a national priority.

Groveland Water and Sewer wishes to acknowledge the efforts of its contracted engineering firm, Environmental Partners/

Apex, which was instrumental in reviewing review system records and creating a directory of missing service line information town-wide.

Superintendent Stokes urges residents that, just because they may receive a notice seeking information or requesting an inspection, it does not necessarily mean that their service line is made of lead. It simply means that the material type is not on file with the Department. By regulation, and out of an abundance of caution, the government defines unknown or unlisted service lines as "could be lead" until a material is named and identified for the database.

The full and final report on service lines will be available once inspections are complete.

Groveland Water and Sewer would like to thank residents for their patience and partnership during this important project. For additional questions please contact the department at 978-556-7220. ♦



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Be sure that your server takes note that you came in support of the Newburyport Choral Society! Bring your friends!

THURSDAY April 10, 2025 5:00PM - 8:00PM. The Grog, 13 Middle Street, Newburyport. ♦

Boxford's King's Tree Farm

From the Farm off 133, West Boxford – Richard "Dick" King of King's Tree Farm and Nursery passed away in the comfort of his home earlier this year. His presence is deeply missed. Many have asked what will be happening with the farm.

Richard's wishes were as follows...

That the Tree Farm will always remain a farm. He was able to secure this with the help of Essex County Greenbelt. By doing this, the farm will continue as it has for the past 40 years. Opening in early April and closing in early November as weather permits.

So, keeping up with his wishes and tradition, we will be opening this year on Wednesday, April 2nd.

Our hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

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Hope to see you all soon. ♦

EDITOR'S NOTE: The lilac bushes we purchased from Dick several years ago are all in buds again and look great, about ready for the spring! He personally walked the area with us, making suggestions about selection and care. He will be missed by many.



Bill Kirchen Plays Bob Dylan

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – If you are a fan of Bob Dylan, you need to make plans Saturday to see Bill Kirchen and his all-star Texas band perform Dylan's songs from his performances at the Newport Folk Festival in 1964 and 1965.

Kirchen will perform at the Belleville Roots Concert series held at the Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St. at 8 p.m., April 12.

In 1964 and 1965, a young Kirchen made two pilgrimages from his home in Michigan to Rhode Island to attend the legendary Newport Folk Festival at the peak of its popularity. While there were great folk and blues artists performing at the festival, Dylan overshadowed.

Kirchen saw Dylan perform Mr. Tambourine Man in 1964 at the festival and a year later go electric when he announced he was abandoning protest folk music to create a sound that critics say altered rock music forever.

For Kirchen, it ruined him for normal work. He said, "My mind was blown."

On Saturday, the veteran performer will do songs from his catalog, including the Commander Cody years.

Over the years, Kirchen's shows always sprinkled in a Dylan song or two, revealing him as one of the finest interpreters of mid-1960's electric Dylan. Now on tour with his Texas band, the resident of Austin will pay homage to Dylan. One set will be devoted to the best of the Commander Cody and solo years, while set two will be nothing but Dylan in Newport.

He will also share his memories of Dylan at Newport.

For tickets, schedule updates or to join the mailing list go to www.bellevilleroots.org. Tickets cost \$40 for adults in advance; \$45 for adults at the door; \$10 for patrons ages 18 and under.

The Belleville Arts Foundation, the beneficiary of the concerts, has been awarded a \$35,000 matching grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. This grant will fund a study to transform the Belleville Meetinghouse at 300 High Street into a financially and administratively self-sufficient community arts education center.

It will preserve the historic features of the building's exterior and add modern amenities and comfortable interior spaces for students and adults to learn and perform. The mission of the BAF is to preserve, maintain and improve the Belleville Meetinghouse and use it as a civic hub and venue for arts education and performance.

The BAF is currently raising funds to support its mission. Donations to the BAF at this time will be worth double with the MCC grant award.

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Plant Matters



by Ida Wye

Let's talk about *Reynoutria japonica*, also known as Japanese knotweed the alien plant invader.

My friend and resident of Maine, Ike Johnson, has an eradication formula:

"Getting rid of it is not that difficult. First, cut it back every hour for two years. Second, apply a topical herbicide on anything that comes up in a quarter-mile radius. In year 3, dig up the roots with a backhoe. Fourth, at the end of summer, burn the dried roots. Fifth, take the ashes to New Hampshire and shoot them."

This plant appears to be from another solar system, but it originates from the slopes of Japanese volcanoes and thrives in lava and toxic gases, especially after an eruption! It roots into fresh volcanic rock. Think about that!

Why on earth would anyone cultivate this as a prized ornamental? Consider...

In 1847 it won the ornamental plant gold medal. It was collected and sold by Philipp Franz Balthasar von Siebold and was sent (in 1850) as a gift to Royal Botanic Garden Kew, London by Siebold & Co, of Lieden, specializing in plants of the Far East. By 1884 it was cultivated throughout the UK and was 500 times more expensive than Wisteria. This menace was cultivated on purpose and was soon being sold wherever in the world

flowering perennials were popular.

Today, British horticulturalists liken it to a nuclear bomb showing up to a medieval sword fight. There are banks in the UK that refuse to provide mortgages if knotweed is present on the property.

What is to be done about this invasive plant? Well, it does not like dense shade. The Brits recommend digging 10 feet deep and disposing as if radioactive or applying multiple small doses of herbicide over many years, sort of like a murderer in an Agatha Christie novel. They caution that surrounding the visible crown of the plant are dormant buds suppressed by the crown, lurking in wait. When you kill the crown, the buds come to life. There is a Japanese insect that has a "thing" for knotweed: a psyllid called *Aphalara itadori* and it could be introduced and used as a biological control.

So, there you have it.

This column is dedicated to my grandfather, Tom Wye, who planted Japanese knotweed in his garden and where I played as a child. ♦

Ida Wye is the principal of Ida Wye Designs, offering landscape design, consultation, implementation, and restoration. Ida was green long before it was fashionable. She is committed to creating gardens that heal our planet, one landscape at a time. Ida graduated from U. Mass. Amherst with a B. S. in Plant and Soil Sciences before working for the U.S. D. A. and teaching Horticulture. After studying Landscape Design at Radcliffe, she began working independently. She later studied Urban Forestry and Wetland Science. www.idawyelandscape.com



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Amesbury Police Use Drone to Find Lost Dog in Woods

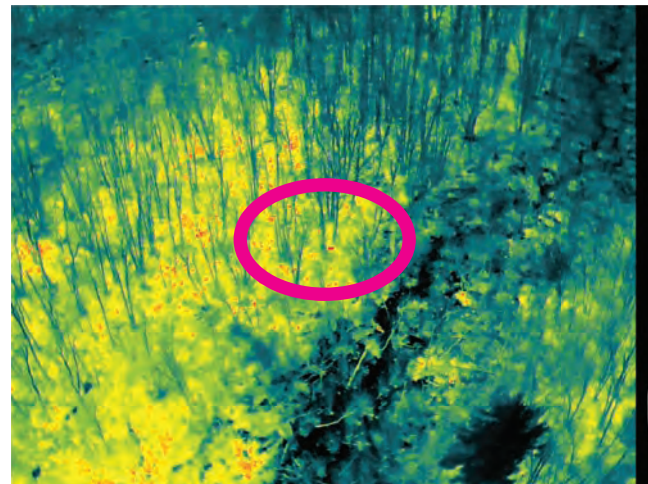
AMESBURY – The Amesbury Police Department was notified that Jenni, a service dog, was lost on March 25, 2025. The following day, Jenni remained lost.

Using a drone, Officer Neil Moody began the aerial search of the swampy woods off Allendra Drive where Jenni was last spotted.

For more than two hours Officer Moddy searched the wooded area and used the drone's thermal camera to locate Jenni. Finally, Jenni was found laying in the woods near a swamp.

Officer Moody provided the ground search teams with the exact coordinates of where Jenni was laying down.

Amesbury Police related the incident on their official Facebook page, and noted that it took approximately 30-40 minutes to get to Jenni after locating her from the air, Jenni, due to the swamp and thick brush. Jenni was reunited with Craig Burton.



Newburyport, 1941

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sailors, references the graduation incident in telling the stories of the Cousins' family. Three of the sons, including Frank Cousins, Sr., served in the military during World War II.

Charlie Cullen, the retired chair of the Provident Bank, who also graduated from NHS a few years later, told Jones the story of the racial snub of Cousins.

"As I did further research, surprising and disturbing facts emerged about the incident," Jones wrote on social media. "The daughter of the Mayor at the time, beseeched her father to pressure the Principal so that she would not have to walk in line with a person

of color. The principal was young and new and lived proximate to the Mayor at the time."

Explaining why he was enamored with the story, Jones wrote: "I thought by doing this painting, I might remind all of us that even in our beloved Newburyport, certain of our cherished residents have been victims of needless discrimination."

Cullen suggested a title for the painting: *By Himself, But Not Alone*. "He walked by himself that day, but he was not alone then or forever," Cullen wrote to Jones.

The younger Cousins, who served as a city councilmember, state legislator, county sheriff and president of the Chamber of Commerce, said last week he loves the painting. "I was totally surprised. It is amazing. It is really wonderful."

"(The incident) affected a lot of people," Cousins said. "Good things happened because of it. There was a lot of giving in that class."

He decided last week to buy Jones' painting and donate it to the city, which he hopes will hang it at NHS where it could be "a teaching moment" for the students.

In the painting, Jones painted Cousins' parents, "watching their son walking behind his white classmates." For the other audience members,

he used as models his sister and daughters, other members of the City Clerk's office and the Cleaver family from the television show *Leave it to Beaver*. He wrote that the Cleavers represented "the status quo in America at the time."

He begged forgiveness for "that artistic license" since the show was not broadcast until 1957, 16 years after the graduation incident.

The elder Frank Cousins did not let the incident make him bitter, his son said, and he tried to shield his son from the negative impact of racism. He never talked with his son about the graduation.

But the incident had a powerful impact on several of the classmates, notably Trudy Woodard and Norman Wells. Some members of the class, according to their children, were too traumatized by it to discuss it.

Wells, who ask his friend to walk with him, became an executive with the telephone company and worked to secure jobs for the Cousins' family members and other black employees.

Woodard, who became Trudy Taylor, the matriarch of the famous family of James, Livingston, Kate and Hugh Taylor, detested segregation throughout her life. She told a reporter at *The Charlotte Observer* that she carried the Cousins' incident in her head.

Raised on Rings Island, she had moved to North Carolina when her husband, Dr. Issac Taylor, was named dean of the University of North Carolina Medical School. After moving south, she fought segregation in North Carolina, helping her husband integrate the medical school by admitting female and black students. She also helped elect the first black mayor of Chapel Hill.

Trudy Taylor wrote to the Cousins' family in 1999, telling them, "In my head I took Frankie with me where ever I went." She called her motivation to fight for social justice her "Frankie Cousins moments." ♦

Easter Happenings:

- 4/12 4pm Seder Dinner
- 4/18 7pm Good Friday Service
- 4/19 8am Easter Egg Hunt @American Legion Park
- 4/20 5:45am Sunrise Service @Plum Island
- 4/20 9am Easter Breakfast
- 4/20 10am Easter Service

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Upcoming Events

Looking for Some Fun This Spring?

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

REGIONAL – A 23-year-old institution, the Greater Newburyport Adult and Community Education has opened online registration for spring classes, which run from April 26 through June 17. Classes range from one-night workshops to a full eight-week semester.

The program offers more than 50 different classes, including ones that explain bitcoin and crypto currency, mandala dot rock painting and oyster shell decoupage. There are also courses in backyard farming, tap dancing, aquatic mammal tracking, archery, hiking, travel writing, decluttering your digital photos and gentle restorative yoga.

If none of these appeal? Try Tai Chi or learn drawing, bridge, cribbage or watercolor painting. You may try learning how to develop your psychic sense, Japanese bookbinding, personal cybersecurity or enneagram.

For most humans who do not know what enneagram is, we looked it up. It is a personality typing system that describes people in terms of nine interconnected personality types, each with unique

motivations, fears and behaviors. It is used for self-understanding and relationship improvement.

Catalogues are being mailed to local mailboxes, but registration can be completed online at newburyportadulted.org. All classes have a maximum number of students, and many fill up quickly.

A six-week Math and SAT Prep course will begin on April 28 at Newburyport High School for college-bound juniors and seniors.

Students do not need to live in Newburyport to enroll. Beginning April 29, the Nock Middle School will also offer weekly English classes (ESL) for non-English speaking individuals on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

All classes are open to anyone aged 15 or over in the Greater Newburyport region and southern New Hampshire

Despite being a part of the Newburyport Public School system, the program's budget is primarily funded through course fees. Grants and individual donations also supplement the budget.

For more information or to receive a catalogue, call Patty St. John at 978-465-1257. ♦

29 Articles for Newbury Town Meeting

Newbury voters are requested to attend the upcoming Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting, which boasts 29 articles for voting, will take place at the Triton Regional Middle High School Gymnasium at 112 Elm Street. Warrant at <https://tinyurl.com/newburymeeting>. Highlights:

Article 1 asks for a \$400,000 property tax increase for school funding.

Article 3 confirms paying each member of the Select Board salaries/compensation of \$7,500.

Article 11: Fire station upgrades: \$100,000, Dump truck purchase: \$250,000, Elementary school roof replacement: \$450,000, and HVAC replacement: \$1 million.

Article 12: Elementary School interior renovations: \$200,000

Articles 16: Short-term rental changes
Article 21: Treatment of dogs, fines, and

more.
Article 25: Lots of changes to the town's Article V bylaws regarding special permits and developments in town. Changes regarding placement of Medical Marijuana treatment centers in town and operation of pot establishments.

Article 26: Minimizing light pollution, energy efficiency of LED light fixtures, erosion control measures, etc.

Article 28: Increasing the number of housing units in town through use/adoption of accessory dwelling units to enable as many additional housing units in town as possible.

Article 29: Strengthening and/or clarifying the role and authority of the Building Inspector as well as the Zoning Board of appeal, commercial parking lots, roof heights, etc.

Advocates for/ against articles are urged to write to the editor.

GROVELAND

Hydrant flushing continues through April 16 and is subject to change. <https://tinyurl.com/grovelandflush>.

HAVERTHILL

Earth Day with the Legend of the Three Sisters! The Buttonwoods Museum, Tuesday, April 22, 11am to 12pm: This event is designed for kids kindergarten through fourth grade. The cost is \$5 per child. No pre-registration required!

Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water Street Haverhill - www.buttonwoods.org

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Monday, April 14, 1:30 p.m.
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See article on page 3 for details.

ROWLEY

Arbor Day Craft for adults at the Rowley Public Library

The Rowley Library will host a "Craft with Catherine" program on Saturday, April 12 from 10am to noon. Ages sixteen and up are invited.

Participants will celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by creatively recycling abandoned puzzle pieces into a beautiful tree-on-canvas! Sign-up is required as space is limited.

Visit RowleyLibrary.org to register. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.

ROWLEY

Three Sweet Peas Bakery on Thursday, Apr. 10th - Rowley - Kick off the Spring

season with a cooking demonstration by Angela and Heather from local favorite restaurant, Three Sweet Peas Bakery, on Thursday, Apr. 10th at 10am at the COA. Call the COA at 978-948-7637 to save your spot! The Rowley COA is located at 39 Central St., Rowley, MA.

SALISBURY

Save the date: May 22nd for a Women in Business Luncheon & Panel Discussion, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Sin a Loa Tacos and Tequila, Salisbury. Salisbury Chamber of Commerce event. Ticket Price: \$20 for Members | \$25 for Non-Members.

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Boxford Stiles Pond

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While the Town will now assume operational oversight, the BAA remains a vital partner in this transition.

"This is a collaborative effort between the Town and the BAA," said BAA President Tom Stevens. "We're proud of our long history of service at Stiles Pond Beach and are fully supportive of this new direction. Our shared goal remains the same: to provide a safe, fun, and well-run beach experience for the residents of Boxford."

The Recreation Committee will be hiring a Beach Director and building a strong team to carry out day-to-day operations.

"We are looking forward to working with the new beach director so that Boxford can continue to enjoy one of its hidden gems," said Lisa Donahue, Chair of the Recreation Committee. "This is an exciting opportunity to lead operations at a truly special place in Boxford." The beach is scheduled to open in June. Season passes will be available for purchase this spring. There will be an announcement when season pass registration is open.

The Recreation Committee will oversee operations this season while developing a long-term plan for the Town to fully take over the beach's operation in a way that is efficient, sustainable, and community-centered.

Interested candidates for the Beach Director position are encouraged to visit the Town of Boxford website at www.boxfordma.gov and view the Human Resources page for the job posting and description. ♦

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NOTICE OF AN ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION

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A release of oil has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site, as defined by M.G.L.c.21E and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On March 07, 2025, recorded with the South Essex County Registry of Deeds, a Notice of Activity and Use Limitation on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

The Notice of Activity and Use Limitation will limit the following site activities and uses on the above referenced property:

Based upon the risk characterization, an Activity and Use Limitation (AUL) is required for the entire property located at **28 Woodland Road in Georgetown, MA**. The AUL would restrict use of the property to commercial uses and required a passive ventilation system within the existing building to limit human exposure/contact to potential indoor vapors. Future site redevelopment would require License Site Professional (LSP) opinion in regards to site excavation and building ventilation.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the **Notice of Activity and Use Limitation** may contact:

Christos Eliopoulos, Trustee / Manager
Woodland Road LLC
532 Water Street,
Wakefield, MA 01880
(978) 769-5483

The Notice of Activity and Use Limitation and disposal site information may be reviewed at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast Regional Office at 150 Presidential Way, Wilmington, MA 01887, 978 694-3200. 4/9

LEGAL NOTICE

ROWLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing will be held at the Rowley Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** to act on an application received March 12th, 2025 from **Troy Spaulding on behalf of Dennis Travers**. Applicant(s) is requesting a **Special Permit from RZPB section 4.11.3.2 for a four lot residential subdivision proposed of two new houses, a re-constructed house and a retained existing house**. The property is located at **45-47 Newbury Road** in the **Outlying** district and is shown on **Assessors' Map 5 Block 62 Lot 1**. At the public hearing, members of the public may ask questions and present evidence that supports either the approval or denial of this petition.

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