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by Kay Lee Ogden

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North Andover Watts Donates Jet Ski for Merrimack River Cleanup

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. — As part of their continued partnership, Watts donated the funds for the purchase of a jet ski to the Clean River Project to help provide the nonprofit with a more efficient way to survey the Merrimack River, monitor cleanup areas, and locate debris beneath the water's surface.

The Clean River Project based in Methuen, Massachusetts works to protect the Merrimack River by removing

illegally dumped materials, including tires, mattresses, hazardous objects and vehicles. According to Clean River Project President Rocky Morrison, the organization has operated for 23 years, typically removes approximately 100 tons of debris annually, and has recovered 87 vehicles from the river.

The new jet ski will allow the organization to travel quickly along shorelines, inspect its containment booms

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Picnic Pavillion before repairs.



Picnic Pavillion after repairs.

Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission Thanks Eagle Scout Bryan Benoit for Pavilion Roof and Dock Projects at American Legion Park

GEORGETOWN, Mass. — The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission thanks Bryan Benoit of Boy Scout Troop 50 for completing his Eagle Scout project at American Legion Park and for giving the Commission the opportunity to sponsor the work.

Benoit, a Georgetown High School

student and Life Scout working toward the rank of Eagle, planned and led two public improvements at the park. In June, he and fellow Scouts assembled and installed new floating docks on Pentucket Pond. On Saturday, September 19, they replaced the deteriorated roof on the picnic pavilion next to the playground. Benoit

raised the funds for roofing materials so the project would not be charged to the town budget. Any remaining balance will be turned over to Parks and Recreation.

The Commission provided site support, including coordination with the Highway Department for debris

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The Belleville Meeting House under construction (Photos provided by the church)

Roots Concerts Entertain, Restore Newburyport Church

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — If you have attended a Belleville Roots concert in recent years or plan to enjoy the concert this month by Grammy nominated guitarist and songwriter Bill

Kirchen, know that you have helped the on-going campaign to restore the church's historic Meetinghouse ceiling and preserve one of the city's most visible landmarks.

Kirchen, who founded the band Commander Cody and his Lost

Planet Airmen, appears this month on the cover of Vintage Guitar Magazine. His high-octane concert is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Belleville Church, 300 High Street.

The 600-seat Meetinghouse is

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known for its superb acoustics and hosts church services, the Newburyport Choral Society, theater productions, organ concerts and weddings as well as the Roots Music Series.

Because of the aging "horsehair" plaster, the church temporarily closed the Meetinghouse in 2024. The concerts were moved to the smaller Stage Room.

In the first step of a multi-year effort to preserve and maintain the almost 200-year-old Meetinghouse, construction crews are removing the

5,750-square-foot of "compromised" plaster and will install a new ceiling.

"We are eager to reopen our Meetinghouse and return it to full use for worship, concerts, and community events," said pastor Ross Varney. "We hope to have a grand re-opening in time for Christmas services."

The total project cost is estimated at \$430,000.

Like other Newburyport churches, the city's Community Preservation Funds contributed \$91,211. To raise the additional fund the church created a Gofundme page at <https://gofund.me/f9db9f7d6>. Donations can also be mailed directly to the church.

Kirchen's trademark song, Hot Rod Lincoln, hit the Top Ten in 1972. Kirchen calls his sound "dieselbilly," drawing on his fondness for country's big rig truck-driving songs and the Bakersfield Sound.

His latest recording Cat out of the Bag was released May 22 on Last Music Company. For more on Kirchen, visit <https://billkirchen.com>.

With a mission of "Building Community Through Music," the Roots concert series was launched in the spring 2011, bringing internationally acclaimed performers to Newburyport. Its second mission strived to use the concerts to raise money to help restore the historic building.

Its steering committee includes Joe Carper, Donna Wilson Irwin and Ken Irwin, Shana Kelley, Kathleen Miller, Patsy Nelson, Kathy Rand and Varney.

To learn more and help with the ceiling restoration project, please contact Belleville Meetinghouse fundraising via email at office@belleville-church.org or visit www.Bellevillechurch.org. ♦



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Mauro, Alex, Chris, Yanni, and Tiphane pose for a group photo at Nicolini House of Pizza in Georgetown, Mass.

NICOLINI HOUSE OF PIZZA

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inside dining!

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Owner: Mauro Nicolini

Mauro opened his restaurant over

eight years ago, Aug. 18th, 2018, and it has been a local favorite in the surrounding communities ever since. He always wanted to own his own restaurant, and after years working extremely hard for other restaurants, his dream came true. Mauro worked for Steve's House of Pizza in Haverhill for 12 years, as well as the Pizza Factory, where his location is now. Mauro studied and absorbed all he could from his prior employers and applied what he learned to his own creative recipes, which has made him extremely successful!

Mauro is married to his lovely wife Michele, and has two children, Mila, age 9, and Murilo, age 13, and reside in Haverhill. His heritage is from a large Italian and Brazilian family. They have passed down to Mauro, authentic, and traditional recipes!

He believes he would not sell food that he would not eat himself! He purchases only the best, top-of-the-line food from U.S. companies, including Performance Food Co., located in Taunton, Mass., US Food Performers of Seabrook, N.H., and Colony Foods of Lawrence.

The Ogden family feels that this is the best restaurant around, with top quality food, always fresh and crisp! One of our favorites from Nicolini's is their grilled chicken broccoli with alfredo sauce, and ziti!

Generous portions, home-made, and extremely satisfying! You feel as though you just dined out at a gourmet restaurant! Their salads are always so fresh and crisp, you can hear the crunch!! Moe's pizza is freshly made dough, with savory tomato sauce, with golden crust, and bubbling melted cheese, baked to perfection! You can add many of your favorite toppings or what he's created! One of the favorites is Moe's "Sweet Pizza", with his own handmade sweet sauce, and a special blend of cheese! (This is making me hungry!) There is

also much more on the menu. Some of the other favorites are his famous steak tips, chicken kabob salads, and his generous portions on his sandwiches! And let's not forget his beautifully presented calzones, overstuffed! If you notice on the menu, Moe offers some very unique items!

Nicolini's also offers the best prices in Town to boot on many items!

Nicolini's also offers exciting desserts; baklava, butter cookies (all authentic), as well as soft drinks and assortment of chips. He has the best employees any owner could wish for, and I have become friendly with most of them. They always have a pleasant demeanor and will make every effort to make you feel satisfied!

Chris, the manager, is very jovial and friendly. He always has a smile! The rest of Moe's team, Monaliza, Yanni, Anzo, Michelle, Tiphane, and Alex, are the best, and always happy as well! They all work so hard, and enjoy each other's company, because they are family, and this is the environment Mr. Moe has created; they respect each other.

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HELP WANTED: Scientist Sought to Investigate Merrimack River's Unexplained Spikes in Fecal Bacteria

The Merrimack River Watershed Council (MRWC) is creating a new, full-time Lead Scientist position dedicated to designing and leading two major, multi-phase investigations: one in Newburyport Harbor, and one in the Lawrence Dam Impoundment. These locations see some of the heaviest recreational use anywhere on the Merrimack — and both carry a legacy of industrial and wastewater pollution that continues to shape water quality today.

For the past two years, MRWC's volunteer-powered monitoring network has detected unexplained spikes in fecal bacteria in these two areas, in both wet and dry weather. The new Lead Scientist will lead the investigations and design flexible, iterative plans for these complex testing environments. Working side-by-side with MRWC's existing water quality team and community scientist volunteers, these investigations will allow river communities to turn information into action. The organization has secured funding from both the state and from foundation partners to make this work possible.

"These are two of the places where the most people come into contact with this river — swimming, boating, fishing. Our data has shown there is cause for concern. This role means we finally have the dedicated capacity to find out what, and to work with the communities and agencies who can help fix it," said Curt Rogers, Executive Director of MRWC.

Beyond the investigations, the Lead Scientist will supervise MRWC's Water Quality Program Manager and a growing team, as well as oversee the organization's baseline and hotspot monitoring on the Merrimack's main stem. They will also lead engagement with municipalities, water treatment facilities, and environmental justice communities throughout the 5,000-square-mile watershed.

The position reflects MRWC's broader strategy of turning years of volunteer-collected data into targeted, long-term scientific investigations rather than one-off sampling.

"Every one of our water quality tests, every staff and volunteer hour, every data point — it's what allows us to execute our mission to improve and protect the watershed for everyone," explains Rogers. "This role will allow us to expand our impact dramatically."

MRWC is now accepting applications for the Lead Scientist position. Full details and how to apply are available at merrimack.org/employment. ♦

RIVER CLEANUP

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and reach shallow areas that are difficult to access with larger boats. Its

EAGLE SCOUT

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removal, and served as the project's municipal sponsor and beneficiary.

"Bryan showed real leadership from the first meeting through the last shingle," said Mike Donahue, chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. "He fundraised, organized volunteers, worked around the weather, and left the park better than he found it. On behalf of every member of the Commission, we are grateful he chose American Legion Park and allowed us to stand behind this project."

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Scouts BSA. To earn it, a Scout must design a service project that meets a community need, secure the resources to complete it, and lead others in carrying it out. Scouting builds leadership, planning skills, and citizenship by putting young people to work on parks, trails, schools, and other public places. Projects like Benoit's are how those lessons become lasting improvements for the whole town. The Commission also thanks Benoit's family, Troop 50, the Highway Department, and the residents and businesses who donated time or materials.

The Georgetown Parks and Recreation Commission oversees town parks and recreation facilities, including American Legion Park on Pentucket Pond. Current members are Michael Donahue, chair; John Dunlevy; Allison Philbrook; and David Schauer.

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smaller size will also enable a limited crew to transport and launch the equipment with one truck, helping the team survey larger sections of the river more efficiently.

"This jet ski will help us reach spots we can't access with a big boat," said Clean River Project President Rocky Morrison. "A small team can launch it, survey a large area of the waterway and get a better understanding of what needs to be addressed."

The jet ski is equipped with side-scan sonar donated by Raymarine which will help Clean River Project examine the riverbed and pinpoint vehicles, tires, and other unusual objects that may require further investigation by its dive team.

"The support we receive from Watts makes a real difference," said Morrison. "Their employees and continued partnership help us carry out our mission and make a positive change along the Merrimack River."

"Water stewardship extends beyond the products we manufacture to the communities and ecosystems we serve," said Kenneth Lepage, General Counsel, Chief Sustainability Officer & Secretary at Watts. "The Merrimack River is an important resource for our region, and we are honored to support Clean River Project's efforts to protect and preserve it. This jet ski will help their team reach more areas of the river and continue their important work."

In addition to cleanup work, Clean River Project provides educational opportunities that teach students about recycling, the river's ecosystem and the importance of protecting a waterway that serves surrounding communities. The organization also conducts school outreach and brings students onto the river as part of its educational programming.

"We are grateful to everyone at Watts who have participated in cleanups and helped make this donation possible," said Morrison. "The partnership means a great deal to me and my team."

Learn more about the Clean River Project by visiting www.cleanriverproject.org. ♦

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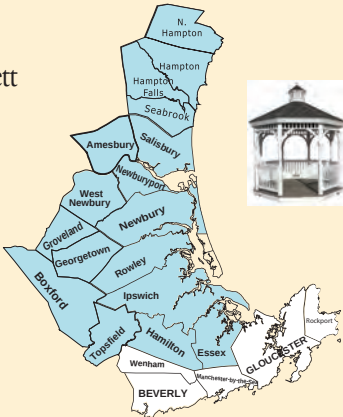
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Public Invited to Join in Gardens Cleanup

Saturday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m.

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GEORGETOWN, Mass. — The Aulson family invites volunteers, gardeners, town officials, and "any interested individuals" to join in this Saturday, Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m. to kickoff the process to restore the Community Gardens to their former splendor.

More than a decade-and-a-half ago, the gardens were full of active gardeners from Georgetown, Groveland, and neighboring towns. Under the watchful eye and patient guidance of volunteer garden steward Bob Means, the plots were assigned each year, and monitored for use. Back then, for a donation of \$10 to the Conservation Commission, a family would be provided with a 30' x 30' plot in which vegetables and flowers were grown,

and in some plots coexisted with kids toys, tiny shovels, Tonka® trucks, etc.

After seemingly countless years of neglect, the area has fallen upon bad times, with more than 50 abandoned plots, strewn with deteriorating metal fencing, metal posts, old tools, chairs, hoses, wire cages, and more, most obscured by vines and overgrowth, including in places 8' tall sumac trees.

The Aulson family, which owns Great Rock Farm in town, and Goats-to-Go, approached both the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission with a plan to have the goats remove the bulk of the overgrowth, which would then allow access to and removal of the metal and other debris.

In less than two weeks, the goats devoured bittersweet and other vines, tall grasses, and small trees in some areas of the garden.

The area is now ready for folks to show up with gloved hands and help remove debris from certain areas of the gardens (see accompanying story).

"We'll have water, tools, clear bags, some volunteers with metal detectors, a port-a-potty, basically what we need to clean up the area," Alan Aulson explained. "It would be to have a good showing and it should be a fast cleanup with such high interest that the project has received. It's nice when a community comes together, to help others. I really hope to see seniors and neighbors return to the gardens." ♦

Georgetown Conservation Commission Clips Community Gardens Cleanup Plans

Limits Cleanup to Approx. 20% of Previous Garden Area

Acting ConCom Agent Argues to Leave Trash/Debris in Place

GEORGETOWN, Mass. — The Conservation Commission unanimously voted last week to NOT clean up the majority of the overgrown decades-old, abandoned community garden, instead limiting the cleanup project to just the front area of the gardens (approximately 20% of the previously cultivated area).

At its prior meeting, following what could mildly be described as an extremely divisive discussion, only three out of the five present members voted to move forward with a proposed project by resident Alan Aulson, which would have removed all debris from the large, predominately long-abandoned areas.

The meeting was full of so much controversy that following the meeting, Aulson sent a letter to the commission stating that his family did not want to be the cause of negativity/divisiveness, and that if the conservation commission was not unanimous in support of cleaning up the mostly abandoned area (only about 14 out of 76 plots are being cultivated, the remainder are littered with old metal fencing, posts, wires, wire cages, tools, decaying plastic and landscape fabric and carpets, etc.), he and his family would simply bow-out. They wanted to help clean up the gardens, not cause nor step in the middle of controversy. He asked the commission to visit the gardens and consider giving their unanimous approval to a

cleanup plan.

Last week, Aulson met again with the commission (via Zoom as the ConCom meets online only). After a lengthy discussion, the ConCom voted 4-0 to allow Aulson to proceed with a cleanup limited to just the front area of the gardens. (This time, three members were absent, including member Ida Wye who was previously the most vocal against the proposed cleanup plan, stating it had to be done "correctly." Last year, Wye criticized the then chair of the commission for not telling Wye that Georgetown had community gardens. Wye had served for on the commission for more than two years at that time.)

Aulson, whose family owns Great Rock Farm and Goats-to-Go, is providing the manpower, "goat-power," and equipment, at no cost to the town.

He noted how the gardens have an extensive amount of plastic, wire and overgrowth. The area, he wrote in his proposal, "has deteriorated — for whatever reason — over many, many years to the point where it needs a massive effort to restore it to its gardening purpose." The current state of the gardens, he said, is "no longer usable by many newcomers and seniors, as the equipment required to restore even one small plot to garden usage is daunting."

Aulson reached out to the American Legion, the Kiwanis, the Knights

of Columbus and others who rallied to provide support to the project. At an open-house Aulson held at the gardens to show the work that the goats could environmentally accomplish so rapidly, the American Legion presented a check for \$500 to purchase winter rye seeds (a cover-crop) for the gardens.

Aulson had presented the ConCom and board of selectmen with printed project summary including photos of a past nearly pristine garden (15+ year-old photos), as well as current photos. The contrast was startling: sumac trees eight feet tall have cropped up over the past decade, along with tangled overgrowth of bittersweet (heavy twisted vines), and general disarray.

Beneath the overgrowth, old metal fencing, posts, tools, raised beds, chairs, buckets, wire cages, and other debris sit. Aulson proposed to use his goats for a couple of weeks to clean up the bulk of the overgrowth, so that volunteers could get in to remove the abandoned metals and trash.

At their meeting, acting ConCom agent John Lopez questioned the cost of disposal of all the debris (estimated at more than a dumpster-full) and specifically said that if even one tire were removed from the gardens, it would cost to dispose of the tire. Lopez also argued against the gardens stating that it would be an administrative cost to run the gardens, and an expense to the highway department.

At least one ConCom member argued that certain invasive plants could spread across what was once a large corn field, if they were not properly treated.

In years long-gone-by, the gardens were managed by conservation agents and various garden volunteers who assigned lots and kept watch over the lots and took care of their cleanliness. Donations to offset the cost of water at the gardens were collected by the ConCom.

Aulson has scheduled a week of clearing starting Sept. 26 at 9:00 a.m. by volunteers. ♦



IPSWICH CENTRAL STREET CUMBERLAND FARMS

We couldn't leave out Sean Mellow (left), another long time worker at 24/7 Cumby's in Ipswich, with Joseppi DeMarco (right) reading a copy of *The Town Common* from the NEW red newspaper box outside of Cumberland Farms, downtown Ipswich.

What Do the Community Gardens Have in Common with the Ponds? The ConCom

by Lonnie Brennan

GEORGETOWN, Mass. —

While robust discussions took place last week regarding the long-neglected Georgetown Community Gardens, similar discussions took place regarding the failure to take care of the overgrowth of weeds at Pentucket Pond and Rock Pond.

At its heart, the issue appeared simple: Both ponds are in need of treatment to decrease the overgrowth of weeds which have served as a hazard.

As previously reported, an incident two years ago brought neighbors to the rescue of a man entangled in the weeds.

At last week's selectmen's meeting, member Mike Donahue again forwarded his suggestion for a formal "project tracker" to ensure that projects such as the treatment of the weeds are given visibility to the board and can be tracked and managed.

Currently, Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco explained to the board that he keeps track of projects for himself in a Word® file, into which he can easily add notes. Donahue suggested using an EXCEL® spreadsheet or similar software program, so that "everyone" knows the current status of a project.

Pacheco said his Word® file was just for himself. He added that the sample EXCEL® file presented for discussion by Donahue was perhaps overkill and complicated, stating that he didn't want anyone to have to spend more time managing the tracker than

performing the tasks.

Last year, Donahue, who also serves as chair of the Park and Recreation Commission had asked the status of the pond treatment and was told in an e-mail by Pacheco that it was being handled. However, without a tracker the project was not done. Pacheco essentially blamed the prior conservation agent for not filing the paperwork in time. She was fired by Pacheco earlier this year on other matters, and somehow the project was not done. Donahue shared that with a tracker, it would be harder for projects to simply slip through the cracks.

Donahue had presented a high-level summary timeline of example e-mails showing how he was assured the work was going to be done, but it did not get done. Pacheco placed the blame on the employee he fired and noted that many other e-mails for the 'timeline' were missing from Donahue's presentation.

"What happens is, we get [from Donahue] a new document all the time," Pacheco stated. "First it's this, then it's a project plan, then it's an accountability policy ... and they all seem to focus on, not how do I solve a problem but how do I finger point."

Donahue has maintained he just wants projects completed, and that having a visible tracker would aid in that goal.

Chair Doug Dawes tampered down discussion, making it clear the attendees were to remain civil.

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Thom Gould Served the Maritime Museum Well

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT, Mass. — To honor Thom Gould, a past chair of the Custom House Maritime Museum (CHMM) , a donor has established a matching challenge grant of \$50,000 that could double that that to benefit the museum.

The donor gave the museum until an undisclosed date this fall to raise the additional \$50,000 in the one to one match for the Thom Gould Endowment Fund.

Gould, who died on Aug. 10, after serving on the finance committee and the board, knew the importance of building a strong endowment for the museum’s long-term stability, the museum stated.

“The Board is committed to Thom’s vision for the CHMM and the new endowment fund will support enrichment initiatives at the museum,” the museum stated.

The Finance Committee will invest the fund similarly to the Kevin J. MacDonald Endowment Fund, which has grown to more than \$180,000. ♦

Even the Topsfield Fair Is Being Scammed

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

TOPSFIELD, Mass. — Amid viewing farm animals, munching on hotdogs, enjoying parades, beauty pageants and rock and roll concerts, scammers are lurking around the Topsfield Fair digital footprint.

The Fair, which runs Oct. 2 to 12 at the Fairgrounds, notified current and prospective vendors last week to beware of a scammer claiming to be from the Fair.

General Manager Bill O’Brien warned, “The person is using a gmail account and signing them with the name of a Fair employee.”

He recommended that any vendor who believes they have secured space at the 2026 Topsfield Fair to contact the Fair office directly at 978-887-5000.

Meanwhile, the Fair is preparing again to host a pageant for Junior Kings and Queens on Saturday Oct. 1 for children ages five to eight. The winners, who serve as representatives for the Fair in local parades and events, will be chosen at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3 on the Tiranon Stage.

To enter your child by the deadline on Oct. 2, download an application found on the Junior King & Queen Pageant page on the Exhibitor’s Handbook section of the Fair’s website,

Ticket prices for the 2026 Topsfield Fair are \$20 every day. Discount admission tickets are available at www.topsfieldfair.org through Oct. 1. General Admission discount tickets can be purchased for \$15, plus a \$3 convenience fee, which are good any day during the Fair’s 11-day run. A three-day pass, good any three days, is available for \$42 plus a \$3 convenience fee. Children under eight are free with an adult admission ticket.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like a sudden setback in your plans. But keep your headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule. But be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up later on in the month.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royallness needs time away from the limelight to catch up on things, from tidying up your desk to making calls that you've put off. You'll be back in the center of things.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase your comments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The week-end shows improvement.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpion sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with an opportunity that has opened up for you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging the good qualities about yourself. A lull in your social life ends by next week. Have fun!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let some recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through on your plans.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for getting things done efficiently. Your practical approach in life helps you to turn any challenges that you face into satisfying successes.

TRACKERS AND PONDS

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At one point, member Laura Repplier questioned why Parks and Recs would be involved, stating that the process is owned by the Conservation Commission (of which she is a former member). "It has never been the responsibility of Park and Recs. Conservation has been in charge of ensuring the health of those ponds for the last 20 years."

Chair Dawes pointed out that it was more of a joint responsibility (with Park and Recs. which manages the beach and beach-facing playground areas), and Donahue cited how a resident reported the entanglement issue to Park and Recs and the town administrator and that he and Pacheco researched the issue of weed treatment and looped in the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Committee to see if funding was available and proper actions could be taken to alleviate the weed safety issue. He also stated that Pacheco had just noted that the former agent had not completed the work (prior to being fired on other matters), again, noting that conservation was involved here.

"No, no dispute there," Repplier replied, "So, things went wrong, and those things that went wrong are not in place anymore. And we are moving ahead, seamlessly [she joined her hands and moved them like a fish swimming forward] and beautifully into the future [pulling her hands back and touching her chin]. And at this point, at this point, your complaints are really not helpful," she told Donahue, pointing at him with outstretched fingers from one hand.

"It wasn't a complaint," Donahue injected.

"And are not really solving anything," Repplier plowed forward, "what we need to solve is exactly what's happening: those ponds are going to be treated. We're good here. It went wrong, but we're good here now."

"So, what are the next steps from a project perspective," Donahue asked.

Pacheco related that there are some signoffs to be done and it will be done this next year.

"It was all set to be treated, five to six years ago," Repplier added, "but things went wrong in that department, and it got missed. But we are no longer in that situation, and it's all going to be good. And I think we should focus on that."

Donahue then asked about funding, to ensure everything was in place. At first Pacheco stated that CPF124 set

aside for pond treatment was only for Rock Pond, but Donahue read out loud the accompanying article which stated, despite the title on the article, that it provided funding for "Pentucket Pond and Rock Pond and their associated hydrological connections (one is downstream of the other). \$53,000 is sitting in that earmark. An additional CPC article has approximately \$25,000 in it, for a total of approximately \$78,000 for safety purposes (removal of the entanglement weeds).

Pacheco stated that they won't know what the cost of work will be until an NOI is filed and a scope of work is developed, and that those items would be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Before they moved on to a discussion of Donahue's proposal of establishing a method to have a formal list of projects (a project tracker), Selectman Rob Hoover made a statement that "I think it's important that no matter who submits a written document that states certain points of so-called fact, that, if they're incomplete, that there is an opportunity given to whoever it may be to clear the record and add the additional facts to make a full record. So, I just wanted to go on record saying that." His reference apparently to Donahue presenting the board with a 'summary timeline' of major milestones/e-mails from Pacheco stating that the ponds were all set last year, but then the project being delayed by another year, and Pacheco's assertions that other things, e-mails, and such should have been included to show the full scope of the issue.

Chair Dawes replied "I agree with you, and as long as those conversations remain civil, then this chair will allow it. If they become uncivil, I'll put an end to it."

Asked after the meeting, Donahue said "We were told the ponds were being handled last year, they were not. We were told the docks were being handled, they were not. I just want the board to have visibility through a tracker because ultimately, we're the ones who are responsible to the voters, and safety issues cannot simply get 'missed.' I look forward to working with the board for a resolution."

In other selectboard news:

Selectman Ed Dobie was absent from the meeting (ongoing health issues), and administrative assistant to the town administrator and board of selectman, Maureen Shultz has given here notice. Her last day will be Sept. 27, 2026. ♦



The Open Door Gift Coordinator Anya Ciarametaro receives bags from Paula Bishop and Diane Herth (Photo by Ipswich-Rowley Rotary Publicity Co-Chair Ann Witzig)

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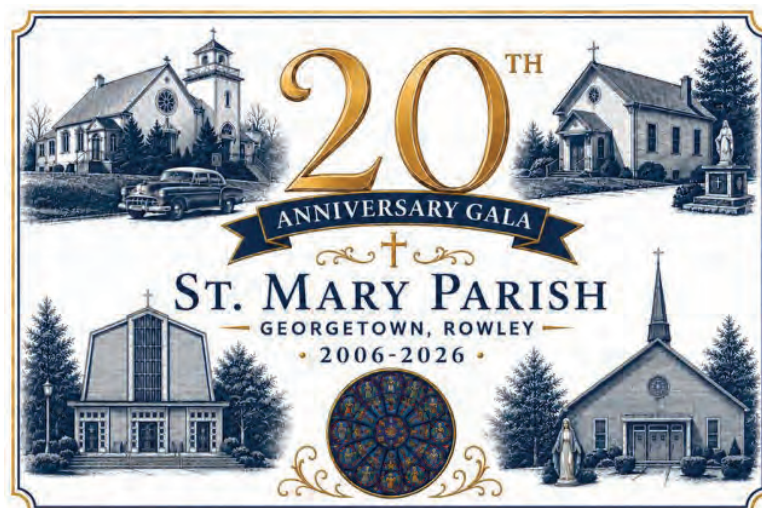
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Join us as we celebrate the faith, generosity, and spirit of community that have strengthened St. Mary Parish over the past 20 years.

Friday, October 16, 2026 6:00 PM

Black Swan Country Club, Georgetown, Massachusetts

Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple

Friends & Family Table for Eight: \$550

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

<https://saintmaryparish.org/2026-parish-gala>

Your evening includes:

Passed Hors d'oeuvres, Plated Dinner and Dessert and Dancing

Live music by Chris Desjardin & the Jazz Disciples, a 9-piece band

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