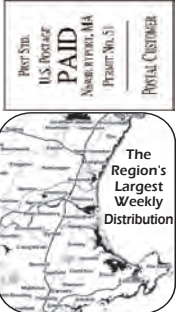


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Some of the many members of the local veterans groups gather at Harry Murch Park in Georgetown (Rte. 122) (Photo by Maureen Aulson)



Gracie with her Grandfather, Alan Aulson of the Georgetown American Legion



Veterans Day Scenes in Georgetown, Mass.
by Maureen Aulson



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Some of the Members of the Georgetown SelectBoard (L to R): Rachel Therrian,
Douglas Dawes, Laura Repplier, and Robert Hoover at Veterans Day Ceremony (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

Boxford Mega Zoning Change?

BOXFORD – Voters at the upcoming Dec. 17th Town Meeting will decide if the Town of Boxford will forever change it's zoning to allow huge, city-like developments (15+ units/acre) in the currently 2-acre zoned town.

The Planning Board held a hearing last week on a proposal to create an MBTA Communities Multifamily Overlay District (MCMOD) that would allow as-of-right multifamily housing. The target is "The Willows at Boxford" where new buyers of million-dollar single-family homes would be engulfed in an unplanned extensive multi-unit condo/apartment housing sprawl. More details in next week's edition. ♦

Masconomet Roof/Heating

The state's building authority has invited the Masconomet Middle School and High School into the next phase of its Accelerated Repair Program. The school district seeks state funds to replace roofing, and HVAC systems and controls. Taxpayers in Boxford, Middleton, and Topsfield will be asked to fund the schematic phase. The votes will take place during spring annual town meetings. ♦



Cole Landscaping on 133, Rowley: Giant Santa, Lots of Trucks! Nov. 22nd

ROWLEY - Drop over to Cole's Landscaping on Saturday, Nov. 22 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and put your little hands on some great trucks, and be sure to have your parents snap a photo of you with the 26' tall Santa.

"It's going to be a fun family day featuring a food drive with the Acord Food Pantry and a Toys for Tots collection, with two Marines joining us for the event and a military truck," Greg Cole shared. "Out front, we'll have loaders, Bobcats, and trucks set up for the kids to explore."

He and Barbara Cole who's spearheading the event have sent out a loud shout to everyone to drop in: Rt 133, Rowley, just down from the Market Basket entrance, on the right. ♦

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73438817	SLD	73 Kimball Rd	Amesbury, MA	AC0342	Detached	2	\$589,000	\$600,000
73430780	SLD	37 Moonpenny Dr	Boxford, MA	C95245	Detached	3	\$699,000	\$635,000
73419554	SLD	36 Hillside Ave	Amesbury, MA	AN4373	Detached	2	\$699,000	\$675,000
73405897	SLD	100 Congress St	Amesbury, MA	AN8279	Detached	3	\$749,900	\$730,000
73423337	SLD	11 Beacon St	Amesbury, MA	AN8279	Detached	2	\$849,900	\$910,000
73434278	SLD	36 Orchard St	Merrimac, MA	AN5498	Detached	3	\$849,900	\$800,000
73428849	SLD	2 Hunter Dr	Newburyport, MA	AN6420	Detached	2	\$849,900	\$845,000
73424505	SLD	42 Riverview Dr	Newbury, MA	AN7827	Detached	2	\$849,900	\$869,900
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Jane Merrow and Bonnie Shultz Recognized

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

REGIONAL – Two veteran food bank leaders have been honored for their efforts to fight food insecurity in the Merrimack Valley.

Jane Merrow who heads the First Parish Church Food Pantry in Newbury, and Bonnie Schultz, the volunteer director of the Among Friends Meal Program at St. Paul's Church in Newburyport, were awarded the Rev. Peter Gomes award by U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Salem.

The award honors the legacy of Gomes, who served nearly 40 years at The Memorial Church of Harvard University. Gomes, a mentor and friend to Moulton, inspired him to join the Marines and later run for Congress. The annual award recognizes those who share his dedication to service and community.

Merrow co-founded the First Parish Newbury Food Pantry in 2015. What

began as a small effort has grown under her leadership to serve more than 750 people each week across seven communities. She works with more than 250 volunteers, organizes food drives, and partners with schools, farms, and local businesses to recover surplus food. In 2024 alone, the pantry rescued over 16,000 pounds of food and helped launch nine school-based pantries that support more than 250 students.

Schultz for 25 years has made her way to St. Paul's every week to make sure neighbors in need have access to a warm meal backed by a team of loyal help. The program provides more than 400 meals weekly, with a team of over 65 volunteers. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Schultz expanded the program to include home deliveries, a service that continues today. She has also led fundraising efforts and guided recent kitchen renovations at the church to support the program's growth.

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Jane Merrow accepts the Gomes award from Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Salem. (Photo provided by the Newbury Food Pantry)

donation, contact the Newbury Food Pantry at info@newburyfoodpantry.org or call 978-358-1077.

Both programs are part of a regional network of food pantries that are assisted by the Seacoast Regional Food Hub in Salisbury.

Our Neighbor's Table has named Greg Ezell, the program director, as the interim executive director for the regional food bank. ♦

Making Community Cool

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Eben Diskin is on a mission. He wants to make getting involved in community affairs something that is "cool," not just an interesting hobby for retirees, but rather people his age.

A year ago, Diskin, 35, created the Townie website and started accepting opinion pieces, which he thought would be less work. He describes the Townie as an "information" site and is not competing with The Town Common newspaper or the Newburyport Daily News.



Eben Diskin (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

His goal is to create a community of people who feel empowered to contribute to local discussions and get involved with issues they care about, and hopefully know something about.

Diskin, himself a native of this city and a travel journalist, was very active in the recent city elections. The Townie hosted a meet and greet event for candidates at the RipTide on Plum Island that was well attended by candidates and voters. And he organized and moderated debates of candidates, including one at the Unitarian Universalist Church with the candidates for at large councilor seats.

Diskin believes opinion pieces are important in small cities because they give background and context to issues. "People want to know what their neighbors think, their barbers, their lawyer," he said.

The Townie accepts opinion pieces ranging from 400 to 1,000 words on topics that are interesting to local readers. He is looking for opinion pieces, written in a conversational tone, on local education, historic preservation, social issues, politics, dining, infrastructure and development. And he does not want any Artificial Intelligence-written articles.

The Townie got off to a slow start with Diskin asking friends to write the first pieces it published, but the flow of submissions picked up last summer during the local controversy over the cost of the Youth Recreation Center on Low Street.

Submissions began pouring in, including ones from city councilors, which gave the Townie credibility, he said.

Diskin knew he was beginning to get traction when he began hearing from people he did not know.

A challenge is to remain neutral on issues and campaigns. The Townie did not endorse any candidates in the mayor/council races, and he will not tell even friends how he voted.

"People need to trust the editor to be neutral," although he admitted there were more endorsements for Jim McCauley than Mayor Sean Readon, despite his efforts to maintain a balance.

As the Townie turns two, he believes it is already a success. He said, "I get more positive comments, than criticism." ♦

He said he was disappointed at the voter turnout for the last election – 6,829 voters out of 15,686 who are registered – but was encouraged that several millennial-aged friends who were previously not involved in local politics told him they voted.

Diskin, a graduate of Wheaton College in history who holds a master degree in creative writing from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, has moved away from Newburyport three times, but always came back. "I love this city," he said.

Currently, the Townie is a labor of love, but he hopes in time that it will attract more sponsors or advertisers. The Townie gets 9,000 to 10,000 views per month. His Facebook page has about 1,500 followers, and the newsletter has 500 subscribers.



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Mockup of the The MeVa ferry (Photo provided by Lyman Morse)

Ferries on the Merrimack Coming

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

MERRIMACK RIVER – By the summer of 2027, a fun outing would be to hop on one of three brightly colored Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MeVa) ferries and ride for free up and down this powerful river.

The solar-powered catamarans will be 33 feet long and carry 22 passengers making several stops along the river, including Amesbury, Haverhill, Newburyport and Salisbury.

“Our vision is to integrate all transportation services, buses, vans and eventually trains with the ferry,” said MeVa administrator Noah Berger.

MeVa has selected Lyman Morse of Thomaston and Camden, ME, as the contractor, a 47-year-old boat and yacht builder. It will work with Bill Lincoln of Response Marine to design the all-aluminum vessels.

The ferries will have all-electric propulsion manufactured and installed by Evoy Vita and will be able to cruise at 10-12 knots. The trip from Haverhill to Newburyport is expected to take about an hour. The trip across the river from Amesbury to Newburyport will

take 15 to 20 minutes.

The deck will be on one level throughout and will be handicapped accessible.

The solar panels will be on the roof to help charge the batteries. The roof will provide shelter from inclement weather and there will be roll-up curtains on the sides to allow for a breeze in the summer.

The design of the aluminum catamarans with both bow and side doors will be in accordance with USCG sub-chapter T.

Jonathan Egan, project manager for the vessels, said the three boats will cost \$3 million and take a year to build.

MEVA was awarded \$4.2 million from the federal government to develop the ferry service.

The plan is to use the existing downtown municipal docks in Haverhill, behind 100 Washington St. and in Newburyport, behind 54 Merrimack St., which served the Yankee Clipper boat tours. In Amesbury, the ferry will use a renovated municipal dock, which is being upgraded a part of a state grant of \$840,000 to improve the dock and other waterfront facilities. ♦



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Groveland Community News!

GROVELAND – Tune in to watch *What's Up Groveland* live on the first day of every month at 7:00 pm on Channel 22 of cable TV in Groveland. You can also watch replays of that month's show on channel 22. Refer to the TV schedule on chan-

nel 22 for dates and times. And you can watch the show anytime during the month or older shows anytime from your computer or cellphone at <https://www.youtube.com/user/GrovelandTV/videos> and search for *What's Up Groveland*. ♦

Groveland CPA Projects Update

By Michael Dempsey

GROVELAND – Two Community Preservation Act projects in the Pines approved at Annual Town Meeting are finally being built. One

project, approved in 2023, will place a Skate Park behind the current basketball court. As a gathering place for dedicated athletic youth, the skatepark will offer a forum for young and

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Salisbury Town Mgr. Neil Harrington

Salisbury Updates

SALISBURY – At a recent SelectBoard meeting, Town Manager Neil Harrington recapped recent town meeting and other actions including:

- Passage of all articles at town meeting except the acceptance of one public street (postponed to the spring)
- Money added to general stabilization fund
- Money added capital stabilization fund
- Funding five of seven labor contracts
- Purchasing a new police cruiser
- Adding a new police officer and equipment for the police dept.
- Funding to purchase several hundred water meters

Looking forward, he summarized the history of past and recent work on updating water and sewer regulations and said he hopes to have a workshop with the SelectBoard and public hearings to change any regulations. ♦

Salisbury Annual Lighting of the Tree

SALISBURY – All are encouraged to join in on Tuesday, December 2, from 4 to 7 pm, at the annual Salisbury Lighting of the Tree on the Town Common. In addition to the tree lighting ceremony, there will be free activities for folks of all ages. Please join in! ♦

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and share experiences. The facility
will provide a safe, designated space
for skateboarders rather than using
busy town roads. A second project
was approved in 2024 and proposed



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
There could be an unexpected change
in plans for your upcoming holiday
travels. But keep in mind that a little
flexibility goes a long way in resolv-
ing any disappointments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
A new relationship might not be
responding quite as quickly as you'd
hoped. Could you be expecting too
much too soon? Try to ease up and let
things happen at their own pace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
As we approach the frenetic pace of pre-
holiday planning, take time out now to
reconnect with the wonderful people
who share your life, especially the one
who also shares your dreams.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A misunderstanding should be resolved
before you get caught up in the flur-
ry of holiday preparations. Set your
pride aside and deal with it, regardless
of who might have hurt whom first.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Being told that a colleague might have been
trying to undercut your effectiveness
might or might not be true. Get all the
facts before you even think about act-
ing on this so-called information.

VIRGO (August 23 to September
22)
It's a good idea to start your holi-
day preparation plans early in order to
avoid a time crunch if an unresolved
workplace situation causes a problem.
Meanwhile, an old friend might have
some welcome news.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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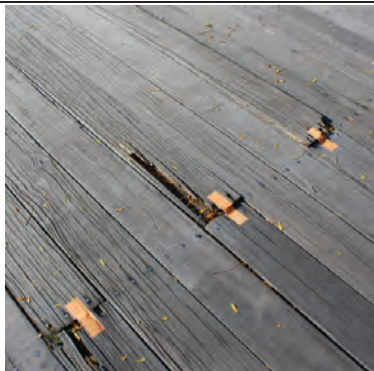
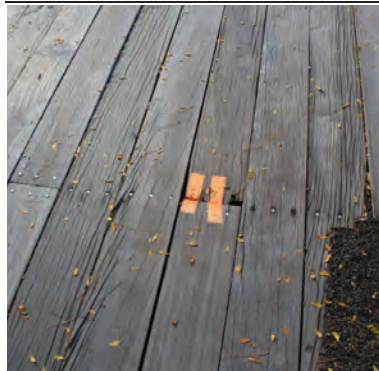
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Patched Boardwalk (Photos by Stewart Lytle)

Time to Fix the Merrimack Boardwalk

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – When you walk along the boardwalk at the new Market Landing Park on the Merrimack River waterfront, be careful not to trip on loose boards or protruding nails.

Over the past quarter century, many of the decking boards on the walkway have weathered and deteriorated, turning parts of the boardwalk into a hazard for the hundreds of pedestrians who enjoy a stroll along the river.

Now help is on the way. The city will hold a **public meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19**, to discuss options for rehabilitating the boardwalk at the central waterfront. The meeting will take place in the City Hall auditorium, and the public is invited.

A contractor recently installed about 200 new screws to fasten loose boards and added temporary patches in some places. These repairs are short-term, and officials say a full rehabilitation is needed.

With support from a Community Preservation Act grant, the city has been working with marine engineering consultant GEI, Inc. on a feasibility study for the project. The consultant has found that some decking can be salvaged, but about 60 percent needs to be replaced.

GEI will present its analysis at the meeting, including options for materials such as tropical hardwood, composite plastic lumber and pressure-treated pine. The criteria include cost, durability, appearance, track record, availability and ecological impact.

“Every material has different strengths and weaknesses, and there is not a clearly defined answer to what material should be used for the next generation of the boardwalk,” said Senior Project Manager Geordie Vining. “We are very interested to engage with people on the subject and hear some of the public’s thoughts about what they would like to see for the next couple of decades.”

The feasibility study is expected to be complete by the end of the year. ♦

Friends of the Newburyport Public Library Launch 2026 Membership Campaign: “Life Is Better with Friends”

Submitted by
Nadine Romano-Ritche

NEWBURYPORT – The Friends of the Newburyport Public Library (FOL) announced the launch of their 2026 membership renewal and recruitment campaign following a highly successful year of community support.

With the help of loyal members and donors, the organization raised \$42,579 through memberships, donations, the Annual Appeal, and spring and fall book sales this past year. In turn, the FOL provided \$40,124 in funding for library programs and resources for 2024–2025, a 16 percent increase over the previous year.

These contributions made it possible for more than 10,000 community members of all ages to enjoy free access to engaging events, technology enhancements, and educational experiences at the Newburyport Public Library.

“We are deeply grateful to our supporters for making this impact possible,” said Stacey Brandon, FOL President. “Local support ensures that our library continues to be a thriving hub of culture, access, and lifelong learning for everyone.”

As libraries across the country face increasing budget pressure, community-backed organizations like the FOL play a crucial role in sustaining pro-

grams and services that residents rely on. Many of our library’s most popular offerings are funded entirely by the FOL, including:

- Museum Pass Program – More than 1,000 passes borrowed last year
- Kanopy Streaming Service – Over 9,000 films and documentaries viewed
- Upgraded audio-visual equipment for improved movie screenings
- Enhancements to the Children’s Room, including cozy acoustic graphic panels

Membership support also funds visiting speakers, enrichment programs, public technology upgrades, genealogical databases for ancestral research and other initiatives that help the library evolve with community needs.

The Friends of the Newburyport Public Library now invites the public to renew or begin a membership for 2026. Members enjoy exclusive benefits, including early Members’ Day access at book sales and invitations to Appreciation Events throughout the year. All contributions are tax-deductible, and personal information is never shared.

Memberships run annually January 1 through December 31. The organization also encourages gifting mem-



berships during the holiday season as a meaningful way to share the gift of learning and community.

“Together, the FOL makes a difference every day at our public library,” said Stacey Brandon. “We hope you’ll join us to ensure Newburyport continues to enjoy a vibrant and well-resourced library for years to come.”

To join or renew your FOL membership for 2026, visit us at www.newburyportfol.org or stop by the library for a membership application.



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For more information, contact Patty St. John, Director at 978-465-1257.

Whittier Caution

HAVERTHILL – They’re back! Whittier Regional Vocational School has re-grouped to begin pushing a new tax increase on towns to fund a new school.

The re-constituted building committee will be reaching out and making recommendations.

Why the “Caution” alert? Because the last cycle, they again blew it: failed to convince towns to support a nearly half-billion build-out without allowing the towns to send more students to the school. It was the straw that broke the camel’s back. This time, we’ll see if there are some positive changes that ensure better opportunities for all. More info in upcoming editions. ♦

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