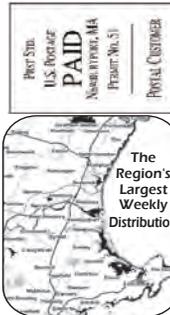


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## Georgetown Family Dentistry State-of-the-Art Facility in Downtown Georgetown

GEORGETOWN – Surrounded by family, friends, and staff, Dr. Shradha Sharma, DMD, this past fall cut the ribbon at Georgetown Family Dentistry's brand-new, state-of-the-art location in Georgetown, Massachusetts. The Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce hosted the event,

which also included local dignitaries and community leaders.

"This new building is a dream realized – we've built a space designed for comfort, innovation, and expanded patient care," said Dr. Sharma. "I'm deeply grateful to everyone – from the team members who worked tirelessly

to make this happen, to our supporters in the community, and to the Chamber for celebrating alongside us."

Dr. Sharma first opened Georgetown Family Dentistry in 2011. However, over time, the facility became too small to support the growing practice. So, when the opportunity for expansion

arose, she jumped at the chance.

The new Georgetown Family Dentistry office, located at 51 West Main Street and next to the old location, is thoughtfully designed to offer enhanced patient comfort, patient flow, and advanced treatment capabilities. Doubling in size from three treat-

ment areas to six, the expanded space will allow Dr. Sharma and her team to better serve families in Georgetown and surrounding communities with general, esthetic, and restorative services in a welcoming environment. State-of-the-art scanning machines

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## West Newbury Garden Club Scholarships now available!

The West Newbury Garden Club is pleased to offer two (2) \$4,000 scholarships this year to a student residing in the Pentucket School District (West Newbury, Groveland or Merrimac). The scholarship is open to any senior or college student who attends or attended Pentucket High School, Whittier Regional, Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical High, or a private high school.

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Demonstrating an interest in the environment and the community

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## Newburyport: Learn a New Hobby at Tinkerhaus

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – David Smith and Heather Karp came to Tinkerhaus on a recent Wednesday night for a three-hour introductory class to woodworking.

Karp, an artist, said she has long wanted to learn to work with power tools. Smith said he is expecting to be an empty nester soon and is looking to take up a hobby like woodworking. Learning from experienced woodworkers Joe Morgan and Phillip Wales, the two adult students were introduced to various saws and cutting machines. They learned about wood, the different types, weights and thicknesses.

By the end of the \$75 class, they would produce their own cutting board that in a store would have cost \$100, executive director Mary McDonald said earlier.

"Whether you grew up in a fam-

ily who built tree houses and tailored wedding gowns, or your people feared anything more complicated than a pair of scissors, Tinkerhaus can offer you the level of support you need to become a maker. You can learn woodworking, fiber arts, jewelry making, decoupage, digital design and fabrication."

On Graf Road at the edge of the Newburyport Business Park, Tinkerhaus is chocked full of tools of all types and knowledgeable, friendly people who can guide and advise.

Tinkerhaus, now in its eighth year, has long been McDonald's passion. "I think people should work with their hands," she said.

McDonald, who has worked in museums and been involved with non-school-based education for most of her career, got involved with the maker space movement 15 years ago.

Many of the 200 makers come to use the shop's tools, including drills, sand-

ers and power saws, sewing machines and glue guns, pliers and even 3D printers. But even more important, Tinkerhaus is a sharing community where makers gladly help one another bring their ideas to life.

"We are building a community for you," the web site states. "We have people who can help you make a wooden tray, a pair of earrings, a Halloween costume. We have surfaces that can handle paint and glue, and

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Greg and Jason Mello, family members and employees cut the ribbon on the new Mello Transfer Station. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

## Mello Trash Station Opens

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

**GEORGETOWN** – After nine years of what was described as “trials and tribulation,” Jason Mello realized his dream last week of opening the 15,000-square-foot trash transfer station. His father Greg Mello, who started the G. Mello Trash Disposal Corp. in 1978, cut the ribbon as family, employees and a few town officials watched.

Jason Mello said he was told that building this facility was “a pipe dream,” that it would never be built. The nay-sayers, he said, included his father who started the trash company in 1978.

The facility began operations Monday morning, complete with a Georgetown Police officer assigned to the Carlton Road – East Main Street intersection for the next four months.

He praised his team of vendors, engi-

neers and landscape architects for creating the new facility, but singled out Nancy McCann, the attorney for the project, for special recognition. It was she who led the legal battle against staunch opposition from residents and a town board and commission, which initially denied permits to build the facility.

In what Mello vice president Mark Van Weelden called its trials and tribulations, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission rejected the project initially, saying it was too big and created too many problems for the town in traffic management and environmental concerns.

To build the facility, Mello noted that the construction team was required to

re-create 3-acres of wetlands to replace environmentally sensitive ones it removed.

Ultimately, Mello won in state courts, which ordered the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to approve the trash disposal facility. None of the members of the health and planning boards or conservation commission attended the ribbon cutting.

Attending were SelectBoard chair Robert Hoover and member Doug Dawes, Community Preservation Committee member Gary Fowler, plus Police Chief David Sedgwick and Lt. James Rodden.

Mello squashed persistent rumors in town that the corporation was building the facility so the company could be sold to a larger trash disposal company. “I’m not old enough to retire,” he said. “Besides, I don’t want to work for corporate America.”

With the opening of the new facility, the company has 90 days to clean up the old transfer station at 203 East Main St., which is owned by the town. He said he has told Peter Durkee, the public works director, that the scales in the ground at the site and “anything else he wants” could stay for town use.

The new station is limited by the town to 150 tons per day for the first two years. Mello must apply to the

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## LEARN AT TINKERHAUS

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where you can set your piece to dry.” Tinkerhaus strives to provide a safe environment where makers of all ages can engage in self-directed or scheduled activities that promotes creativity, problem solving, skill-building and critical thinking, the web site says. “We believe that all people are endowed with unique abilities to make things and that those abilities should be fostered with learning opportunities.”

For McDonald and her team, what Tinkerhaus offers has a greater mission. “We believe that the future of our community and our country are dependent upon our citizens becoming more reliant on their own ingenuity, innovation and industry,” the web site states.

If such an environment sounds good for you or members of your family, here are some opportunities you may to explore.

In addition to the popular introduction to woodworking class, upcoming classes and events include a toy adap-



Joe Morgan demonstrates a saw to Heather Karp and David Smith at Tinkerhaus. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

tation workshop on March 19 where volunteers partner with the “May We Help” organization to learn step-by-step how to adapt toys for children who are not able to play with toys in a traditional way.

On March 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., there is a paper flower workshop with in-house artist Tina, who teaches how to craft stunning blooms that never wilt. The fee is \$40.

Learn to paint with watercolors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 28 with Margaret Dwyer, who holds a BFA and MFA in visual art and was the Artist in Residence for Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock VT. Tea and a critique are served. Cost: \$150.

Tinkerhaus also offers a variety of after-school programs and spring break programs for young artists. ♦

## GEORGETOWN FAMILY DENTISTRY

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eliminate the need for uncomfortable teeth impressions, while cone beam X-ray machines take 3D and digital X-rays, making it easier to diagnose patients.

Because the space can accommodate more patients, Dr. Sharma is adding another dentist, hygienist, and dental assistant to the practice.

### About Dr. Shradha Sharma

Dr. Sharma has been practicing dentistry in Massachusetts for 20 years, 14 of those serving Georgetown and surrounding communities. She is a graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, where she also completed an esthetic dentistry residency. Before opening Georgetown Family Dentistry in 2011, she spent more than eight years in research and teaching at Tufts Dental School, where she continues to serve as a visiting faculty member.

With two decades of clinical experience, Dr. Sharma is a member of the American Dental Association and the Massachusetts Dental Society. Her clinical and academic work has earned her recognition in restorative and esthetic dentistry, and she frequently lectures to colleagues and students across the country. ♦

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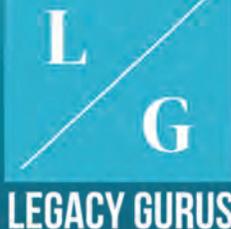
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# Focus on Real Estate

## Housing Sales Remain Flat

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter



**NORTH SHORE** – The single-family housing market over the last year showed signs of slowing in most categories except the price, which rose 1.5 percent from January of 2005 to this January.

Condominiums saw a dip in the median price from \$481,500 to \$459,900 last month.

“January reflects a steady start to the year on the North Shore,” said Lisa White, president of the North Shore Realtors. “While overall sales were down slightly compared to January 2025, inventory remains limited, which continues to support pricing, especially in the single-family market, where median prices are up 1.5% year-over-year.”

She attributed the slowing of the market to “buyers are adjusting to the

current environment,” which includes stable interest rates.

White’s advice: Well-presented and strategically priced homes are continuing to move quickly and often with multiple offers and very attractive terms.

Housing data encompasses Amesbury, Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Georgetown, Gloucester, Groveland, Hamilton, Haverhill, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Marblehead, Merrimac, Middleton, Nahant, Newbury, Newburyport, Peabody, Rockport, Rowley, Salisbury,

Salem, Saugus, Swampscott, Topsfield, West Newbury and Wenham.

The median price of single-family homes rose from \$715,000 to \$726,000, while the median price for condominiums dropped from \$481,500 to \$459,900.

The North Shore housing market continues to be a super sellers’ market with inventory of homes low and dropping, according to the statistics provided by North Shore Realtors.

For single-family homes, there were 328 homes on the market a year ago, compared to 284 last month. The

months of inventory was 1.2 a year ago, dropping to only one month. Experts consider four months of inventory to be a balanced market between buyers and sellers.

The condo market saw more inventory, rising from 205 units a year ago to 234 last month. The months on the market rose from 1.5 for condominiums to 1.7, a long way from being a balanced market.

This month marks the first time since March 2020 that average days a single-family home stayed on market for 50 or more. ♦

## History of The Olde Town Dump, Georgetown, Mass.



This week I would like to share Part 1 of "If the Ground Could Talk" as prepared by James H. Boynton Jr.

bits of history shared by Kay Lee Ogden

The Georgetown town dump was located on East Main Street at the same spot that the now Transfer Station is located today (soon to be relocated up the road on Carleton Drive). The Town Dump had a fifty year history providing Georgetown residents with refuse disposal ability from 1931 to 1981.

According to Georgetown native "history buff" Charles E. Flanders's article in the Georgetown Weekly Feb 21, 1980 he said in part the following: "Government, whether it be local,

state or federal, has a habit of taking away anything private and substituting a public, regulated, costly political substitute. The dumps were no different, for around 1931 in Georgetown, the private dumps were outlawed and the Town Dump came into operation.

The land was owned by a Mr. Harry Adams who lived on East Main Street opposite the dump. The land commenced as a town dump in 1931 based on the 1932 Georgetown Town Report stating that \$20 was spent for two years dump privileges at that location. The next year the town splurged with \$10 for the dump rental and \$2 for a sign.

It was open seven days a week with no gates and unsupervised. It was a junk dealer's paradise as quite a few professional and amateur collectors picked out the valuable metals, etc. for a profit. Sometime after 1945 Roy C. Spaulding Sr. bought the dump land and he supervised the dumping operation and junk dealers were banned as Mr. Spaulding took over the junk department while continuing rental agreements to the town.

For years if the dump caught on fire it was left alone being a good way of disposing of some of the debris. At some

point the complaints started reaching the town officials for the foul smoke that would engulf neighbor's houses for days. After this when a fire accidentally started the fire department was called to put it out, sometimes in minutes, others ranging from several days to a week.

Weekends were a good place for politicians to make themselves known and for gathering signatures for a candidate or putting something on the town ballot. The dump also had its own wildlife consisting of the ever present cockroaches, the rats that lived in the dump and the cats that fed upon them as well as the seagulls that dined on the garbage.

In 1961 the town warrant had two articles on the dump: one to appropriate \$3,500 to purchase the dump land (28 acres from Roy C. Spaulding Sr.) and second \$4,000 to maintain it as recommended by the State Board of Health. The articles passed and the land was purchased and became the official dump now owned by the town of Georgetown and was opened as such. A custodian was put on the payroll to tell people where, what and when they could dump. In the seventies a new State Law required the

dump to be operated as a sanitary landfill. The dump was bulldozed, leveled off and covered with several feet of gravel eliminating an area that had been a mess for years."

From my research I found that the first appointed town dump custodian was Albert W. Griffin who served from 1961 till he retired in 1965. In July of 1963 the selectman had Albert write down the registration numbers of the unknown cars coming to the dump to be checked for non-residents. On one weekend he compiled 219 registrations to be checked into. His replacement was Ralph H. Fuller who served from May 1965 till he retired in Dec 1976. During Ralph's tenure: In May of 1965 town resident windshield stickers were implemented to keep the out of towners out. In April of 1970 a water main was brought in for better fire control and in 1971 a very small donated shed with a little electric heater was brought in. It was actually not that much bigger than a telephone booth with a window in the door. This was done for the winter and inclement weather to eliminate Ralph from sitting in his car with the

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### Sold Single Family Homes

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73464448	SLD	284 High Street	Newburyport, MA	AN8750	Attached	2	\$799,900	\$865,000
73463692	SLD	3 Marshall Drive	West Newbury, MA	AN4646	Detached	3	\$865,000	\$840,000
73445392	SLD	29 Charlotte Road	Ipswich, MA	AN6212	Detached	3	\$874,900	\$862,000
73432994	SLD	486 Main St	Amesbury, MA	AN6888	Detached	3	\$925,000	\$880,000
73453201	SLD	144 High Rd	Newbury, MA : Old Town	AN7338	Detached	3	\$949,900	\$940,000
73434314	SLD	22 Sagamore Rd	Ipswich, MA	AN6818	Detached	3	\$959,000	\$1,015,000
73464422	SLD	32 Alderbrook Dr	Topsfield, MA	AN6886	Detached	3	\$1,324,000	\$1,392,500
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### G. MELLO

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town for permission to increase operations to 350 tons for the third year, 450 tons for the fourth year and 550 tons for the fifth year and beyond. The health board could then conduct a review of operations and order changes to the operations within six months after the expansion.

The board required Mello to submit a report every two weeks on how much tonnage is being processed each day at the station. It is unclear if there would be an independent review of those reports.

The highway engineer told the Planning Board that Carleton Road has been rebuilt. It will be striped in warmer weather.

The major concern in town is the increase in large trucks using the Carleton Drive intersection with state Rt. 133 (East Main Street) now that the station is open. The limit on tonnage for the first two years will reduce the number of large tractor-trailer trucks, which will haul trash from the station



Georgetown SelectBoard Member Doug Dawes, Police Lt. James Rodden, Police Chief David Sedgwick, and SelectBoard Chair Robert Hoover at the ribbon cutting ceremony. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)

to incinerators.

In a letter to the town's health board, Mello wrote: "GMD understands the concerns around truck traffic on Rt. 133 and the safety concerns during AM and PM peak hours. GMD proposes to allow transfer trailers to arrive and leave the site from 6:30 -7:30 a.m. and in the afternoon when school buses are NOT present on Carleton Drive. This proposal is consistent with the Planning Board's Special Permit which

prohibits transfer trailers from accessing or leaving the site during the morning peak hour of 7:30 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. and during hours when school buses are present on Carleton Drive."

In the first months after the station begins operations, the health board required several independent studies of noise, traffic congestion and odors. Based on the findings of those studies, the board can require more mitigation efforts by Mello. ♦

# Agricultural Events - Issues



Leonard Farm, North Andover. Photo courtesy of Greenbelt.

## Essex County Farmers and Farmland Owners Invited to Free Planning Workshop, March 4 in Topsfield

On Wednesday, March 4, from 6:00–8:00pm, Greenbelt, Essex County Farm Bureau, and American Farmland Trust will host “Planning for the Future of Your Farm,” a free, interactive workshop for Essex County farmers and farmland owners at the Topsfield Fairgrounds. A free dinner will be provided. “Farmland does not stay in agriculture by accident,” says Karen Schwalbe, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau. “It takes planning, clear information, and access to the right resources. This workshop gives farmers the opportunity to hear directly from organizations that can help them make informed decisions about succession, land protection, business transfer, and long-term viability.”

Essex County is home to a vibrant farming community with deep historical roots, ranging from centuries-old family farms to next-generation startups. In addition to providing access to fresh, locally grown food, these farms also support the regional economy, protect natural resources, and play

an important role in mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Yet despite their importance, Essex County’s farms are facing unprecedented pressures. Skyrocketing land prices create major barriers for young farmers seeking land or affordable housing, while farmland’s flat, cleared, and accessible terrain has made it increasingly attractive to real estate developers. At the same time, many farmers are nearing retirement without a clear successor in place. According to an American Farmland Trust study, between 3,700 and 6,300 acres of Essex County agricultural land is projected to be converted to non-farm uses by 2040.

To help farmers and landowners navigate these challenges, this workshop will cover topics ranging from estate planning and land protection to farm transitions, family conversations, and funding opportunities. Speakers include representatives from Greenbelt, American Farmland Trust, Land For Good, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, The Carrot Project,

MetroWest Mediation Services, and other farm-support organizations.

“This workshop will provide farmers with practical strategies to help them plan for the future of their farm business and farmland,” says Vanessa Johnson-Hall, Greenbelt’s Director of Land Conservation. “Participants will learn how to protect, lease, finance, and transition their farms — and connect with experienced farm service providers who can support them every step of the way.”

There will also be ample time for networking, Q&A, and informal conversations for landowners with specific questions.

The workshop will be held at Coolidge Hall, Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Street, Topsfield, from 6:00–8:00pm. The event is free and open to the public. Advance registration required. For more information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/Farmland2026>. ♦

### West Newbury Ag Committee Farmer Potluck on March 25th

from 5:30-7pm in the Town Hall Annex. Please bring a dish to share and water bottle. We look forward to connecting with each other and learning about your priorities for farming in town and how the Ag Committee can support.

The Committee meets on the first

Wednesday of each month at 4pm. Subscribe to the Ag. Committee’s newsfeed through the Town website to stay up to date on agendas, events, and meeting minutes.

We are looking forward to learning more about how you would like the Agricultural Committee to support farming in West Newbury. If you have any questions please email us at [wnagcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:wnagcommittee@gmail.com)

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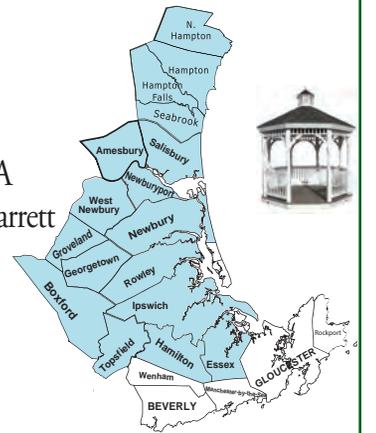
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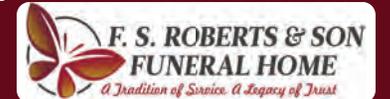
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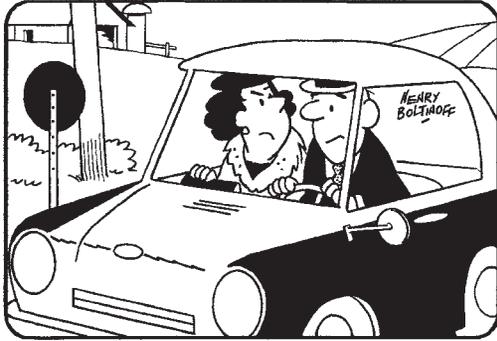
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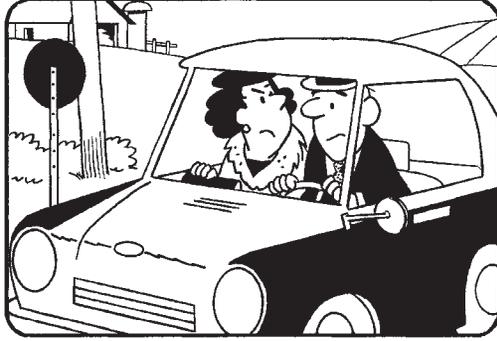
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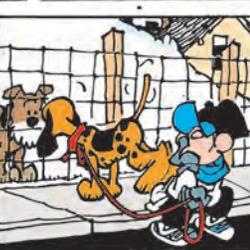
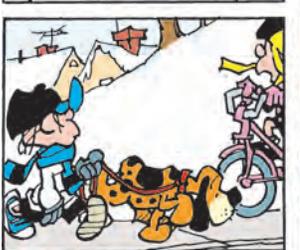
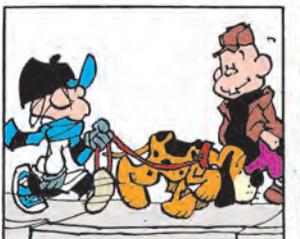


Differences: 1. Side mirror is moved. 2. Grille is different. 3. Sign is taller. 4. Door handle is different. 5. Fence is different. 6. Headrest is added.

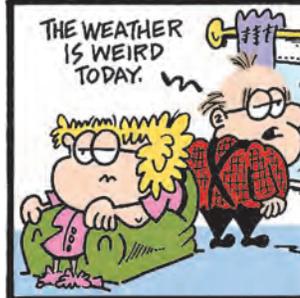
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### The Spats



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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Thank U, Next" singer Grande
  - 7 Yachts, e.g.
  - 12 Keto dieter's nutrient calculation
  - 20 Right-rear bowling target
  - 21 Like Viking script
  - 22 Call to have food delivered
  - 23 Chief justice before William Rehnquist
  - 25 Runaway
  - 26 Fruity drink
  - 27 Reclined
  - 28 Actress Russo
  - 30 Chaplin of "Game of Thrones"
  - 31 Makeovers
  - 33 Application to improve blood flow
  - 39 Stew legume
  - 41 Glazer of "Broad City"
  - 42 Gold, in Italy
  - 43 Person not getting deserved acclaim
  - 48 Chilly tourist lodge
  - 53 New Mexico art mecca
  - 54 Old New York theater
  - 55 Whirled
  - 58 To a greater extent
  - 59 Phased-out cartoon storekeeper
  - 60 Greek cheese
  - 61 Easels, e.g.
  - 63 Susa's ancient land
  - 64 Take care of bikers' association
  - 70 Tunes for two
  - 72 Permissible
  - 73 Tiny bits
  - 74 Curveball that breaks over the plate at the very last second
  - 78 Wine vessel
  - 81 Wrinkly tangelo
  - 82 "Joan of Arc" actress Sobieski
  - 83 Acorn trees
  - 85 Grassy tract
  - 86 Wrecked
  - 89 Santa (some winds)
  - 90 Agra dress
  - 91 Feels ill
  - 92 Hip-hop band
  - 94 Thaw after winter
  - 96 Roadhouse
  - 97 Writer Wilde
  - 100 "Fancy that!"
  - 101 Pilot's heading indicator
  - 108 Newton who was knighted
  - 112 Met solo
  - 113 Fishing rod
  - 114 \$5 bills, slangily
  - 116 H.S. lab class
  - 117 "The Velvet Fog"
  - 121 Its menu might include the ends of seven answers in this puzzle
  - 125 Web pop-up, e.g.
  - 126 Be of help to
  - 127 King of pop
  - 128 Salted-away sums of money
  - 129 Mails in, e.g.
  - 130 Isis' brother
  - 3 Way to mark losses
  - 4 Fourth mo. name
  - 6 Chlumsky of "Veep"
  - 7 Musical Mars
  - 8 "— Gang"
  - 9 Filmmaker Lee
  - 10 — del Fuego
  - 11 TV part
  - 12 Center points
  - 13 Previous to
  - 14 NFL goals
  - 15 OK grade
  - 16 Bow go-with
  - 17 Turbine part
  - 18 — Vista, Mexico
  - 19 Purse piece
  - 24 Pen brand
  - 29 U.S. intel org.
  - 32 Musical work
  - 34 Like swamps
  - 35 Gp. in the Arab League
  - 36 Quadrennial games org.
  - 37 City near Provo
  - 38 NYC area near the Village
  - 40 Go along with
  - 43 37-Down's state
  - 44 Wine valley of California
  - 45 Brief audio file
  - 46 All the rage
  - 47 Midterm, e.g.
  - 48 "500" race
  - 49 Mine vehicle
  - 50 Prevaricates
  - 51 Genesis twin
  - 52 Bausch & — cigars
  - 56 St. Patrick's Day event
  - 57 "I give up!"
  - 61 — Artois
  - 62 — -fi flick
  - 65 — it out (fighting)
  - 67 Mary-Kate of "Beastly"
  - 68 Latching, e.g.
  - 69 LGA info
  - 71 Fa-la linkup
  - 74 Aaron in "Hamilton"
  - 75 Water, in Chihuahua
  - 76 Get in return
  - 77 Mimic a lion
  - 79 Descended dawn
  - 84 Actress Nicole — Parker
  - 87 Funny Idle
  - 88 Fail to
  - 90 Agile
  - 91 City in Iowa
  - 93 Half of bi-
  - 94 Sink down
  - 95 Hired Japanese hostesses
  - 97 Yoko of "Two Virgins"
  - 98 Taco toppers
  - 99 Split with an ax, say
  - 101 Actor Matt Ryan
  - 102 Actress Small
  - 103 Small brooks
  - 104 Absorb the loss, in slang
  - 105 Opinion pieces
  - 106 Lou who won three Grammys
  - 107 Japanese sash
  - 109 Hate
  - 110 Garlic mayo
  - 111 Makes do
  - 115 Danish shoe brand
  - 118 Undivided
  - 119 Rule, informally
  - 120 'Zine
  - 122 Delhi bread
  - 123 Carried out
  - 124 — Lanka

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a **Public Hearing** will be held via Zoom videoconference on **Thursday March 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** or such other time when posted for the Amendment to the Order of Conditions #114-1403 by applicant **Victor Palermo** for the property located at: **18 MacDonald Drive, Map 13-3-12 to amend an existing Order of Conditions and associated approved plan to include a proposed detached garage, accessory dwelling unit and associated site improvements, portions of which would be within 100-feet 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](mailto:rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us).

For the Commission,  
Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

2/25

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby provided that the Town of Georgetown Planning Board will conduct a public hearing pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A, Sec. 5, on proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw **Article XIX Marijuana Businesses \$165-156 through \$165-163**. The purpose of the hearing is to consider public comments regarding a Warrant Article proposed by the Georgetown Planning Board. These proposed changes will be to update the Town's bylaws to address the legalization of marijuana delivery and marijuana social consumption in Massachusetts.

The Public Hearing will be on **Wednesday, 11 MARCH 2026 at 7:10 p.m.** This hearing will be held virtually via Zoom, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard in relation thereto. The link to the Zoom meeting will be available on the Planning Board's agenda which can be found on the Town's Calendar of Upcoming Events at [www.Georgetownma.gov](http://www.Georgetownma.gov) 48 hours prior to the Public Hearing. The full text of the proposed amendments are on file and available for inspection during normal business hours at Town Hall in the Planning Office, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA and can be viewed online at: [https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards/commissions/planning\\_board/index.php#outer-4823](https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards/commissions/planning_board/index.php#outer-4823)

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **11 MARCH 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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engine running to keep warm while on duty. At one juncture I brought my saber saw and cut a slot under the window so Ralph could communicate and take in any fees rather than keep opening the door and continually losing all the heat. His replacement was Joanne Fellows from 1977 to 1978. During Joan's tenure the Board of Health initiated a fee of 25 cents for each tire brought in to the dump. Soon she had to make a rule that people showing up with large bills for a small payment would be prohibited from leaving their tires until they returned with the proper change. People dumping material outside the gates when closed was occurring more frequently as was vandalism at the dump. In the seventies there were some attempts at recycling to lessen the impact on the dump and help save space. People in general were not into recycling then. The board of health said in 1978 that most people do not bother to take their newspapers and magazines the few extra feet to the recycling truck at the dump.

Additionally I found that all the dump custodians were also appointed as special police at the dump to back up their instructions if needed.

The Board of Health assumed the responsibility for managing the town dump literally from 1979 till the dump was officially closed in 1981. To stay within their budget they reduced the operational hours at the dump and had the equipment operator also become the dump custodian, who must be on site when the dump is open to cover over material as it is deposited, as required by the state.

That closing began with a contract agreement in place between Georgetown and G. Mello Disposal Corp. who leased land (two acres) and built a transfer station at the dump site location. The G. Mello Disposal Corp. also agreed to run the dump during the transfer station's construction and work around the contractor during the final capping phase of the Town Dump. The new transfer station officially opened on July 1, 1981 and began accepting trash at a cost of 50 cents per bag or barrel. The State mandated dump capping process of (3 phases) took around 15 years at a cost of over a million and a half dollars to completion.

When I was a young boy growing up at 9 Elm Street I used to go to the dump with my father when he took the ashes from our cellar that were generated from our central coal burning furnace. The ashes were in metal barrels with handles that he tied on to the front bumper of his 1936 Chevy. The road into the dump was straight but quite narrow and if there were no cars coming out my father would let me sit on his lap and steer the car to my delight. But when he saw a car coming out my father would take

over the wheel until it passed. Over the years the dump kept moving around a hill to the right that had tall pine trees on it. As the dump kept expanding around that hill the dumping area got bigger and deeper.

I kind of knew the second town dump custodian Ralph Fuller from when I was growing up, mostly from him delivering ice from Elliott Bros. to our house for the ice box and to Camp Leslie in the summer. If I was at the truck watching he would always chip off a small piece of ice for me. He also delivered our coal on occasion from Elliott Bros. as well. Ralph also served four consecutive three year terms on the Georgetown Board of Public Welfare and in 1975 Ralph received one write in vote for selectman as a joke.

When I used to go to the dump Ralph Fuller was usually sitting in his car keeping an eye on things and I can assure you he didn't miss much! He had a canny insight in poking around with a stick and finding hidden money in something that was forgotten about or that a parent didn't know about and got thrown away.

I once recall sitting in Ralph's little red falcon car talking with him as he was waiting for his adult son "Joe the Gripper" to bring him a fried scallop dinner from Watson's restaurant which he brought riding on his bicycle being his only mode of transportation.

Ralph had many interesting stories to tell, one of which when he was younger he would walk three miles over to Kelsey's Nursery in Boxford, cut and split two cords of wood and then walk the three miles home. He told me how much he got paid but I don't remember, although it did impress me as to how little it was. Ralph would talk of the depression days and how he put apple cider vinegar on his baked beans for taste. I tried it, liked it and still do it to this day.

At the dump when the bulldozer started pushing the trash around the Rats would come out scurrying all around and often you would see some twenty two rifles engaged in target practice - usually from the bed of their pickup trucks for a better vantage point.

The old Town Dump is gone, but only covered out of sight. Who knows what will be found there in the future, maybe some "obsolete" pennies that Ralph Fuller missed from the old "obsolete" Town Dump.

Content notes:

1. Information taken from the Georgetown Peabody Library's - Online Local History (1842-2012).
2. Extracted information taken from the Charles E. Flanders article in the Georgetown Weekly Feb 21, 1980.
3. Personal knowledge and experiences.

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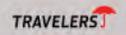
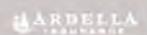
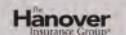
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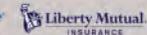
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