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Town goes big on Route 6



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A battered cottage on East Beach Road, following the recent storms.

Federal disaster area in Westport?

State MEMA looks into impacts, and whether Westport qualifies for federal assistance

BY TED HAYES

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State emergency management officials looking into whether towns including Westport are eligible for federal disaster assistance have finished polling Westport residents on how the recent storms that battered the area affected them.

The storms, which hit Wednesday and Saturday, Jan. 10 and 13, followed a storm one week before Christmas — all three caused significant damage to East Beach Road, East Beach, and many of the 100 seasonal trailer lots that line the road from Gooseberry Island to Horseneck. Flooding damage also occurred at Westport Point and both branches of the Westport River, as far north as the Head of Westport on the East Branch.

The week before last, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency began an initial damage assessment process to determine whether federal disaster assistance is warranted as a result of the second and third storms. The first storm, in December, was not included in the MEMA notice.

As part of that process, MEMA hosted an online survey designed to gauge the storms' impact. Town officials shared that poll with e-mail subscribers last Wednesday, two days before the poll officially closed. It is unclear how many residents were able to participate in it before polling closed.

MEMA officials said that results from the survey will be shared with towns like Westport, though Westport has received nothing to date.



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Route 6 could see millions in sewer and water improvements under a plan currently being put together by the town's Infrastructure Oversight Committee.

IOC recommends \$31 million sewer, water upgrade go before voters in April, Town Meeting

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Westport voters could be asked in April, and again at Town Meeting in May, to approve spending up to \$31.5 million to bring water and sewer — and some say, new life and vitality — to Route 6. Such a move, advocates say, will reap benefits far beyond the crumbling, under-utilized highway that runs from the Fall River to Dartmouth town lines.

Members of Westport's Infrastructure Oversight Committee voted unanimously last week to recommend to the select board that the massive, three-contract project be put before voters at the April election, and again at Town Meeting in early May.

"This is a really unique and exciting project because it brings economic development forces together with environmental protection."

KORRIN PETERSEN,
BUZZARDS BAY COALITION

Though such projects usually go before Town Meeting first, and then to voters in a regular or special election, "we're putting the cart before the horse this time," the committee's Maury May said. "We don't want to wait — we're ready to get going on this."

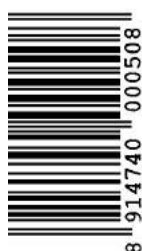
What is it?

Broken into three contracts estimated to cost approximately \$8 million, \$15 million and \$8 million, respectively, the project would bring a water and sewer "trunk" line onto Route 6 from the Fall River line, running it as far east as the Dartmouth line.

A series of new or improved pump stations would be built along the way, eventually resulting in much improved water service and sewer where none is currently available.

As the project is built out, residents currently underserved with poor water service, and no sewer, would have the oppor-

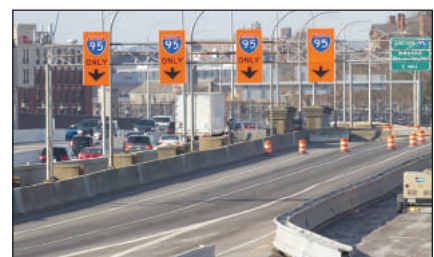
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Bridge debacle

Accountability is sorely lacking in the I-195 fiasco

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tunity to tie into the system as it advances in the coming years.

Town leaders believe the project will have a huge impact on business in the north end, bringing in more development and increased tax revenue, while helping underserved residents and eliminating one of the major sources of pollution in the Westport River.

“I would like to support doing this all at once. To go through this process year by year is too painful. We need to do it once and get it going — it also shows the state that we’re serious and we’re going to do it.”

JAMES WHITIN,
WESTPORT PLANNING BOARD

“This is a really unique and exciting project because it brings economic development forces together with environmental protection,” Korrin Petersen, of the Buzzards Bay Coalition, told the oversight committee last week. “The coalition is supporting the full expansion of sewer

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Town officials believe Route 6 is under-utilized in large part due to its lack of adequate infrastructural services. That would change with the project, they believe.

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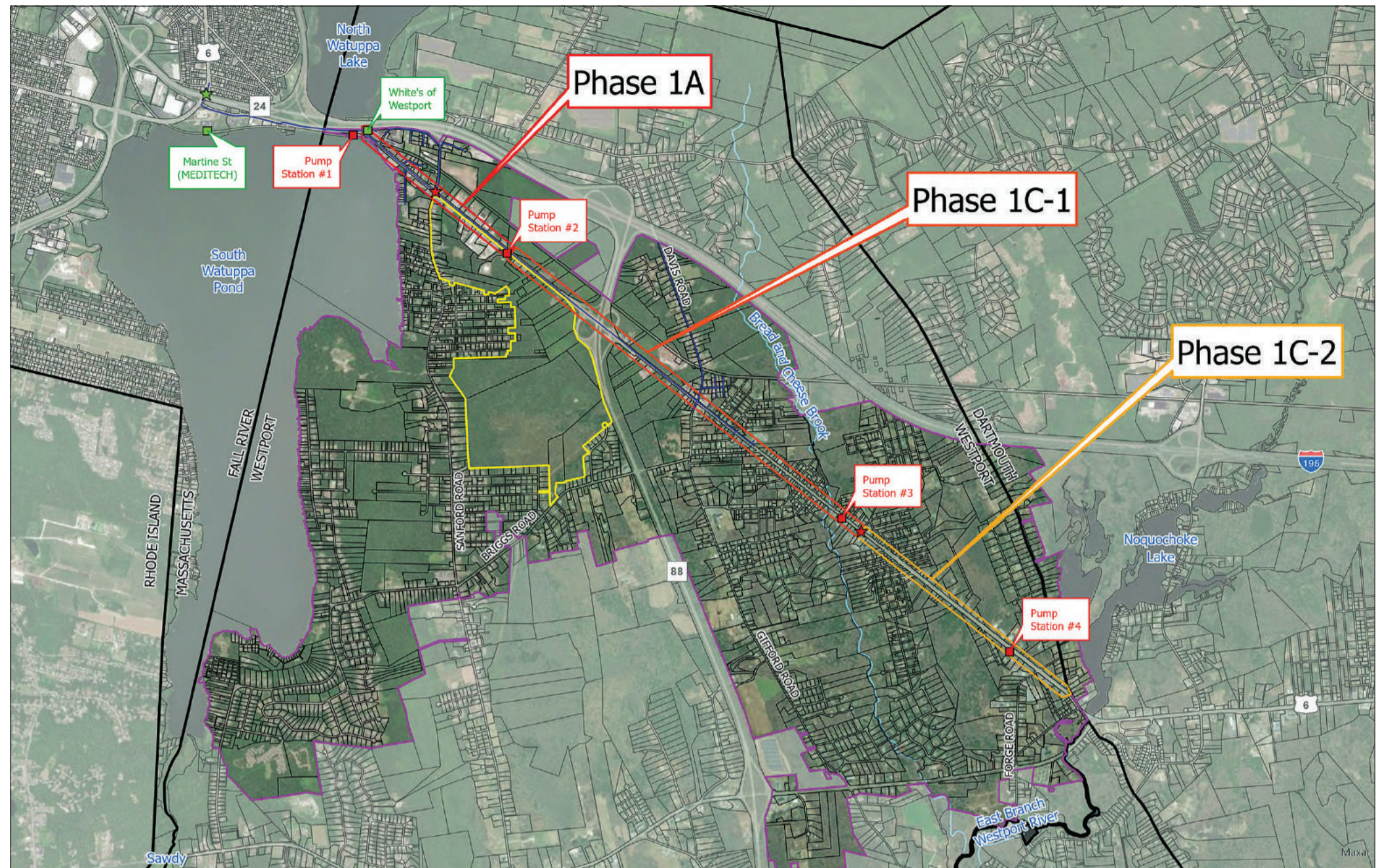


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An overhead map showing the proposed work in Westport's sewer and water project. The work would run from White's of Westport to the Dartmouth town line.

PROJECT: Estimates are project will cost \$9 per capita, per month

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down Route 6 and we hope that it moves forward to town meeting this Spring.”

Selling it

The project's scope is massive, requiring multiple sources of federal, state and local funding.

The town has already spent about \$600,000 out of a \$1 million earmark designing the project, and the first phase is ready to go out to bid whenever the town has the money.

Prior to last week's meeting, there was some talk about asking voters to approve just the first, \$8 million phase of the work, meaning the town would have to go through the same process with second and third phases down the road.

But multiple voices at last week's meeting said the town should go for the whole

amount, for practical and political reasons.

Apart from getting bids that might be lower than they'd be two or three years down the road, going for the whole amount would show state and federal officials that Westport is bullish on the project. Such shows of confidence could make it easier to secure federal and state grants and loans, they surmised.

“I would like to support doing this all at once,” the planning board's James Whitin said. “To go through this process year by year is too painful. We need to do it once and get it going — it also shows the state that we're serious and we're going to do it.”

If voters agree that the project is needed and agree to fund it fully, Whitin estimated it would cost Westporters, per capita, \$9 per month over the course of the 20 to 30-year bonds to pay off the work:

“That's not a big problem,” he said. “We

really need to do this; I think we need it for economic development (it) would be a boon to the Westport tax base and more than pay for a good part of the cost of this loan.”

Whatever is not covered by public bonds and state or federal grants or loans, would presumably come from some users themselves in the form of “betterment” payments.

Betterments — like connecting a home to the system — would be paid for by resident above and beyond the tax impacts they and all other Westport residents would see. But the committee's Bob Daylor said the impact would be quite reasonable, especially given the benefits those who choose to tie in would receive:

“When it comes in in front of your house, it increases the value of your property, it allows you to expand, it allows you to abandon your septic system,” he said. “It

has those benefits that don't fall to all of us as taxpayers across the town.”

Though it's too early to tell how much betterments could cost, “we're trying to keep it into something that if you paid it over time, would be in the \$1,000 per year range. So we're talking about \$10-\$15,000 over the life of the bonds.”

Next steps

As the oversight committee is just advisory in nature, last week's vote does not mean the project will automatically end up before voters in April and at Town Meeting in June. Instead, select board members will review the recommendation at an upcoming meeting and make their own decision.

Select board member Manny Soares also sits on the oversight committee and supports the project. And fellow select board member Shana Shufelt, who attended, said she does too.

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Fall River man faces identity theft, larceny charges

Westport, Portsmouth and Fall River police collaborated on case

transferred out of their bank accounts. During their investigation, a Portsmouth officer contacted Westport police regarding Taylor's alleged criminal activity in Rhode Island, where he was already wanted on similar charges.

card. He was booked by Fall River police, who also charged him with being a fugitive from justice.

In a statement, Westport police said that "as identity theft continues to rise, it is important to be proactive to protect yourselves, especially in the digital space where many thefts can occur behind a screen."



FALL RIVER POLICE PHOTO

Keyshaun Taylor, in a booking photo.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, Westport detectives served a search warrant at a Fall River home and "gathered evidence" that aided in the investigation, Westport police said. As a result, Taylor was subsequently arrested on two counts of felony larceny over \$1,200, 12 counts of identity fraud and making a false statement to obtain a credit

A Fall River man faces multiple counts of fraud and larceny, following an investigation into identity fraud and stolen credit card numbers carried out by the Westport, Portsmouth and Fall River police departments.

Late last year, Westport detectives began investigating Keyshaun Taylor, 28, of Fall River, after receiving reports from local businesses that money had been illicitly

POLICE REPORT

Monday, Jan. 22

A 911 caller reported an accident on Main Road, at Adamsville Road, at 4:09 a.m. Another was called in from Route 88 at Cold County Road (9:34 a.m.).

Police served a restraining order on Romano Village Drive at 2:06 p.m.

Police were contacted regarding a vehicle repossession on State Road just after 3 p.m.

Police pulled over one vehicle but reported issuing no citations over the course of the day.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

A caller from Old County Road reported a suspicious car at 6:43 a.m., but police deemed the call unfounded.

Corey Francis Gillpatrick, 28, of 25 Mt. Pleasant St., was arrested on an unspecified warrant after police reported serving the warrant at his home at 9:02 a.m.

A caller from Tickle Road reported a missing person at 7:15 p.m.

Police pulled over four vehicles and issued one citation over the course of the day.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

A caller reported a suspicious car on Old County Road at 7:30 a.m., but police deemed the report unfounded.

A caller reported a suspicious person on Narrow Avenue at 7:32 a.m.

A 911 caller reported a disturbance on Old County Road at 2:30 p.m.

Police charged two men with multiple drug offenses after they responded to a State Road address to investigate suspicious activity at 3:37 p.m. Mark Richard, 30, of 11 Joseph St., Taunton, and Ryan Fales, 45, of 31 Sherman Lane, Middletown, RI, were each charged with possession of Class B drugs and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

A Hix Bridge Road resident reported harassment at 4:16 p.m.

A Hix Bridge Road resident reported larceny, forgery or fraud at 5 p.m.

Police did not report pulling over any vehicles over the course of the day.

Thursday, Jan. 25

A caller reported a suspicious car on Old County Road at 10:49 a.m.

A Forge Road resident reported larceny, forgery or fraud at 11:41 a.m.

A Rock Street caller complained about the violation of a restraining order at 11:44 a.m.

A Gifford Road Resident reported a neighbor dispute at 11:44 a.m.

An Adirondack Lane caller lodged animal complaints at 3:02 p.m. A similar call came in from Horseneck Road at 5:25 p.m.

Shoplifting was reported from a State Road business at 9:11 p.m.

Police pulled over one vehicle and issued one citation over the course of the day.

Friday, Jan. 26

Jessica Lynn Ouellette, 35, of 1069 Pine St., Fall River, was charged with possession with intent to distribute Class A drugs, driving with a suspended license, failure to stop or yield, and cited for a marked lanes violation, after police pulled her over on State Road at 2:45 a.m.

A 911 caller reported an accident on State Road at 6:19 p.m.

Police pulled over four vehicles and issued three citations over the course of the day.

Saturday, Jan. 27

A 911 caller reported an accident with injuries on Greenfield Drive at 9:49 a.m.

A Stella Lane resident complained of threats at 10:36 a.m.

A caller from Route 88 at Charlotte White reported a suspicious person at 2:50 p.m.

A Newton Street caller complained of larceny, forgery or fraud at 4:09 p.m.

Police pulled over two vehicles, issuing zero citations over the course of the day.

Sunday, Jan. 28

A caller from American Legion Highway asked police to keep the peace shortly after 10 a.m.

Police pulled over two vehicles and issued one citation over the course of the day.

LEGAL NOTICE

WESTPORT PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MGL Ch. 40A § 5 and Article 2.1 of the Westport Zoning By-laws, the Westport Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. at the Town Annex, 856 Main Road Westport. The purpose of the hearing is to accept public comments on the below proposed amendments to the Town of Westport Zoning By-laws.

Item 1. Short-Term Rentals

- 1.1. Add to SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS a definition for "short-term rental".
- 1.2. Amend SECTION 5.1 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS to allow bed and breakfasts and short-term rentals as allowed by-right in the residential/agricultural, business, and unrestricted districts.
- 1.3. Create Section 9.10, SHORT-TERM RENTAL to establish a registration process for short-term rentals, general requirements regulating their operation, and violation provisions for short-term rentals that do not abide by the Zoning By-Laws or applicable municipal or state ordinances.

Item 2. Science and Technology Overlay District (STOD)

- 2.1 Amend the title of SECTION 6.6, Science and Technology Overlay District, to read "Science and Technology Mixed Use Overlay District (STMUOD)" and to replace all references accordingly.
- 2.2 Amend SECTION 6.6.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT to include residential uses.
- 2.3 Amend SECTION 6.6.5 USES ALLOWED BY SPECIAL PERMIT to update the uses allowed by special permit including, but not limited to, three (3) or more dwelling units, fulfillment centers, distribution, and mixed use. Section amended to consolidate like uses and permit the Planning Board flexibility with uses not necessarily listed but could be classified under the uses allowed by special permit.
- 2.4 Amend SECTION 6.6.6 LOT REQUIREMENTS and 6.6.7 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS to reduce lot requirements, enhance lighting standards, and provide flexibility with buffer area requirements. Includes text amendments for clarity improvements and typos.
- 2.5 Amend the ZONING MAP of Westport by adding Westport parcel numbers 3_44_0, 3_44C_0, 3_44D_0, 3_44AA,E,F_0, and 3_44G_0 to the Science and Technology Mixed Use Overlay District.

Item 3. Assisted and Independent Living Facilities

- 3.1. Add to SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS a definition for "congregate living".

Item 4. Unrestricted District

- 4.1 Amend the ZONING MAP of Westport by changing the designation of all properties zoned Unrestricted (U) to the Residential/Agriculture (RA) district.
- 4.2 Amend the ZONING BY-LAWS by deleting the words "Unrestricted District" wherever they appear in the text.
- 4.3 Amend SECTION 5.1, TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS to delete the column for the Unrestricted District.

Item 5. Westport Gateway District

- 5.1 Add to SECTION 3 DEFINITIONS a definition for "Westport Gateway Project".
- 5.2 Amend SECTION 4.1 DISTRICTS to add the Westport Gateway District as a zoning district.
- 5.3 Amend SECTION 2.7 PLANNING BOARD to designate the Planning Board as the Special Permit Granting Authority for the Westport Gateway District.
- 5.4 Create SECTION 5.4 WESTPORT GATEWAY DISTRICT to establish a new zoning district providing a regulatory pathway reflective of the Town's vision and infrastructure, and is mindful of compatibility with surrounding uses in the Route 6 corridor between Fall River and Route 88. The Westport Gateway District would replace the Business district between Fall River and Route 88. The district will promote flexible and creative commercial and residential development/redevelopment of the corridor's properties, economic development, and the pedestrian experience while balancing the character of the nearby residential and commercial neighborhood.
- 5.5 Amend the ZONING MAP of Westport by changing the designation of the properties located north of State Highway Route 6 and five-hundred (500) feet south of State Highway Route 6, that are west of State Highway 88 and south of Interstate Highway I-195, from zoned Business to the Westport Gateway District.

Item 6. Minimum Lot Width

- 6.1 Amend SECTION 7.7.1.1.2, MINIMUM WIDTH to require that the minimum lot width must be one-hundred (100) feet from the lot frontage to a lot depth of two-hundred (200) feet.
- A detailed copy of the proposed Zoning By-Laws and Zoning Map Amendments are on file in the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 816 Main Road and Planning Board office at the Town Hall Annex, 856 Main Road and may be inspected during regular business hours or on our website at <https://www.westport-ma.com/planning-board>.

James T. Whitin
Chairman, Westport Planning Board
February 1, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

WESTPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Select Board's Meeting Room, 2nd floor, 816 Main Road, Westport, MA to hear the petitions of:

STEVEN CARREIRO, Applicant, and CURTIS MOCK and MARGARET MOCK, Owners, for a finding that the new construction of a single-family dwelling in compliance with setback requirements shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood as mandated by Zoning Bylaw Article 5, Section 5.2.3. The subject property is located at 278 Brayton Point Road, Westport, MA and is shown on Assessor's Map 88, Lot 76.

Administrative Appeal of ROBERT BRANCA, Trustee of ANC Nominee Realty Trust, seeking review and reversal of a Stop Work Order issued by the Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer because the construction is not in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Westport Historical Commission. The subject property is located at 2015 Main Road, Westport MA and is shown on Assessor's Map 83, Lot 18.

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Wildcats upset undefeated Avon 66-55

Meanwhile, girls crush Avon 46-22 improve to 10-1

BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

The Westport Wildcats upset undefeated Avon 66-55 in front of their hometown fans during a league game last week, thanks in part to a strong defense and junior Owen Boudria, who scored nearly half the team's points.

The win boosted Westport's overall record to 5-6.

"Great game," Boudria said afterwards. "It was a whole team effort. Everybody played well."

Westport and Avon played to a 24-24 half-time tie, with first half efforts by Boudria (eight points), Cole Boudria (seven points) and Chris Duarte (seven points).

"Chris and Cole carried us in the first half," said Coach Boudria. "When you have three players scoring, it opens up a lot of possibilities."

Still, the Cats had a tough time holding down Avon's outside shooting guard Tommy Edwards, who scored 16 of his 23 points in the second half.

"He banged in a bunch of them," said Coach Boudria.

As good as Duarte played in the first half and the third quarter, Coach Boudria decided to go small and speedy in the fourth and press the Avon guards. Junior Max Gallant, who began playing varsity this season, was in the middle of it all. The small guard made three steals while working the trap and boxed-out under the hoop and made eight defensive rebounds to go with his five second half points.

"Max wasn't shooting the ball well, but he was playing great defense," said Coach Boudria.

Senior guard Anthony Raposa is quickly becoming an outside threat. He scored all eight of his points in the second half, draining two three-pointers and driving in for a layup on a fast break. He also helped set the trap

with Gallant, Cole and Owen Boudria and freshman Dane Leary.

The Boudria brothers worked a couple of special plays to the thrill of the fans in the fourth quarter. First, Cole, dribbling at the three-point arc, lofted an alley-oop pass to Owen, who promptly stuffed it into the hoop. The second occurred near the end of the game, when Cole took an inbound pass at the baseline. Owen stealthily slid past the River Hawks and Cole launched a Brady-to-Gronk like pass to his older brother, who dunked the ball into the basket, punctuating the Wildcats' win.

"We run those plays a lot in practice," Owen Boudria said. "Cole is a good passer, we trust him. If I get the opportunity, I will try it every single time."

Holden scores 13 as Wildcats roll

Korynne Holden scored 13 points in leading the girls' basketball team over Avon 46-22 in a

road game last Wednesday. The senior co-captain also made four steals and dished out two assists as the Wildcats improved their record to 10-1.

"Korynne and Julia are playing tenacious defense and they facilitate our offense," said head coach Jen Gargiulo. "We continue to play as a cohesive unit. I stress to the girls that the sum of our parts is key to our success."

Freshman forward Skylar Rezendes scored seven points, Tess Sylvia and Julia George each netted eight, Sarah Perry scored six, Jenna Egbe scored three and Kylie Hazel added two.

"The team has really committed themselves to pushing each other in practice and it translating into success, said Coach Gargiulo. "Sarah Perry has been dynamite offensively and defensively. She has really been playing well. I am very impressed with Skylar. Every practice she commits to working hard. She is extremely coachable and her game is really going to another level."



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Dane Leary (left) and Anthony Raposa fight for a defensive rebound.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The old Annex playground: A tribute to community spirit

To the editor:

As the town moves toward spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for a much-needed upgrade of the Town Hall Annex Playground, I'd like to remind the community of some history. This all happened 30 years ago so there may be some small recall errors, but the gist is accurate.

The Annex Playground came into being when a Westport mother of small children began calling town officials and visiting offices at Town Hall to find out what it would take to make a playground for Westport children.

Once it was established that the town was OK with it being built where it now sits, a committee of local volunteers, unaffiliated with the town, formed to make it happen. The committee went to work raising funds, exploring equipment, researching design options, etc. The committee held several small fund-raisers over the course of a year. The largest individual donation was \$5,000 from a local businessman in memory of his recently deceased wife. There were several donations in the \$100 to \$500 range from local businesses, a handful donating more. Local suppliers donated or deeply discounted materials. The first phase of the playground was the main structure and swing sets minus the large sand play structure on the west end and a couple

of the spring toys. The full cost for that phase was between \$20,000 and \$30,000 all private donations. The rest was added shortly thereafter for a few thousand dollars more, again all private donations.

The playground was built in a day by a group of about 50 volunteers. The equipment purchase price included the company setting the posts the day before and providing supervisors to guide volunteers. Construction day poured rain and blew a gale. The volunteers labored all day in the wind and rain to construct the perimeter and assemble the equipment. In the final step, clean wood chips were spread over a big puddle of mud to make a shiny, new and beautiful playground.

As some of us were cleaning off shovels and putting things away up by Main Road at the end of the day, the sun broke out and, in an epic goose-bumps moment, a rainbow formed over the new playground.

That playground is a monument to community spirit and volunteerism. I hope all of you who helped make it happen (you know who you are) take a drive by before it's replaced and enjoy some warm memories of working hand-in-hand with your neighbors for a worthwhile purpose. It felt pretty good, didn't it?

Steven Fors
Westport



Is this who we are? I hope not

To the editor:

When all is said and done, are we simply a broken nation fearful of one another, cynical about our government, afraid of the future, and hostile to newcomers? Are we actually in thrall of a Tyrant wanna-be, a convicted grifter who cares only about himself?

Oh, yes, wouldn't it be nice to have presidential candidates of both parties with equal amounts of charisma and caring? We'd love to be inspired to respect one another and to work in harmony. Having a decent man as president who protects the rule of law, creates good jobs, burnishes our economy, funds infrastructure work, reduces student debt (and

so much more) is not enough for us. No?

Instead, we believe Trump's terrible lies about Biden and nearly everything else. We think Trump's criminal acts are not serious. We think he cares about the interests of his small dollar supporters. Ha! To re-elect this man is to celebrate his single strength: He knows how to play to our ignorance, our fears, our anger, and our prejudices. For him the Chalice of America's greatness is half empty, and he is willing to tip out the entire contents to satisfy his authoritarian needs.

Is this who we are, a nation unwilling to see that most of us are knee-deep in blessings? Are

we so craven that we ignore the poor, the hungry, and the ill among us? Are we waving the White Flag at the crisis of climate change? Are we OK with staggering income inequality so corrosive to our society? Are we willing to hide our history and claim permanent ascendancy for White Americans? Are we telling women that their bodies belong to the government? Are we just fine with ceding international leadership based on common interests and human rights? Are we just hunky-dory with Trump's assaults on our democracy?

Is this really who we are?
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Tiverton

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Chickens rescued from online reality show

West Place will find homes for all 10 chickens used in "Fishtank"

BY RUTH RASMUSSEN

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WEST PLACE.

Patrick Cole, left, and Lars Krahl of West Place Animal Sanctuary unload chickens rescued Saturday from a reality show being filmed in Cumberland.

In a bizarre mini-drama that played out over the past week, workers at the West Place Animal Sanctuary in Tiverton have rescued 10 young chickens from an online reality show being filmed at a home in Cumberland.

It all began when West Place received an e-mail last Thursday from a viewer of the online show "Fishtank," who claimed producers released the chickens inside the home and intended to abuse them on camera. The show consists of a 24/7 YouTube livestream in which eight strangers are confined to a house for six weeks and filmed constantly, participating in competitive tasks to see who can outlast the others and win \$30,000.

Shortly after the complaint came in, the sanctuary's Patrick Cole said a staff member with the show called West Place requesting help in relocating the chickens. She said they had been purchased that week from a slaughterhouse/butcher in Providence and released inside the house, but the producers no longer wanted them and intended to return them to the supplier.

Cole, who had not heard of the show until last week, learned that it has a large following that is apparently international, since the person who e-mailed the original complaint lives outside the United States.

"People watch online and can make payments to prank the guests or ask the pro-

ducers to do something crazy, and the more money they pay the more likely it is to happen."

Cole arranged with the show's staff member to pick up the chickens on Saturday, the last day of the show's second season. He said the two-story house, which is in a residential Cumberland neighborhood, was "trashed inside and out." The chickens

were housed in a makeshift pen made of cardboard, in a garage that he said was in total disarray.

Prior to the pickup, Cole placed a call to Cumberland's animal control officer, and "it sounds like the house was already on their radar," he said.

Cole estimates the chickens are five to eight months old and appear fairly healthy.

West Place will quarantine them for two weeks, after which most will be placed with community members who have already volunteered to give them homes.

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'Hurricane!' exhibition marks the 70th anniversary of Carol

See photos and hear firsthand accounts of the storm by local residents

of the people that live in a flood zone have never been through a serious hurricane."

Locals watched helplessly as businesses were swept away and boats exploded against the granite piers of the old Westport Point bridge "as though a box of dynamite went off."

They recalled the loss of a \$50,000 swordfish boat and the destruction of a newly built \$100,000 gift shop. Entire sections of the Gooseberry causeway collapsed and Westport's oldest house, the Waite Kirby Potter house, having stood for nearly 300 years, could not withstand the force of Carol.

In the aftermath of the storm, a rumor circulated that "if you were a child and you found a boat you liked, you could claim it as your own."

"Even 70 years on, we can still glean important information from the details contained within these recollectionst," said Jenny O'Neill, Westport Historical Society executive director. "They outline the impact of a hurricane coinciding with high tide as well as specific vulnerabilities at East Beach, Gooseberry and Westport Point."

Fortunately, Westport's infrastructure has improved significantly. For example, residents no longer have to be concerned about the old point bridge and its low approaches that became flooded and impassable during the hurricane.

Moreover, in 1954, many locals relied on the radio for news and were unaware of the hurricane's approach.

Hurricane Carol had far-reaching repercussions for Westport. It marked the end for the communities



Westport Point during Hurricane Carol in 1954.

of cottages that once lined East Beach and parts of West Beach and Gooseberry. It ushered in a new era of management of these areas with the State takeover of Horseneck Beach.

Those who witnessed the hurricane and its aftermath depict Westport as being a resilient and compas-

sionate community. Businesses recovered and new communities such as Smalls Village (1st, 2nd, 3rd streets) formed to host displaced cottages.

The bittersweet loss of property to the state by eminent domain and the subsequent creation of Horseneck State Reservation has preserved the

natural beauty of the beachfront, enjoyed by all today.

Firsthand accounts, images and videos can be viewed on the Westport Historical Society website at www.wpthistory.org.

The exhibition runs through March 30. Contact the Westport Free Public Library for hours.

RELIGION

Acoaxet Chapel holds Sunday services

WESTPORT — Acoaxet Chapel at 36 Howland Road holds a contemporary service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. This service is interactive with praise music offering a morning sermon with a Sunday school session available for children and youth. All are welcome.

Future events and more information can be found at <http://www.AcoaxetChapel.org>.

ACHIEVEMENTS

JILL DaSILVA of Westport was named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Rhode Island.

ABIGAIL GAUDREAU of Westport was named to the fall semester dean's list at American International College where she is majoring in occupational science.

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Get outdoors with the conservation trust

WESTPORT — Join the Westport Land Conservation Trust (WLCT) for a variety of events this winter.

Found Art & Storyhour

Join them at the Westport Woods Learning Center on Friday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m. to do some wintertime crafting and create art with found objects.

Use natural materials such as pine cones and acorns and craft with more conventional art materials like paint and glue. It is for kids aged 5-12, and younger children may need a hand crafting their project.

There also will be a read-aloud of Lois Ehlert's classic, "Snowballs," to provide a creative, cozy winter mindset. Register at westportlandtrust.org/events.

Oak exhibit continues

The Trust continues to display its collaborative exhibit on native oak trees hosted in partnership with the Little Compton Garden Club and Garden Club of Buzzards Bay in the Learning Center at Westport Woods.

The public is welcome to visit this free exhibit on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Annual Super Bowl Walk

The annual Super Bowl Walk is on Sunday, Feb. 11, through the newly preserved Wings Brook portion of the East Branch watershed. Just over 3 miles in length, the walk is not recommended for small children. Meet at the Westport Rivers Vineyard & Winery to be bused to the start of the walk, and finish at the winery with plenty of time to get home for the game, or stay and have a glass of Westport Winery wine.

Plan on arriving at the winery, 417 Hixbridge Road, by 10:30 a.m. Trails may be icy or snow covered and are muddy, with a steep incline, so wear sturdy footwear. No dogs are allowed. It is \$10 and registration is required at westportland.org/events.

Revival Thrift Store is open on Saturdays

WESTPORT — The Revival Thrift Store at Westport United Congregational Church, 500 American Legion Highway, is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Home décor will be accepted, but not yard sale items at this time.

At this time, they accept donations on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have any questions, call Joyce at 508/636-5657.

Art group offering a watercolor workshop

WESTPORT — No winter doldrums for members of the Westport Art Group (WAG). Workshops are being offered this winter.

Artist Evelyn Bernal will teach a workshop, "Painting Poppies with Watercolors," on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appropriate for all levels.

Participants will learn to see and paint reds, oranges, different greens, indigo and other blues interacting on a wet paper.

The cost is \$98 including a 16x20 watercolor paper. Other paper will be available for purchase at the class.

Sign up for classes on the Westport Art Group website at www.westportartgroup.com.

South Coast Chamber Music Series continues

SOUTH DARTMOUTH — South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) is presenting its 2023-24 season.

This season features New Bedford Symphony Orchestra (NBSO) musicians Jesse Holstein, EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks and Ethan Wood, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Leo Eguchi and Peter Zay, cello; Christopher Nunn, viola;

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Photos are encouraged. Email a high-resolution jpg or tif and send it as an attachment.

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DEADLINE: Noon on Mondays

Zebediah Upton and Geoffrey Shamu, trumpet; Seth Budahl, trombone; Michael Bellofatto, horn; James Monaghan, bass trombone; and SCCMS Artistic Director Janice Weber, piano.

Concerts are on Sundays at 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm St.

Remaining concerts are "Viva Viola" on Feb. 4, "Trifecta" on March 10, and "Banquet" on April 28.

Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are online at nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2023-2024 or call the NBSO office at 508/999-6276, ext. 222.

Westport Food Pantry distributes Mondays

WESTPORT — The Westport Food Pantry is located at the Westport Grange, 931 Main Road. Food distribution day is every Monday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The food pantry is in the basement of the Grange and is available to Westport residents and residents from surrounding communities who are in need of basic food due to food insecurity or economic hardship.

This is a drive-through pickup location that takes place outside with no direct in-person contact. A variety of foods are prepackaged in bags and placed in clients' vehicles.

For more information, call 774/930-8893 or contact westportfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Donation drop-off days are Tuesday to Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. The pantry accepts donations including grocery gift cards, non-expired canned or packaged foods, and household goods or toiletry items.

To make a monetary donation, make checks payable to Westport Food Pantry Inc. and mail them to P.O. Box 3303, Westport, MA 02790. Or make an online donation at www.westportfoodpantry.org.

Westport Food Pantry Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax-deductible organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Sweetheart Tea on Feb. 11 for Valentine's Day

NEW BEDFORD — Valentine's Day arrives early at The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum (RJD) this year. Couples are invited to a Sweetheart Tea in the parlors and dining room of the 1834 whaling mansion on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m.

Enjoy a private table for two with sandwiches, scones, sweet treats and tea service. Reservations include museum admission, a souvenir, chocolates, and special access to visit the cupola with its panoramic view of New Bedford harbor.

Advance registration is required, and space is limited. The fee for this event is \$90 per couple. Tea service is provided by Milward Tea Room. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call 508/997-1401 or visit rjdmuseum.org.

The museum is at 396 County St. It is open Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance booking for admission is encouraged, but not required. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$6 for AAA members, seniors and students; and \$3 for children (age 7 to 17).

The museum is free for RJD members, as well as for EBT, Connector-Care, WIC and Wunderfund cardholders. The gardens are open to the public at no cost from sunrise to sunset daily.

Go to rjdmuseum.org to book a museum visit and review current information on hours and programs.

Valentine concert in a romantic setting

NEW BEDFORD — The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum will present a Valentine Evening Prelude on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the museum's historic parlors at 396 County St.

The concert program will include romantic music from Bogotá to Broadway and will feature New Bedford Symphony Orchestra's Timothy Macri on flute and Luis Avila on guitar.

Advance reservations are requested due to limited space. The fee is \$18; \$15 for members. A Sweetheart Table including front row café-style seating for two, flowers, and chocolates can be reserved for \$50.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 508/997-1401 or visit the museum's website at rjdmuseum.org.

The historic house, now the site of The Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum, was built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr. The Greek Revival mansion, located on a full city block of formal gardens, is a National Historic Landmark, one of only 2,500 in the nation. The period rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of the economic and social evolution of the City of New Bedford, as reflected in the residencies of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families and their domestic staff.

Country Travelers offering lots of trips

WESTPORT — Country Travelers is offering monthly casino trips and get-aways for 2024. The schedule is subject to changes and modifications. For more information and reservations, call 508/636-4889.

In addition to Encore Casino trips on the last Tuesday of each month, Jan. 30, for which reservations are needed, the following trips are planned:

- An Atlantic City getaway at Resorts is Tuesday to Thursday, Feb. 27 to 29. Get \$40 back in slot, \$50 back in food plus two shows. A deposit of \$75 is needed with the balance due by Jan. 15. It is \$329 double, \$319 triple and \$459 single.
- A St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Aqua Turf Club with a dinner/show is on Tuesday, March 12. It is \$111.
- A trip to the Log Cabin in Holyoke for a dinner/show of American country classics is on Wednesday, April 17. It is \$128.
- A trip to Lancaster, Pa., to see "Daniel" at the Site and Sound Theater and much more is Tuesday to Thursday, April 23 to 25. It is \$549/double. A \$100 deposit, with the balance by March 15.
- A dinner/show at the Aqua Turf Club (Debby Boone, "You light up my life") is on May 7. It is \$138. A deposit of \$75, with the balance due by April 1.
- A trip to the Summit View Pavilion, Holyoke Strawberry Festival and BBQ and entertainment is on June 19. It is \$140.
- A trip to the Açores is June 23 to July 1.
- A trip is on Wednesday, July 10, to Log Cabin in Holyoke for a lunch/show with the "Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band." It is \$128.
- A trip is on Tuesday, Aug. 13, to the Aqua Turf Club for a dinner/show, "The Legends Live — A Journey Through the Decades." It is \$109.

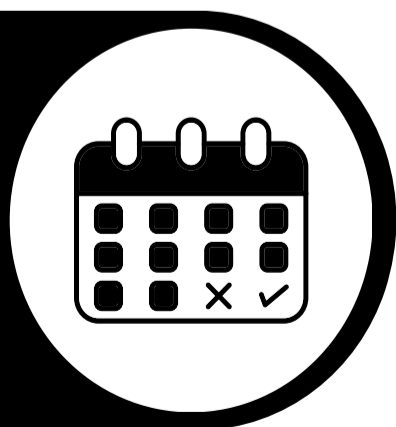
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From **FACING PAGE****Head of Westport tour with a mobile app**

WESTPORT — The Westport Historical Society is offering a walking tour. A mobile app, "Westport History Tours," lets users explore the architectural, social, cultural and industrial past of the Head of Westport. The app is free and accessible anytime and anywhere with a smartphone.

The Head of Westport provides a unique physical space in which to explore history. The tour offers context for some commonly asked questions: Where did shipbuilding take place? How were ships launched? Who lived at the Head? What's the story of the iconic stone house?

Special features include a GPS-enabled map with more than 20 tour stops, narrated by Greg Morton, and a curated selection of historical images, allowing users to compare then images with the present day.

The essence of 19th-century Westport is still apparent at the Head.

The historical society cares for a remarkable pictorial archive documenting the Head of Westport. Many scenes were captured by local photographer John Howland, depicting everyday life in the early 1900s.

In recent years, The Head of Westport has become a popular destination for picnicking, kayaking, and relaxation.

The app can be downloaded at www.wpthistory.org/westport-history-tours.

Archaeology audio tour at Heritage Trail

WESTPORT — The Westport Historical Society has harnessed smartphone technology to provide a way to explore history. The first mobile tour designed for use on a smartphone provides visitors with a personal guide along the Handy House Heritage Trail.

The tour focuses on archaeology. Visitors can walk the trail in the virtual company of Holly Herbster, a professional archaeologist who has worked in southern New England for more than 30 years.

As visitors walk along the trail, she will guide them through the more than 10,000-year human history of Westport. From the era of woolly mammoths to the current future advances in archaeological techniques, her tour enables visitors to see the landscape from a new perspective.

The tour is set up as an audio experience to be listened to as the visitor walks the trail. Each audio segment is triggered automatically.

The easy-grade, 0.7-mile trail can be accessed from the parking lot at 202 Hix Bridge Road. This land is part of the historic Handy House property. Today, the property is owned by the Westport Historical Society.

The tour is free and can be downloaded at www.wpthistory.org/westport-history-tours.

Applications available for community grants proposals

The Westport Cultural Council (WCC) is accepting applications beginning Feb. 1 for Westport Cultural Council Community Grants. The grants are made possible by the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust Grant, administered by Bank of America, and the Westport Cultural Gift Fund Grant. Applications, guidelines and information are available online at www.wpt-culturalcouncil.org.

You can apply if you are a local artist, teacher or nonprofit organization requiring funds for a community-oriented project or event that directly involves the arts, interpretive sciences



Russ and Pam Walters peruse the new Westport Heritage Map.

Historical society is putting town's heritage 'on the map'

The Westport Historical Society is launching a free brochure that showcases the town's special heritage.

The Westport Heritage Map features 22 sites of historical significance ranging from the Paul Cuffe Monument to Lees Market (the unofficial town center complete with its own collection of historic artifacts and photographs), and identifies the distinct communities that make up the town of Westport, such as the villages of Westport Point, the Head of Westport and Westport Factory.

QR codes link to in-depth information about each location on the map.

This map will serve as an introduction to Westport's history and will be of interest to visitors and to residents.

"Westport is a special town with so much to offer but it's not always easy to know where to look or how to learn more," said Jenny O'Neill, Westport Historical Society executive director. "I hope the map will serve as a bridge to discover more about Westport."

The brochure features a map dating from 1831. Even after nearly 200 years, the roads, layout and settlement patterns of the town are still recognizable.

"That's a remarkable testament to preservation efforts within the community," O'Neill said.

The map was designed by Westport Historical Society volunteer Ray Shaw. The project was funded by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Westport Point Neighborhood Association and Westport Cultural Council.

The free Westport Heritage Map can be picked up at Westport Public Library and at Partners Village Store. To learn more about the map, call the historical society at 508/636 6011.

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Transportation, outreach services at senior center

WESTPORT — The Westport Council on Aging's senior center is at 75 Reed Road.

Registration is required to attend any activity or class. Former participants have first opportunity to enroll in a class, followed by wait-listed folks, followed by newly registered. Westport residents will be given priority in registration.

Transportation and outreach services continue by appointment only. Masks must be worn by all using transportation services.

Are you or anyone you know in need of assistance? The outreach staff meet with elderly and disabled Westport residents either in their home or in the office to assess the individual's needs, to explain community programs and benefits, and assist with applications for programs such as fuel assistance, food stamps, and other benefits. They also assist elders in crisis; they are mandated reporters for suspected elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. To make a referral to the outreach workers, contact Andrea, Cindy or Susan at 508/636-1026.

Eating healthy doesn't have to cost more. You can save money on groceries by applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The average senior using SNAP receives \$119 each month. Applying is simple. To see if you qualify, call 508/636-1026 and ask for Cindy Kinane, outreach worker. She will sit down with you through the whole application process, in the office or at your home.

Go to www.westport-ma.com/council-aging for a copy of the Evergreen Newsletter and the entire schedule of fitness classes, tech training and much more.

Technology classes and help sessions this winter

The Westport Council on Aging is continuing the technology program for seniors during the winter months. Classes will continue on Wednesday afternoons in the Computer Cafe at the senior center.

New for 2024: Classes can be accessed through video conferencing.

Do you know someone who needs help with their smart phone or tablet? Do you want to visit with family far away, or order groceries online? Do you want to know how to use Smart Devices?

Registration is required. Call now for these free classes for anyone 55 or older. All classes are scheduled for Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The schedule —

Feb. 7: Streaming & Your Smart TV

Feb. 14: Food ordering — Groceries and reservations

Feb. 21: Online banking and financial accounts

Feb. 28: Laptops, tablets and computers

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Help Sessions are scheduled for Thursday mornings by appointment.

A senior volunteer will help answer your questions at your pace.

A free-will donation to the WCOA is suggested.

To register for any of these programs, call the Westport COA at 508/636-1026.

This program is funded in part by a grant from Bristol Elder Services Inc. through a contract with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Art group offering two annual scholarships of \$1,500

For over 50 years, Westport Art Group (WAG) has awarded scholarships annually to area high school students interested in pursuing a higher degree in the visual arts. This year, WAG is again offering two scholarships of \$1,500 each to aspiring artists residing in Westport, Tiverton or Dartmouth and who are graduating in 2024.

Students who are enrolled in either their local high school (Westport High School, Tiverton

High School and Dartmouth High School) or one of three regional high schools (Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technology High School, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School and Bristol County Agricultural High School) are eligible for the scholarships. Also, children and grandchildren of current Westport Art Group members are eligible.

Applicants must submit a complete applica-

tion packet to the WAG Scholarship Committee and participate in a portfolio review of their artwork.

Application materials are available from high school guidance counselors and on the WAG website at <https://www.westportartgroup.com/scholarship-program>.

The deadline for submitting the package is April 15.

AT THE LIBRARY

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org with requests for curbside pickup.

Computer use, printing, scanning, and faxing services also are available.

Ebook and tech help sessions are available by appointment.

Michael's Bookstore is open in support of the Friends of Westport Library's efforts to provide for the library's book and program budget.

Find more information on the website.

Westport Free Public Library is open at 408 Old County Road on Mondays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 508/636-1100 or visit www.westport-ma.com/westport-free-public-library.

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"We are patient-centric," Dr. Asaro says. "Everything here revolves around the patients' best interests."

Dr. Asaro and his team don't overbook their patients. They don't rush them and keep appointments easy and comfortable. They take time with each patient, explaining different treatment options and plans when necessary.

Many of today's corporate practices cannot uphold those same standards of care. He is fiercely proud of the way his practice is devoted to patient-centric care.

"We treat our patients like family, and we have entire families, for generations, who have been patients here. I have patients who were once kids, and now they're having their own kids come here," he said.

Dr. Asaro can provide a full suite of services, rather than referring patients

out all the time. Besides routine checkups, x-rays, cavity fillings, and hygiene cleanings, Dr. Asaro is skilled with restorative care, crowns, implant surgeries, deep cleanings, gum surgery, and cosmetic or aesthetic treatments. He performs surger-



ies from simple extractions to surgical and wisdom teeth extractions, and periodontal treatments.

"We provide comprehensive dental services, so we don't have to routinely send patients out of this office. They can come here and get

virtually everything done at our location. Patients appreciate the convenience and having one team responsible for their care" Dr. Asaro says. "I believe we do what a dental office should do."

Another source of pride at Asaro Dental

is the consistency within the practice.

Their team, from office manager to hygienists, have been there for many years. "Our staff is incredibly consistent," Dr. Asaro says. "You know who you're going to see when you come in here."

Having lived here his whole life, the dentist is also a proud member of the East Bay community. His practice is the longest-running sponsor of the Barrington Little League. He is a devoted sailor who will be competing in his 13th Bermuda Race this June. His daughter is a Barrington High School student, as he was, and his wife is a professor at URI.

He loves this region, loves his job, and is proud of the reputation he has built in this community.

"We pride ourselves on being patient-centric," Dr. Asaro says. It's what makes Asaro Dental different from most other offices.

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This large South Tiverton home is built into its surroundings, to provide sweeping water views from all levels, with ample outdoor patios, decks and balconies.



A view of the open concept living area, anchored by a magnificent floating staircase.



The home is an immersion of modern design, style and functionality.

Nestled on a hillside in South Tiverton is an authentic, slate shingle-sided home that is an immersion of modern design, style and functionality. This is a dream come true for lovers of modern architecture.

It is designed to showcase expansive westerly water views from every room of the Sakonnet, Seapowet marshes and farmland. Every detail of this three-story home has been carefully designed, and no expense

has been spared, down to the teak elevator.

It features clean simple lines, custom craftsmanship, luxurious finishes, where every element, both natural and durable, further enhances the home's appeal. The open concept living, soaring ceilings, floating staircases, and floor to ceiling windows, allow natural light to flow through and bring the beauty of the surroundings inward.

The chef's kitchen and but-

ler's pantry are all outfitted with high-end appliances, stainless counters and smart built-ins. Additional first-floor rooms include a study, foyer and east wing with two ensuite bedrooms and a sitting room. The primary suite is accented with soaring ceilings, a fireplace, balcony, custom dressing room and two ensuite baths. Additional rooms include a guest bedroom, spa bathroom and laundry room.

By the numbers

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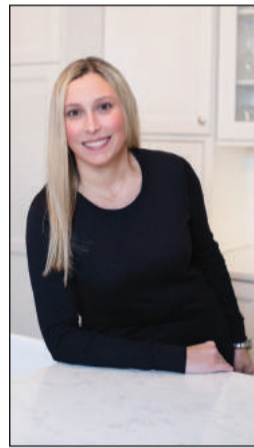
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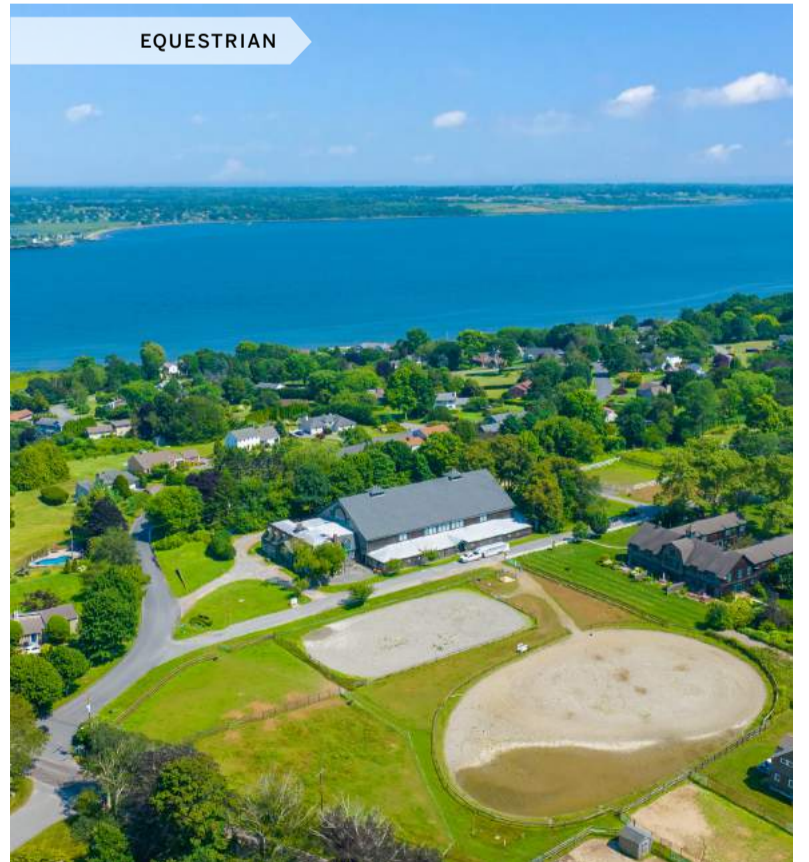


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1 Sullivan Ter	Naomi Gage and Steven Armbrust	Sharon and John Thayer	\$560,000
222 Sowams Rd	Sharon E. Ristuccia	Anna M. Velleca L.T. and Frederic Marzilli	\$380,000
2469 Washington Ave	Rebecca Bozadjian	Henry C. Jorva T.	\$630,000
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114 Wood St	Darren Young and Jane Pickering	Shea F.T. and Daniel Shea	\$615,000
429 Chestnut St	David M. Eck	Wood Frame Structures Inc.	\$660,000
9 Elm Farm Dr	Andrew and Ruth McCool	Sharon Gordon and Gail Kelly	\$760,000
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87 Grosvenor Ave	Adar Kahana	Daniel H. Marcus	\$325,000
27 Balkcom St	Holly Case	Elana L. Blouin	\$344,900
5-7 Nelson St	Ronielson Gabriel and Otoniel DosSantos	Catherine L. Mcleod	\$388,750
65 Roger Williams Ave	Elevator Prop Inc.	Walter King Ent. LLC	\$305,000
26 Gurney St	Anthony Petrucci and Louis Privitera	Walter K. Baker Sr. Est.	\$380,000
138 Miller Ave	Edderic Ugaddan and Ruby Shumaker	William F. Lunnie	\$579,000
PORTSMOUTH			
64 Martens Rd	Compass RE Holdings LLC	Ernest J. Morrill	\$280,000
2090 E Main Rd	Canonchet Main Inv LLC	Mary G. Souza Est. and Manuel Paz	\$600,000
16 3rd St	Leilani and Shane Beaudry	David Gamer	\$137,500
TIVERTON			
126 Hooper St	Henry and Mary Laferriere	Braley Rd Realty LLC	\$492,500
56 Shore Rd	Kevin and Marcia Haigis	Clark F.T. and Christine Clark	\$1,100,000
136 Lake Ln #3B4	Hilario Melo	Mary L. Labrie	\$275,000
WARREN			
7 Roseland Ave	Jody and Michael Persons	Rosemary Lemmis	\$250,000
12 Highview Ave	Bert and Kimberly Rodrigues	Emma Carr Est. and Jennifer Dalton	\$316,000
3 New Industrial Way	Pirri Prop LLC	Infinity Realty LLC	\$550,000
304 Market St	Rickie Amaral and Dennis Dunles	C& R Contracting & Const L.	\$400,000
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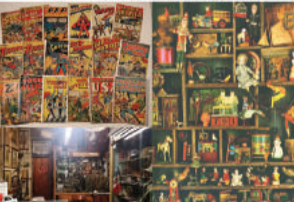
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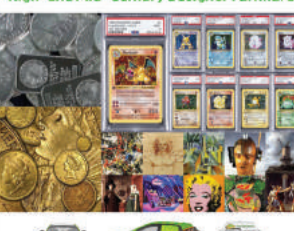
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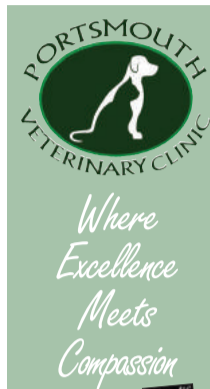
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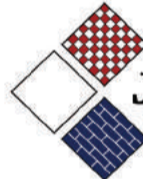
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A view of the Washington Bridge that once carried motorists over the Seekonk River along I-95 West. It has been shut down for seven weeks, its future uncertain.

Accountability is sorely lacking in the I-195 fiasco

The condition of the west bound lanes on I-195 and the subsequent snarl of traffic has unleashed a furious fusillade of accusations and excuses by those in charge. Tens of thousands of daily commuters are stuck in traffic because - OOPS! - the structural integrity of that side of the bridge is undermined. Well, the chickens have come home to roost!



Arlene VIOLET

For almost 40 years I have either as Attorney General charged and convicted contractors for substandard but billed work that was never done or written in this column about the continuing saga in this state where politicians and the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) wink at the construction companies' noncompliance with engineering standards.

Before there was an I-195 westbound lane problem, there was the Route 403-Davisville access road fiasco. The Providence Journal revealed that its construction had key structural parts below specifications, which led the federal highway administration to refuse to pay its allocation. Eight times RIDOT overlooked the pounds per square inch (PSI) requirements at a substantive level.

The then-RIDOT supervisor shrugged off the unsafe work by saying that requiring adherence to the specifications would result in the project being delayed! Route 403 had 17 other key structural deficiencies that flunked AASHTO (American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials). The contractor also put in defective abutment footings far below minimum standards on an off-ramp from Route 403. A concrete beam was 25 percent below standards and was one of only four beams to hold up the off-ramp.

The IWAY itself had chunks of the con-

crete deck falling into the Providence River because the cement was sub-standard. The contractor also installed defective railings and then turned around and billed the state for at least two and a half years for jersey barriers to prevent drivers from hitting the railing and landing in the drink. WPRI reported that the steel reinforcement bars were apparently cut and that anchor bolts were installed AFTER the reinforcing steel was already in place.

So now we have this circus where no heads will roll except for the noggins of the commuters. The villain of the above IWAY mistakes blew the whistle on the fact that for three years Rhode Island has known of the problem with its repair strategy that would ultimately result in the "pins" to fail. The engineering report warning of the problem is part of the record, so political obfuscation isn't working.

Also, am I the only one who is chagrined about the fact that Massachusetts-based Barletta Construction Company, who has

won many of the largest construction contracts, got this no-bid contract to "repair" the bridge after it was civilly charged by federal authorities with dumping contaminated soil in an inner-city neighborhood? Attorney General Peter Nehrona has also charged the company criminally for the dumping, which didn't prevent the favored treatment of this malefactor.

Such is the mentality in this state on transportation projects: "Cut corners, get paid anyway and come back for more goodies."

Instead of being accountable and acknowledging any mistake for this failure, the Governor embarked instead on a quasi-political campaign, using public funds, where he urged citizens to buy local. Of course, this could have been averted if people simply did their respective jobs.

Arlene Violet is an attorney and former Rhode Island Attorney General.

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2. How long will it take to sell my home? Once the house is on the market, it may take anywhere from four to six weeks to sell. However, the market is fairly hot, so it's not out of the question to have your property off the market within a week. On the flip side, if there is a lull in the market or issues arise such as negotiation, lack of exposure, or house conditions then the property can sit on the market for months.

3. What is the selling price of my home? The selling price of a house fluctuates depending on multiple factors. The most common ones are the neighborhood and what similar-sized houses are currently selling for. Also, look at the age and condition. Do major repairs need to be done? If so, that might lower the property. And again, the market matters. Like everything else, home prices vary depending on supply and demand.

4. Is there a reason my home's assessed value differs compared to the market value? A public tax assessor gives the assessed value for a property. This assessment typically occurs yearly for taxation purposes. The fair market value is an agreed-upon price between a willing buyer and seller. There is usually a difference between the assessed value and market value. For homeowners, the assessed value is a double-edged sword. Because, if their annual assessed value increased then their yearly taxes will also be raised. On the flip side, when selling a house it can help boost its market value.

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Killing sharks to reduce depredation is not the answer

Shark depredation, the full or partial consumption of a hooked fish by a shark before it is landed, is an increasing source of human and wildlife conflict in recreational fisheries. This summer and fall, and for the past three to four years, we have had enhanced reports of sharks being caught close to shore off Newport, Narragansett and the Sakonnet River area.

Along with this, we have had an increase in shark depredation, with anglers reeling in summer flounder (fluke) and striped bass to find the fish has been bitten by a shark.

Last week a study led by U. Mass Amherst was published in Marine and Coastal Fisheries, titled "Depredation rates and spatial overlap between Great Hammerheads and Tarpon in a recreational fishing hot spot."

Reports of shark depredation in the catch-and-release Tarpon fishery in the Florida Keys are increasing, specifically in Bahia Honda, a recreational fishing hot spot and a known Tarpon pre-spawning aggregation site.

Highlights of the study abstract appear below; the entire study can be found at Depredation rates and spatial overlap between Great Hammerheads and Tarpon in a recreational fishing hot spot - Casselberry - 2024 - Marine and Coastal Fisheries - Wiley Online Library.

The study suggests that culling or killing sharks is not the answer, but rather reducing fight times and ending a fight prematurely when sharks are present should be explored. Here are the highlights.

Methods: Using visual surveys of fishing in Bahia Honda, scientists quantified depredation rates and drivers of depredation. With acoustic telemetry, scientists simultaneously tracked 51 Tarpon and 14 Great Hammerheads (also known as Great Hammerhead Sharks) *Sphyrna mokarran*, the most common shark to depredate Tarpon, to quantify residency and spatial overlap in Bahia Honda.

Result: During the visual survey, 394 Tarpon were hooked. The combined observed shark depredation and immediate post release predation rate was 15.3% for Tarpon that were fought longer than 5 minutes. Survival analysis and decision trees showed that depredation risk was highest in the first 5 to 12 minutes of the fight and on the outgoing current.

During the spawning season, Great Hammerheads shifted their space use in Bahia Honda to overlap with Tarpon core use areas. Great Hammerheads restricted their space use on the outgoing current when compared to the incoming current, which could drive increased shark-angler interactions.

Conclusion: Bahia Honda has clear ecological importance for both Tarpon and Great Hammerheads as a pre-spawning aggregation and feeding ground. The observed depredation mortality and post release predation mortality raise conservation concerns for the fishery.



Researchers from U. Mass Amherst tagged acoustic tags on Hammerhead Sharks and Tarpon as part of their shark depredation study.

Efforts to educate anglers to improve best practices, including reducing fight times and ending a fight prematurely when sharks are present, will be essential to increase Tarpon survival and reduce shark-angler conflict.

Fishing and offshore wind energy workshop Feb. 7

Join the free online workshop, titled "Recreational Fishing and Offshore Wind Energy: Understanding the Changing Behavior," on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. (EST).

Webinar organizer Jennifer McCann, director of U.S. Coastal Programs at the Coastal Resources Center, URI Graduate School of Oceanography, and director of Extension Programs for Rhode Island Sea Grant, said, "The purpose of this effort is to advance our shared understanding of impacts and changing behavior of recreational fishers due to the accelerated growth of offshore wind energy and identify strategies to respond to research and monitoring needs. During this initial webinar, we will communicate some of the current research and monitoring strategies, identify gaps, and strategize mechanisms to fill these gaps."

This effort is part of the NOAA/URI CRADA to advance collaborative research and ocean planning solutions on the interactions of offshore wind energy development and marine ecosystems, inclusive of humans and coastal communities.

Registration by Feb. 5 is required for this free and public event to assist with logistics. To register, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9U4TNNvjkhlfy3FMZATa9KC26zEIS9snChMtSW1WJgBr5uag/view-form>.

Confirmed Panelists for the webinar are: Emma Chaiken, economist, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Doug Christel, fisheries policy analyst, GARFO/NOAA; Tony DiLernia, captain, recreational fisheries liaison, NYSERDA - contractor; Walt Golet, School of Marine Sciences, University of Maine; Todd Guilfoos, associate professor, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (ENRE), University of Rhode Island (URI); Jeff Kneebone, senior scientist, Fisheries Science and Emerging Technologies Program, NE Aquarium; Julia Livermore, deputy chief of Marine

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Annual RISAA Banquet, Feb. 17

"This year we are holding our annual banquet on Feb. 17, 2024, at the Quonset 'O' Club, 200 Lt. James Brown Road, North Kingstown, RI," said Scott Travers, executive director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA). Cocktails and hors-d'oeuvres will start at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6

p.m.

"We welcome all our fellow members to come and celebrate our 2023 Annual Tournament winners and other award recipients. We will have raffle items available including two charter trips and much, much more," said Travers.

Tickets are now available on the RISAA Website. Go to the "MEMBERS AREA" and click on the "Members Home" page to get your tickets now. Contact Scott Travers at 401-826-2121 or travers@risaa.org for further information.

Where's the bite?

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Thursday, Feb. 1	—	12:02 (2.9)	5:08	5:09	6:55	5:02
Friday, Feb. 2	8:25 (4.1)	8:42 (3.9)	1:02	2:07	7:01	4:54
Saturday, Feb. 3	1:19 (3.3)	1:40 (2.7)	7:11	6:54	6:53	5:04
Sunday, Feb. 4	2:12 (3.4)	2:40 (2.7)	8:36	8:02	6:52	5:05
Monday, Feb. 5	3:17 (3.5)	3:49 (2.8)	9:48	9:12	6:51	5:07
Tuesday, Feb. 6	4:27 (3.8)	4:56 (3.2)	10:44	10:15	6:50	5:08
Wednesday, Feb. 7	5:29 (4.2)	5:54 (3.6)	11:32	11:12	6:49	5:00
Thursday, Feb. 8	6:23 (4.6)	6:46 (4.1)	—	12:20	6:48	5:10

New Moon Feb. 9 — Full Moon Feb. 24

* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.

Lifelong Learning Collaborative offering 26 courses

The Lifelong Learning Collaborative (LLC) has released its spring session catalog online and is offering 26 courses open to all who are interested in learning in a friendly, collaborative environment. Registration is now open, and courses begin on March 18.

Classes, ranging from history to the arts, from politics to community issues, from the sciences to the social sciences and more, run weekly and last for four to ten weeks. In-person classes meet at Temple Beth-El in Providence (open to people of all faiths) and many other classes are held via Zoom.

Spring session courses beginning on March 18:

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- "Connections on the Big Screen." Connections to be found by discussing feature and documentary films.
- Cell Phone Photography Clubs
- "World Music." Enjoy music of non-Western cultures.
- Scrabble Social Club. All levels are welcome.
- "Reading Aloud: Contemporary Plays" of the past 20 years.
- "How Great Structures Go Up - And Sometimes Fall Down." Explore engineering feats and failures from the Great Wall of China to the

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- "Paint Like a Woman: 19th and Early 20th Century Women Artists."
- "The Folly of War - A Study Through Films."
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Lecture is on Eurasian maritime history

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WHAT: Bosworth Lecture Series
WHEN: Thursday, Feb 8, at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Rogers Free Library, Hope Street, Bristol
COST: Free and open to all



'Vegetable Gardening' with Master Gardener

Learn how to start your own vegetable garden with Bill Baddeley from the URI Master Gardeners. The talk covers the basics and provides an orientation to life in the garden including selecting a site, preparing it, choosing seeds and plants, planting them using a planting calendar, and all about pests and

weeds.

WHAT: 'Vegetable Gardening 101'
WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m.
WHERE: Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road
MORE INFO: In-person and hybrid attendance options available. Call 247-1920, ext. 7, to register



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'Hurricane!' exhibition in Westport

Hurricane Carol arrived on Aug. 31, 1954, coinciding with high tide, and swept a wall of water across Horseneck and up the Westport River. To mark the 70th anniversary, the Westport Historical Society presents a new exhibition with images from its collection and photos held in private collections. The experiences of Westporters who witnessed the hurricane have been preserved in a video recording

WHAT: "Hurricane!" exhibit
 WHEN: Feb. 3 to March 30
 WHERE: Westport Free Public Library, 408 Old County Road, Westport
 MORE INFO: Firsthand accounts, images and videos can be viewed at www.wphistory.org.

of an event marking the 50th anniversary of Carol in 2004. Many of the participants were teenagers in 1954.



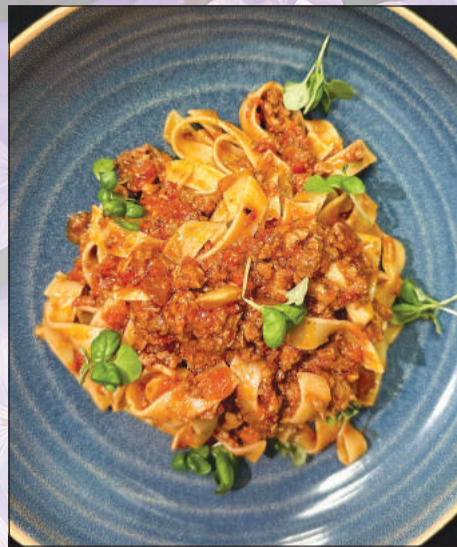
Creating a pollinator-friendly landscape

To learn how to transform your yard into a pollinator-friendly landscape, join this meet up for a casual sharing of ideas and questions. It is coordinated by the Barrington Land Conservation Trust's Pollinator Pathway group. You can upload up to five photos of your garden to be shared at the event. Discuss successes and challenges and draw on the collec-

WHAT: Pollinator Pathway Meet Up
 WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m.
 WHERE: Barrington Public Library's Salem Family Auditorium, 281 County Road
 COST: Free and open to all
 MORE INFO: Register at www.blct.org

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— RESTAURANT MENU —

Soups & Appetizers

- N.E. Clam Chowder** cup 7 bowl 9
- Cutty Hunk Mussels Chablis** 13
Sautéed with garlic, chardonnay, vine tomatoes, basil, lemon, herbs, and spices, or marinara sauce.
- Garlic Bread Bruschetta** 8
Sliced Italian bread topped with tomato salsa crafted with vine tomatoes, cucumber, Bermuda onions, garlic, herbs and spices.
- Baked Potato Skins** 13
Loaded with crispy bacon and sharp cheddar cheese and served with sour cream.
- Shrimp Cocktail** 15
Five jumbo shrimp poached and chilled, and served with cocktail sauce.
- Toasted Ravioli** 12
Breaded and deep fried. Served with marinara sauce.
- Soup du Jour** cup 6 bowl 8
- Baked Stuffed Mushrooms** 12
Fresh mushrooms caps stuffed with homemade crabmeat stuffing.
- Clams Casino** 14
Littleneck clams topped with seasoned crumbs and garnished with maple bacon.
- Buffalo Chicken Tenders** 13
Tossed in Frank's Red Hot and butter, and served with celery and carrot sticks, and blue cheese dressing.
- Deep Fried Calamari** 15
Topped with sautéed pepper rings, olive oil, and roasted peppers.
- Mozzarella Sticks** 13
Served with marinara sauce.

Salads

- Dinner Garden Salad** 6
- Caesar Salad** 13
Romaine lettuce, croutons, house dressing, and anchovies (optional.)
- Greek Salad** 15
Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, Bermuda onions, olives, feta cheese, pepperoncini, and green peppers.
- Dinner Greek Salad** 7
- Italian Tossed** 13
Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, sliced green peppers, and pepperoncini.
- Caprese Salad** 14
With buffalo mozzarella and vine tomatoes over mixed greens.

Add grilled chicken (\$7), grilled shrimp (\$9), or sirloin tips (\$10)

Italian Specialties

- Linguine Carbonara** 18
With bacon, shallots, parsley, cheese, vine tomatoes, and tossed with egg.
- Baked Stuffed Shells** 17
Ricotta cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Baked Ravioli** 17
Cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Pasta with Meatballs** 17
Your choice of penne, angel hair, linguine, or spaghetti with tomato sauce.
- Baked Penne with Eggplant** 17
Breaded eggplant baked in a vodka sauce with melted cheese.
- Eggplant Parmigiana** 18
Breaded and layered with cheese and marinara sauce. Served over penne pasta.
- Tortellini Primavera** 19
Cheese tortellini with a medley of sautéed vegetables in a vodka sauce.

- Homemade Manicotti** 18
Cheese filled with tomato sauce and topped with melted cheese.
- Homemade Lasagna** 18
Layered with cheese, seasoned hamburger, tomato sauce, and Bolognese.
- Fettuccini Alfredo** 18
With broccoli florets in three cheese sauce.
- Gnocchi Parmigiana** 17
Potato gnocchi with tomato sauce and melted cheese.

Italian Combos

- 1| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Ravioli** ... 19
- 2| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Gnocchi** ... 19
- 3| **Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Eggplant and Penne Pasta** 19
All of the above smothered in melted mozzarella.

Children's Menu

- Mac & Cheese** 7
- Spaghetti or Penne with Sauce or Butter** ... 7
- Chicken Fingers with French Fries** 9

Seafood Entrees

- Baked Boston Scrod** 20
With a lite, seasoned cracker crumb.
- Broiled Sea Scallops** 27
Topped with seasoned cracker crumbs and lemon butter.
- Deep fried Sea Scallops** 27
With fries and cole slaw.
- Broiled Seafood Nantucket** 26
Haddock, shrimp, and sea scallops topped with cheese and seasoned crumbs.
- Baked Stuffed Shrimp** 24
Jumbo shrimp with crabmeat stuffing and drawn butter.
- Fish and Chips** 19
Deep fried and served with fries and cole slaw.
- Baked Seafood Trio** 26
Baked haddock, salmon, and shrimp topped lightly with seasoned crumbs.
- Deep fried Haddock** 20
With fries and cole slaw.

All of the above served with your choice of potato and vegetable.

- Seafood Fra Diavolo** 28
Jumbo shrimp, sea scallops, haddock, and mussels in a spicy marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Seafood Portofino** 28
Mussels, jumbo shrimp, sea scallops, and calamari in a spicy marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Shrimp Cacciatore** 24
Jumbo shrimp sautéed with mushrooms, peppers, and onions, and tossed in a marinara sauce over your choice of pasta.
- Jumbo Shrimp Scampi** 24
Pan seared with garlic, pinot grigio, fresh basil, olive oil, and your choice of pasta.
- Grilled Dill Salmon** 26
Served over rice pilaf with dill sauce and your choice of vegetable.
- Grilled Salmon Florentine** 26
Topped with sautéed baby spinach, vine tomatoes, and garlic in a Chablis wine sauce with your choice of potato or pasta.

**Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness.

Poultry

- Boneless Chicken Piccata** 19
Medallions of chicken sautéed with a lemon caper sauce and fresh mushrooms.
- Chicken Broccoli Ziti** 20
Sautéed chicken tenders with broccoli florets in alfredo sauce or roasted garlic and olive oil.
- Chicken Marsala** 19
Medallions of chicken sautéed with fresh mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce.
- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana** 19
Breaded chicken breast pan-fried and baked with pomodoro sauce and melted mozzarella.
- Chicken Francaise** 20
Pan-fried with egg and cheese batter and served with a lemon sauce.
- Chicken Cacciatore** 20
Sautéed chicken tenders with peppers and onions in a homemade marinara sauce.

All of the above served with choice of linguine, angel hair, spaghetti, or penne pasta

Veal

- Boneless Veal Piccata** 22
Medallions of veal sautéed with a lemon caper sauce and fresh mushrooms.
- Veal Cutlet Parmigiana** 21
Breaded veal pan-fried and baked with pomodoro sauce and melted mozzarella.
- Veal Cacciatore** 22
Veal tips stewed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms in a marinara sauce.
- Veal Francaise** 22
Pan-fried with egg and cheese batter and served with a lemon sauce.
- Veal Marsala** 22
Medallions of veal sautéed with fresh mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce.
- Veal Pizzaiola** 22
Veal tips stewed with peppers, onions, and mushrooms and smothered in melted cheese.

All of the above served with choice of linguine, angel hair, spaghetti, or penne pasta

Steak

- 16oz NY Sirloin Steak** 29
Cooked to your liking with your choice of potato and vegetable.
- 16oz Sirloin Steak Marsala** 29
Cooked to your liking with sautéed mushrooms in a marsala wine sauce with your choice of potato.
- Surf & Turf** 29
Sirloin tips cooked to your liking with baked stuffed shrimp with your choice of potato and vegetable.
- Filet Princess** 35
Cooked to your liking. 8oz filet mignon topped with jumbo shrimp in a roasted pepper reduction marsala sauce with your choice of potato.
- Filet Portobello** 35
8oz filet mignon smothered with portobello mushroom and caramelized bacon maple and served with your choice of potato.
- Sirloin Tips** 28
Cooked to your liking and topped with peppers, onions, and mushrooms with your choice of potato.

Classic Sandwiches

- Turkey Club** 16
Lettuce, tomato, and bacon on Texas toast.
- Honey Smoked Ham Club** 15
With lettuce, ham, bacon, and mayo on Texas toast.
- Grilled Reuben** 16
Corned beef, sauerkraut, Russian dressing and Swiss cheese on marble bread.
- Grilled Ham & Cheese** 15
Honey smoked ham and American cheese on Tex- as toast.
- Bacon Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus with bacon, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion.
- Grilled Tuna Melt** 14
On Texas toast with American cheese.
- Grilled Turkey Melt** 16
Sliced turkey breast on Texas toast with Swiss cheese.
- All American Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus cooked to your liking with American cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion.
- Grilled Chicken** 15
With mayo, lettuce, and tomatoes on a roll.
- Swiss Cheeseburger** 16
8oz black angus cooked to your liking and smothered with mushrooms and Swiss cheese.

House Specialty Subs Served in a 12" Sub Roll

- Veal Cutlet Parmigiana** 16
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana** 15
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Italian Sausage Parmigiana** 15
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Eggplant Parmigiana** 14
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Meatball Parmigiana** 14
With tomato sauce and melted cheese.
- Steak & Cheese Bomb** 18
With grilled peppers, onions, and mushrooms.

Wraps

- Served in a 12" Tortilla Wrap. Add cheese for \$1.**
- Tuna Salad Wrap** 14
With lettuce, tomato, and mayo.
- BBQ Chicken Wrap** 15
Grilled BBQ chicken with lettuce and tomato.
- Chicken Caesar Wrap** 15
With romaine, croutons, and Caesar dressing.
- Veggie Wrap** 14
Grilled medley of sautéed vegetables.
- Real Crabmeat Wrap** 17
With lettuce, tomato, mayo, and real crab meat.
- Teriyaki Chicken Wrap** 15
With lettuce and tomato.

All of the above served with dill pickles and choice of French fries or potato chips.

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	Half Pan Feeds 8-12	Full Pan Feeds 16-20			Half	Full
Baked Ziti	\$40	\$65	Homemade Eggplant Parmigiana	\$55		\$75
Broiled Haddock	\$60	\$95	Homemade Lasagna	\$55		\$90
Buffalo Fingers	\$45	\$75	Homemade Manicotti	\$50		\$75
Chicken Broccoli Ziti	\$55	\$90	Mixed Vegetables	\$35		\$60
Chicken Cacciatore	\$55	\$90	Pasta with Meatballs	\$45		\$70
Chicken Marsala	\$55	\$90	Ravioli	\$50		\$70
Chicken Parmigiana	\$60	\$95	Rice	\$35		\$50
Fettucini Alfredo	\$45	\$70	Ravioli Parmigiana	\$50		\$75
			Homemade Stuffed Shells	\$50		\$75
			Sausage Cacciatore	\$50		\$75
			Shrimp Cacciatore	\$65		\$115
			Shrimp Scampi	\$65		\$115
			Steak Tips	Market		Market
			Toasted Ravioli	\$45		\$80
			Veal Cacciatore	\$60		\$95
			Veal Marsala	\$65		\$115
			Veal Parmigiana	\$65		\$115
			Vegetable Scampi	\$45		\$75
			Garden Salad	\$35		\$55
			Caesar Salad	\$35		\$55
			Greek Salad	\$40		\$60
			Antipasto Salad	\$45		\$70
			Add grilled chicken to salads:	\$20		\$35
			Add Meatballs \$2/ea Add Sausages \$3/ea			

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