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Friedman, Rudloff elected to School Committee

14% voter turnout in Town Election



CANDIDATES and their supporters spent all day Tuesday holding signs outside the polls to encourage participation in the annual Town Election. Those still standing at 7 p.m. included, front row, kneeling, l-r: Noah Spicer and Liane Gonzalez; back row, standing, l-r: David Rudloff, Jeff Friedman, Kristen O'Mara, Ken Tarr, Jodi Cloney, Tracey Coste and Bill Cushing-Candelario. (Maureen Doherty Photo)

By MAUREEN DOHERTY

NORTH READING — Jeffrey Friedman and Noelle Rudloff were elected to their first terms on the School Committee in Tuesday's annual Town Election, with both tallying over 800 votes according to the unofficial results posted by the Town Clerk's office as the Transcript went to press.

The School Committee race was the only contested race on the ballot among five newcomers, one of whom decided to withdraw in mid-April, two weeks after the ballots were printed. The high interest in this race led to the higher than typical voter turnout of 14 percent for a local election. Back in 2019 and 2018, for example, fewer than 5 percent of the town electorate went to the polls.

Out of 11,859 registered voters, 1,607 voters came to the polls to cast their ballots for their candidates of choice in 2022.

The School Committee race became wide open after three-term committee member Janene Imbriano and one-term committee member Chris Pappavaselio both opted not to run for re-election.

Rudloff topped the ticket as she garnered 873 votes while Friedman polled 807 votes. Coming in a close third was Kristen O'Mara

Spring curbside yard waste collection

NORTH READING — A curbside collection of yard waste will take place this Saturday, May 7. Yard waste must be curbside by 6:30 a.m. and placed in paper bags only.

Please note the following requirements:

- no plastic bags
- no barrels
- branches must be no greater than three inches in diameter and cut to lengths of no more than three feet
- branches must be bundled and tied (not bagged)

Compost Center

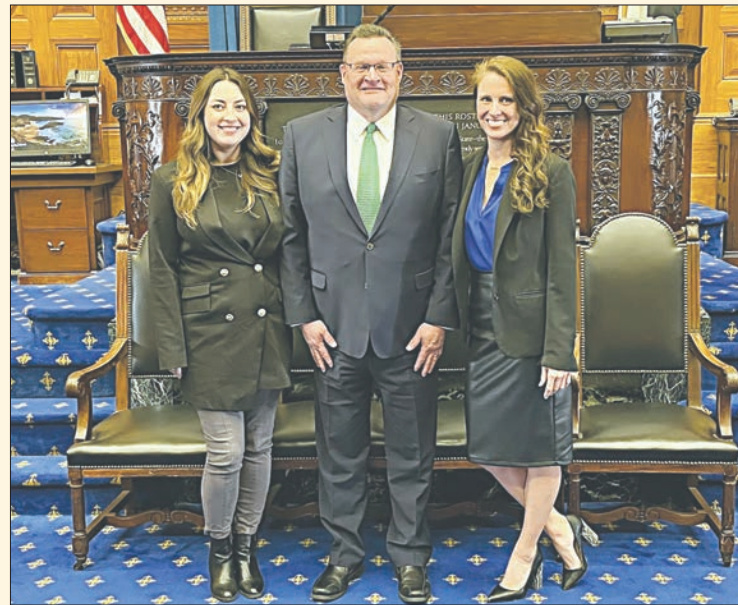
The Compost Center at the Richard F. Spindler DPW Garage, 166 Chestnut St., is open to allow residents to drop off yard waste on Saturdays from April 1 to November 30 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. There are two separate piles — one for grass clippings and leaves and one for brush; please deposit yard waste in the appropriate pile.

Waste oil recycling

Resident may drop off waste oil at the DPW Garage on the last Saturday of every month, from April to November, between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon.

From Broadcast to Beacon Hill: Something to talk about

North Shore 104.9 FM's Erika Hemingway joins Rep. Jones' staff




HORNETS ON THE HILL. North Reading natives, from left: Amanda Doran, NRHS class of '12; State Rep. and Minority Leader Brad Jones, NRHS class of '83; and Erika (Lambie) Hemingway, Austin Preparatory School, class of '05, gather in the Massachusetts House of Representatives Chamber. Doran and Hemingway are members of his staff. (Courtesy Photo)

BOSTON — Residents of North Reading will have something to talk about; they'll have the hometown advantage when it comes to familiar faces in the State House. State Representative and Minority Leader Brad Jones and his District Director of Local Affairs and Scheduling Amanda Doran welcomed their latest neighbor this spring: former radio host from North Shore 104.9 FM, Erika Hemingway, joins her fellow North Reading Hornets on Beacon Hill.

During his tenure, Rep. Jones has had a knack for finding talent.

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NORTH READING — Have you heard the latest buzz? Sharing your must-go-to North Reading event or virtual meeting with our readers is easy. Email the pertinent details to: NRTranscript@RCN.com. Deadline: Mondays at 5 p.m.

Virtual meetings: Agendas of public boards are posted 48 hours in advance on the town website under "calendar tab" (www.northreadingma.gov). An extension of COVID emergency rules enabled virtual meetings without violating the Open Meeting Law. Boards may choose to hold virtual, in-person or a hybrid combination meeting. Check the

online meeting calendar on the town's website for applicable links, passcodes, and phone numbers for virtual options.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

• **In-person Storytime returns!** Toddlers meet 9:15-10 a.m. Preschoolers meet 10:15 – 11 a.m., Flint Memorial Library Activity Room with Ms. Kim! Registration required at flintmemoriallibrary.org or call 978-664-4942.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

• **Curbside yard waste collection** (place by 6:30 p.m.), including grass clippings, leaves, small branches. No plastic bags, barrels.

• **Mighty Meredith Project Kentucky Derby Project:** 5 p.m., Horseshoe Grille patio, 226 Main St., HG Derby Contests: Best Derby Outfit, Best Derby hat, Pools. A Silent Auction and Raffles will benefit MMP to raise awareness of Traumatic Brain Injuries. Join us on the patio for the "most exciting two minutes in sports."

MONDAY, MAY 9

• **School Committee meeting**, hybrid

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Daffodil daze



SUNNY YELLOW daffodils are in bloom all over town, welcoming the warmer and longer days of spring. (Maureen Doherty Photo)

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BOOK MARKS

'Anything is Possible' by Elizabeth Strout

By GAIL LOWE

If all the characters in Elizabeth Strout's 2017 novel "Anything is Possible" have one thing in common, it's that they all know Lucy Barton.

The fictional Lucy, lead character in the Pulitzer Prize-winning author's previous novel "My Name is Lucy Barton," grew up in a small town in the Midwest but has gone on to seek fame and fortune as a writer. In recent weeks, her memoir has been published and her former neighbors are curious. Why wouldn't they be? Their own stories might be splashed across the pages of Lucy's memoir.

"Anything is Possible," written in the past tense as a series of short stories with titles

of their own—"Windmills," "Cracked," "The Hit-Thumb Theory" among them—concern the lives of people Lucy knew when she was growing up in a family that experienced extreme poverty. Each character who knew Lucy has a unique story to tell. There are stories about past hurts resurfacing, stories of remorse, stories of alarm, stories of sadness and tragedy and stories of suffering and healing. In short, they are stories about ordinary people living ordinary lives and how their pasts interconnect with those around them in the present. They are our very own stories because they speak of what it means to be human.

Strout leads off with a narrative about an

elderly man named Tommy Guptill, a former dairy farm owner who lost everything when a fire burned his farm to the ground. One day, Tommy visits Pete Barton, Lucy's older brother, and the two talk about the fire, which was started by Lucy and Pete's father. Tommy is holding no grudges. He believes it was God's will that his farm burned.

There's also Shelly Small, wife of Dr. Richard Small, a guest at Dottie's Bed & Breakfast, and Charley Macauley and his mistress and prostitute Robin who were also among Dottie's guests. And—why not?—a cross-dresser named Tom/Tomasina.

This is the short list. Altogether, there are 62 characters in the nine chapters, but not

all have leading roles. Some are simple mentions to add weight.

As in her previous works, which include "Amy and Isabelle," "Olive Kitteridge" and "The Burgess Boys," Strout's writing is engaging and rich in symbolism and simple but evocative prose. The chapter titled "Windmills," for instance, compares the revolving blades to people. Though we are all part of a central hub, no one can truly understand the pain and suffering of another person.

The book, at 274 pages, won the prestigious Story Prize for short fiction. I gave it an A. In 2021, Strout also released "Oh William!" a continuation of Lucy Barton's story. This time the focus is on her ex-husband William.

Middle School third quarter honor roll

NORTH READING — Dr. Catherine O'Connell, principal at North Reading Middle School, recently announced that the following students in grades 6 through 8 were named to the honor roll for the third quarter of the 2021-22 school year.

GRADE 6

High honor roll – The following sixth-grade students were named to high honor roll: Olivia Antonuccio, Evan Araniz, Elizabeth Ayer, Ian Baker, Gargi Bhosle, Anne Burton, Lucas Cabral, Alexis Capalbo, James Cheney, Nathan Curtice, Mallory D'Amato, Chloe DeAngelis, Ryan DiCarlo, Adriana Driscoll, Annabelle Dustin, Stephen Fanikos, Bryce Fitts and Dylan Fitzgerald.

Also, Molly Galbraith, Sebastian Garvin, Wright Gong, Jack Grillo, Maya Grossi, Avery Hajj, Mason Harris, Jackson Kosinski, Matthew Lazure, Alexandra Lee, Shane MacKay, Theodore Page, Linus Pearsall, Victoria Roach, Isabella Rom, Charlie Sarno, Jackson Spencer, Liam Steele, Alisha Subramani, Callahan Talbot, Roma Upadhyay, Paige Vant, Zachary Vautin and Ava Wade.

Honor roll – The following sixth-grade students were named to honor roll: William Agassounon, Harry Agganis, Alessia Amara, Lillian Arian Aitchison, Sophia Barabani, Jacob Barros, Andrew Beckwith, Rose Bergen-Aki, Nicolas Boudoya, Colin Brady, Luke Brickley, Pierce Burnham, Elise Cabrera, Meliina Capolupo, Xin Ling Chen, Adrianna Ciavar-



done, Jackson Connolly, Michael Corvino, Jacoby Coste-Trufant, Madeline D'Amato, Brendan Dandaneau, Ethan Deveau, Cole Donahue, Connor Downey, Rami El-Sheikh, Victoria Emsley and Kayla Faulkner.

Also, Hailey Febbi, Naiyla Flores, Anna Foiadelli, Gianna Freccero, Hannah Frew, Matteo Garrett, Benjamin Gerber, Alyssa Gerokoulis, Anthony Giordano, Trisha Goel, Brooke Griffin, Anna Gullotti, Jason Hawley, Vincent Higgins, Greta Koeper, Emma Levato, Bryce Libby, Jeffrey Lucia, Cooper Mascolo, Paige Mathews, Stella Michaud, Matthew Mikulski, Gia Milone, Dante Montana, Irellynn Montejo, Brendan Nelson and Andrew Nichols.

And in conclusion, Dylan O'Driscoll, Deanna Oliveira, Damian Pagliuca, Vincent Pagliuca, Callen Palmaccio, Kelsey Quinn, Priya Reynolds, Nate Romanski, Angelo Rossetti, Violetta Rossetti, Kara Russell, Georgino Santa, Izabella Sarcia, Hendrik Schomp, Michael Serra, Bryce Sharp, Mark Sorrenti, Shyanne Thomas, Zachary Tiberio, Wallace Wang, Weston Weldon, Harrison Wells, Jackson Wisco and Oliver Wright.

GRADE 7

High honor roll – The following seventh-grade students were named to high honor roll: Damian

Andrusyshyn, Kathryn Attwood, Nalo Benedict, Madeline D'Angelo, Joshua Dhimitri, Charlotte Gaillard, Willow Keopke, Christopher Libby, Riley Maibor, Isabella Mawn, Liam McGaffigan, Bruce McLaren, Isabella Mizzoni, Luke Myette, Sina Nickerson, Addison Patel, Elliana Rainey, Alberto Russo, Elizabeth Sandovich, Asher Schulz, Alexina Sepke, Arush Shangari, Logan Soroko, Naveen Stewart, Matilda Ton, James Wyatt and Jacob Ye.

Honor roll – The following seventh-grade students were named to honor roll: Connor Abruzzese, Casey Allston, Wyatt Ares, Owen Bouchie, Tyler Boviard, Brandon Buckley, Sean Butler, Eva Cannalonga, Colton Carideo, Sury Ceron, Michael Ciulla, Charles Considine, Charles Cooper, Scott Costello, Cadence Crowley, Brady Cullen, Ella Darling, Ariana Demetri, Kate Denehy, David Duran, Matthew Fay, Joelle Ferrazzani, Madison Forbush, Vivianna Fortin, Melanie Foster, Sophia Gallivan, Brendan Gazda and Kian Grabar.

Also, Darian Grigorov, Jemma Hanegraaff, Alivia Heck, Liam Higgins, Michael Hurley, Teagan Jones, Kashvi Joshi, Finn Joyce, Maria Karafilidis, Adelyn Kelly, Bailey Little, Ava Louanis, John Lupien, Riley MacDonald, Amelie Marchand, Erin McBain, Cori McMeniman, Glenn Mello, Matthew

Mericantante, Annalee Miller, Gabrielle Montanye, Brooke Morris and Vassili Mpouris.

As well as, Drew O'Keefe, Nolan Palao, Sydney Palmer, John Pastore, Julia Pemberton, Julia Petrosino, Nolan Pierce, Willow Reyen, Megan Rogers, Teymur Rzakhanov, Sydney Scholz, Allison Simard, Simon Tisdale, Alexander Villarroel, Samuele Voisinnet, Carolyn Ward, Vivienne Wilkes, Ella Yeakel and Angelina Zeng.

GRADE 8

High honor roll – The following eighth-grade students were named to high honor roll: Genevieve Arden, Giuliana Auciello, Nolan Barrette, Gavin Brady, Kaila Brady, Melissa Cabra, Matthew Capalbo, Emery Cordero, Seth Evans, Cole Fabrizio, Calvin Fisher, Conrad Gerber, Winnie Gong, Winston Gong, Kevin Gu and Mikayla Hurley.

As well as, Quinlan Kelly, Josephine Lambert, Alison Lanciani, Ryan Lehane, Marco Licciardi, Benjamin Mahoney, Maya Menis, Quinlan Newton, Connor O'Keefe, Hazel Pearsall, Leonardo Romanowski, Benjamin Russell, Meghan Russell, John Sarno, Joseph Serra, Erica Sorrenti, Reilly Tassinari, Ava Vant and Shenaya Verma.

Honor roll – The following eighth-grade students were

named to honor roll: Lily Abenaim, Lucas Acuna, Rishov Alam, Lucy Allston, Edward Baia, Emily Baker, Makayla Bellavance, Jason Berry, Helena Brain, Ave Celata, Lia Clooney, Grace Coleman, Jack Conlon, Ava Constantine, Benjamin Cook, Jillian Corbett, Robert Daley, Jon Denison, Sophia DiFraia, Bree Dobbyn, Mary Doble, Kyle Donle, Ella Donovan, Alaina Driscoll, Rachel Duval, Sophia El-Sheikh, Zachary Emery, Brady Eng, Grace Fagner, Benjamin Ferreira, Tayler Finegan and Joseph Foiadelli.

Also, Mackenzie Freedman, Alexandra Gamer, Addison Hajj, Olivia Hanson, Kiersten Higgins, Amelia Invencio, Jack Lazure, Emily Lehane, Camiele Lewis, Dion Lushaj, Ella Maier, Matthew Mancinelli, Michael Manupelli, Maxwell Mathews, Abigayle McInerney, Caitlin Milligan, Brady Mills, Lucia Mini, Emerson Montejo, Jackson Moriarty, Matthew Mulcahy, Gia Norton, Mikaela O'Driscoll, Aaron Ottaviano, Bernardo Pancini and Theadora Panousos.

As well as, Ava Peake, Alissandra Pineo, Peter Rainer Plavins, Ethan Quan, Massimo Ranieri, Gabriella Rizzo-Sevene, Sierra Robertson, Kyle Ruck, Sofia Saldanha, Evelyn Schomp, Julie Scotina, Cassidy Sheehan, Noelle Slack, Owen Smith, Anthony Spina Jr, Adelaide Steele, Zoe Stevenson, Sara Suny, Anthony Tammaro, Mason Tauro, Cecilia Thomson, Nicolas Torra, Caden Tsay, Shriya Upadhyay, Juliet Wasilewski, Jace Weaver, Emilia Yeakel and Katie Zimmerman.

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Views

Tax relief looks a way off

Don't expect lawmakers in the state House of Representatives to give you a break on the taxes you pay. At least that's the feeling we get after seeing a report from the State House News Service.

The service caught up with Speaker Ronald Mariano on Monday, May 2 and he said he and other top Democrats are still looking at tax relief options but conceded he is "not sure" when they will be ready to advance a proposal or what it would entail.

The House last week rejected efforts to incorporate a temporary gas tax freeze or Gov. Charlie Baker's proposed estate, capital gains and senior tax reforms into its fiscal year 2023 state budget bill.

Mariano, who spoke with reporters after meeting privately with Baker and Senate President Karen Spilka, said his team "continue(s) to look at a couple of things that we have investigated in the past" and is watching economic trends. The state's coffers for more than a year have been flooded with surplus tax revenue, but new reports show the state economy contracted in the first quarter.

In response to a question about whether Bay Staters could bet on the House finalizing some form of tax relief, Mariano pointed to another topic in which there's uncertainty: the still-in-progress legislative discussions about legalizing sports betting.

"Right now, we don't have a gaming bill, so I'm going to wait before we take bets," he said before continuing, "I don't mean to be flip, it's just I don't know what's going to happen. We have a diverse group of 155 members, so we're going to have to do some homework."

Baker has made a \$700 million package of tax relief a priority during his final year in office, arguing taxpayers deserve to share in the state's surplus revenues and that his proposed policy changes can make Massachusetts more competitive. His bill (H 4361) is pending before the Revenue Committee, which had until Wednesday to decide its fate. Democrats who control the committee could seek another extension to give themselves more time to work on Mariano's "homework."

Asked if the committee would make a decision this week, Mariano replied, "I'm not sure, to be honest with you."

We agree that taxpayers are suffering in meeting their day-to-day expenses under the weight of the worst inflation rate in 40 years and they deserve a share of the state's surplus revenue with tax relief, but we also don't hold out too much hope that our politicians will deliver that relief to us anytime soon.

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Letters to the Editor

What's behind the hate signs?

Dear Editor:

I read the recent letter to the Transcript editor. That letter sought to explore what was behind the posting of "Hate Has No Home Here" signs by residents of this wonderful town we live in.

I have posted such signs in my yard and let me tell you why. Since living in my home, I have noticed that new neighbors have moved in from not only around the New England area but from around the

globe. For newcomers just experiencing our North Reading community or even the United States itself, I imagine they might have concerns. Will their new neighbors wish they hadn't moved here? Will their children get invited to birthday parties?

In other words, new North Reading residents of color or from other countries may need additional reassurances that they are welcome here, that our town embraces all.

Seeing as we ARE a town that, as Coleen Crowley says, does not have hate in it why not pop this little sign in my yard to make that promise clear?

My "Hate Has No Home Here" sign is not posted for established North Reading residents but rather for the folks who come by and don't know us ... yet.

Sincerely,
Julie-Marie Brown

Urges passage of tuition waivers for senior citizens at state colleges and universities

Dear Editor:

Last week the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed their proposed 2022 - 2023 state budget.

There was a proposed amendment, put forth by Rep. Bradley Jones that would establish a pilot program that would allow Massachusetts' senior citizens (those over the age of 60) to fill open seats in classes offered at Massachusetts' institutions of higher education and have tuition and fees for these classes waived.

Massachusetts is last in New England and near the bottom of U.S. states in offering tuition assistance to state institutions to its senior citizens.

California, as an example, offers space-available seats to its senior citizens for \$1.00 and waives all fees.

Massachusetts offers a 10 per-

cent tuition discount to seniors (an example, at UMass Lowell that would be a \$140 discount on a \$1,400 per class tuition) with zero fees waived.

With fees, a single class at UMass Lowell would be in excess of \$3,000.

There is still time to do right by Massachusetts' senior citizens. During the month of May, the Massachusetts Senate will be reviewing and approving their version of the Massachusetts Fiscal Year 2023 state budget.

A request has been made to Senator Bruce Tarr to offer an amendment like the one put forth by Rep. Brad Jones.

I want to thank Rep. Brad Jones and his staff and ask them to continue to work for senior citizens in Massachusetts.

Your help is requested! I also want to ask you to contact Sen-

ator Bruce Tarr (bruce.tarr@masenate.gov) and encourage him to have Massachusetts pass legislation that will provide senior citizen tuition waivers to Massachusetts higher education institutions.

Thank you,

Jim Gannon

North Reading resident

The amendment offered by Rep. Jones is reprinted below:

**Amendment #1150 to H4700
Higher Education Tuition and Fee Waivers for Senior Citizens**

Mr. Jones of North Reading moves to amend the bill by adding the following section:

"SECTION XX. There is hereby established a pilot reimbursement program for all public institutions of higher education in the Commonwealth, including

WAIVERS Page 10

Townwide Yard Sale a resounding success

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Friends of the Council on Aging as we conducted our Townwide Yard Sale this past weekend: all of the participants looking for wonderful "finds," and

especially my incredible committee who made this such a success. Also, congratulations to Susan, Patrick and Lia who won prizes in the raffle.

I met people from New Hampshire and many towns near and far who had been looking forward

to our event after a break of three years. The big question was always "are you going to do this again?" The answer is a resounding YES! We look forward to next spring when the Townwide Yard Sale will be bigger and better than ever.

Angela Mauceri



Around the Schoolyard

By Dr. Patrick C. Daly,
Superintendent of Schools

Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week

This week, from May 2 - May 6, is also known as Teacher Appreciation Week. This year it is more important than ever to recognize our educators in what many will

describe as the most challenging year they've ever experienced in their careers.

With all of the obstacles that teachers grappled with last year

with technology, hybrid teaching and learning, and guiding our children through the pandemic, in

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BETWEEN THE LINES

D&D Club launches at library; adult events added

NORTH READING — The Flint Memorial Library's assistant director Tyler Hixson (thixson@northreadingma.gov) is hosting an all-new D&D Club. Details are as follows:

Join us for a new Dungeons and Dragons Club! Never played before? No worries! We have pre-made characters and a DM (Dungeon Master) to help walk you through everything.

Are you a D&D expert? Amazing! Come share your knowledge and excitement with the rest of us. Interested in DMing? We're looking for teen volunteers to help run games as well. All skill levels are welcome. Please note the change to a later start time at the request of some participants.

D&D Club (ages 12-18)

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 17 from 4 – 6 p.m.

Location: Library Activity Room (ground floor)

"Come one and all and join a new adventure!" Place your fate in the roll of a dice.

Virtual events in May

The Flint Memorial Library has also added the following virtual events to its May calendar:

• **Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body:** Tips from the Latest Research – Tuesday, May 10 at 1 p.m. via Zoom. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Alzheimer's

Association.

• **Living History Performance: Jacqueline Kennedy** – Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., brings the former First Lady to life, revealing the private woman behind the public image. This is the first part in a four-part Thursday night series of "living history performances" on America's first ladies. Meet Louisa Catherine Adams on May 19, Dolley Madison on May 26, and Mary Todd Lincoln on June 2.

• **Living History Performance: Louisa Catherine Adams** – Thursday, May 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Performed by actress, writer and first person historical interpreter Laura Rocklyn. This is the second part in a four-part Thursday night series of "living history performances" on America's first ladies. Meet Dolley Madison on May 26 and Mary Todd Lincoln on June 2.

• **Mah Jongg – Tuesday, May 24 at 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** (in-person/no registration required).

Mah Jongg is a Chinese tile game; the goal is to match tiles to a specific hand from the National Mah Jongg League's scorecard. Accomplished and new players are welcome.

• **The Basics of Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency** – Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Learn the basics of Bitcoin from Mike Gershbein, founder of "Very Smart People."

• **Living History Performance: Dolley Madison** – Thursday, May 26

at 7 p.m. via Zoom. In this immersive living history experience, Judith Kalaora, founder and artistic director of History At Play, channels Dolley Madison, wife of President James Madison, fourth President of the United States.

• **Art on Tuesdays:** Library Architecture and Design – Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. This program will explore the good, the bad and the amazingly innovative in library architecture, with a focus on the last century.

From "The Library of Things"

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many ways this year has been even more difficult.

WCVB-TV recently reported that in a recent study at Merrimack College, data reveals that many teachers are considering leaving the profession across the nation. The survey stated "42% of teachers will leave the profession in the next two years" and only "12% of teachers felt satisfied about their job."

The article also states that, "Teachers are feeling disillusioned" and "overwhelmed." On a positive note, "76% of teachers say they felt respected by their students' parents, and 82% felt respected by their schools."

<https://www.wcvb.com/article/merrimack-college-teachers-survey-massachusetts/39829875>

Our teachers in North Reading are amazing. They are creative, intelligent, and dedicated to their students. Over the past two years I've been in so many classrooms across the district and our educators are so proud of the work their students are doing and what the children are learning. They plan, assess, meet in teams to review data, participate in professional development to grow and learn, and are asked to complete an ever expanding amount of ad-

ministrative paperwork in order to comply with regulations and mandates.

At the end of the day so many of the educators are also our coaches, directors, and club advisors. They organize field trips, chaperone travel to other countries, and return to school for evening events to cheer on our students at the plays, performances, games, and competitions. Our educators work well beyond their contractual hours and complete tasks like grading, contacting families, writing letters of recommendation, and meeting with colleagues.

Our administrators, who are all teachers at heart, have been incredible this year: managing all of the challenges of our full return to in-person learning, adjusting to the ever-changing requirements and safety protocols, assisting with contact tracing, providing coverage, leading professional development, and continuing to develop school and district goals to keep North Reading moving forward.

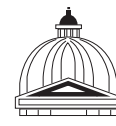
This week, please join me in thanking our educators. Our parent associations will surely, as always, go above and beyond in making our teachers feel appreciated. But there are so many simple gestures that every child and

family can make that will mean so much.

In my experience, the most meaningful gifts I've ever received are the kind words and thank you notes from former students who reach out to let you know how you've made a difference in their lives. It only takes one message like this to remind us why we entered this profession in the first place and make everything we do each day worthwhile.

This week I encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers and thank them with a meaningful story about how they've made a difference for your child. If you have a way to contact a former teacher, administrator, or colleague I encourage you to make that connection. I've received messages that begin with "you'll probably never remember me" and guess what, we always remember!

We are so fortunate to work in a community that supports our schools and celebrates our educators. I am so proud of the work our students do every day and the incredible dedication of our teachers, educators, and administrators who give so much of themselves in order to meet the needs of every child and provide them with opportunities for success.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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Beacon Hill Roll Call provides a summary and analysis of current bills and gives readers an opportunity to monitor local legislators' actions at the State House. The column is prepared by Bob Katzen of Bay State News Service, and follows the votes of Brad Jones, R- Twentieth Middlesex District, and Bruce Tarr, R- First Essex & Middlesex District. Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



JONES TARR

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of April 25-29.

During the week of April 25-29, the House met for a total of 31 hours and 27 minutes and the Senate met for a total of nine hours and 42 minutes.

APPROVE \$49.7 BILLION FISCAL 2023 STATE BUDGET (H 4700) – House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$49.7 billion fiscal 2023 state budget after adding nearly \$130 million in spending during three days of debate. The House version now goes to the Senate which will approve a different version. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

Provisions include \$18.4 billion to fully fund MassHealth case-loads; \$70 million in rate increases for subsidized child care providers; \$3 million for early childhood mental health grants; \$110 million for a year-long extension of universal school meals; \$243 million for charter school aid; \$60 million for adult education to support English Language Learners and adults working towards their GED; \$15 million to support teachers of color, including \$7.5 million for Tomorrow's Teachers program to provide scholarships to people committed to teaching in public schools and \$7.5 million for loan repayment for teachers of color; \$188.6 million for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Service; and \$653 million for the University of Massachusetts system.

Another provision would require the Department of Correction (DOC), sheriffs and the Department of Youth Services (DYS) to provide phone calls free of charge to persons receiving and initiating phone calls and other services such as video or electronic communications, who are currently paying \$14.4 million per year to communicate.

The package also would outlaw child marriage of children under the age of 18 and empower minors currently in marriages to seek divorce or annulment on their own.

"The House budget responds to the economic challenges currently facing Massachusetts residents by balancing a focus on immediate needs such as workforce development, with a focus on long-term investments that are designed to grow our economy in a sustainable way," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

(A Yes" vote is for the budget.)

Rep. Bradley Jones: Yes PRESCRIPTION REBATE FOR SENIORS OVER 67 (H 4700) – House 28-127, rejected an amendment making seniors, aged

67 or older, who are at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, eligible for a prescription drug rebate on their total out-of-pocket expenses of up to \$2,500 for the 12 months from July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023.

Amendment supporters said this rebate will help low-income seniors on fixed incomes. They noted some of these seniors currently have to choose between paying for prescription drugs, food and heating costs.

Amendment opponents said there are several bills being worked on that would help seniors pay for their prescription drugs. They said this proposal should be filed as a separate bill in order to hold public hearings on the measure.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), sponsor of the amendment and Tom Stanley (D-Waltham), the main opponent of the amendment did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment.

(A "Yes" vote is for the up to \$2,500 rebate. A "No" vote is against it).

Rep. Bradley Jones: Yes FARM FUEL TAX REBATE (H 4700) – House 29-127, rejected an amendment that would provide a tax rebate to farmers for the cost of fuel taxes paid for the operation of farm equipment from July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Amendment supporters said the rebate will help hardworking farmers during this difficult economic time. They noted it will also help combat food shortages.

Amendment opponents said this rebate is a new idea and should be filed as a separate bill in order to hold public hearings on the measure.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), the sponsor of the amendment and Mark Cusack (D-Brain-tree), the main opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment.

"Farmers, like everyone in this 'Bidenflation' economy, are struggling to survive, and with the state's historic surplus revenue bonanza (aka, over-taxation), the state can certainly afford to lighten some of their burden easily," said Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation. "Every small savings for producers will reduce the inflated end-cost for beleaguered consumers."

(A "Yes" vote is for the rebate. A "No" vote is against it).

Rep. Bradley Jones: Yes RE-ESTATE/DEATH TAX (H 4700) – House 30-126, rejected an amendment that would exempt the first \$2 million of the value of a person's estate from the state's estate/death tax that a person is required to pay following their death before distribution to any

Paving projects continue on Mt. Vernon St. and upper Elm St.

NORTH READING — The DPW, along with its contractors, has begun simultaneous re-paving projects on Mt. Vernon Street – between Haverhill Street and Park Street – and upper Elm Street – between Haverhill Street and Washington Street.

According to the DPW, reclamation work to remove existing roadway asphalt and re-grade the gravel sub-base ready for asphalt resurfacing began Monday, April 25 and was

completed on Friday, April 29.

Over the course of the next six to eight weeks, both roads will be built simultaneously. Separate crews will be mobilizing in and out of the project area to perform the following tasks:

- remove/replace damaged sidewalks and driveway aprons
- install asphalt berms
- build new wheelchair ramps with granite

curbs at sidewalk crossings

- adjust structures
- install top course of pavement
- loam and seed all disturbed areas

There will be no on-street parking allowed during this work. All vehicles must be removed from the road for the duration of the work.

Work hours expanded

Work hours are Monday through Friday starting no earlier than 7 a.m. and ending no

later than 6 p.m. Residents should expect some delays when traveling on these streets.

Emergency vehicles and school buses will be allowed passage and a detail police officer will be present. Please use extreme caution when traveling in a work zone.

Those with any questions about either roadway construction project may contact the Department of Public Works at 978-357-5260.

Police Dept. awarded \$2,500 state grant to purchase AEDs

BOSTON – House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) joined with the Baker-Polito Administration to announce that the North Reading Police Department has been awarded a \$2,500 state

grant for the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

A total of \$527,000 in state and federal funding is being distributed by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to help communities equip their public safety and first responder ve-

hicles with AEDs. The majority of this funding – \$500,000 – was approved by the House and Senate as part of the FY22 state budget, while the remaining \$27,000 is being allocated using federal funding from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Program.

North Reading was one of 246 applicants across the state to receive AED funding.

According to the American Heart Association, more than 356,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests (OHCA) occur annually in the U.S., and nearly 90% of them are fatal. However, an individual's odds of survival can increase if they are administered treatment with an AED, which is programmed to analyze an individual's heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock if needed to help restore a proper rhythm.

"Time is of the essence when someone is experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, and AEDs have

been proven to save lives in these situations," said Rep. Jones. "Providing the North Reading Police Department with access to these devices will significantly enhance the ability of our local public safety personnel to effectively respond to medical emergencies and help to ensure a successful outcome."

"We can prevent deaths by increasing access to defibrillator devices and I am very pleased that the people of North Reading will be protected by supplying AEDs to our first responders," said Senator Tarr. "Immediate access to these tools in vehicles means there's power to save lives before it's too late."

My Brother's Table launches #FromYourTableToOurs Giving Campaign

LYNN — My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen (MBT), located in Lynn, launched its third annual #FromYourTableToOurs Giving Campaign on May 2.

To recognize its 40th Anniversary, MBT will highlight on social media MBT's impact in the community, share stories and encourage others to give.

The #FromYourTableToOurs Giving Campaign is sponsored by Eastern Bank, Institution For Savings Bank and Techno-Tax Inc.

MBT is the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore. Since 1982,

My Brother's Table has served more than 5.8 million free, hot meals to women, men and children in need. As some sectors of the economy slowly recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of people continue to struggle and MBT continues to see genuine need. The nonprofit organization served 94,121 meals last month.

MBT's mission is to nourish the community every day through hospitality, free meals and unconditional love. It is privately funded and does not receive any government money to ensure the priva-

cy of its guests and to serve the greatest number of people in need.

Funding comes from individual donations, fundraising events and private grants. MBT also relies heavily on donated food from supermarkets, restaurants, food drives and individuals.

Supporters can follow the campaign on social media platforms @MBTLYNN on Facebook and @MyBrothersTable on Twitter. Donations can be made online at: mybrotherstable.org or mailed to their office at 98 Willow St., Lynn, MA 01901.

Moms eat free at Moose Mother's Day Breakfast

NORTH READING — The North Reading Moose Legion will host a Special Mother's Day breakfast buffet on Sunday, March 8, serving from 8 to 11 a.m. and Mom eats for free!

A full breakfast of pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, toast, baked beans, coffee, tea and orange juice will be available at a family friendly price.

The Loyal Order of Moose is an International Fraternal Organization that provides support to three communities: Mooseheart,

a city for children; Moosehaven, an elderly retirement community, both based in the United States; and the area community in which each lodge resides.

Please bring your family and friends and join us for a buffet breakfast and we will treat Mom. This event will be in the Lodge Hall, 140 North Street, North Reading. All members, their families and the public are welcome.

Reservations may be made by calling Mike Viens at 978-764-4417 and will be appreciated.



Mother's Day

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH



Wishing All the MOMS a

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Driving infractions keep police busy



NORTH READING — Several drivers were summonsed for a variety of motor vehicle infractions recently.

A 52-year-old North Andover man was summonsed to court following a motor vehicle stop on Wednesday, April 20.

Police pulled the man over on Main Street at 4:45 p.m. He was summonsed to court for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license (subsequent offense), operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked registration, and driving with an expired inspection sticker.

A 67-year-old Boxwood Road man was summonsed after being stopped by police on Thursday, April 21.

Police pulled the man over on Main Street at 11:33 a.m. because the SUV he was driving had an expired registration. The local man was summonsed for operating a motor vehicle with a suspected/revoked registration and driving without liability insurance.

A 40-year-old Lynn individual was summonsed to court following a motor vehicle stop on Friday, April 22.

Police pulled the individual over on Central Street at Caroline Road for allegedly violating the state's Hands-Free Driving Law at 11:08 a.m. The person was summonsed for operating an unlicensed motor vehicle (expired license) and using an electronic device while driving (first offense).

A 29-year-old Reading man was summonsed to court on Friday, April 22.

Police received a suspicious motor vehicle report at the Walmart parking lot, 72 Main St., at 1:41 p.m. Police located the vehicle in the CVS Pharmacy parking lot, 20 Main St. According to police, the man's license expired in 2020. He was summonsed to court for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle (without a license).

Police also responded to the following calls:

MONDAY, APRIL 18

A North Conway, New Hampshire woman informed police at 7:33 a.m. that her ex-boyfriend, who lives on Southwick Road, was refusing to give back her property that he had allegedly taken after emptying a storage unit in Brockton. Police spoke with the man, who said several of the woman's items were at his home. The man's ex-wife also told the ex-girlfriend that she could come to the house and retrieve her belongings.

Police helped a motorist move a disabled 2017 Ford Fusion sedan to the side of the road by Walmart, 72 Main St. at 8:27 a.m.

While conducting patrols on Main Street at 10:45 a.m., a police officer came across a pothole by 7-Eleven. The MassDOT was notified.

Police went to a Park Street home at 5:55 p.m. after a wom-

an reported her small two-wheel utility trailer was stolen from the property. The trailer was used for advertising free items such as garden compost and was placed next to the road. Police officers checked area Ring Doorbell Cameras to see if a suspect could be identified, but they found nothing.

A police officer came across a disabled motor vehicle near Town Hall, 235 North St., at 6:09 p.m. According to police, a Westward Circle man hat hit a pothole that caused the ball joint to break. The DPW was notified.

Police investigated a report of a suspicious man who was using a flashlight inside a car parked at the Walmart parking lot at 11:17 p.m. According to police, the vehicle's owner was looking for an item he misplaced inside his car. Police determined that his registration was revoked; he called AAA to tow the vehicle from the property.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

A minor motor vehicle accident involving a FedEx truck and a 2019 Dodge Ram was reported in the Amazon Robotics parking lot, 300 Riverpark Dr., at 10:17 a.m. According to police, the FedEx truck backed into the pickup truck. Both drivers agreed to handle the accident with their respective employers.

Police went to a motor vehicle accident at 241 Central St. at 11:20 a.m. after a 2019 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van crashed into a tree. The Fire Department also responded to the accident, and the van was towed. The van also damaged a nearby mailbox during the crash.

A Salem man informed police at 3:20 p.m. that he was the victim of identity theft.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

A two-car accident involving a 2017 Nissan Frontier and a 2009 Toyota Prius sedan was reported at 43 Main St. at 7:01 a.m. The Prius was towed.

Police went to a motor vehicle accident involving a 2017 Chevy Impala and a 2019 Toyota RAV4 SUV at the Concord Street and Fordham Road intersection at 8:39 a.m.

A caller told police that a dog was locked in a parked car in a Kingston Street driveway. A police officer spoke with the dog's owner, who said he puts the dog in his car when he has to make calls for work.

Police went to a Rodgers Circle home at 1:19 p.m. after a homeowner said he received a threatening text message from a contractor. The caller told police that the contractor was renovating the

home, but the homeowner decided to hire a different contractor to install doors. Police outlined how the homeowner could get a harassment prevention order.

A local HVAC company employee told police at 3:41 p.m. that a different employee was targeted as part of a phishing scam. He said the suspect tried changing the employee's direct deposit information. The targeted employee did not lose any money.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

A caller told police at 3 p.m. that a paving company had construction equipment blocking a portion of Haverhill Street by Gowing Lane. The crew told a police officer that they were loading the equipment onto a trailer after finishing work for the day.

Police responded to a minor motor vehicle involving a 2004 Saturn VUE SUV and a 2017 Subaru Legacy in the Walmart parking lot at 4:36 p.m. An officer assisted with the paperwork exchange.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

A Fox Run Lane man told police at 6:20 p.m. that he was targeted in a fraud attempt. According to police, the man said a scammer requested the man's mail be re-routed to a Kissimmee, Florida address. He said his credit card company informed him about the scam attempt. He did not lose any money.

Police went to Mount Vernon Street at 7:46 p.m. to investigate a report of a car performing a "brake stand." Police were unable to locate the vehicle.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

A Laurel Road woman came into the police station at 12:22 p.m. to report that she had been targeted in an Amazon scam. She received a scam email that looked as though it originated from Amazon stating that she ordered items; however she had not placed an order. She did not lose any money.

Police went to a Plymouth Street home at 2:03 p.m. after a homeowner got into a verbal dispute with an Amazon delivery driver. The caller told police the driver backed into his driveway to turn around even though a "no trespassing sign" was posted. The homeowner and the delivery driver got into a confrontation about the incident. An Amazon manager also reported the incident to police, and an officer spoke with the driver about what happened.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Police and firefighters responded to an outdoor brush fire on Park Street at 10:15 a.m. Police directed traffic while firefighters extinguished the blaze.

In partnership with the community, the North Reading Police Department offers an anonymous crime and drug tip line. Call 978-357-5151, download the free P3 Tips (blue) app, submit a tip at www.nrpdp.org or use the NRPS app and click "anonymous tip." All information is kept strictly confidential. For emergencies, call 911.

Fire Dept. Log



NORTH READING — During the week of Sunday, April 24 through Saturday, April 30, the North Reading Fire Department responded to 47 calls.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

10:13 a.m., 30 Park St., brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

6:07 a.m., 152 Park St., EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 7:43 a.m., 700 Riverpark Dr., assist police or other governmental agency; 9:08 a.m., 12 Deerfield Place, EMS call, transport person basic life support (BLS); 9:28 a.m., 31 Peabody Ct., EMS call, transport person BLS; 10:24 a.m., 3 Spring Ln., EMS call, transport person advance life support (ALS); 11:12 a.m., 10 Shore Rd., EMS call, transport person BLS; 12:02 p.m., 7 Greenbriar Dr., EMS call, provide ALS; 12:22 p.m., 3 Kings Row, motor vehicle accident; 9 p.m., 214 Haverhill St., public service.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

2:49 a.m., 25 Hillview Rd., EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 6:52 p.m., 17 Little Meadow Way, EMS call, obtained patient refusal.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

2:23 a.m., 3 Foley Dr., EMS call, transport person BLS; 5:30 a.m., 220 Martins Landing, EMS call, transport person ALS; 5:30 a.m., 6 April Ln., EMS call, transport person BLS; 12:29 p.m., 7 Chipper Ln., EMS call, transport person ALS; 12:35 p.m., 4 Oakland Rd., EMS call, transport BLS; 2:17 p.m., 123 Main St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 5:17 p.m., 107 Park St., accident, potential accident, other; 5:23 p.m., 74 Main St., motor vehicle accident; 8:38 p.m., 180 North St., EMS call, transport person BLS.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

10:49 a.m., 6 Washington St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 11:41 a.m., 152 Park St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 2:47 p.m., 0 Strawberry Ln., EMS call, transport person BLS; 3:31 p.m., 237 Main St., motor vehicle accident, transport person BLS; 5:13 p.m., 84 Chestnut St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 5:48 p.m., 259 Park St., EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 8:53 p.m., 1364 Main St., Reading, EMS call, transport person ALS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

12:38 a.m., 35 Peabody Ct., EMS call, transport person BLS; 12:05 p.m., 55 Spruce Rd., EMS call, provide ALS; 1:12 p.m., 1B Elderberry Way, Reading, EMS call, provide BLS; 2:30 p.m., 15B Park St., EMS call, provide BLS; 4:03 p.m., 72 Main St., Walmart Plaza, public service assistance, other; 5:45 p.m., 3 Damon St., public service assistance, other; 6:57 p.m., 220 Martins Landing, EMS call, provide ALS; 7:10 p.m., 335 Park St., EMS call, provide ALS; 7:12 p.m., 37 Peabody Ct., assist occupant; 8:01 p.m., 18 Shasta Dr., assist occupant; 9:10 p.m., 10 Hickory Ln., EMS call, transport person BLS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

1:05 a.m., 24 Winter St., motor vehicle accident; 7:02 a.m., 220 Martins Landing, assist occupant; 9:37 a.m., 220 Martins Landing, EMS call, transport person BLS; 10:05 a.m., 0 Strawberry Ln., EMS call, transport person BLS; 11:57 a.m., 15 Main St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 4:50 p.m., 2C Elderberry Ln., Reading, EMS call, transport person ALS; 11:11 p.m., 25 Peabody Ct., good intent call, other; 11:17 p.m., 18 Main St., CVS, alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

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(in person and virtual), 6:30 p.m., DLL at NRHS, agenda and links posted on northreadingma.gov.

• **North Reading Parks and Recreation**, in-person meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Room 5, 235 North St.

• **CIT one-hour free parenting workshop** via Zoom, 7 p.m., "Strong Families, Resilient Kids 40 Assets Program." Facilitators: Drug-Free Communities Grant Director Amy Luckiewicz and Substance Use/Mental Health Clinician Laura Miranda. Register at: www.northreading.gov/cit

TUESDAY, MAY 10

• **NR Commission on Disability** meeting, 7 p.m., Room 5, Town Hall, 235 North St. (Agenda posted on town website under "calendar" tab.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

• **CIT in-person free parenting workshop at Horseshoe Grille** at 11:30 a.m. (includes free lunch). "Strong Families, Resilient Kids 40 Assets Program." Register at: www.northreading.gov/cit

• **Library Trustees meeting**, 7 p.m., hybrid, in-person at Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St. and virtual (link and agenda posted at

northreadingma.gov)

THURSDAY, MAY 12

• **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 7 p.m., virtual meeting, agenda and links posted at northreadingma.gov

STANDING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

• **The O'Leary Senior Center** "in-town" transportation offered weekdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for residents 60+. Call 24 hours in advance to reserve a seat: 978-664-5600.

• **Flint Memorial Library**, 147 Park St., is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Masks not required. Remote order and contactless pick-up of materials available; call 978-664-4942.

• **Mobile hotspots with free WiFi** and internet access for up to 10 users as well as Google Chromebooks available to lend from the library. Both may be borrowed for up to two weeks. Also, order books, museum passes, printing / scanning services, SAD light therapy units and other devices online at flintmemoriallibrary.org or call 978-664-4942.

Obituaries

Ralph J. Sweetland Jr., 89

Retired Deputy Fire Chief enjoyed skiing, tennis, boating and helping others

NORTH READING — Retired North Reading Deputy Chief Ralph J. Sweetland, Jr., of North Reading and Naples, Maine, died on Saturday, April 9, 2022. He was 89.

Ralph, known as Jack to his family and friends, was born to the late Madeline (Esty) and Ralph J. Sweetland, Sr. in a house on Main Street and lived in town for over 65 years. Mr. Sweetland attended the Batchelder Elementary School; later graduating from Reading High School in 1952. He attended Franklin Technical Institute while working at his family's business, D & S Service Station and as a part-time Call Firefighter.

During the Korean conflict, Jack enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and after serving for three years returned home to continue his 40-year career with the NRRFD, serving as Acting Chief and retiring as Deputy Chief.

Jack married Priscilla (Burleigh) on Valentine's Day 1959, raised four children together and celebrated 63 years of marriage. Throughout his life Jack was active playing tennis, gardening, skiing and home improvement projects. He is also well-



known for being there when needed. If the neighbors had bats in their living space, he showed up with tennis racket in hand. When the snow storms hit, he was plowing out the neighborhood. And when the river behind his house froze, he made sure it was safe for the neighborhood children to skate.

In his retirement, Jack could be found on the slopes of Shawnee Peak most mornings and in the summer months he enjoyed exchanging stories with other old-timers at

the local bait shop in Naples. Jack loved gardening, but despised woodchucks. He spent over 50 years boating on Sebago Lake where he had taught many how to waterski.

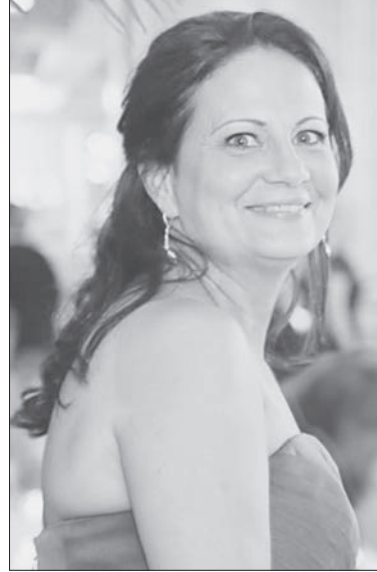
Jack had a wit and sense of humor that came out at unexpected times and had a devilish way about him. At times he was known as Bad Jack, but he was truly a gentleman, was genuine, and will be missed by those who knew him well.

Jack is survived by his wife Priscilla, son Karl B. and his wife Kim of Tyngsborough, daughter Kristine P. and daughter-in-law Karen of North Reading; grandchildren Gabrielle, Joshua, and Tristan, several nieces and nephews, and is pre-deceased by his son Brian E., daughter Lissa R., and brother Gerald.

Mr. Sweetland's funeral will be held at the Crowell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading, on Tuesday, May 17 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the North Reading Fire Department. To leave an online message of condolence please visit: www.crowellfuneralhome.com.

Janet L. O'Leary, 62

Her love and affection for family and friends knew no bounds



dren and treasuring her time with her grandchildren.

Known to her loved ones as "Mimi," she went to great lengths to make every moment a memory, and every gathering a special occasion. She absolutely loved and adored her children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Mimi never met a Disney princess she didn't like, and, for the children, she would always bring them to life. She knew how to make a house a home, and was an expert in many things, including sewing, crafting—and napping.

To know her was to love her. If anyone came to Janet in a time of need, she went above and beyond—and would give them, quite literally, the shirt off her back and the shoes off her feet, without hesitation, and without expecting anything in return. When she wasn't doting on her grandchildren, she was in her element bargain shopping with her lifelong friend Frani, and taking long drives in classic cars with her loving husband Paul. Her love and affection for family and friends knew no bounds.

Janet is survived by her beloved husband of twenty-eight years, Paul O'Leary of North Reading, and her mother, Marie Dalton of Saugus. She was a loving mother and parent to Michele Reid and her husband Justin, Paul M. Donatelli, and Nicole Coviello and her husband Jared, all of North Reading, Jennifer Demers and her husband Greg of Middleton, and Paul O'Leary Jr. and his wife Lyndsay of Ladson, S.C.

She is also survived by her siblings, Pat Cangiano and his wife Jean of North Reading, Denise Herland and her husband John of Wakefield, Biaggio Cangiano and his wife Jaime of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Lydia Cangiano of West Palm Beach, Fla., as well as her many nieces and nephews, and her grandchildren, Mia, Gabriella, Bronwynn, Wesley, Lorenzo, Elle, Isabella, and Isla.

Janet is now reunited with her birth parents, the late Basil Cangiano and Mary Scalfani Cangiano.

Janet passed away following a brief and courageous battle with leukemia that extinguished her life but not her light. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support the amazing team of medical professionals searching for a cure. Please visit: <https://www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give/make-a-memorial-or-tribute-gift/>

Her funeral will be held from the Crowell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading on Friday, May 6, at 9:15 a.m. followed by a 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter Street, North Reading. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, May 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in North Reading. To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.crowellfuneralhome.com.

Bradley D. Steele, 84

Enjoyed renovating rental properties and traveling

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Bradley D. Steele, 84, of St. Augustine, Florida, formally of North Reading and Reading, passed away peacefully into the arms of his Lord on March 14, 2022.

Born in Cochituate on November 4, 1937, he was the son of the late Edward and Aldana (Burrows) Steele. He is survived by his loving wife and partner of 46 years, Joan Steele; his loving daughters, Julie Steele; Jeanne Wheaton Doyon and

her husband, Christopher; Joanne McCay and her husband, Michael; and his inherited loving daughter Nadine Nourse Tucker and sons (predeceased) Duane Nourse and Derek Nourse. He was the cherished grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of seven and is also survived by with several nieces and nephews. He was the caring brother to Alison Towle, Madelyn Hunt, and (predeceased) Joan Howley and Alton Steele.



Brad graduated from Medford Trade School and was a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 throughout his long career. While still working full time, he enjoyed purchasing and renovating rental properties for several years in the Reading area and was skilled in many trades. Brad was constantly working on something, whether renovations,

puttering in the garden, yard work or helping others with projects. During this time, Joan and Brad also began to travel both abroad and in the U.S. and have cherished memories of their many trips. Upon retirement, Joan and Brad moved to St. Augustine, Florida, where they joined the Ancient City Baptist Church, with Brad serving as a Deacon and where they built a wonderful community of friends over the last 20 years.

A Memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at the Aldersgate Church, 235 Park St. (Route 62), North Reading at 11 a.m., with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Brad to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org or Shriners Children's Hospital, shrinerschildrens.org. To leave online condolences, please visit crowellfuneralhome.com.

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NORTH READING — Ready to relax with a good book this summer? Want to keep your children's reading on track during summer break? Then the Friends of the Flint Memorial Library Spring Book Sale is the place for you!

The book sale is back after a two-year hiatus with thousands of nearly new books at great prices. With hardcovers at \$2, paperbacks at \$1, and children's books at two for \$1, there is something for every reader to love.

This year's book sale will be held in the Library Activity Room, off the rear parking lot, on the following days:

- Thursday, May 5, from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

"The book sale is the Friends' biggest fundraiser of the year," said Jean Osborn, Friends' book sale chair. "The sale and memberships to the Friends fund all library museum passes and most programs, including summer reading. We couldn't do that without strong community support."

Membership drive

In addition to the book sale, the Friends invite local residents to join as members in support of the library. All new members who purchase a membership now through



AMANDA HEFFERNAN donated a large cache of books to the Friends of the Flint Memorial Library Spring Book Sale. The book sale, back after a two-year hiatus, runs in the Flint Memorial Library Activity Room today, May 5, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., May 6 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and May 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Courtesy Photo)



FRIENDS of the Flint Memorial Library volunteer Sarah May helps sort through thousands of books donated for the Spring Book Sale, which runs May 5 – 7 in the Library Activity Room, 147 Park St. Choose from thousands of adult (\$2 hardcover/\$1 paperback) and children's books (2/\$1), with all proceeds directly benefiting the library. (Courtesy Photo)

Friday, May 6 will receive \$5 off book sale purchases and a complimentary Friends' tote bag to carry their books. To join, use the following link, <https://flintmemoriallibrary.org/friends-of-the-library/>

or visit the library for a registration form.

The Friends of the Flint Memorial Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

organization and all donations are used to supplement programming and enrichment activities offered by the library such as the children's Summer Reading Pro-

gram, museum passes and special events throughout the year.

Please e-mail any questions to: flintmemoriallibraryfriends@gmail.com.

NRHS Class of 2022 Class Essayist entries due May 20

NORTH READING — North Reading High School is currently accepting Class Essayist entries for the upcoming Commencement Exercises on Friday, June 10. Entries are due Friday, May 20.

Objective: To provide members of the North Reading High School Class of 2022 with an opportunity to be selected to present an essay at the Class of 2022 Commencement Exercises.

The "Class Essayist" will present his/her/their essay along with the three traditional "Honor Essayists." Therefore, it is important that students be comfortable with and prepared to speak in front of a large audience. The selected "Class Essayist" must read his/her/their own essay; no substitute readers

are allowed.

Procedure: Students will present an essay not to exceed 750 words to be evaluated anonymously by a committee of faculty. Essays will be reviewed and the selected essay will be read by the author at the Class of 2022 Commencement Exercises. The word "essay" as it is used throughout this document may be substituted with "poem," "short story," or "other piece of writing."

Rules:

1. All essays must be the original writing of the student author.
2. Essays must be word processed, double-spaced, size 12 font on 8 1/2 x 10 inch plain white paper.
3. Essays should not exceed 750 words.

4. Essays should contain the author's name in the upper right-hand corner of the first page.

5. Essays should be hand-delivered personally to Principal Anthony Loprete by the close of school on Friday, May 20, 2022.

6. The student selected as the "Class Essayist" will be required to participate in rehearsal readings of his/her essay in preparation for presentation at the Class of 2022 Commencement Exercises. The dates and times of these rehearsals will be announced.

The Essay: Students preparing a "Class Essay" may want to consider the following in shaping a theme for their essay or other piece of writing (such as a poem or short

story):

- reflections on the Class of 2022's school years leading to graduation from high school;
- class camaraderie;
- hope for the future;
- a message of optimism;
- a story with a moral;
- a story or inspiration.

The selection of the "Class Essayist" will be made by a committee of North Reading High School faculty. All essays submitted for consideration will have the names of the authors removed prior to being read by the faculty committee. The selection of a "Class Essayist" will be communicated to the student by way of the high school principal and that decision is considered to be final.

Harold Parker Forest revisited talk

NORTH READING — Andy Sherman, a founding Board member and current President of the Friends of Harold Parker State Forest, will discuss what we now call Harold Parker State Forest – starting with the last glacial activity in the area and moving to Native American presence, early settlers and farmers, the establishment of the State Forest, the work done by the CCC in the 1930's and a few more recent anecdotes – at the next meeting of the North Reading Historical and Antiquarian Society on Thursday, May 12.

The talk will take place in the Activity Room at the Flint Memorial Library at about 7:30 p.m., following a brief meeting of the Society at 7 p.m. The public

is welcome to attend this free event.

Andy's interest in Harold Parker has grown over the 26 years he has been fortunate enough to live near and enjoy the benefits of the Park, including its many recreational opportunities. For Andy, these include hiking, mountain biking, swimming and kayaking. Now, with the Friends group, he also adds projects, especially trail improvement projects, to his list of favorite things to do in HP.

Andy is also happy to answer questions about current programs and recreational opportunities available at Harold Parker

For more information contact the Society at (978) 664-1066 or info@nreadinghistory.org.

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Townscripts

• **President Joe Biden's speech** at the **White House Correspondents Dinner** Saturday night revived the tradition of the chief executive telling jokes at the event, at his own expense. According to CNN, jokes were contributed by a long list of Biden administration staffers, including **North Reading's Rob Flaherty, (NRHS Class of 2009)**, Biden's Director of Digital Strategy, said by CNN to be on of Biden's funniest, wittiest staffers.

• The town's **COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic** on Wednesday, May 4 was cancelled. Information regarding the next clinic will be posted by the Health Department on the town's website as soon as it is available. For information about COVID-19 vaccinations, including where to get vaccinated prior to the next town-sponsored clinic, residents may visit: <https://www.northreadingma.gov/health-department/pages/covid-19-vaccinat...>

The town is currently seeking requests for proposals from firms with experience in providing **Participating Funding Arrangements (PFA)** to supplement conventional health insurance to municipalities. Vendors have until **Thursday, May 19 at noon** to submit their proposals to the Town Administrator's office for a contract effective on July 1, 2022. See the legal notice in today's Transcript for additional details.

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all state universities, community colleges and University of Massachusetts campuses, providing tuition and fee waivers for senior citizens age 60 and older pursuant to the provisions of section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws. Said tuition and fee waivers shall apply to qualifying seniors who are enrolled in undergraduate programs, summer sessions, evening classes, or any specific higher education courses or set of courses between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, but said enrollment shall be subject to space availability and shall not exceed four courses per academic year. On or before August 1, 2023, all state universities, community colleges and University of Massachusetts campuses shall provide the state Comptroller,

the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees, and the Joint Committee on Higher Education with a detailed breakdown of the tuition and fee revenues foregone as a result of said waivers. Upon receipt and certification of said figures, the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer money from the General Fund to the main operating account of each state university, community college and University of Massachusetts campus in an amount equal to its foregone tuition and fee revenues. The total revenues reimbursed as part of the pilot program shall serve as the base funding level for each institution to cover the annual cost of senior citizen tuition and fee waivers in the General Appropriations Act beginning in Fiscal Year 2024."

Apply now to GNEF following end to moratorium on shut-offs

CANTON – With last month's end to the moratorium on home energy shut-offs for customers of investor-owned utilities not on protected status, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund's sponsoring energy companies are encouraging those in need to apply for assistance to the Fund as soon as possible by visiting their local Salvation Army Corps Community Center. If unsure of where the nearest Community Center is located, please visit www.magoodneighbor.org.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is often the last resort for families who are in temporary financial difficulty and do not qualify for federal and state fuel assistance programs such as LIHEAP. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division, which administers the Fund, pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross income falls between 60 and 80% of the state's median income levels. For example, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$78,752 and \$105,001 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund disbursement is \$500 per eligible household per heating season.

"We have seen a steady increase recently in requests for energy assistance which coincides with the end to the moratorium on energy shut-offs," said Mary Ellen Molloy Chairperson of the 2022 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign. "With this in mind, households having trouble making ends meet due to inflation, the pandemic or another crisis shouldn't delay in looking to the Fund as a potential

source for help."

Molloy added that the easiest way to determine if a household qualifies is to visit the Fund's website at www.magoodneighbor.org

The Fund's distribution award letter will also serve as qualification for the Mass Save Enhanced Insulation Incentive for customers of a Massachusetts investor-owned utility. Specifically, the offer provides qualified customers with no-cost insulation, as well as other no-cost energy savings measures.

The Fund's 37th annual "Give The Gift of Warmth" campaign is a cooperative effort between its 19 sponsoring energy companies, the general public and the corporate community to raise \$500,000 and help an anticipated 1,000 households. The campaign relies on the generosity of individuals, families, local corporations and foundations for support and has raised more than \$23 million and assisted over 92,000 households since its inception in 1985.

Massachusetts residents and businesses that wish to donate to the Fund may use the green Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills. Some energy companies offer an 'add a dollar' program which allows customers to contribute on their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more. Anyone can also donate with a credit card online at www.magoodneighbor.org.

Donors can also simply mail a check payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund", c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA 02021-1408. Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs.

For more information about how to apply for the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413. Web: www.magoodneighbor.org.

Reading Community Concert Band to perform honoring essential workers

READING — The Reading Community Concert Band has announced that their concert, An Honor to Our Essential Workers, will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn Street in Reading.

The band will be performing a variety of traditional and contemporary music, including music written to honor our essential workers and those we've lost during the COVID pandemic. The concert will be led by Stephen Bloom, Music Director of the Reading Community Concert Band since 2017.

The Reading Community Concert Band is always looking for new musicians. Band rehearsals are at the First Congregational Church of Reading at 25 Woburn Street, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday nights. Players of all ages and

abilities from high school on up are welcome to play. Please visit our website readingconcertband.org for more information on the band or to contact us if you are interested in playing.

The concert is supported in part by the Reading Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Admission to the concert is free for all essential workers who show an ID or badge, \$5 for seniors and children under the age of 2, and \$10 for all others.

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Erika has worked in radio, TV and media sales for the last 15 years. She most recently ran the morning show as an on-air host with North Shore 104.9 FM.

Erika is now the Deputy Director of Communications and the Director of Community Engagement, Public Relations, and Social Media. Under Rep. Jones, Erika will be spending much of her time in his district, attending community events, Chamber of Commerce events, and visiting local senior centers and school systems in their hometown of North Reading, as well as Reading, Middleton, and Lynnfield.

When Erika isn't helping the team at the State House, she enjoys spending time with her son, a first grader at the Batchelder Elementary School.

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FAMILY AFFAIR. The Valdez family went to the polls at St. Theresa's church hall to vote together Tuesday night. Minoska and Pablo Valdez brought their children, Leland, 8, and Abigail, 5, to teach them of the importance of participating in the voting process at a young age. (Maureen Doherty Photo)

with 647 votes. She was followed by Jodi Cloney who got 583 votes. There were 166 blanks cast and John Barrette got 132 votes after announcing his withdrawal

from the race. There were also six write-ins.

Select Board

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Rep. Jones secures \$125,000 for town initiatives

BOSTON – House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) has secured a total of \$125,000 in state funding earmarks for North Reading as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 House budget.

Rep. Jones successfully advocated for the adoption of three amendments he filed on North Reading's behalf during the House budget debate that took place from April 25-27. The three funding earmarks are:

- \$25,000 for the North Reading Public Schools' 1:1 initiative school technology grant;
- \$50,000 for the North Reading Fire Department to purchase electronic message boards; and
- \$50,000 for renovations to the KidSpot playground

The House action represents preliminary approval of the funding for North Reading. The earmarks must also be approved by the Senate and signed by Governor Charlie Baker before the money can be released to the town.

"I'm pleased to be able to secure these important earmarks in the House budget that will benefit North Reading's youth and public safety officials," said Jones. "As the budget process moves forward, I will continue to work on the town's behalf to advocate for all three earmarks to be retained in the final budget that reaches Governor Bak-

er's desk."

The North Reading Public Schools' 1:1 initiative provides computers to middle and high school students to enhance their learning experience. In previous budget cycles, Jones was able to secure a combined \$150,000 in state grant funding for this program. He also secured a \$40,000 earmark in last year's budget to help local schools replace older computers and other electronic devices.

Jones said the procurement of electronic message boards will help the fire department convey important and timely information to the North Reading community, while the funding for KidSpot will help finance improvements at the popular Chestnut Street playground.

The FY23 budget now moves to the Senate, which will release and debate its own spending proposal in May.

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Robyn Magenheimer

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On the docket for the Select Board, Liane Gonzalez and Richard Wallner both ran unopposed for their second three-year terms. Gonzalez got 1,210 votes, slightly edging Wallner at 1,153. There were also 778 blanks cast and one write-in candidate, Jeremy Griffin, got 46 votes. An additional 27 write-in votes were also



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VOTER Paul Correia (right) prepares to deposit in ballot into the voting machine with assistance from Precinct 2 poll worker Geoff Bemiss in Tuesday's annual Town Election (Maureen Doherty Photo)

cast.

CPC

Two candidates ran unopposed for the Community Planning Commission (CPC). Incumbent Chairman Warren R. Pearce Jr. polled 1,242 votes. Pearce was first elected to the CPC on May 5, 1992 and he as now completed 30 years in office.

David Rudloff was re-elected to his second three-year term to the CPC with 1,239 votes. Three years ago, he got 347 votes in his first bid for elective office. He is the husband of new School Committee member Noelle Rudloff. At the very least, this is the first time in several decades that a husband and wife served on two different elected boards at the same time in town. There were 729 blanks and four write-in candidates.

Housing Authority

Michele Mawn, the incumbent Housing Authority member who ran unopposed for the three-year term left on the five-year seat previously held by Mary Prenney, was elected with 1,229 votes. There were 377 blanks and one



VOTER Michelle Lopilato deposits her ballot into the voting machine at Precinct 1 Tuesday night. She was among the 14% of the town's registered voters who took the time to cast a ballot in the annual Town Election. (Maureen Doherty Photo)

write-in. Sherri Greer was elected to her first five-year term on the Housing Authority with 1,237 votes. She was also unopposed and there were 367 blanks and three write-ins.

Incumbent Town Moderator John J. Murphy was re-elected to his 18th consecutive one-year term with 1,245 votes. There were 350 blanks and 12 write-ins cast.

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Boys' track wins D5 state relays; sinks Pentucket to stay undefeated



THE NRHS boys' track and field team are the 2022 D5 MSTCA State Relay champions. (NRHS Track Photo)

SANDWICH — The NRHS boys' spring track team continued their strong campaign on Friday at Sandwich High as they topped all other schools in Division 5 in Massachusetts by taking home the state relay championship trophy with a top score of 72 points, 12 points ahead of runner-up Middleboro.

Girls' track defends state relay championship title



THE NRHS girls' track and field team are the 2022 MSTCA D5 State Relay Champions. (NRHS Track Photo)

SANDWICH — The NRHS girls' track and field team traveled to Sandwich High School on Friday, April 29 to defend their MSTCA Relay Championship which is a meet they have won every year since 2016. The conditions were cold and windy but dry and the Hornets were fully prepared to defend their title. They scored in 14 of 15 events contested winning two events, taking 2nd in eight events, 3rd in one event, 4th in three events and even scooped up two 6th place finishes with B teams.

In the end, the Hornets scored a total of 104 points which breaks the previous school record of 84 points scored at the meet. They were well ahead of second place Weston (74) as well as Pentucket (54), Norwell (33), Old Rochester Regional (33), Austin Prep (23) Dedham (22), Norton (22), Medway (18) and Dennis Yarmouth (12) to round out the top 10 teams at the meet.



SAMANTHA PATCH hustles through the finish line to seal NR's first place finish in the 4x100 relay on Friday at Sandwich High. Patch also helped the 4x200 relay take 2nd. (NRHS Track Photo)

To start the day, the 4 x 1600 meter relay team took 3rd place with a time of 24:37.18. Annalise Butler (5:36) led off followed by Karleigh Budny (6:24), Grace Higgins (6:33), and anchored by Ava Collins (6:03). The Shuttle Hurdles were up next taking second place with a time of 1:11.55. Annie MacLellan (18.2), Hayden MacLellan (17.2), Tiara Lamont (18.5), and Ella Monteleone (17.4)



NORTH READING's Aidan Nadeau and John Jennings share a handshake at the conclusion of the winning distance medley relay on Friday at Sandwich High. (NRHS Track Photo)

this one from day one of the season and we could not have had a better day. We placed in 12 of 14 events, including two 1st's, four 2nd's and a 3rd. When you have that type of success, it makes you hard to compete with. The boys didn't let up at all, they wanted this one and they earned it.

"Team depth is the true measure of success with the relay meet. You can't win this event with a handful of talented athletes, you need a true team effort to win something like this and we are very proud of how the team stepped up as a group today to achieve this special honor."

The Discus relay team of Casey O'Connor (130' 7"), Patrick Tannian (96' 9") and Vincent Pastore (80' 8") took home the 1st place title in the event to get the Hornets rolling early in the meet.

The Distance Medley team, which consisted of four differing leg lengths also took home a 1st place finish as Nick Fabrizio (1200), John Jennings (400), Michael Hemme (800) and Aidan Nadeau (1600) finished in a time of 11:21.66, only five seconds off the school record.

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NRHS varsity sports schedule

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- Boys' Tennis: at Lowell Catholic, 4:15 p.m.
- Girls' Tennis: vs. Lowell Catholic, 4:15 p.m.
- Baseball: vs. Ipswich, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- Boys' Tennis: vs. Malden, 4:15 p.m.
- Girls' Tennis: at Malden, 4:15 p.m.
- Girls' Lacrosse: at Ipswich, 4:30 p.m.
- Softball: vs. Amesbury, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls/Boys Track: at Newburyport, 4:45 p.m.
- Boys' Lacrosse: vs. Ipswich, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- Baseball: at Newburyport, 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 9

- Boys' Tennis: at Amesbury, 4:15 p.m.
- Girls' Tennis: vs. Amesbury, 4:15 p.m.
- Girls' Lacrosse: vs. Revere, 4:30 p.m.
- Boys' Lacrosse: at Belmont, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- Baseball: at Amesbury, 4:30 p.m.

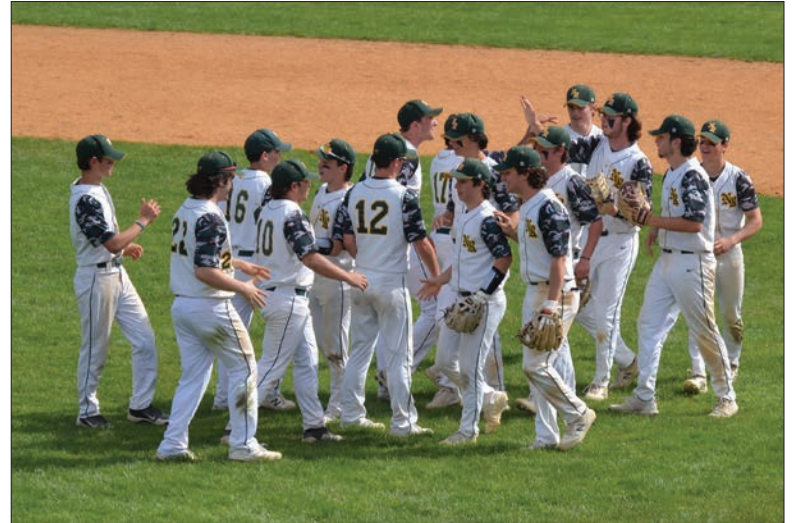
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

- Boys' Tennis: vs. Pentucket, 4:15 p.m.
- Girls' Tennis: at Pentucket, 4:15 p.m.
- Softball: at Hamilton-Wenham, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls/Boys Track: vs. Lynnfield, 4:30 p.m.

Hornet baseball brings home plenty of memories from trip to Cooperstown



THE NRHS baseball team had a memorable trip to Cooperstown last weekend which included a tour of the Baseball Hall of Fame and a chance to play on Doubleday Field. (Courtesy Photo)



THE HORNETS celebrate a walk-off, 8-7 win over Bedford at historic Doubleday Field in Cooperstown on Sunday, May 1. (Courtesy Photo)

By DAN ZIMMERMAN
 COOPERSTOWN — As the North Reading baseball team boarded a charter last Saturday bound for Cooperstown, New York, there was a lot of chatter during the ride about what await-

ed them at the end of a 250-mile journey. But it was the return trip on Sunday that proved even more enjoyable as the Hornets were able to bask in the satisfaction of a hard-fought baseball triumph.

The weekend was filled with

team bonding, a few great meals, a little bit of bowling, a visit to the National Baseball Hall of Fame, all capped-off with a clutch 8-7 win over non-league opponent, Bedford.

The Bedford Buccaneers had been struggling of late, dropping five of their last six. But they played well in the early innings, matching North Reading hit-for-hit and run-for-run. Trailing by a run in the fifth, the Hornets staff put their faith in pinch-hitter Zach Rosatone, who delivered an RBI-base hit to tie the game.

In a pivotal sixth-inning, hurler Nick Doucette handled Bedford in dramatic one-two-three fashion. His offense then provided the run support, putting up three in the bottom of the frame to claim an 8-5 lead.

The Buccaneers also faced a 4-hour ride home, much longer mentally if they failed to put up a fight. They succeeded in turning up the pressure, closing to within a run.

"In the top of the seventh, it did get a little dicey," recalled North Reading coach Eric Archambault, whose team improved to 5-4 at the season midpoint. "With two outs, Bedford loaded the bases, bring-

ing the go-ahead run to the plate. But Doucette was able to shut the door, getting a pop-up to Aldo Vittozzi at second. We were able to walk off Doubleday Field with an 8-7 win."

Aside from the game, the Hornets players took part in a number of team-building activities. And of course, what would a trip to Cooperstown be without a visit to the building housing decades of baseball history?

"We got to tour the Hall of Fame, which included a chance to view a twenty-minute video clip," said shortstop Craig Rubino. "It was a collection of why people love baseball. It was interesting to see how some of the major league players have similar mindsets about the game as we do."

Facing Georgetown early last week, Rubino contributed with the Hornets first homer of the campaign. In the midst of a mercy-rule abbreviated 17-7 pounding of the visiting Royals, Rubino got hold of one, drilling it over the right field fence to Park Street. The two-run blast was part of a first inning that saw North Reading bat around the order not once, but twice and score a dozen.

"At the beginning of the season, the weather is colder and the pitchers often get ahead of the hitters," explained Archambault. "In that game, the bats opened up. The kids have really bought into the North Reading baseball mentality. Find a way to get on base and be ready to roll."

After dispatching Georgetown with ease, North Reading suffered an 8-3 loss to Manchester-Essex. But with the excitement of Cooperstown on the near horizon, they were quickly able to put that defeat behind them.

"We went through a few rough patches before the trip," said pitcher and first baseman Ryan Baker. "But it was a great experience and definitely brought us all together. Hopefully, the success we had in Cooperstown will carry over to some of the tough games we have ahead, with teams like Lynnfield, Ipswich and Newburyport."

Matt Ryan agreed with the team bonding aspect that the upstate New York trip provided.


"I thought it was a great opportunity for the whole team to come together," said the Hornet outfielder. "On Sunday night, we went bowling as a team and it really brought the competitor out in all of us."

Since starting the season 2-0, beating Weston and Northeast, the Hornets haven't been able to string together back-to-back wins. With the heart of the Cape Ann League coming up, all agree that it's time to ramp up their level of play.


"Our message has been to gain consistency," said Archambault, as he prepared his club for a key matchup with archrival Lynnfield. "The Cooperstown trip was extremely beneficial for our team camaraderie and bonding and for trusting each other and really enjoying the grind that is the baseball season. We'll definitely try to string along some consistency now."

North Reading will now face six straight Cape Ann League opponents, starting with Lynnfield Tuesday afternoon (results in after press time). The Hornets will then host Ipswich on Thursday and wrap up the week with a trip to Newburyport for the season's first rematch.

Congratulations Hornets!




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Hornets of the Week



Congratulations to the Hornets of the Week: The boys' and girls' varsity spring track teams. This past Friday night at Sandwich High School, the girls' and boys' spring track teams both won the MSTCA Relay State Championship. North Reading was the only school in the state to win both the boys' and girls' titles. Congratulations to both teams and thanks for being Hornets!

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Hornet netmen compete well against tough competition

NORTH READING — The mighty Hamilton-Wenham boys' tennis team made their way to North Reading to take on the Hornets on April 13. North Reading got strong play throughout their lineup on this day, especially from sophomore Roman Ton at second singles. Ton stayed undefeated for the season with a 6-2, 6-3 win.

The first doubles team of Jonathan Park and Parker Lee continued their strong play and won convincingly (6-2, 6-4).

The rest of the matches went to the Generals, but this was the most points the Hornets have won from H-W in the last three seasons.

"Hamilton-Wenham wasn't at full strength, but we played very good tennis today and were able to keep the match close," said head coach Mark Bisognano. "Hopefully, a close loss to a quality opponent like Hamilton-Wenham will help us in the power rankings."

Sweep Lowell Catholic

The Hornets showed up to play in this one against Lowell Catholic on April 14. The team swept LC and dropped fewer than 10 games in the process.

Senior Jordan Hemley won 6-1, 6-0 at 1st singles. Roman Ton followed suit by winning 6-0, 6-1. Park and Lee cruised in first doubles winning 6-1, 6-1. Adin Shore and Aiden Patel cruised in straight sets in second doubles 6-1, 6-2. Freshman Raffi Toby picked up his second win of the season at third singles with a convincing 6-0, 6-2 win.

Edged by Rockport

The netmen traveled to Rockport on Monday, April 25. Roman Ton

went to 6-0 on the season after winning two hard-fought sets against his big serving opponent. Raffi Toby had a tough day against a very consistent opponent and lost 3rd singles 6-0, 6-1.

The second doubles team of Aiden Patel and Alex DeWolfe didn't fare much better losing 6-1, 6-3 despite playing a very strong second set.

The first doubles team of Parker Lee and Adin Shore took care of business quickly winning 6-1, 6-1 and tying up the overall match at 2-2. This match was coming down to first singles.

Jordan Hemley lost a tight first set in a tiebreak 7-6 (7-4), but he battled throughout the match. Despite Hemley's tremendous effort and hustle his opponent was too consistent on this day and Hemley dropped the second set 6-4 which gave Rockport a very close 3-2 win.

"We were without Jonathan Park due to injury, which shook up our doubles lineup a bit," said Bisognano. "Unfortunately, we didn't play as well as we needed to at second doubles, but the good news was that Adin Shore played great at first doubles and he meshed well with Parker. Obviously the match came down to first singles but Jordan has nothing to hang his head about. He played very hard today. He didn't have his best stuff but he battled for every point and that is all we can ask for."

The Hornets' last two scheduled league matches were rained out. North Reading (3-3) traveled to Lynnfield on Tuesday after press time. They meet Lowell Catholic on the road Thursday at 4:15 p.m. and host Malden on Friday, also at 4:15 p.m.

Boys' lax picks up key wins

By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI

NORTH READING — In a nip-and-tuck game on Monday afternoon, the North Reading High boys' lacrosse team held off visiting Hamilton-Wenham, 8-7.

That victory improved the Hornets record to 6-5 overall and 3-4 in the Cape Ann League. Hamil-

ton-Wenham, meanwhile, fell to 3-7 overall and 2-4 in the CAL.

"It was a nail biter," admitted North Reading head coach Chuck Campobasso. "We led, 8-4, in the fourth quarter but they scored the final three goals with the last one

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Girls' lacrosse beats Malden, drops two league games

By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI

SOUTH HAMILTON — On Monday afternoon, the North Reading High girls' lacrosse team lost at Hamilton-Wenham by a final score of 17-6 on a cloudy, cool day. With that defeat, the Hornets record fell to 4-5 overall and 2-5 in the Cape Ann League.

The Generals (4-4 overall and 3-3 in the CAL) came out of the gates strong as they led 11-1 at the half.

"We were caught off guard mentally," admitted Hornets head coach Matt Costello. "They have a really solid team with one of the best players in the league. We played more like ourselves in the second half but it was too late at that point."

Brianne Slattery and Janna DiNapoli both scored twice. Janna Mahoney and Lilly McInerney had

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Girls' tennis beats Saugus, falls to Lynnfield and Newburyport

SAUGUS — The NRHS girls' tennis team went 1-2 last week in a trio of competitive matches bringing their record to 4-3 overall.

North Reading opened the week in Saugus in a non league match on Monday, April 25. The Hornets played their annual "match of the future" as the three senior captains sat out.

Freshman Althea Bradley stepped in and played 1st singles and won easily 6-2, 6-0.

Her older sister, junior Alyssa Bradley won at 2nd singles 6-0, 6-0 while sophomore Vanessa Wright won 6-0, 6-3 at 3rd singles.

Juniors Chloe Florez and Katherine Hoadley played 1st doubles for the first time together and won 6-3, 6-0. Junior Mary Bonzagni and sophomore Bhagyavi Bandara who was making her varsity debut in the lineup, pulled out a three-set battle losing the first set 6-2, winning the second set 6-1 and they played a 10 point tiebreaker as the overall match was already decided by then. They easily won 10-2.

Mary and Bhagyavi received the game balls for this match as they both won their first varsity match.

On April 27, the Hornets went up to Newburyport and played a deep Clipper team.

"They were solid, top to bottom," said NRHS head coach Matt Tiberii.

Elizabeth Grant lost 6-0, 6-0 to nationally ranked Caroline Schulson.



ALTHEA BRADLEY had a strong week for the NRHS girls' tennis team last week, winning at first singles in a victory over Saugus and winning at second singles in a tough matchup against Newburyport. (Courtesy Photo)

Althea Bradley won easily 6-1, 6-1.

Senior captain Gina Campagna

lost 6-3, 6-0.

Juniors Alyssa Bradley and Chloe Florez lost 6-3, 6-0 at first doubles.

Lexi Licciardi and Vanessa Wright

played a tough team at 2nd doubles and lost 6-2, 6-1.

North Reading played home against Lynnfield on April 28, dropping a close 3-2 matchup that came down to the singles matches.

Senior captain Elizabeth Grant played a fantastic match at first singles but unfortunately came up short to a talented freshman Paige Martino 6-4, 6-4. Althea Bradley lost

7-5, 6-1 at second singles in a good, solid match.

Third singles senior captain Gina Campagna lost in a close three set-ter losing the first set 6-1, winning the second set 6-2, and dropping the 3rd set 6-3.

Doubles swept easily as Alyssa Bradley and Chloe Florez won 6-0, 6-4 at first doubles and senior Captain Lexi Licciardi and sophomore Vanessa Wright won 6-0, 6-1.

North Reading beat Manchester-Essex 3-2 after press time on Tuesday. They host Lowell Catholic on Thursday at 4:15 p.m. and travel to Malden on Friday at 4:15 p.m.

Softball team dominates league games with mercy rule wins

By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI

NORTH READING — The North Reading High softball team lost at home to Reading, 11-3, on Monday afternoon as the Middlesex League power Rockets were able to sweep the non-league season series.

North Reading fell to 6-4 overall but all four losses were against non-league opponents who are a division higher than them.

"We hit better against them than the first time," said Hornets first-year head coach Nicole Zimmerman, as the Rockets won 12-0 on April 16 in the first meeting.

Pitcher Keely Hannon fell to 4-4 in the circle going all seven innings. She gave up 11 earned runs, six walks and she struck out nine.

Reading plated six runs in the top of the first to take early control.

The Hornet offense had nine hits led by Mia Vittozzi who was 3 for 4 with one run batted in. Maggie Schultz and Olivia Reilly both added RBI singles.

On April 29, the Hornets hammered host Ipswich, 20-6, in a five-inning mercy-rule game.

The team had a season-high 35 hits against Tiger pitching.

"That was a great-hitting game for us," said Zimmerman, whose squad improved to 6-0 in the Cape Ann League.

Reilly was a perfect 5 for 5 at



OLIVIA REILLY had a great week at the plate for the NRHS softball team. The sophomore went 5-for-5 with two homers in a win over Ipswich on Friday. (Courtesy Photo)

the dish with two homers while her sister Caitlyn also had a monster game going 5 for 6 with two RBI.

Vittozzi and Alyssa Cassarino were both 4 for 5 with four RBI each. Jocelyn Ostrowsky was a perfect 3 for 3 with two RBI.

Cassarino was the winning pitcher going 2-0 as she went four innings. She gave up three runs, no walks and she fanned four. Vittozzi pitched the fifth and gave up three runs before ending the game.

Against visiting Tewksbury on April 28, the Hornets were edged 4-3.

"We hung with them but it was a tough loss," admitted Zimmer-

man, as the Redmen are one of the elite teams in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

Hannon gave up four runs, one walk and struck out five in seven innings.

The offense had just three hits against the Redmen led by Cassarino who was 2 for 3.

On April 27, the Hornets blasted rival Lynnfield on the road 20-1 in a five-inning mercy rule game.

Just like the Ipswich win, the bats were hot as they had 27 hits off Pioneer pitching.

Hannon and Ostrowsky were both 4 for 5. Hannon knocked in

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TSB Charitable Foundation award presented to Bread of Life

WAKEFIELD — Bread of Life was one of several local nonprofit organizations to receive a financial award recently from The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation.

The foundation, established in 1997 through an initial endowment of \$550,000 from The Savings Bank, presented a total of \$65,975 to 18 nonprofit organizations during the 25th distribution of funds. Over the past 25 years, the foundation has made donations in excess of \$823,447 to organiza-

tions in local communities.

The award was presented by The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation to Executive Director Gabriella Snyder Stelmack.

According to the foundation, 20 organizations presented applications totaling more than \$92,475. Awards were granted based on a number of factors, including intended use of the funds by the organization and the organization's status as a publicly supported charity.

Organizations that received an award were located in the areas served by The Savings Bank, with a focus on those organizations serving the residents of Wakefield, North Reading, Lynnfield, Andover and Methuen.


"We are gratified for the partnership of The Savings Bank to

support our services to families in Wakefield and North Reading," said Snyder Stelmack "The number of people needing food assistance is still higher than it was before the COVID pandemic, and has even been increasing due to inflation and rise in fuel prices. This grant will help us deliver groceries door-to-door weekly to vulnerable senior citizens and to distribute groceries twice-weekly through our Malden-based food pantry."

The Savings Bank has eight offices located in the communities of Wakefield, North Reading, Lynnfield, Andover and Methuen.

Further information about either The Savings Bank or The Savings Bank Charitable Foundation can be obtained by contacting The Foundation at 357 Main Street, P.O. Box 30, Wakefield, MA 01880.

TOWN OF NORTH READING



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that **Notice of Intent** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 196, has been filed. The Notice of Intent is for proposed addition to the rear of an existing single family dwelling located within the 100' buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands. **The work to be performed is at 8 Lindor Road, North Reading, MA.** This Notice of Intent will be held by tele-conference/virtual meeting on **May 11, 2022** meeting of the Conservation Commission **at 6:00 p.m.** This Notice has been filed by **Douglas Noonan, 8 Lindor Road, North Reading, MA 01864** as required by Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the North Reading General Wetland Bylaw, Chapter 196 of the General Law.

Topic: North Reading Conservation Commission

Time: May 11, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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A copy of this plan will be available on the Town Hall website under Conservation.

North Reading Conservation Commission
Lori Mitchener, Chairperson

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that **Notice of Intent** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 196, has been filed. The Notice of Intent is for subdivision roadway and infrastructure. **The work to be performed is at 39 Chestnut Street and 9 Flint Street, North Reading, MA.** This Notice of Intent will be held by tele-conference/virtual meeting on **May 11, 2022** meeting of the Conservation Commission **at 6:00 p.m.** This Notice has been filed by **David Jamieson, Jamieson Properties, LLC, 627 Main Street, Suite 1, Woburn, MA 01801** as required by Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the North Reading General Wetland Bylaw, Chapter 196 of the General Law.

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Lori Mitchener, Chairperson

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TOWN OF NORTH READING



BOARD OF APPEALS
HEARING NOTICE

A Virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Douglas & Patricia Noonan, 8 Lindor Road, North Reading, MA, map 53, parcel 56, for a variance from the side setback to attach the existing garage and creating a mudroom between the garage and their house according to the requirements outlined in the dimensional and density regulations of the North Reading Zoning Bylaws.

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North Reading Conservation Commission
Lori Mitchener, Chairperson

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NOTICE OF FY 2023 BUDGET INFORMATIONAL HEARING

The North Reading Select Board does hereby notify the residents of the Town of North Reading that an in-person and virtual Informational Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2023 for the Town of North Reading, anticipated to be considered at the Spring Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 will be held on

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
8:15 P.M.
ROOM 14, TOWN HALL, 235 NORTH STREET
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Request for Proposals
Participating Funding Arrangement


The Town of North Reading (the Town) is seeking proposals from firms with experience in providing Participating Funding Arrangements (PFA) to supplement conventional health insurance. The selected vendor will be retained to establish and manage the Town's PFA effective July 1, 2022. To request a copy of the full Request for Proposals package, please contact the Office of the Town Administrator by calling 978-664-6010 or emailing townadministrator@northreadingma.gov.

Proposals will be received and registered in the Town Administrator's Office until **May 19, 2022 at 12:00 noon**. Proposers must deliver 4 hard copies of non-price proposals, one hard copy of a price proposal, and provide electronic copies of non-price proposals to the Town Administrator's Office, Town Offices, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA 01864.

The Town of North Reading reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in the proposals, if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

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TOWN OF NORTH READING



Department of Public Works

Curbside collection of Yard Waste, including grass clippings, leaves and small branches will take place on

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Waste must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.

NO PLASTIC BAGS
NO BARRELS

Branches must be no greater than 3 inches in diameter and cut to Lengths of no more than 3 feet.

Branches must be bundled and tied (not bagged).

The Yard Waste pile at the DPW Garage at 166 Chestnut Street is open to allow residents to drop off yard waste on Saturdays from April 1st to November 30th between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Residents may drop off waste oil at the DPW Garage on the last Saturday of every month from April to November between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
HEARING NOTICE

A Virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Paulo Medeiros, 50 Haverhill Street, North Reading, MA, map 40, parcel 8, for a variance from the side setback for a garage addition and deck according to the requirements outlined in the dimensional and density regulations of the North Reading Zoning Bylaws.


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A Virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Richard Veader, 28 Pleasant Street, North Reading, MA, map 63, parcel 22, for a variance from the side setback for a garage addition according to the requirements outlined in the dimensional and density regulations of the North Reading Zoning Bylaws.

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ran a smooth race with the 1st and 3rd hurdlers running into the wind and the 2nd and 4th hurdlers having a tail wind. At this point the Hornets had 14 points to Pentucket's 12 and everyone was lagging behind. The Hornets would not give up the lead in the meet from this point forward.

The 4x100 meter relay gave the Hornets their first victory with a time of 51.49 seconds. Maddie DiNapoli (12.8) and Ava McIntyre (12.3) took the lead and Kayla Budny (12.7) and Samantha Patch (13.2) held on to first through the finish line. The Hornets showcased their depth in the sprints by also taking 6th place in the event with their B team which ran 54.22 seconds. This team was made up of Ella Mazzei (13.3), Madelyn Arian Aitchison (13.0), Kylie Gettings (14.2), and Belle Lazure (13.2).

Wrapping up the track events at the halfway point was the Sprint Medley Relay team that took 11th in 5:05.56. Ellie Heintz ran the first 200m leg in 31.3 as Pia Sfikas ran the second 200m leg in 30.7 followed by Ali Sfikas (1:09.9) in the 400m and Karleigh Budny (2:53.2) in the 800m.

At this point, the first wave of field

event results were also coming in and the Hornets scored a whopping 26 points in three events. The High Jump team took first place with a new school record performance of 14' 4". Annie MacLellan and Abigail Lilley both jumped 4' 7" and Ella Monteleone jumped a stellar 5' 2" which was the best leap of the competition and new all time best performance tying her for 4th all time in school history. The previous school record of 14' 2" was set in 2016 by Kerry O'Brien (4' 10"), Lauren Gulbic-ki (4' 8") and Emily Roesch (4' 8").

The Shot Put team also set a new school record and took second place in 93' 1.25" inches (28.38m). Emma Mini went 33' 7.5" as Madison Vant went 30' 10.5" and Riley Cullen 28' 7.25". The previous school record of 92' 1.5" was set in 2015 by Julia Valenti, Victoria Carlson, and Nicole Shedd. The Long Jump team also took second with a combined distance of 46' 8.25". Ava McIntyre (15' 10.5"), Georgia Robarts (15' 6.5"), and Madison Vant (15' 3") were all off of their personal best leaps of 17' and they are all returning next year, so look for them to challenge the school

record of 50' 8.75" in the future.

North Reading took 4th in the 4x800 meter in 10:28.60 led off by Annalise Butler (2:35.1), followed by Annie MacLellan (2:38.9), Maggie Fortin (2:37.9) and anchored by Giuliana Ligor (2:36.1). The 4x200 meter was another 2nd place finish for the Hornets in 1:51.87. Maddie DiNapoli (26.6) and Ava McIntyre (26.6) gave the team a commanding lead and Kayla Budny (29.0) and Sami Patch (29.3) were able to hold onto second place. The B team took 6th in 1:55.75 with the following split times: Ella Mazzei (28.5), Madelyn Arian Aitchison (27.5), Belle Lazure (29.6) and Georgia Robarts (29.6).

Back at the second wave of field events the Hornets picked up another 20 points with a 2nd place finish in both the Discus Throw and Triple Jump and a 4th place in the Javelin

Throw.

The Discus relay team had a combined distance of 76.40m with Abigail Lilley going 90' 10.5", Abigail Gerber at 82' 8" and Emma Mini at 77' 1". The Javelin relay went 29.3m with Alyssa Demetri at 80' 4.5", Jacqueline Magner at 77' 1" and Samantha Magner at 67' 7". The Triple Jump relay went 29.30m with Georgia Robarts at 32' 10", Giuliana Ligor at 32' 6" and Kayla Budny at 30' 9.25".

The final two track events were run under the lights with the Distance Medley Relay taking 4th in 14:20.28 and the 4x400 Meter Relay taking 2nd in 4:18.62. The DMR was led off by Annalise Butler's 4:12.9 1200 meter leg, followed by Julia DeAngelis running the 400 meters in 1:08.2 and Grace Higgins going 2:59.3 in the 800 meters and anchored by Ava

Collins running the 1600 meter leg in 5:59.7. It was a tremendous feat from the 9th grader who bested her 1600 meter split run earlier in the meet.

The 4x400 meter relay was led off by Captain Madison DiNapoli who ran a speedy 1:01.5 followed by Madison Vant (1:05.3) and Tiara Lamont (1:08.2) with Giuliana Ligor (1:03.4) anchoring the event.

The following day at Weston High School the pole vault relay was contested. In this event, the Hornets had to settle for second place with a combined height total of 22' 0" as Yasmin Farias went 6' 6", Julia DeAngelis, 7'0" and Hayden MacLellan, 8'6".

It was a historic meet for a stellar team. The Hornets look to improve to 6-0 in the regular season tomorrow as they compete against Newburyport at Fuller Field.

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"Both of these relays really set a tone for us as they stepped up big time," said Spinney. "Casey and Aidan really anchored these teams to strong efforts with their best performances of the season."

The second place finishes came in fast and furious to help the Hornets increase their lead in the team score. The 4x200 Meter Relay of Alex Carpenter, Quinn Riesenber, Caleb Sands and Will Batten cruised to a second place finish with a time of 1:35.50.

The 4x400 Meter Relay team of Spencer Beane, Nathan Miller, Landon Phillips and Aidan Nadeau ran a season best 3:37.92 for second place in the event.

The Shot Put Relay team of Casey O'Connor (42' 4.75"), Garrett Arden (35' 5.25") and Kyle McCormack (35' 1") had a solid performance to scoop up their second place medals.

The Triple Jump team of Landon Phillips (39' 6.5"), Quinn Riesenber (39' 2.25") and Zac Heintz (36' 5.5") had a solid day to snag a silver to complete the Hornets collection.

The Shuttle Hurdle A team took third place in a time of 1:10.37 and the team consisted of Spencer Beane, Jake Mikulski, John Jennings and Brandon Eng. The B team in the event took 6th and that was an all-freshman team of Kaio Pancini, Torin Nickerson, Michael Mahoney and Nicholas Johnson who finished with a time of 1:21.98.

Fourth place finishers included the Sprint Medley team of Brandon Eng (200), Lucas Do Val (200), Nathan Miller (400) and Michael Hemme (800) who cruised to a solid time of 3:54.19 in the event.

The Long Jump relay team of Spencer Beane (18' 10.5"), Will Batten (18' 7") and Nathan Miller (18' 3.25") took their best jumps on a cold evening to score points for the Hornet cause.

Rounding out the Hornet scorers were fifth place finishers in the Javelin and High Jump and a sixth place finish in the 4x100 Meter Relay.

Garrett Arden (157'2"), Kyle McCormack (121' 0") and Ewan Ken-

nedy (102' 8") had solid days in the Javelin relay, while all three high jumpers, Jacob Duval, Jacob Mikulski and Brandon Eng jumped 5'2" in that event.

The 4x100 Meter Relay ran 46.26 and consisted of Alex Carpenter, Quinn Riesenber, Caleb Sands and Will Batten.

It was a special night for the Hornets that will certainly not be forgotten.

Beat Pentucket to set up league title clash vs. Clippers

The Hornets scored an impressive 100-45 victory over Pentucket on April 26 to move their regular season record to 5-0 in the Cape Ann League. This win sets the stage for a "winner take all," battle with Newburyport, who is also 5-0 for the CAL Kinney title this spring.

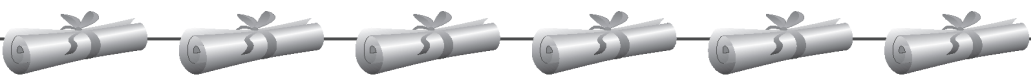
The Hornet attack was dominant as they won 14 out of 17 events on the day and easily outdistanced themselves from a traditionally strong Pentucket squad.

"This was an important meet for us to set the table for our meet with Newburyport," said Spinney. "We needed a strong performance today and the team delivered. Next week will be a fun one for us and if we get it our best, we have a shot to win the meet."

The Hornets were led once again by multiple event winners Casey O'Connor (Shot Put and Discus), Spencer Beane (110 Meter Hurdles and 400 Meter Dash) and Aidan Nadeau (1 Mile and 800 Meter Run).

Other event winners included John Jennings (400 Meter Hurdles), Garrett Arden (Javelin), Nathan Miller (Long Jump), Will Batten (100 Meter Dash), Nick Fabrizio (2 Mile), Alex Carpenter (Pole Vault) and the 4x100 Meter Relay team of Carpenter, Quinn Riesenber, Caleb Sands and Batten and the 4x400 Meter Relay team of Drew Fitzgerald, Michael Hemme, Landon Phillips and Nathan Miller.

The Hornets and Clippers will meet on Friday, May 6 at 4:45 p.m. at Fuller Field in Newburyport.



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Religious Services

Trinity Evangelical Church

NORTH READING — Trinity Evangelical Church is located at 105 Haverhill St., 978-664-2416; info@trinitynr.org; www.TrinityNR.org.

Trinity Sunday Worship Service: Join us this Sunday, May 15, as we continue our new sermon series, Ecclesiastes: The Search for Meaning. Watch live at 9 a.m. or anytime later on our Facebook

page, YouTube channel or through our website, TrinityNR.org. We also offer an in-person service at Trinity at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. All children's and youth activities will take place at the 10:45 a.m. service time.

For more information, please email info@TrinityNR.org or call 978-664-2416.

Congregation Beth Israel

ANDOVER— Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) of the Merrimack Valley, located at 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301, Andover, is holding an Open House prior to the High Holy Days whenever it works for you. Your safety is important to us, so schedule a personalized in-person (safety precautions in place) or virtual visit at your convenience.

Rabbi Howard Mandell; Cantorial Soloist Mindy Harris; in-house musicians Bashert and Kol

Nidre, cellist.

Contact Amy for more information and to schedule a visit: amy@BethIsraelMV.org or call 978-474-0540.

Shabbat morning services are held weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursday Night Minyan is held every other week at 6:30 p.m. All services and social/educational events are currently being held virtually via Zoom.

Grace Chapel

WILMINGTON — Grace Chapel of Wilmington is located at 128 West St. and is a non-denominational, multicultural church. The church is open weekly for in-person services every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. We also have an outdoor space set up for those who aren't yet ready to attend service indoors.

Online worship services are available every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and on demand after that on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/gracechapel>

Visit the website at <https://www.grace.org/wilmington/> to learn more about what the church has to offer.

International Family Church

NORTH READING — International Family Church (IFC), located at 99 Concord St. in North Reading, holds two in-person Sunday services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; five online Sunday services at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Kids World for all ages during both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. service.

Masks are required for our in-person services for all people ages three and up regardless of vaccination status.

For more information on virtual church services during the COVID-19 pandemic please visit www.intlfamilychurch.com, call 978-276-6400 or email us at info@intlfamilychurch.com.

IFC is a community of people joined together with God and each other in a journey of discovery. Life is a team event. Our team is made stronger by our differences: we are a multi-cultural, cross-generational, economically diverse family doing life together. Everyone belongs. Each week, it's our top priority that everyone feel welcomed, connected and loved.

IFC has something uniquely designed for everyone in your family. Kids World reaches our VIP attendees ages nursery through fifth grade with age-appropriate, engaging and fun classrooms and material.

Legacy Youth Center equips and empowers teenagers, covering all the current issues in methods relevant and effective for this next generation. IFC's Young Adults Group connects college and career-age individuals through exciting social events and powerful times of prayer and Bible study. Our Young at Heart ministry services the honored senior citizens of our congregation.

In addition to weekly services and regular family events, IFC has over 70 life groups throughout the Greater Boston area. Whatever your age, stage of life or interests, there's something for you. Check out our directory at intlfamilychurch.com/lifegroups.

St. Theresa Church

NORTH READING — St. Theresa Parish would like to welcome you to our church at 63 Winter St. (Route 62). Our Pastor is Bishop Mark O'Connell; Parochial Vicar is Rev. Augustin Anda; and Deacon is Tam Tran. Our Pastoral Associate is Mary Ann Thomas. You can reach us at (978) 664-3412.

Website address: Visit our website at www.sttheresarose.org. Additional information on the following services, events, and programs can be found on our website.

Mass Schedule: Monday-Saturday Daily: Mass 9 a.m. Satur-

day Vigil: 4 p.m. Sunday: 7, 9, and 11 a.m. Masks are not required; however, we offer a section of the church reserved for those who would like to sit with others who are masked and maintaining social distance.

Livestream: If you are unable to attend Mass, or not ready to return to the church in person, you can watch any Mass on our livestream. A link is available on our website.

Confession: Saturdays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the church at the confessional by the music area. Or by appointment by calling the parish

office.

Other Programs:

iThirst Spiritual Companionship: Support for those who have a loved one who suffers from addiction or substance abuse. For more information, contact: charewiczdeborah@gmail.com.

Bible Study: Sundays at 7 p.m. Currently meeting on Zoom. Not your typical Bible Study. Topics of the faith are discussed. Videos are sometimes used to support our study. See the Bible Study page on our website to learn how to get the link to the meeting.

Union Congregational Church

NORTH READING — Wisdom for your problems. Joy for your blessings. Friends for the journey and strength for the living of these days. All that and more is waiting for you this Sunday at the Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill Street. The 10 a.m. sanctuary service will also be livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel, NRUC. Following the Children's Message the children will gather in Fellowship Hall for their Sunday School activity. If you have a joy or concern that

you would like to include in the Prayers of the Faithful during the service you can email them to the church's pastor, the Rev. Dr. Richard Hughes at pastor@nruc.org. Union Congregational Church is a grace filled forward looking community of faith where men and women, the young and young at heart, married and single, gay and straight and people from many different walks of life gather to celebrate the joy of being one in Christ.

Other events this coming week include:

- Confirmation Class, Friday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
- Youth Ministry, Friday at 7 p.m.
- Chancel Choir rehearsal, 8:45 a.m.
- The Ipswich River Community Chorus, Monday 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- Book Study lead by Minister of Discipleship Gayle McGlaufflin, Wednesday 6 to 7 p.m.
- North Parish Ringers rehearsal, Tuesday 7 to 8 p.m.
- Bible Study, Wednesday at 10 a.m. It will also be livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel.

Havurat Shalom

ANDOVER — Havurat Shalom is an open and welcoming Reconstructionist Jewish community congregation and a member of Welcoming Faiths of the Merrimack Valley. The Rabbi is Karen Landry, Temple President is Ben Kellman, the Chazzan is David Hastings, and the Musical Director Elliott Jacobowitz.

Havurat Shalom is a community of families committed to providing a Jewish identity and education for its members in a manner that is relevant to contemporary lives. It is an

inclusive community regardless of marital status, race, national origin, gender identity, economic condition, disability or sexual orientation and offers an environment that welcomes families of mixed heritage.

Families who have been, or are members of any other Jewish congregation, or have not recently or, in fact, ever, practiced Judaism in a structured way are also welcome. Havurat Shalom is a diverse and vibrant congregation focused on the spiritual and cultural development of its members.

Please refer to the website for updates at www.havuratshalom.org or by email: info@havuratshalom.org or by phone: 978-494-2042 for more information.

The temple offers Tot Shabbat and has active Tzedakah and Social Justice Committees. For membership information contact us at info@havuratshalom.org. For Hebrew School information contact Dena O'Neil at denasjoy@hotmail.com. For Sisterhood information, contact Gail Ellis at gaillellis49@comcast.net.

Church of the Good Shepherd

READING — Church of the Good Shepherd is a warm, welcoming, multi-generational Episcopal Church located at 95 Woburn Street in Reading. All are welcome to worship.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are livestreaming our Sunday Eucharist on Facebook at 10 a.m.: www.facebook.com/cgsreading/

live/. The Sunday Bulletin is available on our parish website: www.GoodShepherdReading.org.

For those who do not have Facebook or have trouble finding the live video on Sundays, you can go to our website and watch it there. Our Sunday service is also aired on RCTV and NORCAM. You can find the broadcast on the following chan-

nels: RCTV Studio (Reading): Comcast Channel 9, Verizon Channel 31, NORCAM (North Reading): Comcast Channel 8, Verizon Channel 26 and WCTV (Wilmington): Comcast Channel 99, Verizon Channel 39.

As we move through these uncertain times, it is important to remember that the Lord walks with us to protect us and lead us forward, despite the challenges we face. It is essential that each of us take time every day to pray and ask for God's help. We are a strong community and will get through this together! Let us continue to pray for one another.

In service of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. Brian Raiche; Rector; Jane Farrar, Senior Warden; and Bob Newton Junior Warden. Contact: phone: 781-944-1572, website: www.goodshepherdreading.org, email: office@goodshepherdreading.org.

Martin's Pond Union Baptist Church

NORTH READING — Martin's Pond Union Baptist Church is a small, family-centered church located at the corner of Main Street (Rte. 28) and 4 Cogswell Road. Pastor Kevin Mickel.

Our Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. We may be reached by telephone at 978-664-4926.

Everyone welcome. Bible Study is held on the fifth Sunday of the month prior to service at 9:30 a.m.

COVID-19 update: In an effort to encourage social distancing to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, please call in advance of any visits to the church.

Parish of Christ Church

ANDOVER — The Parish of Christ Church is a welcoming 185-year-old Episcopal church located at 33 Central St. in Andover. During the pandemic, please check our website at www.christchurchandover.org for the most up-to-date information about our services.

We say, "All are welcome at God's table!"

We offer the service of Holy Eucharist every Sunday during our livestreamed 10 a.m. service on YouTube. To sign on go to: <https://bit.ly/2IOcr1O> The livestream begins by 9:50 a.m. to allow time for viewers to connect. The organ prelude begins at 9:55 a.m., and the service begins immediately following the prelude. The service is also available to view later. Visit

our website to obtain the weekly service leaflet.

Christ Church Children's Center offers many flexible options for parents of preschoolers. The Andover Thrift Shop, located at 10 Park St. in downtown Andover, is a ministry of Christ Church that is open to the public.

Temple Emmanuel

WAKEFIELD — Rabbi Greg Hersh serves members of Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield, 120 Chestnut Street, a Jewish Reconstructionist Synagogue. Current information is available on the website: www.WakefieldTemple.org; by phone: 781-245-1886; or by email info@WakefieldTemple.org.

Virtual programs: Contact the temple to obtain the Zoom sign-in information for those pro-

grams and services being held via Zoom. Questions can be sent to Rabbi Greg Hersh or President Evan Pressman at 781-245-1886 or info@WakefieldTemple.org. Staying aware and vigilant with our health and well-being is paramount as we get through this together.

COVID-19: Weekly Shabbat celebrations will be held on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday

mornings at 9:30 a.m. The first and third Saturdays of the month include with Torah services; second Saturday is a Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Greg; fourth Saturday is a prayer-free alternative with Rabbi Greg.

Hebrew School: The temple's Hebrew School runs September to June. Classes with Rabbi Greg. Contact the temple for more information.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

NORTH READING — Aldersgate United Methodist Church is located at 235 Park St., Rte. 62, 978-664-2951 or www.aldersgateumcncr.org. The Pastor is Rachel Fisher. Aldersgate is part of the Welcoming Faiths Network, which welcomes and fully includes the LGBTQ community.

Aldersgate is a welcoming and inclusive community of those in pursuit of a deeper relationship

with God in Jesus Christ. We do this through the ministries of warm fellowship, joyful worship, faith-filled discipleship, compassionate missions, and enthusiastic outreach.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.: In-person worship or live broadcast on Facebook @aldersgateumcncr and NORCAM; professionally staffed nursery, Sunday School for elementary-aged children

Wednesdays 7 p.m.: Facebook Live, check in with Pastor Rachel and Sam Fisher.

"Free-for-All" Community Breakfasts on the second Saturday of each month, open to the public, will resume when the public health situation improves.

Visit aldersgateumcncr.org to learn about age-level activities and upcoming events.

Messiah Lutheran Church

LYNNFIELD — Messiah Lutheran Church, 708 Lowell Street, Lynnfield (corner of Lowell & Chestnut) is currently open for in-person worship, following state COVID guidelines, safety protocols and capacity limitations. In-person worship Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Worship services are also currently being streamed live on

Facebook. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/Messiah-Lutheran-Church.

Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening devotion at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer time at 7:01 p.m..

Messiah Lutheran Church is served by Rev. Dr. Jeremy Pekari and Rev. David Brezina.

Wakefield-Lynnfield UMC

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church is located at 273 Vernon St., Wakefield and the pastor is Rev. Glenn M. Mortimer.

Each Sunday, Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. during which we offer Sunday School for infants and toddlers through high school students. Pastor Mortimer and his wife Elizabeth are trained musi-

cians who incorporate their music into special church services for all to enjoy. Following the service, we enjoy Fellowship at our Coffee and Conversation time.

For more information, call 781-245-1359; email: WLUMC273@gmail.com; or visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/methodistchurchwakefield.

U.U. Church of Reading

READING — The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading is located at 239 Woburn St., Reading. Melissa Martin is the Interim Congregational Administrator. The church office can be reached at 781-944-0494 or visit the church website at www.uureading.org for more information. Church office hours are currently by appointment only.

All services will premiere at 10 a.m. on Sundays on our YouTube

channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/UUChurchofReadingMA>

Please visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter for other events and fellowship opportunities.

Our Church is a welcoming place to nurture and explore individual spirituality, build a committed and loving community, and heal the world.

All are welcome. Come, nurture your spirit.

Abundant Life Church

WILMINGTON — Abundant Life Church, a member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC), is located at 173 Church St. (Route 62) Wilm-

ington. Phone: 978-658-8584. Pastor: Ron Grimley. Visit www.ablifetchurch.org or mail info@ablifetchurch.org for further information.

First Baptist Church of Reading

READING - The First Baptist Church of Reading is located at 45 Woburn St.. Phone number is 781-944-3876 and email is office@fbcreading.org. The Lead Pastor is Pastor Joseph Young.

In-person and Livestream worship - Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Facebook: [fbcreading.org/facebook](https://facebook.com/fbcreading.org) and YouTube: [fbcreading.org/youtube](https://youtube.com/fbcreading.org).

Check our website for more information and what we have to offer for our Children's Ministry, Youth Group, Small Group Bible Studies, Prayer meetings and much more at www.fbcreading.org.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Romans 10:13.

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three while Ostrowsky had a team-high four RBI. Kristen Galvin was a perfect 3 for 3 with three RBI. Emily Sonia was 3 for 5 with two RBI.

Schultz and Olivia Reilly were both 2 for 3 as Schultz had two RBI while Reilly had one RBI.

Hannon was the winning pitcher going all five frames giving up one run, two hits, two walks and hitting a pair of batters. She struck out nine.

On May 6, the Hornets face their toughest league test as they host Amesbury at 4:30 p.m. in a huge game. North Reading then goes to Hamilton-Wenham on May 11 with that contest also starting at 4:30 p.m.

Crafts in the Park fundraiser May 7



CRAFTS IN THE PARK, a big fundraiser for Christ Church in Andover, will be held Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Courtesy Photo)

ANDOVER — Crafts in the Park, Andover's popular annual fair, is now entering its 46th year. This juried show features a variety of finely made, non-imported hand-crafts with more than 150 booths of pottery, jewelry, women's and children's clothing, leather goods, stained glass, furniture, food and much more, just in time for Mother's Day.

The Dixie Cookbook Jazz Band will provide music during the day.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in The Park, located at Chestnut and Bartlett Streets in Andover, rain or shine.

Crafts in the Park is a fundraiser sponsored by Christ Church Andover. All proceeds support the mission of the church and out-

reach to service and educational organizations in the local community.

The church also sponsors The Christ Church Children's Center preschool program, the Andover Thrift Shop, and provides a diverse and enriching music program with scheduled events open to the public.

TOWN OF NORTH READING



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a **Request for Determination of Applicability** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 196, has been filed. The **Request for Determination of Applicability** proposal is for water main replacement for Shady Hill Drive and Puritan Road. This will be heard at the **Wednesday, May 11, 2022** tele-conference/virtual meeting of the Conservation Commission at **6:00 pm**. The work to be performed is at Shady Hill Drive and Puritan Road. This Request for Determination has been filed by North Reading Department of Public Works, as required by Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 196 of the General Law.

Topic: North Reading Conservation Commission

Time: May 11, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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A copy of this plan will be available on the Town Hall website under Conservation.

North Reading Conservation Commission
Lori Mitchener, Chairperson

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the two other goals.

DiNapoli (2-2 in net) played in net in the first half and a little of the second half in net before moving to attack as she had eight saves. Kaitlyn Supple was the goalie the rest of the game and had two stops.

The news was much better last Friday afternoon as they rolled over host Malden, 14-3, in a non-league game.

"That was a good team win and everybody got to play," pointed out Costello.

North Reading was in com-

mand from the start as they led the Golden Tornadoes 12-0 at the half.

Audrey Buckley had three goals and one assist to lead the way while Slattery also had a hat trick. Mahoney had two goals and one assist.

DiNapoli and Faith Newton also found the back of the Malden net twice.

Mia Pittore and Katie Good had the two other goals. For Good, a junior, it was her first-career goal as it was also her birthday that day.

"We were all happy for Katie," said Costello.

DiNapoli started and made one save. Supple played most of the second half and made two saves.

On April 27, the Hornets fell to league power Newburyport, 16-2, at home.

"They are an extremely talented team," stated Costello, about the Clippers who entered this week undefeated in the CAL. "I thought we played well despite the final score."

The Clippers led this one 10-2 at the half.

Slattery and Pittore had the two

Hornet goals.

Defender Ali Labb had her best game of the year according to Costello as she had three ground balls and caused five turnovers.

DiNapoli started in net and made six saves while Supple made three saves in relief.

"With the new MIAA power rankings out this year, this loss will not hurt us as much," explained Costello.

May 6, the Hornets go to Ipswich. Game starts at 4:30 p.m. They host Revere in a non-league game May 9 at 4:30 p.m.

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beneficiary. Under current law, only the first \$1 million is exempt. Under the current \$1 million threshold and under the proposed \$2 million threshold, the tax on anything over the threshold is a graduated one that ranges from 0.8 percent to 16 percent. This tax applies to the entire estate value, not just the portion above the threshold. Most Republicans are against any such tax and coined the name "death tax" to imply that the government taxes you even after you die. Most Democrats support the tax and call it an "estate tax" to imply that this tax is only paid by the wealthy.

Amendment supporters said that in light of the rising value of houses, with the average home price more than \$500,000, the \$1 million threshold of this unfair regressive tax is too low and noted the federal tax exempts the first \$12 million. They noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents, who move to Florida and other states where this tax does not even exist.

"Massachusetts has the most aggressive

estate tax in the entire country," said Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Mass Fiscal Alliance. "This tax is very unpopular in every state that still has it and many states are eliminating it completely. The estate tax drives people out of the state and even President Joe Biden's home state of Delaware recently repealed it completely. Only the Massachusetts Legislature would be willing to keep the country's most aggressive estate tax, which hurts our elderly population the most."

Amendment opponents said that this proposed tax reduction is one of many that are included in a separate stand-alone piece of legislation filed by Gov. Charlie Baker. They argued the amendment is premature and that the House should not act on this or any other tax reduction piecemeal here in the state budget but rather should wait until the Revenue Committee holds public hearing on the governor's package as a whole.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), the sponsor of the amendment and Mark Cu-

sack (D-Braintree), the main opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment.

(A "Yes" vote is for exempting the first \$2 million of the value of a person's estate from the state's estate/death tax. A "No" vote is against it)

**Rep. Bradley Jones: Yes
REDUCE CAPITAL GAINS TAX FROM 12 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT (H 4700)**

- House 29-127, rejected an amendment that would reduce the short-term capital gains tax from 12 percent to 5 percent.

Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation said that anything that can help the investors in Massachusetts keep up with mounting inflation is a positive step for the commonwealth's economy, "Why should the capital gains or any tax imposed be charged at a higher rate than earned income, especially considering the multi-billions in historic revenue surpluses?" asked Ford.

"The Massachusetts Legislature had a great opportunity to lower the capital gains tax, which taxes economic growth," said Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Mass Fiscal Alliance. "Unfortunately they refused to lower it and in fact, their legislature's ballot question this November hopes to increase the tax from 12 percent to 17 percent for some earners. It's clear the Legislature wants to bring us back to Taxachusetts."

Amendment opponents again said that this amendment is premature and urged the House not to act on tax reductions one at a time but instead to wait and consider Gov. Baker's comprehensive tax reduction package which might be voted on in a few weeks.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), the sponsor of the amendment and Rep. Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), the main opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment.

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coming with still over six minutes left.”

This game was knotted at two at halftime as the Hornets never trailed in the second half.

Dan Oliveira was the star of the game as he netted five goals. Sam Morelli and Teddy Suny both had one goal and one assist. Logan Lamont had the other tally.

“Dan had a big game for us and we really needed it,” said Campobasso.

Hornet goalie, Andrew Peppe, made nine saves to improve to 6-5 in net.

In a non-league game on April 29, the Hornets recorded their first shutout of the year as they blanked guest Northeast Metro Tech 7-0.

“Our defense played very well,” stated Campobasso. “A shutout is very rare in lacrosse.”

North Reading scored six of their seven goals in the opening half.

Suny, Lamonte and P.J. Conte all scored twice. Suny also chipped in two assists as well. Oliveira had the other tally.

Campobasso was also happy with the play of long-stick midfielder Joe Collins who shut down the Knights best player.

Peppe recorded his first-career shutout with four saves.

On April 27, North Reading visited Newburyport and came home with a 12-5 defeat.

“They are a deep team that kept on rolling out players and we couldn’t keep up,” said Campobasso, as his squad trailed 6-2 at the break. “They also have long-stick midfielder Jack Hadden, who is one of the top players in the league.”

Ryan Long had two goals while Suny, Morelli and Oliveira all scored once.

Peppe turned back 11 Clipper shots and he also had his first-career assist.

On May 6, the Hornets host Ipswich at 5 p.m. They then go to Belmont on May 8 for a non-league match-up. That game will start at 5:30 p.m.

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