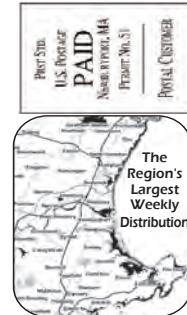


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Andrew Granger at Illume Books (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

## The Town Common 2026 Calendars

NEWBURYPORT — Andrew Granger holds the 2026 The Town Common calendar at Illume Books in Newburyport. The store at 10 Market Square opened three years ago and offers books and book clubs, games,

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Eric Eramo and Cate Adamopoulos at Banter (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

## Get a Haircut, Have a Cocktail, Pick up Valentine Flowers

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT — **Banter Barber and Clothier**, a popular shop on upper State Street, has for several years catered to men, cutting their hair, trimming beards and offering upscale clothing.

But it has become so much more. Its feel, which owner Eric Eramo strived for, is that of a men's social club where

the males of the species can gather to see old friends and make new ones. And true to its name, it is a place to talk.

Now owner Eric Eramo has added high-end whiskeys and specialty cocktails to the menu, as well as handing out free beer and wine.

And this week for his clients, who are too busy or forgetful to take care of their Valentine, he has partnered with

Cate Adamopoulos, owner of **The Hive**, a year-old floral gift shop, also on State Street, to make sure his customers don't go home empty handed.

"We are all about the full experience," said Eramo, who learned customer service from his parents, Ginny Eramo, owner of the highly successful **INTERLOCKS** Salon on Merrimac Street, and father, Tom Eramo,

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## BANTER GETS A LIQUOR LICENSE

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who owned Visions, a beauty products supply distribution company, for almost three decades.

Adamopoulos fulfilled a dream last March when she opened The Hive. Not a newcomer to the Newburyport retail scene, she worked for John Farley Clothier before deciding she wanted to open her own shop.

"I always wanted to have my own shop in Newburyport," Adamopoulos said.

When the space at 70 State Street came open, she jumped at the chance to sell books, soaps and candles as well as beautiful floral bouquets. She is excited that The Hive found a home among the shops on upper State Street, where many of the shops are

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owned by young entrepreneurs.

"There's a really good vibe here," she said. The shop owners work well together, promoting one another. "That's how a city succeeds," she said.

Adamopoulos had known the Ermos family from her previous work in Newburyport retail and fell easily into working with Banter on a Valentine's Day promotion.

Since opening three years ago, Banter at 80 State St. has thrived, and just this month it added a fifth barber. The hair is cut from head shaves to long hair scissors cut in four chairs in the back, while the front has a pool table and backgammon game and rows of Greyson, Marine Layer and Faherty clothing.

The drinks are made by a bartender nicknamed Bart for the Bartesian cocktail maker that produces perfectly blended drinks.

For Valentine's, if you need a haircut and bouquet for Valentine's, stop for a little Banter. ♥

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## Whittier Attendance Lottery Sees Big Increases 400+ Students Will Be Turned Away

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

**HAVERHILL** – In its first year of using a lottery for admissions, all 11 municipalities served by the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School saw an increase in the number of student applications for next year.

Some cities and towns – Georgetown, Ipswich, Newburyport, Rowley and West Newbury – saw double-digit increases in their percentage of applications over last year.

Whittier Superintendent Maureen Lynch attributed the increase to the excitement of the lottery selection method. "I think some of the students saw it as a game. We'll see," Lynch said.

Last year, the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education required all career and technical schools to adopt a lottery-based

admission system. Under the new system, every student who submits a completed, on-time application will have an equal opportunity to be selected for admission.

"These new regulations were not changes that Whittier Tech sought, but we are required to implement them," Lynch was quoted on the school's website. "Our focus now is to ensure the process is handled in the most fair and transparent way possible, while maintaining the high expectations that define a Whittier Tech education."

Next year's freshman class will have 360 students. Applications increased from 657 this year to 771 for next year.

In applying for next year's class Amesbury saw a 29 percent increase in students, from 56 last year to 72 students. Georgetown had an increase of 80 percent, from 25 to 45 students. Haverhill, the largest city in the dis-

trict, saw an increase of 5.5 percent, from 438 to 462 students.

Ipswich jumped from 16 applying students last year to 33 students for an increase of 106 percent. Merrimac and Newbury showed only a slight increase from 28 to 30 students in Merrimac and from 13 to 14 students in Newbury.

Newburyport applications increased from 12 to 22 for an 83.3 percent increase. Rowley also had a large jump of 64 percent, from 14 to 23. Salisbury saw only a 6 percent increase in applications from 33 to 35.

West Newbury saw a 57 percent increase from seven to 11 students.

Lynch said the lottery system has not changed the school's mission. "We remain dedicated to empowering students to succeed in a safe, supportive and challenging environment. While this change is required by the state, our commitment to our students and families is unwavering." ♥



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## Ipswich-Rowley Rotary February Food Drive

The Ipswich-Rowley Rotary is again asking for community donations to support its annual food drive, February 1 through March 1. "Donations benefit the Open Door Ipswich Community Food Pantry, a program providing nutritious meals to our neighbors in need in Ipswich and Rowley", according to Chris Davis, Ipswich-Rowley Rotarian, and food drive organizer.

Julie LaFontaine, Open Door President and CEO is grateful for this continued support from the community. "With the cost-of-living outpacing many budgets, food drives like this one play a critical role in keeping our shelves stocked and our neighbors fed during the winter months. Our hats are off to the Ipswich Rowley Rotary for demonstrating what "service above self" looks like in action," said Julie LaFontaine, President and



CEO of The Open Door.

Chris Davis also notes, "The Rotarians hope to surpass last year's donation totals, ensuring that families facing food insecurity continue to have access to essential items throughout the winter."

Needed food items include canned tuna and chicken, hearty soups and stews, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, cereal, rice, pea-

nut butter, 100% juice and juice boxes, healthy snacks, cake, muffin and pancake mix. No glass, please.

Food can be dropped off at any of 12 locations, between February 1 and March 1.

IPSWICH DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: Town Hall, the Ipswich Public Library, the Ipswich YMCA, The Institution for Savings, Brookline Bank, Bank Gloucester, and Mark Warner Martial Arts.

ROWLEY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: Town Hall, the Rowley Public Library, Three Sweet Peas, Choice Graphics, Fitness 24, and Paula Henry Fitness. Rotary is grateful to these partner organizations for their support.

For further information, please go to our website - <http://www.ipswichrowleyrotary.com>. ♥

## 3rd Annual Rowley Public Library Puzzle Race!

Sat. Feb. 15, 2026

It's time for the Rowley Public Library third annual Puzzle Race! All ages welcome. Registration can be for a whole team of two to four people or just one person. Single sign-ups will be assigned to a team.

Teams will compete in a 90-minute timed race to see who can finish first. All teams will get a copy of the same puzzle. If no team finishes, the team with the most pieces together wins! Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

To sign up, visit the Rowley Public Library web site at [www.rowleylibrary.org/rpl-cal](http://www.rowleylibrary.org/rpl-cal), or call (978) 948-2850. The Rowley Library is located at 141 Main St. in Rowley. ♥

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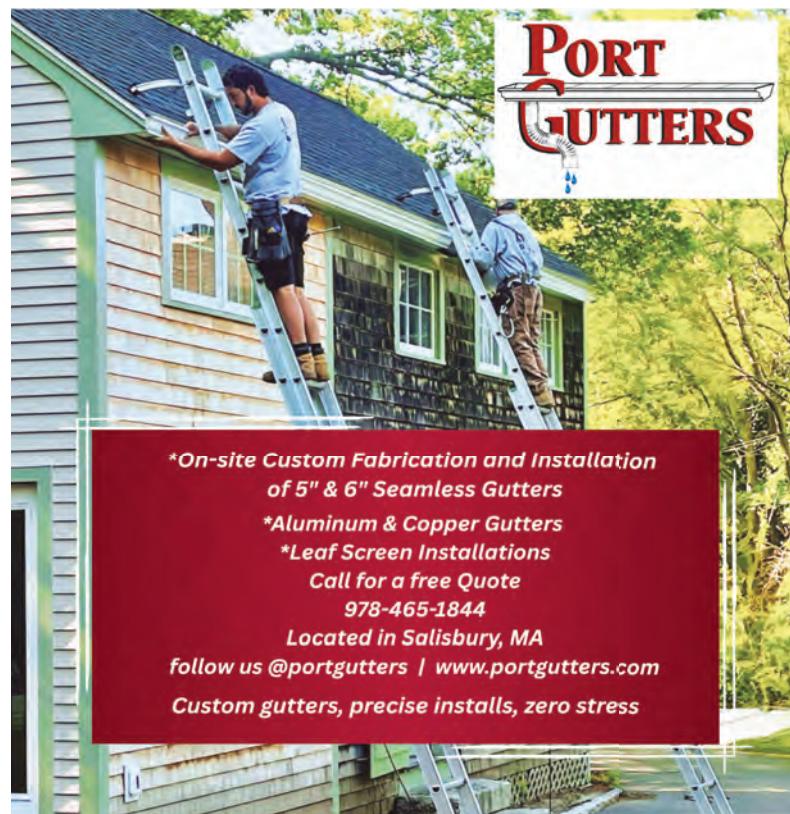
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## Low Housing Inventory Drives Up Prices



By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

**REGIONAL** – In the hunt for a scapegoat for the high and rising prices of homes in this area, look no further than the current inventory of homeowners who are not putting their homes on the market because:

- People like living here on the North Shore and don't want to leave,
- Although they could make a bundle in selling their house, with rising prices, many fear they can't afford to buy another home here.

Nationally, the Northeast showed the lowest gain last year among the other regions in housing inventory at 6.6 percent. The West led the U.S. in inventory growth at 12.2 percent, followed by the Midwest at 10.3 percent and the South at 10.1 percent.

Since 2010, the Commonwealth has often ranked as the fastest-growing in the Northeast, with its population increasing by 5.3 percent to 7.4 percent in various analyses. The growth comes from steady immigration and a slowing of the outmigration. While residents

continue to leave for the Northeast, the rate has slowed, with a loss of 192,109 in 2024 compared to 278,245 in 2023.

A look at the housing market in several North Shore communities, as provided by Realtor.com.

Amesbury has 32 homes currently for sale. That is considered limited inventory, which keeps competition high among potential buyers. The median home price is at \$629,450. And from last year to now, the days a house sits on the market rose by 40 percent signaling a slower sales pace.

Georgetown has 10 homes on the market with a median home sale price of about \$1 million. Homes for sale have seen faster turnover, with year-over-year days on market down 4.48 percent. Year-over-year price momentum is evident, with the median sale price is up 8.01 percent.

Ipswich is in a sellers' market with 23 homes for sale, indicating a relatively tight inventory that is intensifying competition among buyers. The median home sale price is \$1,099,950. Homes for sale average days on market have risen year-over-year by 125.64 percent, signaling a slower pace.

Newbury's housing market features a median home sale price of \$1.1 million, and the average days on the market has declined from last year by almost 30 percent, signaling faster turnover.

Newburyport is a tight housing inventory, with less than two months of supply available as of mid-2025. There is

high demand with median home prices exceeding \$1 million in late 2025, particularly in areas like High Street. The inventory remains low with 24 to 55 homes on the market. Homes are moving relatively fast, often in under 65 days, reflecting a competitive seller's market.

Rowley has 15 homes for sale, indicating a relatively tight supply. Its median home sale price is \$885,450, and the price growth is at 6.81 percent. The average days on the market have declined year-over-year by 3.77 percent, a faster selling pace. The median sale price shows a month-over-month increase of 11 percent, signaling rising values that can motivate sellers to consider listing while prompting buyers to move quickly.

In recent months, the Salisbury housing market features roughly 40-50 active listings, with a median listing price around \$749,900, showing a competitive, high-cost market. Inventory has recently seen an increase of over 11 percent year-over-year. The market is dominated by single-family homes, with many properties in the beach area being seasonal.

According to Frank Bertolino with The North Shore Realty, one of the most active brokers in Salisbury and surrounding communities, "Salisbury's housing market is healthy and active, with steady price growth, relatively quick sales and strong buyer interest, especially for well-priced homes." ♦

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## The Firehouse Enjoys Strong Leadership

By Allan Haley

**NEWBURYPORT** – When Shauna Pieniazek, president of the Board of Directors at the Newburyport's Firehouse Center for the Arts, came to Newburyport from Boston 30 years ago with her husband, Matt, she brought a love and understanding of theater.

"My marketing team (for Marriott hotels) worked on partnerships with the Broadway theaters. That's where I fell in love with the theater," she said.

The Pieniazeks became regulars at Firehouse performances, and today she is the spirit of a dedicated director.

When asked about her plans for The Firehouse, Shauna said her first goal has been to staff the theater fully. "Coming out of COVID was a difficult time for the theater, and staffing was at the top of the list."

Liz Shapiro was brought on as director of operations, and Bonnie Butkas was hired last month as The Firehouse's new executive director.

"Our longer-term goals focus on

expanding and enhancing what we offer to the greater Newburyport community. Our platform already features New Works plays – original stories told with passion and purpose. We will celebrate women's talents with the Women in Music series and honor female contributions during Women's History Month. Real. Life. Stories. returns with six ten-minute plays about everyday people facing unique experiences," she said.

"Much more is planned for the year," Shauna continues, including a Main Stage Production of School of Rock from the Firehouse this summer and many other concerts, comedy, and productions – and a few surprises.

"Our year-long educational initiatives will grow, engaging younger and adult audiences with creative development and participation opportunities.

"We are also renewing local artistic partnerships and forming new collaborations to strengthen our role as a fully community-based center for youth, families, and seniors."



Shauna Pieniazek (Photo courtesy of The Firehouse Center)

There's a lot of good happening at The Firehouse, and Shauna is at its center.

Note: Butkas was previously with the Merrimack Repertory Theater in Lowell when it broke all attendance records for events with its 40th Anniversary Gala. ♡

## Civil War Roundtable of the Merrimack

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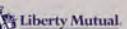
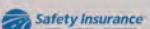
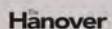
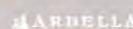
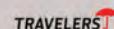
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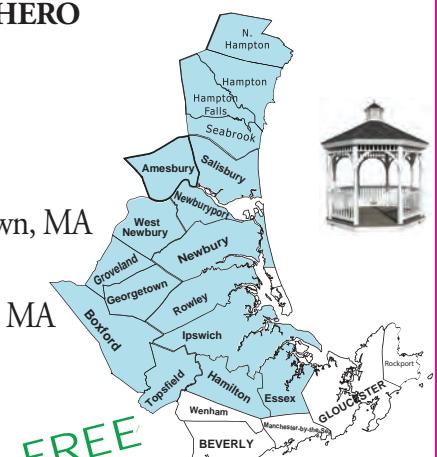
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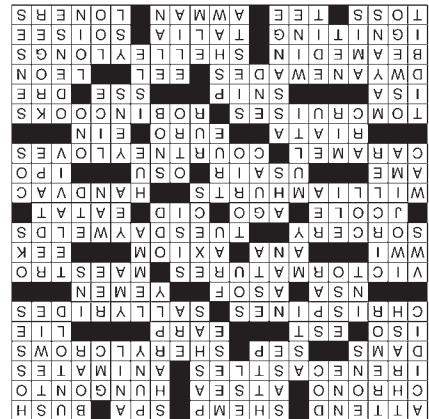
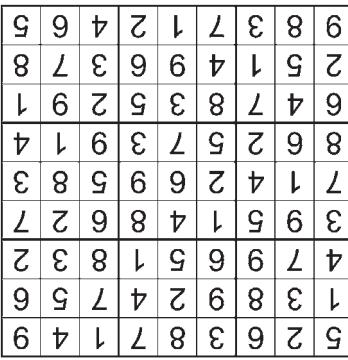
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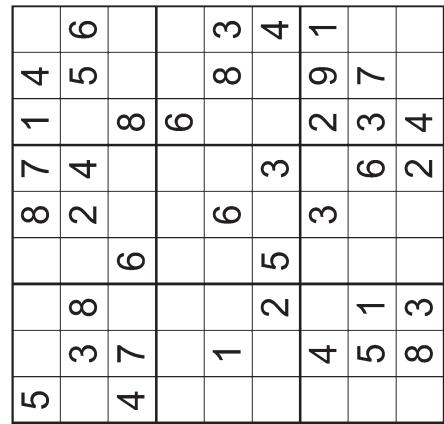


## Just Like Cats &amp; Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## Weekly SUDOKU



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you're getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don't let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. It's better to deal with them now rather than later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off as you not only reassess the suggestions that some people are putting in front of you but also their agendas for doing so.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as a new project that you've assumed takes shape. You're also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don't forget to take care of a pressing personal situation as well.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give the clever Cat an edge in an upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. On another note, enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they're prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you'll accept could prevent a stalemate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you can weigh all the factors of a dispute to find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive "I can do anything" attitude by midweek. The better news is that you'll soon be able to prove it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you can still select from a wide menu of choices and deals -- and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Like

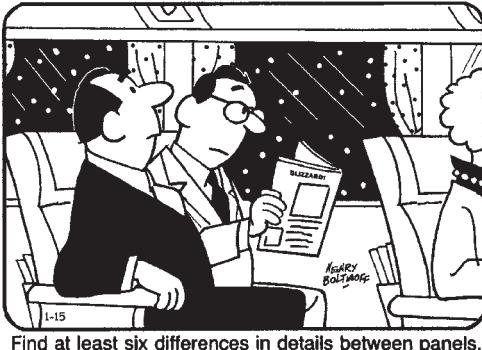
your zodiac sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won't allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don't be surprised by who asks to tag along with you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Let your head dominate over your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend's co-signer or otherwise acting as their backup in a financial matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resolve to close the door and let your voicemail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend!

BORN THIS WEEK: Your capacity for care and compassion helps bring comfort to others. You could serve as a reliable foundation to many.

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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6. Armrest is different.  
3. Necklace is missing. 4. Tie is different. 5. Nose is smaller.  
6. Man is looking the other way. 2. Mouth is open.

## Amber Waves



by Jeff Phipps

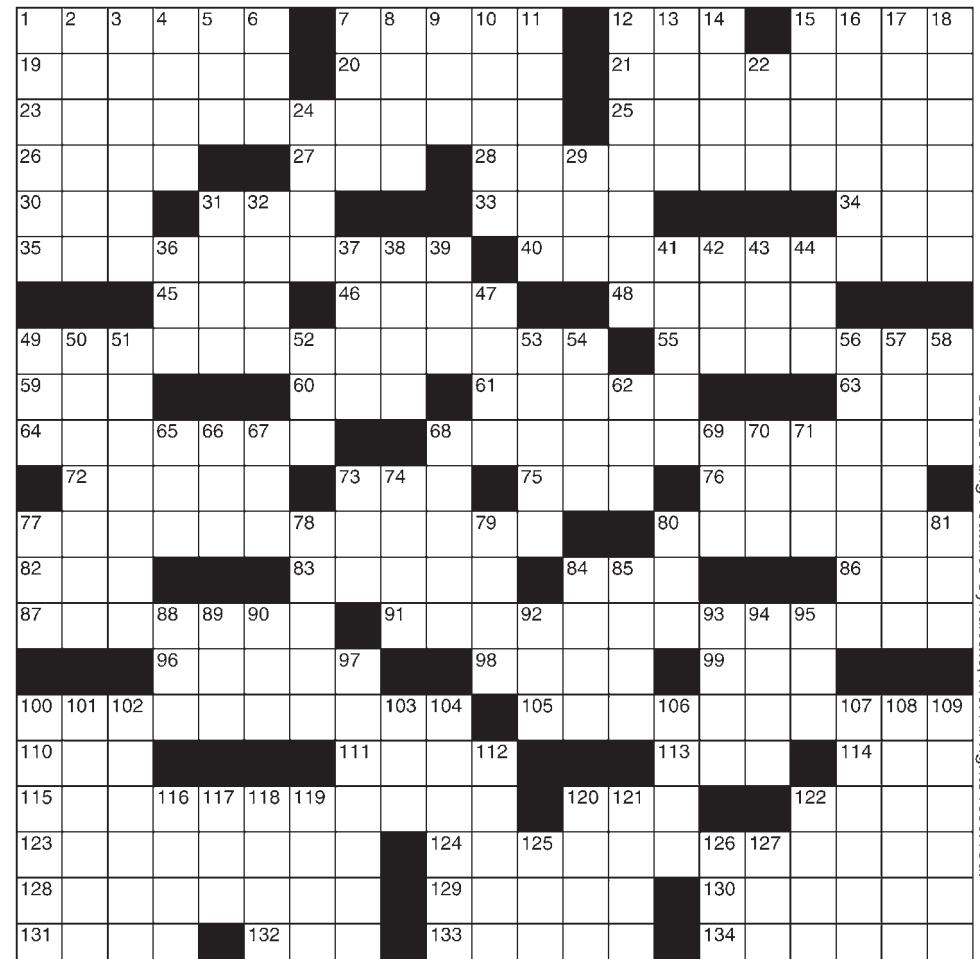
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Go to
- 7 Stooge who sometimes replaced Curly
- 12 Sauna locale
- 15 Defeater of Gore
- 19 Time: Prefix
- 20 On the briny
- 21 Retained
- 23 Old foxtrot dancer makes a two-in-one chess move?
- 25 Makes lively
- 26 Flow blockers
- 27 Oct. preceder
- 28 "All I Wanna Do" singer boasts?
- 30 Prefix with propyl
- 31 Winter hrs. in Philadelphia
- 33 Lawman Wyatt
- 34 Falsehood
- 35 "The Finest Hours" co-star yearns deeply?
- 40 America's first female astronaut takes a bus?
- 45 Top-secret U.S. org.
- 46 Starting on
- 48 Sanaa locale
- 49 "Samson and Delilah" co-star develops fully?
- 55 Conductor
- 59 Big 20th-cen. conflict
- 60 Actress — de Armas
- 61 Universal rule
- 63 "Eww, mice!"
- 64 Harry Potter's skill
- 68 "Play It as It Lays" co-star does a fusing job?
- 72 "Middle Child" rapper
- 73 In the past
- 75 Spain's El —
- 76 Really annoy
- 77 "Broadcast News" co-star feels sore?
- 80 Dirt Devil or DustBuster, for short
- 82 "Botch —" (1952 song)
- 83 Former TWA competitor
- 84 Coll. in Columbus
- 86 NYSE debut
- 87 Rolo filling
- 91 Frontwoman of Hole has a deep fondness?
- 96 Cowboy rope
- 98 Italian money
- 99 A, in Munich
- 100 "Jerry Maguire" star goes sailing?
- 105 "Coma" novelist makes dinner?
- 110 "There — god!"
- 111 Barber's cut
- 113 Boise-to-Tucson dir.
- 114 "Dr." of music
- 115 Miami Heat
- 120 Potentially shocking fish
- 122 Writer Urs
- 123 Came through, as a radio signal
- 124 "Cheers" actress yearns?
- 128 Setting fire to
- 129 Shire of film
- 130 "Apparently!"
- 131 Throw easily
- 132 Golf gadget
- 133 "Geez, that's rough"
- 134 Recluses
- 135 Degrees from 113-Across
- 136 G.P., for one
- 137 Immigrant's class, in brief
- 138 Edwin of Reagan's Cabinet
- 139 Old Turkish officials
- 140 In a cutting way
- 141 Like a runt
- 142 Indigo dye
- 143 Wild pig
- 144 Innumerable
- 145 1-year-old on "Family Guy"
- 146 Steeds, in Westerns
- 147 Sierra maker
- 148 Sparkling
- 149 Beetles and Golfs, in brief
- 150 Famed flag-raising site of 1945
- 151 Orbiting body, e.g.
- 152 Spring month
- 153 Firm bigwigs
- 154 "Yes, yes," in Mexico
- 155 City in Israel
- 156 Procedural form-filling
- 157 Endorses
- 158 Quirky
- 159 Maj.'s superior
- 160 Yale student
- 161 "Stuck" actor Stephen
- 162 "Road —" (1947 comedy film)
- 163 In-favor vote
- 164 Pale
- 165 LAX takeoff guess
- 166 Throat-check sounds
- 167 French pals
- 168 After taxes
- 169 Correct copy
- 170 Big chain of food stores
- 171 Has a hunch
- 172 "Hogwash!"
- 173 French pals
- 174 After taxes
- 175 Correct copy
- 176 Pinot, e.g.
- 177 Kazan
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- 179 Graceful tree
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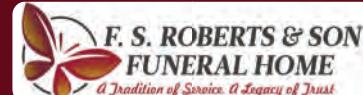
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The Public Hearing will be on **Wednesday, 25 FEBRUARY 2026 at 7:15 p.m.** This hearing will be held virtually via Zoom, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard in relation thereto. The link to the Zoom meeting will be available 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 and potential changes are on file and available for inspection during normal business hours at Town Hall in the Planning Office, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA and can be viewed online at:

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The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **25 FEB. 2026** Planning Board meeting agenda, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV 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.

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Frank O'Connor, Jr.  
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Field Trips include (subject to

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- Week 1: Canobie Lake \*extended hours to 3:30 for field trip
- Week 2: Cedarland Haverhill (Amazement and Ice Cream)
- Week 3: Launch Trampoline Park
- Week 4: Bowling & Pizza
- Week 5: WN Fire Department, Picnic & Action Cove
- Week 6: Movies & Popcorn

## West Newbury: Upcoming GAR Library Program: Tackling Invasive Plants in the Backyard

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 7pm  
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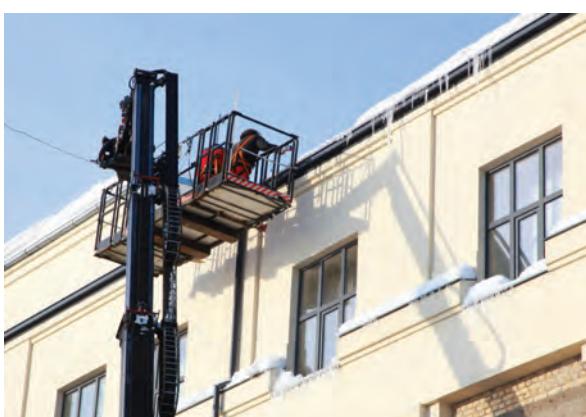
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