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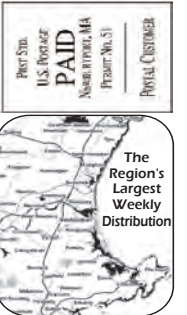
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Andreas Kagio with his wife Elena (Photo by Kay Ogden)

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT Nick's Place of West Newbury



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This exceptional restaurant was originally founded by Christopher Alexandrou. His first restaurant was opened in 1986, located in Winthrop, Mass., since then, he has expanded with 10 other locations! Mr. Alexandrou, opened this location in 2011, and it is now owned, and operated by Andreas Kagios. His wife Elena, a former sales director for an international company, has joined

him in the business this past year. This extremely energized and a hard-working couple have much to celebrate—including the upcoming arrival of their first child!!

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Some of their top sellers are made with a Greek flare, and their sauces are made with chef Andreas'

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Wood Lancaster (white shirt) surrounded by family as he receives award for largest pump at the Topsfield Fair (Photo: Courtesy Topsfield Fair)

## Wood Lancaster Holds Topsfield Fair Record for the Largest Giant Pumpkin

**TOPSFIELD** – Wood Lancaster of Topsfield now holds the Topsfield Fair record for the largest Giant Pumpkin grown in Massachusetts. Lancaster's pumpkin topped the scales at 2,598 lbs. at the 42nd annual All New England Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off. The record had been set last year by Alex Noel of Abington, Connecticut whose pumpkin weight 2,507 lbs.

Lancaster won over \$10,000 in prize money for his accomplishment.

The winning pumpkin was moved to the Fruit and Vegetable Barn where it will be on display for the run of the Fair.

The four runner-up pumpkins will be on display under a tent in the barnyard. The Topsfield Fair runs through Monday, October 12th. ♦

## Town of Boxford Welcomes Sean Donahue as Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director

**BOXFORD** – The Town of Boxford recently announced that Sean Donahue has joined the Town as its new Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director.

Donahue brings more than 13 years of municipal government experience to Boxford. Most recently, he served as Human Resources Director for the Town of Reading, where he oversaw personnel and benefits administration, supported collective bargaining, man-



Sean Donahue

aged departmental and employee-benefit budgets, and prepared salary and personnel cost projections. He previously served as Assistant Town Administrator for the Town of Boxborough and held positions in the City of Lowell's Human Relations and Treasurer's offices.

Donahue earned a Master of Public Administration from Suffolk University, with a concentration in state and local gov-

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## West Newbury/Newburyport Bridge to Open

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

### NEWBURYPORT/

**WEST NEWBURY** – Closed to vehicles for eight years, the Middle Street/Plummer Springs Bridge on the border of West Newbury and Newburyport saw its first vehicles cross the Upper Artichoke Reservoir, the drinking water supply for both communities, following a final inspection on Sept. 22.

The new bridge, closed in 2018 when a spandrel wall failed, replaces an aging structure that serves as a crit-

ical transportation link between West Newbury and Newburyport.

The approximately \$3.66 million project was funded primarily through state and federal grant programs, including the MassDOT Small Bridge Program, the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

"The completion of the Middle Street Bridge reflects years of partnership, perseverance, and shared commitment among local, state, and federal partners," said Sean Fitzgerald, town manager for the Town of West Newbury. "I was fortunate to inherit a fully funded and substantially completed project thanks to the leadership and dedication of former Town Manager Angus Jennings, whose hard work over many years helped make this project a reality. Today we celebrate not only a new bridge, but the strong partnership between our communities and everyone who contributed to its success."

Newburyport mayor Sean Reardon

said, "The Middle Street Bridge is a great example of what can be accomplished when neighboring communities work together. This project improves safety, strengthens connectivity and represents a lasting investment in our residents and our region."

The ribbon cutting by officials from both communities is scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday.

The bridge's construction costs are offset by a \$1 million-grant to West Newbury from the state's MassWorks and separate MassDOT Small Bridge grants to West Newbury and Newburyport of \$750,000 each. West Newbury also used \$25,000 of its American Rescue Plan Act funds in January 2024 to support on-going expenses needed to secure these grants.

In addition, both communities are getting reclaimed granite from the old bridge that they can use for other projects. One of the first projects was the wall at West Newbury's pickleball courts. ♦

## BOXFORD

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ernment, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He also completed the Massachusetts Municipal Association-Suffolk University Municipal Finance Management Seminar.

"Sean has been with the Town for just over a month and has already made a meaningful contribution to our organization," said Town Administrator Matthew Coogan. "His years of municipal experience and extensive knowledge of local government have enabled him to transition seamlessly into the position and immediately take on several important initiatives. We are excited to have Sean on our team, and I look forward to work-

ing together to advance the Town's priorities."

"I am grateful for the opportunity to join the Town of Boxford and serve the community in this role," Donahue said. "Boxford has a strong record of sound financial management and dedicated public service. I look forward to working with Matt, the Select Board, Finance Committee, Town staff, and community partners to build on that foundation and help support the Town's goals."

Donahue succeeds Brendan Sweeney, who served as Boxford's Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director for four years before recently becoming Town Manager in Ipswich. The Town thanks Sweeney for his service to Boxford and wishes him continued success in his new position. ♦



Left - to - right: Suni, Andreas, Elena, Maria, and Jerry. Missing: Their famous grill chef Johnny, pizza lady Mercedes, and their 'super delivery guy' Jacob. (Photo by Kay Ogden)

## WEST NEWBURY's NICK'S PLACE

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secret homemade recipes, are Nick's famous pizza, seafood, roast beef, and some other creative choices include his bowls: from teriyaki stir fry, shepard's pie bowl, haddock bowl, and so many others! They also offer full dinners, quesadillas, tacos, calzones, sumptuous roast beef, and hearty omelet subs, and the dinners are so delectable!

They love being at this location, connecting with their customers and their local community, and appreciate their customer loyalty! They often hear stories, 'when I was young, I used to come here,' 'boy, I'm glad that you are still here!' And everyone knows where Nick's Place is: directly across from the Pentucket High School! "We even have people come 4-5 times a week!" There's plenty of parking, and "we accommodate our seniors, if they are having difficulty coming in, we'll take it to their car!"

They give back to the community: any policeman, or firefighter gets a 25% discount at any time, "we honor them, and what they do for our community!"

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## Newbury Firefighters/Town Working Through Rent Dispute

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

**NEWBURY** – Municipalities and firefighters are accustomed to negotiating over wages and benefits, but the rent on the station? And for more than a year?

What is unusual is the station and some equipment housed there are owned, not by the town, but by the firefighters – The Protection Fire Co. #1. The lease on the Byfield fire station at 44 Central Street expired on June 30, 2025.

In 2015, the town like many others moved from a volunteer fire department to a full-time staffed department, operating out of two existing stations,

including the Byfield station. One at Morgan Avenue is owned by the town. The one at Central Street and some of the firefighting equipment are leased by the town.

Protection Fire Co. #1, which traces its history to 1929, submitted a bill in its first year of the new full-time structure for \$150,000 a year. That paid for half of the station and several pieces of equipment owned by the fire company.

As the equipment aged out and was replaced by town-owned equipment, the lease payment went down to \$80,000 and then \$72,000 a year.

This year, Protection Fire Co. #1 submitted a bill for \$90,000. The problem arose when the Town Meet-

ing in the spring, which appropriates many municipal payments, was asked to approve only \$70,000, which it did. And that appropriation cannot be increased except by another Town Meeting.

The town and Protection Fire Co. #1 have been negotiating for more than a year. They have taken a proposal to the member firefighters twice and both were rejected.

The SelectBoard members – Bill DiMaio, Alicia Greco, Leslie Matthews and Patrick Herrnan – assured the town residents that the impasse on the rent is not impacting the fire protection for Byfield. And negotiations continue. ♦

## Petition Fights for Clean Merrimack

By Stewart Lytle, Sr. Reporter

**REGIONAL** – A Plum Island resident, “fed up” with watching sewage flow down the river, polluting the island waters and the Parker River Wildlife Sanctuary, has started a petition with almost 2,000 signatures urging state and local officials to “take decisive action regarding the Merrimack River Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs).”

The petition, initiated by Ruth Gamper, a self-described “dedicated resident of Plum Island, on behalf of the island’s residents,” is on Change.org.

Coming on the heels of a particularly tough summer for sewage in the river, the petition asks state and federal elected officials to take “imme-

diate measures to prevent sewage overflow from reaching the ocean, including infrastructure upgrades and the expansion of wastewater treatment facilities.”

The petition also asks that state and federal governments develop and enforce stricter regulations on sewage overflow management, ensuring accountability for cities and Increase public awareness of the hazards posed by sewage overflow to health, the environment and the local economy.”

Just ahead of the July 4th weekend, one of the busiest of the summer for boaters and retailers, a Haverhill maintenance crew broke a 42-inch sewage pipe, allowing about 8 million gallons of raw sewage to flow down river.

As a result, eight beaches were closed. Gov. Maura Healy distributed relief

checks of up to \$6,700 to 130 shellfish harvesters for the loss in income.

“Plum Island residents are very concerned and fed up about the persistent pollution problem severely impacting the waters surrounding our island, the Parker River Wildlife Sanctuary and the city of Newburyport,” the petition reads. “We emphasize the urgent need for our elected state officials to take decisive action regarding the Merrimack River Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs).”

Every time, more than a quarter-inch of rain falls, cities along the Merrimack River such as Manchester, NH, Nashua, NH, Lowell, Lawrence, and Haverhill, release untreated or partially treated human and industrial waste, along with toxic materials and storm water, into our precious rivers and estuaries., the petition explains.

## Georgetown Cellist to Debut 'Sacred Voices of the Cello'

**GEORGETOWN** – Ben Swartz will debut his solo album, *Sacred Voices of the Cello*, on Friday October 16th, with pre-releases now available at [benjaminswartz.bandcamp.com/album/sacred-voices-of-the-cello](http://benjaminswartz.bandcamp.com/album/sacred-voices-of-the-cello).

On 10/16, the album will be available for purchase on Amazon and

across all major streaming platforms (Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube, et al.).

Ben teaches in the Ipswich Public Schools and at Phillips Exeter Academy, and we hope to include more information an an upcoming edition.

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“It’s appalling to note that in just the span of January to December 2023, a staggering 2 billion gallons of CSO have been recklessly dumped into the Merrimack River, as reported by the Merrimack River Watershed Council,” Gamper’s petition reads.

The consequences for Plum Island are frequently overlooked, she wrote. “The polluted river eventually flows into the ocean here, with a disproportionate amount of toxic waste washing onto our shores and drifting downstream along the Parker River Sanctuary.”

Compounding this issue is the recent observation of a sandbar forming offshore, which traps pollutants closer to the shore, exacerbating the problem, the petition states.

“Following rainfall, we’re greeted with the sight and smell of repulsive brown and white substances in the ocean and Basin, while sewage infiltrates our beaches. The potential presence of carcinogenic waste poses a grave threat to public health and the environment, jeopardizing tourism, local businesses, real estate values, and the overall well-being of Plum Island residents and neighboring communities,” the petition reads.

Action is long overdue, the Gamper petition reads. “We cannot idly stand by while billions of gallons of combined sewage overflow waste continue to poison our ocean without repercussions. It’s imperative that the affected cities unite to form a consortium and aggressively pursue funding from the

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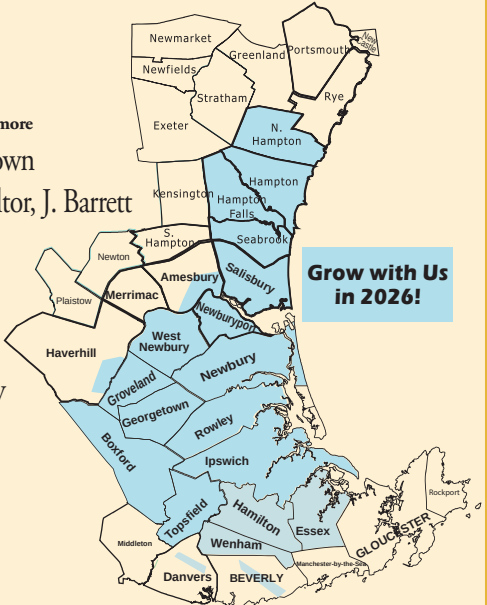
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## Leon Purington

On the 21st of September, Leon Purington passed away, or as he would say, went to the Great Beyond. He leaves behind many people he met over his hundred years of life who were touched by his kindness and inspired by the way he lived his life. His family is very thankful for all the special times they enjoyed with him.

Leon was born on July 27, 1926, to Percy Purington and Delphine (Saunders) Purington. Raised in Rowley, MA as the third of six children, he had many fond memories and stories of his childhood that he shared over the years.

Leon believed in working hard and had an excellent work ethic. He started working at age 11 and did not stop until he was 98. In his teens, he went to a trade school and took up carpentry. As an adult, he pursued a career in the automobile industry. He was the General Manager of Price's Car Dealership for many years involving American Motors Vehicles. As General Manager he was responsible for the Ipswich school's transportation and was also a bus driver where he drove generations of schoolchildren.

After he retired from the automobile industry in his late fifties, he put his carpentry skills to work, doing many home improvement jobs in the North Shore area. In the late eighties, he worked on Dan Prawdziks home in Andover. Meeting Dan led him to his second career at Resin Systems in Amherst NH, where he spent close to 40 years taking care of the grounds, building boxes for shipments and various other projects. He drove there five days a week, over an hour each way, rain, snow or sleet. On his 90th birthday, Resin Systems presented him with a brand-new truck with 4wheel drive as they were concerned for his safety. They knew he wouldn't stay home on a snowy day. He enjoyed the work and social life of Resin Systems. He truly thought of them as family. When he stopped working at age 98, Resins Systems employees continued to stay in contact with him which made him very happy.

Aside from work, he was deeply involved in Public Service. He started in Public Service with the Ipswich Kiwanis Club where he served as the first President. He was also an Ipswich Rotary member where he served as President as well. He served as a member of the Ipswich School Board. The majority of his Public Service was served in Hamilton, MA where he lived for the last sixty years of his life. He was a three-term Hamilton Selectman. He was also a member of the Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club and served as President and received the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He was their top salesman for calendars every year to raise money for charities. He was on the Hamilton Housing Authority from 1994 until a week after his 100th birthday in August 2026, when he called and resigned from the board. After accepting his resignation, he was told, "Thank you, you've done enough!" He also served as President and Treasurer of the Essex County Selectman's Association. He was always active in his community; on boards and activities too numerous to mention. Although he was very busy with work and Public Service, he also enjoyed his family life.

He and his late wife, Rita (Culity) Purington shared many outings and family events. They traveled outside of the country many times. Their favorites being Ireland and England.

In whatever activity, whether work, Public Service, family or friends, he never wanted to let anyone down. That is truly who he was.

When Leon turned 100, there were many parties to celebrate him. Neighbors, family and friends gathered in his backyard. Even the workers of his favorite Dunkin Donuts in Rowley had a celebration for him. He was especially touched by the party at the Wenham Senior Center sponsored by the Hamilton-Wenham Rotary Club. He was recognized and celebrated for his many years of service. People came from several towns to celebrate with him. He was recognized by State and Town Officials and received many citations for all his achievements. He was very honored and proud. It was a wonderful day for him.

In his sixty years of living in Hamilton, he always helped a neighbor in need. His family is thankful that his neighbors were also there for him in his times of need.

In his later years, he enjoyed visits with family and friends, especially watching them in his yard and pool. He liked puzzles, playing card games, Saturday morning breakfasts with family and friends, and going on daily long rides to different towns. He had a special place in his heart for his grand-dogs, Maverick and Gus. He was always willing to try new things, quick witted, and always smiling. He would say, "You need to keep busy and be kind." He was a loving, kind and generous person to family, friends, community and his Resin Systems family.

He is survived by his children Kenneth Purington and Pamela (Purington) Gledhill both of Ipswich, William and Elizabeth Burrige of Hamilton, Robert and Carla Burrige of Sandwich, Lois Honegger of Amesbury, Peter Burrige of Missoula Montana, and Margaret Burrige of Danielson Connecticut. Grandchildren Ryan Purington, Kendra Purington, Crystal (McKinney) McIntosh, Jacob McKinney and Jason McKinney, William Burrige Jr., Benjamin Burrige, Alyson Lull, Michael Burrige, David Burrige, Heidi Butler, Mark Burrige and Olivia Honeger, many great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Along with his wife Rita, he was predeceased by his sisters, Wyota (Peggy) Heikkinen and Amy Cain, brothers Percy Purington, Earl Purington and Harvey Purington. He was also predeceased by his grandson Daniel McKinney.

Graveside Service was held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the Town of Hamilton Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Beth Israel Lahey Health at Home or Hamilton/Wenham Rotary: P. O. Box 2771 South Hamilton, MA 01982.

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## William Murphy

On September 27, 2026, William Henry Murphy (Bill) passed away peacefully at his Rowley home at the age of 66, surrounded by his wife, Donna, and his children, Kaitlin Hughes, Courtney Freeman, and William Murphy Jr. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Catherine Murphy, and his brothers, George and Jimmy. He is survived by his wife, Donna Murphy; his daughter Kaitlin and her husband, Will Hughes; his daughter Courtney and her husband, Steve Freeman; his son, William Murphy Jr., and his wife, Zoe; his five grandchildren, Benjamin, Lincoln, Violet, William, and Kennedy; and his brother, Robert Murphy Jr.; and countless other family members and friends.

Born on October 1st, 1959, to Robert and Catherine Murphy in Medford, MA, Bill was the fourth of five children. Bill cherished growing up in Medford, talking fondly about his times at the Tufts park, venturing down the cape, and most importantly meeting the love of his life, Donna, his 1978 prom date.

Donna and Bill were married on May 24, 1987, in Nahant. Shortly after, the newlyweds moved into a home that Bill had built in Londonderry, New Hampshire, where they brought two daughters, Kaitlin (b. 1988) and Courtney (b. 1990), into the world. In 1994, they expanded the family with the birth of a son, William Henry Murphy Jr., and settled into a new home Bill constructed in Rowley, Massachusetts, a place he would call home for the next 32 years. That same steady dedication carried into his professional life when he started a role as a carpenter with Cummings Properties. He remained with the company until his retirement in 2024, forming lifelong friendships with his coworkers along the way.

The best days of his life were watching his three children grow up in Rowley. He embraced every phase of parenthood with full dedication, transitioning seamlessly from dance dad to cheerleading dad, softball assistant, and ultimately, head football coach. Bill had a natural gift for bringing people together, organizing yearly trips centered around whitewater rafting, hiking, and skiing. In 2011, he took one more swing at community-building by founding the Rowley Mud Ducks, a team that just completed its 16th year at the North Conway Mud Bowl. If you've had a conversation with Bill over the past 16 years, chances are you have been recruited to come up and join the ducks.

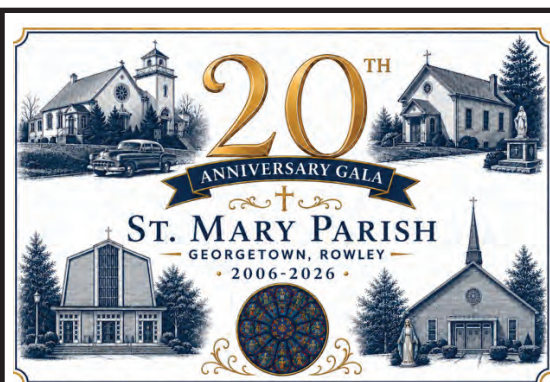
Bill truly loved life and tried to make the most of every day. On a weekday night you could catch him on the computer, figuring out his next big trip with Donna. This method brought him all over the globe to places like Ireland, Italy, Hawaii, Steamboat, and whatever city he deemed best for seeing a Patriots away game. When he wasn't traveling, he was a weekend warrior, spending winter weekends in New Hampshire and summers on the water with his family.

Family was the North Star of Bill's life, spending as much time with his wife and children as he could. Sometimes that meant taking the family out on his boat in Plum Island Sound, a place he often referred to as "God's country." Other weekends were spent helping his two daughters renovate their homes or babysitting some combination of his five grandchildren. Ultimately, for Bill, the specific task didn't matter if he got to spend it alongside his wife, children, and grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on October 2, 2026, at St. Mary Parish, Main Street, Rowley. A Celebration of Life followed at Michael's Harborside in Newburyport, MA. Donations can be made to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, 5526 West 13400 South, Herriman, UT 84096.

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HYDRANT FLUSHING

October 9th to 23rd  
Starting at 8:00 p.m. on Friday October 9th hydrants will be opened along Main Street from the Groveland town line to Newburyport. Flushing will continue through 5:00am on Saturday morning.

On Tuesday, October 13th, daytime flushing will commence on secondary roads and continue through Friday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Flushing hydrants will cause the water to become discolored as sediment is removed from the water system and property owners may experience intervals of low water pressure as well. If you have discolored water, wait until flushing is completed in your area and at a minimum wait 15-minutes and then run the cold-water faucet until the water runs clear.

**Do not run the hot water**, as discolored water can be pulled into your hot water tank and take longer to clear up.

Before doing laundry, residents are advised to run the cold water to make sure it runs clear. **Try to avoid using bleach** whenever possible, as it may cause the iron and manganese to permanently stain clothes.

If clothing is stained after washing, **DO NOT MACHINE DRY**.

There are products available, free of charge, in the Water Department office that will help take the stain out during re-washing or you can purchase the product at most grocery and hardware stores. The product would have a name like Iron Out or Rust-B-Gone. **Officials recommend that homeowners refrain from washing laundry.** Residents should only plan on washing laundry during the evening hours, after 6:00pm when flushing is not scheduled. Continue to wash laundry in the evening until the flushing is completed.

Darkness in Danger:  
A Master Gardener  
Presentation at the  
ROWLEY LIBRARY

Sat. Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.  
Light pollution, simply put, is any unnecessary or excessive outdoor illumination. Sadly, it's become a pervasive and ugly consequence of modern 24/7 society. Light pollution robs us of the night sky's beauty, negatively affects the ecosystem, and creates an in-your-face waste of energy. But a new mindset and new technology are poised to slow – and perhaps reverse — this bane of modern life. Kelly Beatty from the International Dark-sky Association will talk about how people can safely light up their homes, businesses, and community without wasting energy, disturbing their neighbors, or creating an unhealthy environment for humans and wildlife.

Offered in cooperation with the Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association. To register for this program, check our web site at [www.rowleylibrary.org](http://www.rowleylibrary.org), or call (978) 948-

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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     |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sa-id Esfahanian, MD                  | Norwich, CT      | Campbell Funeral Home                                | Ipswich       |
| Harold Kramer                         | Marblehead       | Casper Funeral Home & Cremation Services             | Boston        |
| Joseph G. Salvucci                    | Tewksbury        | Conte Funeral Home                                   | North Andover |
| Angus Joseph Sampson                  | Georgetown       | Conte-Giamberardino Funeral                          | Georgetown    |
| Guadalupe Pierce                      | Peabody          | Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home                   | Peabody       |
| Murray Charles White                  | Peabody          |                                                      |               |
| Manuel A. Chaparro                    | Peabody          |                                                      |               |
| Mark K. Atkins                        | Salem, MA        |                                                      |               |
| Sameul M. Palmisano                   | Beverly          | CR Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors                    | Danvers       |
| David A. Cerat                        | Danvers          |                                                      |               |
| Barbara A. St. Pierre                 | Salem, MA        |                                                      |               |
| Henry E. Berube                       | Methuen          |                                                      |               |
| Chrisoula (Tolios) Meltsakos          | Haverhill        | Driscoll Funeral Home & Cremation Services           | Haverhill     |
| Roger C. Chadwick                     | Haverhill        | H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Services | Haverhill     |
| Clementina "Tina" Eva (Credit) Danese | Haverhill        |                                                      |               |
| Richard T. Kallery, Jr.               | Haverhill        |                                                      |               |
| William M. "Bill" Kelly               | Lawrence         |                                                      |               |
| Dorothy Cahill – Tessier              | Rockport         | Mackey Funeral Home                                  | Middleton     |
| Corrine E. Muse                       | Salem, MA        | Murphy Funeral Home                                  | Salem         |
| Janice O'Connell Osgood               | Peabody          | O'Donnell Cremations-Funerals-Celebrations           | Salem         |
| Richard "Dick" Charles Leary          | Middleton        | O'Donnell Cremations-Funerals-Celebrations           | Danvers       |
| William A. Sedewitz, Jr.              | Peabody          |                                                      |               |
| Edward Frank Carter                   | Salem            | O'Donnell Cremations-Funerals-Celebrations           | Salem         |
| Peter A. Kreisky                      | Newbury          | Paul C. Rogers & Sons Family Funeral Homes           | Newburyport   |
| James E. Rolfe                        | Salisbury        | Paul C. Rogers & Sons Family Funeral Homes           | Amesbury      |
| Arthur L. Lurie                       | Byfield, MA      | Twomey-LeBlanc & Conte Funeral Home                  | Newburyport   |



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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### ROWLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, **October 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM** to act on an application received **September 28, 2026** from **Joseph and June Skuza**. Applicant(s) is requesting a **Variance from the requirements of Section #6.1.3.1 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw in accordance with MGL c 40A sec 10 and RPZB sec 7.1.2**. The property is located at **14 Wethersfield St** in the **Central** district and is shown on **Assessors' Map 25, Parcel 10**. The meeting will be held at Fire Department Meeting Room, 473 Haverhill Street.

10/7, (10/14)

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Coady's Towing Service 139 Marston Street, Lawrence, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell or junk the following vehicles on or after **October 29, 2026 starting at 10:00 am** by private or public sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2004 Honda Accord VIN 1HGCM56684A116347  
2006 Ford Expedition VIN 1FMFU18596LA67137  
1997 Ford F530 VIN 3FCLF53G9VJA19444  
2010 Hino 268 VIN 5PVNE8JV4A4S51534  
2013 Hino 268 VIN 5PVNJ8JV6D4S55293  
2016 International 8600 VIN 3HSHWSNN3GN749580  
2010 International 4400 VIN 1HTMKAAL98H369652  
2013 Hino 268 VIN 5PVNJ8JV9D4S55014  
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2008 Toyota Prius VIN JTDKB20U983355826  
2000 Honda CRV VIN JHLRD1861YC031460  
2015 Kia Optima VIN 5XXGM4A74FG383633  
2013 Ford Escape VIN 1FMCU9GX0DUB59037  
2021 Honda Accord VIN 1HGCV1F41MA054228

Vehicles are being stored at Coady's Towing Service and may be viewed by appointment only.  
Signed  
Coady's Towing Service

10/7, (10/14), (10/21)

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Trombly Bros., Inc. of 141-153 Sutton Street North Andover, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after **October 15, 2026 beginning at 10:00 am** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale. Vehicle is being stored at Trombly Bros., Inc.

1. 2013 Honda CRV VIN 2HKRM4H78DH652314

Signed,  
Mark Trombly  
Trombly Bro., Inc.

9/23, 9/30, 10/7

### GEORGETOWN PLANNING BOARD

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is given that the Planning Board shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 11, and the provisions of **Article XIII – Special Permits and Site Plan Review, as further provided in \$165-83** of the Town of Georgetown Zoning Bylaws and **Ch. 57 Erosion and Stormwater Control**. The Public Hearing will be for both a Site Plan Approval and Stormwater Permit for installation of a **BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM** at **203 East Main Street, Town Assessor's Map 10, Parcel 45** in Zoning District RB.

This public hearing shall be held remotely on **Wednesday, 28 OCTOBER 2026 at 7:20 P.M.**, in accordance with the Executive Order waiving certain provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 20, which was extended to JUNE 30, 2027. Interested persons are invited to participate in the above-cited hearing, via computer, tablet, smartphone by connecting to the following:

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81492367755> Meeting ID: 814 9236 7755  
Passcode: 655962

The above-cited remote meeting connection information will be included on the **28 OCTOBER 2026** meeting agenda, which will be posted on the Town of Georgetown website no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Further, the meeting will be broadcast live on the Georgetown Local Access Cable TV. Video recordings of this meeting, and all Georgetown Planning Board meetings may be found at [www.georgetownma.gov](http://www.georgetownma.gov) by choosing Cable TV option. Full and complete copies of the above-cited Site Plan application, together with the associated Plans, are available upon request by emailing the Town Planner at [FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov](mailto:FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov) or by clicking here: [https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards\\_\\_commissions/planning\\_board/current\\_projects.php#outer-5552](https://georgetownma.gov/government/boards__commissions/planning_board/current_projects.php#outer-5552)

Any person interested in being heard on this application needs to appear at the time and place designated, herein. Please note that written correspondence will be accepted and read into the record of the hearing if it were received before Noon on the day of the hearing. Persons needing special accommodations may send an eMail to [FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov](mailto:FOConnor@GeorgetownMA.gov)

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

9/30, 10/7

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## Celebrate America's 250th the Old South Church - Movie

*A Great Awakening*  
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by Kay Lee Ogden

NEWBURYPORT- I recently had the pleasure of meeting with two gracious gentlemen from the Old South

Presbyterian Church, Reverend Jerry Mullins and Don Pollard, who shared news of special evening that brings faith, friendship, and American history to the screen! In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the church will host a free viewing of A Great Awakening, on Thursday, Oct, 15th, at 29 Federal Street, in Newburyport. The evening runs from 7-9pm, the doors will open at 7pm.

This stirring historical drama explores the unlikely friendship between Reverend George Whitefield, a passionate preacher, and Benjamin Franklin, a printer, and future founding father.

Through their story, the film portrays a spiritual awakening that crossed colonial boundaries, and helped shape a generation in understanding of faith and freedom.

You don't want to miss this movie!!!!!! For More Info, call 978.465.9666 or email: admin@oldsouthnbpt.org. To explore the film and its study guide, visit: www.agreatawakening.com.

## RIVER PETITION

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federal government ...

"This represents a critical opportunity to secure essential resources for addressing our crumbling infrastructure. However, if this funding avenue closes, we urge cities not to resort

to stopgap measures like emergency tanks but to explore alternative financing methods, prioritizing sewer system renewal on a city-by-city basis, starting with Lowell and progressing accordingly."

The full petition on Change.org, can be found at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/cleantheriver>.



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