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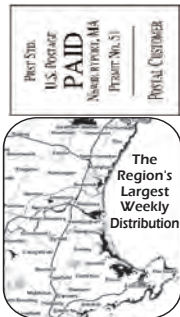
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Seacoast Oasis is celebrating its one year anniversary in Salisbury Square,

marking a milestone for a business model unlike anything else in the Seacoast region. Their space intentionally bridges the gap between an artisan craft studio and a holistic wellness

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Daniel and Stephanie outside their business in the Eagle Building, Georgetown.

What Makes Gilbert Insurance Special in Georgetown?



by Kay Lee Ogden

This week's Business Spotlight shines on Gilbert Insurance Agency, of Georgetown, managed by Daniel A. Stewart,

and located in the Eagle Building, 37 West Main Street, Unit #2.

Dan and his lovely wife, Stephanie, are the proud parents of four wonderful young people. Their daughter Sarah, 28, is a maternity nurse at Portsmouth Hospital. Maddie, 24,

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A few working gardens sit surrounded by head-high overgrowth of weeds in abandoned lots. (The Town Common photo)

Georgetown Community Gardens' Clean-up Approved

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

GEORGETOWN - The town's Conservation Commission (Con-Com) narrowly approved Alan Aulson's plan to use his goats, volunteers armed with weed wackers and metal detectors and Essex County inmates to clean up the overgrown Community Gardens.

Aulson, who owns the Great Rock Farm and Goats to Go, is provid-

ing the manpower and equipment, including plows, to restore the area for gardening next spring. Aulson pledged to "do this at no cost to the town."

He said the gardens have so much plastic, wire and overgrowth that by comparison, G. Mello Disposal Corp's old transfer station was "10 times better."

Aulson wrote earlier, "The place has deteriorated - for whatever rea-

son - 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."

About 14 gardens out of 76 are currently in cultivation.

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Reorganizing West Newbury

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

WEST NEWBURY - The town is looking for a new manager and two senior department heads. It is considering whether the SelectBoard should have five members, instead of the current three.

And last week, its hired consulting firm told the SelectBoard and its Governance Committee that much of the town's operations are "inconsistent"

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Watchdog Groups Fight Lowering Radiation Standards at Seabrook Station

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

NEWBURYPORT - The C-10 Research & Education Foundation, the nonprofit watchdog group that monitors radiological safety around Seabrook Station, has joined state attorney generals, including Massachusetts Assistant Atty. Gen. Amy Laura Cahn, in urging the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to reject a proposed rule that

would eliminate the agency's longstanding radiation standard.

Driven by the White House, the initiative to change the As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) radiation protection standard would move nuclear power plants away from an obligation to minimize radiation doses

That would save money rather than public health, C-10's executive director Sarah Abramson said.

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The comment, filed last week in the Federal Register, is in response to the NRC's proposed rule "Reforming and Modernizing the NRC's Radiation Protection Framework" (Docket NRC-2025-1140).

C-10 argued that the proposal to replace ALARA is a move away from an affirmative, continuous obligation to minimize radiation dose towards a weaker, threshold-triggered system. That shift is being driven by cost savings to the industry rather than public health evidence.



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"The NRC's own preamble admits the underlying science hasn't changed since the agency rejected this same argument in 2021," Abramson wrote. "If the science hasn't moved, then this isn't a technical update — it's a policy rollback dressed up as a clarification, and it would leave the nearly 180,000 people who live within 10 miles of Seabrook Station less protected, not more."

The NRC's regulatory analysis projects the industry will save \$9.53 million annually with no quantified public health benefit.

Key concerns raised by C-10 and the state Attorney Generals are:

- A reversal without new evidence. In 2021, the NRC denied a petition to weaken radiation limits, finding no compelling evidence to support relaxing them. The new proposal does not cite new science to justify reversing that finding.

- Oversight moved out of public view. The rule would shift responsibility for setting dose thresholds from codified regulation to NRC guidance documents, which can be changed with far less public notice or comment.

- No accounting for cumulative exposure. The rule does not address cumulative radiation dose to communities near multiple nuclear sources

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— a particular concern for Seacoast New Hampshire, situated near both Seabrook Station and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

- Vulnerable populations overlooked. The proposal does not explain how new dose thresholds would account for the most radiosensitive populations, including developing fetuses and children, rather than relying on adult-male reference data.

The Seabrook Station is licensed to operate until 2050, although its concrete structures are significantly weakened by alkali-silica reaction (ASR) wherein some of the materials inside the plant's concrete mix are reacting with moisture.

C-10 maintained that the degradation, characterized by severe cracking and spalling, is widespread throughout the plant including its reactor containment enclosure building which protects the public from harmful radiation. The damage is severe enough that there are special license conditions and monitors in place to track this irreversible "concrete cancer" as it continues to get worse.

The watchdog group is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) public advocacy organization serving communities within the 10-mile emergency planning zone of Seabrook Station in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The organization operates three core programs: real-time radiological air monitoring under contract with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; public outreach and education on radiological emergency preparedness, and research and advocacy on public health outcomes related to the Seabrook nuclear plant.

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Trees and brush fill one of many overgrown abandoned lots at the Georgetown Community Gardens including this lot near the entrance.



Goats tackle the overgrowth in one of many long-abandoned plots.

GOATS TO THE RESCUE

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The ConCom, which owns the gardens, approved a permit last week for the cleanup on a vote of three to two with one member, Aaron Needleman, unable to vote on the Zoom broadcast because of technical difficulties with his phone. A three-to-three vote would have killed Aulson's permit.

Aulson had urged the ConCom to approve the permit because the goats will not clear the brush after a few more weeks in September. In a couple of weeks, "the goats will not cooperate," he said.

The ConCom could add conditions to the permit after its members, some of whom had not seen the gardens, meet again this month for a tour.

Prior to securing the ConCom's approval, Aulson had begun the clean-up. Earlier this month, he presented his plan for clearing the gardens to the SelectBoard, which accepted his donation, but does not have the authority to approve the clean-up.

His proposal was also on the ConCom agenda at its previous meeting, but it could not act for lack of a quorum.

ConCom member Ida Wye, who said she and another ConCom member Amy Smith are taking a lead

in planning the gardens' future, expressed her concern that Aulson and the volunteers "correctly" clear the brush.

Wye also called the application for renting a garden "an embarrassment," but did not elaborate.

The ConCom owns the gardens because it is a part of the Lufkins Brook Conservation Area, a protected natural space featuring a scenic 1.5-mile walking trail and a pond that feeds the town's water well.

Lufkins Brook, about 180 acres, was purchased in the early 1970s with state funds. It also received taxpayer funded grants from the town's Community Preservation Commission. The CPC money is matched by state grants.

ConCom chair Daryle LaMonica called the gardens clean-up a "huge benefit to the town."

Last week, the American Legion Georgetown chapter gave Aulson a check for \$500 to buy winter rye seeds for the gardens. Other civic groups, including the Kiwanis Club and Knights of Columbus, have pledged funds.

Aulson has scheduled a week of clearing starting Sept. 26 by volunteers.

If interested in volunteering, including bringing a metal detector or small four-wheeler, or to donate money, contact Aulson at 508-451-1987. ♦

Newbury Open Space Meeting Sept. 15th

Are you a resident of Newbury or a nearby town? Do you like spending time outdoors, and living close to rich natural areas and recreation facilities? Do you want to make your voice heard regarding the Open Space and Recreation Plan's priorities? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Newbury Council on Aging, 12 Kent Way, Byfield, first door on the right after you enter the building, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AT 7PM.

Manchester-by-the-Sea American Legion Post 113 End-of Summer Ride to Support Our Troops

"Ride with Purpose. Ride with Pride. Ride for Our Troops" was the motto of the American Legion Post 113 of Manchester-by-the-Sea' end-of-summer fundraising ride to support Operation Troop Support, a local organization that provides support directly to our troops abroad.

Kickstands were up at 11 am for the scenic group motorcycle ride along the seacoast. Following the ride, veterans and supporters gathered at the Amaral Bailey Post 113 for lunch and an opportunity to catch up and share smiles.

"The Legion hosts this event with a rally each year. It's a big event, with hundreds of motorcycle riders from all over the state," shared Georgetown's Alan Auslon. "Sam Demao of Georgetown organized this event and really put together a great get together. When I take a moment to think about it, with all those Veteran riders, that was very impressive. The lunch afterwards gave Veterans a chance to get together in a positive atmosphere. It was remarkable the way it all ran."



Paul Brown of Georgetown

Doug Dawes of Georgetown waves a welcoming hand, alongside Nick Flietz.



Veterans enter the Amaral Bailey Post 113 American Legion for lunch and friendship.



Riders from around the state relax on the waterfront.
(All photos by Alan Auslon.)

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owns her own business, Rise Up Fitness, where she works as a fitness and nutrition coach. Jack, 21, is an airplane pilot and attends SNU, while Patrick, 18, is a freshman at ASU.

Four terrific kids—and you can certainly hear the pride in their parents' voices when they talk about them!

Dan's own roots run deep in Georgetown. He grew up here and is the son of two of Georgetown favorites: Ruth Stewart and the late Dave Stewart. Ruth is now 90 years young, and she certainly isn't slowing down! She continues to enjoy playing golf twice a week with her friends and grandchildren.

That connection to family and community has remained an important part of Dan's life.

A Career That Wasn't Planned

Dan's entrance into the insurance business was not exactly part of some grand master plan.

He originally started out selling copy machines. Then, through his late mother-in-law, he was introduced to the insurance industry. Dan became intrigued by insurance and decided he wanted to learn everything he could. He worked for Gilbert Insurance in Reading, and through hard work and determination, progressively helped increase sales by millions of dollars.

Then, in March of 1996, Dan was awarded his own location in Georgetown from the main Gilbert Company in Reading, after being purchased from King Risk Partners.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

But Dan didn't build the business by sitting behind a desk waiting for customers to walk through the door. He knocked on doors. He introduced himself to people and simply told them that if they ever needed help or insurance, they could give him a call. No hard sell.

No pressure.

Just a handshake, a conversation, and a willingness to help.

Dan believes that resilience and faith played an important role in his life, giving him the determination to believe in himself and keep going. His intelligence, dedication, and willingness to do his homework have also played a tremendous role in his success.

Today, Dan is a Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) and an indepen-

dent insurance professional.

And Dan has a philosophy that says a great deal about how he runs the business:

"I work for you—not the insurance companies."

An Advocate for His Customers

Because Gilbert Insurance is independent, Dan can shop for insurance coverage and pricing among available insurance companies to help find options suited to his customers' needs.

But to Dan, it goes far beyond simply finding a policy.

He believes that when a customer has a problem, he should be there to help fight for them.

Dan shared with me his concerns about what he calls a "hard market mentality," particularly when customers experience significant claims. His philosophy is that his clients deserve an advocate who will stand beside them, communicate with the insurance company, and work toward a fair resolution.

That personal commitment is one of the reasons Dan has built the business through word of mouth, referrals, door knocking, and good old-fashioned hard work. People talk. Customers tell their friends. And relationships grow.

Insurance for Just About Every Need

Gilbert Insurance offers a wide variety of personal insurance, including homeowners, automobile, personal property, umbrella liability, boats, yachts, and valuable property coverage.

For businesses, the agency offers commercial property, commercial general liability, equipment and marine coverage, business automobile, workers' compensation, commercial excess liability, Directors & Officers liability, Errors & Omissions liability, data breach liability, surety bonds, and fidelity bonds.

The agency also offers financial services, including term life insurance, universal life insurance, mortgage life insurance, disability insurance, annuities, IRAs, and more.

Dan believes there are often opportunities for people to save money while making sure they have the right protection.

That is why he is offering free insurance reviews.

His invitation is simple: Bring your policies in and let him take a look.

Dan will review your current coverage, shop for available options, and help you determine whether your policies provide the protection you need for your home, automobile, business, and other assets. If you decide to make a change, he can also help with the transition.

There is no charge for the review, and sometimes a second look can make a real difference.

Looking Out for the Community

Dan also has a strong message about driving safely.

He believes that cell phone use, alcohol, drugs, and other distractions are among the major factors contributing to accidents. Accidents and claims can have consequences that reach beyond the immediate situation, including their potential effect on insurance costs. His message is simple: Pay attention, drive responsibly, and protect yourself and everyone sharing the road.

Dan also points out that customers who donate to the Special Olympics may be eligible for savings on their automobile and homeowners insurance, depending on the applicable program and qualifications. Just another example of Dan knowing the "tricks of the trade" that may help his

customers save money.

Behind Every Good Business is a Good Team

Dan and Stephanie are quick to express their appreciation for the people who help make Gilbert Insurance what it is today. Their dedicated employees include John Cronin, Commercial Customer Service Representative, and Colleen King and Fran Gesamondo, Customer Service Representatives.

And this appreciation is especially meaningful because when Dan faced some difficult health challenges several years ago, Stephanie stepped up to help care for Dan while also helping take care of the business.

Alongside her were the dedicated employees who continued taking care of their customers.

That kind of loyalty is something you don't forget.

Thank You

Dan and Steph are also deeply appreciative of the customers and businesses who have trusted Gilbert Insurance over the years.

Among those Dan would like to recognize are Throne Depot of Bilerica, Brakes and Clutch, G-Town Building Supply, Nunan's Garden and Florists, and Trevor Stauble Ser-

vices of Groveland, which specializes in heavy equipment repair and has been insured through Gilbert Insurance for many years. Dan would also like to give a special shout-out to Rebecca Fortactio, Branch Manager of Salem Five Bank in Georgetown, for her steadfast support throughout the years.

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spot. Rather than treating physical healing and creative expression as separate experiences, we blend them into a single therapeutic, communal environment where guests can reconnect with themselves and with others.

Once guests experience Seacoast Oasis firsthand, they tend to return—often bringing friends and family with them. While building initial foot traffic is the natural challenge of any emerging wellness modality, our referral driven growth and strong base of returning customers make it clear that Seacoast Oasis resonates deeply with those who walk through our doors.

Looking ahead, they see this hybrid wellness craft approach becoming a staple in the community, much like a modern gym—except the benefits are immediate, restorative, and transformative. Guests leave feeling lighter, clearer, and more connected, making Seacoast Oasis not just a place to visit, but a place to belong.

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By scheduling a planned outage, we can make the necessary repairs in a much shorter period of time, thereby minimizing the inconvenience for customers. Planned outages are carefully orchestrated with all crews and materials in place before our lines are actually de-energized.

Concern about Life Support customers.
Because power outages can happen at anytime, we recommend that customers who rely on special equipment have backup systems to insure a continuous supply of power.

By providing all customers with advance notice of a planned interruption, we hope that customers will have sufficient time to verify that their backup systems are in good working order or to make alternate arrangements during the time of the planned outage.

Will the planned outage affect the food in my refrigerator?
Try to leave the refrigerator or freezer doors closed during the planned power outage. If the doors remain closed, refrigerated food can stay cool for about six to nine hours. Frozen food can remain safe for up to 24 hours.

Additional frequently asked questions are posted at:
<https://www.newburyma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3671/National-Grid-Planned-Outage-09102026>
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Newburyport Adult & Community Ed.

Newburyport Adult and Community Education announces the kick-off of the fall semester with an incredible variety of classes. Registration is now open and the semester runs September through November.

A few of the **65 classes** include hands-on pasta making and the art of canning, Dungeons & Dragons, bridge, historical walking tours of downtown, home and garden, beginning French and Italian, yoga, meditation, watercolor classes on florals and coastal New England, mandala dot rock painting, tai chi, genealogy, managing contractors successfully, repurposing one's life in retirement, Antarctic paleontology, and ESL are just a sampling of 65 classes. Teens can prepare for the SAT test to be held on November 7th with a six-week prep course in English and Math beginning on September 21.

Space is limited and fill very quickly, so it is highly recommended to register online early for the best chance of securing a spot. To see the full schedule and to register online, visit newburyportadulted.org. Classes are available to anyone in the Greater Newburyport region and southern New Hampshire, ages 15+.

For more information, contact Patty St. John, Director at 978-465-1257. ♦

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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given in connection with M.G.L. Ch. 131, section 40, and the Town of Georgetown Wetlands Bylaw section 161-5, that a Public hearing will be held at 7:00PM on **Thursday, September 17, 2026** to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by **Lull Street Property Management, LLC** for the property at **1 Lull Street, Georgetown, to construct an Open Space Residential development including 15 homes** on approximately 5.7 acres of a 23.5 acre site and where the site features and infrastructure to support the development are located within the buffer zone to the wetland resource area. Said hearing to be held virtually where the zoom link is available on the agenda on the Town website.

John Lopez
Georgetown Conservation Director (interim)

9/9

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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 September 24, 2026 on the website <http://sta.ibidsmart.com>. The auction will end at 1:00 pm and buyer registration is required. Those that do not sell at auction will be sold on or after September 24, 2026 by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers liens for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

- 2004 GMC Sierra 1500 VIN 1GTEK14VX4Z149545
- 2012 Toyota RAV4 VIN 2T3BF4DVXCW238443

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- **The Special Act itself has internal conflicts.** “It designates the Town Manager as the Town’s chief administrative, operating and financial officer while reserving to the SelectBoard authorities that reach into the day-to-day administration, including ele-

The consultants worked closely with the town's governance committee, which included Wendy Reed from the SelectBoard, Ann Bardeen, the Planning Board Chair, Jennifer Walsh, resident employee, Gary Roberts, member of the prior Town Manger Search Committee and Tom Ellis, an at large member. ♦

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careful not to allow the backers of a
new financial "deal" to pull the wool
over the Lamb's eyes. It could hold
fewer plusses and more negatives than
you were first led to believe.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's
a good idea to finish all incomplete
tasks so that you can devote your
attention to next week's projects. The
weekend could hold surprises for
romantic Fernandas and Ferdinands!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A
workplace suggestion you made a
while ago that you might've forgotten
could come back with a request to turn
it from an idea to a reality. Meanwhile,
your social life picks up considerably
this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Someone from the past could return
with an intriguing opportunity for a
future project. By all means, check
into it, but don't neglect your current
responsibilities.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep-
ing your claws sheathed and using
good humor to counter someone
who's bad-mouthing the Big Cat isn't
easy. But it's the best way to avoid
more problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to Septem-
ber 22) A workplace situation could
improve if you're less critical and
more supportive of those who are,
after all, trying to do their best. Let
them know that you're there to help
when necessary.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) A new job offer might not carry
all the benefits that you're seeking.
Make sure that you know what you're
entitled to, what's off the table, and
what's negotiable before you make a
decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to Novem-
ber 21) A social obligation that you'd
rather get out of could hold some sur-
prisingly positive aspects. Why not go
and see it for yourself? Also, a family
member makes a curious request.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to
December 21) Before tackling a new
project awaiting you at home or on the
job, take time out for some much-de-
served pampering to help lift your
spirits and restore your energy levels.

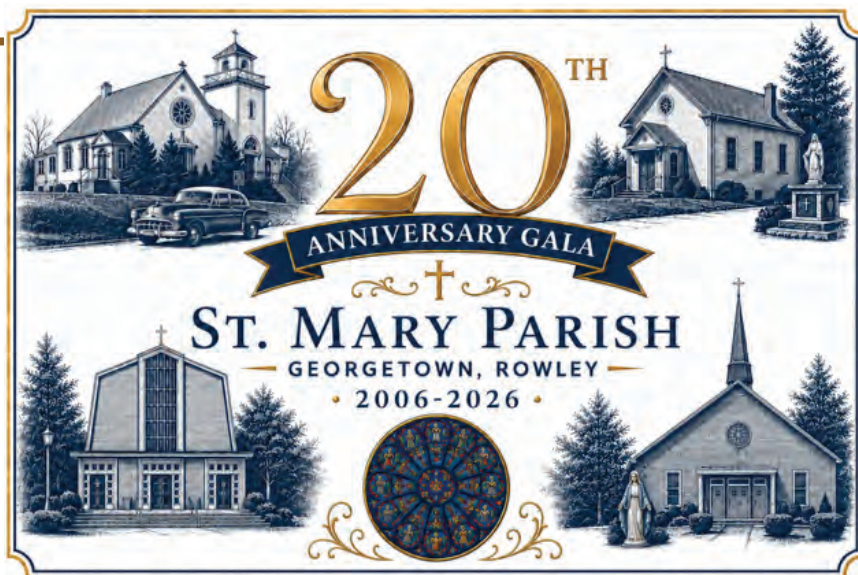
CAPRICORN (December 22 to
January 19) Your social calendar
begins to fill up more quickly than you
expected, which is great. You deserve
to enjoy some good fun after so much
time spent on serious matters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febu-
ary 18) A domestic situation con-
tinues to improve, thanks to all the
tender, loving concern that you've
shown. A colleague makes a ques-
tionable move that you might want to
check out sooner rather than later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
A sudden turn in a romantic relation-
ship calls for both a rational and pas-
sionate response. Keep the love level
high, but also find out why the prob-
lem arose in the first place.

BORN THIS WEEK: You often set
high standards for others. But to your
credit, you also set the same expecta-
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