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COMPLIMENTARY

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## **Chief: 'Increased police presence at all schools'**

#### **By RORY SCHULER**

Johnston Police will again increase their presence at the town's schools, following yet another senseless school shooting massacre.

As Texas law enforcement officers investigate the nation's latest horrific school shooting, local educators and police officials have renewed their vows to protect children from harm while they attend classes.

"I've been in contact with the superintendent of schools regarding this most recent, tragic and senseless act of school violence," Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza said Wednesday morning. "I've communicated to him and you may let parents know that there will be an increased police presence at all schools throughout the school district."

Johnston's schools, like others in the Ocean State, practice live shooter drills and have enhanced security measures on campuses.

"In addition to our two SRO's (School Resource Officers) deployed at our middle school and high school other security measures have been implemented over the years to ensure public safety at our schools," Razza explained.

Johnston Schools Superintendent Dr. Bernard DiLullo Jr. said Wednesday morning that he would be sending a message from the district "to all families" at 8 a.m.

"Johnston schools have counselors available for any student who may need support," DiLullo wrote. "Also, our principals will ensure that all safety protocols will be followed. Thank you to Chief Razza and the Johnston Police Department for their never ending support of our schools as they will increase their presence in our community. Thank you for your attention and have a peaceful day."

North Providence Public Schools Superintendent Joseph B. Goho also emailed parents in his district neighboring Johnston, following Tuesday's mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

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DREAM TEAM: Johnston's academic decathlon team gathered in the Johnston High School library for a team photo. Nine members from the team went on to represent the group at nationals. Front left to right: Jonas Littlefield, Neko Mahoney, Briana Dominique, Mackenzie Hanna and Andrea Muriel. Middle left to right: Alyssa Pascale, Emily Pasternaude, Isabella Ribezzo, Julia Droukas and Ariana Mederios. Back left to right: Victor Fragoso, Christopher LaPlante, Cameron Tum, Benjamin Annicelli and Sam Dominique. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

## Pot now legal in RI Governor expected to sign bill allowing recreational adult cannabis use By Staff Reports

The General Assembly today voted in favor of legislation to legalize, regulate and tax adult recreational cannabis use in Rhode Island, sending the bill to Gov. Daniel McKee, who intends to sign it into law tomorrow, according to a press release from the State House.

The legislation (2022-S 2430Aaa, 2022-H 7593Aaa), sponsored by state Sen. Joshua Miller (D-Dist. 28, Cranston, Providence) and state Rep. Scott A. Slater (D-Dist. 10, Providence), decriminalizes the sale and possession of up to one ounce of cannabis for those age 21 and up, with no more than 10 ounces for personal use kept in a primary residence. It would also allow Rhode Islanders to grow a small amount of their own cannabis at home.

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## Johnston set to remember veterans at Saturday event

**By PETE FONTAINE** 

## Johnston's Academic Decathlon team competes in national competition

hey studied. They played. They placed.

Johnston's Academic Decathlon Team recently competed in the national Decathlon competition, and placed tenth in their division (mid-size schools).

Team Captain Mackenzie Hanna received the highest score on the team, and Ben Annicelli won two silver medals, in Mathematics and Social Science.

"I love the fact that the kids come together as almost a family, learning and growing together throughout the year," said one of the team's coaches, Debbie Smyth. "In some of their cases, over years." Several students also received completion medals during a ceremony at the State House.

"It is exciting every year to plan activities based on the topic provided by the National Academic Decathlon," Smyth said. "Because we design our gameplan to draw the kids in, it gets them extremely involved in every aspect of the competition. A common misconception about Academic Decathlon is that you need to be a straight-A student. This is far from the truth, as all students, regardless of grades, are more than welcome to join the team. We welcome diversity with open arms."

Smyth and fellow coach Kerry Murphy helped guide the team to the national competition. They placed the final medals around the necks of team members during a brief recognition at the high school last week.

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The "Johnston Jewel" — a.k.a. War Memorial Park — will be adorned with red, white and blue for one of the most moving and important ceremonies of the year.

People like Johnston Mayor Joseph Polisena will tell you it's a "Rite of Spring" that will begin at approximately 9:30 a.m. this Saturday morning at the Park's well-decorated grandstand when the Town of Johnston remembers and pays tribute to — all veterans who have so bravely protected the nation's freedom during war and peace times.

"Let's not forget our heroes!" exclaimed Polisena while issuing a special invitation for A-L-L Johnston resident to be part of Johnston's always-impressive Memorial Day Service. "Please bring the children as we honor our fu-

ture while never — ever — to honor our past."

The morning program will include the solemn and annual Memorial Day Bell Ringing to honor the men from Johnston who were killed in action in Korea, World War II and Vietnam.

**THE TOP 10:** The Class of 2020's Top 10 students gathered for a special breakfast in the Johnston High School library last week. From left to right, back row, Victor Fragoso and **Glorianna** Crichlow (tied for No. 1, covaledictorians), Emily Patenaude (3), Joseph Thomas (4), Mohammed Abaherah (5), and front row, Ava Palma (6), Julia Droukas (7), Jacqueline Urizar (8), Mackenzie Hanna (9) and Cameron Tum (10). (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)



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Johnston Sun Rise

## **Bill officially named for Johnston native**

## 'Ryan's Law' gives state more authority to fine healthcare professionals who irresponsibly prescribe

Lou Massemini has a copy of the bill at home, autographed by the governor.

He keeps the legislation in his late son's bedroom. The document's just one small, proud piece of Lou's memorial to the young man he lost too soon. And now, following a vote by the Rhode Island House of Representatives, that bill's officially an integral part of Ryan's legacy.

"I'm very proud of the accomplishments that were made through the legislators through approving this bill and naming it after my son," Lou Massemini said Monday. "It's an honor to me. That's how I feel. It took a long time, but everybody came through and it means a lot to me."

The piece of legislation that Massemini's loss helped inspire now officially bears his son's name, and he hopes the law will ultimately save lives.

Massemini lost his son, Ryan, to a prescription drug overdose in 2019. He and local lawmakers hope "Ryan's Law" will help reduce the number of future grieving Ocean State parents, preventing overdoses by holding doctors accountable for reckless prescribing practices.

Last week, the Rhode Island House of Representatives gave its approval to officially naming the legislation "Ryan's Law," after Massemini's son. The state Senate is expected to hold a similar vote soon.

The bill was originally introduced by state Rep. Deborah A. Fellela (D-Dist. 43, Johnston), a close family friend of the Massemini's.

In 2021, the General Assembly passed the law (2021-H 5098A), increasing the maximum fine for those found guilty of unprofessional conduct from \$10,000 to \$30,000. That bill will now be known as "Ryan's Law," for "the young man who's death precipitated it," according to a press release from Fellela's office.

"It think everybody did a great job and it was an honor for me to go down there and testify on behalf of the bill and see this move forward," Massemini said. "They all did what they had to do to improve prescribing practices."

State Sen. Josh Miller (D-District 28, Cranston, Providence) originally introduced the bill three years earlier but it failed to pass. Then last year, with Massemini's testimony, Miller and Fellela were able to guide the legislation through successful votes in both chambers and onto Gov. Dan McKee's desk.

Massemini attended the bill's ceremonial signing at the Rhode Island State House where he received a copy of the bill.

"I keep the copy in his room with the memorial," he said. "I have a big wall where the first part

#### ■ Security (Continued from page 1)

"As you may be aware, sadly another school shooting occurred in our country today, this time at an elementary school in Texas," Department, the School Committee, and the Town have worked collaboratively to ensure that all of our schools are equipped with high security locked entrances, video surveillance systems, active alert systems, and other facility enhancements around school safety."



**PRODUCTIVE GRIEF:** Louis Massemini holds a photo of his son, Louis Ryan Massemini, and grandson Carmen. Ryan died of an overdose in 2019. His father has worked on legislation aimed at preventing similar deaths. (Sun Rise FILE photos by Rory Schuler)

of the bill passed. Then the second part. And now this is the final chapter. It's finally named 'Ryan's Law.'"

"Ryan's Law" grants licensing boards responsible for governing the professional conduct of prescribers the authority to fine licensees if they are found guilty of unprofessional conduct. The legislation is aimed primarily at discouraging reckless overprescribing of opioid painkillers.

"In many cases, opioid addiction begins with prescribed painkillers," Fellela said last year. "The ramifications of reckless over-prescribing has led to an epidemic that has harmed society and torn families apart. This legislation provides some serious consequences for the handful of physicians who are neglecting to prevent addiction."

Over the past three years, Massemini worked hard to help change state laws governing the medical profession. He believes better medical care could have saved his son from the overdose that ended his life. He hopes "Ryan's Law" will improve patients' lives and save families like his own.



**BILL SIGNED:** Cranston resident and Johnston native Lou Massemini wanted the governor's signature on his own copy of the bill. After the bill signing, he approached him, and Gov. Dan McKee offered his autograph one more time.

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Goho wrote. "Our thoughts go out to all those affected by this tragic situation."

North Providence schools have also been in touch with local law enforcement.

"Please be advised that we have been in communication with the North Providence Police Department which is continuously and proactively taking steps to address school and community security in numerous ways," Goho wrote to parents Tuesday evening. "In addition to School Resource Officers at the high school, each middle school, and the elementary schools, there will be increased police presence and visibility at our schools indefinitely. In addition, as you know, the North Providence School DiLullo offered his sympathy for those grieving so many lost young lives in Texas.

"On behalf of our school committee, school department and our town, I offer our condolences to the families that experienced a profound loss yesterday in Uvalde, Texas," DiLullo wrote to Johnston parents. "It is incredible that these mass shootings still occur in our country and that so many people suffer as a result. To loose a child in any situation is unbearable, but when these events occur, the sorrow is unimaginable. Our thoughts will be with this community in the days ahead."

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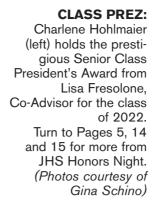


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## JHS holds Senior Honor Awards Night

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Those two words could have been the title of Johnston High School's prestigious Senior Honor Awards Night that speaker-after-speaker declared the Class of 2022 succeeded in countless ways despite having been plagued for two years by the COVID-19 crisis.

"We are here this evening to honor academic, artistic and athletic excellence," began Superintendent of Johnston Public Schools Dr. Bernard DiLullo Jr. "When students attain such excellence, it is not a matter of hoping, wishing or wanting. While these components are necessary for success, they are not sufficient to achieve success. In order to be a truly honored student, hard work, effort, commitment and a desire to do your best are essential."

Thus, DiLullo, who delivered an impressive and heart-warming keynote address, told an audience of proud parents, alumni, faculty and staff: "You are here this evening because you not only wished for success, you made a commitment to achieve success and set a consistently high standard for yourself."

As Dr. Donna Pennachia, the principal at JHS, offered: "This evening is a time for all of us to reflect on your successes from these last four years and to celebrate you for some of your many accomplishments. Accept your awards with pride. You deserve this recognition."

Perhaps Charlene Hohlmaier, the Class of 2022 President, said it best emphasizing: "We have worked very hard and are deserving of each award or scholarship we will soon be receiving. Our successes could not have been accomplished without the support of our families, friends, teachers and coaches. Most importantly, we should be proud of the dedication and drive we have displayed throughout our time here in high school. Whether we have excelled in athletics, academics, musical or artistic endeavors, together we have quite and impact on our school community in positive ways."

So much so, in fact, the Class of 2022 rewrote the tradition-rich and storied JHS history book by having not one, but two Valedictorians.

Enter Miss and Mr. JHS Class of 2022 — Glorianna Crichlow and Victor Fragoso — who vaulted to the "Top of their Class" and achieved the coveted crown of "number one student" status.

Crichlow, in fact, who like Fragoso received many awards and scholarships, has been accepted to Harvard University where she will enroll in the fall and study Political Science. Fragoso is headed for Bryant University and will study economics.

In all, there were a total of 11 Major Awards like the Principals' Leadership Awards that went to two-sport star, award-winning dancer and accomplished disc jockey Joseph Acciardo.

Rebecca Clements, whose twin sister Janet made countless contributions during their time at JHS and will enroll at Bryant University in the fall, was awarded the Student Council President Award, while Hohlmaier won the Senior Class President Award.

Seven JHS seniors — Alan Aucone, Janet Clements, Julia Droukas, Alexia Evangelista, Mackenzie Hanna, Lexianna Santos and Dannielle Warren — were honored with the Aspiring Educations Award.

In all, there were 23 Departmental Awards for Excellence ranging from Excellence in Art (won by Shannon Hartley) to Excellence in Physical Education and Health (won by Joseph Acciardo and Emily Iannuccilli), to the John Philip Souza Band Award (won by Benjamin Annicelli) to RI Army National Guard Scholar-Athletes (Emily Iannuccilli and Carlos Monteiro), U.S. Air Force for Math and Science (Emily Patenade), U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence (Glorianna Crichlow), U.S. Marine Corps Athletic Excellence (Charlene Hohlmaier and Hunter Remington), U.S. Marne Corps Semper Fidelis for Music Excellence (Victor Fragoso), to the prestigious Herbert and Claiborne Pell Medal Award for Excellence in United States History (that went to Ava Palma) and the Rhode Island College Book Award (won by Denise Robinson).

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"The Class of 2022 has a host of talented students," said Robert LaFazia, Chairman of the Johnston School Committee, who was joined by Vice President Joseph Rotella, and members Dawn Aloisio, Susan Mansolillo and Maryann Andreozzi, who took part in the presentation of the prestigious Janice D. Mele Memorial Scholarship to Glorianna Crichlow. "Janice was a champion of education; the same holds true for the Class of 2022."

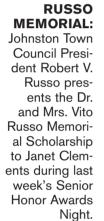
One of the night's most moving messages came from Nicholas Dilorio when he presented the Dilorio Family Scholarship named in memory his late brother Matthew Dilorio, who was "Mr. Everything at JHS" during his undergraduate days at JHS and last an advocate for Friedreich's Ataxia, a disease that took his life at the age of 40 last year.

"My brother was the torch of gratitude," said Nicholas Dilorio. "Congratulations to the Class of 2022; I encourage you to go on with that torch as well."

Yet another of the night's mighty moments came when Matt Gingras, Director of Choral Groups for the JHS Music Department presented the Rachel E. Carson Memorial Scholarship to Benjamin Annicelli and Abigail Salas in honor of the late and popular student who passed away in 2018 in her senior year from a rare disease and continues to be remembered as a lover of animals and life.

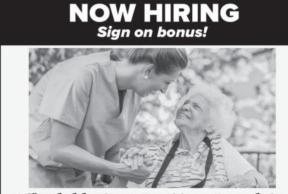


**SUPER STUDENTS:** Glorianna Crichlow and Victor Fragoso made history last week by both receiving the JHS Class of 2022 Valedictorian Award. They're joined by Superintendent Dr. Bernard DiLullo Jr., Assistant Superintendent Julie Zarrella, High School Principal Dr. Donna Pennachia and Vice Principal Brian Bordieri. Turn to Pages 14 and 15 for more photos from the event.









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#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Greg Russo, who

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Pre-qualification of bidders, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 44-9-13 shall be conducted on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Tax Collector's Office, Johnston Town Hall, 1385 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919. Mail in registrations will be provided upon request. All forms must be received by the Town of Johnston at least two (2) days prior to the tax sale. No bidder registration forms will be accepted the day of the tax sale. The Town of Johnston reserves the right to accept or reject bidder registration forms for failure to register pursuant to the instructions. The Town of Johnston further reserves the right to deny access to the auction in the interest of safety, law, regulation, or otherwise.

Each of the following described parcels will be sold for the nonpayment of the taxes assessed December 31, 2019, and/or as to certain of said parcels for the taxes assessed in prior years. Information as to the nature of the said taxes and assessment due on the several parcels may be obtained from the undersigned and will be announced at the sale.

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BURGESS SOKLENG SRUN LE	@ ANGLEWOOD AVENUE	42-103	MAYER JON	@ CARPENTER DR REAR	52-4	VICTOR ANTHONY PROPERTIES INC	@ PLAINFIELD PIKE	29-11
BUTERA SALVATORE	@ OVERLOOK STREET	38-209	DEPETRILLO DONALD C & MCARTHUR A TE	28 OAKTREE DR	63-74	VIENS SCOTT E	11 ELM STREET	14-310
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CANNISTRACI JOSEPH	@ MORELAND AVENUE	22-461	MEADOW LANDS INVESTMENTS LLC	@ CENTRAL PIKE	43-93	WARDICK JAMES & LORENA ROSE	@ BELFIELD DRIVE	54-5
CAPARRELLI ARTHUR LIFE EST	2005 PLAINFIELD PIKE	30-44	MELIDOSSIAN MALCOLM ET ALS	@ BELFIELD DRIVE	43-33 54-29	WARDICK LORENA R	@ COLUMBUS AVENUE	18-25
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CARPIONATO ALFRED TRSUTEE	@ ATWOOD AVENUE	44-94	MITOLA VINCENT G & JOANNE D JT	@ MIDDLE STREET	3-284	WENTWORTH HAROLD E III & GAIL M TE	4 HEDLEY AVENUE	14-264
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CASEY RONALD J ESTATE	@ ANGLEWOOD AVENUE	44-90 42-71	MOORE JULIE K	821 GREENVILLE AVENUE	51-38 51-31	YAREMCHOAK MARY A HEIRS	@ WEAVER ROAD	61-104
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#### JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD **MEETING AGENDA** Thursday, May 26th, 2022 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 May 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm. at Johnston Senior Center. 1291 Hartford Avenue. All persons interested in the following proposals are requested to be present at The assembly facilities this time. 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:

#### New Business

File 2022-10 - Petition of David & Ashley Cournoyer, Applicant for 23 Mulberry Circle, AP 48 Lot 131, zoned R-20. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340 for a proposed 20x24 Addition.

File 2022-11 - Petition of William Vigeant Revocable Trust of 2019, Applicant for 25 Armento Street, AP 35 Lot 77, zoned R-15. The petitioner is seeking a Use Variance Section 340 for a proposed Landscaping Business and Storage.

File 2021-07 – Justice Realty, LLC Applicant seeks to vest extra time to start construction on a variance granted last year

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.

Per order of the Zoning Board of Review Thomas Lopardo, Chairman

5/12, 5/19, 5/26/22

Public Auction Legal Notice

Form of notice under RI General

Laws 39-12.1 to 12.1-5 TO: Ivan Rivera 1049 Charles St Apt #1 North Providence RI, Coastal 1 Credit union(Pawtucket Credit Union) 12 Central Ave Pawtucket RI. A public auction will be held at 635 Potters ave Providence RI on June 4, 2022 at 900 AM. The Vehicle a 2019 Hyundai VIN # KMHD74LF4KU792584 belonging to the above. The auction being held is to satisfy towing and storage fees.

#### 5/26/22

**LEGAL NOTICES** 

PLANNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday June 7th, 2022; 6:00 P.M. Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Ave Johnston, RI 02919

#### AGENDA

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES III. OLD BUSINESS** 

PB 22-21 - Balletto Condominiums - Public Meeting on a Preliminary Plan for a proposed 13 residential unit Major Land Development. Public Hearing was closed on May 3rd, 2022. Located at 280-282 Simmonsville Avenue AP 25 Lot 5 - Zoned: Planned De-



velopment. Applicant: Gary Balletto.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

PB 22-17 - Flash Car Wash - Public Hearing on a Preliminary Plan for a proposed car wash Major Land Development. Located at 1705 Hartford Avenue AP 53/80 Lots 281 & 282. Zoned B-2. Applicant: VP Development.

PB 22-26 - Seasons Corner Market – Public Hearing on a Site Plan Review located at 521 & 525 Killingly Street AP 13 Lots 397 & formerly 485 – Zoned B-2. Applicant: Colbea Enterprises, LLC.

PB 22-27 – 15 Industrial Lane Public Meeting on a Concept Plan of a Major Land Development for a proposed indoor storage facility for business vehicles and equipment. Located at 15 Industrial Lane AP 53 Lot 208. Zoned I. Applicant: Joseph Parrillo.

PB 22- 28 - Advisory Opinion to the Town Council and Master Plan Review of a Major Land Development on the request for a Zone Change from B-3 to B-2 located on Hartford Avenue AP 54 Lot 97 Applicant: Hartford Realty Holdings, LLC.

PB 22-29 - Advisory Opinion to the Town Council on the request

Town of Johnston Notice of **Public Hearing** 

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 24-6-2 that the Johnston Town Council will hold a public hearing at the Johnston Municipal Court, 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919, on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed Ordinance 2022-8 (Formerly 2021-CP-194), an ordinance regarding the abandonment of a portion of Mathew Drive, located on Assessor's Plat 57. All persons interested in the above Ordinance may attend the hearing and be heard. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

**Per Order: Robert V. Russo, President** Johnston Town Council





**Public Hearing** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 24-6-2 that the Johnston Town Council will hold a public hearing at the Johnston Municipal Court, 1600 Atwood Avenue,

Town of Johnston

Notice

of

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed Ordinance 2022-7 (Formerly 2021-CP-182), an ordinance regarding the abandonment of a portion of Genoa Street, located on Assessor's Plat 5. All persons interested in the above Ordinance may attend the hearing and be heard. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Johnston, RI 02919, on June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

of relinguishment of control of the George C. Calef School. Located at 7 Waveland Street AP 15 Lot 70.

PB 22-31 - Proposed DPW Building - Public Meeting on a Master Plan for the development of a storage garage located at 100 Irons Avenue AP 34 Lot 530. Zoned I. Applicant: Town of Johnston.

PB 22-32 – Proposed Fire Department Building – Public Meeting on a Master Plan for the development of a storage garage located at 1520 Atwood Avenue AP 53 Lot 178. Zoned B-2. Applicant: Town of Johnston.

PB 22-33 - Proposed Police Department Building – Public Meet-ing on a Master Plan for the development of a storage garage located at 1651 Atwood Avenue AP 47 Lot 9. Zoned R-20. Applicant: Town of Johnston.

PB 22-34 – Meadowlands Subdivision - Public Meeting on a Preliminary Plan for a proposed 1-lot subdivision. Located on Central Avenue AP 43/4 Lot 93. Zoned R-40. Applicant Meadowlands Investments, LLC.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Planning Board Agenda and Minutes are available for review as ClerkBase on the Town's web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Planning Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston

• Items not heard by 9:30 p.m. may be continued to the next Regular Meeting or a special meeting at the discretion of the Board.

 Facilities are handicap accessible. Interpreter services may be requested from TTD (401) 792-9642 at least 72 hours in advance.

#### 5/19, 5/26, 6/2/22

Attest:

**Town Clerk** 

Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.

#### Office of the Town Clerk **Town of Johnston** 1385 Hartford Avenue Johnston, Rhode Island 02919 (401) 351-6618

Notice is given pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 3-5-17 that the Johnston Town Council, sitting as the Liquor Licensing Commission under Title 3 Chapter 5 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, shall hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 13th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnston Municipal Court Building, 1600 Atwood Av-enue, Johnston, RI.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following application for the expansion of an existing liquor license.

Applicant:	Peter A. Matteo, President						
Business Name:	101 Bar & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Bar 101						
Current Location:	1478 Atwood Avenue, Units 103 & 104						
Expansion to now include:							
	1478 Atwood Avenue, Suite 105,						
License Type:	Johnston, RI 02919 Class BV Full - Liquor License Expansion						

Remonstrants are entitled to be heard before the granting of the license

Per Order Johnston Town Council Robert V. Russo, Council President

Individuals requesting interpreter

## Town of Johnston **Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 45-24-53 that the Johnston Town Council will hold a Public Hearing Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnston Municipal Court, located at 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider proposed Ordinance 2022-9 (formerly 2022-CP-50) to amend the Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map, as summarized here.

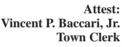
Applicant:	David & Paula Corsi
Assessor's Plat:	6
Assessor's Lots:	44
Present Classification:	R-20
Proposed Change to:	B-1

Said lot being located on: Between 278 and 300 Morgan Avenue

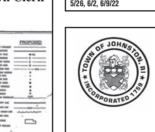
The proposed Ordinance may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Said proposed Ordinance is available at the office of the Town Clerk for examination. Any alteration or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing. All persons interested in the above application are requested to attend said meeting and be heard. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

**Per Order: Robert V. Russo Johnston Town Council** 

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Per Order: **Robert V. Russo, President Johnston Town Council** 

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Attest: Vincent P. Baccari, Jr. **Town Clerk**  service for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk seventy-two hours in advance of the meeting date.

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## Sun Rise Scoops

#### By Meri R. Kennedy

#### Annual Angels Giving Back Charity 5K Run/Walk

Angels Giving Back, a Rhode Island 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to building community through giving back, will hold its annual 5k run/walk on Saturday, June 11.

Participants are welcomed to join together at 10 a.m. on June 11 at 685 Greenville Ave One Citizens Bank Way for the event. Angels Giving Back is associated with the convenience store chain Seasons Corner Market.

This charity pays tribute to Mario and Valia Coletta, founders of Colbea Enterprises and Seasons Corner Market. Their generous impact on the community and local organizations touched many lives. Angels Giving Back was formed to honor their legacy and support the charities near and dear to their hearts. 100% of the proceeds go to these three charities: the Alzheimer's Association, the PKD Foundation (Polycystic Kidney Disease), and The Tomorrow Fund.

This event is family friendly, with all ages welcome! You can pre-register online for \$35 or sign up on race day for \$50. For youth ages 12 and under, online registration is \$10. All participants will receive a moisture wicking shirt and swag bag. Finishers will receive a medal. Complimentary light snacks and drinks will be provided during/after the race.

To register for the race, visit: www.active.com/johnston-ri/ running/distance-running-races/angels-giving-back-5k-2022.

Check In and on-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The race starts at 10 a.m. Sponsorship opportunities and donations for giveaway items are available until May 31. All sponsors will receive signage recognition and be highlighted on the event website. Individuals and/or companies that are interested may contact us by email at hello@angelsgivingback.com or visit their website angelsgivingback.com/ for more information.

Angels Giving Back is a non-profit formed in honor and memory of Mario and Valia Coletta, the founders of Colbea Enterprises/Seasons Corner Market. This charitable organization was formed to honor their legacy and generosity. Angels Giving Back holds several events year-round from their annual 5k run to their charity golf tournament. These events help raise money to support the charities near and dear to the Coletta's hearts. For more information, visit: www.angelsgivingback.com/

#### Annual Chowder and Clamcake Dinner

At 6 p.m., Saturday, June 25, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 54 Cedar Swamp Road, Smithfield, RI will hold a chowder and clamcake dinner. There will also be coleslaw and hot dogs for kids. For dessert there will be strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream.

The cost for Adults is \$15, \$8 for 5-12 years old, and under 5 eat free. Please call 232-7575 for reservations by June 13.

#### Vintage Truck Show

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., on June 5, Rhode Island Vintage Haulers will hold a vintage truck show at Johnston Memorial Park.

#### Johnston Historical Society General Meetings

The next General Meeting of the Johnston Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m., June 19. The speaker will be author and historian Marty Podskoch, who will talk about his new travel book, "The Rhode Island 39 Club," that encourages people to visit all 39 towns and villages in Rhode Island.

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Johnston Historical Society Museum Barn, 101 Putnam Pike, Johnston, and are free and open to the public. Events are subject to change. For more information, call 401-231-3380.

#### Tour the Johnston Historical Society

Just a reminder that Tuesdays, 6 to 8 p.m. are open hours at the Johnston Historical Society. Tour the museum! Tour the Elijah Angell House! Ask all the questions you ever wanted to ask about Johnston history! All are welcome!

#### Memorial Day Service

On May 28, Johnston will pause for a Memorial Day Service.

The service will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28 at Johnston Memorial Park. The town will honor the 42 Johnston residents who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

#### Neighborhood Watch

The 2022 season of Johnston's Neighborhood Watch has officially kicked off. This Neighborhood Watch brings together residents who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together with members of the police department. The program pairs residents with Johnston Police officers in an effort to open up communication, meet other neighbors and create partnerships that help build community resiliency. According to the Johnston Police Department, "We appreciate everyone who came out and walked with us."

#### Reminder from Parks & Rec

Just a reminder of some of the rules and regulations at Johnston Memorial Park. There are no dogs allowed in the park or walking tracks. Dogs are allowed in the nature trail across the street from the parking lot. No smoking or tobacco use. No bikes, scooters, skateboard, etc. are allowed on the walking track that surrounds the pond. They may be used on the center path of the park, Please do not feed the ducks, birds, or any wildlife.

Please keep the park clean by using the available trash barrels. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages on town property. No vehicles allowed in the park. No swimming or boating in the pond; No open flames or charcoal grills. Gas grills are permitted. Fireplace use is prohibited. For your safety, please do not climb trees or fences. The park closes at 10 p.m. No overnight parking. No foul language or loud music. Field use is by permit only.

Also, please be mindful of parking. Please display a handicap placard if you park in a handicap space. The area behind the office is reserved for employees. If you have any questions, please call 401-272-3460.

#### Driving for a Cure

Please join the Cranston Country Club for the Gregory Rubino Memorial Golf Tournament on June 25. The club is "Driving for a Cure" at Cranston Country Club, and all proceeds go to benefiting the Lung Cancer Research Foundation. Spots are filling up fast so please register now to secure yours. Leran more and register at grubinomemorialgolf.com.

#### Johnston Senior Center offers classes & services

At the Johnston Senior Center, all exercise classes have resumed, and new classes have been added too. Call the center for information.

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.

#### Arts Scholarships for youth now open to register

Do you know a student aged 11 - 14 who loves to create and to perform? Encourage them to apply to our ARTS Scholarships 2022 program! Applications and guidelines are now available at ppacri.org/artsscholarships.

The ARTS Scholarships 2022 program, sponsored by the Textron Charitable Trust and the PPAC Annual Fund with support from WPRI 12 and Ocean State Charities Trust, offers young artists an opportunity to participate in local summer arts education program that will broaden their experience in their chosen area of study.

Qualified students must be aged 11 - 14 by June 1 of this year and reside in and attend school in Rhode Island.

#### Prepare RI High School Internships Program

Calling all RI public high school juniors: The 2022 PrepareRI High school Internship Program is accepting applications to participate in on-site/in-person, PAID summer experiential learning internships with local employers across the state.

This program will help you earn, learn, and connect with

#### Apple Fest Scheduled

The 34th Annual Apple Festival has been scheduled for: Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11 froom 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days.

The event will be held at the Johnston Memorial Park – 1583 Hartford Ave. in Johnston. Register: members.nrichamber. com/.../the-34th-annual-apple.

#### 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).

#### Mohr Library events

Fridays at 5 p.m., the library has a craft and discussion program for adults who love young adult books, books which often feature young protagonists finding their place in the world. The first book to be discussed is "Vassa in the Night," which reimagines a slavic folktale in modern-day Brooklyn.

The Rhode Island Tree Council is offering their Tree Stewardship classes at the library Thursday nights from 6-8 during May, plus Saturday, June 4, from 10 to noon, to plant a tree on the library's lawn. There is a charge of \$50 for members and library cardholders. Register with the Rhode Island Tree Council at 401-764-5885 or at www.ritree.org.

For teens, there is a Dungeons & Dragons group meeting each week. Call or email to leave your contact information for Emilie.

For middle-school and high-school-age kids, there are things to do almost every day after school.

Storytime for ages 2 to 5 began May 4 at 10:30 a.m. Call to register.

During all hours, the Children's Library has scavenger hunts, I Spy games and craft kits to do in the library or take home.

Every day, we offer help with computers and technology, either on the spot, by offering to schedule one-on-one sessions, or by trying to find the right class for you.

Through June, Providence Public Library will send one of their specialists to Mohr Library for one-on-one "Digital Navigation" help, by appointment Fridays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Speak with one of the librarians.

Mohr Library offers public wifi and computer use, printing and copying at a small charge, faxing at \$1 per page, free scanning, and free notary when available. Contact us to print from your device or from home.

The book drop is available to return books from any Rhode Island public library or to donate like-new books. The Friends' Book Sale is ongoing whenever we are open.

For more information, email info@mohrlibrary.org or call 231-4980.

Editor's Note: Send submissions to rorys@rhodybeat.com. Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and nonprofit 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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# Opinion

#### EDITORIAL

## The morning after a mass school shooting in America ....

You take extra care packing their little lunchbox.

You struggle a little more picking out their next outfit for school. (Warm enough for shorts? Expecting rain? Should I have purchased a bulletproof backpack?)

You get a little snippy, insisting your youngster brush their teeth, fix their hair and wear "the nice shoes." Then you feel bad because you got snippy.

But you don't tell them to hurry.

You don't worry as much about being tardy the day after a school shooting in America.

You hold onto your child a little longer. You hug your kid a little tighter.

You won't let them leave the house until they say "I love you." No matter how old they are, you ensure they leave the house knowing how much you love them.

This is modern American parenting.

You absorb some of the collective guilt. You wish you lectured them less, hugged them more, prepared them better.

Should we have talked about the massacre in Texas? Should I tell my child how many young lives were lost? Should we avoid the topic completely?

Isn't it better they hear it from us? The kids will surely be talking about it at school.

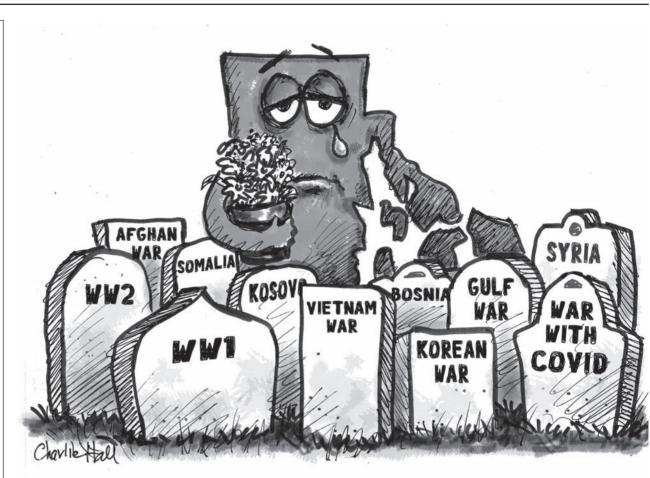
Our children tend to lose focus. Sometimes they get distracted by the smallest, stupidest things.

Did my child pay attention when it mattered most — during the active shooter drill? Do they know where to hide? Do they know where to run?

The morning after a mass school shooting in America ... happens far too often.

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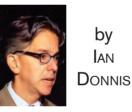




## Polls and whatever candidates read into them

**STORY** OF THE WEEK: The biggest takeaway from the poll released last week by WPRI-TV, Channel 12, is how the top two political races of Rhode İsland's 2022 election season remain very unsettled with less than four months until the primary election. Sure, candidates and campaigns can spin the findings in their favor. A neck and neck Democratic race between Gov. Dan McKee (backed by 25% of respondents) and Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea (23%) shows how each has a plausible claim as frontrunner, although Helena Foulkes (6%) could be poised to move up, since she has the richest campaign account in the gov race and just launched her first TV ad. Still, the clear winner at this stage is undecided, with 37%. That is not a big vote of confidence in either McKee or Gorbea, since both have held statewide office since 2015. A similar sentiment can be seen in the 2nd Congressional District, where Democrat Seth Magaziner (also in statewide office since 2015), not surprisingly, was the choice of 33% of respondents, his five primary rivals were clustered together in the single digits, and a whopping 50% of voters were undecided. Looking ahead, as TV ads become more frequent and the field operation shifts into a higher gear, the dynamic in the race for governor between McKee, Gorbea and Foulkes is a key question. Do the two women focus their criticism on McKee, one another, or some combination thereof? Also: which Democrat can make the most effective claim as Magaziner's top

## TALKING POLITICS



rival, and can he or she blunt the presence of four other candidates in the six-way race?

ODDS & ENDS/GOV RACE: The flip side of high inflation is how unemployment keeps falling. In Rhode Island, Gov. McKee trumpeted how the rate has dropped to its lowest point since March 1989 – a sign, he said, of the success of his administration's approach .... Rival Democrat Luis Daniel Muñoz on the WPRI poll: "The Muñoz campaign feels more confident than ever after seeing the results of this poll. Dr. Muñoz is within the margin of error of a candidate who has already racked up over \$1,000,000 in campaign expenses, and a plurality of voters have vet to choose who they will vote for in this upcoming primary election." .... From Foulkes' campaign spokeswoman Audrey Lucas: "With 37% of respondents undecided, the takeaway from this poll is clear: Democratic primary voters are looking for an alternative to Governor McKee and Secretary Gorbea. We're confident that voters will support Helena once they hear her message and vision for Rhode Island." .... From Gorbea campaign manager Dana Walton: "This poll shows that

this race is a dead heat. Nellie Gorbea is well-positioned to win the Democratic nomination for governor because Democrats know she's been an effective Secretary of State and they like her. Despite being governor for more than a year, Dan McKee is unpopular and in a far weaker position than a sitting governor should be. Rhode Islanders want to fix the housing crisis, strengthen public education, and tackle climate change — and Nellie Gorbea is the candidate for the governor who is best able to deliver on these urgent priorities." .... Matt Brown's campaign did not issue a statement about the poll.

**CENSUS:** Rhode Island had the third-highest degree of overcount in the 2020 Census, after Hawaii and Delaware. While the continued presence of two congressional districts will help funnel more federal dollars to the smallest state, the overcount also marks a blow to the credibility of the census, at a time when confidence in government is not robust. The new findings do not explain the cause of why the count went high or low in different states. NPR's Hansi Lo Wang, who has doggedly reported on the census for years, reports that the 2010 was not marked by undercounts and overcounts. From his story on this week's news: "To try to ameliorate the effects of the over- and undercounts, the bureau has set up an internal team that plans to research how to factor the follow-up survey's results into the bureau's population estimates, which, along with census data, help guide the distribution of an estimated \$1.5 trillion a year in federal money to local communities."

MARIJUANA: The revised bill to legalize cannabis in Rhode Island is set for approval during floor votes this week in the Rhode Island House and Senate. The Sub A includes plans for the state to automatically expunge charges decriminalized in the bill as of July 2024 and people can apply for expungement before then. "The automatic expunge-

ment rules included in this bill will clear the records of tens of thousands of Rhode Islanders that have been left without lifeboats for years - and it all happened because we told our stories, we organized, and we refused to give up the fight," said state Rep. Leonela Felix (D-Pawtucket), one of the forces behind the legislation and someone who has cited the importance of expungement in her own life. A separation of powers dispute regarding appointees to a new Cannabis Control Commission – which will oversee marijuana sales and hand out 22 additional retail licenses - was satisfied to the liking of Gov. McKee, who has indicated support for signing the bill. For supporters, legalization will remove statesanctioned stigma from cannabis while (eventually) keeping millions in new tax revenue in Rhode Island. Yet former Rhode Island congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, via a Pro-Jo op-ed, warns of the impact from a mental health standpoint and also for fueling what he calls "an addiction for profit industry."

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## Mayor: 'We are running short on funds'

## **Town Council boosts** taxpayer funding for **Chief Rainone Gym** facelift by 50 percent

#### By RORY SCHULER

Renovations have been underway at the Chief Rainone Gym for more than a year. The project may now cost taxpayers 50 percent more than expected.

The town initially contributed around \$600,000 to rehabilitate the run-down facility at 45 Mill St.

Earlier this month, at their regular meeting, Johnston Town Council boosted municipal funding for the project by pledging another \$300,000 of taxpayer money.

"It's coming along," Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena told Town Council on May 9. "You're not going to recognize — for those of you who played in the gym, including myself — you're not going to recognize it. It's going to be beauti-

Polisena and Christopher Correia, director of Johnston's Recreational and Community Services, delivered an update on the project. Three agenda items requested council's approval to transfer funds and agreements between the mayor and local contractors to finish several integral pieces of the gym — interior and exterior painting and a fire alarm system.

"We are running short on funds," Polisena told Town Council. "One of the reasons is the cost of materials. It's just ridiculous. I think it's artificial inflation throughout the country, but that's another story. We're asking for another \$200,000. I believe that should be plenty of money to get us through."

Polisena said an unnamed benefactor may be willing to donate the needed cash, however that deal has yet to be finalized.

"As I said before, we have a potential corporate citizen that's helping us out that may write out a .. check for \$200,000," Polisena said. "If he does that then I will put the money right back where it came from ... So I'm asking, so we can complete the project, this has been a long journey. It's unfortunate that things have gone up so crazy. But it is what it is.'

From the project's inception, Polisena has assured Town Council that he has been working hard to secure "in-kind contributions" from local businesses and unions

"We've had a lot of in-kind contributions," Polisena explained to Town Council. "If we didn't have the in-kind contributions that we have now, we'd be over \$1 million. The construction company helps out, the trades union ... but the prices are out of control."

Town Council member Robert Civetti examined the list of work that has been completed at the site, and a list of outstanding tasks. A resolution on the meeting agenda requested a transfer of funds to the Rainone Gym Capital Improvements Fund (although the amount of the transfer was not included on the agenda).

Although Polisena and Correia were requestng only \$200,000, Civetti proposed a larger trans-

"Mayor, based on the list that's here, do you think the \$800,000 is enough or should we go a little bit higher?" Civetti asked. Correia informed Town Council that, year-todate, the project had spent approximately \$591,000 of the tax dollars provided by the town. "I love the generous offer," Polisena said in response to Civetti's question. "This is a town building. It's going to be ours for our children and the children of the future. I don't have to tell all of you, that place up there's jammed." The facility was dedicated to former Johnston Police Chief Anthony Rainone in June 1962, and has provided a safe athletic place for children from Johnston's Thornton neighborhood for more than a half-century. "So this will be great," Polisena said. "This is going to have a whole new look." Polisena turned to Correia and asked, "Do you think the 200 (\$200,000 more from the town) will do it?"



**EXPENSES CLIMB:** Extensive renovations have been underway at the Chief Rainone Gym for more than a year. The project may now cost taxpayers 50 percent more than expected, due to cost overruns. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

"Rather than having you come back," Civetti said to Polisena and Correia.

Councilman Civetti made a motion to amend and adopt the resolution increasing the amount from \$200,000 to \$300,000. Town Councilwoman Linda L. Folcarelli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0.

Town Council also passed a resolution requesting that the Rainone Gym's scoreboard be inscribed acknowledging that it was donated by Mayor Polisena. Councilman Joe Polisena Jr. recused himself from the matter and stepped out of the room for the vote.

Folcarelli made a motion to adopt the resolution; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Lauren A. Garzone. The vote passed 4-0 with Councilman Polisena Jr. recusing.

"We'd like to have the Rainone gym refurbished to assist us in our programming, and we'd like to have open gym time for Johnston youth to play there again," Correia said about the Rainone Gym last June.

Accessibility issues have been challenging at the site for years, both inside and out. Those issues have now been addressed, and just the final touches need to be made before the Rainone Gym provides a safe play place for yet another generation.

We'd like the gym to handle overflow from the new indoor recreation center, which gets quite busy," Correia said in 2021. "Renovations are long overdue."

Town officials have approved of Mayor Polisena's use of hybrid funding approach to rehabilitate the gym roughly half of the nearly \$1 million project (now approximately \$1.3 million project) will be funded by taxpayers, while the other half has been contributed by local unions and businesses donating workers and materials, Correia explained.

"We're working with donations and donated work when possible," Correia said in June 2021. "It's sort of a hybrid approach."

Michael F. Sabitoni, a lifelong Johnston resident and busimanager for the Rhode Island Laborer's District



"Listen, they're in a generous mood," the said that the \$200,000 would be close, but it would still leave a little room for unplanned contingencies. He said \$250,000 would be a little bit better.

Civetti clarified his offer.

Council and also president of the Rhode Island Building Trades Union, has been playing ball in the gym for the past five decades. He and his three sons still utilize the gym, and Sabitoni has been integral helping the project progress.

Sabitoni used his contacts in the building trades to find workers and construction firms with a shared interest in saving the facility.

"Gym space is really at a premium these days," Sabitoni said in 2021. "I can't wait to see it complete. Giving back to the town that I still live in, that I love, my hometown, that makes me happy."

In 2021, Correia said he had hoped the project would be finished by the start of the next school year. A year later, cost overruns and delays have held up the process

The site has also long been plagued by graffiti. The town has installed LED security lights and wants neighbors to remain vigilant, asking they report any suspicious at the construction site.

Mayor Polisena credited his son, Town Council Vicemayor said, referring to Town Council. Correia President Joseph Polisena Jr., with the initial idea to renovate the gym, and request \$600,000 in town funds for the project.

> Town officials agree the project is vital for the residents of the town's Thornton neighborhood.



NATIONAL COMPETITORS: Nine members of Johnston's academic decathlon team competed in the national competition. They each earned a medal for competing. From left to right: Neko Mahony, Emily Pateraude, Alyssa Pascale, Mackenzie Hanna, Christopher LaPlante, Benjamin Annicelli, Cameron Tum and Ariana Medeiros. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

#### Decathlon

(Continued from page 1)

"Academic Decathlon can be a game changer for many of our students," Murphy said. "For the already academically focused, it provides an opportunity to hone communication and leadership skills, as well as a social outlet for work that might usually be solitary in nature. For others, the team setting provides review, new learning, and a chance to learn study strategies from peers. The competitive aspect can make the learning more fun."

Murphy presented two national level silver medals to Annicelli — one for Mathematics and the other for Social Science.

"Field trips, in-person challenges, and interview practice sessions are all some of my favorite, more personalized parts of the experience," Murphy said. "Get-



**AYE AYE CAPTAIN:** Debbie Smyth presents the medal for high score of the national team to Team Captain Mackenzie Hanna.





**STATE CERTIFIED:** Rhode Island state Senate Majority Leader Michael J. McCaffrey (D-Dist. 29, Warwick) and state Rep. Deborah A. Fellela (D-District 43, Johnston) presented citations to outstanding Academic Decathlon competitors from Johnston at a recent State House ceremony. At bottom, Benjamin Annicelli accepted a citation. At top, Team Captain Mackenzie Hanna also accepted a

ence," Murphy said. "Getting to know these students outside of the traditional classroom setting, consistently proves to be a highlight of the school year."

Hanna served as the team's captain. Smyth presented her with a medal for earning the high score of the national team.

"I have participated in academic decathlon since I was a freshman, and it has easily been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had," Hanna said. "This year especially, I feel as if I have learned so much through being the captain, and I could not be more proud of the team. They did an amazing job this year."

**SILVER PAIR:** Kerry Murphy presents two silver medals to Benjamin Annicelli won at the national level for Mathematics and Social Science.

citation. (Sun Rise photos by John Howell)





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**MIGHTY MEMORIAL:** This is the ever-growing Honor Roll Monument inside Johnston War Memorial Park that is open to any service person form the nation's six branches of the service, who are either deceased or in active duty. The special plaques are 6-by-12-inches. (*Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine*)

## Memorial (Continued from page 1)

There is never a fee to attend what's expected to again be an impressive event that will also include special speeches and music provided by the National Awardwinning Johnston High School Music Department.

Likewise, the Johnston Police Department, School Department, Parks and Recreation Department, as well as the ageless Johnston community Center Association, will again present the all-important holiday happening.

Area veterans' organizations, as well as officials from the Johnston Parks & Recreation Department, are still seeking residents and area military personal that would like to reserve a place on the Park's prestigious Memorial Honor Roll.

People who would like to reserve a place on the Park's prestigious Memorial Honor Roll Monument at Saturday's ceremony can purchase a 6-by-12-inch marble plaque.

"The (Memorial) plaque program is open to any service person from the nation's six branches of the service — living or deceased veterans — who ae active or deceased," according to the Johnston Parks & Recreation Department. "Anyone who'd like further information should call ... 401-272-3406."

## Weddings Giana Solitro ~ Blaise Kearns

Giana Solitro and Blaise Kearns were united in marriage March 19, 2022 at Holy Ghost Church in Providence followed by a reception at Lake of Isles in North Stonington, CT.

The bride is the daughter of Anthony and Martha Solitro of Warwick. She has a Bachelor's degree from Endicott College and a Masters degree from American International College. She teaches fourth grade in Easton, MA.

The groom is the son of Kenneth Kearns and Judy Kearns of Troy, NY. He received his Bachelor's



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degree in finance from Endicott College and is a CFA charterholder. He is an investment analyst at Meketa Investment Group.

The bride wore an Allure bridal gown that she bought at Spark Bridal in Cranston, RI. The dress has a full tulle skirt with long lace sleeves and a sweetheart off-the-shoulder illusion neckline. The custom all-lace back was done by Almeida's Bridal Alterations on Park Ave. in Cranston. All of the lace was hand beaded with white and clear beads. She carried a large cascading bouquet with champagne porcelain spray roses, black and white anemones and red black pearl roses.

Jenna Gravel and Abigail Buehrer were matrons of honor. Kristen Solitro, Danielle Potter Dube, Brittany Potter, Natalie Beauparlant and Paige Kearns (sister of groom) were bridesmaids, and Ella Solitro was the flower girl.

Kevin Bennett was best man. Nicholas Solitro (brother of bride), Paul Nichols, Kevin Ray, Mitchell Renfrew and Brendan Griffin were groomsmen, and the ring bearer was Jack Solitro. The couple will be honeymooning in Greece and Italy in July. They now reside in Mansfield, MA.

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In March, Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza responded to early drafts of the legislation.

"I took an oath as a police officer and Chief of Police to uphold the laws of the State of Rhode Island and the ordinances of the Town of Johnston," Razza said, as the bill began to work its way through the General Assembly. "The potential legalization of marijuana and its impact on law enforcement and public safety as a whole will bring new challenges. I am confident that as a police department, we will meet those challenges in the best interest of public safety."

Following testimony and months of discussion on the bill, legislative leaders and the sponsors amended the bill to provide automatic expungement of previous convictions for cannabis possession by July 1, 2024, push the start date of legalized adult recreational sales from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1 and eliminate the current fees charged to patients and caregivers for registration in the state's medical marijuana program, among other changes.

As commercial marijuana legislation made its way through the state legislature, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association (RIPCA) issued a press release aimed at drawing "attention to several public health and safety holes in the legislation that, as drafted could result in immediate detrimental effects for Rhode Islanders if they are not responsibly adand adequately dressed."

"The regulation of commercial marijuana in Rhode Island, if it is to come to pass, must be done so with due concern and care for public health and safety," said Rhode Island State Police Superintendent and RIPCA Executive Director Sidney M. Wordell. "We stand as Rhode Island police chiefs who have a duty to call real and obvious concerns to the attention of our policymakers in state government. Further evaluation of several aspects of the bill is needed in order to support a safe and healthy environment for all Rhode

than they are now."

Both RIPCA and Polisena have expressed concerns with the inability of law enforcement to determine accurately whether drivers have indulged in (now legal) marijuana, prior to getting behind the wheel.

"We're going to see more deaths on the highway," Polisena said. "I hope it's not my family. I hope it's not anyone's family. We'll see what happens. I don't think it's good for the state at all."

The legislation establishes a 10 percent state cannabis excise tax that will be imposed in addition to the 7 percent sales tax, plus a 3 percent local tax for the municipality where the sale takes place.

"The reality is that prohibition does not stop cannabis use," said Miller, who serves as chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. "Since Rhode Islanders can already access cannabis just across the state border or on the illicit market, we experience all the challenges without any of the safeguards or resources that our neighboring states have. With this bill, we are ending prohibition in a way that is safe, keeps revenue in Rhode Island, and is as fair and equitable as we can possibly make it. This bill has been years in the making, and is a collaborative effort to address concerns about protecting medical use, ensuring fair governance and recognizing that we cannot make this transition without taking action to make whole the communities and individuals who have been punished for decades under prohibition."

The legislation will provide for automatic expungement by July 1, 2024, of any prior civil violation, misdemeanor or felony conviction for possession of cannabis that would be decriminalized by the bill, without requiring affected individuals to file a request, pay a fee or have a hearing. It also provides an expedited process by request for those who wish to have their record expunged earlier, according to the press release.

The bill allows a total of 33 licensed cannabis retailers statewide, including the nine approved compassion centers that could become hybrid medical/ recreational retailers, distributed in six zones, according to the press release. Currently, only the three original licensed compassion centers are up and running, but the sponsors believe it's possible that at least some of the six more that were recently approved will be open by Dec. 1, and that it is realistic to expect the hybrid licenses that will allow them to sell to recreational users will be approved by then. The bill aims to reduce barriers to participation for those communities that have long been dispropor-

tionately affected by cannabis prohibition, according to the press release. The proposal uses licensing fees and penalties to fund technical assistance and grants to applicants and communities that have been impacted, and reserves one license in each of the six districts for a social equity licensee and another in each district for a co-op.

"Social equity has been a top concern for us throughout this whole process," Slater said. "Sen. Miller and I represent some of the communities that have suffered disproportionate harm from prohibition for decades, resulting in generational poverty and mass incarceration. The starting line isn't the same for people in poor, urban and minority communities, and they deserve support to ensure they get the full benefit of participating in legalization. I am grateful to my colleagues in the General Assembly for recognizing the importance of expungement of criminal records and equity in licensing, because they are absolutely critical to ending prohibition fairly."

Legislative leaders recognized that the bill is a significant shift in Rhode Island law, one that came as a result of years of work by its sponsors and other legislators, advocacy organizations, law enforcement and many others, according to the press release.

"I thank all the advocates, stakeholders, staff and especially Rep. Scott Slater, who has worked tirelessly on this issue for the past decade," said House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi (D-Dist. 23, Warwick). "The bill represents a strong foundation from which to build the safe, equitable regulation of cannabis for adult use. We are proud that this legislation prioritizes the participation of people most impacted by the past enforcement of cannabis laws both through automatic expungement and the creation of a licensing structure based on social equity."

Said Senate Majority Leader Michael J. McCaffrey (D-Dist. 29, Warwick), called Tuesday "a truly momentous day for Rhode Island."

"I'm deeply grateful to Sen. Miller for his years of hard work and leadership on this issue, and I'm incredibly proud to have been part of reaching this point," McCaffrey said. "I also want to thank President Ruggerio for his support throughout this process. Ending cannabis prohibition helps us right past wrongs while creating new opportunities for all Rhode Islanders. This is the right move, at the right time, for our state." Under the bill, a threemember Cannabis Control Commission will be appointed by the governor

with input from the Speaker of the House and approval from the Senate. That commission will be assisted by a Cannabis Advisory Board and the existing administrative Office of Cannabis Regulation within the Department of Business Regulation. That office will handle the transition to legal recreational use, including issuing hybrid licensing to existing compassion centers and cultivators, according to the press release.

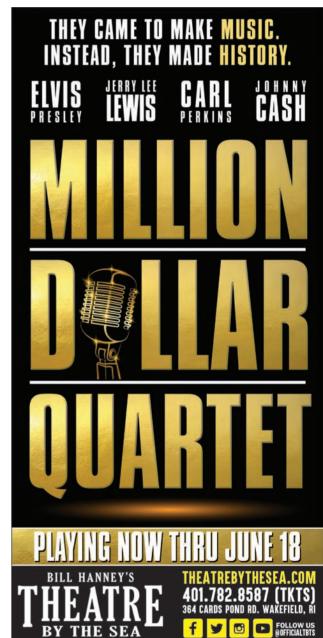
The bill allows municipalities to opt out of allowing marijuana sales in their community by referendum, although those currently hosting compassion centers will not have that option. Those hosting existing licensed cultivators or testing labs will be allowed to opt out, although those facilities will be grandfathered in. The amended bill also adds a procedure for a community that opted out to revisit the issue in later years, and allows municipalities to ban cannabis use in public places by ordinance.

For participants in the state's existing medical marijuana program, the amended bill eliminates the current fees imposed upon patients, authorized purchasers and primary caregivers for registry identification cards and plant tags, effective when adult recreational sales begins on Dec. 1. The amendment also extends to March 1, 2023, the deadline for those with out-ofstate medical marijuana cards to provide government-issued identification from the same jurisdiction.

(Staff Writer Rory Schuler contributed to this report.)







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Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena said he has major concerns with the legislation. "I quite frankly, am not

"I quite frankly, am not for it,"Polisena said. "I think that they rushed it through. They totally ignored law enforcement, which is insulting to the men and the women who protect us every day. They totally ignored the police chiefs, what they had to say, and their concerns. I predict it's going to make the roads more unsafe

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## Pair receives inaugural Tamburini Scholarships

#### By PETE FONTAINE

Back on December 11 of last year, dozens upon dozens of admirers showed up when the Town of Johnston renamed and dedicated — Johnston police headquarters on Atwood Avenue the Chief Richard S. Tamburini Safety Complex.

Amid special speeches by dignitaries including Mayor Joseph M. Polisena and the state's federal officials such as U.S. Sen. Jack Reed, Johnston Police Detective James Seymour, who serves as president of IBPO Local 307, made an announcement that met with applause aplenty.

That's because Seymour told a standing room-only crowd inside the Johnston Senior Center that Local 307 was establishing The Chief Richard S. Tamburini Criminal Justice Scholarship and would present a \$1,000 award to a senior male and a female student at Johnston High School.

Last Thursday night, Seymour, who was accompanied by Lt. David Loffler, JPD School Resource Officer Louis Cotoia, and Tamburini, awarded the initial grants during Johnston High School's Senior Honor Awards Night.

"The Johnston Police Department recognized the need for high school students to be able to access quality educational opportunities at the college level," Seymour told an attentive audience. "The Johnston Police Union Established the Richard S. Tamburini Scholarship and Education Fund in the Chief's honor."

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**CHIEF'S CORNER:** Now retired JPD Chief Richard S. Tamburini had the honor of presenting a scholarship in his name to JHS seniors Emily lannuccilli and Ryan Schino during last Thursday's Senior Honors Awards Night. They're joined by Local 307 President Detective James Seymour, Lt. David Loffler and School Resource Officer Louis Cotoia. (*Photo submitted by Gina Schino*)



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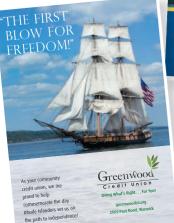
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FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: JHS Principal Dr. Donna Pennachia is all smiles as she presents the Carcieri-Webber Family Scholarship to Denise Robinson.

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Seymour also related, before introducing the legendary and now-retired former JPD chief who served for three decades with Providence Police and the remainder of his 55-year career with the JPD: "The opportunity for higher education is more difficult than ever due to the high cost of college tuition." After a special introduction, Tamburini began: "First, tonight I must congratulate the entire Johnston High Scholl Class of 2022. Your parents, family, teachers and the entire school community y are very proud of your success and accomplishments; all are eager to see your dreams become a reality." Tamburini then offered: "I am incredibly honored to have the Richard S. Tamburini Scholarship recognize my law enforcement career. Not many of us live to see our legacy play out in such a meaning and remarkable way." The ex-Chief then made it official saying, "tonight two deserving Johnston High school graduates will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This is made possible by the Johnston Police Union. At this time it is indeed my pleasure to introduce this year's recipients: Emily Iannuccilli and Ryan Schino.

Emily is the daughter of JFD Deputy Chief Dave Iannuccilli, who will enroll in Criminal Justice at Nicholas

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College in September and hopes to become a lawyer. She starred in basketball and fast-pitch softball at JHS and also won the PTSO Scholarship, Honey Dew Donuts Scholarship and Hopkins Family Memorial Scholarship. She will continue playing softball at Nichols College. She also won the RI Amy National Guard Scholar-Athlete Award.

Ryan is the son of Paul and Gina Schino. He plans to enroll at the University of New England in Maine and will also study criminal justice and is focused on becoming a lawyer. He was a standout for JHS' Panthers football team and will continue his gridiron career at the University of New England. Ryan also won the Hopkins Family Memorial Scholarship, the prestigious David S. Francazio Esq. Jurisprudence Scholarship (which was presented by Nicole M. Corbin, Esq.). He also won the Hopkins Family Memorial Scholarship.



# spotlight on BUSINESS **Wonderful Whirl, LLC.** Explore the website at www.wonderfulwhirl.com to see it all



**By JENNIFER COATES** 

For some people, inspiration comes all at once, like a flash of lightening. For others, it comes as little glimmers of light that appear over the course of time, revealing themselves like a sunrise until their brightness fills the whole room! For Danielle Zarrella, a mother and graphic designer, the inspiration for her newly incorporated business, Wonderful Whirl, LLC, took place in both those sudden "Ah-ha" moments and in those quiet reflective moments over time. It's as though Zarrella has been preparing to share Wonderful Whirl her whole life! Wonderful Whirl, LLC. has been several years in the making for this mother of two-anda-half-year-old Winslow and soon-tobe baby boy #2! Drawing upon those accumulated moments of inspiration and compelled by a search to find whimsical and captivating flash cards for her little boy, Zarrella built her children's educational products and décor business. A quick peruse of her website illustrates what words alone cannot, that there is nothing more creative than the work of teaching, stimulating, and exciting children as they learn. Using unique and colorful images, Zarrella's products and décor items teach; they stimulate curiosity; they excite children about the world around them. This is exactly what Danielle Zarrella accomplishes with the beautiful and enchanting collection of thoughtfully-curated products she has designed for Wonderful Whirl. The title of her business is a nod to her late father ~ her biggest advocate and fan ~ who loved to belt out the unforgettable song "What a Wonderful World!" Her dad taught her that life really is one big "wonderful whirl!"

Zarrella, whose professional training as a graphic designer began as a student at Pace University in New York City, launched this fledgling business after an exhaustive process. She drafted a business plan, sought out manufacturers,



Danielle Zarrella, seen here with her son Winslow, has created a collection of engaging educational products and décor items. Check out the website of Wonderful Whirl to learn more! Free shipping for orders of \$50 or more!

registered the business, developed the website, and took all her creative energy as a professional graphic designer of 11 years and translated them into these instructional and engaging works of art. Her products include 4" by 6" flash cards with matching educational posters, growth/height charts, framed wall art and downloadable prints.

Each of these products is unique and original - there is nothing like them in conventional retail markets. Though playful and charming, the products are not cartoony or commercial looking. There are flowers, vintage animal designs, geometric shapes and more. Danielle designed every product with intent and with research to offer the most visual appeal

but also the most educational value. The colors are vibrant and bold, soft and pastel. There is something for children of all ages, from sweet Winslow's age all the way through schoolage

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# Sports Panthers fall in season finale

#### By RYAN D. MURRAY

The Johnston Lady Panthers were topped 14-6 by the Ponaganset Lady Chieftains last Wednesday during the final game of their Division III lacrosse regular season.

The Lady Chieftains got four goals apiece from Ella Dexter and Brook Batista, while Mitzie Westgate recorded three goals and two assists. Jaina Yekelchik and Christiana Goncalves also found the back of the net for Ponaganset with two goals, and a goal, respectively, while Hannah Parker added an assist.

Johnston was led by sophomores Hannah Lavergne, who registered four goals, and Kaylee Poole, a goal and an assist.

"Hannah and Kaylee have been strong all season with the goal scoring," Lady Panthers head coach Jay Areson said. "Those are the two that we look forward to. Sam Marcotte, a very good passer, distributes the ball really well. The middies played really well too."

Rachel Ixcotoyac, a senior, also scored a goal for Johnston, while Marcotte and Haliee McDaniel finished with an assist apiece.

Ponaganset junior goalkeeper Skyla Picard made 14 saves and Riley Guenette made ten for Johnston.

ley Guenette made ten for Johnston. "Riley's been solid all year," Areson said. "She's been making some phenomenal saves. She's kept us in a lot of ball games . . . They're all young, Riley's a sophomore, so it's going to look pretty good in a

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SEASON FINALE: Johnston's Kaylee Poole takes the ball up the field last week. (Photos by Ryan D. Murray)





## Senior sendoff

The Johnston High School baseball and softball teams recently celebrated their Senior Nights. The baseball seniors included Joe Silvia, Jeremy Urena, Joe Vento, Cam Salois, Dante Ricci and Joey Acciardo (pictured with coach Joe Acciardo). The softball team's seniors are Courtni Beaulieu, Victoria Butler, Charlene Hohlmaier and Emily lannuccilli. For more photos, check out page 18. (Submitted photos)











Seniors Joey Acciardo, Dante Ricci and Cam Salois with their families.



Seniors Joe Silvia, Jeremy Urena and Joe Vento with their families.





Courtni Beaulieu, Victoria Butler, Charlene Hohlmaier and Emily lannuccilli with their families.



Pictured at left is Johnston senior ace pitcher Jeremy Urena, who helped the Panthers hand Westerly its first league loss last Friday. Urena struck out 12 batters while Johnston earned the 4-3 decision. Urena also had two hits and a run scored at the plate.





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IN THE CAGE: Johnston goalie Riley Guenette looks to clear the ball from the zone.



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**UP THE FIELD**: Hannah Lavergne takes the ball up the field against Ponaganset.

#### Panthers

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couple years."

The Lady Panthers finished the season with a final record of 4-8 after moving down from DII to DIII this year.

Last year, Johnston went winless, but this year, they won four games in a row at the end of the season.

"We went on a nice little winning streak at the beginning of May, which was nice," Areson said. "The girls' boosted their confidence a lot coming into today. The girls were very happy, and they've built a lot of confidence moving ahead.'

All in all, Areson considers this year to be a successful one, and he believes the future looks bright.

"I'm very happy with the way the season turned out this year," Areson concluded. "Coming off of last year, Division II, 0-12 was a tough thing. It was good to see the girls smiling and get a couple wins. Young team, 12 sophomores. So, moving forward, it looks good. "They don't give up. These girls never give up, which is a nice feeling to have and a nice character moving forward."

The Lady Panthers were awarded the No. 10 seed in the D-III playoffs and played in the preliminary round at No. 7 Classical on Tuesday evening, but that score was unavailable at press time.

## Striped bass now have a rebound plan

#### By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

Striped bass are in big trouble. They are overfished, means that the number of spawning stripers in the population are below established goals. And, overfishing is occurring, which means that anglers and commercial harvesters coast-wide are taking too many stripers from the water.

If we do not start to rebuild the fishery we will fish them into extinction. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) instituted Amendment 7 to the striped bass management plan to correct the situation. The ASMFC managers fish stocks coast wide in State waters from shore to the three-mile limit.

Earlier this month the ASMFC's Striped Bass Board met to consider Amendment 7 initiatives after an extensive public comment period on proposed changes.

Some major progress was made to stabilize the stock. The following are highlights on initiatives approved by the Board with comments by Tony Friedrich, Vice President/National Policy Director, for the American Saltwater Guides Association (ASGA). Visit www.saltwaterguidesassociation.com for detailed information articles.

#### Management triggers

The Fishing Mortality (F) and Spawning Stock Biomass (SSB) management triggers (how we measure a stock's health) were keep strong rather than weakened, while adding a new requirement to put a rebuilding plan in place within two years of determining the stock is overfished.

#### **Recreational release mortality**

Gaffs will now be illegal to use on striped bass. Stripers caught by non-approved methods must be safely returned to the water, and it is recommended that states conduct outreach on the best catch and release practices and educate anglers.

#### **Rebuilding plans**

Striped bass can now start to be rebuilt under a low-recruitment scenario. Furthermore, if the stock assessment in October says we are in serious trouble, the Board can act swiftly to rebuild (still affording opportunities for public comment) rather than initiate a drawn-out addendum process.

#### Conservation equivalency

Many ASMFC commissioners felt that reforming Conservation Equivalency (CE) was the most important — and the most controversial — action needed to help striped bass as part of this amendment. Conservation Equivalency allows states to use different measures (regulations) to reach desired harvest limits if a state could scientifically prove and get the measured approved. The Board felt that CE should not be used short term with striped bass. CE had been systematically abused by some states in the past leading to more overfishing. CE can no longer be used if the stock is overfished (below the SSB threshold). We are in a severely overfished state right now. Once we get above the threshold, CE proposals cannot use Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) estimates with a percent standard error (PSE) of greater than 40.

#### What's next?

The ASGA believes the Commission system is broken and they need to act more responsibly when managing fisheries. "We should have taken the appropriate action in 2014 when we found out the stock would be overfished in a few years. But, with the flexibility of ASMFC, we ignored it," said Tony Friedrich of the American Saltwater Guides Association. "Striped bass management is just a symptom of the problem. Reforming the commission is the cure."

#### Where's the bite?

Freshwater. The freshwater bite for largemouth bass was outstanding this week as the fish are feeding still in the pre-spawn mode. "Turner Reservoir in East Providence has been producing largemouth for customers using shiners, and the trout bite has slowed at Willet Avenue Pond." said

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**BASS BITE**: John DiMarco with a largemouth bass he caught in Portsmouth, RI on his kayak with a Booyah jig. (Submitted photo)

John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside.

Tautog bite slowed a bit this week we fished the west side of Jamestown on mussel beds and managed just one keeper. No fish to speak of in the General Rock, North Kingstown area. Manny Macedo of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren said, "Tautog fishing has slowed. With an enhanced scup bite many anglers are experiencing scup sealing their crabs before the tautog get a chance to bite it." "Some anglers are hooking up with small keepers at Kettle Point but overall a lot of shorts are being caught all the way up to India Point, Providence," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle.

Striped bass/bluefish. East End Eddy Doherty said, "A huge school of school striped bass were breaking at 2:00 a.m. last week, but wouldn't stop to eat on their journey east, turning down an assortment of lures at every stage of the water column. Most of the slots and some fish bigger than 20 pounds were caught at first light on surface plugs like the Guppy JoBo." Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence, said, "Customers are catching bluefish in the Bay." Fishing in Greenwich Bay for bluefish was good this weekend. Angler Steve Burstein of North Kingstown kept four fish caught in about 40 minutes trolling lures. John Littlefield said "The bluefish have arrived and are pushing the pogies up on the surface. We are just starting to see this (hopefully there are bass underneath). Anglers are trolling from Sabin Point to Godard Park and catching stripers with some keepers mixed in. Customer Albert Bettencourt trolled tube & work in the Conimicut Light area and caught a 41 and a 32-inch striped bass. Anglers fishing the Barrington Beach area from boats are doing well with slot limit size fish." Manny Macedo of Lucky Bait said, "This weekend was very good for striped bass fisherman. Catching under, over and slot limit fish. Soft plastic baits worked well as fish were chasing small baits. And at the end of last week we had a lot of pogies in the water with anglers doing well from the Mt. Hope Bridge to the Sakonnet Bridge."

Fluke (summer flounder)/squeteague fishing is picking up along the coastal shore, much earlier than usual. Block Island fishing has been good too. "The squeteague are biting in Greenwich Bay and in the Barrington River where an angler caught a nice fish from the bridge," said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle. On Saturday, May 21, 2022 Peter Johnson of Connecticut said, "I limited out on fluke in eighty feet of water in the Block Island Wind Farm area." Peter is a firm believer in going light. He uses 15-pound braid, jigs and stingers tipped with gulp and sometimes squid strips. Angler Rich Hittinger said he and Bob Murray limited out on fluke about five miles from the wind farm.

Dave Monti holds a captain's master license and charter fishing license. He serves on a variety of boards and commissions and has a consulting business focusing on clean oceans, habitat preservation, conservation, renewable energy, and fisheries related issues and clients. Forward fishing news and photos to dmontifish@ verison.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com

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## Panthers compete in Class Championships

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Johnston outdoor track and field team was in action last weekend during the Class B Championships at Coventry High School.

Alaysia Royal finished fourth in the 100 dash while Taylor Powell took sixth behind her. Powell later took third in the 200 dash, followed by Royal in fourth.

Johnston's relay team of Royal, Powell, Jennelle Fernandez and Keyari Dandy took third in the 400.

Ayomide Olagundoye placed fifth in the triple jump for the Panthers, while teammate Milana Melvin took fourth in the shot put and eighth in the discus. Talia Laflamme finished ninth in the shot put and sixth in the discus.

Nicholas Rianna finished fifth in the 100 dash for the boys. Johnston's relay team of Rianna, Xavier Thomas, Dylan Robbins and Anthony Gawlik placed sixth in the 400. Gawlik later took seventh in the long jump.

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# **Geared up for Gaspee Days** and the Brits are coming

**CALLING THE ASSEMBLY TO ORDER:** The **Pawtuxet Rangers** marched to the park signaling the noon start to Gaspee Days festivities. (Beacon Communications photos)

## **EVENTS STARTED WITH WALKING TOUR,** TO END JUNE 12 WITH BURNING





**By JOHN HOWELL** 

THE REDCOATS HAVE ARRIVED: Rhode Island state Rep. Joseph M. McNamara chats with British Naval Commander Steven White, Great Britain's Consul General for New England Dr. Peter Abbott OBE, and Commander Simon Rogers, of Her Majesty's Royal Navy. (Beacon photo by John Howell)

#### It's official: Gaspee Days are here.

And this being the 250th anniversary of the burning of the Gaspee, this year's celebration is of special significance, even the Brits are taking notice. Peter Abbott, the British general counsel in Boston, who was here earlier this month for the announcement that funds have been raised for the search for the schooner, plans to return for the parade on June 11 at the invitation of Warwick/Cranston Rep. Joseph McNamara. McNamara said Abbott plans to march with him in the parade. It's hardly the first time that visitors from across "the pond" have attended the parade or been recognized by the Gaspee Days Committee. Three years ago descendants of William Dudingston, of Scotland and captain of the Gaspee, were welcomed by the committee and Dr. John Concannon.

To start it all off this year the Pawtuxet Rangers in their red woolen uniforms led the way Saturday to the gazebo at Pawtuxet Park, marching past more than three dozen elementary school students in colonial attire. Following the declarations and the proclamations, it was the kids who put on the opening performance marking this year the anniversary of the burning of the HMS Gaspee as she was fast aground on Namquid Point off Warwick. The students largely from Wyman and St. Peter Schools played the roles of Pawtuxet residents from the 1700s including merchants, judges, jail keepers, grave digger, boat builders and yes, even students.

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## Van Gogh as never seen before

#### By DON FOWLER

Billed as an "Immersive Experience," the current exhibition of Van Gogh artworks at the Providence Convention Center is like nothing you have ever seen before.

The multi-media, multi-surface projections of over 300 artworks are displayed floor to ceiling, appearing and disappearing around you.

The colorful display literally immerses you in color and sound, as familiar paintings like "The Starry Night" and "Sunflowers" fade in and out, followed by less familiar works. At one point, all Van Gogh's selfportraits are shown together.

The display starts with large signage with quotes and historical information about the artist and his work, leading to a room filled with colorful movements that put you in the mood for the main exhibit.

For the next 37 minutes, you are surrounded by still and moving art accompanied by soft symphonic music. There are a few seats available for those requiring them.

Cameras are welcome and were in most hands, as the opening night crowd took stills and moving shots with everything from cell phones to professional equipment.

The show has a living museum atmosphere, and like all museums, there is a gift shop as you leave filled with everything Van Gogh, from posters to hats.

Tickets are available only online at @ vangoghprovidence.com.

Only a certain number are allowed at a time. Information online is constantly updated to show the number of tickets available.

Regular adult tickets are \$39.99. Peak times (Friday through Sunday) are \$49.99. The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily through July 8.

Children's tickets (ages 5-15) at \$23.99. Groups of eight or more are \$33.99. VIP tickets, good any time, with additional perks, are \$73.99.

#### DOWNTON ABBEY: A New Era

Fans of the popular PBS series "Downton Abbey" will be pleased with the second feature film about their beloved British upstairs/downstairs characters in this twohour delightful film.

We never watched the TV program but were still able to follow the characters and how they related to each other.

The incredible Maggie Smith is at the center of this one, once again playing the matriarch of the family.

An old "friend" has left her a villa in the south of France and her son (Hugh Bonneville), wife Cora (Elizabeth McGovern), daughter and butler pay a visit, trying to understand why a long ago acquaintance would leave a mansion to her.

Meanwhile, a silent movie crew has made arrangements to use downtown to film their new movie. The family has mixed feelings about the intrusion into their peaceful lifestyle, while the servants are all excited about seeing movie stars. Relationships are formed while cultural clashes cause a few problems. It is the late 1920s and the talkies are quickly replacing silent movies. The haughty female lead has one horrible voice and voice overs are provided by Lady Mary, causing more problems. The three lifestyles (the wealthy aristocrats, the modern movie people and the servants) clash and come together to provide some funny and beautiful scenes. There is a good supply of British humor, much of it provided by Maggie Smith. The acting, the costumes, the background, Downton and the French villa all add to the story. If you are not a fan, "Downton Abbey: A New Era" will make you one. The movie is rated PG and should bring a lot of folks back to movie theaters. "Downton Abbey: A New Era" is playing at the Warwick Showcase, Apple Cinemas and the Avon.



NETFLIX

#### **OUTLANDER – Season 5**

I've never been a big fan of time travel movies or series. "Back to the Future" was an exception. "Outlander" is another.

The love story of Jamie (the rough and gruff 1700s outlander) and Claire –(the 1900s Boston doctor) grabbed hold of me in Season 1 and never let go.

Action, adventure, history, conflict, crisp dialogue and romance galore fill the hour-long series, with the ending of each episode begging you to watch another.

Claire's daughter, young son and college professor husband have time traveled to the past to join the family homestead at Frazer's Ridge in the Carolina wilderness.

The British are still in control but are being challenged by a group

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of revolutionaries. Jamie gets caught in the middle.

Claire practices medicine without the luxury of modern tools and medicine, trying desperately to educate the locals.

War is imminent as this season ends with a brutal kidnapping scene. Can't wait for more.

#### THE LINCOLN LAWYER

Joyce is a fan of Michael Conley's crime novels.

Netflix has turned "The Lincoln Lawyer," based on the lawyer Michael Haller into a series.

He is called the Lincoln lawyer because he does most of his work out of his car, using one of his former clients as his driver.

He is estranged from his first wife who he continues to court after a brief second marriage with his secretary. His first wife is an assistant DA, while he is a defense lawyer, causing conflict.

Michael is a flawed character, fresh out of rehab and taking over clients from his murdered friend.

He juggles a few minor cases while involved in a major murder trial involving a wealthy entrepreneur accused of killing his wife and her lover.

Manuel Garcia-Rulfo is very good as the Lincoln lawyer.

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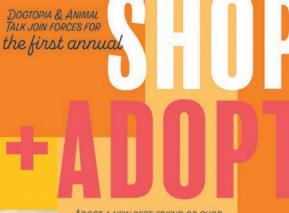




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It's starting to feel like summer but Winter is ready to go home with you! This sweet cuddle bug was found as a stray and no one ever reclaimed her so now she is in search of a loving forever home. Winter is a beautiful mixed breed with a snow white coat and soulful chocolate brown eyes that are filled with love! She is smart, lovable and is remaining hopeful that you'll be coming for her! Winter wants to be your one and only princess so that she will get all of the cuddles, no other pets for her. Please contact Warwick Animal Shelter at 401-468-4377 for more information about how you can meet Winter and maybe you will be the lucky one who gets to adopt her!

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#### ■ Gaspee (Continued from page 21)

The walking tour offered an insight to village life in colonial times and history on the houses on the way. Parents and friends were there to help along the way, providing snacks and plenty of water. They were also the fan club, congratulating the kids on their performances and laughing at the appropriate times.

The walking tour included such as destinations the James and Malachi Rhodes house, Pawtuxet School, H.L. Johnson house, William Rhodes mansion, Greene cemetery, Carder Tavern and Pawtuxet Armory.

As Rep. Joseph McNamara, who served as master of ceremonies warned, it was Cranston's turn to read the longest of the proclamations. Mayor Ken Hopkins set the stage to the incident and how the captain of the Gaspee, William Dudingston was despised for stopping vessels and extracting a share of what they were carrying; How the colonial ship the Hannah lured the Gaspee over the shoals on an ebbing time and then how that evening on June 9, 1772, John Brown of Providence rallied an estimated 60 men who rowed long boats out to the Gaspee under cover of darkness to set her ablaze.

The incident has been coined "the first blow for freedom" in a series of incidents leading up to the declaration of independence and the Revolutionary War.

"The burning of the British navy schooner Gaspee is an event that is unique in Rhode Island history as it is officially recognized by the British as the very first overt act of treason and considered an act of war," said Hopkins.

Hopkins recognized the Days committee's Gaspee efforts, saying these individuals were committed to preserving the memory of this event "so that we do not forget the crucial role that Rhode Island played in the American Revolution."

McNamara also shared that the tour had individuals representing Native Americans that participated in the Gaspee affair. He said the youngest person who partook in the event was an indentured servant who was African American and Native American. He had been rowing to Bristol when a couple of long boats came across the bay and said they needed him to help. He put down the anchor and joined the crew; coordinating the search starting he was one of the individuals in July.

who rowed Gaspee Lt. William Dudingston, l who had been shot, to Stillhouse Cove to get medical assistance.

Mayor Frank Picozzi deferred reading Warwick's proclamation. He said that not until he was mayor did he learn of the work that goes into staging all of the Gaspee events and how much fun the whole experience can be.

"Last year, I had the privilege of being involved as the mayor and I saw the dedication and passion of all the volunteers and how much everyone enjoyed it. And boy, I get it now. And I will never miss another Gaspee event in my life," said Picozzi.

He commended Gaspee Days Committee chair Steve Miller and those who have put it all together.

Upcoming events during Day Memorial Weekend include the arts and crafts festival on Narragansett Parkway in Warwick which will take place from May 28 to May 30. On the 28th and 29th, the festival will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On the 30th, the festival will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will also be a Gaspee Days block party on May 28 in Pawtuxet Park which will go from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Individuals must be 21+ to enter and proof of age will be required. For this event, Salters Groove, RI Bucket Drummers and Neal and the Vipers will provide the music.

Celebrations continue Saturday, June 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. with the Symphony on the Park followed at 9 p.m. with fireworks at Salter's Grove. The following Saturday, June 11opens with an ecumenical serice at Trinity Episcopal Church for 8 to 9:30 a.m.; the 5K foot race at 9:30 a.m.and the Gaspee Days Parade that steps off at 10 a.m. Meanwhile, there will be a colonial encampment that Saturday and Sunday at Pawtuxet Park.

On Sunday starting at 11 a.m. there will be a blessing of the fleet at Rhode Island Yacht Club; music in Pawtuxet Park from noon until 4 p.m. and the burning of the Gaspee at 3 p.m.

Yet, there could be somewhat of an encore to all that is Gaspee this year.

Thanks to the efforts of a local group, more than \$35,000 has been raised to hunt for the remains of the Gaspee. Investigator Dr. Kathy Abbass of the Rhode Island Marine Archaeology, who has identified 10 pre-revolutionary war in Rhode Island waters will be

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Memorial Day Weekend **Arts and Crafts Festival**

Saturday May 28th - 10 am to 5 pm Sunday May 29th - 10 am - 5 pm Monday May 30th -10 am - 4:30 pm Narragansett Parkway in Warwick Come enjoy a day outside where shopping, eating, music and friends are all brought together in one place! The Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts Festival is a free, fun, and family-friendly experience that showcases over 100 fine artisans, community groups, and non-profits where you will find one-of-a-kind arts and delicious craft fair eats. Over the course of three days, Pawtuxet Park fills with live music by our hand-picked local bands while children enjoy the many amusements available. Over 60,000 people will walk up and down Narragansett Parkway on Memorial Day Weekend, enjoying the atmosphere of this long-time tradition. Music each day 1 – 4 pm by: May 28: Rob Davis May 29: D Train May 30: Sundance

#### Gaspee Days Arts & Crafts **Block Party Fundraiser**

May 25th - 6 to 11 pm Aspray Boat House & Patio, Pawtuxet Park, Warwick, RI Proof of age required 21+ NO children or coolers. Salters Groove: 6 - 7:30 pm RI Bucket Drummers: 7:30 - 8 pm Neal and the Vipers: 8:00 -11:00 pm

Come join us for a night of drinks, music, and neighborhood fun! Admission is limited to individuals 21 years of age and older. IDs will be checked at the gate and police will be in attendance. Admission and drink tickets may be purchased with cash or credit Coolers, pets, and children are prohibited at this event.

#### Warwick Symphony Concert and Fireworks

Saturday June 4th, 6 pm Concert (rain date 6/5) 9:00 pm Pawtuxet Park, Narragansett Parkway, Warwick RI Join us for an evening in the park with music, fireworks. Our Symphony in the Park showcases The Warwick Symphony Orchestra as they perform a carefully curated collection of musical masterpieces. At the end of the night, the event culminates with a spectacular display of fireworks set off in Salter's Grove but visible throughout all of Pawtuxet Village! We encourage you to bring a chair or blanket to make yourself comfortable. The fireworks begin at 9:00 pm and are graciously provided by the City of Warwick. Music by:

Gooseberry Road: 5 - 6:30 pm Warwick Symphony Orchestra: 7 - 8 pm

#### **Ecumenical Service Saturday**

June 11th 8:00-9:30 am Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranston RI Gaspee Days Committee kicks off our largest celebration day with a solemn, non-denominational gathering at Trinity Church and take just a few moments to honor all the things that have allowed us to turn Gaspee

#### Gaspee Days 5K Foot Race

Saturday June 11th 9:30 am Scottish Rite, Cranston RI Race the parade and run along the famed red, white, and blue parkway. There is a strict time limit for this event as the parade directly follows the race. Start Time: 9:30am EDT

End Time: 10:30am EDT

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#### Gaspee Days Parade -**250th Anniversary**

Saturday June 11th 10 am

Narragansett Parkway, Warwick to Broad Street Cranston The Gaspee Days Committee will celebrate Rhode Island's 250th revolutionary history of Rhode Islander's burning of the HMS Gaspee in Narragansett Bay with our annual parade. Combining colonial groups from all over with our modern and vibrant community, this is truly a show not to miss! Each year, friends, and neighbors crowd along a two-mile stretch of Narragansett Parkway anxiously awaiting the march of the parade. Be it the fife and drums corps, the fire trucks, or the Shriners in their miniature cars, everyone has a favorite to look forward to!

#### **Colonial Encampment**

Saturday June 11th 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Sunday June 12th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Pawtuxet Park, Warwick

Come immerse yourself in the colonial atmosphere or our encampment and gain a feeling of what life was like in the 1700s. Throughout Gaspee Days Parade weekend and during Sunday in the Park, a collection of historical militias will be camped out in authentic revolutionary style - no plumbing, no electricity, and no cell phones! This Gaspee Days featurette is brought to you in collaboration with the Pawtuxet Rangers, RIM, our local, all-volunteer historical militia

#### **Blessing of the Fleet**

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Bring your boat to the waters off the RI Yacht Club to get blessed and participate in the Gaspee Days parade of boats! Even if you don't have a boat, all are welcome to come watch the event from the Rhode Island Yacht Club lawn.

#### Sunday in the Park

Sunday, June 12th 12 pm - 4:00 pm Pawtuxet Park, Warwick

Come enjoy a beautiful day in the park while we wrap up Gaspee Days with live music performances, colonial maneuvers, and the famed reenactment of the burning of the HMS Gaspee! All day long, you can enjoy activities including children's games, our Annual Gaspee Days Raffle drawing, and watch the cannon go off and burn down our Gaspee silhouette. Join in as the Blackstone Valley Amateur Radio Club attempts to reach out to the world with the story of the Gaspee burning. Music by: The Eclipse: 12:30-3:30 pm

#### **Burning of the HMS Gaspee**

Sunday, June 12th 4 pm SHARP Pawtuxet Park, Warwick Join us in the celebration of Gaspee Days, we reenact the event that started it all with a symbolic burning of the ship that sparked the American Revolution - come celebrate it with us! The event begins promptly at 4 pm

The Gaspee Days Committee is a civic-minded nonprofit organization that operates many community events in and around Pawtuxet Village, including the famous Gaspee Days Parade each June. These events are all designed to commemorate the burning of the hated British reve schooner, HMS Gaspee, by Rhode Island patriots in 1772 as America's First Blow for Freedom





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As an auctioneer there is nothing more exciting than auction day. Think about it, prior to an auction there are months of cataloging, photography, curating the merchandise, and everything else in between that builds up to your one-day performance. While it is fun, there is also a lot of pressure riding on that one day. You hope everything performs to its highest of expectations and even more! Sometimes that happens, other times not, but the point is during the auction while it is fun it is hard to cut completely loose. However, throughout the year we are emblazoned with scattered opportunities to rock out, MC, or be a standup comedian. Enter the charity auction.

Honestly, charity auctions are by far the most fun you can have as an auctioneer. You have an engaged smiling crowd that is drinking, eating, and just having fun. It can't get any better. Most recently I had the joy of returning to the Annual Gamm Gala for the Gamm Theatre in Warwick, Rhode Island. Due to COVID there was no in-person event last year, so it was great to be back! There were five donated lots that crossed the block from a weekend getaway in Maine to hosting a private garden luncheon party for you and twenty-five friends. All the proceeds went towards the Gamm to expand their facilities to enhance the education of their students with a matched grant from the state. It was an awesome night. If you happen to be reading this saying "hey, I need a charity auctioneer!" feel free to reach out. We are always happy to help. It's great getting to have a stress free auction.



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## Tech Talk **3D printed homes?** Who would have thought?



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We've come a long way with technology for the home over the past 50 years. From micro-

wave ovens, digital thermostats, energy efficient appliances and mechanics to WIFI, smart tv's, surveilvideo lance etc. But who

would have thought of the ability to build a home from a 3D

printer??? Well, here we are in 2022 doing just that!

The process is a combined effort of the designers, plumbers, electricians, roofers etc. and automated process for footings, pouring foundations, interior and exterior walls. 3D printing process allows for an efficient, ecofriendly, cost effective way to keep the product affordable and less time consuming with less waste.

Check out the video at this YouTube link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IxVPpkkWXI

### Market Matters **Rates on the rise!!**

As expected for 2022, we are starting to see a changing Real Estate market with the recent interest rate increases and promises of more to come.

Although a 5-6% rate seems high compared to the last few years of historic lows at 2-3%, the current rates are still considerably low and affordable for many qualified buyers.

Seller inventory remains low, although slightly increasing from the past year.

If you're in the process of buying a home, it's nore important than ever to have a strong plan Partner with a trusted real estate advisor and lender to strategize so you can achieve your dream of homeownership.

## laking home décor outdoors **Planning gardens** for color throughout the year

#### **By DONNA DeLAURO**

pring flowers and gardens are really starting to pop with beautiful colors to compliment your property.

When planning your landscape seek professional advice for best plantings for your local climate.

Think about your lot size and shape, and plan your desired trees, shrubs, flowers and mulch for optimal viewing pleasure.

It is nice to see some color in all seasons. Even in Winter months you can enjoy landscape colors. Evergreens, like Arborvitaes that are pretty all year are a nice low maintenance choice. They can be kept trimmed for garden compliments or grown tall for privacy. Holly shrubs are also nice year round greens with beautiful red berries when planted correctly. Boxwood shrubs are pretty as well.

Best of all these are great cuttings for wreaths, garland and other decorative accents to bring indoors all year. Add these greens to flower arrangements to keep your home cheerful during dreary Winter months.

Spring blossoms on trees like Dogwoods, Cherry Blossom, and Magnolias are nice for early Spring color along with Azalea and Forsythia shrubs. Tulips, Hyacinth, Daffodils, Crocus and Grape Hyacinth's are pretty early Spring perennial's that are pleasing to the eye. and some offer wonderful scents as well.

Daylillies, Hydrangeas, Dianthus, Roses, Daisy's and so many others are

Summer perennial's that will keep your yard looking beautiful without a lot of work. Fall flowers like Aster, Sedum, Black Eyed Susan, Mum's and of course Sun Flowers will

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## Pros and cons to open-concept homes

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Open-concept homes have become increasingly popular in recent years. An open-concept home is one in which the rooms flow into one another with limited obstruction from walls or other barriers. According to the National Association of Home Builders, 84 percent of new single-family homes have fully or partially open layouts.

While they may seem like a new trend, open floor plans are anything but. Early American homes featured open, often one- or two-room units built around the central kitchen/hearth. This maximized warmth and functionality. Homes evolved as incomes grew, and soon homes had several smaller rooms with specialized functions.

What's old has become new again. However, before diving head first into a new home purchase or a big renovation to realize an open-concept dream, consider the pros and cons of this type of setup to determine if it's really right for you.

#### Advantages of open floor plans

Open floor plans facilitate the flow of natural light throughout a space and can promote air flow, helping to reduce warm or cool pockets of air in otherwise closed-off rooms.

Open homes make socializing easier, even when people are doing different things. While someone is cooking dinner in the kitchen, he or she can still interact with someone else playing video games in the family room or paying bills in the home office. Entertaining also is easier, as mingling with guests is much more convenient when walls are not getting in the way.

A smaller home can feel much larger if it employs an open concept. The square footage is not divided into smaller quarters, which sometimes are rooms (such as formal dining rooms) that are only used a few times per year. This eliminates underused spaces and opens up sight lines in the layout.

The value of real estate has risen dramatically since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and prospective buyers may prefer an open-concept



plan because it can help them minimize building costs.

#### **Disadvantages of open floor plans**

Open layouts are not for everyone. The same sense of space that occurs when walls are taken down may make rooms feel cavernous and less cozy, particularly in homes with ample square footage. In addition, privacy can be hard to come by when all rooms feed into one another.

When the kitchen is not separate from the family room space, that makes it easy for noise to compromise the area's comfort levels. There is no hiding from noise in an open floor plan, as sounds from voices, television shows and appliances tend to echo and blend together. And if the home is a single-story layout, those noises from the main living areas also may carry to adjacent bedrooms.

Smoke and smells are another thing to consider. When something on the stove spills over, a small range hood will not be practical for clearing smoke from a large space. Though the aroma of freshly cooked food is enticing, it can make it hard for cooks to keep guests out of the kitchen.

Open-concept homes are popular, but homeowners should weigh the pluses and minuses to see if this trend is truly right for them. SH222669

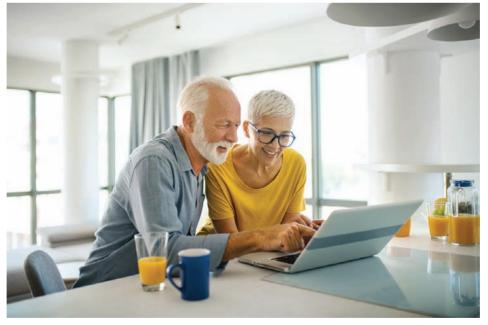
## How to determine if it's time to downsize

#### METRO

Individuals work hard to save enough money to purchase their homes. And the hard work doesn't end there. Once homeowners settle into a new home, they may set their sights on renovations that suit their individual needs. And even when buyers find a home that needs not such work, maintenance requires homeowners' utmost attention.

All that hard work is perhaps one reason why seniors may be a little reluctant to downsize as they advance through their golden years. In addition to the sweat equity homeowners put into their homes, all the memories they've made within their walls can make it harder to put a home on the market.

Downsizing is a difficult decision that's unique to each homeowner. Seniors who aren't quite certain if downsizing is right for them can consider three key factors to make a decision that's in their best interests. • **Cost:** Perhaps no variable affects senior homeowners' decisions to downsize their homes as much as cost. No one wants to outlive their money, and downsizing to a smaller home can help seniors reduce their



size without adversely affecting their daily lives.

• Market: The real estate market is another factor to consider when deciding if the time is right to downsize. A seller's market can help seniors get the biggest return on their real estate investment, potentially helping them make up for meager retirement savings. For example, home prices skyrocketed across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, making that a great time for sellers to put their homes on the market. Seniors selling to downsize may capitalize on such spikes since they won't be looking to turn around and buy larger, equally expensive homes once they sell their current place. If the market is down and seniors can withstand the work and cost a little longer, it may be best to wait until things bounce back in sellers' favor. Downsizing requires careful consideration of a host of variables. No two situations are the same, so seniors should exercise due diligence to determine if downsizing is right for them. TF222686

monthly expenses by a significant margin. Even homeowners who have long since paid off their mortgages can save substantial amounts of money by downsizing to a smaller home or even an apartment or condominium. Lower property taxes, reduced insurance premiums and the need to pay for fewer repairs are just some of the ways downsizing can save seniors money.

• **Space:** Many people love the extra space that single-family homes provide. But seniors can take a walk through their homes and see how many rooms they still use on a consistent basis. If much of the home is unused, seniors can probably down-



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