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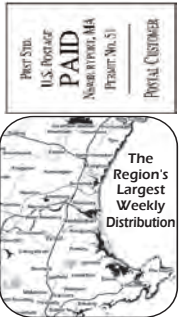
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Caldwell Banker's Realtors Angie Pierce, Tina Tzortzis, Erin Lane, and Kayla Gulizia (Photo by Julliane DeSantis)



Ipswich's Downtown Trick or Treat

IPSWICH - The Town Common's Julianne DeSantis poses (left) with her 4-year-old son Lorenzo in front of a giant blow up Halloween Cat in Henry Bear's Toy Store on Market Street.

The pair had joined the downtown Trick or Treat festivities, including visiting Ann of Antiques who gave out candy to the trick or treaters.

Above, some of the ladies from Caldwell Banker got into the 'spirit' as they adorned ghost and pumpkin costumes.

A Chief Honored, Cats Warned

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

IPSWICH - The Special Town Meeting last week approved all articles, honored a native son, who has been a policeman for 32 years, chief for 17, and put cats on notice that they may not be rowdy.

The cat bylaw, which passed 140 to 18, placed cats on an even keel with dogs, creating rules for the owners of annoying and dangerous cats like those dogs face. Police and the animal control officer can now order Ipswich residents to keep their cats under control. It does not authorize the town to euthanize cats.

The need for a cat bylaw came

about when police were called to a home where a cat had attacked people, other animals and tried to enter a home other than its own. Police Chief Paul Nikas said he was surprised that Ipswich did not have a bylaw to control belligerent felines.

Nikas, a native of Ipswich, received a standing ovation, at the suggestion of SelectBoard chair Michael Dougherty, not for the cat bylaw, but for serving the town as a police officer for more than three decades, rising in rank to the pinnacle of the department.

Most of the other measures before this Town Meeting stirred little con-

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The Daily News Moves

The Daily News of Newburyport will re-locate operations to Suite 6 (2nd Floor) at 190 State Street in

Newburyport with a grand ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 5.



Salisbury Chamber of Commerce President Linda Boragine



Salisbury Town Manager Neil Harrington

Salisbury Town Manager Neil Harrington Thanked Business Community at Chamber's 2026 Annual Dinner

by Lonnie Brennan

SALISBURY - Salisbury Chamber of Commerce President Linda Boragine opened the group's 2026 Annual Dinner last week, welcoming members and guests, and listing a few of the chamber's events this past year, including ribbon cutting ceremonies, a fall festival kickoff at the Discount House at Salisbury Beach, and the extensive America 250th Anniversary events held at both the beach as well as in the square.

Linda went on to detail a list of

upcoming events, including the planting of a Christmas Tree at the Common, an upcoming tree lighting ceremony on December 1 in conjunction with Parks and Recreation, and the group's holiday party which will be held on Dec. 10 at the Sea Glass.

After brief updates from the local senator, Salisbury Town Manager Neil Harrington summarized a number of initiatives the town has undertaken, and touched upon a number of projects which should be coming to completion or into focus in the upcoming

months.

"Financially, the town - I have to say - is in very good shape," Harrington noted. He praised the town's staff for their work on the finances, including Finance Director Karen Snow who he said "does an excellent job."

He went on to detail the town's bond rating which he said ranks the town in the top third in the state, the certification of "free cash" (tax dollars received but not budgeted), and then gave a preview of what voters faced on Monday,

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Representatives of Salisbury Community TV pose for a picture after dinner. (L-to-R): CJ Fitzwater, Tabitha Beebe, Chris Donnellan, John Housianitis, Gil Medeiros, and Chuck Taksian (Photos by Lonnie Brennan)

October Updates from Groveland's Cable News

By Mike Dempsey - Reporter

GROVELAND - Have you bought your November Council on Aging Calendar Raffle Tickets yet? For \$10 you can support the Friends of the Council on Aging and get a chance to win a daily drawing. Prizes are for cash, gift cards, goods, or services. Each win is worth from 50 dollars to 100 dollars. Participants can win multiple times!

November Calendar Raffle tickets are now available at the Council on Aging Office or at the Langley-Ad-

ams Library. Thanks to everyone who is supporting the largest annual fundraiser for the Council on Aging.

VEGOUT Market

The line forms before 10 a.m. at the tent behind the Groveland Police Station. Everyone in line has a bag to fill with free and fresh produce.

The VEGOUT market happens on alternate Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. The Groveland Council on Aging collaborated with Nourishing the North Shore to provide fresh produce from local farms free of charge. The VEGOUT Market is open to

everyone! Seventy-six people participated on August Fourth and received a total of four hundred and seventy two pounds of food.

The produce comes from local farms in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The produce is fresh, varied, and nutritious. The bi-weekly choices are always a surprise, but radishes, tomatoes, beets, corn, peaches, lettuce, greens, and apples have made an appearance. More unfamiliar vegetables such as Swiss chard, tomatillos, purple peppers, and edamame spark

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Letters To The Editor

Vote for William Facetano

To the Editor:

The Governor's Council is not a well-known branch of Massachusetts state government, even though it vets and approves (or disapproves) the governor's appointments to the bench, the parole board, pardons and other important business, including spending requests for money not allocated in the budget, known as "treasury warrants".

The eight seats of the Governor's

Council are all occupied by Democrats. This reflects the opinions of the Democratic party, but not the spectrum of opinion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Governor's Council needs to hear a perspective other than the carbon copy, cut-and-paste Democrat playbook, which plays political games with public safety, spends money like it doesn't have to be paid back, cloaks everything in a veil of secrecy, and arrogantly ignores the clear demand of the supermajority for an audit.

William Facetano is the right candidate for the job. I have known Bill since our graduate school days at Boston University in the late 1980s, when we were studying philosophy there. Bill went on to make a career teaching in the colleges of the North Shore and the Merrimack Valley, while I went to California to seek my dream. We remained friends all these decades and I can assure you that Dr. Facetano is very well qualified to offer advice and council to the governor. He is well read in the classics and is a scholar of political philosophy, which is his field of research. This

training gives Bill a unique perspective on politics, law, and statecraft.

Bill Falcetano is the only candidate who has pledged not to authorize spending requests without an audit. Bill has promised to push for transparency on the Governor's Council where it is a tedious and difficult process to find out how one's councillor voted. Most important of all, Bill Falcetano will prioritize public safety over politics at a time when judges and the parole board recklessly release violent convicts into the cities and towns of Massachusetts regardless of the danger posed to innocent people going about their daily lives. The case of Tyler Brown, who shot up Memorial Drive in Cambridge, illustrates this trend, as does the case of William Rodriguez, who murdered two women in Worcester in 2024.

Enough is enough. Massachusetts state government needs to hear a different voice that stands up for common-sense, transparency, and public safety over politics. My long-time friend, Bill Falcetano, will add badly needed diversity to an all-democrat Governor's Council.

Russell Errett
Exeter, N.H.



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Ipswich Faces \$1.2 Million Budget Deficit

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

IPSWICH –The SelectBoard voted last week to accept \$390,000 from the federal Emergency Management Administration that will be used to hire two additional firefighters for the 19-person fire department for three years.

But it was unclear if the town might have to return the grant and lay off the new firefighters if it runs low on money. Accepting the grant requires the town to pay 25 percent of the firefighters' costs for the first three years and 100 percent in the fourth year, which the town may not have.

That is how dire the town's finances are. Town Manager Brendan Sweeney estimated Ipswich faces a possible \$1.2 million deficit in a proposed \$28 million budget.

"FY '28 will be a very difficult conversation," said Board Chair Michael Dougherty. He said the town in recent years has not made a lot of progress "chipping away" at balancing town revenues and expenses.

But Dougherty said Ipswich is in relatively better shape than neighboring cities and towns.

While Sweeney did not downplay the challenges the town faces financially, he reminded the board that the town has a AAA rating.

"Ultimately we will get through this," the chair said.

Two days before Beverly finance director Bryant Ayles was announced as Ipswich's first deputy town manager and finance director, the SelectBoard, Sweeney and town account-

tant Terri White spent most of its last meeting discussing the financial plight of the town.

"Bryant brings deep experience, strong leadership skills and an exceptional understanding of municipal finance," Sweeney said. "Having worked with him for several years during my time on the Beverly City Council, I can confidently say he is one of the most talented municipal finance professionals in the Commonwealth and he will be an outstanding addition to the Ipswich team."

Despite the town's projected deficit for next year, it received 23 applications for the job.

The challenges the town faces include a 15 percent projected increase in employee health insurance, 7 percent retirement costs, 4 to 5 percent union employee wage hikes, 5 percent trash pickup expenses and almost double the budgeted legal expenses last year.

SelectBoard member Linda Alexson called Sweeney's projections "eye opening."

Sarah Player said, "Everything is on the table."

According to the town announcement, Ayles has more than 25 years of public-sector experience, including more than a decade managing Beverly's financial operations. Previously Ayles was deputy director and director of administration and finance at the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund and a budget supervisor and analyst at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

IPSWICH TOWN MEETING ... and CATS

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trover. Town Meeting members agreed to pay the tuition for one more student at Essex Tech Vocational High School. Another eliminated the mandatory age limit for police officers.

The 29.2-acre Candlewood Golf Course was sold to Greenbelt with a permanent land restriction against development on 26.2 acres. It cost the town \$850,000 to protect the land on Essex Road, but the state is providing \$350,000 to reduce the cost to the town.

The property lies within a protection area near two town wells, which are critical public water sources, and is in one of the town's most scenic corridors.

The Town Meeting authorized the Select Board to acquire easements across the neighboring Ascension Memorial Episcopal Church parking lot to relocate a wastewater pump station on the town's property at 25 Green St.

Town Manager Brendan Sweeney told the SelectBoard this week he is budgeting for three Town Meetings next year, as opposed to two this year.



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What's going on at 150 Center Street?

Have you driven past 150 Center Street lately? It's also known as Strawberry Fields. What is going on there? A sign out front at the main entrance gave us a clue. It seems that a National Grid contractor is using the town's land as a staging area. The town purchased the property along with other open space properties in 2013. That year, 63% of voters approved a 20-year bond to purchase the Strawberry Fields parcel. The town also received grants and Community Preservation funds to purchase three other parcels behind Strawberry Fields. Those three parcels have a conservation restriction on them to keep them as open space. The entire area is now officially known as Center Street Greenway. Why did voters approve the purchases at the ballot box and at town meeting? Groveland residents wanted to protect open space, preserve wildlife habitat, and most importantly protect our water supply. The Strawberry Fields parcel is the location of our town's most important aquifer. It is the place that feeds the well that supplies much of the town's water.

We followed up with town officials about the current use of the parcel at 150 Center Street. Our Select board voted to lease the parcel to National Grid for three years and they hope to net over 450 thousand dollars. National Grid is replacing all their wooden poles and electric structures on the transmission lines that run through the North Shore with metal posts. They are storing the metal posts at the site. Also, their contractors keep their construction vehicles parked there. Some residents were concerned about potential harm to our aquifer from the trucks leaking fuel and oil into the sandy soil. Others were concerned about the loss of walking trails through the parcel. The Select Board decided the funds paid to the town to use the parcel far outweighed any concerns and approved the lease.

New trail bridge in place

Earlier this year the Groveland Conservation Commission received Community Preservation grant funds to improve our trails. One of the projects covered by the grant is a trail bridge over Argilla Brook connecting the Community Trail to Center Street Greenway trails. The bridge was completed this past month by vendor, Northeast Trailworks, under the direction of the Commission. This is an exciting improvement to open more access to trails in the Greenway. Stay tuned for more trail news as the improvements continue.

New COA Director and Fire Chief Searches

Groveland is searching to fill two important positions, Council on Aging Director and Fire Chief. COA Director Alyssa Lee announced last month that she will be leaving to take on a new position as COA Director

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Town of Newbury Invites Community Input on the Border to Boston Trail

Submitted by Sadie Woodward, Newbury Assistant Planner

NEWBURY, MA – The Town of Newbury invites community members to help shape a future trail connection between Byfield Center and the Newburyport MBTA Station through two upcoming public open houses for the Border to Boston Trail Northern Newbury Segment Study.

An in-person open house will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Newbury Town Library, Community Room, 0 Lunt Street in Byfield. Community members may stop by anytime during the two-hour event.

A virtual open house will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2026, from 12:00 to 1:00 PM via Zoom. Register here to attend.

Community members are invited to review project information and share their ideas through interactive activities. Attendees will be invited to add comments to maps of the study area, identify priorities for comparing potential trail routes, share their vision for the trail, and highlight destinations they would like it to connect. Input from this first round of public engagement will help inform the development and evaluation of potential trail routes. A second round of public engagement later in the study will give community members an opportunity to review route alternatives and comment on their trade-offs.

Event Details

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- Thursday, November 5, 2026
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- Newbury Town Library, Community Room, 0 Lunt Street, Byfield, MA

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- Tuesday, November 10, 2026
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- Zoom | Link to register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7839456789>

OTHER WAYS TO COMMENT

If you're unable to attend either open house, please share your comments with the B2B Committee by contacting B2Binfo@newburyma.gov or 978-465-0862, ext. 336.

Georgetown Mass Memories Road Show

Submitted by Amy E. Smith,
Chair, Georgetown Historical Commission

GEORGETOWN – The Georgetown Mass Memories Road Show is a community history event produced in collaboration with the Georgetown Historical Commission, Georgetown Historical Society, Senior Center, Georgetown Peabody Library, and Mass Memories, the participatory archiving program in University Archives and Special Collections at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

The Georgetown Mass Memories Road Show will take place on Saturday, November 7th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Georgetown Senior Center at 51 North Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Anyone with a connection to the Georgetown community is invited to attend and share their memories and experiences. Bring up to three items in their original format to add to a digital collection that tells the story of life in Massachusetts from the perspective of everyday people. Attendees will also have the opportunity to take keepsake photos and share stories on video.

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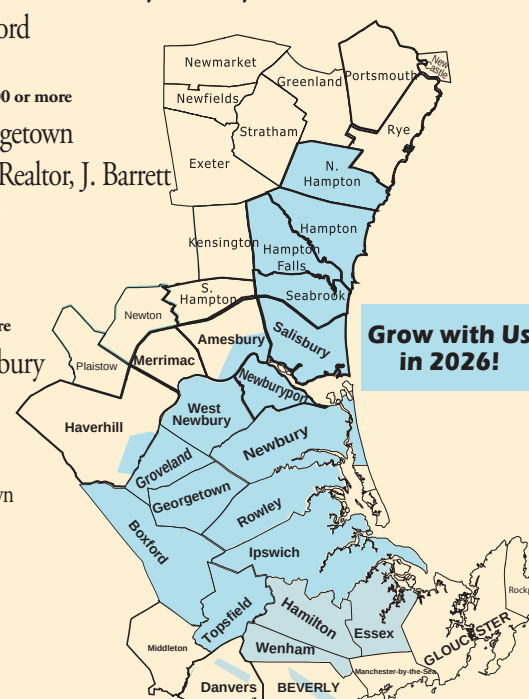
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David Irving

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of David E. Irving of Rowley, Massachusetts, on October 18, 2026, at the age of 83.

A devoted educator, veteran, church leader, mentor, and family man, David touched countless lives through his service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to others.



He was born in Providence, RI to Reverend Leslie Irving and Lucy (Burwood) Irving. He graduated from Lynn Classical High School in 1961 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science from Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia. He later earned master's degrees in History and Education from Salem State College in Salem, Massachusetts.

David proudly served his country during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1969 with the Army 1st Air Cavalry Division. His military service reflected the sense of duty and dedication that would characterize the rest of his life.

David enjoyed a distinguished career in education spanning more than 45 years. He spent 40 years teaching history at Lynn Classical High School, where he inspired generations of students through his passion for learning and interest in history. He also served as a professor at Cambridge College. Beyond the classroom, David coached baseball, served as a class advisor, coordinated international exchange programs, and mentored countless students and colleagues. His influence extended far beyond academics, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A man deeply committed to his faith and community, David served as Senior Deacon Emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Rowley and faithfully carried out the responsibilities of Church Clerk for many years. He was also a dedicated member of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical School Committee for 30 years and contributed his time and leadership to numerous civic and religious organizations throughout his life.

David will be remembered for his unwavering faith, commitment to education, generosity, and genuine interest in the lives and success of others. Whether in the classroom, the church, the community, or among family and friends, he led by example and made those around him feel valued and supported.

David is survived by his beloved wife, Donna L. Irving; his daughter, Diane Ellis of Sterling, Massachusetts; his son, Edward Ellis and his wife, Elena Crespo, of New York City; and his cherished grandchildren, Rachel Busby of Somerville, Massachusetts, and Cristina Ellis of New York City. His grandchildren brought him immense pride and joy, and he delighted in their accomplishments as students at Harvard University. He also leaves two sisters Marjorie Hubbard of Litchfield, CT and Meredith Treska of Lake Placid, NY.

Visiting hours were held on Friday, October 23, at the First Congregational Church, 175 Main Street, Rowley, Massachusetts, followed by a Celebration of Life service.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Congregational Church, 175 Main Street, Rowley, MA 01969.

David's legacy lives on through the countless students he inspired, the community he faithfully served, and the family he loved so deeply. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives he touched.

To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.fsrobertsandsen.com.

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TOWN MANAGER GIVES THANKS

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regarding requests to expend approximately \$870K of the free cash on various projects, and make substantial deposits into the long-term stabilization fund, as well as the capital equipment fund.

Harrington reviewed the expenditures with the sewer project which had caused significant angst, and pointed out how the project came in millions under initial projections, and, combined with a \$2 million state grant, helped reduce the significant assessment upon rate payers.

Harrington spoke with enthusiasm about what he termed "a lot of development going on on our entrance corridors, and we're very encouraged that we're going to see new businesses coming into town, new tax revenue, etc."

At the beach, the "big block" transformation project with 235 condos is expected to have its ground breaking taking place "sooner rather than later."

He expressed angst with the North End Blvd. Project, but noted many improvements made there by the state, and cited that while the total reconstruction is delayed, much more should be coming forth in the new year.

Regarding schools, Triton appears ahead of schedule, but the Whittier project and its 11 communities remain at a deadlock regarding financing a new school, of which he continues to work to find a solution.

Harrington noted a few recent events including the 911 Memorial, the 250th Anniversary events, and the Trunk or Treat event at the beach that drew perhaps 1,000 kids.

"This year has been a great year of Salisbury community pride," Harrington shared, "and I'm just proud to play a small role in this, along with my colleagues on the board of selectmen. We would not be able to do what we do here without the upfront leadership of the Salisbury board."

Harrington went on to thank the Chamber and business community for all the support he gets "encouraging us to work hard every day to make Salisbury not only a great place to live, but to shop and do business as well." ♦

DEATH NOTICES: The loss of loved ones in our communities, compiled exclusively for The Town Common by Michelle Leininger.

Name	City/State Lived	Funeral Home	City/Town
Max R. Corbett	Beverly, MA	Campbell Funeral Home	Beverly
Patrick J. Hines	Wenham, MA		
Frances Elizabeth Collins	Beverly, MA		
Stephen L. Jones	Hamilton, MA		
Dr. Thomas George Leonard	Andover, MA	Conte Funeral Home	Andover
Lynne A. Piekarski	North Andover	Conte Funeral Home	North Andover
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Barbara Bonaccorso	North Andover		
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Mariano Couto Carroca	Salem, MA	Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home	Peabody
Dolores G. Vaillancourt	Peabody, MA		
Ronald Fleury	Peabody, MA		
Leovigilda B. "Gia" Silva	Peabody, MA		
Ruth M. Littlefield	Danvers, MA	CR Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors	Danvers
Russell James Osgood	Haverhill, MA	Driscoll Funeral Home & Cremation Services	Haverhill
Elsa (Perkins) Deroche	Haverhill, MA		
Kimberlee A. Knapp	Merrimac, MA	E.S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home	Rowley
Harriet Alice Palanjian	Haverhill, MA	H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Services	Haverhill
Beverly "Bunny" E. (Birbeck) Duffy	Alton, NH		
Nancy Sweet Connolly	Haverhill, MA		
Charles Robert Rodgers	Haverhill, MA		
Timothy D. Donovan, Jr.	Haverhill, MA	John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.	North Andover
Moiria (Sullivan) Reed Conrad	Andover, MA		
Donald Arthur Rose	North Andover	Kevin B. Comeau Funeral Home	Haverhill
Jean F. (Crepeau) Gates	Haverhill, MA		
Richard P. Early	Atkinson, NH	O'Donnell Cremations-Funerals-Celebrations	Salem
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Susan Harvey	Danver, MA	Remick & Gendron Funeral Home	Hampton
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Newburyport Fire at Chemical Plant

NEWBURYPORT – Interim Chief Stephen Hamilton reports that the Newburyport Fire Department responded to and extinguished a three-alarm fire at a chemical plant late Friday into Saturday.

On Friday, Oct. 23, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Newburyport Fire responded to a chemical plant at 7 Mulliken Way for reports of an active fire.

Upon arrival, crews observed heavy smoke coming from the structure. The building sprinklers had also been activated.

Newburyport Fire declared a three-alarm fire to bring additional resources to the scene. As it was a chemical facility, a hazardous materials incident was also declared.

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Division team also responded to the scene.

There were no reported injuries. The scene was clear around 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Mutual aid was provided by Newbury, Merrimac, West Newbury, Amesbury and Salisbury Fire Departments, and Cataldo Ambulance and Rehab 5.

Station coverage was provided by Groveland, Georgetown, Ipswich and Seabrook, NH, Fire Departments.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Newburyport Fire Department and District 6 Fire Investigators Hazardous Materials Team.



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Select Board Adopts Mission Statement for West Newbury

By the West Newbury Select Board
WEST NEWBURY – "A municipal mission statement defines a local government's core purpose and values. It also provides a framework for policy making and alignment of employee, volunteer, and resident priorities.

At its October 8, 2026, meeting, the Select Board adopted the following mission statement for the Town of West Newbury:

West Newbury Parks & Recreation Commission Vacancy

The Town of West Newbury is seeking residents interested in serving on the Parks & Recreation Commission!

The Parks & Recreation Commission is an elected board that currently has one vacancy due to the resignation of a member. The Commission plays an important role in supporting the Town's parks, recreational programs, and community spaces. This is a great opportunity for residents looking to get involved and make a positive impact in West Newbury!

Under Mass General Laws, vacancies on elected boards may be filled

Trick or Treating at the West Newbury Public Safety Complex

Happy Halloween! On Saturday, October 31 from 5:30pm - 7:30 pm West Newbury First Responders will

The Town of West Newbury & the G.A.R. Memorial Library invite you to help shape the future of your Library!

The Town of West Newbury and the G.A.R. Memorial Library are exploring possibilities for the future of the Library building, and we want to hear from you!

Join us for a community meeting with our consultants to learn more about the project, share your ideas, and help shape the conversation about what comes next. Whether you're a regular visitor, an occasional user, or

GROVELAND NEWS

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in Tyngsboro. Chief Robert Valentine announced he will be retiring. The Council on Aging has formed a search committee and started searching for a new Director. The town hopes to hire a temporary interim chief to fill that position until a search can be completed for a permanent chief. We wish both Alyssa and Robert the best as they pursue new challenges and thank them for their service to Groveland. ♦

"To provide fiscally responsible municipal services while protecting the town's natural resources, honoring its historic roots and agricultural heritage, and encouraging community engagement"

Does this capture what you see as West Newbury's core purpose and values? Let us know at selectboard@wnewbury.org."

through a joint appointment process between the remaining members of the Commission and the Select Board. The individual appointed would serve until the next Annual Town Election in May 2027.

Interested in Serving?

- The Commission is accepting applications from interested residents through November 20, 2026.
- Residents are encouraged to submit an application through the Town's online Volunteer Opportunities page, or by contacting the town clerk's office.

someone who rarely visits, your perspective matters.

- What do you love about the Library, and what should we preserve?
- What's missing?
- What would make the Library more useful to you and the community?

Thursday, October 29, at 6 p.m.
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BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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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 wkoneval@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,
Will Koneval, Conservation Agent

10/28

LEGAL NOTICE

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 November 19, 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 November 19, 2026 by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers liens for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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2. 2005 Acura TSX VIN JH4CL96845C030807

3. 2011 Chevrolet Silverado VIN 1GCRCPEX6BZ272225

4. 2006 Scion xB VIN JTLKT334664119287

5. 2006 Lexus IS 250 VIN JTHCK262065000781

6. 2010 Honda Odyssey VIN 5FNRL3H6XAB030182

7. 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan VIN 2D4RN4DE3AR365255

8. 2010 Subaru Forester VIN JF2SH6CC2AH794000

9. 2010 Kia Soul VIN KNDJT2A29A7028735

Vehicles are being stored at Newburyport Towing Service and may be viewed by appointment only.

Walter L. Lowell

10/28, (11/4), (11/11)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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2021 Toyota Corolla VIN JTDEPMAE5MJ188579

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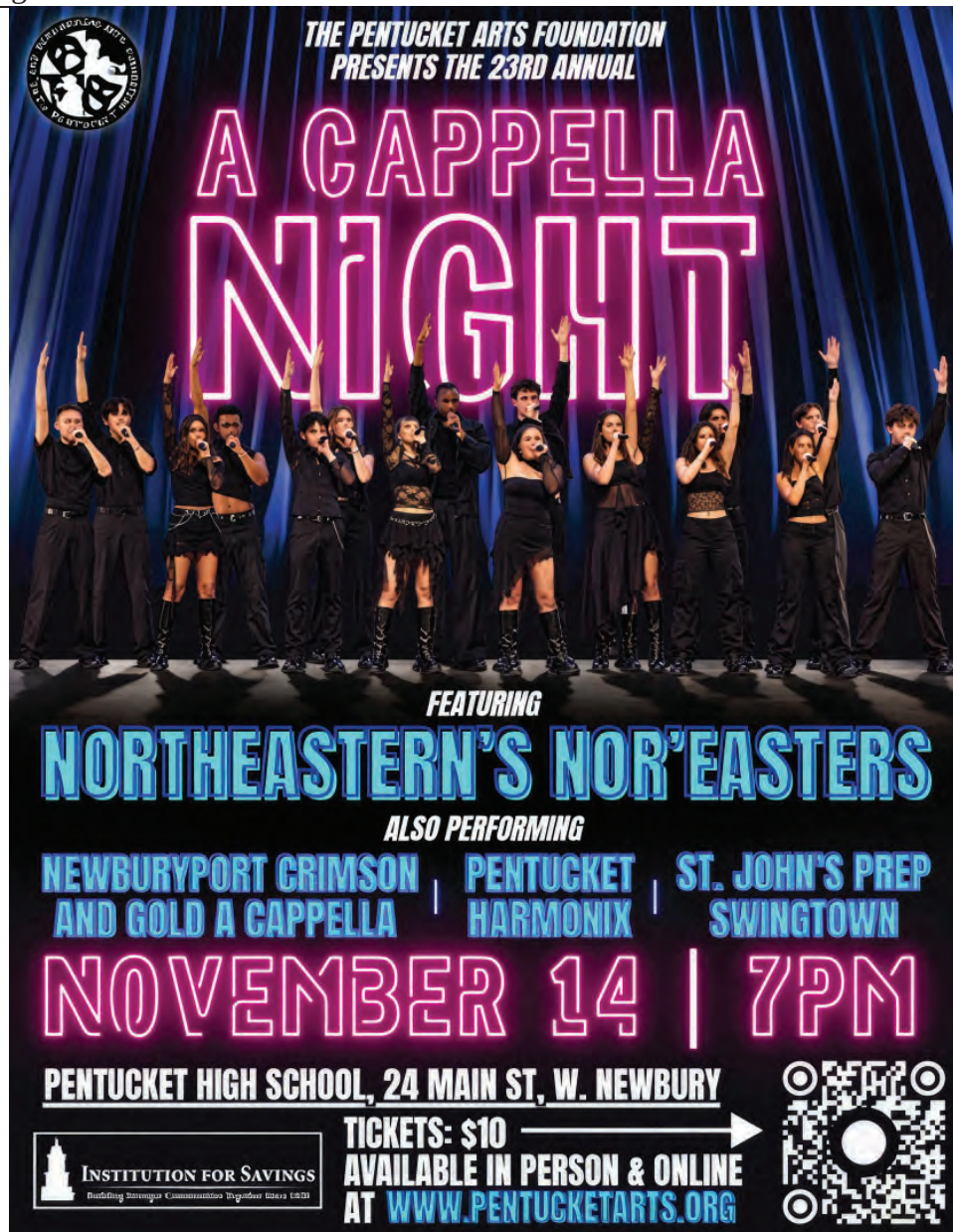
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