

## Amazon closes land deal, work starts

By RORY SCHULER

Several deeds have been recorded in the Johnston Town Clerk's office, closing the deal between Amazon and a group of Rhode Island landowners. "Amazon closed on the 196-acres in late November," according to Caitlin McLaughlin, spokesperson for Amazon operations in New England. "Construction has begun on the 3.8 million square foot robotics fulfillment center being built in Johnston."

Amazon paid several groups of deed-holders more than \$10 million to secure the land off Hartford Avenue, where the mega-online retailer plans to build a six-story, 3,864,972 square-foot "new, state-of-the-art Amazon Robotics Sortable Fulfillment Center." The facility is expected to cost around \$290 million, and according to Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisen, construction at the site is finally underway. "They brought some steel in, and now they're bringing some construction vehicles

in," Polisen said Monday. "Right now, they want to get moving. They want to be in there by March of 2023." The "owner" line of the on the Tax Stabilization Agreement (TSA) unanimously approved by Johnston Town Council was intentionally left blank pending closure of the land deal. Although Amazon had cleared all local municipal hurdles, the start of construction also awaited closure of the land deal. Ownership of an existing solar farm on the site had to be transferred. Site planners and

engineers working for Amazon have said the company plans to maintain the solar farm. "There was a delay on the closing ... something to do with the solar farm, there was a hold back on the solar farm ... some glitch," Polisen said. The land deal involves many strands weaving a complicated web of quitclaim and warranty deeds and agreements between the now former owners of forestland near the

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## GINGERBREAD HOMESTEAD



**GINGERBREAD GENIUSES:** Saylor Pizzi, Katelyn Silva, and Harley Jimenez pose with the giant gingerbread house they helped build in the Ferri Middle School library. (Submitted photo)

By RORY SCHULER

Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School Librarian Ashley Wheaton and her students built a giant faux gingerbread house out of empty computer boxes salvaged from the school's new laptops. "It was part of my maker space recycling activity and was all about the engineering process," Wheaton said. "It also is a great prop for my gingerbread house contest that is coming up next Wednesday and Thursday." Ferri students have been asked to build a storybook inspired gingerbread house, using homemade gingerbread, store-bought gingerbread, foam or cardboard for the base. Students can use any kind of materials to decorate the house.

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## Private plow drivers in short supply?

RORY SCHULER

If you have a truck and like working alone during storms, it may be the season to plow in some cash. Some towns and cities in Rhode Island are having a hard time contracting outside vendors to plow streets. Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisen has initiated a \$1,000 bonus for drivers who sign contracts to work in town. "We have 175 miles of road across 26 square miles," Polisen said Monday. "That's a lot of roads to cover and that's just town roads." Johnston aims to hire around a dozen independent snowplow drivers to tackle town roads this winter. So far, only seven have signed up. "I've decided we should pay \$1,000 bonuses at the end of the winter," Polisen said. "It's getting real difficult to hire people, for whatever reason."

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**PLOW SUPPLY:** Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisen has initiated a \$1,000 bonus for private snowplow drivers who sign contracts to work in town this winter. Below, plows and trucks get prepared for snow at the DPW lot in Johnston. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

## Coming soon: The Richard S. Tamburini Public Safety Complex

RORY SCHULER

The man gave 25 years of his life to ensuring the public safety of Johnston's residents. On Saturday, the town will name its police station in his honor. "The dedication this Saturday is the initiative of Council Vice President Joseph Polisen Jr.," Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza said Tuesday. "When the councilman learned of Chief Tamburini's pend-

ing retirement in early 2020, he proposed a resolution before the Johnston Town Council to rename the Johnston Police Headquarters as the Richard S. Tamburini Public Safety Complex." The resolution passed unanimously. "The dedication of the police headquarters will honor Chief Tamburini's 25 years of dedicated service to the Town of Johnston," Razza said. "Councilman Polisen's

initiative is a noble touch in order to commemorate and memorialize the 25 years that Chief Tamburini served as chief of police, but in a way, it also acknowledges the 54 years he dedicated to law enforcement and public safety." Johnston Town Council Vice President Joseph Polisen Jr. said that the town owes Tamburini a debt of gratitude.

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**RETIRED CHIEF:** Johnston Police Chief Richard S. Tamburini announced in 2020 that he was retiring after more than 50 years of police work. Tamburini served as police chief in Johnston for 25 years. (FILE PHOTO)

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# 56 vendors pack PTSO Holly Fair

By PETE FONTAINE

On a scale of 1-to-10 high, the Johnston High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization's Annual Holly Fair was a Perfect 56!

In short, as first-year President Lance Niles assessed: "Our 10th Annual Holly Fair was a tremendous success."

Niles, who was part of the PTSO's public relations greeting group, offered: "This was a wonderful combination of 56 vendors, four student groups and numerous PTSO and community volunteers partnered for a warm, friendly holiday celebration generated revenue for our vendors, raised funds for student groups and of course, raised money to benefit the JHS student community."

The PTSO, in fact, transformed the JHS area of Cherry Hill into a classic and colorful holiday atmosphere, replete with unique signs, specially made wreaths and award-like decorations people would expect to see at such legendary venues as Rockefeller Center Skating Plaza in New York and the famed Edaville Railroad-Family Theme Park in South Carver, Massachusetts.

Vendor-wise, there was everything from beverages to baked goods to beautiful baskets along with handmade classic crafts for children and adults, awesome athletic and holiday garb, jewelry, elderberry nutrition drinks people sampled, apparel and accessories as well as every kind gift you'd expect to find in Santa's North Pole Workshop.

Even Peg Guilmette, a JHS faculty member and advisor for the Class of 2023, crocheted a Polar Bear for a special raffle.

Likewise, there were unlimited baked goods, Bunny's boxes featuring handmade trinket boxes with your favorite characters, Sweet Deliveries was on site with marshmallow snowmen and dog treats and famed Yacht Club Soda quenching everyone's thirst as they shopped.

Saturday's spectacular also featured a concession stand with meatball sandwiches made by Melissa Patrone, sticky wings donated by the Laflamme family and Patrick Russell offering plenty of This Guy's Pizza while people enjoyed coffee and donated by Dunkin' Donuts.

Moreover, Niles heaped words of praise upon "our student groups that brightened the event throughout the day and of course Santa Claus — Jackson Traxell — from the Class of 2023 as well as the many students who came dressed as elves."

"The 10th Annual Holly Fair was an amazing success and couldn't have happened without the hard work and dedication of our outgoing President Melissa Patrone and Secretary Deb McHale as well as the exceptional efforts of PSTO volunteers," said committee member Lisa Calabro, whose son Dylan manned the Yacht Club Soda booth. "Everyone should be proud of their work."

To which Niles added: "Melissa and Deb have been a driving force for the PTSO for any years and I want to take this opportunity to offer our gratitude on behalf of the entire Johnston community for the multitude of sacrifices that these two have made through the years. They have been the heart and soul of the PTSO and though I know they will help when needed, their central contributions over the years will be missed and are truly appreciated."

Niles also recognized the "valuable work and dedication" of faculty member and Class Advisors like Peg Guilmette (2023), Debbie Smyth (Class of 2024) and Tia Forgetta (Class of 2025) as well as Linda Nixon (Class of 2024) and the JHS School Store who added to the event's special success.

For several months, the PTSO has planned for its 10th annual holiday happening. Friday night, many members were at JHS to identify and mark off all the vendor locations in the cafeteria and corridor. Although the event began at 9 a.m., those dedicated volunteers — as well as the Panthers basketball team — were back to ensure what was a smooth set-up.

Late Saturday afternoon as the pleased vendors were packing up, Niles issued thank you upon thank you to countless people.

"Thank you to the entire Johnston community that came together to help us celebrate the beginning of the holiday season," Niles said. "Thank you to all, and . . . Best Wishes to everyone for a safe, joyous and healthy holiday season the happiest of New Year's too!"



**LANCE'S LINK:** First year JHD PTSO President Lance Niles (left) is joined by committee members who helped make the 10th annual event a smashing success. They are: Susana Simpson, Angela Niles, Tracey Audet, Rachel Salvatore, Deb McHale, Melisa Patrone, Karen LaFlamme, Jen Irons and Lisa Calabro.. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



**PEG'S PACK:** The JHS Class of 2023, under the leadership direction of Advisor Peg Guilmette, had everything from baked goods to special treats during Saturday's Holly Fair. The group includes: Josh Philbrick, James Guilmette, Josephine Olagundoye, Josh Galeas, Ricky Smith, Lilian Oliva, Jacob Muller, Hailey Brown, Stephanie Bruno, Talia LaFlamme and Hannah Calabro.

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**TERRIFIC TRIBUTE:** Those JPD officers who were honored with the Letter of Recognition Awards were Patrolmen Mario Menella and Edward Gonsalves and Sgt. Joseph Scichilone. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



**AWESOME AWARD:** Patrolman Arthur Petteruti and Sgt. David Galligan were among those JPD officers who were honored with the Letter of Recognition Award last week.



**LETTER OF RECOGNITION:** JPD Deputy Chief Mark Vieira presents Detective Tom Dwyer with a Letter of Recognition Award during the impressive and recent police awards ceremony.



**COUNCIL CORNER:** Among the JPD officers who received a Town Council Award during the recent Recognition of Excellence Ceremony were Patrolman Joseph Rotella and Mike Protano. Town Council Vice President Joseph Polisenena Jr. and President Robert Russo did the honors.

# Johnston Police hold recognition night

By PETE FONTAINE

The class and camaraderie of the Johnston Police Department surfaced in many ways last week inside the nearly-full multi-use room at the Senior Center on Hartford Avenue.

From the time Chief Joseph P. Razza delivered a heart-warming welcome, until Pastor Chris Abuhlime of The King's Tabernacle Church gave a powerful benediction, the supportive JPD's close-knit family enjoyed excellent food from Ralph's Catering and Kitchen during the night, which was highlighted by the presentation of 40 awards for Recognition of Excellence.

There was a moving and powerful speech from Mayor Joseph M. Polisenena, there was pomp and circumstance per the polished JPD Color Guard. Rev. Peter J. Gower — who serves as Police Chaplain — offered during the invocation, "this is a night for thanksgiving when we show gratitude to these men and women who keep our town safe."

There was also a special sense of family, as Razza called upon Anthony Vieira — son of JPD Deputy Chief Mark Vieira — who delivered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Razza, meanwhile, opened the program saying: "I'd like to welcome all of you to this evening's Recognition of Excellence Awards Ceremony so that we can all appreciate and praise the fine accomplishments of the fine men and women who serve this community with great pride, honor and distinction."

The Chief then called upon the JPD's well-dressed Honored Guard to present the colors and then made a special request for Master Anthony Vieira to please come up and lead us the in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

After Father Gower gave the opening prayer, Razza said "ensuring public safety begins with a dedicated Mayor who truly understands what public safety is and also is committed to keep this town's residents safe and well protected, but more importantly, ensure its police department is in a constant state of preparedness."

Thus, as Razza stepped back from the podium, he paused then contin-

ued: "So, at this time it is truly my honor to call upon this town's Director of Public Safety, Mayor and the Johnston Police Department's biggest fan to please come up and address us, Mayor Joseph Polisenena."

After the applause subsided, Polisenena began: "Good evening and welcome to all of you here tonight to recognize and honor those men and women of the Johnston Police Department. This is truly an important night for all of us to be here because this is a small way of letting those who serve and protect that we have their backs. As their Mayor, I have their backs unlike those politicians who go along with the cancel culture and those who want to defund the police."

Polisenena's next statement was greeted by applause that echoed through the room.

"As I have said in the past, as long as I'm the Mayor I will never — ever — defend the police. I will say to any surrounding community — as well as any elected official — who defunds their police department we will not go into their communities and send our police to assist them!"

The Mayor then added with an upbeat, serious tone of voice: "Defunding the police is such an insane idea. Those that went to defund the police want a lawless society, until they need the police and in their true hypocritical fashion they (want the) police to defend them when they are being robbed, raped or harmed in any way."

Polisenena then paused, added: "To those people, shame on you. Those elected officials both local, state and federal, they need to go. They need to be thrown out of office in the next election."

In that regard, the Mayor sternly stated: "However, tonight we acknowledge members of our elite department who — as they do every time they are on duty — put others ahead of themselves and their safety as well as risk their lives every hour ... on duty serving our town."

From there, Razza emceed an impressive awards ceremony that resembled the class and character that the JPD is — and always has been — known for throughout the state for years.

The Chief was assisted by Deputy Chief Mark Vieira — and in some cases members of the Johnston Town Council — in presenting awards in five categories: Letter of Recognition, Commendation Award, Department Ribbon Award, Town Council Award and Making a Difference Award.

In all, JPD officers received a total of 40 awards including an official Town of Johnston Citation from the Mayor and Town.

One of most impressive parts of the Recognition of Excellence Awards Ceremony was that each and every one of the 40 honors that were bestowed upon Johnston's finest came from the Awards Committee that included Capt. Joseph Salvatore, Lt. Stephen Altomari, Lt. David Loffler, Sgt. Luca Lancellotti, Det. Anthony Sasso and Patrolman Charles Psilopoulos.

After all the awards were presented — and Razza invited everyone to partake in the night's buffet which was prepared and served by Ralph's Catering — Razza concluded: "I am truly honored and proud of these officers who received special recognition this evening. All of our officers are dedicated and provide a level of service that is second to none. But those officers have gone above and beyond the line of duty and for that I'm truly appreciative."


The Chief then added: "This awards ceremony gives me the opportunity tonight to highlight the level of commitment the officers of this town put forth on a daily basis to ensure that everyone who resides, works and visits Johnston can do so in peace."

Razza then concluded saying "My gratitude goes out to everyone who came out on this truly special evening to show their support for the Johnston Police, especially Mayor Polisenena, Chief of Staff Douglas Jeffrey and a big thank you to the Honorable Johnston Town Council, Father Gower, Pastor Chris and photographer Ron Cece for taking time from their busy schedules, it is greatly appreciated."

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By Meri R. Kennedy

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## Bingo is back

Bingo games have returned to the Johnston Senior Center.

At 2 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, Johnston Senior Center members can try their luck on the Bingo cards again.

During the pandemic, the games had ceased, and were badly missed. Last week, a successful Dress-Down fundraiser resulted in free Del's Lemonade for participants.

## Johnston Senior Center updates

Things are happening once again in full swing at the Johnston Senior Center. The following is list of classes and activities held daily.

On Mondays, Walk away the Pounds, Aerobics & Boot Camp, Arts & Crafts and Hi Lo Jack.

It is Walk away the Pounds and Bocce on Tuesdays and on Wednesdays it will be Bocce, Quilting, Zumba and Fit and Strong as well as Hi Lo Jack and Poker.

On Thursdays it is Walk away the Pounds, Bocce, Marg Jong, Yoga and Bingo and on Fridays it is Line Dancing, Zumba and Bingo.

## Co-ed Volleyball

The Johnston Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for the coed middle school volleyball program. It is open to Johnston residents currently in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. The program will be held at the Johnston High School gymnasium. Participants will meet 3 times per week, for 4 weeks. For more information, pricing, and times/dates, please visit www.johnstonrec.com.

## The Return of Saturday Drop-In Crafts at Mohr Library

This week, the Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library will resume Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Do some crafts in the library or take some home. They are located at 1 Memorial Ave. in Johnston.

## Mindfulness Meditation

Mindfulness Meditation will be held at the Warwick Center for the Arts, 3259 Post Rd. in Warwick on the first and third Mondays of each month. It is free and open to the public.

Their mindfulness meditation is led by Paulette Miller. The sessions offer a westernized, secular version of Vipassana, also known as insight, open-hearted,

and analytic meditation. Sessions often include guided breathing meditation, movement meditation, loving-kindness meditation, and music meditation. The meditation exercises are guided and no experience is necessary.

For further information: www.warwickca.org or 401-737-0010.

## Cranston Historical Society's Afternoon Tour & Tea

On Sunday Dec. 16 and 20, the Cranston Historical Society will host a Holiday Afternoon Tour Program at the Historic Governor Sprague Mansion, located at 1351 Cranston St. at 4:30 p.m. December 16 or 22 ~ 4:30 pm

Participate in Cranston Historical Society's Sprague Mansion Holiday Afternoon Tour program. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea & tour in the historic Sprague Mansion Ballroom -- Guests will view a brief introduction of the history of the Sprague Family and A&W Sprague Textile Manufacturing Co. The Western Cranston Garden Club has splendidly decorated the mansion for the holidays using greens found on Mansion grounds!

Very Limited Seating - 10 guests only on each day. Call 401-944-9226 to reserve your place on Dec. 16 or Dec. 20. Reserve/Tickets: \$18ea; \$15ea-CHS members. Send checks payable by December 12 to Cranston Historical Society, 1351 Cranston St., Cranston 02920. After December 12, call to inquire if seating is available. Handicap access 1st floor, enter at back ramp entrance. Parking in rear. (Dates will be rescheduled if inclement weather arises.)

For more information or to get your reservation call 944-9226.

## Friends of the Mohr Public Library

Friends of the Mohr Public Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to Mohr Library.

Members of the Friends plan and run book sales and carry out other fundraising activities to allow Mohr Library to increase services and programs.

The Friends welcome new members who are willing to support either through donations, membership dues, or through volunteering their time.

To find out more, contact library director at 231-4980 (press 7).

## RI Housing offers loans

RI Housing's Hardest Hit Fund Rhode Island (HHFRI) program is offering zero interest, forgivable loans to eligible Rhode Island homeowners who became unemployed or underemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are struggling to make their mortgage payments.

Loan proceeds may provide eligible homeowners with up to six months of mortgage payment assistance. Learn more about the loan program and eligibility at rihousing.com/hhfri.

## Be Kind RI

Be Kind RI is a new program that connects volunteers to their neighbors across RI through text alerts to coordinate food deliveries from grocery stores and food pantries. To sign up go to www.BeKindRI.org. Volunteers must be 18 or older and undergo our background check. Be Kind RI is open

to those in RI experiencing COVID-19 risk factors including seniors 65+, anyone with underlying health conditions, those in quarantine or isolation, anyone experiencing a lack of childcare, and those who would otherwise experience difficulty in obtaining food. For assistance signing up, call 877-958-8785.

## Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library

Free craft and activity kits for children are available at the library. Stop by the library to pick up one, or e-mail Ms. Meri meri@mohrlibrary.org or call 231-4980 to make a reservation.

Johnston Senior Center offers services

If you need any help with heating, housing, etc., during this cold winter or humidity or any other time, contact the Johnston Senior Center Social Services Department by calling 944-3343. Madeline or Amy will be happy to help you.

## News from the Mohr Memorial Library

Mohr Library is currently accessible to the public during reduced hours but continues to offer curbside pickup and other services during its regular schedule. Services include curbside delivery; reference help by phone, email or in person; recommendation lists and one-on-one help to explore interests in reading, viewing and listening; printing from home or your device; use of computers and copier; and a free notary public, evenings and Saturdays by appointment.

## Johnston Community Library Book Club

Children ages 8 to 10 can meet online, by invitation, Thursdays at 3 p.m. to hear readings and discuss books with library trustee and volunteer Denese Carpenter.

Interested in other times or want to suggest a book for discussion? Let them know.

Parents can learn more about sign-up procedures by contacting Library Director Jon Anderson. Email info@mohrlibrary.org or call 401-231-4980, ext. 7.

## Help make a house a home

The Furniture Bank of RI, a nonprofit corporation, needs bureaus, complete twin or double beds, kitchen sets, mattresses, and other household furniture that you no longer need. To help a less fortunate family through your charitable donation of good used furniture, call 831-5511 to arrange for pick up. All donated articles must be in good condition.

## Did you know?

The world's largest Christmas stocking is measured at 177 feet tall by 72 feet wide and weighs 820 pounds. A local sewing group in Sedalia, Missouri made this stocking in 2017. Sewing each stitch by hand, it took about three months to complete. (Source: Christmas Fun Facts)

*SunriseScoops@aol.com. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and nonprofit events as well as virtual events. Email today and see your news in our column in the Johnston Sun Rise. Please include a daytime telephone number in case we require any further information.*

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**SPECIAL SURPRISE:** JPD Chief Joseph P. Razza presented a giant-size syringe to Mayor Joseph Polisenina for saying "YES" to having the town, police and fire department host recent and highly-successful COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics.



**PROUD POP:** Johnstone Police Department Deputy Chief Mark Vieira is joined by his son, Anthony, who was called upon to give the Pledge of Allegiance for the recent Recognition of Excellence Awards Ceremony. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

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**JOHNSTON'S AMAZON:** According to Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisen, construction at the site of a new Amazon distribution center has begun. So far, there's not much to see from adjacent Hartford Avenue. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

## Deeds

(Continued from page 1)

intersection of Interstate 295 and Route 6, and the land's new owners, Amazon Services LLC, of Seattle, Washington.

Seven deeds were filed with the Johnston Town Clerk on Nov. 19. The deeds describe the transfer of around 195 acres from private, mostly local, ownership to Amazon.

Johnston Town Planner & Administrative Officer Thomas E. Deller filed a "notice of decision" on the Final Plan Review of the Major Land Development Plan on Nov. 17.

Lot lines were adjusted and deeds were shuffled, checks written and an "administrative subdivision" has been approved.

Two of the deeds represented the largest portion of the deal, and resulted in more than \$10 million in payments.

Part of the land — Johnston Tax Assessor's Plat 54, Lot 42 — had been owned by the Domenic Cassisi Revocable Trust, and was sold to Amazon for \$4,800,000, according to a trustee's deed filed on Nov. 19.

According to the GIS Map on the Town of Johnston website, the 38.10-acre lot was previously assessed at \$270,200.

Lotojosa, LLC, and The Shelburne Company, LLC, sold a section of land — approximately 111.25 acres known as Plat 54, Lots 39, 40, 54, 89, 90 and 93 — to Amazon for \$6,500,000, according to a quitclaim deed filed Nov. 19.

Those plots, combined, had previously been assessed at \$1,143,700, according to the town's online GIS Map.

The land had all been zoned B3, an Interchange Business District.

"This district is composed of large-scale, mixed-use development of a regional scale which may contain high-density residential, retail/commercial, office, light manufacturing projects and distribution facilities," according to Johnston's zoning laws. "The district is located at the highway interchanges within the Town."

"I think it's great for the state," Polisen said. "You're talking 2,000 jobs ... look at all the money and you add it up and you divide it over 20 years."

Job estimates have varied. McLaughlin said the facility

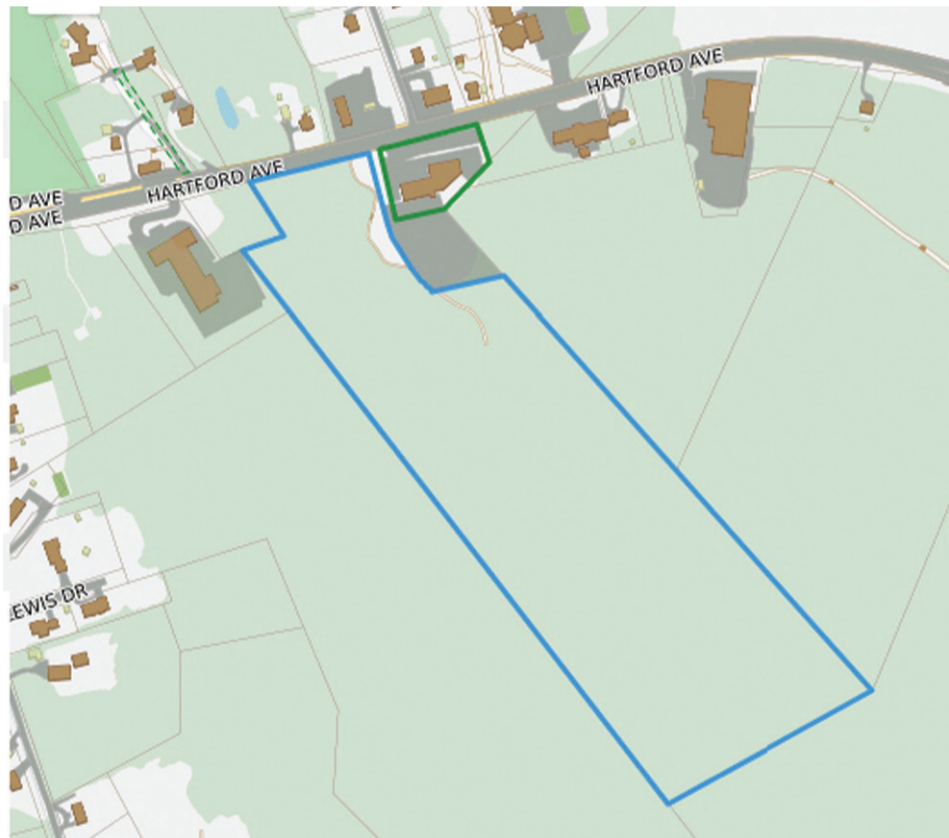
is "expected to create up to 1,500 jobs," once it opens.

The TSA with Johnston dictates Amazon will be required to make a series of 20 annual tax payments averaging more than \$7.2 million each year for the next two decades.

The company will pay \$5.7 million the first year, with a fixed annual 2.5 percent increase, raising the annual payment to more than \$9 million by the 20th year.

McLaughlin said the facility's completion date is scheduled for the "second half of 2023."

"Amazon is proud to continue to invest and expand in Rhode Island," McLaughlin said. "During 2010-2019, Amazon has invested more than \$300 million in Rhode Island through investments in infrastructure and through compensation to employees across the state. Amazon's investments in Rhode Island contributed an additional \$200+ million into state's economy, and using methodology developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Amazon estimates its investments in the state have created an additional 1,000+ indirect jobs on top of the company's 1,500+ direct hires."



**LOT 42:** Part of the land — Johnston Tax Assessor's Plat 54, Lot 42 — had been owned by the Domenic Cassisi Revocable Trust. Lot 42 was sold to Amazon for \$4,800,000, according to a trustee's deed filed on Nov. 19. (Photo from Town of Johnston GIS Map)

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Public Auction Legal Notice

Form of notice under RI General Laws 39-12.1 to 12.1-15

To: ALLY FINANCIAL PO BOX 8138 COCKEYVILLE, MD AND ERIC BEAUNE 15 BERNICE DR CRANSTON, RI A public auction will be held at 100 South Street Johnston, RI 02919 on December 18, 2021 at 9:00 Am. The vehicle a 2019 JEEP VIN # 1C4RJFCG-1KC785002 belonging to the above. The auction being held to satisfy towing and storage fees.

12/10/21

**JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
Thursday, December 30th, 2021  
at 6:30 PM  
Johnston Senior Center  
1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold its monthly meeting on December 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm, at Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the

following proposals are requested to be present at this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equipment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

### Old Business

**File 2021-15 – Petition of Paul Giarusso,** Owner/Applicant for 41 Taraglia Street, AP 27 Lots 60, zoned R-20. The petitioner is seeking a Special use Permit 340-75, Dimensional Variance 340-74 and 340-63 for proposed restoration of second lot.

### New Business

**File 2021-41 – Petition of James Penta & Laurie Howard,** Applicant for 115 Hopkins Avenue, AP 59 Lot 121, zoned R-40. The petitioner is seeking a Special Use Permit -340 and Dimensional Variance for restoration of second lot.

**File 2021-42 – Petition of Nicholas**

**Castelli/Daniel Kelley,** Applicant for 1350 Hartford Avenue, AP 43 Lot 87, zoned R-40. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance -340 for Proposed Ground-mounted Solar panels.

**File 2021-43 – Petition of Daniel Heywood,** Applicant for 1838 Atwood Avenue, AP 53 Lot 303, zoned R-20. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance for a 26x32 Two Car Garage.

2022 Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Zoning Board - Approval Required

**NOTE: If a Case has not been called for a hearing by 10:30 p.m., the Board, at its discretion, may continue the Case to a subsequent or a special meeting.** The Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Building Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.

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**LIT UP:**  
The Johnston Senior Center celebrated a Tree Lighting event on Dec. 1. They erected and lit at least three trees for the holidays.

# Johnston Senior Center lights its Christmas trees

By Denise Bell

The Johnston Senior Center celebrated its annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec 1.

It was a wonderful time for all that attended. The Center was decorated with four beautiful Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Bows and lights, lights and more lights!

The day began with refreshments of holiday pastries and hot apple cider and of course a Christmas sing-a-long with Shirley Martin. The atmosphere was of fun and excitement!

Lunch was served while awaiting the lights to be turned on. In a short while came the countdown: Five, four, three, two, one!

You could hear the loud cheers and claps across the room. The building looked beautifully festive as the Holiday season was now upon us!

**Editor's Note:** Denise Bell serves as Assistant Director of the Johnston Senior Center. For more photos, go to the Johnston Sun Rise website, johnstonsunrise.net.



**TABLE FULL OF SMILES:** Johnston Senior Center members sit at a table at the Tree Lighting event. From back left, Ida Acciardo, Jayne Birch, and Linda Nardella. Front left, Algeria Vaughn- Baily and Paula Acciardo. (Submitted photo)

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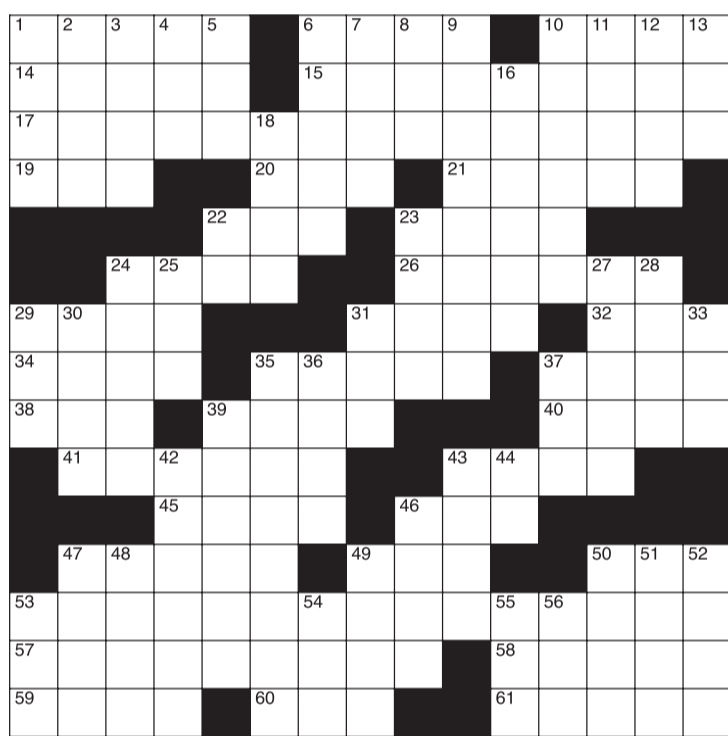
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15. One concerned by professional advancement
17. PGA Championship reward
19. A fashionable hotel
20. Norse mythology afterlife location
21. Stood up
22. Car mechanics group
23. Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)
24. Broken branch
26. Astronomy unit
29. East Asian nursemaid
31. "Airplane!" actor
32. Exclamation that denotes disgust
34. "Batman" villain
35. Downfalls
37. Philippine province
38. Once-vital TV part
39. Valley
40. Tax
41. Classic Scorsese film
43. Subway dwellers
45. Book part

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Quarrels
2. Right away
3. Comedian Carvey
4. Egyptian unit of weight
5. A Brit's mother
6. Tropical tree
7. One who speaks Gaelic
8. NHL legend Bobby
9. Vacation spots
10. Military personnel
11. Shakira's don't lie
12. Wimbledon champ
13. Teletypewriter
16. Mistakes
18. Whale ship captain
22. Thus
23. From end to end
24. Kids love him
25. One and only
27. Fencing swords
28. Taxis
29. Basics
30. Refuse of grapes
31. Go quickly
33. French ballet dynasty
35. Most open
36. Popular soap ingredient
37. US time zone (abbr.)
39. Items of food
42. Backbones
43. Infrequent
44. Blood type
46. "Let It Snow!" songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Pike
49. Egyptian sun god
50. A cardinal is one
51. From a distance
52. Bolivian river
53. N. American student organization (abbr.)
54. River (Spanish)
55. Chinese life force
56. Chinese surname



**JHS STUDENT COUNCIL  
12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**



December 25<sup>th</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup>

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**CALENDAR CHANCE:** Raffle tickets will be on sale until next Friday, Dec. 17. (Submitted image)

# Mark your calendars, and maybe you'll win big with the JHS Student Council

By Ayomide Josephine Olagundoye  
Special to the Sun Rise

This is the holiday season once more and Johnston Senior High School's Student Council is hosting its very first 12 days of Christmas calendar fundraiser! Every day, from Dec. 25 to Jan. 5, three lucky winners will be chosen to win a bundle of gift cards!

Participants have the opportunity to win gift cards to Dunkin' Donuts, Chipotle, This Guy's Pizza, Friskie Fries, Moose Trackers, Starbucks, Town House Flowers, Ulta, Expresso's, Stop & Shop, Panera Bread, Chic Fil A, Snookers, Market Basket, Happy Nails, and more!

In addition, the raffle will begin with a kick-off drawing on Dec. 22 for a beautiful handmade Holiday Panther and popcorn penguin.

Raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 each, and the money will contribute to expenses for Johnston High School's Winter Ball on Dec. 17.

Thank you to all who have continued to support the Student Council, and we wish the best of luck to all participants!

**Editor's Note:** Ayomide Josephine Olagundoye serves as Johnston High School Junior Class President. Members of the Johnston High School Student Council regularly submit articles for publication in the Johnston Sun Rise.

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**MONUMENTAL SERVICE:** The Johnston Police Station will be renamed the Chief Richard S. Tamburini Public Safety Complex on Saturday. A monument outside the station awaits unveiling during Saturday's ceremony. Tamburini announced in 2020 that he was retiring after more than 50 years of police work. Tamburini served as police chief in Johnston for 25 years. *(Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)*

■ **Chief**  
(Continued from page 1)

"I thought this would be a great way for the town to show its appreciation for Chief Tamburini's 25 years of service," Polisena Jr. said. "He's been an instrumental figure in keeping our residents safe and implementing community based programs like the Police Explorers and Walking with the Cops."

Tamburini took the post as Johnston's top cop in 1995, arriving in town after decades with Providence Police.

"He started his career as a patrol officer in 1966 with the Providence Police Department," according to a press release distributed by the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association and the Johnston Police Department in June 2020. "He was later appointed to serve as a Supervising Investigator responsible for investigating major and organized crimes in the Providence Area. During his time as Supervising Investigator he assisted in the arrest of Rhode Island's organized crime leader, Raymond L.S. Patriarca in 1980."

Tamburini served as the Providence Deputy Chief of Police from 1988 until 1995, when he moved west to serve as Chief of the Johnston Police Department.

Tamburini is a member of the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame.

Johnston's retired chief is also a veteran who served in the U.S. Army's 72nd Signal Battalion before he joined the Providence Police force.

Tamburini retired from the Johnston Police Department in August 2020. Razza, then Deputy Chief, was promoted.

Razza has vowed to continue many of the community programs started under Tamburini's leadership.

"The day has taken some time to plan and we needed to work through some logistical challenges, but we're ready to go," Razza said. "While we are still finalizing the program, key note speakers at this time will be Mayor Joseph Polisena, Attorney General Peter Neronha and Colonel Hugh Clements (PPD)."

Saturday's ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the Town of Johnston Municipal Court, 1600 Atwood Ave. Those who attend will eventually cross the street for a ceremony in front of the Johnston Police Department (soon to be known as the Richard S. Tamburini Public Safety Complex) at 1651 Atwood Ave.

A van from the Johnston Senior Center will be on hand to transport some attendees between the courthouse and the police department. After the ceremony, attendees will return back to the courthouse for refreshments, according to Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena.

Masks will be required for those in attendance.



**SHOTGUN BANG:** In this old police file photo, retired Johnston police chief Richard S. Tamburini confiscates a shotgun from a suspect. Tamburini joined the Providence Police Department in the 1960s and nearly 30 years later took the top cop position in Johnston. *(FILE PHOTO)*

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# ■ Plows

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Drivers must be insured and provide their own equipment.

Polisena said he met with the mayors of some neighboring towns, and each municipality seems to be struggling to hire an adequate pool of private snowplow drivers.

"It's not just Johnston," Polisena said. "I don't know where all these people are."

To qualify for the bonus, drivers must show up for work when called following inclement weather, Polisena explained. Those who have already signed up are also eligible for bonuses.

"I've got to get the roads done," Polisena said.

Cranston typically hires close to 100 private snowplow drivers each winter.

"I talked to my public works director, and we're expecting some snow tomorrow," Cranston Mayor Ken Hopkins said Tuesday afternoon. "We usually hire 100 private vendors, and right now he has 50. Usually when the first snow falls, they start to rush in."

The snow tends to spur snowplow hiring in Cranston.

"At this point, we have 50 percent of what we need," Hopkins said. "We've got a fleet of trucks

that are ready to go. We can cover most of it. We'll know better when we start getting the snowstorms coming one after another."

Cranston has not initiated a bonus for private plow drivers, however the city has increased the rates it pays outside vendors, according to Paul McAuley, deputy chief of staff for Hopkins.

Warwick, however, has promised private snowplow drivers a \$1,500 winter bonus.

When the cost of insurance went up about five years ago, the city started having issues finding drivers. Insurance for private snowplow drivers can cost as much as \$3,000 per year, according to Warwick's Director of Public Works Eric Earls.

After several mild winters, some drivers lost money. The lack of snow started to outweigh the cost of legally providing plow services. Earls said drivers have to spend hours on the road plowing before they come close to recouping out-of-pocket insurance costs.

Similar to Johnston, plow drivers must be available throughout the winter to receive a bonus at the end of the season.

Earls said the bonus helps drivers recoup insurance expenses. The city just recently increased Warwick's bonus from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

"It gets tough," Earls said. "It

puts a lot more onus on the City side when we have a snow event. It's all hands on deck. Everybody is plowing for us."

Six years ago, Warwick aimed to hire around 20 private snowplow drivers per winter, but that number has decreased to 6-10.

Occasionally, the city reassigns sanitation drivers to snowplow duty, which can become a problem.

Polisena said Johnston's Recreation Department helps to plow, but private drivers are key to keeping roads clear and safe for travel.

"We use our workers first," Polisena said. "The private vendors work in conjunction with town employees."

Although towns and cities try to handle street-clearing operations in-house, some storms require calling in additional help.

"We're not calling vendors in until we get four or five inches of snow," Earls said.

This winter, the competition is heating up between towns and cities looking to hire a full stable of back-up snowplow drivers.

"I'm hoping a \$1,000 bonus will attract more people to come to Johnston over other communities," Polisena said.

Warwick Beacon Reporter Alex Malm contributed to this report.



**PLOW SUPPLY:** Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena has initiated a \$1,000 bonus for private snowplow drivers who sign contracts to work in town this winter. At right, plows and trucks get prepared for snow at the DPW lot in Johnston. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

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# Calculating required minimum distributions from IRAs and retirement plans to change in 2022



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As the year comes to an end and we celebrate with our family and friends, it's important to ensure that you have complied with any Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRA or retirement plan. Failing to take out the RMD can result in a 50% penalty! That is not a typo, 50%! Read on for more important changes.

The IRS has issued new Life Expectancy Tables for 2022. (IRS, 2021) Every individual subject to annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) will be affected. Whether someone is taking lifetime RMDs from their own IRA or taking RMDs on an inherited account, the RMD calculation will change. While most custodians will automatically implement the new tables and make the necessary adjustments internally, it is important for advisors, IRA owners and plan participants to understand the mechanics of these changes. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the account owner to take out the proper Required Minimum Distribution.

After more than a year of waiting, the finalized [Life Expectancy] tables will finally go into effect on January 1, 2022.

The Three Tables, despite the recent drop in overall life expectancy due to the pandemic, on average and over time, life expectancies have increased. Due to this increase, the IRS believed it

was time to update the existing tables, which have been in effect for two decades. Note that the new tables do not reflect drastic changes. The boost in life expectancy factors range from no change for the oldest Americans up to an increase of 2.2 years for a newborn. Nevertheless, these slight alterations to the tables will result in somewhat smaller RMDs for just about everyone.

All three RMD life expectancy tables were revised: (IRS, 2021)

1. Uniform Lifetime Table: Used to calculate lifetime RMDs for an account owner's own IRA or retirement plan.

2. Joint (and Last Survivor) Life Expectancy Table: Used instead of the Uniform Lifetime Table when a spouse is the sole IRA or plan beneficiary, and that spouse is more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner or plan participant.

3. Single Life Expectancy Table: Under the SECURE Act, only used to calculate post-death RMDs for "eligible designated beneficiaries" (i.e., surviving spouse; minor child of the account owner/participant; chronically ill or disabled individual; those beneficiaries who are not more than 10 years younger than the owner/participant). The Single Life Expectancy Table is also used if an IRA owner dies after the required beginning date (RBD) (April 1 of the year following the year the IRA owner turns age 72) without naming a living beneficiary, i.e., the "ghost rule." Additionally, this table is used to calculate annual RMDs from inherited IRAs for beneficiaries who inherited prior to the SECURE Act in 2020.

The Single Life Table is never used

by IRA owners or plan participants to calculate lifetime required distributions. The new tables may also be used to calculate 72(t) periodic payments. Under the Internal Revenue Code 72(t) an individual is allowed to withdraw money from pre-tax accounts prior to the age of 59 and ½ without the 10% early withdrawal penalty. The payments must stay in place for a minimum of 5 years or until the individual becomes 59 ½. These payments can be calculated in different ways, annuitization, amortization and required minimum distribution, from this chart. It is important to work with an advisor that has experience calculating these payments.

The easiest change to implement is for those account owners taking lifetime RMDs based on the Uniform Lifetime Table. The Uniform Lifetime Table is a "recalculating" table. This means that each year a person will go back to the table to find his age and corresponding life expectancy factor. This new factor is then divided into the December 31 account balance from the previous year to compute the RMD. Since those individuals using the Uniform Lifetime Table are recalculating every year, identifying the appropriate number is straightforward; just go to the chart based on your age as of December 31st of the RMD year.

For those who turned (or will turn) age 72 in the second half of 2021, there is a potential added layer of complexity. The former rule was your first year of distribution was based on your age 70 and 1/2, now it is the year you turn 72. Congress finally dropped off the ½ year. These individuals will have their

first RMD due for 2021. However, a first RMD is permitted to be delayed until April 1 of the following year. Any first-time RMD taker who delays the initial RMD to the following year must take two RMDs in that following year. (IRS, 2021) For this affected group, this could result in two RMDs being withdrawn in 2022 — one using the existing (pre-2022) Uniform Lifetime Table, and one using the new version.

As always, I recommend that you work with an experienced financial advisor when dealing with your retirement planning and IRA/retirement plan distribution options. Special thanks to the Ed Slott and Company, LLC CPAs that provided a great deal of this very technical content.

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**FRUGAL ARCHITECTS:** Students helped librarian Ashley Wheaton construct a giant gingerbread house in the Ferri Middle School library, using old computer boxes as building materials. (Submitted photos)

## Houses

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Each house must be inspired by one of the following book series: Willy Wonka, Harry Potter, Babysitters Club, or the Jan Brett Series. Wheaton said there's also an option to make a Ferri Middle School inspired gingerbread house.

The houses will be on display in the middle school library from Dec. 8-15.

On Dec. 15, prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Most Detailed, Crowd Favorite and Principal's Pick.

Check future editions of the Johnston Sun Rise for an update featuring the contest winners.



**STORY-INSPIRED:** Eighth-grader Heber Munoz-Lopez crafted a Jan Brett-inspired gingerbread house.



**TINY TALES:** Ferri students have been asked to build a storybook inspired gingerbread house, using homemade gingerbread, store-bought gingerbread, foam or cardboard for the base. Students can use any kind of materials to decorate the house, which must be decorated following one of several book-themes.

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# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## Time for the public to look at redistricting

One thing can be said for sure about the redistricting process that occurs once every decade in Rhode Island - it's going to ruffle feathers one way or another.

Ongoing questions about the objectivity of the process, and the influence of political incumbents on the redrawing of districts to stymie election challengers, are sure to continue well into the process ahead of the final submission of the new map proposals by mid-January.

The goal of redistricting, on its face, is simply to realign House and Senate voting districts so that they more evenly disperse the population to account for the movement of people throughout a 10-year process. The reality, however, has shown there is a fair amount of politics that goes into the creation of new districts.

For instance, redrawn maps released recently have shown a significant amount of effort went into making sure that

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no incumbents were drawn out of their currently represented districts. This makes some degree of logical sense, considering the disruption that would be caused by an elected official being essentially voted out of office not through the will of the people, but by a redistricting commission. However, others may criticize this move as evidence of the influence that powerful incumbent politicians have on the overall process. Simply put, both points likely have some truth within them.

Criticism is already ringing out from challengers of incumbents regarding the new maps - specifically those who have seen themselves wind up in a totally new district where either a like-minded incumbent currently sits, or those who have seen their district stay the same but suddenly devoid of hundreds or thousands of constituents that would likely vote for them in the upcoming election; moved to a separate district and stacking the deck against them, so to speak.

The orchestrators of the redistricting process have insisted that the home addresses of political challengers are not taken into consideration throughout the process, while the addresses of incumbents are at least a secondary consideration, citing - again - a cognizance of the disruptions that would be caused by uprooting incumbents from their districts. We can understand the bad taste left in the mouth of challengers who feel betrayed by the process or beset by an unfair advantage as the result of that prioritization.

The ongoing question regarding how to count prisoners at the state ACI - should they count as residents of Cranston or residents of their home address - remains without a firm answer at this moment. Again, it seems a situation where regardless of the ultimate solution, there will be unhappy parties on one side regardless.

The most important thing to be done throughout the remainder of this process is to take seriously the voices of the public. Redistricting as it is currently viewed is being viewed through the lens of the politicians who represent those districts, and less so through the lens of the people being represented within those districts.

Public comment and meetings will be essential to ensure the fairest, most transparent outcome in this important process, and we hope that objectivity will reign supreme throughout all the noise.

### SOUR GRAPES

by Tim Jones



GUEST OPINION

# No quick fix to RI's housing need, but we must continue working

By **SPEAKER K. JOSEPH SHEKARCHI**

In my first year as House Speaker, I'm proud of the way we worked together as a chamber to pass meaningful legislation aimed at improving the lives of all Rhode Islanders. We made historic progress on a top priority for many House members, including me: expanding access to affordable housing.

When I was elected Speaker, I pledged to make housing my top priority. Simply put, we do not have enough housing available to meet the needs of our population, and this is one of our state's most urgent crises.

For starters, the General Assembly created the first-ever permanent funding stream for affordable housing. This is a huge accomplishment and has been an issue for which advocates have been pushing for years, but were unable to get done until this year.

We also created a housing production fund and allocated \$25 million in the state budget for the immediate creation of affordable housing. After public urging, the Administration began to deploy this funding on the last day of November.

Additionally, my colleagues in the House and I passed a comprehensive package of legislation aimed at reducing many of the barriers to affordable housing. Among the bills were:

The "source of income" bill, which had been stalled for many years and finally passed under my leadership. It prohibits housing discrimination against people who receive government assistance to pay their rent.

Legislation, which I sponsored, established the position of Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Housing within the

Executive Office of Commerce. This "housing czar" will create a centralized office to advocate for and oversee all of our state's housing initiatives, and work with key stakeholders to create an integrated state housing plan. The General Assembly included the funding for this position in the budget we approved in July; however, Commerce RI has not yet hired anyone. I have urged them to move quickly to fill this position.

The House created a legislative commission to study all aspects of land use and put together a plan that allows for sustainable and equitable economic growth in support of Rhode Island's affordable housing goals. Made up of subject matter experts and advocates, the commission has been meeting for the past several months.

We also created a special legislative commission to study the Rhode Island Low and Moderate Income Housing Act. Chaired by Rep. June Speakman, the commission has met multiple times to study barriers to affordable housing creation so that it can identify ways to help cities and towns meet their obligations to ensure that at least 10 percent of their housing stock qualifies as affordable.

The legislature also included \$6 million in funding in the state budget for a five-year pilot program to create permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless Rhode Islanders. The "Pay for Success" program, championed by Rep. Liana Casar, establishes a public-private partnership with a holistic approach and is an innovative way to tackle homelessness. There has been no action by the Administration yet.

It's also important to note that the legislature will convene

shortly. I plan to introduce additional legislation regarding housing, which has been the product of many months of hard work.

In addition to all of the initiatives outlined, our federal delegation delivered \$200 million in rental assistance for Rhode Island. RentReliefRI has already disbursed more than \$78 million to help 9,684 families remain in their homes and keep their utilities on. At the General Assembly's request, RIHousing has been holding a series of pop-up clinics across the state to help get the word out to underserved communities and to help people with the application process; I'm working with them to host one in my hometown of Warwick soon. At my request, RIHousing has counselors in the District Court to assist tenants with RentReliefRI applications and prevent non-payment of rent evictions.

Our housing crisis is not something we can solve overnight. It took many years for us to get to this point, and it will take a sustained, comprehensive effort to fix it.

We're just getting started. By bringing people together, we will continue our work to make housing more affordable for Rhode Island residents. Federal funds aimed at assisting our state's continued recovery present a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in housing. With the support of my House colleagues, affordable housing will remain a top priority in the upcoming session, as we strive to make Rhode Island a better place to live, work, raise a family, and age with dignity.

**Editor's Note:** House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi is a Democrat from House District 23 in Warwick.



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## Caring for Your Collection



**By Travis Landry**  
Auctioneer & Specialist  
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Collecting is amazing! It can be the ultimate nerve-racking treasure hunt. There is no better feeling to anyone in this industry than finding the artist, comic, toy, porcelain sculpture, or tribal artifact etc. you've been searching ages for. A collection is manageable when it's only 10 or 20 pieces that easily fit in your home, or even 50 pieces if they are small enough. However, what do you do once your collection outgrows your living area? That is the real question. Trust me, I'm experiencing it right now! Let me set the stage for you. My fiancé and I love contemporary art, myself more than her I'm essentially an addict at this point. You just can't stop buying when you love something so much. However, I do not have endless wall space, and unfortunately a lot of artworks never makes it on the wall. This requires me to have some form of "storage". I use quotation marks because my storage for upwards of a year before moving was our coat/shoe closet and corner of our dining room next to the wine rack. If you follow this example, I promise you will be subject to nothing but heartache and despair.

Proper care and storage of your collection is critical. Two of the biggest components are humidity and sunlight, with your furry friends coming in third as an honorable mention. Pets are horrible and can be as destructive if not more than a rainstorm and earthquake combined to your collectibles. But the humidity and sunlight are things up to your control. If you are going to utilize a basement, and especially if unfinished you must use a dehumidifier to regulate the moisture. I don't care whether you collect artwork, porcelain, toys, or cast-iron stoves. Moisture is bad! It will be the death of any tangible asset you adore. Sun is the other harbinger of collectible death, especially direct sunlight. You won't notice it after a day, week, or month. It might take you years to recognize if its something you stare at every day. But the point is whatever it is will become yellowed and faded in no time. If you have a home with a lot of windows, then dark curtains will be your best friend. I can't stress enough how conscious you need to be of these things, it will only save you from a bad day in the future.



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# Sports



**HOLIDAY HELPERS:** These are members of the JHS basketball Panthers who helped make the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual PTSO Holly Fair a special success by volunteering to help the record-setting 56 vendors set up their booths who purchased space that will result in revenue toward scholarships for JHS seniors. (Photo courtesy of Lisa Calabro)

## An awesome assist

### JHS basketball lends a hand at Holly Fair

By PETE FONTAINE

Johnston High's basketball team hasn't played its 2021-22 season opener, yet, but the promising Panthers have already dished out a record-setting number of impressive assists.

It all happened for three hours Saturday morning, but not inside the famed Panthers Pen, a.k.a. the Edward L. DeSimone Gymnasium.

Led by first-year head coach Mike Bedrosian, who is no stranger to volunteering in Johnston community and sports events, the Panthers provided what countless people called "extremely valuable assistance" to the record-setting 56 vendors who showcased their wares during the JHS (PTSO) Parent-Teacher-Student Organization's highly-successful 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Fair.

"Special thanks goes out to the members of the (Johnston) high school basketball team," said a smiling Lance Niles, who recently succeeded Melissa Patrone as PTSO

president. "The boys arrived early, greeted vendors as they arrived then proceeded to carry tables and precious cargo to the assigned spots."

Niles, who had high praise for the work Bedrosian's bunch did, also wanted it known: "Because we had so many (record-setting) vendors we had to assign them to spaces that filled every bit of available space in the cafeteria and that extended into the first floor corridor."

The basketball Panthers performed such duties as carrying tables, chairs and parts of the vendor's booths – all with smiles intact – so that the vendors were off

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**READY TO GO:** Johnston's Derek Salvatore fights off a defender in this file photo. Salvatore, a junior, will be a key piece for the Panthers this season at the point guard position. (Photo by Ryan D. Murray)

### 'Locked In'

#### Panthers gearing up for season

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Johnston boys basketball team is back in action and is getting ready to tip off the 2021-22 winter season.

The Panthers had a solid run last season when they reached the Division II Quarterfinals after topping Coventry in the opening round. Johnston will have its hands full this season after losing star forward Tom Zednik to graduation, but is up to the challenge with a handful of returners in-

cluding Derek Salvatore, Hunter Remington, CJ Ragosta, Ryan Schino and Hendricken import Anthony Corsinetti.

New head coach Mike Bedrosian will be relying on his back court duo of Salvatore and Remington this winter.

"We expect them to be our two leaders. Even with Derek being a junior, those two have the most experience out of anybody on the team. (They) were both starters in the state championship at CCRI (in 2019) in front of a few thousand people, so no moment is going to be too big for them and they will not see something like that unless they make it back. They've been there and done that," said Bedrosian.

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# Assist

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and running getting themselves situated for a successful day.

"The team's contributions were indispensable," Niles added, "to getting the event off on the right foot. That was also another example of Panther Pride at its best!"

Once the team's pre-fair

work was complete, the players remained at the Holly Fair but also answered a request from Lisa Calabro, the highly-respected and hard-working Johnston Girls Softball League president, who took a picture of the Panthers standing behind the stunning display of holiday signs - a.k.a. Gypsy Signs - that were so generously donated by Johnston residents Jody and Keith Graziano who own the Ocean State Gypsy Sign Company.

Members of the JHS varsity basketball team who helped make Saturday's PTSO Holly Fair a special success were: Ryan Schino, Hunter Remington, CJ Ragosta, Anthony Gawlik, Joe Silvia, Kevin Veader, Derek Salvatore, Anthony Corsinetti, Noah Lavergne, JT Leomensah, Janzel Roquez, Neri Vasquez, Cameron Walker, Omar Grullon, Jayden Testa, Brandon Testa and Head Coach Mike Bedrosian.



LOOKING TO SHOOT: CJ Ragosta looks to put up a shot.

# Locked

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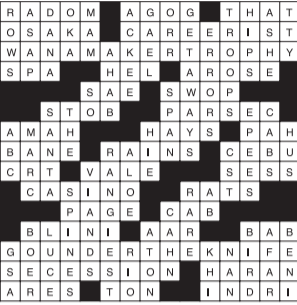
The Panthers roster will also include five sophomores, who will make up the Johnston bench.

"We keep telling them, 'Even though you're a sophomore, you can be a leader,'" said Bedrosian. "We've got 13, 14 guys that can really bring it. There's been a buzz at practice that we haven't had in a few years. As long as everyone accepts their roles and buys into the process, then we will be there at the end."

"With the team's Injury Fund exhibition this Friday night and next week's opener looming, Bedrosian and the Panthers are excited to hit the floor.

"Everyone needs to push each other at practice and help one another get better. That's what we keep telling them. Last year, we didn't have a very deep team, but this year we kept 15 guys to keep it competitive. We now have the luxury to be able to do that," said Bedrosian. "We've been at it since the summer, so we're ready to go. We are finally here, and they're locked in."

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LEADING THE WAY: Johnston's Hunter Remington in a file photo.



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# Bluefish regulations

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Last week NOAA announced proposed 2022 and 2023 bluefish specifications for the commercial and recreational fisheries and asked for public comment on them.

Proposed regulations were developed utilizing Amendment 7 to the bluefish Fishery Management Plan approved earlier this month. Regulations include proposed catch limits coastwide along with each state's share of the allowable catch approved by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

The recreational daily bag limit of three fish/person/day for private anglers and five fish per person for for-hire (charter/party) vessels, would remain unchanged.

Anglers are reminded that small bluefish, snapper blues as they are commonly called, are bluefish and are subject to the three fish/person/day regulation. For details and to comment online visit [www.regulations.gov/document/NOAA-0001?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.regulations.gov/document/NOAA-0001?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery). The comment period is open through Dec. 17, 2021.

## Year in review and fishing forecast

As the year comes to a close here is a review of fishing in 2021 and what might be in store for anglers in 2022.

First, the bluefin tuna bite off Rhode Island and Massachusetts was outstanding in 2021, the best in years. Anglers who never fished for the species bought gear and fished for school bluefin tuna with success. School tuna were all around Block Island and giant bluefin tuna in the six and seven hundred pound range were caught a mile or two off Narragansett.

The bluefin season culminated with Brandon Hagopian and Jenna Lombardo of Cranston, RI catching a 1,000 pound giant bluefin tuna off Cape Cod on their

24 foot center console.

Why these fish were here in great abundance is a good question. The water was warm this year, which brought in a variety of forage fish in great abundance ... herring, maceral of all types, Atlantic menhaden, squid, silversides, bay anchovies, etc. I am not a scientist, but warm water, a climate change impact, brought forage fish close to shore and the bluefin tuna followed. I would expect more of the same to occur next year as warm water and bait continue to move into our area.

Another pleasant surprise this year was an epic tautog fishing season. The tautog fishing in our Bays, and off our coastal shore from the Sakonnet River to Newport, Jamestown, Point Judith and all along the southern coastal shore was outstanding. The fish were numerous with anglers catching many short fish along with keepers (16 inches or greater).

If certified by the State of Rhode Island, Paul Newman of New Milford, New Jersey will claim a new Rhode Island tautog record for the 21.57-pound tautog he caught off Newport last month when fishing on Tall Tailz Charters.

The fishing pressure on tautog has increased. Where we fish off Newport at a place called The Fountain there were as many as 50 or 60 boats fishing. In past years there might have been a dozen. We need to be mindful of these slow growing fish, many, including Capt. BJ Silvia of Middletown are leading an effort to protect large, older females with great spawning potential by releasing them and advocating for a way to reduce fishing pressure on this species so we preserve them for our future.

The abundance of black sea bass and scup continued to be a bright spot for anglers. These fish are here in great abundance due to warming water and are expected to be heard in abundance again next year. The fear is what happens when the water warms



**TAUTOG JUNKIES:** Chris Deacutis with the 23-inch tautog he caught fishing with Hal Walker and Walt Galloway off Newport this October. The trio caught their ten fish boat limit. (Submitted photo)

to the point that even these fish move further north.

On the down side, a lack of summer flounder and a shaky striped bass and bluefish bite was discouraging for anglers this year. These species will remain soft as enhanced fishing and overfishing continues to threaten them.

Enhancing summer flounder Allowable Catch Limits coastwide has taken its toll on the recreational fishery. Rich Hittinger, acting president of the RI Saltwater Anglers Association, believes that summer founder fishing has been impacted negatively due to enhanced harvesting as fish managers have granted commercial fishers unprecedented increased catch limits of 30 to 40 percent the past couple of years.

Striped bass and bluefish are both overfished according to recent stock assessments and anglers have experienced fewer of them in the water to catch. Blue-

fish now have a new Fishery Management Plan and will hopefully rebound with a seven year rebuilding plans rolls out.

Recruitment of new striped bass has been dismal the past three years, including recent surveys last month of fish born this past year. And, the stock assessment is showing the species is overfished with overfishing occurring. So both striped bass and bluefish will continue to be tough to catch, not as abundant as in the past, for the next several years until rebuilding plans are successful.

Overall 2021 was a good year to fish, and 2022 will be too, but anglers need to continue to apply pressure on fish managers to rebuild fish stocks quickly, particularly in light of climate change impacts. We need more fish in the water for all to catch, eat and or release.

## Where's the bite?

Striped bass and blue-

fish. "The water is still warm and we have bait in the water (peanut bunker) so we are hopeful for a fall fun along the beaches. Fish both striped bass and bluefish are being caught off Montauk as well as Cape Cod so we are optimistic. We do have school bass along the coastal shore too, with the warm water they have not gone back into ponds and estuary in mass at this time," said Doug Wade of Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly.

**Tautog and cod.** "The tautog bite is good. Customers are fishing and catching their limit. We just sold out of the last or our crabs and that's it for the season for us," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside. Cod fishing at Cox Ledge is good with party boast venturing there doing well. "We are catching fish closer too, just before Shark's Ledge. The tautog bite is still very, very good."

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