

Vita Bella Hair Studio

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Georgetown (The Eagle Building). Featuring owner Ronda Servizio and her daughter and partner, Amelia Carducci, the studio is designed with a friendly Italian flare and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Ronda opened her business on October 1st, 2020. After 32 years in the hair industry, she is capable of creating any hairstyle and specializes in curly and straight hair, foils, direct dyes, exten-

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Vita Bella is a full-service business open by appointment: Tuesday – Friday (10am – 7pm) and Saturday (10am – 4pm).

Amelia brings a unique specialty to the studio, drawing from her years in the medical industry to provide patient care for special needs clients and elderly patients, including in-home services. Both women service men, women, and children, and all small children leave with a toy!

Vita Bella Hair Studio has been officially recognized by Google Reviews as the "Best of Georgetown Award Winner" in the hair salon category, identifying local leaders in customer satisfaction and service excellence. Both Ronda and Amelia offer a free 15-minute consultation to help find the best



design for your face shape and style.

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Call for an appointment: 978.769.5364, Amelia: 978.476.8884 VitaBellahairstudio.com, Ronda@vitaBellahairstudio.com. ♦

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(We periodically re-run this reminder.)

GEORGETOWN – Last Fall, residents received a detailed double-sided notice in the mail advising them the water they have been drinking has been "in violation," on-going, since May 2025.

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water used if you are pregnant, may become pregnant or are giving water to young children. For example, you can use water from another source, such as bottled water."

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Wetlands Commission Looking for New Agent - Agrees to Hire Temp for One Month

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN – The town’s Conservation Commission (ConCom) is looking for an agent to replace Michele Grenier, who was fired in April in a disputed action by Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco.

The ConCom formed a hiring subcommittee to recruit and interview candidates for the conservation agent position before Pacheco, with questionable authority under state and town law, hired John Lopez, a conservation agent for the town of Rockport, as an interim consultant.

This month the ConCom met in a special meeting, made available to the public on Zoom and Georgetown Community TV, to consider the hiring of Lopez for only the month of June to process the large amount of paperwork

required of the commission.

To keep the ConCom processes moving, the commission voted three to zero to hire Lopez with chair Rachel Therrien and member Nick Lawler abstaining.

The commission plays a vital role in governing residential and commercial construction that impacts town wetlands, waterways and endangered species.

According to commission members, Lopez has said he does not want to continue as the interim consultant for Georgetown after June 30.

During June, Lopez has appeared at two ConCom meetings, but did not speak in the first meeting and did not identify himself on the second meeting.

The agent tried to schedule a site-visit involving an applicant that is proposing to install an above-ground pool uphill

from Rock Pond without approval from the commission or notification to the commission chair. As the agent, he may visit sites being reviewed by the commission, but only the commission can authorize a site visit by commissioners, which has not happened regarding the pool.

In firing Grenier, Pacheco also did not get authorization from the SelectBoard, as required by town bylaw. He accused her in a termination letter of withholding a transcript of a recording of her conversations with commission members when she told them that a ConCom meeting was postponed for a lack of a voting quorum. Grenier denied hiding the transcript from Town Clerk Kerri McManus.

The administrator also accused her of “behavior unbecoming a town employee” for criticizing him for “not doing his f... job.” [He used all the letters of the word in his termination notice to the agent.] She criticized the administrator for not distributing computer software to the staff to allow them to work from home during last winter’s ice storms.

Although Pacheco listed these reasons in her termination letter, he told The Town Common that he did not fire Grenier for criticizing his job performance.

Grenier’s attorney has initially asked the town to pay her a year’s salary of \$65,000 or face a law suit for wrongful termination.

In a report by The Town Common last week, the town spent several thousand dollars in legal fees strategizing how the SelectBoard and Pacheco should handle an open meeting law complaint by SelectBoard member Mike Donahue regarding this issue.

The SelectBoard has not met in public to discuss the administrator’s firing of Grenier, as requested by Donahue. Last week the board voted 3 to 1 [member Robert Hoover was not present, as he “will be out of the office for 30 days starting from May 20”] to approve a letter drafted by KP Law on behalf of the town to forward to the state requesting the state deny Donahue’s complaint. See accompanying story in this edition.

Austin Prep Winners

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Five teams presented original surgical innovations, demonstrated robotic prototypes and made their case for mock investment before judges.

The contest, judged in a TV Shark Tank-like competition, had a total of 19 students make three-minute pitches about their innovation or invention to eight judges, including those from Harvard and Boston University staffs. “The HeartBridge team killed it,” said Francesco Donati, an Austin Prep teacher who is a trained astrophysicist.

For winning first place, Riordan’s team received \$20,000 in mock investment money, while the second-place winner was awarded \$11,000.

“What we did is design a robot to complete patent foramen ovale surgery, also known as a PFO,” said Kaitlyn Riordan. “What that is, is a small hole in the heart that fails to close after birth.”

A patent foramen ovale is a common, flap-like opening between the upper chambers of the atria. Everyone has this opening before birth, but it usually seals shut during infancy. In about 25 percent, the flap fails to close naturally, resulting in a PFO.

The team demonstrated on a simulated patient who came in with recurring migraines and shortness of breath before being diagnosed with a PFO. The HeartBridge students had their robotic arm guide a catheter through a vein in the leg and up to the heart, using imaging to locate the hole and position a closing device with greater precision.

“Currently, the surgery is not done robotically, which can be risky,” Riordan said. “You have to deal with the heart beating and the muscles of the patient, so you have to make really precise and steady movements.”

The students also proposed improving the robot, adding a long flexible arm adaptation, a grabber tool to insert the mesh closure device and a stabilization system to help control the movement inside the heart.

“One very important addition we think we need for the robot is a stabilization system,” said Jordyn Petitjean. “We need to make sure that nothing

that isn’t supposed to be touched is getting touched.”

Projects by the other Austin Prep teams included surgery for removing kidney tumor, brain aneurysm surgery and aortic aneurysm repair.

After the pitches, students showed how their robotic systems worked and answered questions about design, function, limitations and future improvements.

Teams demonstrated movement controls, camera systems, surgical tools, grabber mechanisms and potential upgrades. Judges asked how the devices would be used by surgeons, what improvements were needed, and how the concepts could move from classroom prototype to real-world application.

The program concluded with a graduation ceremony. In addition to the play money, the four team members received a Harvard diploma.

It is the second year that Austin Prep students have been invited to work at Harvard University Medical School to create a bio-engineering project in a competitive environment.

Austin Prep’s STEM courses have scrapped their traditional physics curriculum and focused all the science to robotics. Foley described the new curriculum as “un-siloing” science, letting students learn about chemistry, physics, biology as well as engineering and anatomy, whatever it takes to solve the challenge.

For next year the program has already attracted applications from 50 students. The program has broadened its requirements to include more students, not just those with the best grades. Foley said the school believes that students with lower grades may be better problem solvers. ♦

Newburyport Public Library - Adult Summer Reading Challenge

submitted by Elise Galvansson
Newburyport Public Library

The Newburyport Public Library’s Adult Summer Reading Challenge is back! Come play BINGO with us and track your reading progress for a chance to win a prize! The first-place winner will receive a 6" Kindle and the second and third place winners will each receive a \$30 gift card to Jabberwocky Bookshop! Use the online form to view the BINGO card and submit what you’ve read. Each submission will enter you into the raffle (even if you don’t hit BINGO), but you can only submit one item per category. You can enter your submissions at any point between June 13th and August 15th. Winners will be drawn after the conclusion of the program. Participants can win only once.

If you have any questions or would like a physical copy of the BINGO card, please speak with a reference librarian on the second floor.

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Focus on Real Estate

For Sale: Carriage Industry Founder's Home

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter



AMESBURY – If you have dreamed of owning a home overlooking the Merrimack River, built by the man who nurtured the American carriage and car

pioneer of automobile body manufacturing,” a book on the mansion states. “It was against this backdrop of prosperity and ingenuity that prominent industrialist William Biddle, co-founder of the celebrated Bidle & Smart Co. commissioned this remarkable residence along one of the city’s most distinguished thoroughfares.”

Biddle founded the company, the Biddle, Smart Carriage Co., with William Smart and M. D. F. Steeve in 1878 and began production of carriages two years later. Biddle began building club cars in 1910. Seven years later, it purchased the S.R. Bailey company and entered the car business.

By 1923, it was manufacturing 12,000 car bodies for Hudson and would produce bodies for Lincoln and Roll Royce in Springfield.

For a tour of the Biddle mansion, contact Erica Puorro, the top Realtor in the Lamacchia Realty in Amesbury for transactions in 2025. She can be reached at 857-225-2436 or visit her at the Lamacchia office at 20 Market St. Amesbury. ♦

industries, Erica Puorro with Lamacchia Realty can fulfill that dream with the nine-bedroom mansion at 372 Main St.

Built by William Biddle in 1912, just down river from the Marina at Amesbury Point, the home features mahogany box beams above hardwood flooring and leaded glass bookcases and windows.

The current owners have made improvements, including a dumbwaiter that adds charm along with the home’s original craftsmanship. Even its servant bells remain.

Offered for \$2.2 million, the 8,480-square-foot mansion still has six fireplaces.

Lee Knapp, a neighbor, who lived on Point Shore as a child 75 years ago, recalled the Biddle mansion as “warm and inviting” with cultivated berry patches on the side of the house where the Powow River runs.

“The entire property was the perfect venue for adults at Great Gatsby-type galas,” Knapp was quoted.

For the Gatsby-style parties, the 18-room mansion has a crystal chandelier and a well-equipped kitchen with a 10-foot island, a double oven and three pantries. While two pantries are in the kitchen, one is on the second floor in what was a breakfast room that provides an outstanding view of the river. The room is now used as a bedroom.

The sunroom, wrapped in windows, is heated with its own fireplace. The views of the river follow from room to room and along from the rooftop deck.

A three-car garage caters to the car lover, and the set-back home has a private backyard. With the large number of bedrooms, this home, just an hour from Boston, could be a primary home or multi-generational with au pair suites.

“At the turn of the 20th Century, Amesbury stood at the forefront of American innovation as the birthplace of the carriage industry and an early



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ConCom Firing

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Hoover and last week by Doug Dawes, refused to hold a meeting on the process Pacheco used to fire Grenier. Both Hoover and Dawes have made it clear they are reluctant to question the administrator's authority.

Pacheco fired Grenier, claiming he had the authority, although the state and town laws maintain that he must ask for SelectBoard approval. He hired an outside counsel that is not the town's usual legal counsel to render an opinion on his authority to hire and fire employees.

The opinion has thus far not been disclosed to Georgetown residents.

The law firm, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, was subsequently hired as the legal council for the Georgetown School Department.

In a special meeting last week, Dawes read a lengthy response, prepared by KP Law, the longtime Georgetown counsel, to oppose Donahue's complaint.

"The Complaint alleges that the Board violated the Open Meeting Law by suppressing public discussion on the Town's personnel Bylaw Chapter 105-3; a 'coordinated effort' by the Board and Town Administrator to avoid transparency with respect to a personnel matter."

Donahue's complaint also alleges that the SelectBoard violated the Open Meeting Law when then chair Robert Hoover refused to put on the agenda a discussion of the process Pacheco followed in firing Grenier. The board had voted/agreed at its March 26 meeting to put the issue on the agenda for a future meeting.

The Selectman proposed as a remedy that the Board "immediately place the full agenda item on an emergency meeting" to review the termination process of the Conservation Agent; require KP Law to attend the meeting; conduct an open public discussion and roll-call vote; publicly acknowledge the violation and take corrective action; and direct KP Law to render a formal written legal opinion on the correct interpretation of the Town's Personnel Bylaw."

Dawes called an emergency meeting last week, but only to get the approval of the law firm's letter, not to discuss the issue. When Donahue asked to offer a rebuttal to the K&P Law letter, Dawes did not allow him to comment. He said Donahue should file it as an appeal with the attorney general.

The SelectBoard voted three to one, with Donahue opposing and Hoover on leave of absence, to send the letter to the Attorney General stating that the town believes it did not violate the Open Meeting Law.

Not mentioned in the KP Law letter to the Attorney General is an e-mail issued by the former chair instructing members not to discuss the matter. The e-mail and subsequent actions by the former chair constitute a form of deliberation outside of the public eye, in violation of the Open Meeting Law, Donahue has stated.

Although Chair Dawes and former chair Hoover apparently believe they have found a legal way to prevent disclosure of the firing process (arguing that technically an open meeting violation did not occur), the issue remains: Why is the board spending so much

time and taxpayer money conspiring to prevent disclosure of the firing process?

To date, Hoover, Pacheco, and now Dawes, Laura Repplier and newly elected selectman Ed Dobie have united to deny a review of the firing process.

As previously reported, the fired employee has placed the town on legal notice and she has placed one or more Freedom of Information requests to the town seeking copies of e-mails exchanged in this matter in which she was apparently denied the rights granted in the town's employee handbook and bylaws. See related ConCom story in this issue.

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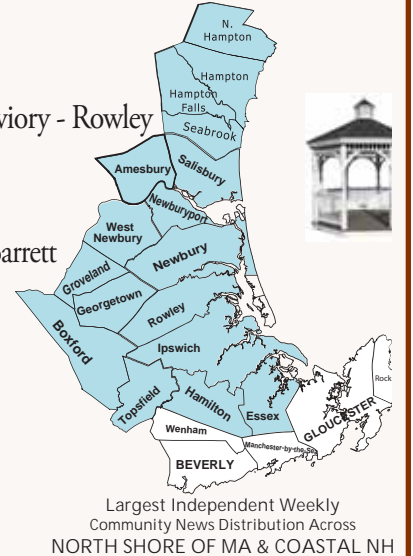
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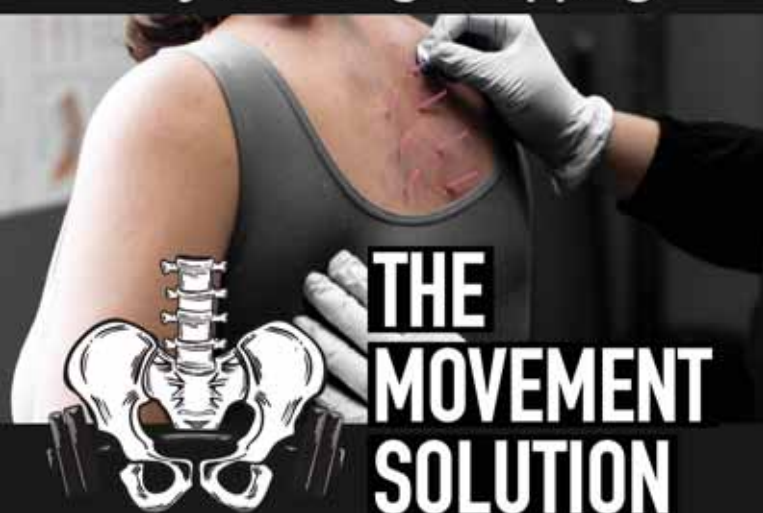
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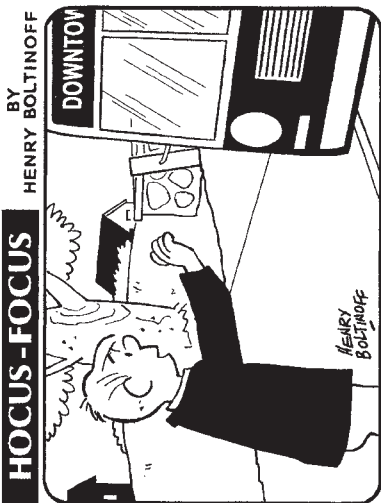
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38 Prefix with light
39 Pipe joint
40 Foliage unit
42 Stan of jazz
45 Region of pre-Roman Italy
46 Viewed intently
48 Some wheel adjusters
49 Animal's "family tree"
50 Golf pegs
51 Deep anger
52 Pay attention
53 Sault —, Mich.
54 Replace with
56 Bud of Cooperstown
60 Some roofing specialists
61 Up to, in brief
63 Suffix with southwest
64 Outdoor gear retailer
67 Large city in Iraq
68 Raised RRs
72 "Either he goes — go!"
73 Mao — -tung
74 Diva Sumac
75 Boomer's kid
76 Mafia chief
80 Horse cousin
82 Campus area
83 Film genre
86 Skillfully
87 Tranquil
90 Modern, in Munich
92 Scottish port
94 Varnish resin
95 Judy glance
97 Make more offsprings
98 Govt. loan agency
101 LAX guess
103 — mater
104 Collier's tram
105 Really bug
106 Discarded PCs or TVs
107 At the stern
108 Barber's tool
109 With 7-Down, the original "It" girl
111 Chews on
112 Town on Long Island's South Shore
116 Russian news agency
117 Chablis, e.g.
118 Ovid's "Lo!"
120 Brand of athletic shoes
121 "— la vie"
122 Slangy suffix with buck
123 Cup edge
126 ER staffers

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-133 indicating starting points for words.

Amber Waves



The Spats



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mirror is longer. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Nose is different. 4. Windshield shape is different. 5. Windshield wiper is added. 6. Bush is missing.



"Then I apologize for hitting on you. ... I didn't know you were my wife."

Weekly SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

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.

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RELIGION

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:13)

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Thank you ROWLEY'S KRACKEN GAMING for reminding us to keep the answers on a different page than the puzzles.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

9	7	1	8	4	2	5	6		
2	4	8	5	6	1	8	7	9	
6	8	5	2	9	7	1	8	4	
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8	1	2	6	4	8	7	9	5	
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8	6	7	4	1	9	5	8	2	
4	8	2	4	8	7	5	9	6	3

Make your kindling now! Let it dry, dry, dry all summer.

Garden Secrets #3: Never splash water on tomato plants. Water the soil gently and avoid splashing onto leaves.

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Notice is hereby given by Newburyport Towing Service, Inc. 27 S. Hunt Road, Amesbury, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L c. 255, Section 39A, that they will auction the following vehicles on or after July 9, 2026 on the website www.auctionsinternational.com. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after July 9, 2026 by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers liens for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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Cash bar. For more info: salvationarmyma.org/sail

CUSTOM HOUSE

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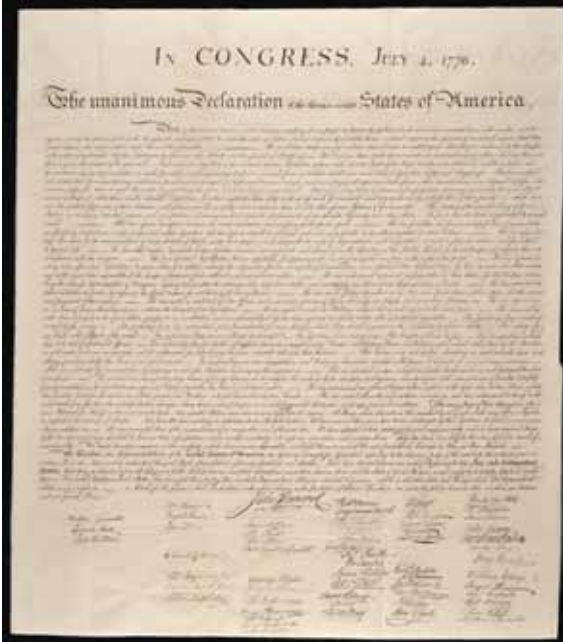
tor James Russell said.

"A special exhibition, titled "Ink, Iron & Independence," will open to members on June 18 and to the public on June 19. The print will be on display from June 19 through July 17 when it will be returned to the private collector", states Julia Bradley, Senior manager and Director of Collections.

Custom House was among 150 non-profit organizations to receive funding through the Cummings Foundation's annual grant program, which awarded \$35 million this year. Chosen through a competitive review process that drew a record 959 applicants, the museum will receive \$150,000 over three years.

"The CHMM has made significant strides in new initiatives since 2024", Russell said. "These initiatives, like the kids' Discovery Center, need time to mature and will strengthen the fabric of this community. Cummings Foundation support provides the much-needed runway to let these transformations incubate, take root and flourish, while simultaneously providing the breathing space for the museum's Board to build up a robust major-donor support structure."

This year, the Woburn-based Cummings Foundation shifted to fully unrestricted funding, allowing recipients to direct grant dollars where they are needed most. Foundation executive director and trustee Joyce Vyriotes said that "nonprofit professionals are closest to the challenges facing their communities, making them best positioned to determine where and how new funds will drive the greatest impact. By providing increased, flexible funding, we hope to strengthen organizations' long-term stability and help them respond to evolving community needs."



Cronin said, "The CHMM pivoted from its traditional focus of adult programming and moved into a space that increasingly serves younger audiences."

In 2023, children and youth accounted for 5-10 percent of attendees. Rapid implementation of new initiatives increased children and youth participation to 35 percent.

"Importantly, today our attendees represent a broad span of ages, race and ethnicities, plus a much broader socioeconomic spectrum. The driving factor in this shift was a major renovation and build-out of a children's Discovery Center, which will soon be full handicap accessible."

This Center now commands a third of the total museum space. It has expanded and now operates outdoors during the summer.

As a largely volunteer-run museum with two full time staff, volunteers contributed 7,700 hours donated in 2025. In 2026, the paid summer internship

program attracted six Newburyport High School students and six college students from the area.

Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, who earlier studied law with Theophilus Parsons in Newburyport (1787-1789), commissioned engraver William J. Stone to create an exact, full-size facsimile of the Declaration of Independence. He was concerned because the original 1776 Declaration was already fading and

deteriorating before the young nation's 50th anniversary.

The signatures of the 56 delegates were carefully copied. Stone spent two years perfecting the plate and after he had printed the 200 copies ordered, his original engraved plate remained with the Department of State.

A decade later, Peter Force (1790-1868), historian, publisher and mayor of Washington D.C., created a massive 20-volume anthology entitled American Archives, containing copies of key letters, documents, and broadsides from the Revolutionary War. Congress agreed to fund an edition of 1,500 sets, but sales were disappointing and only 500 to 1,000 copies were printed.

The Declaration was first read in Newburyport on July 19, 1776.

The Museum of Old Newbury, the Custom House Maritime Museum, Lowell's Boat Shop, the First Religious Society, Theater in the Open, the City of Newburyport, the Greater

Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and many more community partners will present Newburyport 250 Declaration of Independence Day: The Die Is Cast at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, July 19, with a procession to Market Square, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Newburyport.

This event is sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT) as part of the state-

wide MA250 campaign. A public commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Newburyport's first reading of the Declaration of Independence, with community readings, Revolutionary soldiers, sailors, and colonial-era townspeople, ceremonial music and salutes, the arrival of two schooners honored by privateers on board, and with public access to the schooners until 5:30 p.m., plus activities for families at the Custom House.

BOXFORD: Stiles Pond Beach Passes on Sale Now

BOXFORD – Seasonal memberships for Stiles Pond Beach are now on sale Stiles Pond Beach is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday, June 20, and residents are encouraged to purchase their seasonal passes online through the Town's website before opening day.

As part of the season opening, the Town will host a Stiles Pond Beach Community Day on Friday, June 19. All Boxford residents are invited to visit and enjoy the beach free of charge, regardless of whether they have purchased a seasonal membership. Community Day will provide residents an opportunity to experience one of Boxford's most treasured recreational assets, reconnect with neighbors, and visit the beach before the season officially opens.

This year marks an important milestone for the community, as 2026 is the first season that Stiles Pond Beach will be operated directly by the Town of Boxford following the transition from the Boxford Athletic Association. The Town is committed to maintaining the traditions that generations of residents have enjoyed while continuing to enhance operations and accessibility for families.


Residents may purchase seasonal memberships through the Town's

online payment portal available on the Town website.

The Select Board recently approved a reduction in the cost of a Family Seasonal Membership from \$250 to \$150 to encourage greater participation and make the beach more affordable for Boxford families. Individual Seasonal Memberships are available for \$50. All seasonal memberships are available to Boxford residents only.

The Town will continue utilizing the wristband system residents have used in previous years to access the beach. After purchasing a seasonal membership online, residents should bring proof of payment and proof of residency, such as a driver's license, to Stiles Pond Beach. Beach staff will provide membership wristbands along with seasonal parking stickers for participating households. The seasonal parking sticker program is new for 2026 and is intended to improve parking management.

Family memberships are available for up to two named adults residing in the same household and their children or grandchildren under the age of 25. Family memberships include two seasonal parking stickers. Individual memberships include one seasonal parking sticker. Day passes and guest passes are also available.



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