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# Link House Reopens Women's Center

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

SALISBURY – Even with unpredictable financial times staring them in the face, the indominable leadership of The Link House refused to give up on providing a safe residential space for women who are recovering from addictions.

Headed by executive director Christine Turner, the Link House closed the Maris Center for Women on the last day of June and the next day, July 1, opened the same space at 197 Elm St. as the organization's second Women's Independent Sober House (WISH) in the greater Newburyport area.

greater Newburyport area. "We're still standing," Turner said last week. "It would have been easy to close it."

After a 25-year history of helping women in the area turn their lives around at the Maris Center, Turner and her team, including Krystle Brown, the development director, refused to accept no from the state Public Health agencies. The state had been providing \$250,000 a year in state and federal funds to underwrite the programs and care at the Maris Center.

The Link House pivoted to cut operational costs, including twenty-four-hour staffing to keep the doors open.

Turner said it was a traumatic time for both the staff and the women who lived there, fearful they would have to leave because of the state's budget cut.

To close it would also have made The Link House financially stronger, she said, but the program and its location in Salisbury were too important to this group of women and to the organization.

The first WISH program opened in Newburyport in 2020.

WISH Salisbury will house 20 Continued on page 2





Another truck makes its way up and out of the narrow driveway between two neighboring homes and onto North Street at the Zibell Sand Mining Operation (Photo: Lonnie Brennan)

# Planning Board Postpones Action on Georgetown Sand Mining Operation

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

**GEORGETOWN** – A frustrated Planning Board last week postponed for a third week deciding whether to grant a permit for the export of sand and the import of undisclosed material at the 100-year-old Zibell Farm. Planning Board Chair Harry LaCortiglia asked the farm operators to stop voluntarily removing the sand. "I don't want to see a truck tomorrow morning," he said.

Neighbors of the farm at 214 North St. reported that the trucks operated all week removing sand, "There was activity all week including yesterday. Continued on page 2



# Kate Bolick: Featured in *Coming Home* Newburyport Art Exhibit

By Greigh Cloward

**NEWBURYPORT** – Kate Bolick is one of the featured artists of *Coming Home*, a current art exhibit at Newburyport Art that has invited past and current citizens of Newburyport, back to their hometown to showcase their unique artistic talents. She is an author of various books including *Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own*, a *New York Times* Notable Book of 2015. Bolick has worked for *The Boston Globe*, The Atlantic, and has published articles in *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal*, and *Vogue*. Additionally, she previously taught at Columbia University, New York University, currently teaches at Yale University in the English department, and has made appearances

on NPR programs including The Today Show, CBS Sunday Morning, and CNN. After attending Colby College, Kate Bolick began her journalistic career by applying to The Atlantic for an internship but instead get-Continued on page 2



YWCA will no longer be one of the few in the nation with a male executive director. After leading the YWCA for 16

years, bringing it out of financial distress, expanding services and keeping its doors open through the Pandemic, John Feehan is changing jobs at the popular YWCA.

Julia McDonald, board president, announced last week that Dr. Kate Slater will be the new executive director.

But Feehan is not going far. He will focus on the Y's core mission of building affordable housing and the education and care of children.

While there were at least three stellar candidates for the Y's top post, Slater brings a wealth of experience and passion for the organization's mission, particularly eliminating racism and empowering women, McDonald said.

"The combination of her experience leading non-profits and her commitment to racial justice commended her to the Board of Directors," she said in the announcement. "We are excited that she will be able to help elevate the YWCA's role in racial and gender justice not only locally but regionally as well."

Slater and Feehan share a passion for fighting racism. In a recent interview with The Town Common, he said working at the Y has taught him to appreciate the insidious nature of racism. Among his proudest achievements were events



Rate Slater (Photo provided by the YWCA) like the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day luncheon and the Juneteenth celebration, he said. Continued on page 8





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experience in literary criticism by interviewing authors of new books and learning about their writing processes. However, Bolick wasn't always interested in journalism. She

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started writing poetry and stories as a child. When she was 5 years old, she moved from Virginia to Newburyport where the art scene kept inspiring her to pursue writing and the arts. At Colby College, Bolick majored in American Studies and minored in Poetry. Her passion for poetry changed when her mother passed

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Driven by her "journalistic curiosity" to learn and find answers, Kate Bolick delved deeper into the world of journalism and published a viral article in The Atlantic in 2011 titled "All the Single Ladies". It was a cover story about how that time was the first in American history where there were more unmarried people than married people in the country. Shortly after, Bolick wrote Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own to discover how the United States came to this as a society. More so, her book covered the idea that "a woman's worth is not tied to her relationship status".

The success of her book was tremendously helpful to Kate Bolick's career as it allowed her to teach at the college-level, one of her main goals, eventually becoming a lecturer in English at Yale University. She is grateful that she is a part of the Yale community as "the faculty and students are fantastic" and she loves having the opportunity to support students' ideas and bring those

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ideas to the printed page. For future projects, Kate Bolick has an upcoming book soon to be released in 2025 titled "Every Friend a Phantom" where she explores friendship, the history of it, and what she thinks it means as friendship has always been a significant aspect

of her life. Bolick is especially excited to meet new artists at Coming Home and celebrate the town of Newburyport as it has shaped her artistic career. She is greatly appreciative of Belle Carver Struck, the curator of Coming Home, for thinking of such a unique event that cele-

brates artists from Newburyport. When asked if she had any advice for aspiring writers, Kate Bolick said, "Remember that writing is a lifelong process. Don't be daunted by how much there is to learn because you'll be learning your whole life.'

To learn more about Kate Bolick visit: katebolick.com.

To learn more about Coming Home visit: newburyportart.org. ♦

low-income women in recovery in single rooms. Ten women, who were also in Maris, were placed in other facilities where they could get the higher level of treatment they needed.

The Link House is soliciting donations of \$300 per room to pay for new curtains, bedding and pillows. "Everybody needs a new pillow" Turner said.

The WISH program has different requirements for its residents. Members must be free of substance use and contract to abstain from all substance use and other addictive behaviors. They must attend in-house 12-step meetings, participate in weekly house meetings, consent to the house rules and fully participate in all additional aspects of recovery.

To ensure a successful transition to independent living, residents are required to work and pay a monthly or weekly program fee based on their income level. Peer mentorship is the cornerstone of the program, building upon positive relationships among residents to assist each other with relapse preven-

tion skills, effectively manage daily life stressors, coordinate with community supports, and empower them on their own recovery journey.

WISH has an onsite, live-in peer supervisor responsible for ensuring a safe, supportive and healing environment, the Link House website states.

The Link House has a staff of 50, of which 60 percent are in recovery themselves, a fact that is a point of pride to Turner and her team.

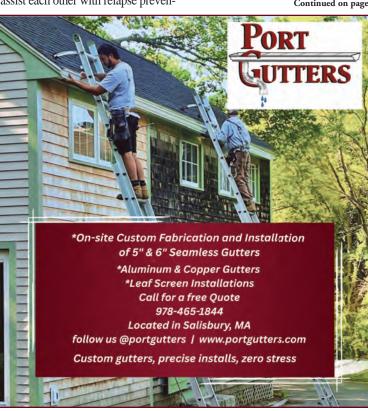
Founded in 1972, the Link House provides mental health services in the reater Newburyport community.

What began as a single residential program for men struggling with addiction to alcohol, today is four residential programs for men and women with 81 beds in total, and two outpatient programs the Center for Behavioral Health for adults, and the Children and Teen Center for Help (CATCH), for children ages five to 18, according to its website.

Brown said there are many ways folks can support the organization.

"Support us by sharing our message, donations always help, or through grant





away after graduating college. LINK HOUSE Continued from page 1

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To celebrate Yankee Homecoming, Pink House fans love to decorate utility poles at the site with a message – 'If this house could talk' (Photo by Sandy Tilton)

# A Sign to Remember the Pink House

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURY - The Pink House, which stood at the edge of the Great Marsh for 100 years, may soon be remembered with a sign at the spot where it once stood.

Last week, the Newbury Select-Board voted 4-0, with one member abstaining, to approve a request by resident Bob Conners to install the sign. If approved by the town's Building Inspector and Conservation Commission, the 5-foot by 3-foot sign could be up by fall, Conner said.

It would stand on town land across from the well-known Bob's Lobster.

The proposed sign will read: 1925 – 2025

**The Pink House Honoring 100 Years of Memories** Torn down March 11, 2025, **BUT NEVER FORGÓTTEN** 

The back of the sign will feature a photo of the board members of the non-profit Support the Pink House. The five members which include Jeff Ackley, Sandy Tilton, Rochelle Joseph, Kelly Page, and Alison Odle are shown sitting on the house's step.

The Pink House was built in 1925 by Gertrude W. Cutter for her son's family. Over the years, the little house with the wide marsh view changed hands several times before being owned and eventually torn down by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Even though the house is no longer standing, its image remains part of the area's history. Artists painted it. Vis-

#### LINK HOUSE Continued from page 2

opportunities. We're also looking for new board members who want to be actively involved in creating solutions to mental health and addiction challenges in our area," Brown said.

For more information, call 978-462-0787 or visit the website LinkHouseInc. org.

loved it. In June, Tilton and fellow Pink House Artisan Kathy Culbert hosted a celebration to mark the house's 100th birthday.

"The Pink House has and will continue to be an important part of this community," Tilton said. "You cannot erase or forget local history. It really is part of who we are."

Gov. Maura Healey, State Sen. Bruce Tarr, and Newburyport Mayor Sean Reardon issued official citations

itors stopped to take photos. Locals in honor of the house. Mayor Reardon's citation read in part:

"Built in 1925, this beloved landmark quietly reached its 100th year earlier this year-before its demolition on March 11. For generations, The Pink House was more than just a structure. It inspired artists, welcomed visitors, and helped define the spirit of Newburyport and Plum Island. Though the house itself is gone, its image and spirit endure-etched into the collective memory of a community that loved it dearly."  $\blacklozenge$ 







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#### by Matilda Charles

#### The latest recalls

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However, we can keep up with the increasing numbers of food recalls and stay safe. Here are a few of the new ones: We have undeclared pecans in mocha truffles, milk in mousse desserts, listeria in cheddar curls, illnessproducing microbes in cough syrup for little kids, salmonella in cucumbers, peanuts in vitamin B12 gummies. And that's only in the past two weeks.

In the previous two weeks we find salmonella in organic eggs, listeria in mushrooms, listeria in peeled shrimp, undeclared sesame in crackers and more

But food isn't the only thing on the recent recall lists.

to www.recalls.gov Going eye-opening because they documer recalls for several categories, includ ing cosmetics, medicine, boats, vehi cles and consumer products such a electronics, appliances, clothing sports gear and much more. There' the gas heater that is a gas/fire hazard the pool drain cover that can caus serious injury, the 2,000-watt powe station that can cause shock and th party supply toys for little kids that ca cause serious injury if a child swa lows the battery.

If you want to check recalls for you vehicles or the tires, you'll need the VIN (look in the corner of the wind shield). At www.recalls.gov/nhts .html you can sign up for email not fications. (Note: One manufacture recently had to recall nearly a half mil lion vehicles because bearing failur can cause the engine to fail while it being driven.)

You can sign up for a variety of emai alerts at www.recalls.gov, www.food safety.gov and www.fda.gov. Stay aware; stay safe.

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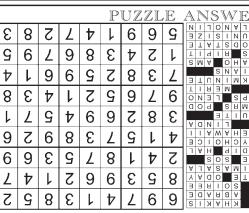
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You are hereby notified that a

Public Hearing will be held via Zoom

videoconference on Thursday August

7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time

when posted for the Notice of Intent by

Applicant: Boxford Athletic Association

for the property located at: Koster Field Stiles Pond Road, Map 17, Block 2, Lot

To permit regrading, replacement

of fencing, upgrading of the irrigation

system, construction of a gravel warning

track, and installation of bleachers at an

existing baseball field, portions of the work being 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

Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw

town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Commission,

joint hearing under the requirements of

and Regulations. For more information,

contact Ross Povenmire at rpovenmire@

Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

LEGAL NOTICE

**ROWLEY CONSERVATION** 

COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands

40, as amended, and the Town of

Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a

remote public hearing will be held on

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

filed by William and Eleanor Manning

for proposed construction of a 400 sq

within 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering

Vegetated Wetlands and 25' No Cut/No

Disturbance Area at 62 Haverhill Street

(Map 15, Parcel 89) in Rowley, MA. The

Go To remote meeting link and meeting

materials will be posted as part of the

Rowley Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

**ROWLEY CONSERVATION** 

COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands

Protection Act, MGL c 131 § 40, as

amended, and the Town of Rowley

filed by Charles Schmidheiser for

Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote

public hearing will be held on Tuesday,

August 5, 2025 at 7:45 PM to consider a

Request for Determination of Applicability

proposed change to topography of a 90'

x 60' section of the backyard by infilling

with clean fill and screened loam with planting of trees, groundcover and lawn possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone

to Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 10 Taylor Lane (Map 12, Parcel 3, Lot

5) in Rowley, MA. The Go To remote

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman Rowley Conservation Commission

website.

meeting link and meeting materials will be

posted as part of the Agenda on the Town's

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Agenda on the Town's website.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman

ft addition with 350 sq ft of wetland

restoration/naturalization possibly

to consider a Notice of Intent application

Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section

MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as amended, and

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BOXFORD CONSERVATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

COMMISSION

HEARING

#### **GEORGETOWN MINING** operation."

Continued from page 1 Same level of noise," one neighbor said on Sunday.

The attorney for the farm, who was hired about a week before the hearing, had asked the board to postpone until August to give him time to learn about the farm's sand mining and replacement operation.

On a Zoom call with at least a dozen neighbors opposed to the mining operations, the board, which toured the mining operations the previous week, voted three to two to continue the hearing until 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31.

But it was touch and go whether LaCortiglia, who wanted to give the attorney Peter Durning, "a fair shake," could persuade his board to continue the hearings.

Some board members seemed inclined to deny the permit or approve one with conditions that would stifle the mining activities and likely result in a court challenge.

Todd Champlain, who represented Kathy Potter, the current farm owner, has said the farm is screening and selling the sand and plans to replace it with high quality soil to create an organic farm.

Neighbors like Steve Ratcliff has said, "This is not an organic farm to save our sanity," she has said.  $\blacklozenge$ 

Champlain said the farm's attorney has advised that the town does not have the right to regulate its farming activities. His claim was based on an attorney's opinion of the town's "Right to Farm" bylaw plus state and federal laws protecting agriculture, he said.

The Planning Board disagreed. When Durning questioned the Planning Board's authority to enforce a stop order on the sand mining oper-ations, LaCortiglia told him, "I am putting you on notice that you do not have a permit to import and export" soil. He said the farm is in violation of (state law) Chapter 47.

He also told Durning and the farm owners not to "call his hand. I don't bluff. I am a terrible poker player."

An attorney for neighbors at the Parker River Landing condominiums has filed a lawsuit to stop the farm's mining and soil replacement operations. But it was unclear who would enforce a cease-and-desist order.

Neighbors, Peter and Beth Gramolini, have hired Ron Borenstein, an attorney, to represent them. She said the trucks are bringing in asphalt millings and other construction debris to replace the sand.

"We are spending our own money

#### GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that the Georgetown Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, and the provisions of Article XIII - Special Permits and Site Plan Review, as further provided in §165-83 of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws. The Public Hearing will be for Site Plan Approval of a proposed improvements to filter operation and reliability at the existing Water Treatment Plant (WTP) while addressing aging building systems at 75 West Street; 51 West Street; 101 West Street; and 15 Bailey Lane.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on Wednesday, 20 AUGUST 2025 at 7:30 P.M., in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20 during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027 by action of the General Court and signed by Gov. Healey. Interested persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet, smartphone by connecting to the following: Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86409974465 Meeting ID: 86409 974465 Passcode: 071579

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the 20 AUGUST 2025 meeting agenda, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at www.georgetowma.gov by choosing Cable TV option. Full and complete copies of the above-cited application, together with the associated Plans, are available upon request by emailing the Town Planner at FOConnor@ GeorgetownMA.gov or by clicking here :https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/ government/boards\_\_\_commissions/planning\_board/current\_projects.php#outer-4253

Any person interested in being heard on this application needs to appear at the time and place designated, herein. Please note that written correspondence will be accepted and read into the record of the hearing if it were received before Noon on the day of the hearing. Persons needing special accommodations may send an eMail to FOConnor@ GeorgetownMA.gov

Frank O'Connor, Jr. Planner for Town of Georgetown

7/30, (8/6)



# **Upcoming** Events

All Events are Free Unless **Otherwise Noted** 

#### AMESBURY

<u>Aug. 7 5 - 8 p.m.</u> Summer Sip & Stroll Downtown Visit 14+ Businesses for complimentary light refreshments and/or pop-up vendors!

#### **BOXFORD**

Aug 7 2 - 3 p.m. Summer Reading Part for Kids Featuring Comedy Magician Mike Ben and Ice Cream from Benson's Boxford Public Library (Registration required)

#### **GEORGETOWN**

July 30 6:30 PM Summer Concerts at the Library Georgetown Peabody Library 2 Maple Street

Ken Clark Organ Trio (funk, jazz, rock, and soul)

August 6 6:30 p.m. Summer Concerts at the Library Georgetown Peabody Library 2 Maple Street

Peryle (indie-pop and folk)

<u>August 3 5 - 7 p.m.</u> Georgetown Summer Concert Series Windham Swing Band Big band music from the gold age American Legion Park <u>August 10 5 - 7 p.m.</u>

Georgetown Summer Concert Series Flying Ivories - Dueling Pianos Big band music from the gold age American Legion Park

<u>August 17 5 - 7 p.m.</u> Georgetown Summer Concert Series 12 Barz Bands R&B Vocal & Horn American Legion Park

#### **IPSWICH**

August 16 11 a.m. **Ipswich Republican Town** Committee Meeting **Ipswich Public Library** 25 North Main St.

#### **NEWBURYPORT**

July 30 6 - 8 p.m. Triva Night at Michael's Harborside <u>July 31 - Aug 2</u> Yankee Homecoming Sidewalk Sales <u>July 31 10 a.m - 2 pm.</u> U.S. Coast Guard Open House 65 Water St. July 31 6 - 7 p.m. Newburyport Lions Club Bed Race Federal Street Aug 2 1:30 - 2 p.m Don't Miss It: A Pop-Up 'Lindy Bomb' Market Square!

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#### <u>Aug 2 9 am. - 2 p.m.</u> **Touch-A-Truck at Cider Hill Farm** Aug 2 10 am. - 2 p.m. Family Day at Nock Middle School Aug 2 9:15 - 11:30 p.m. Fireworks Aug 3 12 - 3 p.m. Parade

#### **ROWLEY**

<u>Aug 3 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</u> **Rowley Farmer's Market** Rowley Town Common Aug 9 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Green Fest Rowley Town Common Food Trucks, Book Swap, Crafts, Music, Storytelling, Local Atisans, Eco-Friendly Businesses, Environmental Organizations

#### **SALISBURY**

<u>July 30 6:30 - 9 p.m.</u> Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series - Salisbury Beach Center -6:30 Elevation 412 (Hope Comm. Church, Nbt)

7:15 Fireside Worship, (Fireside Church, Salisbury)

8:15 Dave Spaulding/Double Edge Blues Band

(West Church, Haverhill) August 1 7:15 - 10 p.m. Friday Night Beach Party

with Ralphie B. - Salisbury Beach Center -

Aug 2 7:30 p.m. **Desolation** Angels - Bad Company

Tribute on the Oceanfront Stage

August 5 11 a.m. Mass. State Policde K9 Demonstration

at the Oceanfront Stage

August 6 6:45 - 8 p.m.

Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series Salisbury Beach Center -

6:45 Groovy Grace (Danvers Church of Nazarene, Danvers)

8:00 Centerpoint Worship Band (Centerpoint Comm. Church Salem, N.H.)

<u>August 13 6:45 - 8 p.m.</u> Salisbury Beach Christian Concert Series

Salisbury Beach Center -6:45 BCA Chapel Band (Bradford Christian Academy,

Haverhill) 8:00 The Fourth (Connect Comm. Church, Portsmouth, N.H.)

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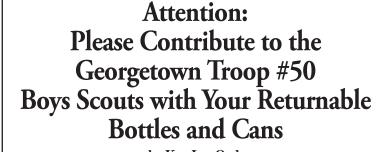
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UH, DEAR, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

SOMETHING IN A CROCK-POT I THINK

by Dave T. Phipps

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I'm asking all you folks if you would be kind enough to donate all your recyclable, returnable bottles and cans for the Boy Scouts of Troop 50

The boys use this money to do their projects and go on trips during the winter and summer. They also donate scholarships! They could not do

My name is Kay Lee Ogden, and I am willing to drive around and pick up your recyclables, and cash them in and give the money to the Scouts! My son is an assistant scout master, and works with the boys along with

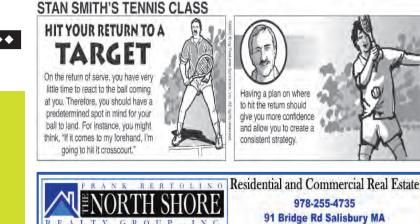
Please leave me your name and number, and I will be glad to call you and make arrangements. I can be reached at the following:

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We appreciate your help with supporting these great kiddos who will make these good boys become better men. Thank you.

#### Georgetown Republican Town Committee: Join Us!

Angry over higher real estate tax bills? You should be! Massachusetts is bringing in billions more in revenue every year but Beacon Hill is spending it on everything except local aid. We deserve better! Please contact the Georgetown Republican Town Committee to learn how you can make a difference, and maybe even run for office yourself. gtwnrtc@gmail.com



"It's not about us - It's all about you"

22) Good news: A workplace problem is close to being resolved with results that should please everyone. Take time off to indulge in your love of fun and games and games

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most of the time, you are the most unflappable person around. But be ready to be thrown off-balance in the ready to be thrown off-balance in the nicest way when Cupid takes aim in your direction. SCORPIO (October 23 to Novem-

ber 21) It's not often when someone tries to "sting" the sharp-witted Scor-pion, but it can happen. Continue to be skeptical about anything that seems too good to be true.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your strong sense of self-esteem helps you serve as a role model for someone who needs per-sonal reassurances. Your efforts pay off in an unexpected way. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close considers

January 19) Someone close considers revealing a painful secret. Withhold judgment. Instead, open your gen-erous heart and offer dollops of your love and understanding.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your talents as a peacemaker are called upon once more as an old problem reemerges with new complications. Move cautiously to avoid fall-ing into hidden traps.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your artistic side is enhanced with the reception given to your new project. Use this success as encouragement toward fulfilling your larger goals.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your natural sense of leadership is combined with a deep sense of responsibility. People trust you to give them both guidance and understanding.

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She has also served as the assistant dean of student affairs at Brandeis University and the associate director and program manager at the Institute for Recruitment of Teachers.

Under Feehan's leadership at the Y, the pre-school program was opened in 2013.

He also re-introduced the YWCA Encore Plus, a free program that provides gentle exercise and peer support for those who have experienced cancer in their lives.

The YWCA, which began providing affordable housing in Newburyport in 1885, expanded its residences in 1998 to serve the homeless. Working with LD Russo, a for-profit developer and construction company, the YWCA has developed several affordable housing developments, including the Residences at Salisbury Square and YWCA Residences at Ingalls Court 1.

Today, the Y's affordable housing has grown to serve five communities and provides housing for 124 households. Another 48 units are currently under development in Methuen.

"Over the past 15 years, the YWCA has grown considerably," Feehan said. "I have been extremely fortunate to have a supportive board who believes in our work and supported our expansion and a fabulous staff who have created amazing programs for the community.

"I look forward to working with the YWCA in my new role to continue to see the association grow. We navigated through many challenges, including a global pandemic, and continue to fulfill our mission of empowering women and eliminating racism."

Feehan told The Town Common he is extremely proud to leave Slater with a veteran staff, that is passionate about the Y's mission and strongly believes that "Everyone should be treated with dignity." ◆