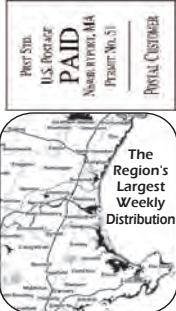


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Local Veterans are Honored with American Flags on the Rowley Town Common (Photos by Stewart Lytle)



Mike Lago (Photo provided by his family)

## Mike Lago Remembered

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**NEWBURYPORT** – Michael Lago, probably the oldest, at 92, and much-loved member of the Newburyport Tennis Club, passed away last month.

Thanks to his wife, Carol, who introduced him to tennis when he was in his 50s, Mike was a member of Newburyport Tennis Club for more than 40 years and created the Lago Bowl in his wife's memory. It became the club's annual end-of-season tournament, raising money for Alzheimer's Awareness.

Mike could be found several times a week playing with his men's group and in mixed doubles with his daughter, Andrea Grenier, his favorite partner. Of her father, Andrea wrote: "The Club wasn't just where he played - it was his second home, where he laughed, competed and built lifelong friendships."

Club manager Mike Perrota was a big fan. "Mike was one of the most selfless gentlemen I ever met in tennis. He sponsored the Lago Bowl year after year and gave us gallon after gallon of free ice cream. He'd be at the Club and try to watch every match. He was a great guy."

Kelly Oulette, the director of tennis, described Mike as "a special person."

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Alan Aulson and members of the American Legion hand out flags as the US Army Band takes the stage. American Legion at Georgetown's American Legion Park



Left to right: Abby Berry, Dolores Salamurovic, William Davis-Kay, Tyler DeCouto and Conor O. Lang in rehearsal for Legally Blonde - The Musical

## Running Through July 27 Legally Blonde The Musical

**NEWBURYPORT** – Legally Blonde: The Musical is running through July 27, 2025 at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, 1 Market Square, on Fridays at 7PM, Saturdays at 2PM and 7PM, and Sundays at 2PM. Tickets are available at firehouse.org or by contacting the Box Office (open Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5PM) at 978-462-7336 or boxoffice@firehouse.org. ♦



Tyler DeCouto as Elle Woods (Photo by Christine Kattar)



Gigi & the Noize (Courtesy photo - Facebook)

## Fun Tuesdays in Ipswich

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

**IPSWICH** – Tuesday nights here are special. For two hours in July and August,

residents gather to enjoy music, poetry and dance, mostly by local performers and poets.

About 250 people showed up for Ipswich Downtown Tuesday last week, including young families and seniors at the EBSCO Take Out Plaza on the Ipswich Riverwalk. Scheduled for next Tuesday, July 15, is Gigi & the Noize from Beverly, which pays Blues, Classic Rock, Funk and Rock.

During the band break at 7, Downtown Tuesday features local poets reading their work. And there is always time for some powerful dancing.

Downtown Tuesdays have been entertaining locals for 14 years. The reason, said Kerry Bates, the director of the town's Recreation and Culture and event organizer, "People trust our continued production quality."

This year, Bates, a creative spirit in town hall, wrote about the signature event in

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Left to right: Chief Jim Riter; Select Board members Peter Perkins, Barbara Jessel, Margaret Chow-Menzer, and Chuck Costello; Captain AJ Paglia and son Caesar Paglia, State Senator Bruce Tarr, Town Administrator Matt Coogan

## Boxford Select Board Appoints A.J. Paglia as Captain of Police Department

**BOXFORD** – At its meeting on Monday, June 30, the Boxford Select

Board unanimously appointed Attilio "A.J." Paglia as Captain of the Box-

ford Police Department, following a

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It is the rebellion of the imperfect, the re-enchantment of the everyday, the unpaid miracle of simply showing up to life with wonder and willingness.  
Bates invites everyone to join the Revolution with her, coming together as a community, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays in July and August. It is a free event.  
Presenting sponsor of Ipswich Downtown Tuesdays is Choice Graphics, All Seasons



Kerry Bates, smiling for The Town Common

Septic System Services and Aubuchon Hardware, Morris Plumbing and Heating, and the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. ♦

CAPTAIN PAGLIA

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formal recommendation by Police Chief James Riter. The appointment is effective immediately.

“Sergeant Paglia joined the police department in 1998 as a reserve officer,” said Police Chief James Riter. “He was promoted to sergeant in 2023, and I’m proud to recommend him now for the rank of captain. He has been a steady and committed presence for our community for over two decades.”

In his new role as Captain, Paglia will serve as second-in-command of the department, overseeing operations, supporting personnel, and assisting with departmental planning.

Speaking at the meeting, Captain Paglia expressed gratitude for the opportunity:

“It’s truly an honor and a privilege. I enjoy coming to work every

day. I love the town of Boxford—it’s a wonderful community. It’s also an honor to work under the fine leadership of Chief Riter, who lives the mission of the department every day. I look forward to continuing to serve as part of his command staff in this new capacity and helping achieve the department’s goals.”

Select Board Chair Chuck Costello praised the decision. “Captain Paglia’s dedication to Boxford is clear, and we’re proud to support his continued leadership in this new role. His promotion reflects his integrity, professionalism, and deep understanding of our community.”

Town Administrator Matt Coogan added, “Captain Paglia has earned the trust and respect of his fellow officers, town leadership, and residents alike. His steady presence, thoughtful leadership, and deep commitment to public service have been an asset to Boxford for many years.” ♦



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## Georgetown Water Restrictions

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The Georgetown Water Department reports that a mandatory Phase 2 Water Ban is currently in effect. This is due to the Parker River's low stream flow.

Restrictions include the following:

Mandatory ban of Non-Essential outdoor watering between hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily.

Non-Essential water use which is not allowed from 7 am to 7 pm daily includes:

- Washing buildings
- Washing driveways
- Washing sidewalks

(Unless necessary for repairs/maintenance/safety/health.)

Unattended Non-Essential outdoor watering is restricted to 2 days a week:

Odd house numbers on Mondays and Thursdays (outside the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

Even house numbers on Tuesdays and Fridays (outside the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

No weekend sprinkler system watering.

For any questions, please contact Georgetown Water at (978) 352-5750.

Note: Essential Water Use which is allowed at all times includes:

- Water for food production
- Water for livestock
- Core business operations
- Water use for health

## The Town Common Vegetable Garden Watering Tips

Gardeners are of course reminded that the worst time to apply water to a garden is in the noon-time hours, where the heat of sun will accelerate evaporation.

Nighttime watering of a vegetable garden is also discouraged as damp leaves can lead to diseases which could damage/kill the plants. This is especially concerning with tomato and squash plants.

Watering in the early morning hours is always best for vegetable gardens, as evaporation will be minimum, and the coming sun will dry the leaves.

### Do Your Tomato Leaves Turn Yellow and Die Each Year?

Fusarium Wilt is a nasty, soil-borne disease that attacks tomato plants from within, first turning the lower leaves yellow, then progressing up the plant until the entire plant is devoid of leaves and dies.

Typical common fungicides will not solve this problem (such as copper sprays, etc.). A mycorrhizal fungi for roots could be your salvation. Consider checking it out at your local store or online (mycostop, or mycorrhizal fungi).

## Virginia Ann (Iglehart) Kent

Virginia Ann (Iglehart) Kent of Rowley, Mass., passed away peacefully on June 29, 2025, with family by her side. She was the devoted wife of Donald L. Kent.

Born on June 21, 1935, in Baltimore, MD, she was raised in Portsmouth and Norfolk, VA, by her late mother, Mary Virginia Hansen, and stepfather, the late Arthur J. Hansen, Jr.

Ann graduated from DePaul Hospital School of Nursing in Norfolk, VA. While a student there, she was President of the Virginia Student Nurses' Association.

She was head nurse on a Medical-Surgical Unit at DePaul until she married and moved to Rowley in 1957. While raising her family, Ann worked with her husband and sons at Rowley Printing, Inc., the family-owned business. She later worked as a medical-surgical nurse and Case Manager on the Oncology Unit at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen until she retired.

Ann enjoyed lunches at the Newburyport waterfront with her husband. She spent many days on the family houseboat inside Sandy Point. With Anne Murray playing in the background, Ann always welcomed friends and family into their home, offering sweet treats and ice cream.

In addition to her husband of 67 years, Ann is survived by five loving children: John Kent (wife, Louise), Donna Twombly (husband, Bret), David Kent (wife, Marie), Sharon Cone (husband, Dale), and Mary Cierpich (husband, Mark).

She cherished ten grandchildren: Sara Twombly, Michelle Lojko (husband, Mark), Matthew Cone, Ryan Kent, Mitchell Cone, Michael Cone, Tyler Cierpich, Alyssa Kent, Julia Cierpich, and Annelise Cone. She also adored one great-grandchild, Ellis Lojko.

She was the sister of John Hansen, and his late wife, Mary Ann, of Portsmouth, VA (nieces, Cheryl and Cathie); Michael Hansen of Midlothian, VA; David Hansen of Chesterfield, VA (niece, Ginger); and adopted brother George Wakefield of Midlothian, VA.

Relatives and Friends will gather for a Funeral Mass on July 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of 42 Green Street in Newburyport.

In lieu of flowers, donation pledges in Ann's memory may be made to Rowley Volunteer Fire Protection Association.

To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit [www.fsrobertsandson.com](http://www.fsrobertsandson.com).

~ Arrangements entrusted to F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home ~

## Mike Lago - Remembered

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son and such a presence at the Club. Everyone liked him, we are lucky to have had him as a member for so many years."

Club member Deb DiPietro, wrote: "Mike made everyone smile the second they saw him. He was such a warm, welcoming person and he made me feel like I was special. He loved nothing more than having his family join him at the club - his favorite people at one of his favorite places. He was loved by his tennis family and will be missed."

Born in Amesbury, Mike started several businesses and besides tennis enjoyed hunting, fishing, anything that gave him time outdoors—especially when shared with Carol, who passed away some years ago.

He is survived by his children: Michael Lago, Jr., Steve Lago, Sr., Bobby Lago, and Andrea Grenier; his grandchildren: Jason Michael Lago, Scott Robert Lago, William George Lago, Stevie Lago, Jr., Brett Lago, Peter Jason, Lisa, Erica Grenier, and Michael Grenier; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Lago. ♦

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## HAVERHILL: July Events at the Buttonwoods Museum

Submitted by:  
Janice Williams, Director  
Buttonwoods Museum  
240 Water Street, Haverhill  
www.buttonwoods.org

The Dominican Muñeca Limé dolls will be on display through Friday, July 11 during regular Museum hours Tuesdays through Saturdays 10-5 and Sundays 12-5. This exhibit is free and sponsored by a MCC Festivals & Projects grant.

In conjunction with this exhibit, on Wednesday, July 9 from 1 to 2 p.m. we will hold a children's program for grades/ages K-5 painting miniature wooden dolls in the Dominican fashion of Muñeca Limé. This program is free and sponsored by a MCC Festivals & Projects grant.

For National Disability Awareness Month in July and in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will host art shows from two local organizations.

The Arc of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport will display an exhibit titled "Beyond the Surface: Where Creativity, Identity and Voice Come Together." This exhibit celebrates the 35th anniversary of the ADA and is intended to explore the power of perspective through self-portraits and original art of all mediums. They will have a reception for the exhibit on Tuesday, July 15, 5:30-7 p.m.

And the Haverhill Clubhouse will display an art exhibit titled "Finding the Light Through the Dark". The theme is "respect, that disabilities are not limiting us and as people we are a loving, giving, and forgiving community, proud of who we are. Their reception will be on Thursday, July 10 from 5-7 p.m. ♦

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Valley Manufactured Products, operated in the building from 1963 until it closed in 2001

## GROVELAND: Valley Manufactured Products Well Contamination Part 1 How did it happen?

BY MICHAEL DEMPSEY  
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN COMMON

Love Canal, one of the worst environmental disasters in this country became known in 1978. As a result of over 12,000 chemical and hazardous waste sites in the country, Congress passed, and President Carter signed the Superfund law in December of 1980. Until then the government had no way to deal with all the ongoing contamination nationwide. This had an impact even here in Groveland.

The abandoned building we are all familiar with located at 64 Washington Street was built as a storehouse for the woolen mills owned by Arthur Veasey in the 1920's. A similar building was once located across the street where the Madison Avenue development is. When the mills were closed in the 1940's the many brick buildings behind 46 Washington Street were torn down. 46 Washington Street is the last remaining brick mill building. Eventually the Madison Avenue building was removed and the site sold to developers leaving the last storehouse standing unused for several years. In 1963 local entrepreneurs bought the building and opened a machine shop where metal parts, screws, and cable connectors were made. The company, later known as Valley Manufactured Products, operated in the building from 1963 until it closed in 2001.

In 1979 during routine annual water testing of the Groveland wells by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, now known as Mass DEP, hazardous substances were identified in the water. Further testing identified levels of chemicals Trichloroethylene, Methyl Chloride and Arsenic in the water. At that point the two polluted wells in South Groveland, #1 and #2 were shut down. Now we had a real problem, beyond figuring out where the contamination came from, we had to find a new source of drinking water.

As test wells placed upstream from the wells continued to reveal increased levels of the chemicals in the water, the Board of Health put together a Well Protection Committee to investigate the cause and determine a solution. The committee consisted of 5 town leaders including John Osborne who became the chair and chief negotiator. Test results indicated that the potential sources of contamination seemed to be two other companies on Salem Street and the Valley Manufactured Products plant. The committee began negotiations with

the companies, however, with more testing the Valley Manufactured Products plant seemed to be the largest contributor to the contamination. In 1980 Valley offered the town \$60,000 to clean up the chemicals but the committee wouldn't hear of it and took all three potential polluters to court. After an 11-year effort, the companies finally settled with the town for \$1 million dollars. Once

the lawyers were paid, the town used the remaining funds to develop a new well, #4, located along the Merrimack River behind the cemetery.

Meanwhile, after much investigation by the EPA an Administrative Order by Consent was issued by them. The US EPA docket number 1-87-1091 AOC, is a legal document issued by the EPA that requires a party to take specific actions to address environmental concerns. It's essentially a settlement agreement where the EPA and the regulated entity agree on the steps needed to resolve a violation of environmental law. The Order was signed on September 3rd and 4th by the EPA and Thomas Quinlan, President of the Valley Manufactured Products.

Small machine shops like Valley Manufactured Products often make small metal parts. Once the parts are cut, they require chemical treatments to clean them of the oil used in the process. Trichloroethylene, a known carcinogen, was the cleaner of choice. Often the parts would later be brightened in an acid bath. When the chemical's ability to clean was finished they had to be disposed of as waste and a hauler paid to take them away. Valley had used these processes at their plant.

The document which was obtained at the

Langley Adams Library and is also available on the EPA Web Site contains a section called Statements of Fact. This section details operations and activities at the site from 1963 until 1985. The common belief is the hazardous chemical contamination came as the result of the accidental release of waste trichloroethylene dumped into a tank that had been improperly installed in the

hazardous substances each year as a defoliant on the eastern side of the building and in the area where the parking lot is located.

Between 1970 and 1979 the acid bath process was located on an earthen floor in the basement near the compressor room and the company discharged wastewater from this process into the parking lot.

These activities caused the chemicals to seep into the ground and pollute our two nearby wells.

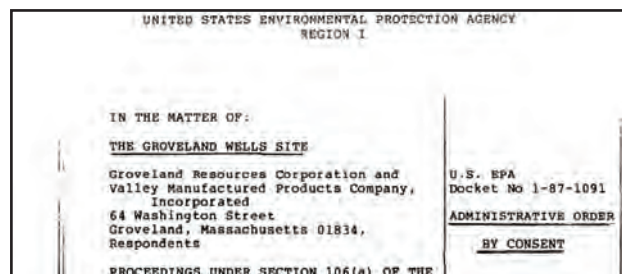
There was no doubt that what the company did to dispose of their waste was no accident. At the time, these activities placed at least 160 nearby residents health at risk and endangered adults and children who drank the water.

No studies were ever done to measure the effect on Groveland residents.

We will never know the full impact of this behavior practiced by the Valley Manufactured Products Company to rid themselves of chemical waste to save money.

Eventually the company shut down all operations in Groveland and closed. The building was abandoned and left to fall apart. The company and owner pay no taxes on the building and our town is forced to set aside funds every year to cover the unpaid taxes, plus fees, interest, and penalties. This is done because Massachusetts law requires it.

In the next segment we will hear about how the EPA Superfund program cleaned up the site and well #1, and the restrictions we are still living with on nearby properties. Finally, we'll learn what the future holds to free us of the awful specter of that collapsing building on Washington Street. ♦

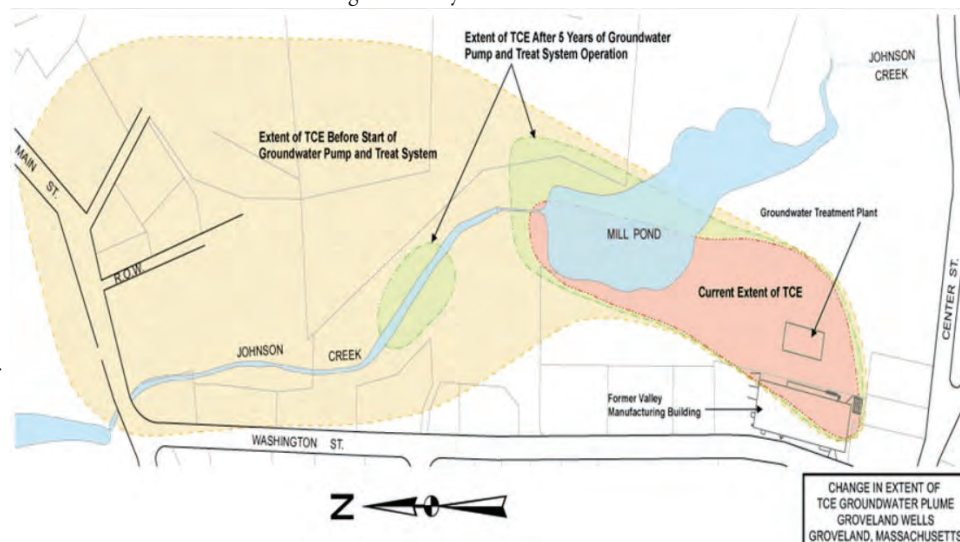


Thomas Quinlan, President of Groveland Resources Corporation and Valley Manufactured Products Company signed the EPA's Administrator Order by Consent on September 3, 1987 after years of the companies intentional and suspected unintentional dumping of hazardous chemicals. Read the full 20-page letter at: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/01/563425.pdf>, along with an additional 100 pages of references, inspections, and contamination details.

ground without a drain plug. However, the statement of facts signed by the owner reveals much more egregious behaviors by the company. Here are a few examples.

Between 1964 and 1972 and possibly as late as 1974 the company released at least twenty gallons of waste oil containing other hazardous substances each month onto the ground at the southern end of the existing building.

Between 1964 and 1966 and possibly as late as 1972 the company released at least three to four fifty-five-gallon drums of waste oil containing trichloroethylene or other



Extent of Groundwater Pollution Plume



# Newburyport Art Presents 10 x 10 Small Works Friday, July 11th - Wednesday, July 23rd

Newburyport Art (NAA) announces its next exhibition, 10 x 10 Small Works, from Friday, July 11th through Wednesday, July 23rd. This show displays art pieces that are no larger or less than 10" x 10" in dimension, framed and unframed. The artworks may be small, yet are big on creativity using various mediums, all featured in the Sargent Gallery on the first floor.

This exhibition coincides with Newburyport Art's Watercolor Featured Interest Group Show on the first floor in the Hills Gallery, sharing its opening reception on Saturday, July 12th, from 4-6pm. All are welcome to attend, where and when many of the exhibited artists are present, as well as light refreshments served.

Historic "65 Water Street" has three galleries that are free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 11am-5pm and Sunday from 1-5pm. The building is closed on Mondays, however, the NAA Sculpture Garden found behind it, welcomes visitors year-round.

The attached yellow building containing the Hills Gallery has a separate entrance with easier accessibility. More information as well as an online exhibition gallery to view and purchase from, is available at [newburyportart.org](http://newburyportart.org).

Founded in 1948, Newburyport Art is dedicated to promoting and exhibiting members' work and to providing art education and access to the visual arts for the entire community.

## GEORGETOWN: Summer Concert Series at the Library

Submitted by: Sarah Cognata, Director  
Georgetown Peabody Library, 2 Maple Street, Georgetown

The Georgetown Peabody Library is once again hosting a summer concert series on the library lawn every Wednesday evening starting on Wednesday, July 9 until August 6. These concerts will take place outside on the library lawn so please bring lawn chairs or blankets. If the weather does not cooperate, the concerts will be inside in the library's Meeting Room. Below is the concert schedule. Additional information can be found on the library's event calendar at [www.georgetownpl.org/events](http://www.georgetownpl.org/events)

Wednesday, July 9 at 6:30 PM: Melodious Zach (pop/rock and Motown songs of the 1950s, 60s, and 70s)

Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM: Lyle Brewer (folk, jazz and classical music)

Wednesday, July 23 at 6PM: Fox and The Flamingos (funk, blues, rock)

Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 PM: Ken Clark Organ Trio (funk, jazz, rock, and soul)

Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30PM: Peryle (indie-pop and folk)

The Georgetown Peabody Library's summer concert series is sponsored by the Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library.

## ROWLEY: Summer Concert Series at the Library

The Rowley Public Library is offering a Summer Concert Series: live family-friendly music events Wednesday evenings in the month of July. Bring a blanket or chair and relax on their beautiful front lawn while enjoying great local musicians. Free frozen treats will be provided.

Wednesday, July 9, 6:30PM: Ask Alice (rock)

Wednesday, July 16, 6:30PM: Rooster Sauce (pop and rock classics)

Wednesday, July 23, 6:30PM: Stomp N' Holler (country/country rock)

Get more information on these events and more at [www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/calendar), or call 978-948-2850. In case of inclement weather, the events will be held indoors. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Rowley Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

# Upcoming Events

## AMESBURY

July 10: Amesbury Envisioned - Where women sip, socialize & shine! Thrsday, July 10th, 7-9 PM, Birdhouse, 6 Chestnut St. An evening of fun and fashion shows. \$20 Chamber of Commerce members, \$25 non-member. Appetizers. Cash bar. Info: <https://members.amesburychamber.com/ap/Events/Register/DgFe3G6C1CQCW>

July 12: Outdoor Hard Cider Bar & Free Live Music Series at Cider Hill Farm 11 am - 4 pm [www.ciderhill.com/farm-events/live-music](http://www.ciderhill.com/farm-events/live-music)

## BOXFORD

July 20th: Touch a Truck. See graphic on this page.

## GEORGETOWN

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale / Flea Market for all. Saturday, July 26, 9am - 2 p.m. The Kennedy Building Association of the KofC buildings and grounds at 87 E. Main Street adjacent to the Georgetown Building Supply invites all residents and small businesses to display items for sale. A few tables will be available but folks are urged to also bring their own. A suggested donation to the KofC is \$20 per family/business. Reserve your spot today by. See large full-page notice in this edition for contact/details.

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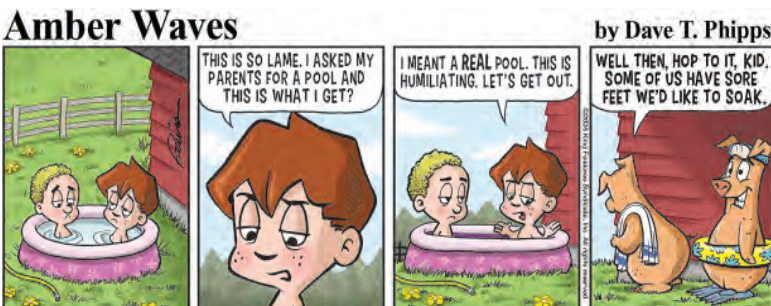
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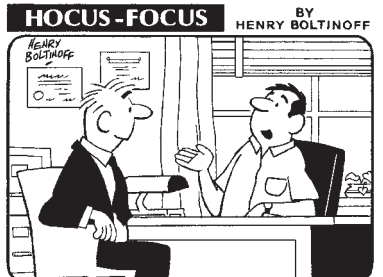
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although you don't like to change plans once they're set, once again, you might find that doing so can make a big difference in your favor. Meanwhile, family matters dominate the weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You continue to get encouragement for your proposals, including some support from unlikely sources. Use this positive flow to move forward with your plans. Good luck!

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Family matters are dominant this week. It's a good time to be with those you love. It's also a good time to contact and reunite with loved ones with whom you've lost touch.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to allow differences of opinion to create unpleasant feelings, especially in the workplace. A neutral observer could check out the situation and suggest a resolution.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While the Lion's Den is the center of attention this week with family matters dominating much of your time, workplace issues are also important. Try to find a balance between them.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The future of a new relationship could depend on how much the usually impatient-to-get-things-done Virgo is willing to stop pushing and let things happen naturally.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Worry over a loved one's well-being is eased with good news from a sympathetic source. Your continued show of love and support is important. Stay with it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to consider mending fences with someone you wish was back in your life. Forget about blame and focus on the good things you once shared.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to start researching information regarding whatever changes you're considering, whether it involves a new home, a new location, or a new job.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A long-anticipated job opportunity could turn out to be less than you expected, but appearances might be deceiving. Check it out before you decide it's not for you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Good news! Adapting to a new situation might come more easily than you expected. You can look for continued support from colleagues who appreciate your contributions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Someone you care for might need more reassurance from the typically "unemotional" Pisces. Go ahead. Open up, and you might be surprised at what you find when you do.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a romantic at heart, although you can be amazingly practical when you need to be. Many might consider you a great shoulder to lean on.

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BEVERLY – June 24, 2025

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May data provided the following key indicators:

• New listings are holding fairly flat year over year while pending sales continue the 2025 trend of rising ~10%.

• Year over year days on market are trending towards a 13% increase so far in 2025 for both single family homes and condos. This increase has so far not shown a downward effect on prices.

“The May statistics reflect a highly competitive single-family market, with inventory slightly down and prices up nearly 6% year over year. While it's still a strong seller's market, a recent uptick in listings could level the playing field for buyers in the near future.”

A complete breakdown of May's data can be found nearby. Housing

data encompasses Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Peabody, Rockport, Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, and Wenham.

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Historic Data Spotlight

Single Family

YEAR	MEDIAN PRICE	CLOSED SALES	INVENTORY
2025	\$752,000	261	429
2024	\$700,000	254	446
2020	\$487,450	254	508
2015	\$369,000	329	1,089

Condominium

YEAR	MEDIAN PRICE	CLOSED SALES	INVENTORY
2025	\$470,000	111	197
2024	\$450,500	127	183
2020	\$329,950	92	244
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SUMMER SONGS


(and small hints)

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3 Movie title / body rating  
4 The Lovin' Spoonful - where they spent their summers  
7 Mommy, mother, ma...  
8 My shoes at the beach get all...  
10 Mungo Jerry in the summer...  
11 Dance  
12 Tennis games  
14 Not in but  
16 What I do to a beach book  
17 Sitting on the dock of the  
19 Go Go's time off  
23 Momas and Papas dreaming  
24 Lady in (color)  
27 Big ball of light in sky  
29 Tastes bad (not sweet)  
30 Seals and Crofts light wind  
31 Beach Boys surfing where? (Abbrev.)  
32 Frank Sinatra summer.

Down

1 ..Yellow Polka Dot..  
2 Short for Katherine  
5 The Drifters go under..  
6 Name of girl who is in love, sung by Debbie Reynolds  
8 From Grease  
9 The day before today  
13 Beach Boys good vi...  
15 Beach Boys not cola but koko..  
18 Opposite of no  
20 No other newspaper like it  
21 A musical group  
22 Go Go's time off..  
25 Patti Page cape  
26 Them from a \_\_\_\_, Percy  
28 Surfaris surf crash



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Knights of Columbus 6064,  
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Support MS Awareness

by Lonnie Brennan

Each year, your local Knights of Columbus 6064 with membership from Byfield, Boxford, Georgetown, and Rowley join to support in small ways attempts to promote awareness/support of illness cures. As we enter the relaxing days of summer, the Knights have thanked long-time member and recording clerk Anthony Takis of Georgetown for taking a lead on this year's multi-event program for MS awareness.

Knight Takis will be participating in an MS fundraising event, and the local Knights of Columbus and membership support him in this, and other efforts throughout the year.

"We urge members of our community to keep in their hearts and minds the needs of others this summer, and to aid in helping others in any small way that they can," said Deputy Grand Knight Bert Hanlon of Rowley.

"Together, we make a stronger community, as we each bring comfort and support to those less fortunate."

All Catholic gentlemen are urged to join the Knights of Columbus to support the church and community. Please contact Keith Vicari, Grand Knight at Keith Vicari keithvicari@yahoo.com, or call him at 978-979-6088 for more information. ♦

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2. Which band released “I Don’t Want to Live Without You”?
3. Name the female artist who released “The Sweetest Thing (I’ve Ever Known).”
4. Who released “Every Woman in the World”?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Beneath this snowy mantle cold and clean, The unborn grass lies waiting for its coat to turn to green.”

Answers

1. Creedence Clearwater Revival, in 1970. In the U.S. the song climbed as high as No. 4 on the charts but other countries — such as Netherlands, Canada and Australia — pushed it all the way to No. 1.
2. Foreigner, in 1987. Written by the group’s guitar player, Mick Jones, the song topped the Adult Contemporary chart. Jones also penned the widely popular “I Want to Know What Love Is.”
3. Juice Newton, in 1981. The song climbed the Adult Contemporary, Hot Country and Hot 100 charts all at the same time.
4. Air Supply, in 1980.
5. “Snowbird,” by Anne Murray in 1969. The song went gold in the U.S., a first for any Canadian female artist. The song’s writer, Gene MacLellan, wrote the song in 20 minutes while walking along the beach.



GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, **July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, Notice of Intent, **231 West Street**. Map 7 Lot 26. Sanitary Disposal System Upgrade (Repair).  
Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712 7/9

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, **July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for **13 Lakeridge Road**, Public Hearing for Request for Determination. Replace damaged front walk way.  
Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712 7/9

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, **July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for **1 Lull Street, for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)**. To confirm the environmental resource areas on-site to approve.  
Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712 7/9

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, **July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for **118 Jewett Street, Public Hearing for An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)**. To confirm the environmental resource areas in-site and approve.  
Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712 7/9

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, **July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for **National Way, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation** MAP 14, Lots 7A, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, & 8E. Bordering Wetland Review and Confirmation.  
Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712 7/9

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held by the Georgetown Conservation Commission on Thursday, **July 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM**, by Zoom Link found on Town Website Calendar date of meeting, for **47 West Street**, Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent for the proposed construction of 16 units of senior housing. A modified plan mostly out of the 100ft Buffer Zone of Bording Vegetated Wetlands.  
Contact person: Michèle Grenier, PWS (978) 352-5712 7/9

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –  
HIGHWAY DIVISION  
**NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING**

**Project Description: Newburyport – Intersection Improvements at the  
Intersection of Route 1 and Merrimac Street  
Project File No. 608029**

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed project in Newburyport, MA.

WHEN: 6:30PM, Thursday, July 24th, 2025

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The purpose of this project is for the installation of two traffic signal systems on Merrimac Street at the Route 1 on and off-ramps in Newburyport, MA. The project limits extend along Merrimac Street from Strong Street to Market Street and to Pleasant Street to the south. The Project shall improve the functionality of the Route 1 ramps at Merrimac Street by incorporating adequate sight distance, roadway micro resurfacing and restriping, inclusion of complete street elements including ADA accessibility, pedestrian curb ramps and bicycle accommodations, pavement markings and signage, and associated utility adjustments. Work on the minor streets will be limited to approach work unless drainage or utility elements require further improvements or adjustments.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to [MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTProjectManagement@dot.state.ma.us) or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608029. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us)). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
7/9, (7/16)

GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby provided that the Town of Georgetown Planning Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A, Sec. 5, on proposed amendments to the Town’s Zoning Bylaw **Chapter 57 Erosion and Stormwater Control, specifically corrections to §57-2 Definitions and §57-8 Administration.**

The purpose of the hearing is to consider public comments regarding a Warrant Article proposed by the Georgetown Planning Board. These proposed changes will correct scrivener’s errors in the municipal bylaws.

The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, 23 JULY 2025 at 7:10 p.m.** This hearing will be held virtually via Zoom, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard in relation thereto. The link to the Zoom meeting will be available on the Planning Board’s agenda which can be found on the Town’s Calendar of Upcoming Events at [www.Georgetownma.gov](http://www.Georgetownma.gov) 48 hours prior to the Public Hearing. The full text of the proposed amendments are on file and available for inspection during normal business hours at Town Hall in the Planning Office, One Library Street, Georgetown, MA and can be viewed online at: <https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/Bylaw%20Amend%20Ch%2057%20Erosion%20&%20Stormwater%20Control%206JUNE%202025.pdf>

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the Planning Board meeting agenda for 23 JULY 2025, 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 Channel 9. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at [www.georgetownma.gov](http://www.georgetownma.gov) by choosing the Community TV option.

ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89035397271> Meeting ID 890 3539 7271 Passcode 680078

For more information about these Public Hearings or if you were unable to attend the hearing and would like to communicate your concerns or questions about this topic, please send an eMail to the Town Planner at [FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov](mailto:FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov) . Written correspondence received before Noon on the day of the hearing will be accepted and read into the record.

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

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# AMESBURY: 19 Residents to Ride Up to 186 Miles in 2025 Pan-Mass Challenge to Fight Cancer

During the weekend of August 2–3, 19 riders from Amesbury will join more than 6,800 cyclists in the 46th Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), a two-day bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, with the goal of raising \$76 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Dana-Farber). The PMC is the nation’s single most successful athletic fundraising event, having raised over \$1 billion for Dana-Farber since its founding in 1980. In 2024, the PMC raised a record-breaking \$75 million.

Every dollar raised by PMC riders goes directly to Dana-Farber to support innovative cancer research and patient care, accounting for 66 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. As Dana-Farber’s single largest donor, the PMC has helped fuel decades of breakthroughs, including Dana-Farber’s pivotal role in the development of over half of all cancer drugs approved by the FDA from 2018-2022.

Each PMC Ride Weekend, cyclists come together from all corners of the world to pedal anywhere from 25 to 186 miles and raise as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Most ride in honor of loved ones fighting cancer, and more than 1,100 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or patients themselves – considered Living Proof® of the PMC mission. There are also 160 Dana-Farber employees committed to the cause as riders and volunteers, in some cases to fund their own cancer research.

The PMC is co-presented by the Red Sox Foundation® and M&T Bank. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or to register as a rider or volunteer, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org), or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2025 on Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn. Thank you to the following riders from Amesbury (19):

- Geraldine Brown

Katherine Brown

Robert DiFazio

Shea DiFazio
- Kelly DiFazio

Ben Fundis

Ryan Gornley

MaryEllen Graff
- Margaret McCarthy

Patty Mellon

Aaron Millett

Elizabeth Morris
- Elizabeth Morris

Emily Olmstead

Robin Schell

Patrick Tobin
- Silva Treiser Brown

Lisa Venditti

Matthew Walsh

Christian Zielinski

## Newburyport Public Library During July

Monday, July 14th at 6pm: Maker Monday: Jellyfish Windchime (IN PERSON). With a base in the form of a Japanese wind bell, this art piece will add coastal charm and graceful tones to your porch or windows. Registration required.

Friday, July 18th at 10am: Artificial Stupelligence: The Hilarious Truth About AI (VIRTUAL). Join author Lynn Raebssamen to chat about her book "Artificial Stupelligence: The Hilarious Truth About AI", the laugh-out-loud guide to the brilliance - and blunders - of AI. Virtual registration required.

Monday, July 21st at 5:30pm: Chess Social (IN PERSON). Enjoy playing and learning about chess with four provided game boards and books from our collection, as well as some warm drinks and chess themed cookies. No registration required.

Monday, July 21st at 7pm: "The Wisdom of Morrie" with Author and son of Morrie, Rob Schwartz (VIRTUAL). For 30 years, Morrie Schwartz's wisdom has resonated with people around the world largely due to the beloved, best-selling memoir, Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom. Now we have the opportunity to speak with Morrie's son, Rob Schwartz, about the book "The Wisdom of Morrie". Virtual registration required.

Thursday, July 24th at 7pm: Sacred Self-Care: Rest, Reclaim, and Radiate (IN PERSON). Through a grounding Kundalini-inspired movement practice, you'll be invited to release stress, return to your center, and reclaim the parts of yourself that may have been quieted by the demands of daily life. No registration required.

Wednesday, July 30th at 2pm: V is for Venom: Agatha Christie's Chemicals of Death (VIRTUAL). Dr. Kathryn Harkup, writer, science communicator and vampirologist, will be with us discussing her book "V is for Venom: Agatha Christie's Chemicals of Death". Virtual registration required.

Thursday, July 31st at 7pm: Pop Up Art School will show you how to mix colors like a pro, plus tips and tricks for creating colorful flowers and leaves, and all from your own home! Virtual registration required.

Check out our calendar for more programs we are offering in July!

VIRTUAL programs require registration to get the Zoom link. People can register online via the library website events calendar or by calling 978-465-4428 x2. Some in-person programs in July require registration.

**Mondays & Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm: Drop-In Tech Time (IN PERSON).**

Bring your simple technology questions for a drop-in session. We can help with the basics for your phones, laptops, tablets, and e-readers, including accessing library resources, adding Libby to a personal device, basic computer navigation, and general internet instruction. Sessions can last up to 30 minutes and will be run with available staff on a first come, first served basis. Contact [info@newburyportpl.org](mailto:info@newburyportpl.org) or call us at 978-465-4428 x 2 with questions.

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