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Town Election Results  
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## Stuto, Griffin win contested seats in Town Election

By MAUREEN DOHERTY

NORTH READING - Incumbent Select Board member Vincenzo Stuto withstood a challenge from newcomer Jack Carroll while 25-year veteran Community Planning Commissioner Chris Hayden was unseated by newcomer Jeff Griffin in Tuesday's annual Town Election.

The rainy weather may have kept some voters away as just over 900 voters out of a potential voting pool of 12,040 townspeople exercised their right to vote for the people who will represent them at the local level. This translates into just 7.6% of the electorate.

Stuto was re-elected by a margin of 184 votes - 532 to 348 - over challenger Carroll.

Similarly, Griffin defeated



FOUR OF THE CANDIDATES in the annual Town Election campaigned side-by-side Tuesday evening, greeting the last voters of the day at the entrance to the centralized polls at St. Theresa's parish hall. From left: Select Board member Vincenzo Stuto, CPC challenger Jeff Griffin, School Committee Chair Scott Buckley and Select Board challenger Jack Carroll. (Maureen Doherty Photo)

Hayden by 182 votes - 531-349.

In the two uncontested races, School Committee Chair Scott Buckley was returned to office for his third consecutive three-year term, with 706 votes, and Town Moderator John J. Murphy retained the gavel for his 19th consecutive one-year term with 680 votes. Technically, the results remain unofficial until 10 days after the election.

### Looking ahead

Stuto thanked the people of North Reading for re-electing him to a second three-year term in office and he looks forward to continuing to serve the community in which he and his wife have chosen to raise their family of four young children.

"The majority of the town realizes that Select Board is not a

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## School Committee approves \$37.3M budget recommendation for FY24

By NEIL ZOLOT

NORTH READING - The School Committee approved an adjusted Fiscal Year 2024 School Department budget of \$37,319,595, at its meeting Wednesday, April 26.

This figure is \$448,609 lower than the initial estimate of \$37,768,204 for FY24 that was discussed in March.

"We worked collaboratively with the town's finance team and came up with the best final offer we could," Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Michael Connelly said. "This number isn't easy, but much better than it was two weeks ago."

Town Meeting will vote on the proposal Monday, June 12. "We've gotten here and this is where we're going to be," Superintendent Dr. Patrick Daly said. "There's no doubt there's pain here, but that's the way it worked out."

The new figure is \$1,610,265 or

4.5% higher than the FY23 budget of \$35,709,330. The initial budget was a \$2,058,874 or 5.8% increase over FY23.

Increased state aid, use of town Free Cash and \$448,609 in cuts or offsets produced the current number. "We put our heads together to find revenue and look at fixed costs," Connelly said of meetings with town officials.

The \$448,609 budget reduction was achieved through cuts or offsets as follows:

- \$185,638 by eliminating new positions planned for adjustment counselor and academic interventionist;
- \$179,506 by eliminating or reducing learning specialist and academic support positions;
- \$20,000 generated by new bus user fees;
- \$13,465 in funds not needed due to lower than expected Kindergarten enrollment;

• \$10,000 in cuts to discretionary spending, including use of substitute teachers;

• \$20,000 in discretionary spending cuts still to be determined.

"We're confident we can identify an additional \$20,000 without any major impact," Connelly said. "We're trying to find ways to do this least harmful to education. With the proposed number, we're maintaining educationally sound student-teacher ratios."

A presentation to the School Committee also indicates the FY24 budget will continue "academic support systems to address any areas of learning loss and to ensure a pro-active approach with learning intervention strategies; maintain adequate health and safety services for all students, staff and the school community; continue to address the social, emotional and

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## IRP playground reopens today



NORTH READING - To the delight of local children, the playground renovations at Ipswich River Park have been completed, enabling the playground to re-open as of today, May 4.

Parks Director Marty Tilton reports that only one outstanding item remains: they are awaiting the arrival of the handicap-accessible swing.

During the past few weeks the old wooden climbing structures and slides were removed and replaced with modern ADA-compliant structures. The edging and mulch around the existing swings were also upgraded and an accessible ramp added to provide access to the swings, with one existing swing slated to be replaced with an

accessible swing.

Other sections of the park will be upgraded during the current construction season and the public will be notified when it will be necessary to close those sections of IRP, such as the tennis and basketball courts and the roller hockey skating rink.

Reminder: The Ipswich River Park playground area is closed for construction now through Tuesday, April 28. Playground structures are being removed and replaced with ADA-compliant structures. Other facilities in the park will remain open during this construction.

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**Virtual meetings:** Agendas of public boards are posted 48 hours in advance on the town website under "calendar tab" (www.northreadingma.gov). Check it for direct links, passcodes and phone numbers for virtual options.

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

• Free vision and hearing tests, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, reservations required by calling the Bd of Health, 978-357-5242. Bring eyeglasses. Sponsor:

Reading Lions Club.

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

• **Curbside spring yard waste pick-up**, place by 6:30 a.m., no barrels or bags allowed; residents only.

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

• **Parks & Rec Committee meeting**, Room 5, Town Hall 235 North St., 6:45 p.m.

• **Select Board meeting**, hybrid (in-person in Room 14, Town Hall and online). FY24 Budget Informational Hearing slated to begin at 8 p.m.

• **Art Portfolio & Senior Art Show**, Main Street at NRHS opens today through Friday, May 19. Artist

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# Friends of NR COA Presents: Pumpkins, Squash and Container Gardening

NORTH READING — On Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Edith O'Leary Senior Center, Hugo Wiberg, III, a North Reading gardener, will present a discussion on two separate topics, "Growing your own Pumpkins" and "Squash and Container Gardening."

Hugo comes from a family of pumpkin growers, his father establishing the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off at the Topsfield Fair. Points of discussion will include germination, likely first and last frosts, "mounding" planting site, disease prevention and treatment, as well as pest and animal control.

Container gardening should be of interest to those with limited space or mobility issues as well as those interested in "farm to table" freshness in a limited space. Planter size and appropriate soil balance will be covered as well as battling the hungry chipmunks and squirrels! Suggestions for herbs and to-

matoes will also be discussed.


As usual, this program is open to all ages and should be of interest to anyone who enjoys gardening and wants to get abundant fresh produce from their garden. It is being presented is free of charge by the Friends of the North Reading Council on Aging.

**FREE TOMATO PLANTS**

Free tomato plants will be distributed on Saturday, May 20. Further information will be coming at a later date.



**TOWN OF NORTH READING**



**NOTICE OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 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 2024 for the Town of North Reading, anticipated to be considered at the Spring Annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023 will be held on

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023  
8:00 P.M.  
ROOM 14, TOWN HALL, 235 NORTH STREET  
&  
VIA ZOOM TECHNOLOGY**

The hearing may be accessed virtually as follows:

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**Find your local number:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdPIB2ecZW>

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# The Healthy Hornet: Tips to reduce risks of tick-borne and mosquito-borne illnesses

NORTH READING — The town of North Reading Health Department would like to alert residents that with spring and summer just a short time away, we have some suggestions for staying healthy.

As most of us are now getting back to some normalcy and getting out again for much-needed fresh air, we need to be mindful that with this nicer weather comes tick and mosquito season.

The Health Department recommends the following precautionary measures to protect residents

and help reduce the chance of infection with tick-borne illnesses.

Ticks are most active during warm weather, generally late spring through fall. However, ticks can be out any time that temperatures are above freezing. Unfortu-

nately, given the climate changes with global warming and warmer winters, ticks are becoming more prevalent year round.

Ticks cling to vegetation and are most numerous in brushy, wooded or grassy habitats. When you are outside in an area likely to have ticks (e.g. brushy, wooded or grassy places), follow these simple steps to protect yourself and your loved ones:

**PREVENTION OF TICK-BOURNE DISEASES**

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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 proposed in-ground pool in rear yard of an existing single family dwelling and located within the 100' buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. **The work to be performed is at 21 Anthony Road, North Reading, MA.** This Notice of Intent will be held by tele-conference/virtual meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** meeting of the Conservation Commission at **6:00 p.m.** This Notice has been filed by **Thomas and Amy McCarthy, 21 Anthony 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  
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North Reading Conservation Commission  
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A copy of this plan will be available on the Town Hall website under Conservation.

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# FY24 Capital funding requests total \$4.155 million; municipal budget hearing May 8

By MAUREEN DOHERTY

**NORTH READING** — In preparation for the June 12 Annual Town Meeting and the recommendations to be made to the town's voters on capital improvement spending priorities in FY24, the town's Capital Improvement Planning Committee's (CIPC) has created its list of recommendations to the Select Board and the town's voters for capital acquisitions in Fiscal Year 2024.

The memo also included early projections for spending on capital projects in FY25. The draft memo and plan were presented to the Select Board April 24 by the CIPC which is comprised of Chair Donald Kelliher of the Finance Committee; Vice Chair Michael Connelly, the assistant superintendent of finance and operations for the School Department; Clerk Jeff

Friedman, a member of the School Committee; Abby Hurlbut, FinCom chairwoman; Kathryn Manupelli, Select Board chairwoman; Vincenzo Stuto, Select Board vice chairman; Town Administrator Michael Gilleberto and Joseph Foti.

### Municipal and School Departments

"A total of \$4.155 million in capital projects of the Municipal and School Departments is being recommended by the CIPC for FY24," CIPC Chairman Don Kelleher noted in his recent report to the Select Board. "The funding sources include Free Cash and a contribution from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund of \$1.112 million, \$1.542 million in bonding and \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds."

"As has been our traditional

practice, committee members individually ranked requests in priority order after several meetings with department heads promoting their requests, and many hours of deliberation in committee meetings. The individual rankings were averaged resulting on a committee average upon which these recommendations are based," explained Kelliher.

"Significant among the projects included in this recommendation is funding to complete the design and construction of three of the four intersections deemed to be the most hazardous in town," Kelliher stated. These intersections are Haverhill and Chestnut Streets, Central and Park Streets, and Central and North Streets.

"The fourth intersection (Park/Concord/Southwick) is expected

to be recommended for FY25," he added.

Additionally, the CIPC is recommending the replacement of the Park Street bridge, which is located between Winter and Main Streets (across the street from the Masonic building); funding the engineering design to replace a culvert on Chestnut Street; replacing the HVAC system at the Flint Memorial Library; and replacing a 2006 dump truck.

Kelliher gave the Select Board advance notice of the major projects coming up in FY25 for which the CIPC anticipates requesting funds. These include: the Chestnut Street culvert (estimated cost: \$3 million), boiler at Hood School (\$900,000, before possible MSBA grant), the fourth intersection at Park/Concord/Southwick (\$685,000), roadway construction (estimated to be

\$800,000), and possibly funding the downtown sewer connection of several municipal buildings to the High School/Middle School treatment plant (\$2 million). Doing so would eliminate the need for each of these septic systems to be replaced individually in the coming years at significant capital cost. The treatment plant at the NRHS/MS campus was built with excess capacity in mind.

### ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Kelliher also reported on anticipated capital improvement projects to be funded by three separate Enterprise Funds which were set up for such purposes.

### Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation enterprise plans \$415,000 in improvements funded by state grants or internal funds.

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## AnneMarie Alvarez stars in "Into the Woods" May 5-7

**READING** — North Reading native AnneMarie Alvarez stars as the maiden who wishes more than anything to go to the Festival in the upcoming production of "Into the Woods" by the Colonial Chorus Players May 5-7 in Reading.

Although she grew up in a neighboring town, Alvarez had never auditioned with Colonial Chorus Players. But when she attended her first audition for "Into the Woods" back in January, the theater seemed very familiar to her.

It wasn't until callbacks that Alvarez recognized the rows of theater seating as the old seats from the Daniel H. Shay Auditorium at North Reading High School, where she was part of the Masquers drama club and performed in such shows as "Fiddler on the Roof," "My Fair Lady," and "The Diary of



ANNEMARIE ALVAREZ

Anne Frank."

Colonial Chorus Players had picked up the seats with wooden backs and teal cushions very inexpensively years earlier when

the auditorium underwent renovations.

It was a sign of good things to come for Alvarez at Colonial Chorus Players, as she soon after won the role of Cinderella in the Stephen Sondheim musical.

Live theater enthusiasts may choose from three performances of Into the Woods this weekend on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 at 7 p.m. or the matinee performance on Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. at Shepardson Hall at Parker Middle School in Reading. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and students. All seats are reserved seating.

For advance ticket purchase, visit [www.ccp1961.org](http://www.ccp1961.org). If a performance is not sold out, tickets will be available at the door one hour before showtime with cash, check or Venmo only.

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# Views

## Stop child abuse

A single case of child abuse is one too many. But in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the number of newly confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect every single day averages 85. Advocates drove raising awareness of this startling statistic home on April 25 at a State House event marking Child Abuse Prevention Month, and we hope lawmakers take it to heart.

According to the State House News Service, eighty-five pairs of children's shoes dotted the steps of the State House's Grand Staircase, providing a sobering visual of child abuse and neglect that advocates hope to one day eliminate through a range of programs aimed at supporting young families.

Based on the average number of newly confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect every day in Massachusetts, each pair represented a child who will be harmed daily, which can prompt a cascade of physical and mental health problems, including delayed brain development, the SHNS reported.

"Child abuse also translates into a more than \$2.6 billion annual price tag for the state in health care, substance abuse, homelessness, criminal justice and education expenses, among other costs," said Jenn Valenzuela, executive director of the Children's Trust, a nonprofit that partners with groups across the state to prevent child abuse. The organization received about \$20 million in state funding last year, she said.

"Our dream is that one day there will be an entire generation of children that never experienced the traumas of child abuse and neglect," said Valenzuela, who spoke from a podium decorated with baby booties. "Let's just hold that vision and make that a reality."

Throughout the event, lawmakers and advocates called for a time when the Grand Staircase would be free of children's shoes.

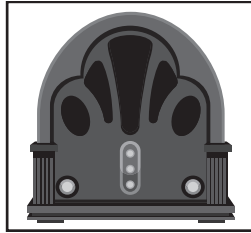
They have a long way to reach that point. The average daily case-load is based on more than 31,000 annual confirmed abuse and neglect cases. In 2007, during a push for stronger child protection laws, lawmakers cited 36,214 confirmed cases in 2006; a sum that reps said at the time could fill Fenway Park.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. A proclamation from Gov. Maura Healey that was read stated, in part, that child abuse "transcends cultural, ethnic, economic and social lines, and parents must be empowered with the skills, information and resources they need to protect their children."

Healthy Families is a major program from the Children's Trust, as first-time parents ages 23 and younger receive support through home visits that span pregnancy and the child's first three years.

The Children's Trust has requested about \$17.6 million for the Healthy Families program in fiscal 2024, an increase of about \$36,000 compared to the current state budget, according to the nonprofit.

According to the trust, its programs have been proven to reduce the use of corporal punishment; curb drug and alcohol use among parents; reduce parenting stress – a factor in child abuse and neglect; promote better co-parenting that actively involves fathers; decrease maternal depression and homelessness; and increase educational achievement for parents.



## Those Were The Days

### 'Queen of the May'

When I was growing up in North Reading, our church was the very tiny St. Theresa's Church on Main Street. It was always very crowded at Sunday Mass, and I found most of the hymns chosen by our pastor, Father Lane, very gloomy... all about sorrow and suffering... and I looked forward to the happy events: Christmas, Easter, and the May Procession, an event observed by most Catholic parishes in those days, honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

This would take place on a Sunday afternoon in May, on the lawn between the church and the red brick rectory just next door. The First Communion chil-



By VIRGINIA MCNEIL SLEP

dren would be in the procession in their little white dresses and suits, and the older kids who had

just been confirmed would join in. One of the girls in seventh or eighth grade would be chosen to be the May Queen, the one who would have the honor of placing a small wreath of flowers on the statue of Mary. The hymns were lovely and uplifting – about flowers and springtime, and the Mother of Jesus.

In May, 1955, I was chosen to be the May Queen. I was twelve years old. The procession took place on a warm, sunny Sunday afternoon. The people were assembled on the lawn and there was a lovely procession around the grounds. Our

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## Letters to the Editor

### Townwide Yard Sale a huge 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 with sites on the map, the shoppers looking for wonderful "finds," and especial-

ly my incredible committee who made this such a success. Also, congratulations to Tom, Jean, & Steph, 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, which re-

sumed last year 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

### Administrators reinforce prevention of school hate crimes following M.S. incident

Dear Editor:

The following is an open letter to the North Reading Public Schools Community sent Wednesday morning as the Transcript went to press.

I'm writing this morning to share a message that Dr. O'Connell sent to the Middle School community yesterday afternoon immediately addressing the incident described below and ex-

tending the availability of our support team. We have made the decision as a district to immediately communicate about and

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### TICKS Continued from Page 2

- Use a repellent with DEET (the chemical N-N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) according to the instructions given on the product label. When it comes to insect repellents designed for skin application, it is recommended you use an EPA-registered spray, lotion, or liquid repellent that contains 25-30% DEET. Do not use DEET products on infants under two months of age. DEET products should be used in concentrations less than 30% on older children.

Other options are products that contain 15% or more of Picaridin. Check the label to confirm the product's EPA approval, which guarantees up to two hours of complete protection. (Side note: Repellent lotions will take a bit longer to kick in than sprays)

- Ticks hate the smell of lemon, orange, cinnamon, lavender, peppermint and rose geranium so they'll avoid latching on to anything that smells of those scents. Any of these or a combination can be used in DIY sprays or added to almond oil and rubbed on exposed skin.

- When it comes to pesticides, Permethrin products applied to clothing/boots (not to skin), actually kill ticks that come in contact with the treated clothing, and usually stay effective through several washings. For best results, choose a Permethrin insecticide spray that's safe to apply to the surfaces and plants you want to target. (<http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/PermGen.html>)

- Consider spraying your yard for ticks. It is always advised to make your application either in the early morning or early evening time. You don't ever want to make an application of insecticide or herbicide during midday when the sun is at its hottest

- Wear long, light-colored pants tucked into your socks or boots, and a long-sleeved shirt. This may be difficult to do when the weather is hot, but it will help keep ticks away from your skin and help you spot a tick on your clothing faster.

- Stay on cleared trails when walking or hiking, avoiding the edge habitat where ticks are likely to be.

- Talk to your veterinarian about tick control options for your pets, such as tick collars, repellents, oral medications, and consider year-round treatment).

- Check yourself for ticks once a day. Favorite places ticks like to go on your body include areas between the toes, back of the knees, groin, armpits, neck, along the hairline, and behind the ears. Remember to check your children and pets, too.

- Remove any attached tick as soon as possible.

#### SYMPTOMS OF TICK-BORNE DISEASES

Tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, Southern tick-associated rash illness (STARI), Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF), ehrlichiosis and tularemia can cause distinctive rashes, commonly referred to as a "bullseye" rash. Other common symptoms are head-

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# Drop-in walking groups, Continental Breakfasts, celebrating mothers and more at Senior Center

NORTH READING — There’s always something new to do at the Edith O’Leary Senior Center! “Our Place on the Hill” is located at the top of the Town Common, 157 Park St. Drop by for lunch and meet up with old friends or make some new ones during any of the following programs scheduled for the week of Thursday, May 4 through Friday, May 5.

Check out our “Save the date” events for later in the month too! And don’t forget that the North Reading Board of Health and the Reading Lions Club are teaming up to once again offer free vision and hearing screenings on Friday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., just steps away from the Senior Center, in the activity room of the Flint Memorial Library. (Call Chrissy Doolin in the Health Department to make your reservation at 978-357-5242.)

Reservations for lunch and/or rides in the Senior Center van are

required a day in advance by calling 978-664-5600. A suggested donation of \$2 per lunch is requested. In-town transportation to the Senior Center and local shopping trips or appointments are free! Some other activities require advance registration by specific dates for planning purposes, which vary by event.

### Thursday, May 4

- 9 a.m.: Coffee and Continental Breakfast
- 10 a.m.: Chair Yoga with Annette (\$5 per class)
- 12 p.m.: Hot Lunch and Kentucky Derby Day! Wear your hat and play some games! Prizes and raffles!

### Friday, May 5

- 9 a.m.: Exercise with Emma (Free)
- 10:30 a.m.: Project Linus Knitting Group
- 10:30 a.m.: Drop in for Cards, Games, and Cribbage
- 11 a.m.: Brunch Served at Se-

nior Center \*New\*

\*Fuel Assistance Appointments\*  
Monday, May 8

- 9 a.m.: Exercise with Emma (Free)
- 10 a.m.: Coffee and Continental Breakfast
- 12 p.m.: Hot Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Wii Bowling
- 2 p.m.: Chair Yoga with Annette (\$5 per class)

### Tuesday, May 9

- 9 a.m.: Coffee and Continental Breakfast
- 10 a.m.: Market Basket Shopping Trip: Space is limited. Advance reservations required.
- 10 a.m.: Knitting and Crocheting Group \*New! All are welcome to drop in, chat, knit and crochet. Instruction will be available if you would like to learn something new.
- 12 p.m.: Hot Lunch
- Shine Counselor available by appointment

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## Around the Schoolyard

By Laura Oliveto,  
NRMS Assistant Principal

# Springtime fun at NRMS

Now that spring is here, we can enjoy more sunshine and better weather. It’s a time of year when many of us look forward to the longer days and all the fun activities that come along with springtime.

Already this season, we’ve had some great events at NRMS. Last month we hosted our March Madness basketball tournament. After some very close games, one of our eighth grade teams proudly took home the winning trophy.

This was followed by the All Town Band and Chorus concerts, which were held on the NRMS/NRHS campus. Both were wonderful nights for all who were able to attend. The evenings were also great opportunities for community members to view all the beautiful art that was displayed on our campus for the annual North Reading District Art Show.

Recently, our NRMS track and field extracurricular activity started running again. As in years past, we have almost 100 students participating. This program is run by Mr. Joe Davis along with several other staff members. Students get introduced to the track and field events and then have the opportunity to participate in a couple meets versus other middle schools in our neighboring communities. It’s a great opportunity for students to get outside in the good weather and have some fun with friends and classmates.

Also coming up, our school’s North Reading Hornet Productions group will be participating in the METG Middle School One-Act Drama Festival. This play is being directed by Neva Ventullo who is an alumna of North Reading High School. We have a small but mighty

team of 12 students performing who are also learning technical theater skills like puppet design. “The Little Prince” will run on Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at the NRMS/NRHS Performing Arts Center and will be performed on Sunday, May 7 at 9 a.m. at Dover-Sherborn Middle School as a part of the festival.

In addition, spring is also the time that we begin to look forward to wrapping up the school year and celebrating with our students. We have 180 eighth grade students that will be moving on from the Middle School in June. We plan to celebrate them all during a week-long series of field trips and activities that end with our wonderful Legacy Day event. During this week, we also plan to host field day events for our sixth and seventh grade students.

Finally, as we are getting ready to send off our students to the next grade, we are also preparing to welcome our incoming sixth grade class. In addition to our 5th Grade Parent Night, scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, we are excited to have the fifth grade students visit the NRMS campus on Monday, June 5. Students will begin their visit in our Performing Arts Center for a welcome message and then have an opportunity to see some classrooms and visit with our sixth grade teachers.

As the weather continues to warm and the school year begins to wrap up, students, faculty and families have a lot of great memories to look back on and lots of things to look forward to as well. Middle School families, please read the NRMS Daily Messages for updates on activities and events.

## QUEEN Continued from Page 4

Sunday School classes were taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame from Andover, and Sister Anne had coached me well. I knew just what to do: at the appropriate moment during the second hymn, I walked over to the statue of Mary, which was standing on a small outdoor altar. There was a small step ladder behind the statue, and one of the church ushers helped me climb up a step or two, holding my arm so I wouldn’t fall off. As all the people sang, I placed the small wreath of fresh flowers on Mary’s head, and climbed down. The rest of the ceremony went off smoothly. It was a lovely memory.

Fast forward now to May, 1960. In the intervening years, the May Procession had been canceled a couple of times because of rain, and then canceled completely. But in 1960, the new Saint Theresa’s church had been built on Winter Street – so large, so lovely. We had so much room to move around! Father Lane decided to bring back the May Procession to celebrate the first springtime in the new church, and he assigned Father Lizio, the new curate, to manage the whole event.

I was seventeen that spring, and a senior at North Reading High School. I was extremely surprised and honored when I was asked to serve as the May Queen again – but I happily agreed. To celebrate the new church, this procession would be held inside, and Father Lizio gave me instructions: we would process into the church; my attendants and I were to sit in the front pew – then at the beginning of the second hymn, my attendants and I would walk onto the altar and I would place the wreath of flowers on the statue

of Mary. No problem! I could do that!

But as the procession entered the church, I spotted the problem immediately. The new statue of Mary was very tall, and it had been placed on a very tall pedestal – but there was no ladder, nothing for me to step on. Somebody had forgotten that one little detail. I’m tall – but not that tall. I sat there in a panic: how in the world was I going to get that wreath onto Mary’s head? The organist was playing the new organ happily and loudly, so when I tried to call softly to Father Lizio, he couldn’t hear me. I tried to catch his eye, but he was focused on the hymnal. Oh, dear!

The second hymn started... and the whole church was singing happily...

*Bring flowers of the rarest,  
bring flowers of the fairest  
From garden and woodland  
and hillside and vale...*

...and I started up to the altar – where things were even worse than I had imagined. Mary’s head was completely out of reach. I stretched as far as I could reach, to no avail. There I stood with this pretty little wreath of fresh flowers in my hand, and no way to get it onto Mary’s head. There was nobody near me; no one who could help. The congregation reached the point in the hymn where I was supposed to place the crown on her head:

*Oh Mary, we crown thee with  
blossoms today  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of  
the May*

In desperation, I decided the only thing to do was to sort of toss it up there and hope for the best. I said a little prayer and gently flung the delicate little wreath upward, as if the statue were a game at the Topsfield Fair; and it landed on Mary’s

head for a second.

I held my breath... then slowly, slowly it slid off onto one of the flower arrangements on the side. What was I supposed to do now?

At that point, Father Lizio finally realized what was going on and came to help. He wasn’t any taller than I, but between the two of us we managed to get the wreath onto Mary’s head – more or less. It finally settled in at a rather jaunty angle. And just at that moment, Al Sylvia, Editor of the Transcript, showed up out of nowhere and snapped a picture.

The ceremony was meant to honor the Mother of Jesus, but poor Mary spent the rest of the celebration looking a bit tipsy, as if she had had one too many at the tavern down the street, with the slightly bedraggled wreath drooped rakishly over one eye. I kept thinking, I couldn’t make this up if I tried.

Then on Thursday the Transcript came out, with a photo documenting the whole bizarre event.

It was definitely not the sort of honor we all had in mind for her.

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**VINCENZO STUTO**  
Select Board member



**JEFF GRIFFIN**  
CPC member

single-issue position and that more importantly it is the responsibility of the Select Board to bring all projects to the table for the town to set its priorities," Stuto said.

After the loss in his first bid for elective office, Carroll reaffirmed his commitment to continue to seek opportunities to serve his hometown.

"I think overall it was a good experience. I would like to congratulate my opponent, Mr. Stuto, on a very well campaigned and well managed race," Carroll told the Transcript.

"I would also like to clarify that this is not my final foray into politics, especially not on the local scene, and that there will likely be another shot of me doing something in the very near future," Carroll added.

The Select Board held its annual reorganization meeting

Wednesday night (after press time) for the positions of chair, vice chair and clerk. For the past year, Stuto has served as the board's vice chair.

**Griffin excited to get started**

After winning his first-ever elective office, Griffin told the Transcript that the first thing he did was share the news with his father, who is nearly 80 years old.

"I Face-timed my dad. I told him he would be the first one to know, and he was very excited," he said.

Griffin said winning elective office "feels like a great opportunity's in front of me. I am here because of the people...it was the people's voice that got me here, listening to their concerns."

Asked what he'd like to achieve first as a member of the CPC, Griffin said he believes it is "really important to build personal relationships with the board

**MAY 2, 2023 TOWN ELECTION  
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Total Registered Voters	2993	3103	2991	2953	12,040
	Prec.1	Prec.2	Prec.3	Prec.4	Totals
<b>SELECT BOARD</b>					
Blanks	6	5	4	12	27
<b>JACK A. CARROLL</b>	51	141	82	74	348
<b>VINCENZO STUTO</b>	138	99	142	153	532
Write-Ins/All Others	0	2	0	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>912</b>
<b>MODERATOR</b>					
Blanks	40	76	57	48	221
<b>JOHN J. MURPHY</b>	154	167	168	191	680
Write-Ins/All Others	1	4	3	3	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>912</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>					
Blanks	36	73	42	47	198
<b>SCOTT T. BUCKLEY</b>	158	172	186	190	706
Write-Ins/All Others	1	2	0	5	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>912</b>
<b>COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION</b>					
Blanks	7	7	5	13	32
<b>JEFFREY P. GRIFFIN</b>	102	174	148	107	531
<b>CHRISTOPHER B. HAYDEN</b>	86	66	75	122	349
Write-Ins/All Others	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>912</b>

members...I really want to settle in and understand the personalities that I'll be working with."

"Right now I don't know what impact I could have on any of

the sewer pipe project. I know that (it) is a huge concern of the people here," he said.

Griffin believes the frustration many people felt during the

town's sewer project workshops last fall and subsequent Town Meeting contributed to their desire for change in their representation.



**VOTER Justin Reid casts his ballot into the ballot box at Precinct 4 Tuesday night while election worker Carol Bourque looks on.** (Maureen Doherty Photo)



**PRECINCT 2 had the highest number of voters participating in the annual Town Election, as 247 voters cast ballots out of a townwide tally of 912. Among them was voter Kathy Bythrow.** (Maureen Doherty Photo)

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# Democrats welcomed to May committee meeting

NORTH READING — The North Reading Democratic Town Committee welcomes all registered Democrats to its May meeting to be held on Tuesday May 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 5 at Town Hall, 235 North St.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for attendees to hear and discuss the opportunities to become involved on a local, state, and national level.

“This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in politics to hear about opportunities in the area,” commented Sara Jane Griffin. “The North Reading committee has a long history of engagement in the area and we are excited to increase our numbers. Young and old alike are welcome to attend.”

Those with any questions, feel free to contact Sara-Jane Griffin at [NorthReadingDemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:NorthReadingDemocrats@gmail.com).

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ache, fatigue, and muscle aches. People with Lyme disease may also experience joint pains, fevers or other symptoms.

For further information on Lyme disease go to: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/lyme-disease>

For additional information on all types of tick-borne diseases, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/tick-borne-disease-prevention>

### PREVENTION OF MOSQUITO BORNE ILLNESSES

The Health Department recommends the following precautionary measures to protect residents and their families and reduce the chance of infection from mosquito-borne illnesses.

- Be aware of peak mosquito hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

- If you are outdoors at any time and notice mosquitoes around you, take steps to avoid being bitten by moving indoors, covering up and/or wearing repellent.

- Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites. Although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

- Use a repellent with DEET or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under 2 months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under 3 years of age. Permethrin products are intended for use on items such as clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear and should not be applied to skin.

- Mosquito-proof your home by draining standing water such as rain gutters, drains, unused flower pots, wading pools and change birdbath water regularly. Many mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water.

- Install or repair screens. Some mosquitoes like to come indoors. Keep them outside by installing tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

- Mosquitoes are turned off by several natural scents: cinnamon, peppermint, cedar, citronella, lemongrass, patchouli, catnip, lavender and more. Find a favorite, and use it when you want to spend time outside.

Lemon eucalyptus oil is one of the more well-known natural repellents and is approved by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as an effective ingredient in mosquito repellent

- Mosquito-borne diseases include: EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis), West Nile Virus (WNV), Zika virus and Chikungunya virus.

For additional information on WNV, EEE, or ZIKA go to: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/mosquito-borne-disease-prevention>

Residents with questions about mosquitoes or how to control them can contact either Robert F. Bracey, Director of Public Health or Pam Merrill, RN, BSN at the town of North Reading Health Department, 978-357-5242 or visit the town Health Department website at: [www.northreadingma.gov/health-department](http://www.northreadingma.gov/health-department).

Additional resources are available from the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project, from which the town receives mosquito-reduction services, at 781-893-5759 or at the project website at <https://sudbury.ma.us/emmcp/>



# Vision/hearing screenings, Spring Book Sale, Mystery Book Club and more at the library

NORTH READING — The Flint Memorial Library is offering a variety of interesting events for patrons of all ages during the week of Thursday, May 4 through Saturday, May 13.

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

- 9:30 – 10 a.m.: Toddler Storytime
- 10:15 – 11 a.m.: Pre-K Storytime

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Free vision/hearing screenings in the Activity Room, in conjunction with the NR Board of Health, Flint Memorial Library and Edith O'Leary Senior Center. Open to all ages, the screenings are sponsored by the Reading Lions Club. Pre-register by calling Chrissy Doolin at the Health Dept. at 978-357-5242.

- 3:15 – 4 p.m.: Lego Club, 4th floor.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friends Book Sale Donation Drop-off

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friends Book Sale Donation Drop-off

### MONDAY, MAY 8

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friends Book Sale Donation Drop-off

- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Friends Book Sale Donation Drop-off

- 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.: VIRTUAL: Lioness of Boston - The Life of Isabella Stewart Gardner.

Author Emily Franklin will discuss her brand new novel, “The Lioness of Boston,” in conversation with author Dawn Tripp, in this Zoom webinar. This is a deeply evocative novel of the life of Isabella Stewart Gardner, a daring visionary who created an inimitable legacy in American art and transformed the city of Boston itself. Register for this virtual event online at [flintmemoriallibrary.org/event-calendar](http://flintmemoriallibrary.org/event-calendar).

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Friends of the Library Book Sale - Members Only

- 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Genealogy Meetup

- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Mystery Book Club: Join us as we discuss this month's mystery. For May, we will be reading “Defending Jacob” by William Landay. For further information, email or call Eleanor Martel - Head of Reference/Information Services at [emartel@northreadingma.gov](mailto:emartel@northreadingma.gov)

978-664-4942 ext. 2

- 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.: D&D Club

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.: CANCELLED - Toddler Story Time

- 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.: Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

- 10:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.: CANCELLED - Pre-K Story Time

- 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: VIRTUAL: (Don't) Call Me Crazy: Starting the Conversation about Mental Health.

What does it mean to be crazy? Is using the word crazy offensive? What happens when a label like that gets attached to your everyday experiences? Join Kelly Jensen, editor of the book “(Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation about Mental Health,” for advice on how to talk openly about mental health topics. Register for this virtual event online at [flintmemoriallibrary.org/event-calendar](http://flintmemoriallibrary.org/event-calendar)

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.: Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale.

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# Fire Dept. Log



**NORTH READING** — During the week of Sunday, April 23 through Saturday, April 29, the North Reading Fire Department responded to 50 calls.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

12:15 a.m., 12 Chestnut St., EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 11:15 a.m., 14 Cold Spring Rd., house fire, extinguished by fire personnel; 1:55 p.m., 9 Cold Spring Rd., EMS call, transport person advanced life support (ALS); 4:56 p.m., 107 Central St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 7:14 p.m., 279 Main St., detector activation, no fire unintentional, investigate; 9:04 p.m., 1364 Main St., Reading, EMS call, transport person ALS.

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**

9:26 a.m., 10 Virginia Rd., Wilmington, EMS, transport person basic life support (BLS); 10:08 a.m., 3 Pluff Ave., smoke detector activation, no fire unintentional, investigate; 10:45 a.m., 4C Elderberry Ln., Reading, EMS call, provide first aid and check for injuries; 11:27 a.m., 6 Glenwood Rd., EMS call, transport person BLS; 11:57 a.m., 134 North St., Royal Meadow View, EMS call, provide first aid and check for injuries; 2:15 p.m., 38 Main St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 4:02 p.m., 102 Lowell Rd., Edgewood Apts., EMS call, provide first aid and check for injuries; 5:36 p.m., 34 Elm St., investigate unauthorized outside burning; 8:51 p.m., 12 Stewart Rd., EMS call, transport person ALS; 9:22 p.m., 36 Main St., EMS call,

provide first aid and check for injuries.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**

9:06 a.m., 151 Haverhill St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 9:24 a.m., 28 Spoon Way, alarm system activation, no fire unintentional, investigate; 11:28 a.m., 4C Elderberry Ln., Reading, good intent call; 12:20 p.m., 864 Main St., Reading, dispatched and cancelled en route; 12:25 p.m., 13 Sunset Ave., EMS call, provide assistance; 1:28 p.m., 500 Salem St., Wilmington, EMS call, transport person BLS; 3:46 p.m., 141 Elm St., EMS call, transport person BLS.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

5:36 a.m., 270 Main St., cooking fire, confined to container, ventilate; 7:48 a.m., 63 Central St., EMS call, provide first aid and check for injuries; 10:56 a.m., 230 North St., investigate attempted outside burning; 12:44 p.m., 84 Main St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 1:00 p.m., 123 Main St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 2:33 p.m., 162 Park St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 4:21 p.m., 212 Pearl St., Reading, motor vehicle accident with injuries, transport person ALS.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

8:57 a.m., 3 Brassie Way, The Greens, smoke detector activation, no fire, unintentional, ventilate; 9:42 a.m., 35 Main St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 11 a.m., 18 Union St., Reading, EMS call, transport person BLS; 12:34 p.m., 55 Concord St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 1:59 p.m., 13 Walker Rd., North Andover, dispatched and cancelled en route; 2:33 p.m., 36 Main St., good intent call; 4:31 p.m., 4C Elderberry Ln., Reading, EMS call, transport person BLS; 4:37 p.m., 241 Haverhill St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 7:13 p.m., 1 Liberty Ln., EMS call, obtained patient refusal.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

12:55 p.m., 7 Peaslee Circle, Middleton, EMS call, transport person ALS; 2:30 p.m., 123 Main St., EMS call, transport person ALS; 3:01 p.m., 14 Sunset Ave., public ser-

# Police make three arrests in separate incidents



**NORTH READING** — A 40-year-old Edgewood Apartments man was arrested on domestic violence charges on Wednesday, April 19.

Police were informed about an alleged domestic incident involving Jose Anibal Colon Amaro, 103 Lowell Rd., Apt. 308, at 10:24 a.m. He was arrested on an outstanding warrant that was issued due to alleged domestic violence charges that North Reading Police detectives requested.

North Reading Police helped Andover Police arrest a Wilmington man at Martins Pond on Tuesday, April 18.

Andover Police told North Reading Police at 8:29 p.m. that James Evans, 30 Colonial Dr., Apt. B, Andover, was walking toward North Reading and was wanted on a domestic violence charge. Andover Police arrested Evans at the Martins Pond boat ramp.

A 51-year-old Methuen man was arrested on Wednesday, April 19 following a motor vehicle stop near Walmart Plaza, 72 Main St., at 9:30 p.m. He was subsequently arrested on six outstanding warrants that were related to motor vehicle and license issues. He is not facing any new charges.

A Memory Lane resident informed police at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18 that he was the victim of fraud. He told police he had deposited checks in the mail box at Town Hall and it was stolen and altered. It was the fifth time a check washing incident has been reported to police during the last several weeks.

A 34-year-old Andover resident was summoned to court following a motor vehicle stop on Thursday, April 20 on Main Street at Cogswell Road for allegedly operating her vehicle with an expired registration at 2:10 p.m. She was summoned for allegedly operating an unregistered motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and operating a vehicle without an inspection sticker.

A Park Street resident informed police at 8:13 p.m. that her sister from Connecticut was at her mother's house and was trying to remove her from the home. Police restored the peace, and the Connecticut woman left the house with no issues.

Police went to a Mount Vernon Street resident's home at 10:32 p.m. after he got into an argument with his roommate who was trying to enter the caller's room. Police restored the peace. The roommate called police back at 11:40 p.m. to report that he had gotten into another dispute with the original caller. The roommate left the home for the night.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

A North Reading Storage Solutions manager called police at 1:14 p.m. to report that a customer who may be intoxicated was inside his unit at the 35 Main St. facility. The Fire Dept. also responded and the customer was transported to Winchester Hospital.

At 1:39 p.m., a Park Street resident reported that someone left a couple bags of construction debris beside his trash barrels. The responding officer reported that someone had dropped two trash bags at four different homes and none of the bags contained identifying information. The DPW picked up the bags.

Police went to Westward Circle at 2:15 p.m. after a trash truck knocked down power lines. RMLD and Verizon fixed them.

A Norwood man was given a citation for allegedly not abiding by the state's hands-free driving law on Park Street at 5:57 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

A woman came to the police station at 8:24 a.m. to turn in a Fitbit that she had found in the area of Harold Parker State Forest and Jenkins Road, Andover. Andover Police was also notified.

Police went to a minor motor vehicle accident involving a 2021 Honda Pilot SUV and a 2021 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck near Arthur Kenney Field at NRHS at 10:05 a.m.

Saugus Police informed North Reading Police at 10:07 a.m. that a Main Street resident was allegedly involved in a hit-and-run accident in that community. The local man was pulling into a parking space at his apartment building when police arrived. A police officer noticed the man's 2007 Honda Accord had front end damage, but he told the officer that he was not involved in the Saugus accident.

A Tower Hill Road resident informed police at 9:50 p.m. that people in a sedan allegedly threw eggs at his home and car, causing damage. A neighbor across the street also informed police of similar damage to their vehicle. Police have yet to identify the suspect(s).

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

A caller told police that a group of youths were riding dirt bikes and ATVs on Wyoming Avenue and Aspen Road at 1:09 p.m. Police located two youths with ATVs on Sunset Avenue, and had them push their vehicles into a driveway on Puritan Road.

Police went to a three-vehicle accident involving a 2010 Honda Accord, 2022 Subaru Outback and a 2014 Porsche Cayenne SUV. The Honda and Porsche were towed.

A police officer witnessed an accident during which a 2020 Subaru Crosstrek backed into a 2015 Honda Civic in the Hillview Golf Course

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

In the matter of: Carina Marie Lutz Hizliok

A Petition to **Change Name of Adult** has been filed by

**Carina Marie Lutz Hizliok**  
of North Reading, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Carina Ruth Rose Marie Lutz**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10 a.m. on the return day of 5/12/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks,  
First Justice of this Court.

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Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
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condemn these incidents at the school level and I am following up today to provide further communication from the district level as well.

We are always working as a community to learn more and prevent further instances such as this and I would invite any parents, guardians, or caregivers who would like to be involved in our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging action team to reach out to either myself, pdaly@nrpsk12.org or Mr. Killeen, skilleen@nrpsk12.org directly.

As a part of our ongoing work the district applied for and received a "Preventing Hate Crimes" grant and we will be holding two upcoming trainings, one for district staff and one for high school students, in partnership with Northeastern University. This model will allow a group of student leaders to attend the training and share the information with other students in the near future in order to

positively impact the culture of our schools.

We also have received a grant to help diversify our workforce. Please help spread the word about our hiring opportunities: <https://www.north-reading.k12.ma.us/district/news/hiring-opportunities>

Below are some resources that may be helpful for those looking to learn more or to connect with their children about race and racism.

**10 Tips on Talking to Kids about Race and Racism:** <https://www.pbs.org/education/blog/10-tips-on-talking-to-kids-about-race-and-racism>

**Kids Health: Talking to Kids about Race and Racism** <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/talk-about-race.html>

PBS Kids has a wealth of resources that will be appropriate for all parents and students of all ages: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/talking-about-racism>

Thank you,  
**Dr. Patrick Daly**

**Superintendent of Schools**

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**Dear North Reading Middle School Parents and Families,**

The purpose of this email is to let you know that there was an incident of graffiti, that included a racial slur, found today on one of the desks in (a) classroom. School administrators are in the process of investigating the incident.

There is no place in our school for racial slurs or hurtful remarks directed at any student or groups of students. The North Reading Public Schools take incidents such as this very seriously. I understand an incident of this nature can be particularly disturbing, as such, our counseling staff will be available as needed for our students. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,  
**Catherine O'Connell**  
Principal

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tatives on town boards, therefore he will prioritize clarity, communication and offers assurance that any projects the CPC either proposes or weighs in on "would translate clearly and nicely for people to understand what direction the town would like to go in."

"I'm super excited. I can't wait to get into my first meeting and I am really looking forward to help make North Reading a better place. We love it here and we care about the town," Griffin said.

The Transcript was unable to reach Chris Hayden for comment prior to going to press.

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vice assistance; 5:21 p.m., 90 West St., Wilmington, EMS call, transport person BLS.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

12:23 a.m., 44 Main St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 1:51 a.m., 237 Main St., EMS call, transport person BLS; 8:32 a.m., 28 Lowell Rd., dispatched

and cancelled en route; 9:04 a.m., 1 Patriot Way, gas leak, investigate; 11:15 a.m., 6 Glenwood Rd., EMS call, transport person BLS; 1:43 p.m., 134 North St., no incident found, provide manpower; 3:56 p.m., 17 MacArthur Rd., EMS call, transport person ALS.

**TOWN OF NORTH READING**



**BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING NOTICE**


A virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of 77 Elm Street, LLC, for a variance from the rear yard setback for a single family dwelling to be constructed at 7 Woodcutter Road, North Reading, MA., Map 78, Block 4, Lot 79, according to the requirements outlined in the dimensional and density regulations of the North Reading Zoning Bylaws.

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**Wednesday, May 10**

- 9 a.m.: Coffee and Continental Breakfast
- 10:15 a.m.: Fit and Trim with Sandra (Free)
- 12 p.m.: Cold Lunch
- 12:30 p.m.: Blood Pressure Clinic with Pam Merrill, Public Health Nurse

**Thursday, May 11**

- 9 a.m.: Coffee and Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m.: - 10:30 a.m. Senator Tarr's Office Hour
- 10 a.m.: Chair Yoga with Annette (\$5 per class)
- 12 p.m.: Hot Lunch and Mother's Day Celebration with music provided by DJ Peter Accolla. Advance Reservations required by May 9. \$2 donation requested.

**Save the date for May special events!**

• **Wednesday, May 17:** Hot Lunch and "Bon Appétit!" Production by the Delvena Theatre Group. Advance Reservations required by May 15. \$5 donation requested.

• **It's not too late to join in on the Walk Mass. Challenge!** Sponsored by the Massachusetts Council on Aging and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mass. Register to walk by yourself or form a walking group and complete your selected challenge level by October 31, 2023.

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# Hornet girls' track wins another State Relay title

SEEKONK — It was a cold and windy day with a little bit of drizzle rolling in in the afternoon but the NRHS girls' track team did not let that deter them from exhibiting a dominating performance at the MSTCA Division 5 Relay Championship on Saturday at Seekonk High School. The Hornets amassed 108 points in a commanding victory over 20-plus other schools competing at the event well ahead of runner up Dedham (43), Norwell (37), Weston (34), Dennis Yarmouth (28), Norton (28), Triton (26), Middleboro (23), Pentucket (21), and Old Rochester Regional (14) to round out the top ten scoring teams.

The history: The North Reading's relay win streak goes back to 2014 and 2015 when they finished runner up in Division 4, after which they won back to back titles in 2016 and 2017 in Division 4. Once the school population reached just over 800, the Hornets were moved up to Division 3 to compete against schools ranging



**THE NRHS girls' track and field team are state relay champions for the 7th consecutive season. (Courtesy Photo)**

from 800-1,050 in size and they won back to back titles again in 2018 and 2019 despite being one of the smaller schools in the division. They relays in 2020 were not contested due to Covid and the Hornets came back in 2021 to win yet another title in Division 3.

The state recently realigned to split into six divisions as opposed to four and North Reading was placed in Division 5. The Hornets then went on to win last year in D5 and again this year for another back to back championship.

Coach Sotirios Pintzopoulos believes the marks the girls posted at the meet would have bested every team in the state across all six divisions this past weekend and 108 points amassed at the meet is likely the highest by any girls outdoor track and field across all divisions in state history.

This year, the Hornet victory was fueled by eight wins in the 15 events contested, all of which resulted in

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# Boys' track tops Triton, takes 3rd in Div. 5 relays



**THE HORNET boys' track and field team celebrates their win over Triton on April 26. North Reading took 3rd in the Div. 5 state relays over the weekend in Seekonk. (Eric Evans Photo)**

NORTH READING — Once again led by Senior Captains Nathan Miller and Garrett Arden, the North Reading boys' spring track team moved to 2-0 on the CAL season with an 82-63 victory over Triton on April 26. The Hornets won 10 events in the process and had a tremendous day in many areas.

Miller was the top performer, as he won all three of his events with state championship qualifying marks as

he won the Long Jump in 20' 7.25", 53.18 in the 400 Meter Dash and also won the 200 Meter Dash in a time of 22.48, which is second all time in NRHS history.

"Nathan Miller continues to improve and it is just amazing to watch him step up for his team time and time again," said Hornets head coach Ryan Spinney. "This type of performance is one that is very rare in track. To not only qualify for states

in all three events, but to win them convincingly too is a testament to his dedication to his craft."

Arden continued his winning ways as well, as he took home the Javelin and Shot Put wins with throws of 165' 0" and 41' 5.25" respectively.

"Garrett is one of the most incredibly driven track athletes we have had at NRHS and that is saying something," said Spinney. "No one is more dedicated to getting better in throws

than Garrett and he puts the work in to prove it. He is a talent and a leader by example."

Senior Michael Hemme had another tremendous day as he ran a personal best in the 1 Mile (4:42.14), which places him 10th all time in NRHS history, as he took 2nd in the event. He followed it up with a victory in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:07.90 in a very tight race.

"Michael races with his heart every single time," said Spinney. "He never quits and will never give up. He is a special athlete and a special young man."

Senior Rocco Tammaro won the 400 Meter Hurdles in a time of 62.42, which places him 10th all-time in NRHS history for the event. Sophomore Nico Johnson took 2nd with a time of 64.22. Junior Noah Schifano continued his impressive start to his track career as he took 2nd in the Triple Jump with a mark of 42' 2.5", which is 6th all time in NRHS history. Senior Trevor Miller won his second consecutive meet in the Discus as he tossed a throw of 105' 0" to take the event. Freshman Leo Romanski took 3rd with a personal best of 102' 1". Senior Brady Miller took 2nd to Arden in the Javelin with his personal best throw of 123' 10". Senior Captain Jacob Duval tied for first in the High Jump with a leap of 5' 4". Sophomore Kaio Pancini took 2nd in the 110

Meter Hurdles in a time of 17.20 and classmate Nico Johnson took 3rd in a time of 18.00.

Senior Brodie Mann took 2nd in the 100 Meter Dash in a time of 11.56 and he followed it up with a 3rd place finish in the 200 Meter Dash in a time of 23.84. The Pole Vault trio of Senior Vincent Pastore, Johnson and Tammaro took all three top spots with vaults of 10' 0", 9' 0" and 9' 0" respectively to sweep the event. Rounding out the scoring for the Hornets was the 4 x 100 Meter Relay team of Senior Captain Caleb Sands, Sophomore Kieran Miller, Freshman Blaine Evans and Mann with a victory in the event with a time of 46.23.

The Hornets took 3rd overall in a very tough competition at the Division 5 State Relay Championship on Saturday in Seekonk. The Hornets tallied 45 total points, including two first place finishes as a team in the Pole Vault and Shot Put events. Weston was the champion with 57 points.

Senior Vincent Pastore led the Hornet Pole Vault squad, as they took the top 3 spots to win the event, which was conducted on Thursday evening at NRHS. Pastore cleared 11' 0", which ties him for 7th all time in NRHS history, to win the event. Sophomore Nico Johnson and Senior

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# Boys' tennis gets past Malden 3-2

NORTH READING — The North Reading High boys tennis team edged guest Malden, 3-2, on Monday afternoon in a non-league match. The win snapped a two-match losing streak for the Hornets who improved to 3-3 overall.

The key match came at first doubles as the team of Jonathan Park and Aiden Patel won in three sets to clinch the match. They lost the first set 7-6 (10-8 in the tiebreaker). They

then won the second set, 6-3, and the third set 6-4.

"They dropped a tough first set but did a great job of staying focused the final two sets," said Hornets head coach Mark Bisognano.

In the other doubles match, Alex DeWolfe and Raffi Toby won in shutout fashion, 6-0, 6-0.

In singles action, Roman Ton lost, 6-1, 6-2. Second-singles player, Parker Lee, won, 6-4, 6-2, while

third-singles player, Samir Murthy, lost, 6-1, 6-3.

The match scheduled for April 27 against Bishop Fenwick at home was postponed and played on May 3 (results not available at press time).

On May 4, the Hornets host Amesbury. They then visit Pentucket on May 8.

Both of those matches will start at 4:15 p.m.



On May 9, they go to Lynnfield with that contest starting at 4 p.m. as that match was supposed to have been played on May 2 but was rained out. North Reading then hosts Newburyport on May 10 at 4:15 p.m.

"With the weather we have had, we have a lot of matches coming up," said Bisognano.



**KRISTEN GALVIN and the Hornet softball hitters have put up 55 runs in their current four-game winning streak. Galvin had a career-high 8 RBI including a grand slam in NR's win over Ipswich on Friday.**  
(Eric Evans File Photo)

# Softball team wins fourth straight

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
NORTH READING — On April 28, the North Reading High softball team clocked guest Ipswich, 22-4, in a five-inning mercy-rule game. It was the fourth-straight win for the Hornets who improved to 8-2 overall and 7-0 in the Cape Ann League.

“They are a rebuilding team with a new coach this season,” explained Hornets head coach Nicole Zimmerman.

The Hornets scored five runs in the first inning and then broke the game wide open with 15 runs in the bottom of the second. They then plated their final two runs in the bottom of the third inning.

The Hornets finished the day with a season-high 23 hits. Mia Vittozzi led the way going a perfect 4 for 4 with three runs batted in and she also scored three times.

Caitlin Reilly and Kristen Galvin were both 3 for 3 at the dish. Galvin had a career-high eight

RBI with the big blow being a grand-slam home run in the second. She also homered again and drew a walk to reach base all four times.

Reilly knocked in two runs. Keely Hannon was 3 for 3 as well with one RBI.

Alyssa Cassarino and Mia Lava were both 2 for 4 with two RBI. Jocelyn Ostrowski and Alyse Mutti were both 2 for 3 to round out the multiple hitters. Ostrowski also knocked in one.

Cassarino was the winning pitcher going to 4-0 as she pitched the first three innings. She gave up one run, two hits, no walks and struck out seven.

Emilia Yeakeo pitched the rest of the game making her career debut.

On April 26, it was another mercy-rule win as the Hornets shut out guest Lynnfield by a final of 13-0 that also went five innings.

Cassarino was the winning pitcher in this one as well going

three innings. She gave up three hits, no walks and fanned two Pioneer batters. Hannon finished up in relief.

North Reading scored twice in the first, three times in the second, five times in the third and three more times in the bottom of the fourth.

“Everybody contributed,” said Zimmerman. “Our bats have really been on.”

The Hornets had 18 hits led by Reilly and Cassarino who were both 3 for 3. Cassarino knocked in two runs. Vittozzi was 3 for 4 with one RBI while Hannon was 2 for 3 with two RBI.

Bella Duffy was a perfect 2 for 2 with two RBI as the team had five multiple hitters.

On May 4, the Hornets face a good test as they visit Amesbury at 4:30 p.m. They then play a non-league game at Tewksbury on May 9 at 6 p.m.

On May 10, the Hornets return to CAL play as they host Hamilton-Wenham at 4:30 p.m.

# Boys' lax beats Hamilton-Wenham for third in a row

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
NORTH READING — The North Reading High boys' lacrosse team won its third consecutive game on Monday afternoon as they rolled over visiting Hamilton-Wenham by a final of 11-1.

North Reading improved to 3-6 overall and 2-5 in the Cape Ann League. The Generals fell to 1-7 overall and 0-6 in the CAL.

“They are a very young team with a small roster,” pointed out Hornets head coach Chuck Campobasso, about the Generals.

North Reading led wire-to-wire as they were up at the half 5-1.

“We have been playing a little

more consistently and we put together a full 48 minutes,” said Campobasso. “Our defensemen



also played a strong game.”

Logan Lamont led the attack with three goals and three assists. P.J. Conte and Sam Morelli each had three goals and one assist. Teddy Suny and Blake McMeniman had one goal and one assist each to round out the scoring.

Matt Young had one assist and goalie, Dave Tran, made 10 saves.

On May 5, the Hornets go to Ipswich with that game starting at 4:30 p.m.

They then play back-to-back non-league games on May 8 and May 9. On May 8, the Hornets host Belmont at 5 p.m. The next day, they visit Medford with that game starting at 4:30 p.m.



**ANDREW TAYLOR and the Hornet defense shut down Hamilton-Wenham in NR's 11-1 win on Monday night. The Hornets hosted Lynnfield on Wednesday after press time and travel to Ipswich on Friday at 4:30 p.m.**  
(Eric Evans Photo)

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Rocco Tammaro both cleared 10' 0" to take 2nd and 3rd overall in the event. All three qualified for the State Championship on May 25th with their marks.

“The Pole Vault set a good tone for our team going into Saturday,” said Spinney. “All of them had great performances and the team took their lead.”

Freshman Otto Indelicato qualified for Nationals in the Freshman Shot Put event, as he threw a personal record 40' 7" to be the leading thrower for the Hornets. Senior Owen Delano and Senior Captain Garrett Arden threw 39' 11.25" and 38' 3.25" respectively to cap off the team title in the event.

“Our throwers have been absolutely fantastic this spring,” said Spinney. “Coaches Falanga and Ledoux have done a tremendous job of helping them find their potential and

improve each meet. We are so proud of Otto. He has rapidly developed and has found a true passion in the throwing events for track. His qualifying for Nationals is just the icing on the cake for how much he has grown as an athlete this year.”

The Shuttle Hurdle Relay teams scored a total of 7 points for the Hornets, as they had two squads compete in the event. The first team of Sophomore Kaio Pancini, Senior Captain Jacob Duval, Sophomore Nico Johnson and Senior Rocco Tammaro took 3rd overall in a time of 1:12.76. The second team of Sophomores Torin Nickerson, Michael Mahoney, Marshall Murray and Daniil Baranetski took 6th in a time of 1:18.07.

“Coach MacLellan has done a fantastic job getting all eight of these athletes ready to go in a tough, competitive event. Not a lot of schools have one hurdle relay team, we have

two and that speaks volumes about the talent and dedication we have in that event.”

The Javelin Relay of Senior Captain Garrett Arden, Senior Brady Miller and Sophomore Nikolas Laverdiere took home 3rd place in the Javelin relay with throws of 165' 0", 116' 9" and 115' 6", respectively. The Distance Medley Relay team of Senior Captain Nick Fabrizio (1200m 3:34.0), Senior Captain Nathan Miller (400m 51.7), Senior Christian DaCosta (800m 2:11.7) and Senior Michael Hemme (1600m 4:40.6) ran a total of 11:19.16, which placed 3rd in the meet and was just shy of the school record in the DMR.

The Sprint Medley relay took 4th in a solid time of 3:41.30, which was just half a second off the school record for the event. Senior Captain Caleb

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## Hornets of the Week



Congratulations to the Hornets of the Week: Nathan Miller, Kristen Galvin, Caitlin Reilly, the North Reading girls' varsity spring track team, Dylan Mathews and Shea Tully. Nathan, a senior on the boys' track team, won three events against Triton in the Long jump, 200 Meter dash, 400 meter dash and qualified for the D5 Championships in all three events. Kristen and Caitlin, both juniors on the varsity softball team, combined for 7 hits, 2 home runs and a double in North Reading's victories over Ipswich and Lynnfield. The girls' varsity track team won their 7th consecutive MSTCA Relay State title. Dylan, a freshman on the varsity baseball team, pitched North Reading to a victory over Manchester Essex striking out 4 and only giving up 1 earned run. Shea Tully, a senior on the girls' lacrosse team, had 3 goals and an assist leading North Reading to a non league victory over Tewksbury. Congratulations to Nathan, Kristen, Caitlin, varsity girls' track, Dylan, Shea and to all your teammates.

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# Girls' lacrosse beats Tewksbury by one in thrilling game

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
NORTH READING — On April 26, the NRHS girls' lacrosse team snapped their five game-losing streak as they edged host Tewksbury, 12-11, in a non-league game. North Reading improved to 2-0 in non-league contest.

"It was a pretty exciting game," said head coach Matt Costello. "We came out strong but had some mental lapses that allowed them to take the lead. We then played well late."

The Redmen led, 7-5, at the half and were able to increase its lead to 10-6 in the second stanza. However, the Hornets then went on a 6-0 run to go up 12-10.

Tewksbury scored with just under a minute left to cut the lead to one but the Hornets were able to hold on.

Brianne Slattery led the offense with five goals while Faith Newton had two goals and one assist. Shea Tully and Alaina Driscoll both scored twice while Jenna DiNapoli had one goal and one assist.

Kaitlyn Supple had eight saves in net.

On Monday afternoon, the Hornet lost, 15-8, at home to Hamilton-Wenham. With the defeat, the Hornets record fell to 3-6



**BRIANNE SLATTERY led the way with five goals in NR's 12-11 win over Tewksbury on April 26.** (Eric Evans Photo)

overall and 1-6 in the Cape Ann League. The Generals, meanwhile, improved to 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the league.

"They have a good, solid team," said Costello. "They are ranked in the top seven or eight in the Division 4 power rankings this week so that is a high caliber type of team."

The Hornet defense struggled with General star, Evelyn Bernard, who scored a game-high seven goals.

Newton led North Reading with

four goals while single goals were scored by Mia Pittore, Slattery, Callie MacLellan and DiNapoli.

Supple, tied her season-high for saves with 14. Tully had two assists.

The next game for the Hornets will be on Friday as they host Ipswich at 4:15 p.m. They will then have the next five days off as their next game isn't until May 11 as they visit Triton. That game will also start at 4:15 p.m.

Row, and Gerardi.

Adding another additional 28 points to the team total were the 4x1600 meter relay, the Shot Put Relay, the 1600M Sprint Medley Relay, the High Jump Relay and the 4000m Distance Medley Relay. The 4x1600 meter relay (Ava Collins, Grace Higgins, Charlotte McLaughlin and Karleigh Budny) went 25:44.11 for second place. The Shot Put Relay (Lilley, Gerber and Mini) went 27.72m for second place. The 1600M SMR (Madelyn Arian Aitchison, Jenna Mahoney, Tiara Lamont, and Annalise Butler) went 4:24.84 for 3rd place. The High Jump Relay (Abigail Lilley, Tiara Lamont, and Giuliana Auciello) went 4.12m for 3rd place tie. The 4000M DMR (Quinlan Kelly, Maggie Fortin, Grace Higgins, and Annalise Butler) went 13:44.23 for sixth place.

On April 26, the Hornets hosted Triton and had yet another dominant performance taking 14 of the 17 events contested. Leading the Hornets to victory was top scorer Giuliana Ligor who scored 15 points, winning the 400 Meter Hurdles (1:04.61), the 400 Meters (1:01.46) and the 200 Meters (26.04). Ava McIntyre and Abigail Lilley scored another 13 points each with Ava taking the 100 Meters (12.70), Long Jump (17' 5") and finishing second to Ligor in the 200 Meters (26.16) and Abigail taking the Discus Throw (108' 2"), the High Jump (4'

10") and taking second in the Shot Put (31' 1.5"). Madison Vant won the Shot Put (32' 3") and took second in the Javelin Throw (104' 6") and 100 Meter Hurdles (16.4h). Hayden MacLellan won the 100 Meter Hurdles (15.8h) and the Pole Vault (9'6"). Abigail Gerber won the Javelin Throw (109' 2"), took 2nd in the Discus Throw (90' 0") and 3rd in the Shot Put (29' 10.75"). Georgia Robarts took 2nd in the Triple Jump (33' 4") 2nd in the Long Jump (16' 5") and was a part of the winning 4x100 meter relay (52.05). Kayla Budny was also a member of that relay and also took 1st in the Triple Jump (33' 5.75") and 3rd in the 100 Meters (13.09). Also in the relay were Madelyn Arian Aitchison and Julia DeAngelis, who also took 2nd in the Pole Vault (8'0"). Annalise Butler took the One Mile Run (5:30.30).

Scooping up valuable 3rd place points were Sabrina Mini in the Discus Throw (81' 2"), Tiara Lamont in the High Jump (4'6"), Jenna Mahoney in the Pole Vault (6'6"), Katie Zimmerman in the Long Jump (15' 9.5"), and Vasiliki Kouiroukidis in the Two Mile 15:55.42.

The Hornets met Pentucket on Wednesday after press time in their third regular season meet of the season.

# Girls' tennis beats Triton, falls to Malden

**By STEPHEN MARTELLUCCI**  
MALDEN — In a non-league match on Monday afternoon, the North Reading High girls tennis team lost at Malden, 4-1, at Amerige Park. With that result, the Hornets fell to 3-3 overall.

"They are the top team in the Greater Boston League," said Hornets head coach Matt Tiberii about the Golden Tornadoes. "They are good throughout their lineup."

Alyssa Bradley lost at first singles, 6-4, 7-5, in two tight sets. At second singles, Vanessa Wright lost in three sets. She lost the first one, 6-4, but won the second one, 6-0. In the final set she fell in a close, 6-4, decision.

Making her career debut, freshman Shenaya Verma lost 6-0, 6-1, at third singles.

In doubles action, the first team of Chloe Florez and Isabelle Kim

won, 6-3, 6-3. The second duo of Addison Stetson and Aniya Taneja lost, 7-5, 6-3.

On April 28, the news was much better as the Hornets beat host Triton, 4-1, up in Byfield. With that victory, North Reading improved to 2-2 in the Cape Ann League.

"I was proud of the way the singles play and the doubles teams were efficient," said Tiberii.

Althea Bradley, who was out for the Malden match, won at first singles, 7-5, 6-0. Her sister, Alyssa, won, 6-1, 6-2, at second singles.

Bhagi Bandara played at third singles and lost, 6-0, 6-1.

The first doubles team of Florez and Wright won, 6-2, 6-1, while the second team of Katherine Hoadley and Mary Bonzagni won by those same scores.

The non-league match scheduled for April 27 at Bishop Fenwick was postponed and was made up on May 3 (results not available at press time).

On May 4, the Hornets visit Amesbury at 4:15 p.m. The next day, they host Wilmington in a non-league match. That one will start a little earlier at 3:30 p.m.

North Reading returns to CAL play on May 8 as they host Pentucket. Two days later, they visit Newburyport.

Those two matches will start at 4:15 p.m.



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Sands (200m 23.40), Senior Brodie Mann (200m 24.1), Senior Captain Nathan Miller (400m 52.5) and Senior Michael Hemme (800m 2:01.3) combined for the solid effort. The last team to place was the Discus Relay team of Senior Kyle McCormack (106' 1"), Senior Trevor Miller (100' 4") and Freshman Leo Romanski (99' 9") to take 5th overall in the event.

"We have a lot to be proud of today and we certainly have more to build on going forward," said Spinney. "The second half of the season will be a lot of fun to watch as it unfolds." The Hornets were back in action on Wednesday after press time as they traveled to Pentucket to take on the 1-1 Panthers.



## GIRLS' TRACK Continued from Page 10

new meet record performances. The Hornets scored 28 out of a possible maximum 30 points in the throwing events, 35/40 in the jumping events, 9/30 in the distance events and 36/50 in the sprinting events (the Hornets scratched their 4x400 which would have likely scored anywhere from 1-8 points).

Madison Vant was the top performer at the meet going 120' 8" in the Javelin, 17' 9.75" in the Long Jump and 34' 11" helping her teams win three gold medals and 30 points in those events. In the Javelin she was joined by Abigail Gerber (111' 4") and

Sabrina Mini (82' 11") for a combined 96.01m (315' 0") shattering the old school record of 264' 7" set in 2014 by Emily Murray, Samantha Trulli and Julia McDonald. In the Long Jump Relay she was joined by Ava McIntyre (17' 1.25") and Georgia Robarts (15' 9") for a combined 15.44m, missing the school record by just .02m. In her final event, the Triple Jump Relay she was joined by Kayla Budny (33' 6.5") and Georgia Robarts (33' .5") for a combined 30.93m, which was 3.5 feet off the school record.

Ava McIntyre, Georgia Robarts and Kayla Budny were also triple



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# Calvary Christian Church's Easter production 'The Promise' detailed Jesus' life

By GAIL LOWE

LYNNFIELD — "This is a great day to start a relationship with Jesus!"

These words were spoken by Pastor Tim Schmidt before "The Promise," a musical performed at Calvary Christian Church on Grove Street, got underway on Saturday afternoon, April 8, the day before Easter.

More than 100 adults and children were cast in roles in the production, ranging from the Baby Jesus and his mother Mary to John the Baptist and Mary Magdalene.

The Calvary Theater musical began at stage right where a modern day grandfather and his two young granddaughters Lisa and Becky are in the woods toasting marshmallows while awaiting the birth of a new grandchild and sibling. As they wait, the girls' grandfather tells them the incredible story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

As the scene faded to black, the action moved to center stage with Mary and Joseph looking for a place in Bethlehem where she could deliver her new baby. The performance, at times injected with humorous dialogue delivered by the grandfather and granddaughters, continued in this back and forth production style until the climax just under two hours later.

Act 1 also showcased the arrival of John the Baptist and Satan, followed by Jesus' 12 Disciples, Pharisees, Nicodemus, moneychangers and market people.

As the story progressed, Jesus revealed His healing powers, first with a paralytic and then a woman with a crippled hand. A young girl who had died was brought to life and two sight-impaired people were given sight.

In another scene during Act 1, sisters Martha and Mary were introduced as they grieved the loss of their brother Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead. Many theologians believe that this miracle sealed Jesus' fate.

At the opening of Act 2, a gathering of dancers and table servers took over the stage along with Roman soldiers, maidens, King Herod, Pontius Pilate and his Sentry, Simon of Cyrene, and the two thieves crucified along with Jesus.

Palm Sunday was also enacted along with Jesus' torturous walk along the Via Dolorosa as He was forced to carry His own cross down the aisle of the church. One of the most dramatic scenes took place soon after when Jesus was nailed to the cross and lifted up on Golgotha, the site where He was crucified. After His death, He was laid in a tomb provided by Joseph of Arimathea for three days until His glorious resurrection and ascension.

According to Producer and Pastor Kendra Key, performances brought approximately 2,200 people to the church's auditorium between Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 9, including those who attended online.

Calvary Theater, an all-volunteer

organization, has been producing Broadway-style productions for over 25 years, said Pastor Key.

"Our cast and crew consist of over 150 committed members of our church community who work hard to put on two shows each year—one for Christmas and one for Easter," said Pastor Key.

Pastor Key added that the church's doors are open to residents of the North Shore and surrounding communities.

"All are welcome to join us for our performances and experience the Gospel come to life through musical theater," she said.

Rehearsals for "The Promise" began at the end of January and continued through March 31, the day before the musical opened on April 1. Rehearsals for the Christmas production will begin toward the end of summer.

Pastor Key said it was amazing to see this story of Jesus on stage. "When you see it being enacted, you realize how powerful His story really is and you can see how it affects family and friends," she commented. "They walk out the door different from how they came in."

Pastor Schmidt called the production "the greatest story ever told," borrowing from the title of a Hollywood film, released in February 1965, about Jesus' life and death.

The production featured 14 moving songs; live animals, including a pony, goat and hens; special effects and gripping musical performanc-

es. Admission was free.

Adult ensemble members included Rayshawna Battle, Angelina Bishop, Antoinette Blanchard, Stevan Christanday, Nicole Costa, Denise Costin, Debbie Cox, Linda Delgado, Shelove Duprier, Linda Ford, Sarah Iwano, Sophie Jenkins, Ella Jenkins, Meredith Jenkins, Carlie Malonson, Marlene Menezes, Taraie Menezes, Stacie Minot, Roger Normil, Mayara Nunes, Alexia Nunes, Stephanie Oliveira, Kristina Pezzulo, Alex Rezende, Marilyn Roberts, Andrea Satterwhite, Aneya Sims, Anna Thomas and Noah Thomas.

The children's ensemble featured Nathanael Blanchard, Nicolas Blanchard, Naedecia Blanchard, Hope Cassidy, Daniel Christanday, David Costa, Elijah Guerrero, Andrew Havilah, Elijah Horacius, Aubrey Lee, Jameson Lee, Pearl Gina Makolo, Katalina Melara, Alek Nunes, Alexander Nunes, Alyssa Nunes, Victor Nunes, Rebecca Oliveira, Joel Ramos, Catalina Rosado, Arianna Satterwhite, Markus Satterwhite, Anaya Thomas, Yuri Thomas and Zia Thomas.

Crew members were Dave Ruff, director; Kathleen DeCarlo, music director; Sheila Costa, stage manager; Denzil Kakol, sound designer and operator; Wayne Mackert, lighting operator; Madison Rambarose, choreographer; Casey Perez, promotions; Teresa Turner-Cetta, costume director; Pamela White and Brenda Cavallaro, stage

crew directors; Melaney Fodera, makeup director; Kids Director Mira Christanday and Set Director/Designer Sue Burnett.

Costume crew: Osner Blanchard, Heather Boyter, Damaris Connors, Carola Ruff, Jacquelyn Schmidt and Josephine Uminski.

Stage crew: James Cassidy, Aidan Connors, Rich Connors, Faith Mace, Jude Miller, John Milligan, Aaron Olsen and Rebecca Iwano.

Makeup crew: Amanda Aiken, Trinity Teofilo and Christine Viera.

Imagineers: Sue Burnett, set director/designer; Marilyn Roberts, assistant to director; Carlos Castanheira, master carpenter; Todd Bagger and Jason Cetta, carpenters; Reed Rappoli, Aidan Connors, Rich Connors, Tyler Diannino and Chip Burnett, team movers; Sheila Costa, David Costa, Kyle Costa, Nicole Costa and Taraie Menezes, team props; Sue Burnett, Marilyn Roberts and Carlos Castanheira, team painters and Tom Granger Sr., consultant.

"The Promise," as presented at Calvary Theater, was based on a book by Jan Dargatz and Gary Rhodes with music in the style of Christian pop by Claire Cloninger, David T. Clydesdale, Mark Hayes, Sandi Patti, Gloria Gaither, Phill McHugh, Luke Garrett, Don Hart, Walt Harrah and Don Marsh. For information on how to become involved in the Calvary Theater, contact Pastor Key at [pastorkendra@calvarychristian.church](mailto:pastorkendra@calvarychristian.church).

## Rep. Jones secures \$110,000 for town initiatives in FY24 House budget

BOSTON - House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) has secured a total of \$110,000 in state funding earmarks for North Reading as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 House budget that was engrossed on April 26.

The House gave preliminary approval to four amendments Rep. Jones filed on North Reading's behalf, which will benefit the town's seniors, students, first responders and historic district. Each of the earmarks must still be agreed to by the Senate and signed by Governor Maura Healey before any of the money can be released to the town.

The local budget earmarks secured by Rep. Jones include:

**SENIOR/DISABLED TRANSPORTATION:** The House budget authorizes \$50,000 to supplement a transportation services pilot program for North Reading seniors and disabled residents. This pilot program will assist residents with out-of-town transportation to and from their medical appointments.

**SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY:** The House budget earmarks \$25,000 for the North Reading Public Schools' 1:1 school technology initiative. This money will be used to replace student Chromebooks to ensure every student will have access to a working device at school and at home.

**FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS:** In recent months, the North Reading Police and Fire

Departments have implemented a wellness program that offers mental health, and fitness and nutrition guidance to all officers, as well as heart health testing for police officers to help detect the early onset of potential health conditions. The House budget includes \$25,000 for the continuation of this wellness program for local first responders.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS:** The House budget authorizes \$10,000 for improvements to buildings at the 1720 Rev. Daniel Putnam House property located in the town's Center Village Historic District property to be administered by the North Reading Minit and Militia. This funding will be used for preservation and restoration

work.

"The House budget provides funding for several important local initiatives that town officials have identified as priorities," said Rep. Jones. "As the budget process moves forward, I will continue to advocate on North Reading's behalf to ensure that these items are retained in the final budget that is sent to Governor Healey."

The budget now heads to the Senate, which is expected to begin debating its own spending proposal the week prior to Memorial Day. The differences between the House and Senate versions of the budget will then be resolved by a joint conference committee, which will produce a final spending plan to send to Governor Healey.

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parking lot at 6:17 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

Walmart loss prevention informed police at 1:31 p.m. that a shoplifter had fled the store. According to police, the woman was wearing workout clothes and was placing items with an estimated value of \$70 in a bag. The alleged shoplifter was not located.

A Lindor Road resident told police at 9:18 p.m. that a Melrose man was allegedly harassing her after she sold him a bike on Facebook Marketplace. She said the Melrose man wanted his money back because he claimed the bike was

"defective." She also said the man made comments about her family on Facebook, which alarmed her. Police advised her to work out a mutual arrangement with him.

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](http://www.nrpdp.org) or use the NRPS app and click "anonymous tip." All information is kept strictly confidential. For emergencies, call 911.

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## Religious Services

### Abundant Life Church

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

62), Wilmington. Phone: 978-658-8584. Pastor: Ron Grimley. Visit [www.ablfechurch.org](http://www.ablfechurch.org) or mail [info@ablfechurch.org](mailto:info@ablfechurch.org) for further information.

### Union Congregational Church

NORTH READING — No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, at the Union Congregational Church, "All are precious in God's sight."

Union Congregational Church is located at 148 Haverhill Street and this Sunday at the 10 a.m. worship service the message will be shared by the Rev. Dr. Rick Hughes. The Sacrament of Communion will also be celebrated and led by the church's two seminarians Oliver Mesmer and Minister of Discipleship Gayle McGlauflin. Following the worship service there will be a special graduation collation for both of them.

Gayle McGlauflin is graduating this month from Eden Seminary in St. Louis and Oliver Mesmer is graduating from Andover-Newton at Yale Divinity School.

The altar flowers will be given in loving memory of Anne and Ken Garland by their children.

While the joy and fellowship is always better when we

worship together in the sanctuary the service will be livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel, NRUC.

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 all walks of life gather to celebrate the joy of being one in Christ.

Other upcoming activities:

- Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sunday, 8:45 a.m.
- Jubilee Children's Choir rehearsal, Sunday, 11:15 a.m.
- Youth Group Big Bang, Sunday, 6 p.m.
- Staff Meeting, Tuesday, 10 a.m.
- North Parish Ringers rehearsal, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Bible Study, Wednesday, 10 a.m.
- Confirmation Class, Thursday, 6 p.m.
- Confirmation Class, Friday, 5:30 p.m.

### Messiah Lutheran Church

LYNNFIELD — Messiah Lutheran Church, 708 Lowell St., Lynnfield (corner of Lowell and Chestnut Sts.), is currently open for in-person worship, following state COVID guidelines, safety protocols and capacity

limitations. In-person worship is 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](https://facebook.com/Messiah-Lutheran-Church). Sunday

evening devotion is 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening prayer time is 7:01 p.m.

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

### International Family Church

NORTH READING — International Family Church (IFC), 99 Concord St., holds two in-person Sunday services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and five online services at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., at [intlfamilychurch.com](http://intlfamilychurch.com), YouTube and Facebook. Kids World Services for children from nursery age to fifth grade are available at all in-person services. For students in Junior and Senior high, IFC Youth is held during the 11 a.m. service.

Family is a priority at IFC. In Kids World, children have a fun, interactive experience where they are taught about the Bible and the love of Jesus. Junior and Senior High students have

the opportunity to establish strong relationships while learning about the Bible and the true character of God. Finding places of connection through service during the pre-teen and teenage years allows students to discover their gifts and learn the importance of serving other people.

The Young Adult ministry (YNG) for ages 18-28 helps those looking to discover their purpose, pursuing a degree, or embarking on their career, deepen a lifelong relationship with Jesus through monthly meet-ups, acts of service, and Life Groups.

IFC is also for those who are looking to be part of a community. Life

Groups, held throughout the year, are small gatherings of people who share interests, are at a similar stage in life, or have experience in an area you would like to learn more about. Most of all, a Life Group can become a place where people know more than just your name.

Volunteer teams provide an opportunity to be part of a community of people who use their gifts and abilities to serve others both in the church and in the surrounding communities.

Wherever you find yourself in life, IFC is a place where there is something for everyone.

### Wakefield-Lynnfield UMC

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church, 273 Vernon St., Wakefield is served by Rev. Glenn M. Mortimer, pastor. 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

musicians 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](mailto:WLUMC273@gmail.com); or visit us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/methodist-churchwakefield](https://www.facebook.com/methodist-churchwakefield).

### Aldersgate United Methodist

NORTH READING — Aldersgate United Methodist Church is located at 235 Park St., Rte. 62, 978-664-2951 or [www.aldersgateumcnr.org](http://www.aldersgateumcnr.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 @ [aldersgateumcnr](https://aldersgateumcnr.org) 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. The next breakfast is Saturday, April 8 from 8-10 a.m.

Visit [aldersgateumcnr.org](http://aldersgateumcnr.org) to learn about age-level activities and upcoming events.

### 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. The Pastor is Kevin Mickel.

Our Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. We may be reached by telephone at 978-664-4926. Everyone is welcome. Bible Study is held on the fifth Sunday of the month prior to service at 9:30 a.m.

### Congregation Beth Israel

ANDOVER — Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) of the Merrimack Valley, 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301, Andover. 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](mailto: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.

## Church of the Good Shepherd

READING — The Church of the Good Shepherd is a warm, welcoming, multi-generational Episcopal Church, 95 Woburn St., Reading. Wherever you are on your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here!

Please to join us for our Sunday Eucharist at 10 a.m. both in-person and livestreamed: [www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/](http://www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/)

Our Sunday service is also aired on NORCAM. You can find the broadcast on Comcast Channel 8 and Verizon Channel 26.

Check out Norcam's websites for

updated programming times: NORCAM (North Reading Cable and Media): <http://norcam.org/>

The Sunday Bulletin is available on our parish website: [www.GoodShepherdReading.org](http://www.GoodShepherdReading.org).

In service of the Church of the Good Shepherd are Rev. Brian Raiche; Rector; Joyce Witham, Senior Warden; and Earle Sinnatamby, Junior Warden.

Contact us by phone: 781-944-1572; via our website: [www.good-shepherdreading.org](http://www.good-shepherdreading.org); or by email: [office@goodshepherdreading.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdreading.org).

## Trinity Evangelical

NORTH READING — Trinity Evangelical Church is located at 105 Haverhill St., 978-664-2416; [info@trinitynr.org](mailto:info@trinitynr.org); [www.TrinityNR.org](http://www.TrinityNR.org).

**Sunday Worship Service:** Join us Sunday mornings for our weekly worship service. We offer in-person services each Sunday at 9 a.m. and

10:45 a.m. For online viewing, watch live at 9 a.m. or anytime later on our Facebook page, YouTube channel or through our website, [TrinityNR.org](http://TrinityNR.org).

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## 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 Very Reverend Brian McHugh VE; 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](http://www.sttheresarose.org). Additional information on services, events and programs can be found on our website.

**Mass Schedule:** Monday-Saturday Daily: Mass 9 a.m. (No daily Mass, April 14-16). Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m. Sunday: 7, 9, and 11 a.m.

**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](mailto: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.

**Holy Week & Easter:** See our ad in this week's North Reading Transcript for our complete schedule of services and Masses.

## U.U. Church of Reading

READING — All services at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., are held in person, masks optional, Sundays at 10 a.m., and also on YouTube. Please visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter for other events and fellowship opportunities.

Our minister is Rev. Laura Solomon.

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.

For more information visit [www.uureading.org](http://www.uureading.org) or call 781-944-0494.

## First Baptist Church of Reading

READING — The First Baptist Church of Reading is located at 45 Woburn St. The Lead Pastor is Pastor Joseph Young.

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

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## Grace Chapel

WILMINGTON — Grace Chapel - Wilmington, 128 West St., 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.

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.

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## The Parish of Christ Church

ANDOVER — The Parish of Christ Church is a welcoming 187-year-old Episcopal church located at 33 Central Street in Andover. Join us on Sunday mornings for our in-person services of Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Our 10 a.m. service is also livestreamed on YouTube – visit our website at [www.christchurchandover.org](http://www.christchurchandover.org) for the YouTube link and the most up-to-date information about our services.

We offer Church School and

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For more information, call 978-475-0529, visit our website, or email [info@christchurchandover.org](mailto:info@christchurchandover.org).

The Christ Church Children’s Center pre-school offers many flexible options for parents. The Andover Thrift Shop, 10 Park St., downtown Andover, is a ministry of Christ Church.

## Temple Emmanuel

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

**Virtual programs:** Contact the temple to obtain Zoom links for our virtual programs and services. Questions can be sent to Rabbi Hersh or President Evan Pressman at 781-245-1886 or

[info@WakefieldTemple.org](mailto:info@WakefieldTemple.org).

**Weekly Shabbat** celebrations are held on Fridays 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; and fourth Saturday is a prayer-free alternative with Rabbi Greg.

**Hebrew School:** Classes with Rabbi Greg at the temple’s Hebrew School run September to June. Contact the temple for more information.

## 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 is 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 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.

For membership information contact us at [info@havuratshalom.org](mailto:info@havuratshalom.org). For the Hebrew School contact Dena O’Neil at [denasjoy@hotmail.com](mailto:denasjoy@hotmail.com). For the Sisterhood, contact Gail Ellis at [gailellis49@comcast.net](mailto:gailellis49@comcast.net).

Additional information may be found on the website at [www.havuratshalom.org](http://www.havuratshalom.org); by email: [info@havuratshalom.org](mailto:info@havuratshalom.org) or by phone: 978-494-2042.

## Crafts in the Park Mother’s Day weekend

ANDOVER — Crafts in the Park, Andover’s popular annual fair, is now entering its 47th year. This juried craft show features a variety of finely made, non-imported handcrafts with more than 180 booths of pottery, jewelry, women’s and children’s clothing, leather goods, stained glass, furniture, food and much more.

The Dixie Cookbook Jazz Band will provide music during the day. This is a great opportunity to buy that perfect Mother’s Day gift.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 13, 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 outreach to service and educational organizations in the local community. The church also sponsors The Christ Church Children’s Center pre-school program, the Andover Thrift Shop, and provides a diverse and enriching music program with scheduled events open to the public.

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# Making An Impact: Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition: ‘The Coalition’



North Reading  
**COMMUNITY IMPACT TEAM**

*Making An Impact is a column authored by members of the Community Impact Team (CIT). The Transcript will continue to run this series of articles in the coming weeks to inform our readers about the resources and programming available to people of all ages in our community through the CIT’s efforts.*

NORTH READING — The Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition, a.k.a. “The Coalition,” is one of the Community Impact Team’s four action teams.

The Coalition’s mission is to reduce the use of harmful substances among North Reading youth and improve the quality of life for all young people through support, education, and action. The Coalition envisions an empowered community that promotes a substance-free lifestyle and supports all who need help. It is a proud member of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), a nonprofit organization committed to creating safe, healthy, and drug-free communities globally.

“Our Coalition is run by an amazing group of town professionals and volunteers with backgrounds that span numerous sectors,” commented North Reading Town Administrator Michael Gil- leberto. “This highlights the fact that youth substance use, and the essential work of prevention and education, are not police, school or family responsibilities alone — they’re a community-wide focus.”

In 2016, the Coalition was awarded its initial and first grant of \$625,000 to be spent in the subsequent five years. In 2021, it received a second and final round of funding, another \$625,000, from the Drug-Free Communities Grant from the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

North Reading was one of just 106 programs nationwide to receive funding through the grant program and was also cited as a model coalition during a recent evaluation, citing its close ties to town departments and its placement within the Police Department.

“Having prevention efforts physically located in the same place as our Substance Abuse/Mental Health Clinician and right down the hallway from enforcement officers makes perfect sense,” North Reading Police Chief Michael Murphy said. “It highlights what can be accomplished when prevention, treatment, intervention, and enforcement all work together.”

Grant funds are used to mitigate youth alcohol, tobacco, nicotine, prescription drug, and marijuana use. Additionally, the Coalition continues to enhance its science-based community programming, such as the Guiding Good Choices parent program and 40 Developmental Assets program, both of which seek to build strong families and connections.

“It’s not just that we think these

programs work. We know science-based programs are effective,” DFC Grant Director Amy Luckiewicz said. “We’re thrilled to receive this second round of funding. We know that applications were exceptionally competitive this year and we are grateful to not have any gaps in funding.”

As of October 2021, the town has seen dramatic decreases in all targeted substances. Across grades six through 12, alcohol use has dropped 7.1%, marijuana use is down 7.9%, vape use is down 4.6%, and prescription drug abuse dropped 1.5% since the Coalition began receiving its federal funding.

In an effort to keep these numbers down, the Coalition relies on CADCA’s National Coalition Institute: Defining the Seven Strategies for Community Change. The Coalition acts in accordance with the following guidelines, with many local initiatives highlighted below.

**1. Providing Information** – Educational presentations, workshops or seminars, or other presentations of data. (Annual MS/HS Core Measurements, CIT Substance Abuse Resource Guide, COVID-19 Infographic (created by the Youth Action Team, “YAT”), Health and Safety Guide, Impact

of Social Media display (facilitated by YAT), NR Community Resource Guide, NR Police Substance Use & Mental Health Education forum)

**2. Enhancing Skills** – Workshops, seminars, or other activities designed to increase skills. (40 Assets to Build Strong Kids, Athletic Playbook Program, Guiding Good Choices Parenting Curriculum, In Plain Sight, Mental Health First Aid Trainings, NARCAN Training, Social Media Education, Take My Breath)

**3. Providing Support** – Creating opportunities to support people to participate in activities that reduce risk or enhance protection. (Annual National Night Out, Dopesick Watch/Conversation, Fall Clean-up Day (facilitated by YAT), multiple volunteer action teams, Youth Action Team)

**4. Enhancing Access/Reducing Barriers** – Improving systems and processes to increase the ease, ability, and opportunity to utilize those systems and services. (Bi-annual drug take back drive-through days, Mental Health/Substance Use Clinician on staff, meetings facilitated in hybrid format, P3 Anonymous Reporting, updated CIT website with resources tab)

**5. Changing Consequences (Incentives/Disincentives)** – Increasing or decreasing the probability of a specific behavior. (Compliance checks/officer, Complimentary TIPS training, Good Neighbor Awards, Safe Adult

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## Registration now open for Aldersgate VBS

NORTH READING — Aldersgate UMC in North Reading, along with friends from Old South UMC (Reading) and Wilmington UMC, will be running “Stellar: Shine Jesus’ Light” Vacation Bible School August 21-15 from 9 a.m. to noon for children in preschool through fifth grade.

Volunteers are welcome from sixth graders through adults. For more information and to register please visit <https://bit.ly/AUMCVBS2023> or email Pastor Rachel at [aldersgateumc@gmail.com](mailto:aldersgateumc@gmail.com).

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# Women's tennis, Summerscape and Counselor-in-Training offered by Parks & Rec

NORTH READING — Parks and Recreation invites you to come out and play! Register today for these upcoming programs and more at [www.northreadingma.gov/parks-recreation](http://www.northreadingma.gov/parks-recreation) or call 978-664-6016.

Parks & Rec welcomes and strongly encourages participation by children and adults of diverse abilities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the staff about any necessary accommodations.

If you see a program of inter-

est that is full, simply add your name to the waitlist. And if you would like to receive emails but do not have an account, go online to create one or call us for assistance.

View the brochure online for the most up to date spring and summer offerings.

Registration is rolling with new programs and activities added regularly.

**Tennis, Women's Beginner**

**Dates:** Mon, 5/8-6/19;

no program 5/29



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**Cost:** \$180 / 6 weeks

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**Summerscape**

**Dates:** Mon-Fri, 6/26-8/11

**Time:** 9 AM-3 PM

**Cost:** \$220 / week

**Location:** Batchelder School, 175 Park St.

Come out and play! Join us for a week of fun at our summer playground program, Summerscape.

Days will be filled with friends, games, crafts and more! Check

online for weekly themes and entertainers. Before and After-care is also available at an additional cost.

**Counselor-In-Training**

**Dates:** Mon-Fri, 6/26-8/11

**Time:** 8:45AM-3:15PM

**Cost:** \$50 / week


**Location:** Batchelder School, 175 Park St.

Do you know a responsible teen with lots of energy who likes having fun?

Sign them up to be a Counselor-In-Training at Summerscape. We require a one-week commitment and teens are welcome to register for additional weeks during the summer.

As a CIT, teens will learn more about being a counselor firsthand by shadowing the staff, assisting in daily activities and supervising children.

**TOWN OF NORTH READING**




**BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING NOTICE**

A virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Ralph Perrotti, Jr. for a variance from the left side setback to construct a 12' x 12' shed at 19 Parker Drive, North Reading, MA., Map 57, Parcel 3, according to the requirements outlined in the dimensional and density regulations of the North Reading Zoning Bylaws.

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**TOWN OF NORTH READING**



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A virtual Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Jonathan Whittier, for a variance from the left side setback to construct a 20' x 24.5' addition to the existing dwelling at 2 Sylvia Road, North Reading, MA., Map 61, Parcel 63, according to the requirements outlined in the dimensional and density regulations of the North Reading Zoning Bylaws.

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**TOWN OF NORTH READING**




**BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING NOTICE**

A virtual Public Hearing will be held by teleconference on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the petition of Arthur Pickett, 3 Hemlock Road, North Reading, MA., Map 74, Parcel 35, for a special permit to raise chickens.

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**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 tree removal, grading and patio extension in rear yard of an existing single family dwelling and located within the 100' buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. **The work to be performed is at 6 Palomino Drive, North Reading, MA.** This Notice of Intent will be held by tele-conference/virtual meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** meeting of the Conservation Commission at **6:00 p.m.** This Notice has been filed by **Michael Luciano, 6 Palomino Drive, 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 10, 2023 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
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North Reading Conservation Commission  
Lori Chekal, Chairperson

A copy of this plan will be available on the Town Hall website under Conservation.  
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a **Request to Amend an Order of Conditions** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the North Reading General Wetlands Protection Bylaw, Chapter 196, has been filed. The request is to tear down the existing house and construct a new house rather than construct an addition. **The work to be performed is at 40 Elm Street North Reading, MA.** This Notice of Intent will be held by tele-conference/virtual meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 2023** meeting of the Conservation Commission at **6:00 p.m.** This Notice has been filed by **Talvin Wong, 12 Bolton Road, Harvard, MA 01451** 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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# Andover Choral Society to perform

## Choral Masses by Salieri and Schubert May 7

ANDOVER - Andover Choral Society, directed by Matthew Buono, will present a concert entitled "Sunday with Salieri and Schubert" on Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. at the North Andover High School. Don Miller, a 50-year resident of North Reading, is a member of the bass section of the ACS.

The concert will feature Antonio Salieri's "Mass in D" and Franz Schubert's "Mass in G." Salieri became Schubert's principal teacher and mentor in the early 1800s, when Schubert was only 12 years old. The chorus' combined performance of the two works highlights Salieri's influence on his student as well as Schubert's distinctive genius.

Concert tickets are available for \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and \$10 for students. A group rate of 10 tickets for \$20 each is also available. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit [www.andoverchoralsociety.org/concerts/](http://www.andoverchoralsociety.org/concerts/).

North Andover High School is located at 430 Osgood St., North Andover, and is handicapped accessible. Off-street parking is available in the school's parking lot.

Andover Choral Society is dedicated to presenting exceptional performances, connecting to the larger community, and fostering an appreciation of choral music. The chorus typically performs two concerts per year, singing a repertoire that focuses on fine choral and choral-orchestral works from the Baroque era to the present day. Since 1929, membership has been open to anyone with a love for great choral music and a desire to share that love with others.

Four are attending Tec Connections Academy Virtual School and one student is attending Greater Commonwealth Virtual School. Although a briefing on the matter given to the members pointed out: "School Choice revenue would infuse the School Department with additional revenue in year one. In future years, it would have no impact on the school budget. It would be an existing offset like the school transportation and facility rental revenue offsets." The brief also warned: "Adopting School Choice under current fiscal constraints could result in additional funding challenges. With the Fiscal 2024 recent budget challenges, many of the schools are already at class sizes that are at recommended levels. New School Choice revenue would be needed to increase staff, not enhance programs."

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mental health needs of all students; enhance the curriculum leadership model within the district to support all educators in curriculum, instruction, and assessment strategies; and maintain associated operational costs to properly maintain all five schools and surrounding campuses."

"It's always hard when you cut positions," School Committee Chair Scott Buckley reacted. "It's easier not to add new positions."

Buckley feels the shortfall between the initial and approved budget is functionally greater than \$448,609. "To get to that (figure) we had to increase revenue and add Free Cash; we shouldn't be doing that," he said. "We're doing it in ways that aren't always prudent."

He also praised Daly and Connelly for "taking not enough money and making it work."

"It has been a challenging year to

get to our budget," member Dyana Boutwell added. "We're very fortunate to have variables we're able to balance, but each year it gets harder and harder."

#### School Choice off the table

The School Committee also approved an annual motion not to participate in School Choice, which is a local option available to school boards to vote whether or not students from other communities may attend the town's schools.

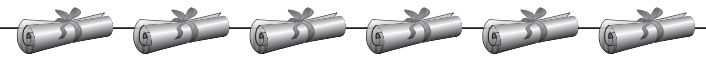
"As far as I know we've never been a School Choice district," Connelly said. "Students can always opt to go to a School Choice district, but we don't need to be a School Choice school and receive students."

Most nearby communities, including Reading, Lynnfield and North Andover, aren't School Choice systems. The North Reading Public Schools has five school choice students at other districts.

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"Future residential projects or a sudden influx of families with school-age children in North Reading could eliminate any excess enrollment space that now exists. School Choice students would be allowed to remain in North Reading until they graduate, causing additional space problems."

"Neighboring school systems that are also experiencing fiscal problems could be penalized by loss of Chapter 70 (education aid) revenue going to the North Reading School

Choice program, which could result in other local school systems also becoming School Choice communities, which could result in North Reading losing Chapter 70 revenue to surrounding towns."

The School Department's Admission and Residency Policy states: "A determination that a student does not actually reside in North Reading renders the student ineligible to enroll in the Public Schools of North Reading or, if the student

is already enrolled in the Public Schools of North Reading, shall result in the termination of such enrollment. A parent, legal guardian, or student who has reached the age of majority (18), who is aggrieved by a determination of residency may appeal the determination to the Superintendent, whose decision shall be final."

There are caveats for families about to move into town or constructing a new home.

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**7. Modifying/Changing Policies** - Formal change in written procedures, bylaws, proclamations, rules, or laws with written documentation and/or voting procedures. (Coalition and Board of Health were ahead of the curve with regulating vape flavors intended to appeal to youth, Social Host Bylaw)

The Coalition team consists of volunteer community stakeholders, including parents/guardians, residents, business owners, and town employees. Membership requires at least one representative from each of the following sectors: Business, Civic Organization, Healthcare Professional, Law

Enforcement, Media, Other Organization, Parent, Religious/Fraternal, Schools, State/Local/Tribal Government, Student and Youth Serving Organization.

**DRUG-FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM**

The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program, created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997, is the nation's leading effort to mobilize communities to prevent youth substance use. Directed by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the DFC Program provides grants to community coalitions to strengthen the infrastructure among local partners to create and sustain a reduction in local youth substance use.

Recognizing that local problems need local solutions,

DFC-funded coalitions engage multiple sectors of the community and employ a variety of environmental strategies to address local drug problems. Coalitions are composed of community leaders, parents, youth, teachers, religious and fraternal organizations, health care and business professionals, law enforcement, and media. By involving the community in a solution-oriented approach, DFC also helps those youth at risk for substance use recognize the majority of our nation's youth choose not to use drugs.

Additionally, DFC-funded communities have proven to be more effective in addressing these complex social issues and have demonstrated an increase in positive outcomes over communities that do not have DFCs.

To join the Coalition or to learn more, email (coalition@northreadingma.gov) or call 978-357-5054.

# North Reading Real Estate Transactions

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STREET ADDRESS	BUYER(S)	SELLER(S)	PRICE	TYPE	DATE OF SALE
250 Martins Lndg Unit 110 1 Elm St	Joseph C. and Janet L. Clark Mjp Properties Inc	Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC Alice E. and Donald E. Colbert	\$469,999 \$155,000	Condominium Res UDv Land	03/30/2023 04/10/2023
200 Martins Lndg Unit 101 27 Kings Row	M A Sheehan Indenture Of and Maureen Sheehan Katherine H. Albutt and Stephanie L. Dumas	Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC Kevin M Obrien T and Kevin M. Obrien	\$615,995 \$1,450,000	Condominium 1-Fam Res	04/10/2023 04/12/2023
230 Martins Lndg Unit 101 8 New St	David A. and Wendy A. Butts Linda E. and Joshua S. Karnett	Karen M. and Raymond F. Barry William F. and Mary E. Walsh	\$624,900 \$610,500	Condominium 1-Fam Res	04/12/2023 04/14/2023
26 Spoon Way Unit 26	Gerald White	Kaufman Rt and Dean Kaufman	\$550,000	Condominium	04/14/2023

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## Hillview Enterprise

The Hillview Enterprise is planning on spending \$100,000 on the Function Building and \$300,000 on golf course projects, all funded with internal funding sources. It should be noted that it is likely that a major roof project is on the horizon for next year or the following year.

## Water Enterprise

The Water Enterprise has a water main rehabilitation and replacement project (\$500,000) and water distribution project (\$200,000) planned for FY24. They will both be bonded. A 2012 vehicle will be replaced using internal funds.

Kelliher stated the CIPC offers its thanks to all of the department heads as well as their support staffs "for making themselves available to the committee and answering our endless questions." In particular, he cited the work of acting Finance Director Laurianne Galvin

"for providing hours of support" which enabled the CIPC to make these recommendations.

## INFORMATIONAL BUDGET HEARING MONDAY

On Monday, May 8, at 8 p.m., the Select Board will hold its annual informational public hearing on the FY24 municipal operating budget in preparation for recommendations to be made by the board members to the voters at Town Meeting. They're also focused on getting the Town Meeting Warrant signed for the June 12 spring Town Meeting.

Last month, the administration was projecting that the total funds available for municipal budgets would be \$19,361,555 while requests for funding from department heads had totaled \$21,346,863. Resolving that gap of \$1,985,308 has been their focus to come up with a modified Municipal budget for FY24

"We are pretty close to having everything finalized for the budget and for the warrant," Gilleberto told the Transcript earlier this week, after another round of multiple meetings with department heads and the Financial Planning Team. "That's what the focus has been the second part of last week and will be the focus this week as well for us and others in Town Hall."

## BUZZ

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Reception Monday, May 15, 6-7 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

• Hillview Commission meeting, 7 p.m., Commission office, 149 North St.

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

• ZBA virtual meeting, 7 p.m.  
• Board of Health virtual meeting, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 12**

• Forest Com., 9 a.m., Town Hall



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# Last spring curbside collection of yard waste May 6

NORTH READING — Curbside collection of yard waste, including grass clippings, leaves and small branches will take place on Saturday, May 6. Waste must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.

No plastic bags or barrels allowed.

Branches must be no larger 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 Richard F. Spindler DPW Garage, 166 Chestnut Street, 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 3 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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information call the Senior Center at 978-664-5600, visit the town of North Reading Elder Services website, or [www.walkmachallenge.com](http://www.walkmachallenge.com)

**May Drop-In Walking Groups:** Please call the Senior Center for more Information:

- Mondays at 1 p.m.: Meet at the Senior Center
- Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Meet at the IRP Gazebo
- Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.: Meet at the IRP Playground.



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