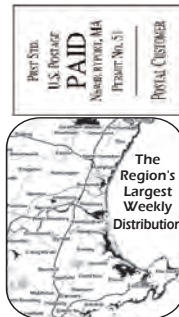


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Megan McCormick with President of the Friends of Rowley Library Sieglinde Aigner-Crooks

Rowley Library: There's a Lot More Than Books Around Here

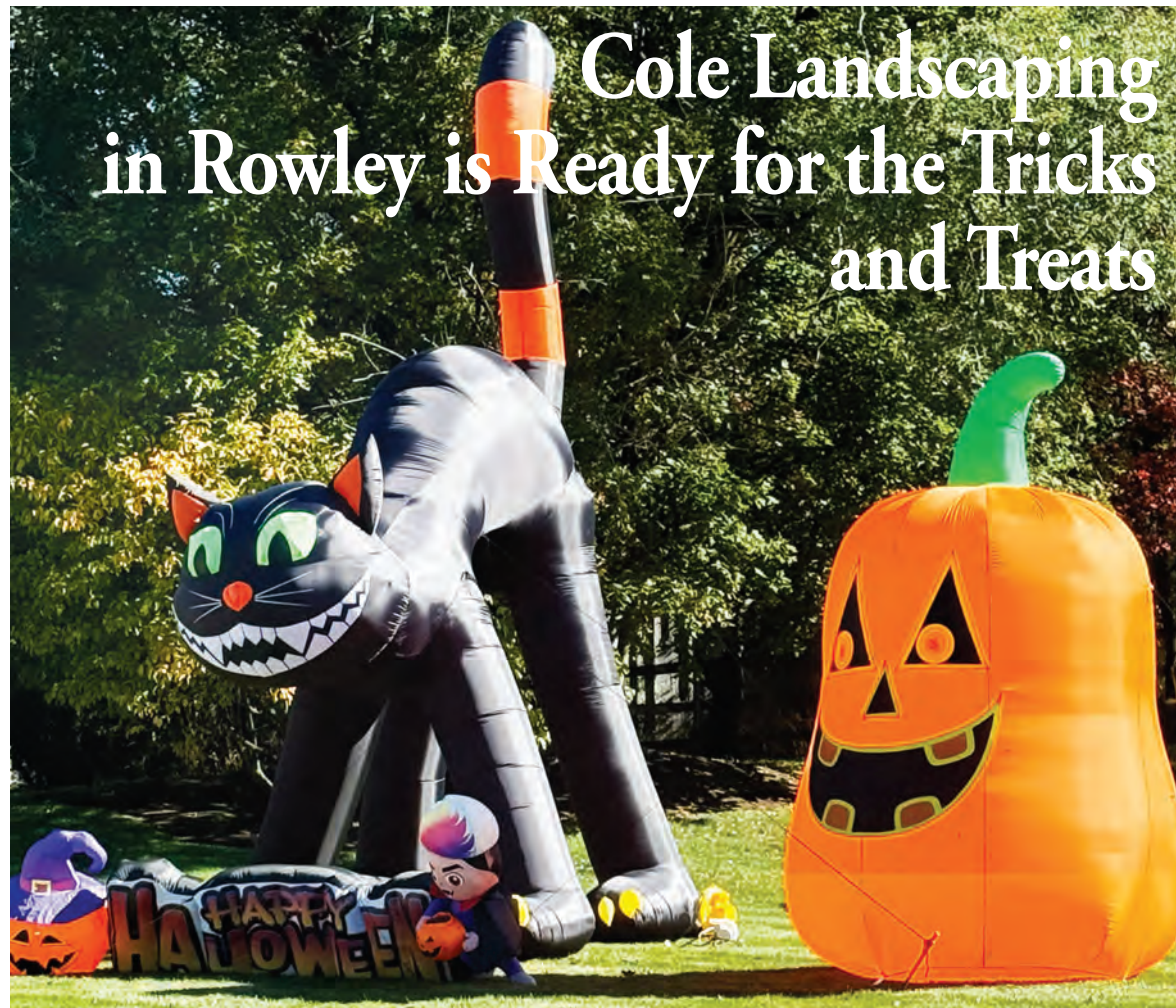
ROWLEY – Friends of the Rowley Public Library President Sieglinde Aigner-Crooks shared that the library is blessed with amazing volunteers, donors, and shoppers who partake in their twice-yearly book sale. "The money goes straight to mostly the childrens' programming," Sieglinde shared. The Friends try to raise about \$10,000 each year through various activities.

viewed Sieglinde and Megan McCormick, the library assistant for youth services at their semi-annual book sale fundraiser. Megan shared that "this is one of the huge fundraisers that gives us so many funds for all the programming that we do."

"It's incredible. I mean the Friends make everything that we do possible," Megan said. "We have constant programming for the kids, and we rely

Alan and Maureen Aulson inter-

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Huge cat and pumpkin usher in the Halloween spirits at Cole Landscaping, Rt. 133 in Rowley (Photo: Alan Aulson)

Newburyport Halloween Fun This Week

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – As if you didn't know why there are so many skeletons and black cats in front yards, Halloween is coming up on Friday night, and several events in Newburyport this week will brighten the festivities.

Trick or treating is permitted from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Several events are being coordinated by the Newburyport Arts Collective (NAC).

Trick or Treat from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Newburyport Public Library will hold its final Scary Movie matinee on Friday, Oct. 31. The screening is free and open to all. For more information, visit newburyportpl.org.

At the Firehouse Center for the Arts,

The Rocky Horror Picture Show will be shown on Halloween night. Each ticket includes participation items such as toast and toilet paper, following tradition. Details are available at firehouse.org.

Also at the Firehouse, *Comedy of Horrors* will run from October 31 through November 2. The show, written by Jack Neary and presented by *Acting Out*

Newburyport, features teen and adult performers. Learn more at firehouse.org.

NAC is a group of local arts organizations working together to strengthen and promote the city's arts community.

For more information, visit newburyportartscollective.org, or contact Deirdre Budzyna at 978-457-1423 or dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu. ♦

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Helping Cancer Victims For 15 Years

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

REGIONAL – In its 15th year helping those diagnosed with cancer, the Rowley-based charity Solace for Stephanie has spent more than \$150,000 helping more than 130 people either with direct financial help or college scholarships for high school seniors in families of cancer victims.

Next month, Solace, which is named for Stephanie Jenkins, a popular Rowley hairdresser who died of cancer, will again host its Comedy Night to bring an evening of laughter to many who need it.

"This is a pinnacle year, a year of reflection and remembrance," said

MaryAnn (Mo) Levasseur, a friend of Stephanie, who with the Jenkins family has led this organization. "We need to look back at what we have done. We have stayed together as a family for 15 years. We are united."

She praised the supporters and volunteers, who come from all over the North Shore. "Their support makes it

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7 Rules for Our Next Newburyport Mayor

To the Editor:

Here are my 7 wishes for the next Mayor of Newburyport:

1. Properly paved streets, smooth enough to keep us from feeling in the seat of our pants when our vehicles have crossed a town border.
2. Lifeguards returned to the Plum Island beachfront, so that all of our little children can happily splash about in safety.
3. More responsible use of taxpayer funds to benefit the community, without regard to their impact on elections.
4. Better maintenance of the Newburyport waterfront boardwalk, to enhance its safety and beauty.
5. Better treatment of volunteers, especially the polite and courteous young ladies who keep our library operating smoothly and responsibly.
6. Do not attempt to curry favor with voting groups with pricey pet projects the City can ill afford.
7. Properly employ the rules of etiquette everywhere from City Hall hearings to public displays and communications with the taxpayers.

Let all remember that a public service is a public trust, requiring placing honesty and integrity above private gain, avoiding conflicts of interest, and not using public office for private advantage.

My vote for the next Mayor of Newburyport will go to the candidate who I believe will best adhere to these principles.

LCDR Warren P. Russo,
USN (Ret.)
Newburyport

Question of the Week:

To the Editor:

We just approved a \$6-million tax override for - mostly - the Georgetown schools this past spring.

We received mailings from the school committee chairman, and from the Mass. Teachers Association that told us it was critical to maintain our school system, and if we didn't approve approximately \$200+ per month increase on every homeowner, the schools would fail.

Fast forward a few short months, and now the same people who sold us this bill of goods say we need to look at "regionalizing" our school system, because parents continue to refuse to place their kids in a school system that has tanked (big slide over the years, has fewer extra-curricular activities at the high school, etc.).

So, now that they drove the schools down in almost every measurably way, they now want money to explore busing children to neighboring school systems.

Meanwhile, we have at least four administrators at the middle/high school, similar at the elementary school, and top-paid superintendent, not to mention all the support staff.

Why, tell me why, would I believe them now? We need new school committee members.

(Again, name withheld from print to avoid whistleblower revenge.)



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Georgetown



Georgetown Selectwoman Rachel Bancroft with Daphne (Courtesy Photos)

Fighting for Her Canine Companion

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

SALEM – A judge at the Salem District Court ordered Georgetown SelectBoard member Rachel Bancroft last week to turn over her dog to her soon-to-be ex-husband as part of a contentious divorce without hearing new evidence that the canine companion is her doctor-verified emotional support animal.

Rachel immediately filed a motion for reconsideration by Essex County Probate and Family Court Judge Frances Giordano, requesting that she vacate the order regarding her canine companion. She also did not turn over the dog last week to her husband at the Georgetown Police Department, as ordered, because she is requesting the judge hear all the evidence as part of her reconsideration.

Judge Giordano, on Aug. 6, awarded possession of the dog to the husband, Robert Bancroft, Jr., claiming the dog belonged to their 17-year-old son, who recently moved to live with his father less than a mile away. The Bancrofts share custody of their son.

The dog, Daphne, is registered on a computer chip to Rachel, who has provided care for the dog since she adopted her. The chip is a permanent form of identification to help reunite a lost dog with its owner.

In her request to the judge to modify the temporary order, the selectwoman wrote: "The husband/father has a documented history of abusive and manipulative behavior, including a restraining order. Awarding him possession of the ESA — an essential therapeutic support — places me at risk of psychological harm and enables continued coercive control."

At least four individuals submitted letters to the court attesting that the dog fears and dislikes men, particularly her husband, who left the family home in Georgetown two-plus years ago. The letters were not discussed in open court.

Jennifer Manning, a nurse, wrote to

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Topsfield Fair Crowns Mrs. Essex County 2026

TOPSFIELD – The Topsfield Fair, America’s oldest agricultural fair, recently announced the winner of the annual Mrs. Essex County Pageant. Clarice Menesale of Danvers, received her crown during the 54th pageant, which takes place annually at the fair.

Menesale took the crown against close competition from Patricia Armstrong of Danvers, Kristie Eaton of Groveland, and Susan Hallam of Salem.

Menesale placed third for her clam dip in this year’s prepared food contest, which was to make their favorite tailgate appetizer. Hallam placed first for her game day cheese soup and Eaton placed second with her Piggies Royale.

Kristie Eaton was named Mrs. Congeniality by the other contestants.

The contestants were judged on poise, general stage presence, an interview, and a culinary arts submission, which this year was their favorite tailgate appetizer.

The Topsfield Fair’s Mrs. Essex County Pageant is open each year to married women currently living in Essex County who are at least 18 years of age. Each contestant submits a prepared food item. In keeping with Topsfield Fair’s agricultural roots, contestants are urged to “Buy Local” and use ingredients from local farms in their entries.

As Mrs. Essex County, Menesale will be instrumental in the Essex Agricultural Society’s goal to educate the public regarding the organization’s importance in an atmosphere of fun and excitement through the Topsfield Fair. Look for the winner at your local parades promoting the fair and the Essex Agricultural Society next summer!



Mrs. Essex County 2026 Clarice Menesale of Danvers.

SOLICE FOR STEPHANIE

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happen. They are our solace.”

The non-profit organization this year has helped 15 cancer sufferers with gift cards that help pay for groceries, transportation and parking to doctors’ offices and hospitals and massages that are critical to reducing stress and helping the healing process, she said.

This year has seen more young people with cancer being referred to Solace. Gavin was referred to Solace after he was diagnosed with a rare type of brain tumor in his senior year of high school. “He graduated while going through treatment,” Levasseur said.

Solace gave him a scholarship to help pay for college as well as other support.

Another beneficiary is an eight-year-old.

Levasseur is particularly proud of helping a single mother of five children in Ipswich, who was referred to Solace by a member of the Essex County Networkers, a business organization that supports Solace.

“(The diagnosis) rocked her world,” Levasseur said.

But after a year of treatments, including extensive chemotherapy treatments, she has turned a corner. It was the largest commitment of its resources this year.

Last year, the comedy night, hosted by Paul Gilligan, raised more than \$25,000 in one night to support Solace’s efforts.

In a wrap-up letter to the hundreds of “angels,” who participated in the Comedy Night, Levasseur wrote: “Whether it was hands on behind

the scenes, to purchasing a ticket, to sending a donation, to sponsoring a gift card, to volunteering that night. We could go on and on. YOU made the difference.”

The Comedy Night includes dinner by Dinner Ala Cart and a full bar, plus a ton of laughs from Gilligan, Paul D’Angelo and Dan Crohn – all for a good cause. Tickets are \$75 on line.

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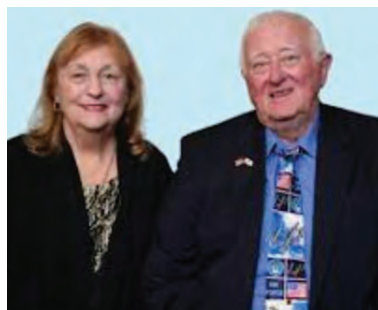
Dick and Christine Moody of Danvers, Founders of Operation Troop Support, Receive Minutemen Service Award at 'Salute to Veterans' Breakfast, Nov. 7, 2025

DANVERS – The North Shore Chamber's 5th annual "Salute to Veterans" breakfast event will be held Friday, Nov. 7, at Danversport, 161 Elliott St., Danvers. Veterans, military and first responders are invited to attend for free.

A celebration of patriotism, service and the nation's military and veterans' communities, the event is sponsored by The North Shore Chamber of Commerce along with its premier

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The program will feature the presentation of the Minuteman Service Award that recognizes selfless dedication and support of our military and veteran communities. This year's honorees are Dick and Christine Moody of Danvers, founders of Operation Troop Support. This Danvers-based nonprofit focuses on helping America's deployed troops as well as their loved



Christine and Dick Moody

ones back home. The organization has shipped more than 1.5 million care packages to troops all over the world.

This year's keynote speaker is Kris Paronto, who was part of the elite security team guarding the CIA annex during the 2012 Benghazi attack. He is well-known for his story from

the book and movie "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi." He served four years as an Army Ranger, followed by another four years in the Army National Guard. He reached the enlisted rank of sergeant before receiving a commission in 2003. Kris Paronto will offer a firsthand account of what happened on the ground during the 2012 Benghazi attack.

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Kris Paronto

numerous other North Shore Chamber member businesses, all veterans and their spouses, members of the military, and first responders are invited to attend for free. Please register in advance by calling 978-774-8565, Ext. 4 or online at www.northshorechamber.org.

Tickets for the general public are \$85, and \$65 for Chamber members.

Registration and breakfast begin at 7:15 a.m., with the program running from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The 2025 Salute to Veterans Breakfast promises to be a morning of honoring, connecting, sharing and celebrating. The North Shore Chamber hopes to see you there.

To learn more about this event, visit www.northshorechamber.org. ♦



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Judge Giordano that turning the dog over to the estranged husband would be “a profound act of injustice.”

“Mr. Bancroft has a long and well-documented history of abuse toward Ms. Bancroft over 26 years as well as cruelty toward animals previously in her care.” Manning confirmed that Daphne is a doctor-certified support animal for Rachel Bancroft.

“Furthermore, it has come to light that Mr. Bancroft secured a dog insurance policy exceeding two million dollars related to Daphne,” Manning wrote to the judge. She said she believes he may be seeking to profit from harm to Daphne.

Rachel was given a restraining order against her husband from the Haverhill District Court, where she filed a four-page affidavit detailing her husband’s abuse to her and her animals. She was referred several years ago to the Jeanne Geiger Center for counseling as an abused person.

Mr. Bancroft’s attorney, Casey Cochran, has denied that he is abusive..

Rachel’s attorney, Jordan Phelps,

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submitted a medical provider’s letter, veterinary records and ESA certification to establish that the animal is prescribed for her emotional health and well-being. The Court declined to review this supplemental evidence and letters during a hearing on Oct. 20.

The previously private divorce proceedings were elevated to public involvement following multiple postings on Facebook by a Georgetown resident seeking Rachel’s removal from the SelectBoard and as chair of the Conservation Commission, based partially on Judge Giordano’s rulings.

Rachel has requested that Judge Giordano recuse herself from the case, claiming the judge is biased against her.

In recent weeks, Rachel relayed that her cat was stolen from her home without her knowledge. Judge Giordano has not ordered the cat returned,

as requested by Rachel’s attorney.

Rachel “has been the cat’s primary caregiver since adoption, providing consistent veterinary care, feeding, shelter, and emotional support,” she said in her motion to have her husband return the cat.

The private/public divorce trial is scheduled for late November before Judge Giordano. ♦

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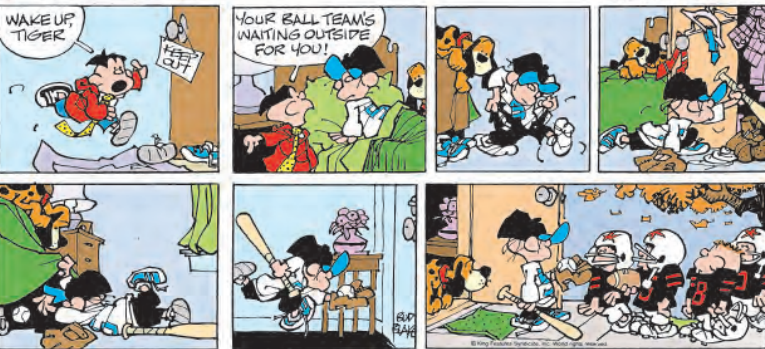
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full-time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate their words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to reexamine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments, then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem and allows your naturally jovial attitude to reemerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Meanwhile, travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision that you're not ready to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging. You're quite well-rounded.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS									
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦ Challenging HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword EXPANSION TEAM

- ACROSS**

1 Horse house
7 Talked about
16 iPhone buys
20 Medieval weapon
21 Stimulus
22 Garbanzo, for one
23 Kids' writer who was a frequent flier?
26 North Carolina university
27 Ca++ or Cl-
28 Make up (for)
29 Architect who loved internet chatting?
38 "Oh yeah? — who?!"
39 That man
40 In a chair
41 Rural tract
42 Helper
43 Not round-trip
47 Three, in Italy
48 1999-2004 Oldsmobiles
50 Mystery writer who was a constable?
57 Give the right
58 Actor Arnaz
59 Old Japanese governors

60 Classic toothpaste brand
63 Org. supporting sober motorists
65 Env. alerter
66 Novelist who had a law degree?
73 Pear center
74 Litigant
75 Extensive, informally
76 Vehicle often traded in
80 Actress Rae
82 Chess plays
87 Showman who rehabilitated injured people?
91 Song that Kim sings to Hugo in "Bye Bye Birdie"
92 Long span
93 Third-century pope
94 Alpine goat
97 Test facility
98 Grinding tool
101 "— 'er rip!"
102 Anonymous guy

103 Comedian who did plumbing work?
108 Soda giant
110 Obama health law, for short
111 Camp shelter
112 Actor who was always providing precedents?
122 Casino cubes
123 Has as a goal
124 Really must
125 Suffix with novel
126 Sticks firmly to a decision
127 Prized violins, for short

DOWN

1 Health club
2 Actor Cruise
3 Part of IPA
4 Visorless cap
5 Boxer Ali
6 Former inmate
7 Awful racket
8 — jiffy (PDQ)
9 — -fi
10 Bright red
11 Remove the cargo from
12 Bee attack
13 Moral lapse
14 Actress Best
15 French article
16 Slightly
17 Nancy in the House
18 Gave a lousy review of
19 "Gesundheit" elicitor
24 Kitchen pests
25 — tai
29 "God willing!"
30 Curtain fabric
31 Fuse, as ore
32 Dole (out)
33 Sheriff Wyatt
34 Ending for bed or home
35 Vogue rival
36 Hammerhead ends
37 Sun orbiter
42 Jokingly
44 Nintendo game system
45 Second part of a play
46 Barks of pain
48 In the thick of
49 Eye, in Spain
51 Extinct
52 Deep regret
53 Old autocrat
54 Tone down
55 —'acte
56 ID for the IRS
61 Rejections
62 Keeness
64 "Lah-di- —!"
66 Joke around
67 Harold of the Manhattan Project
68 Boston team
69 Keyboardist John
70 Dull and heavy
71 Ex-Yankee Hideki —
72 Shortstop
73 Half-pint
77 The Bengals, on score-boards
78 Fast Amtrak train
79 Morocco's capital
81 "Am not!"
83 "I'll return very shortly," in texts
84 As a whole
85 Fixed the pitch of
86 Actor Jimmy
88 Brain section
89 — and crafts
90 Part of IPA
94 Hamper
95 Withdrawal of the U.K. from the E.U.
96 Await
98 Printed circuit board, as for a laptop
99 Brings joy to
100 Comics' Kett
103 Reddi- — (dessert topping brand)
104 — to go (fired up)
105 Plants with fronds
106 Map extra
107 Old-time anesthetic
109 Captain Hook henchman
113 "Deck the Halls" syllables
114 Suffix with novel
115 Transcript fig.
116 AOL or MSN
117 — low ebb
118 Pithy remark
119 Toothpaste box inits.
120 "Inc." relative
121 — Alamos

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ROWLEY LIBRARY

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on the Friends for everything that we do. They do a lot of behind the scenes things too: they give us money for landscaping of the library, for the website, for the e-mail program that we use to send out newsletters. They do a lot of things. They're kind of the unsung

heroes. We rely on them for a lot of stuff. They're really incredible."
Megan smiled when she noted that the Aulson's were responsible for bring Goats to Go to the library for the children. "That would absolutely not have happened without the Friends - I can say that without a doubt. And, they need more volunteers."

The library will do a free holiday shop in December for the children. They recently held a Halloween costume event for kids, where they got to pick out - for free - costumes for the big day. "They all to try them on. We're a lot more than books around here." ♦



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Boxford Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., by Zoom videoconference. The purpose of this Hearing is to obtain comments from the public on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town of Boxford regarding community preservation possibilities and resources. The Zoom connection information is here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82089591513>, it will also be posted on the Town of Boxford website calendar several days prior to the meeting.
10/22, (10/29)

BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held via Zoom videoconference on Thursday November 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time when posted for the Notice of Intent and Stormwater Management Permit Application by applicant Michael Tourkistas for the property located at 213 Ipswich Road, Map 19, Block 3, Lot 1.1 to construct a single family residence, accessory dwelling, driveways, septic, well, grading, utilities and associated site improvements as shown on the approved plan, portions of which are within 100' of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Boxford website prior to the meeting. This is a joint hearing under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. For more information, contact Ross Povenmire at rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.
For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director 10/29

BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held by Zoom videoconference on November 6, 2025 at 7:00 or such other time when posted to consider the Request for Determination of Applicability applicant Thomas & Janet Silva for the property located at: 306 Ipswich Road, Boxford: Map 19, Block 1, Lot 9, to install a water treatment backwash drywell and to abandon an existing greywater drywell within 100-feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. To view application materials, call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506.
For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Director of Conservation 10/29

TOWN OF BOXFORD PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Boxford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing to consider changes to the Boxford Zoning Code (Section 196 of the Town Bylaw) and the associated Zoning Map to create an MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District (MCMOD) that would allow as-of-right multifamily housing in accordance with Section 3A of the Zoning Act (codified at MGL Chapter 40A). The proposed MCMOD is on a portion of the property known as "The Willows at Boxford," Assessor's Map 6, Block 2, Lot 2.2. Said hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 7:30 PM by Zoom videoconference. The Zoom connection information is here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89213314907>
The complete text relative to the proposed amendment and a copy of the proposed map change are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's office as well as the Planning Board office at 7A Spofford Road, Boxford, MA.
For the Planning Board,
Ross Povenmire 10/29, (11/5)


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