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left, Bob Purple, Tay Colema







Angela Kirkpatrick oversees the plating of dinner for delivery to seniors at the Newburyport Lions Club feast at the Newburypor



Andy Veechione stirs the sweet potatoes for the Lions Club Newburyport Thanksgiving Dinner. .
Mark Quinlan, who has been president of the Newburyport
Lions Club four times.



Chicke RED DAWN enjoys Thanksgiving dinner listening to Eloise Kirkpatrick sing

Newburyport Lions Feeds 500 Seniors By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

GREATER NEWBURYPORT For more than 30 years, the Lions Club has served hundreds of seniors Thanksgiving Dinner, providing plates piled

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high and more food to take home.

Serenaded by Eloise Kirkpatrick, about 200 seniors gathered this year, while a dozen volunteers wrapped up dinners for at least 300 others who could not come to the Newburyport

"It's good not to be alone today," one woman said to fellow senior at her

The Lions invited seniors from Amesbury, Byfield, Ipswich, Salisbury

as well as Newburyport.

"Eat up. We have a lot of food here," said Lions Club stalwart Frank Bertolino. Any food left over was taken to the First Parish Newbury Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. ♦



Steve Baran, standing at a beacon attached to a mile m m the Clipper City Rail Trail.(Photo: Stewart Lytle)

Newburyport: The Blind Can Walk the Rail Trail

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – As walkers and joggers make their way along the Clipper City Rail Trail, the walkway divides into two paths just north of Washington Street. Both paths are wide, but are divided by a long iron beam that if you are blind or have low vision could be a hazard.

But as of this week, the blind and low vision or just those not paying attention to where they are walking have a guide that alerts them to the split in the path as it crosses above Merrimac Street. The beloved Clipper City Rail Trail can now talk to people on their cell phones.

Funded by the Newburyport Lions Club, the first 11 beacons along the 1.6-mile trail that are attached to wooden posts will talk to you on your phone – if the free app is downloaded to your phone. They give directions, warn of hazards such as street crossings, locate benches if you need a rest or point out interesting sculptures and other features like play equipment for children.

The beacons, which cost \$22,000 for a total of 17, will be unveiled officially at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, on the trail along the waterfront behind Starboard Galley. The remaining six beacons are scheduled for

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Georgetown High School Soccer Team Alumni Pickup game

Coach DiFranco (facing players) takes a photo of his past students from 2007 to the the present, who gathered for a spirited pickup game the day after Thanksgiving.



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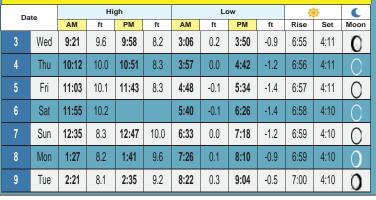






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Local Artists Exhibit at Illume Book Store

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

REGIONAL – Just in time for the holidays, five local artists are displaying their paintings on the walls of the backroom gallery at Illume Book Store, off Market Square in Newburyport.

Two have hung their work in Jen Perry's gallery this fall. The other three are at the popular book store for the first time. The five, according to the curator and exhibitor, Elizabeth Loyane, the five bring an intriguing perspective to the exhibition.

Celine McDonald's paintings, described as "hauntingly beautiful," have been exhibited in galleries and museums from New York City and Boston to the TV network show The Blacklist.

McDonald described her paintings as "Every window, color, skyline, sealine, twist of the figure, turn of the bow, tilt of the sun, is thought about, contemplated, changed, redrawn, changed again, repainted. Because the stillness I seek is always seeking me."

Amy Vander Els is a contemporary artist, jeweler and educator who grew up in Hampton Falls, NH, and now lives and works in Amesbury. An arts educator for children and adults since 2004, Vander Els began working in wax-based encaustic painting in 2015. She describes her work as realistic not abstract, observational not fantastical, and drawn not painted. She paints "figures, landscapes, interior studies in charcoal, sometimes ink, sometimes gouache, mostly a study of light and dark to create a sense of form."

Vander Els wrote that when she first began to study encaustic painting, she found that she lacked the experience and control with the heated wax to be able to paint realistically, and she became much more loose, gestural and abstract with her imagery and mark-making. By connecting this new encaustic painting style to the traditional drawing techniques that had been in her practice for many years, her work came full-circle.

An art education graduate of the University of New Hampshire, she has taught in Europe and the Cayman Islands before returning to Massachusetts where she designs jewelry, creates

artwork and teaches encaustic workshops out of her mill studio on Water

Elizabeth Lorayne, a Jungian and Expressive Arts coach and printmaker, is an artist, printmaker, award-winning author and ICF Associate. Lorayne draws from Jungian psychology, dreams, alchemy, mythology, symbolism, history, and nature. She is the creator of Animae: The Source.

"I felt compelled to create a series of symbols that abstractly represent core values. A handful of the 48 are on view in this show. I see core values as the compass and catalyst in the symbolic alchemy of personal transformation. They guide us through the uncertainty, refine our character and help us emerge as more integrated and authentic versions of ourselves," Lorayne wrote.

Kiki Taron Kinney, owner of Quitsakiki Designs, a Marblehead design-fabrication firm with a deep specialization in silversmithing, has expanded her fine art creative interests, starting with sculpture, printmaking and mixed media. During the pandemic, she painted with alcohol ink using bright, vibrant, "happy" colors to overcome that challenging time. She continues to develop new skills, including watercolor, acrylic painting, handmade pottery and has recently introduced 14kt gold into her jewelry portfolio.

Kathleen Doyle is a costume and puppet designer and director working in theater, opera and dance. Doyle also designs silhouettes, shadow puppets and stop-motion animation shorts. She is the artistic director of the Sunny Side of the Street Theater Company, dedicated to pop up events highlighting the plight of animal climate refugees. She also recently founded Works With Water, the first and only U.S. theater company dedicated to underwater puppetry.



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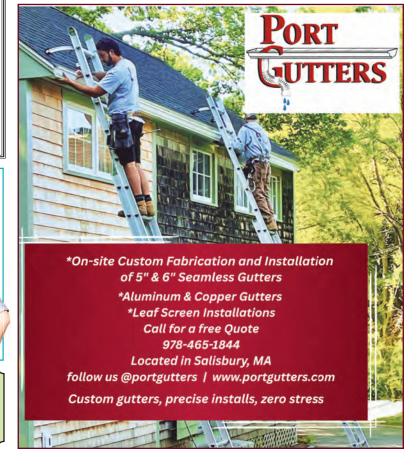
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installation in the spring.
"I am very excited" Barans said, watching his dream come alive.

It is a dream brought to life by Newburyport Lions Club president Barbara Round, who is sighted, and spearheaded by Steve Baran, a club member who has been blind from birth. The 30-member Lions Club, which has raised more than \$600,000 for research on the blind, is working with an Israeli technology company,



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are largely directional, a first for most rail trails to be inclusive of low-vision users. But the technology may prove to be equally valuable as an electronic concierge or tour guide for visitors and newcomers to Newburyport as well as solve the challenge of adding more directional signage.

The beacon at the Divided Bridge greets trail users in a female voice with these messages:

Divided Bridge

Face Northeast toward the Waterfront. Face Forward, stay on the right side of the trail to the bridge. The bridge has a large divider down the middle of it breaking the trail into two sides. Continue walking the trail to the waterfront and downtown.

To the East, there is a bench (dedicated to the dog, Izzy, a "girl's best

The bench on the edge of the trail just before the bridge on the Parker Street Train Station side

To the Southwest, MBTA Purple Train at Parker Street

Face Forward stay on the right side of the trail to the bridge. The bridge

has a large divider down the middle of it breaking the trail into 2 sides. Continue walking the trail to the MBTA Purple Train at Parker Street

To the West: There is an exit to Strong Street which takes you to Water Street. There are no beacons to assist when you leave the rail trail.

The beacons speak in 36 languages, which helps non-English-speaking residents and visitors.

The directional messages, which are given in feet or steps, are helpful to those with low vision or, as one sighted walker said last week, it will be helpful for those who are directionally challenged.

Rounds, who is a strong advocate for inclusivity, said, "If you join the rail trail at Low Street, how do you know which way is the waterfront?"

The beacon also gives different messages that describe the trail's features that would be what a sighted person would see. The message says: There is a bench about 50 feet after entering the rail trail. After the bench is a garden with a pathway There are sculptures along the trail. The first sculpture, "Sparrows" by Dale Rogers (2011), shows two birds gliding side by side in vertically tilted posture.

Next, the message continues, is The Alchemical Garden and a Little Free Library. Then there is Clyde already waiting for you. "Clyde" is a horse sculpture by James Burnes (2009) made of corten weathering steel and black locust wood.

Geordie Vining, the city's senior planner, who spearheaded the development of the rail trail, wrote: Installing the RightHear beacons on the Rail Trail is a really positive proposal and a really interesting use of technology to make the (trail) more accessible to everyone. I like how the system seems set up to provide realtime orientation information to users, as well as information about various landmarks and facilities as well as hazards. E.g., the interpretive signs; the sculptures, gardens, and murals; the benches, tunnels, bridges, intersections, stairs, side paths, etc.

Approved by the city's Parks Commission, the beacons will be maintained by the club on a three-yearcontract with RightHear.

The project was born out of Baran's frustration with so-called Braille Trails, which employ guidewires to help low-vision trail users. But the equipment is expensive, frays, gets hot in the sunlight and benefits a limited number of people, Round said.

Baran read in a newsletter that the Natural Bridge State Park in Virginia was experimenting with the RightHear beacons. He and his wife, Denise Dodge, drove to Virginia in an ice storm last winter to learn more about the beacons.

The RightHear beacons met all of Baran's objectives for the trail project. He wanted it to be easy to use, allow low-vision persons to walk safely and independently and help the most people by broadcasting from existing mile markets. The beacons are non-inva-

Founded in 2016, RightHear has transformed more than 2,400 venues worldwide, making them accessible to people with low vision or orientation challenges.

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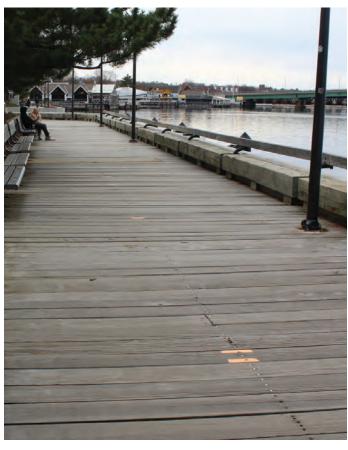
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Merrimack River Boardwalk May Be Partially Rebuilt

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – Anyone who has ever built a deck or porch can relate to the dilemma the city finds itself in trying to rebuild its popular boardwalk for the next quarter cen-

The boardwalk along the Merrimack River waterfront has deteriorated in recent years with rotting and warping boards and substructure stringers plus broken fasteners, screws and nails that create tripping hazards for those try-

ing to enjoy a walk along the river.
Built originally in the 1970s and rebuilt in 2001, the city chose to use Southern pine boards, which are prone to splintering. And the quality of some of the fasteners that held the boards to the substructure "were not the best quality," said senior city planner Geordie Vining.

Planning to rebuild the boardwalk for the next quarter century, the city has decided it needs to continue using wood boards because it matches the aesthetics of the city. But what kind of wood? And should it try to salvage some of the existing boards to cut costs?

In a presentation to a couple of dozen residents last week, marine engineering consultant GEI, which helped rebuild the bulkhead beneath the boardwalk, outlined three alterna-

The city could opt to continue

ers, as the Waterfront Trust and the city's Department of Public Services have been in recent months. It could replace the north and south ends of the boardwalk, the most deteriorated, while using existing boards on the central section. Or it could replace the entire boardwalk with new boards and substructure.

To save money, which would likely come from state and non-profit grants, GEI is recommending that the city replace the north and south ends and use existing boards that still have years of life for the boards on the central waterfront, mainly around the embankment.

But then, what wood should be used?

If the city chooses tropical hardwoods like Brazilian ipe or purple heart, it would be expensive, about \$1.7 to \$1.8 million and would be subject to fluctuations in tariffs and longer supply time. But they would require less maintenance, the engineers said.

Softwoods like the current southern pine would be less expensive, about \$1.3 million, but the wood would have a shorter life span, be prone to warping and splintering and require more maintenance.

Composite boards have a 30-to 50-year lifespan, use recycled materials, offer good traction and require minimal maintenance. To rebuild the

repairing broken boards and fasten- northern and southern ends of the boardwalk in composite wood would cost about \$1.5 million.

> GEI's Dan Robbins said it would take three to five months to build each of three sections of the boardwalk, which translates into a year of construction. The tentative plan is to replace 60 percent of the boards and stringers beneath, while reusing about 40 percent of the current boards.

Vining said the good news is that the new Market Landing Park has a shared path nearby, which would allow pedestrians to view the river even while the boardwalk is being rebuilt.

GEI is expected to complete its feasibility study for the boardwalk by year's end. There is no estimate on when the boardwalk construction might begin, which depends largely on when the city can secure grant funding.

The feasibility study can be viewed on the city's website.



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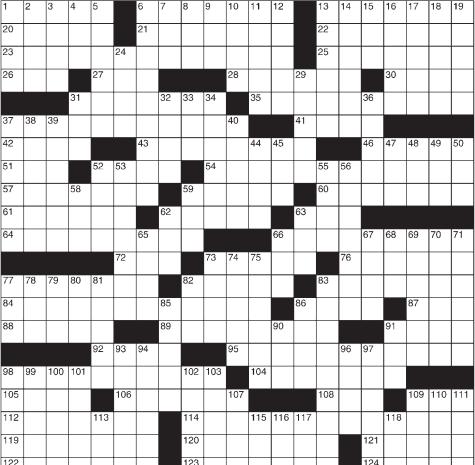


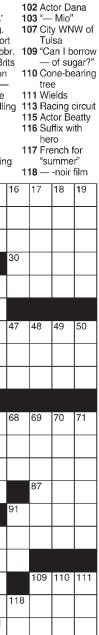












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ROWLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing will be held at the Rowley Town Hall Annex, 39 Central Street, on Wednesday, December 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM to act on an application received November 17, 2025 from Sarah Lattrell and Robert Emery. Applicant(s) is requesting a Special Permit from RPZB sec 6.1.3.2 for new construction of a single-family residential dwelling on a previously undeveloped Form A lot. The property is located at 8 Mansion Drive in the Coastal Conservation district and is shown on Assessors' Map 28, Lot 60. At the public hearing, members of the public may ask questions and present evidence that supports either the approval or denial of this petition.

Karla Chaffee, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals

12/3, (12/10)

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Newburyport Towing Service, Inc. 27 S. Hunt Road, Amesbury, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L c. 255, Section 39A, that they will auction the following vehicles December 18, 2025 on the website http://sta. ibidsmart.com. The auction will end at 1:00 pm and buyer registration is required. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after December 18, 2025 by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers liens for towing, storage, and notices of sale:
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by Jennifer Leonard-Solis **Pentucket Arts Foundation** PO Box 254 West Newbury, MA 01985 www.pentucketarts.org

GROVELAND – The Pentucket Arts Foundation's 6th Annual Makers Market comes to Veasey Memorial Park this weekend.

A perfect way to kick off the holiday

gift-giving season, the event features nearly 40 vendors, small-business owners, artists, and artisans at a charmingly decorated holiday spot.

First hosted by the non-profit for six years, the all-local, handmade holiday arts, crafts, and vintage clothing fair has grown into a beloved annual community event. It features live music performed by local students and the Mak-

er's Market Cafe offering scrumptious homemade food -such as Shop local and support the arts this holiday season! New this year: wreaths & greenery by

the Groveland Garden Club.

Makers Market is slated for Saturday, Dec.6, 9:30 a.m.to 3 p.m. Veasey Memorial Park 201 Washington Street. Admission is free. Learn more at www. pentucketarts.org. ♦

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Will Boxford Embrace the MBTA Act? Change Zoning?

BOXFORD - Will the "city" come to Boxford?

On Wednesday, December 17, 2025 residents will gather at 7:00 P.M. in the auditorium at Masconomet Regional High School located at 20 Endicott Street, Boxford to embrace or send back to the drawing board, Article 8.

Passage of the article will embrace multi-family development opportunities to an area of the Willows development. This would allow construction "by right" of high-density multi-family buildings in the area adjacent and surrounding and within feet of single-family \$1.2+ million homes in the area.

Discussions of density of 15 units per acre have raised concerns, along with side yard setbacks of just 50 feet between buildings (25 feet to property line for each building). Current homeowners who purchased their single family homes within the past three years, may soon find themselves living in a drastically changed, congested neigh-



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