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Popular Basketball Coach Dismissed

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

noises, according to the sources.

REGIONAL – Kevin Fair was coaching the Georgetown High School boys' varsity basketball team to its 11th straight win in mid-February, defeating Newburyport in a hard-fought game when several observers have reported that some fans began yelling racial slurs at Georgetown players.

The Georgetown Royals with a record of 14 and four at the time defeated the previously undefeated Newburyport Clippers 72-65.

Several Georgetown players are transfer students from the city of Lawrence. According to people attending the game, fans chanted, "Are you black? Are you white?" A few made monkey

Angry at the disrespect for his players, Fair expressed his outrage during the game by holding up his middle finger, known as "the bird," at the offending fans. After the game, he apologized for his action.



Kevin and Ava Fair (Photo provided by the Fair family.)

As a result of the incident, Georgetown Schools Supt. Margaret Ferrick told Fair, who coached under a contract, he could resign from coaching or

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Keep Tenney Here at Home

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

Born in 1800, Tenny, who lived to age 81, donated a portion of his wealth in 1863 to buy the Tracy House, which today is the reading room of the Newburyport Public Library.

NEWBURYPORT – Daniel Tenney loved his native Newburyport. Although he lived and worked as a jeweler in New York City for much of his life, he never forgot where he came from.

Fourteen years later he paid for the installation of bronze lamp posts along

Pleasant Street in front of City Hall. And in 1878, he donated the life-size, bronze statue of Gen. George Washington by renowned artist John Quincy Adams Ward. The statue of the nation's first President today greets pedestrians

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From top to bottom, CHMM Intern Parker Jackman, Collections Manager Julia Brantley-Labonte, and Executive Director James Russell with the Daniel Tenney figurehead. (Photo by Stewart Lytle)



YWCA Residences at Ingalls Court II, Methuen (Photo: YWCA)

YWCA Greater Newburyport Celebrates "Topping Off" Ceremony for New YWCA Residences in Methuen

by Ilene Harnch-Grady

NEWBURYPORT – YWCA Greater Newburyport is pleased to announce that construction has progressed far enough on our newest affordable housing program and hosted a "Topping Off" ceremony, March 3 at 1:00 at YWCA Residences at Ingalls Court II, 12 Ingalls Court, Methuen.

A "Topping Off" ceremony is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of the workers who have successfully brought the building to this point of construction.

YWCA is fortunate to work with the architects at ICON, LD Russo and all the sub-contractors who are making this project come to life. This has been an exceptionally cold winter, and these workers have toiled while exposed to the harsh elements this season has thrown at them. They are thrilled to move to the next phase of construction when we can provide some heat

to the building!
YWCA Greater Newburyport is a women-owned business founded in 1883. Today our mission is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. YWCA sees a direct connection between our mission and affordable housing for seniors. On average, women earn less than men in the workplace. Social security is tied to lifelong earnings. Therefore, the lack of affordable

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Brittney Figulski - Class of 2026
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Summer Griffin - Class of 2026
President's List

Amesbury Students Excel in Bishop Fenwick's Honor Roll

Bishop Fenwick High School has announced its second quarter honor roll, recognizing students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. The honor roll is determined by calculating the unweighted grade point average across all major courses,

with students earning distinction at three levels: President's List (3.90 GPA or higher with no grade below A-), Principal's List (3.50 GPA or higher), and Dean's List (3.00 GPA or higher).

Among those earning top honors, four students from Amesbury were

represented, showcasing the dedication and academic excellence of local scholars. Students receiving any failing grade, a grade below B-, or an incomplete are ineligible for honor roll recognition, making these achievements particularly noteworthy.

St. John's Prep Announces Academic Honors for Second Quarter 2025-2026

DANVERS – St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2025-2026 school year, which ended on January 16, 2026. Students who qualified for the Head of School's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the second quarter 2025-2026.

Georgetown, MA

Head of School's List

Jordan Alves '26
James Ball '27
Jonah Greenblatt '26
Michael Hernandez '30
Sawyer Martin '29
Nolan McDonald '29
Lucas Paglia '29

Principal's List

Daniel Grimes '29
John Marino '29
Demosthenes Nikolakopoulos '26

Honor Roll

Miles Coady '29
Kevin Correa '26
Benjamin Derby '29
John Ellison '28
Tyler Grant '29
Colten Nadeau '29
Joshua Ritchie '28
Adam Sindoni '26
James Solopoulos '26
Kyle St. Pierre '29
Samuel Thompson '26
Maysen Umberger '29

Amesbury, MA

Head of School's List

William Figulski '28
Jonathan Muniz '28
Matthew Nazzaro '26
Patrick Solomon '28
Aidan Sousa '26

Principal's List

Joseph Lussault '28
David Maloney '26
Matthew Spero '26

Honor Roll

Michael Hutchinson '26
William Scorzoni '26
Henry Solomon '26
Lucas Zepf '27

Boxford, MA

Head of School's List

Beckett Flynn '27
Dylan Pelletier '28
Samuel Shickolovich '30
Ryan Yu '26

Principal's List

Alexander Beers '26
Matthew Corning '28
Aidan Cullivan '28
Ryan Horrigan '26
Joseph LeBrun '27
Ryder Vitas '31

Honor Roll

Finley Cugini '29
Ryan DiBella '27
Alixandre Donhauser '29
Kevin Greelish '28
Lincoln Holland '28
Brady James '29
William McGowan '26
Porter Mulgrew '28
Walter Shickolovich '26

Byfield, MA

Honor Roll

Owen Weiss '29

Essex, MA

Head of School's List

Colton Friedlander '26
Mathias Tolo '26

Principal's List

Flynn Sanderson '30

Honor Roll

Anthony Bafaro '28
Michael O'Flynn '30

Hamilton, MA

Head of School's List

Edward Acworth '26
Thomas Ayers '27
Augustine Benenson '31
William Clark '26
Lucas Connell '27

Principal's List

Benjamin DeWick '31
Bohan Minogue '26
Liam O'Connor '27
Seamus O'Holleran '27
Luca Richio '27

Principal's List

Johnathan Dube '28

Honor Roll

Emmett Acworth '30
Oliver Brown '28
Finneas DeBiase '26
Callum DeBiase '29
Charles DeWick '31
Maximo Gilmartin '30
Dylan Petryszyn '27

Ipswich, MA

Head of School's List

Wade Evitts '26
Zachary Evitts '27
Benjamin LaRochelle '29

Principal's List

Landon Kobs '29

Honor Roll

August Bendle '32
Charles Emery '29
Zachary Mazer '26
Leopold Seltenrich '27
Oskar Seltenrich '30

Merrimac, MA

Head of School's List

Ryder Hogan '31
Luke Mailhot '26
Ming Pineiro '26

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Upcoming Programs at West Newbury Library

Virtual - Presidential Series:
Thomas Jefferson Friday, March 13 at 10:30 AM

Heather Rogers shares facts, factoids, and fun illustrations about the presidents of these United States. This month, we focus on Thomas Jefferson: he was a redhead, invented the swivel chair, and was bizarrely obsessed with proving that America's mammals were bigger than Europe's mammals.

Don't you want to know more? Journey through Heather's sketchbooks as she shares some of her favorite tidbits, doodles, observations, and resurrection stories about the first 12 presidents. This program will be recorded. All registrants will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program. This program is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of the West New-

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Christopher Tuttle (from right), Bridgewell President and CEO, joined neighbors of the new medical residential program, Joe and Marge Pelczar, at the open house last month (Photo: Bridgewell)

Bridgewell Opens Medical Residential Program in Groveland

Peabody-based social and human services agency Bridgewell opened a new medical residential program on Birchwood Terrace in Groveland last month.

The fully accessible program, renovated by Cornerstone Construction, includes a dedicated nursing staff and serves four individuals with developmental and physical disabilities.

Birchwood Terrace marks an expansion of Bridgewell's residential programs to serve individuals with high medical needs that require around-the-clock care. Nearby residents, local officials, and representatives from the Mass. Department of Developmental Services celebrated the new addition to the community with a tour of the newly refurbished space.

As Bridgewell's first program in Groveland, the home embodies the agency's commitment to making care available throughout Northeastern Mass. for all who need it.



Birchwood Terrace in Groveland (Photo: Bridgewell)

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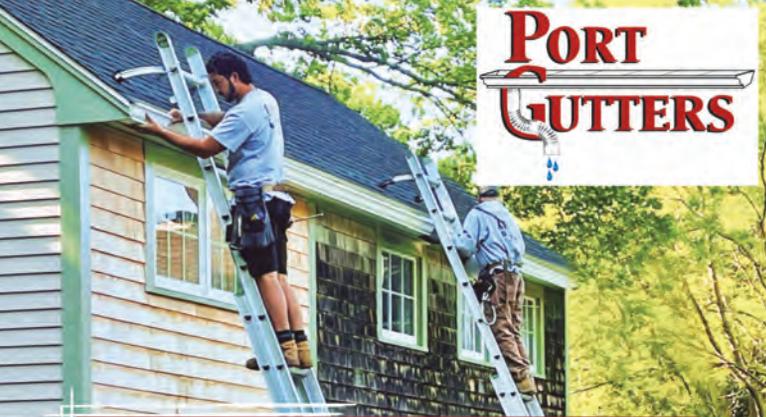


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ARTS, PERFORMANCES, HISTORY

Newburyport Art presents *Field Notes* and *Inked & Pressed* Shows

NEWBURYPORT - Newburyport Art (NAA) introduces *Field Notes: Art + Science*. Artwork in this exhibit engages with scientific ideas, methods, data, discoveries, or technologies, through direct collaboration with science or through personal, conceptual interpretation. It features over 60 pieces from 46 artists, with many first time participants in a Newburyport Art exhibit!

This show is on the first-floor Sargent Gallery and continues to the second-floor, Hartson Gallery.

Members' Inked & Pressed is a printmaking show on view in the Hills Gallery, featuring 38 artworks by 22

artists. This exhibit features a variety of printmaking styles, including dry-point, etching, woodblock, linoleum block, and collagraph. In addition to framed artwork, artists have unframed prints available for purchase at the gallery.

An opening reception for both exhibits was held last week.

Continuing into March is our February/March Gift Shop, and 10th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Garden Exhibition.

The Gift Shop offers a variety of art pieces in many mediums, all priced under \$200, while the Sculpture Garden on the waterfront's Rail Trail, currently has a fun perspective with snow coverage.

NAA is actively seeking submissions for the 11th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Garden Exhibition. Anyone interested may apply for free online at: <https://newburyportart.org/calls-for-art>

New Hours: Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00am-5:00pm.

The gallery is handicap accessible.

More information, as well as an online gallery is available at newburyportart.org.

Founded in 1948, Newburyport Art is dedicated to promoting and exhibiting members' work and to providing



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art education and access to the visual arts for the entire community. The gallery and events are free and open to the public. All artwork is for sale. ♦

ST. JOHN'S PREP HONORS LISTING

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Newbury, MA

Head of School's List

- Kiernan Brown '26
- Justin Brown '27
- Bodhi Brown '28
- Nicholas Grimaldi '27
- Dylan Johnson '27
- Harry Meurer '26

Honor Roll

- Lincoln DeAngelo '26
- Lucca Russello '28

Newburyport, MA

Head of School's List

- Cormac Barry '27
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- Wyatt Hoekstra '26
- Garrett McIntosh '26
- Max Morris '29
- Tyson Stroope '27

- Aidan Sullivan '27

Principal's List

- Amerigo Zamarro '32

Honor Roll

- Cameron Conn '30
- Anthony Davis '28
- Michael Enes '27
- Carter Hoekstra '26
- Aram Mullen '31
- Quinten Murray '27
- Miles Sweet '29
- Colin Yavarow '29
- Rowley, MA
- Head of School's List
- Alexander Desrochers '29
- Andrew McManmon '26

Principal's List

- Nathan McManmon '27
- John Pironti '28
- Patrick Savage '28

Honor Roll

- Oliver Copland '27
- Salisbury, MA
- Head of School's List
- Ronan Fay '31
- Elijah Richenburg '27
- Keagan Sessions '30

Wenham, MA

Head of School's List

- Zachary Carr '30
- Harrison Cassidy '28
- John DeSimone '26
- Philip Maestranzi '26
- Henry McDonnell '27
- Stuart Sullivan '30
- Erich Sullivan '32
- Cameron Taylor '26
- Tristan Tymann '27

Principal's List

- Caeden Roy '27

Honor Roll

- Noah Ashwood '29
- Beau Donovan '28
- Gabriel Roman '27

West Newbury, MA

Head of School's List

- Ford Hatch '28
- Noah Lear '26

Principal's List

- William Goff '27

Honor Roll

- Timothy Becker '28
- Taran Bolger '28
- Ryan Mosher '31
- Whittemore Peirce '29
- Carson Sullivan '26

West Newbury: Arts Prescription

WEST NEWBURY - Pentucket Arts Foundation is hosting a free talk this month on a unique and exciting health and wellness trend. *The Arts Prescription Program* promotes regular exposure to the fine and performing arts to address the growing epidemic of mental health issues and rising feelings of isolation across the country.

The Program enables healthcare providers to prescribe arts and culture experiences for their patients, offering both mental and physical health benefits. First in the nation to utilize this innovative form of treatment, Massachusetts

serves as a model for other states. The free event kicks off the non-profit's *2026 Arts Talk Series*.

Arts Prescription: a partnership among community leaders, artists, cultural organizations, doctors, and therapists

Guest Speaker: Erik Holmgren, Manager of Advancement & Strategic Partnerships for Mass Cultural Council **Mon., March 16, 7-8 p.m. Pentucket Middle/High School, 24 Main St., West Newbury.**

Learn more about this free event and reserve your seat today. www.pentuckartarts.com ♦

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Library.

Family Henna! Saturday, March 14, 10:00 - Noon.

Mandy Roberge from Wicked Good Henna will do henna tattoos for all ages. RSVP for a time slot, bring along a friend. Sponsored by the Friends of the West Newbury Library.

Virtual - Shannon McKenna Schmidt Discusses *You Can't Catch Us, A Story of Lady Bird Johnson* Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM

Shannon McKenna Schmidt will be discussing *You Can't Catch Us: Lady Bird Johnson's Trailblazing 1964 Campaign Train and the Women Who Rode with Her* - the story of a women-led operation and an appeal for understanding and civility. Lady Bird Johnson's monumental journey expanded the role of women in politics and progressed the fight for women's rights—a fight we still continue today. **RECORDING NOTE:** This program will be recorded. All registrants will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program. It will be available on YouTube for one month. This program is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of the West Newbury Library.

Virtual - Little Jems of Ireland Tuesday, March 17, 2:00-3:00 PM

Ireland is so much more than shamrocks, pipers and the Blarney Stone. Follow our trail as we visit the sites of Dublin, paying special attention to the National

Gallery of Ireland to check out their Caravaggio and Vermeer. Then off to Trinity College to take in the Book of Kells. The Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher and all those castles with enchanting names like Kylemore, Clifden and Dromoland are calling to us. Led by avid traveler and library lover Mary Maguire. This program will be recorded. All registrants will receive the recording via email within 48 hours of the program. This program is sponsored, in part, by the Friends of the West Newbury Library.

Book Sale Donation Drop Off Saturday, March 21 & Sunday 22, 9 AM - 1 PM Old Town Hall Building 491 Main St. West Newbury

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Agricultural Events - Issues

Northeast Harvest to Host Agricultural Conference at Topsfield Fairgrounds on March 19th

REMINDER:

TOPSFIELD, Mass. – Northeast Harvest, a Buy Local Program representing almost 400 farms in Essex and Middlesex counties and supported by the Essex Agricultural Society, will host its 2026 Agricultural Conference on March 19th at the Topsfield Fairgrounds. Northeast Harvest works to connect farmers and agricultural producers directly with consumers. This conference offers 4.5 PACE Credits and is FREE to register and open to the public.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Modern Best Practices for Disease Management in Apples
 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Invasion Insects of Concern in Massachusetts
 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Lunch & Table Presentations
 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.: Preventing Herbicide Resistance Development on Your Farm through Integrated Weed Management
 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Seed Bank Management Can Improve Control of Annual Weeds
 3:00 p.m.: Wrap

Up - James O'Brien, Northeast Harvest Executive Director, Essex and Middlesex County buy local organization and also the General Manager of the Topsfield Fair for the past 20 years, the oldest continuously operating county fair in America and ranks in the top 50 USA fairs.
 There is no charge for this workshop, but registration is required.
 Please register with Heather Ledbury at (978) 887-5000 or email heather@topfieldfair.org. Space is limited. ♦

YWCA

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housing disproportionately impacts women, especially those who have experienced racial or gender-based discrimination.
 YWCA sees its mission reflected in its partners for this project. The general contractor and architect are both women owned businesses. Additionally, our general contractor is committed to the Commonwealth's goals of hiring women and minority owned

firms.
 We want to thank the workers who braved the cold and moved this project forward during difficult conditions. We look forward to working with them to bring the building to completion. And most importantly, we look forward to providing new affordable housing to seniors most in need.
 For more information on YWCA Greater Newburyport programs please visit: www.ywcanewburyport.org

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- Reducing depression, anxiety, & other mental illness symptoms.
- Helping fight addiction and support recovery.
- Restoring emotional stability.
- Curbing loneliness & strengthening community connections.

Admission is free! Donations to the Pentucket Arts Foundation gratefully accepted!

Appropriate for ages 12 & up.

Reserve your seat at www.pentucketarts.org

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby provided that the Town of Georgetown Planning Board will conduct Public Hearings pursuant to M.G.L. c.40A, Sec. 5, on proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw. Hearings will be to: a) amend **\$165-69 Accessory Dwelling Units** and b) add language to **\$165-94 Pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses** and c) amend language to **\$165-7 Definitions** for nursery schools and d) change maximum building heights in **\$165-11, Attachment 3, Intensity of Use Schedule** and e) correct Scribner errors in **\$165 Intensity of Use Schedule** and f) amend **\$165-7 Definitions** to add new language for Reduced Frontage Residential Lot as well as **\$165-11, Attachment 3** to add language reducing required frontage. The purpose of the hearings is to obtain public sentiment so that proper revisions can be made regarding Warrant Articles proposed by the Georgetown Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Public Hearings will be on **Wednesday, 25 MARCH 2026**. The hearing to amend \$165-69 Accessory Dwelling Units will begin at 7:30pm. The hearing to add language to \$165-94 Pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses will begin at 7:35 pm. The hearing to amend language to \$165-7 Definitions of nursery schools will begin at 7:40 pm. The hearing to discuss changing maximum building heights in \$165-11, Attachment 3, Intensity of Use Schedule will begin at 7:45 pm. The hearing to correct Scribner errors in \$165 Intensity of Use Schedule will begin at 7:50 pm. The hearing to amend \$165-7 Definitions to add new language for Reduced Frontage Residential Lot as well as \$165-11, Attachment 3 to add language reducing required frontage will begin at 7:55pm. The hearings 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 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:

https://cms5.revize.com/revize/georgetownma/government/boards/commissions/planning_boa_rd/index.php#outer-4887

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **25 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 by choosing the Community TV option.

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8111155522> Meeting ID: 811 1155 5522
Passcode: 108881

For more information about these Public Hearings or if you were unable to attend the hearing and would like to communicate your concerns or questions about this application, please send an eMail to the Town Planner at FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov. Written correspondence received before Noon on the day of the hearing will be accepted and read into the record.

Frank O'Connor, Jr.
Planner for Town of Georgetown

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TOWN OF BOXFORD PLANNING BOARD AND TREE WARDEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREE & SCENIC ROADS ACT

The Boxford Planning Board and the Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, Sections 3 & 4 (Removal of Public Shade Trees) & Chapter 40, Section 15C (Scenic Roads Act) to consider the removal of two trees adjacent to 23 Valley Road in Boxford (Assessor's Map 14-1-36). Each tree is posted with a notice as required.

Said hearing will be held via Zoom teleconference on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 7:30 PM**. The Zoom information will be available on the Town of Boxford webpage calendar several days prior to the hearing, or can be requested from rpovenmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Planning Board and the Tree Warden,
Ross Povenmire

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BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a **Public Hearing** will be held by Zoom videoconference on **March 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM** or such other time when posted to consider the **Request for Determination of Applicability** by applicant **Masconomet Regional School District** for the property located at: **20 Endicott Road, Boxford: Map 43, Block 1, Lot 1 for a proposed athletic field project.**

The Zoom videoconference information will be posted on the Town website in advance of the meeting. This is a joint meeting under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sect. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. To view application materials, email rpovenmire@boxfordma.gov or call (978) 887-6000, ext. 506 or visit the Conservation Office at Boxford Town Hall during office hours M-Th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Director of Conservation

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GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a **Public Hearing** will be held via Zoom videoconference on **Thursday March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** or such other time when posted for the **Notice of Intent** by applicant **Jennifer Vangelist** for the property located at: **8 Linden Circle, Georgetown, MA 01826; Public Hearing for an upgraded septic system located at 8 Linden Circle. proposed installation of a septic System upgrade on this failed system.**

The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website Calendar prior 48 hrs. prior to the meeting. This is a hearing under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as amended, and Georgetown Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. For more information, contact mgrenier@georgetownma.gov

For the Commission,
Michèle Grenier, P.W.S., Conservation Director

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING Community Preservation Committee Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The Georgetown Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Informational Hearing on **Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** to provide the community with an opportunity to learn and comment about projects to be considered for recommendation of funding by the voters of Georgetown at the May 2026 Annual and Special Town Meeting. The Hearing will be held in person at the Georgetown Town Hall (1 Library St) and remotely via Zoom.

Join the Hearing at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84752423486>. Meeting ID: 847 5242 3486

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Projects to be discussed for recommendation include but are not limited to:
Annual Reservations to the CPA Core Categories and Administrative Reservation
Community Housing Category-Affordable Housing Trust Block Grant
Recreational Category - East Main Street Fields Design and Permitting
Recreational Category - East Main Street Fields Reconstruction
Recreational Category - Recreational Bike Path
Recreational Category - Universal Access Nature Trail
Open Space Category - West Street Drainage

Historical Category - Updates to Camp Denison Historic Lodge
A review of the Community Preservation Plan which will identify short and long term goals and needs for town recreational, historical, and housing resources.

If approved by the voters, certain projects will be paid for with the funds available to Georgetown as defined in M.G.L Chapter 44B, the Community Preservation Act. For more information, visit the Community Preservation tab of the Georgetown website at www.georgetownma.gov.

The Community Preservation Committee welcomes any questions and comments regarding these projects. If you are unable to participate in this meeting, please send your questions or comments to araspa@georgetownma.gov.

The Community Preservation Committee would like to thank the residents of Georgetown for their continued support.

Alicia Raspa,
Chair, Georgetown Community Preservation Committee

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POPULAR COACH DISMISSED AFTER REACTING TO RACIAL SLURS

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be fired from not only the boys' basketball team, but also the girls' soccer team next fall and girls' softball team this spring.

Fair did not agree to an interview with The Town Common about his dismissals, saying through others close to him that he wanted to protect his players from the controversy and take "the high road" as an example to his players on all three teams.

Since Fair was forced out of his coaching positions, those close to him have said there has been a significant outpouring of support for Fair from other coaches and members of the Georgetown athletic community, particularly parents of players he has coached. Most have commented that firing the beloved Fair seemed excessive and that

his actions should have been no more than a two-game suspension.

When asked about Fair's removal, Ferrick wrote that she would not comment on a personnel matter.

Anna DeVitto, the Newburyport Public Schools Athletic Director, wrote that the accusations of racial slurs "were not substantiated" by "a full investigation" by the Georgetown Public Schools.

"In relation to the claims of racial slurs, a full investigation was conducted by Georgetown Public Schools," DeVitto wrote. "The investigation concluded that claims regarding Newburyport students and fans were not substantiated. We appreciate the (Georgetown Public Schools) GPS collaborative approach to addressing the claims."

She did not respond to whether Newburyport schools had conducted an investigation. Newburyport Schools have a strict no-bullying policy.

Ferrick did not explain how Georgetown schools officials conducted an inquiry into the coach's action or those of the Newburyport fans. Newburyport Superintendent Sean Gallagher has been asked to conduct an investigation.

Friends of the coach, who are part of the Georgetown community, said Fair was unaware of an investigation by the Georgetown schools of the incident.

A review on YouTube of the game between Newburyport and Georgetown showed it was hotly contested with a substantial number of fouls.

Mukala Kambongo, the commentator of the game for his own high

school sports channel, noted that the fans needed "to settle down." He said the student section "is wild."

Fair took over the Georgetown boys' basketball program for the 2025-26 season following the departure of Josh Keilty, who left for a position at St. Mary's School in Lynn. Fair, who was a scout for the Georgetown team, was quoted as saying, "I couldn't be more excited and honored to get this position."

"Josh and I are the best of friends. I've been behind the scenes for him for a long time now, been scouting for him for three years and coaching summer leagues and small leagues. It was definitely a really difficult decision for Josh to leave. I mean, he's a Georgetown kid who put this program on the map. But with the relationships I already have

with the kids on the team, we all felt it would be best for them if I stayed."

Fair was the Georgetown varsity girls soccer coach from 2021 to 2025 when his team won 57 games in five years and took the team to the Elite 8 playoffs four years in a row.

He was the assistant girls varsity softball coach for three years. And he was named to the Milford High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ava Fair, the coach's daughter, a senior at Georgetown High, wrote before the incident, "My Dad is no average coach. He is supportive, dedicated and invested role model for his players. Many of my teammates and friends see him as their own father figure and someone they can call for anything at any time." ♦

MARITIME MUSEUM

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on Bartlett Mall and motorists along High Street.

When legendary clipper ship builder John Currier Jr. was constructing a new two-mast, square-sail brig, he chose to name it for Tenney and have a famed wood carver cast his likeness as the ship's 9-foot masthead.

Since 2023, that masthead, which hung on the bow of the ship, has been on loan from the Nantucket Historical Assn. (NHA) to the Custom House Maritime Museum (CHMM) here. Although it is unclear why it was ever in Nantucket, the masthead currently hangs in the CHMM's stairwell.

But not for long, unless Newburyporters save it from going elsewhere. The NHA, where CHMM executive director James Russell was CEO for four years before coming to Newburyport, wants to sell the huge piece of Newburyport's maritime history.

The NHA has offered the masthead to the CHMM for \$25,000, a discounted price that makes it feasible for the Custom House to buy it, Russell said.

If the CHMM cannot raise the funds to buy it, the masthead would probably

be offered at public auction where Russell predicts it would sell for \$40,000.

The CHMM board of directors, headed by Robert Cronin, has launched an urgent campaign to raise \$30,000 by April 17 to preserve the 151-year-old piece of art and keep the Tenney masthead in Newburyport.

"It would be the single most expensive acquisition the Custom House has made in its 50-year history," Russell said. He thinks it is appropriate to acquire the masthead this year, the nation's 250th anniversary and Newburyport's 175th year of being a city.

The Daniel I. Tenney brig was a sailing vessel 212 feet long and 1,686 tons. These fast, maneuverable ships, popular in the 18th and 19th centuries, were used as naval warships and merchant vessels. French artist Edouard Adam's 1880 painting of the Tenney hangs in the CHMM collection.

"The full-length wood carving of Daniel I. Tenney was the work of Herbert Gleason (1830-1893), a member of a distinguished family of ship carvers in Boston and New York," wrote Dr. Clarisse Poirier in the Currier Family Papers, 1736-1913, preserved at the Peabody Essex Museum Collections in Rowley.

The Tenney masthead needs substan-

tial work, which Russell described as "Not a small endeavor" to hire a skilled preservation artist.

The masthead will be a dominant feature in the Moseley Gallery, which houses the museum's collection of art and artifacts from the city's rich clipper ship era. It is a direct link to the Age of Sail, representing the dominance and maritime heritage that defined Newburyport as a one of the nation's first maritime hubs.

Russell said there has already been tremendous community support. "The phone calls and emails we are receiving are amazing. They are people I don't know, who want to contribute."

An anonymous angel has stepped up to contribute \$12,500 in a match campaign, one-to-one that will become \$25,000.

Asked if additional \$5,000 will be enough to move and preserve the masthead, Russell agreed it may require more. Jay Lesynski of Merri-Mar Yacht Basin, another angel, has offered to donate a custom metal cradle to support the sculpture at a 35- to 40-degree angle so Tenny can face forward as he did on the bow of the ship.

Those who donate \$100 or more will receive one ticket to the Boats in Bloom

festivities on April 17. Those who donate \$250 or more will be listed on a commemorative plaque and will receive two complimentary tickets to the Boats in Bloom festivities.

And the number of young people offering small donations reminds Rus-

sell of the pennies students gave in the 1925 "Pennies for Old Ironsides" campaign to save the USS Constitution in Boston harbor. American schoolchildren donated more than \$154,000 in coins to restore the severely deteriorated ship. ♦

The Georgetown Peabody Library Book Sale

Come to the Friends of the Georgetown Peabody Library book sale and find that one book you're looking for, or stock up for your summer reading! Twice a year, the Friends conduct these much-loved community book sales at the Library, offering donated materials for bargain-basement prices.

Spring book sale dates and times are: Wednesday, March 18 - 2 PM to 8 PM; Thursday, March 19 -10 AM to 5 PM; Friday, March 20 -10 AM to 5 PM; Saturday, March 21 - 9 AM to 1 PM - Saturday is the bag sale! Just \$10 to fill a bag.

Donations for the book sale may be brought to the library starting on Thursday, March 12 to Tuesday, March 17, during library hours. The Library is located at 2 Maple Street, Georgetown.

Donations can include books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, puzzles, board games, audiobooks. In each case, the item must be gently used and free from mold. Before donating, ask yourself if you'd be comfortable giving the item to a family member or friend. If yes, then we will be happy to include it in the sale.

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