

Second chance senate seat

District 25: An ex-felon versus the incumbent

By RORY SCHULER

Christopher B. Maselli says he wants a second chance.

The Rhode Island judiciary granted his wish. Now, he's asking Johnston's voters to do the same.

The real estate attorney and former state senator pleaded guilty as charged to a \$1.7 million mortgage fraud scheme in 2010.

He served his time. Came home. Convinced the courts to reinstate his law license.

And now he's running for Rhode Island State Senate again, in District 25, his old seat, representing Johnston.

"To be clear, I was never accused of anything related to my political

position," Maselli said. "I made a mistake regarding my personal finances and paid the price for it. Since then, I've been given a second chance and had my law license reinstated by the Rhode Island Supreme Court and the Federal District Court."

Maselli's running against incumbent State Sen. Frank Lombardo III, the Democrat currently representing District 25 (Johnston), in the Democratic Primary. The winner will likely face Republican Sandra Beth Taylor in November's General Election.

"The last thing I wanted to do was make this a negative race for senate or embarrass Chris Maselli, but he



THE MATCH-UP: Former state senator and convicted felon Christopher B. Maselli, at left, is running for the Rhode Island state Senate seat currently held by incumbent Sen. Frank Lombardo III, at right.

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'Johnston Remembers'



IN JOHNSTON: The State House lawn "Rhode Island Remembers: COVID -19 Memorial" was eventually dismantled and dispersed throughout the state. Towns like Johnston received a proportionate share of the flags, and were encouraged to display them at a local site of their choice. In Johnston, the local memorial can be found in front of Town Hall, at the intersection of Atwood and Hartford avenues. (Sun Rise photo by Rory Schuler)

Town displays flags in memory of local lives lost to virus

By RORY SCHULER

Each flag represents a lost life.

And like the pain society felt throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, each Ocean State city and town has its proportionate share.

"It has been a very busy last few months but well worth it as we had a successful Rhode Island Remembers: COVID -19 Memorial that helped bring solace and closure to many Rhode Islanders who lost loved ones during the pandemic," said Fred Faria, of Warwick, the memorial initiator and coordinator.

Around 4,000 Rhode Island residents have died from COVID-19.

Faria and Rev. Eugene Dyzlewski joined forces

to spearhead a statewide COVID-19 flag memorial, which featured a small white flag for each of the Rhode Island lives lost to the virus.

The Rhode Island Council of Churches presented "In America: Rhode Island Remembers" on the Rhode Island State House lawn. The "sobering art installation" displayed nearly "4,000 flags recognizing each Rhode Islander lost to the pandemic," according to the organization.

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"In America: Rhode Island Remembers" is "a sanctioned echo" of the original project "In America: Remember" by artist, Susan Brennan Firstenberg.

The artist's installation blanketed the National

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Governor tours Tri-County Community Action Agency

By PETE FONTAINE

There was some interesting and important conversation last Thursday morning inside the Tri-County Community Action Agency located at 1128 Hartford Ave. in Johnston.

Discussion centered around addressing low-income families in the state and the role CAP agencies and community health centers play in the response, particularly lingering effects of the pandemic.

Joseph R. DeSantis, President and CEO of the award-winning Tri-County Community Health Agency, COO Brenda Dowlatshahi and Medical Director Wilfredo-Giordano-Perez MD welcomed a special visitor — Gov. Dan McKee — for what resulted in a memorable meeting.

The visit began with DeSantis and Dr. Perez taking the Governor, who was accompanied by this Deputy Chief of Staff Rev. Dr. Chris Abhulime, on a tour of the impressive two floor facility.

"CAP agencies are essential partners in connecting families in the Rhode Island Rent Relief Program," McKee said. "In the last 15 months since I came into office Rhode Island has increased COVID vaccination rates to the point where we now lead the nation and that is largely due to the efforts of the Rhode Island Department of Health and community partners like Tri-County."

The Governor also toured Tri-County's impressive Dental and Oral Health areas where he enjoyed the opportunity to talk with people who were waiting for their appointments.

Meanwhile, DeSantis told the Governor: "Dental services are in high demand for our residents and particularly for those individuals on Medicaid." He added that there are limited dental providers in the state that accept Medicaid and Tri-County is well aware of the need for dental expansion, "which we hope to expand in the near future."

In addition to touring the spacious dental area, McKee visited the health center and was impressed to learn it is under current renovations and that Tri-County has plans to expand services in primary care, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment.

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JHS CLASS OF 2022 TOP 10



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, co-valedictorians), 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)

1. Glorianna Crichlow



Next year, Glorianna Crichlow will be attending Harvard University with "an intended major in Government on a pre-law track."

This year's co-valedictorian stayed busy throughout her years at Johnston High School.

When asked to list her high school activities and any positions held at JHS, Glorianna responded: "student council representative for the past four years, mock trial student attorney since junior year, National Honor Society president this year and NJHS vice president last year, Legislative Page at the Rhode Island House of Representatives starting this year, Chief of Staff for the Foreign Policy Youth Collaborative from junior year to the beginning of senior year (The Foreign Policy Youth Collaborative is a teen-led nonprofit dedicated to educated teenagers on foreign policy), (and served) on the Student Leadership Council at Let's Get Ready (Let's Get Ready is a college prep organization for teens that are first-generation or low-income)."

Glorianna has earned several prestigious awards, including: Honors Gold Science Award in Academic Decathlon (2020), QuestBridge College Prep Scholar (2021), Alternate Delegate for the United States Senate Youth Board (2021), Stonehill College Book Award (2021), and the Rhode Island Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award (2022).

What will Glorianna remember most about her high school years?

"I will definitely remember the people, including my classmates and the wonderful teachers here," she said. "But I will also remember the events put on by the student council and other clubs throughout the school, such as homecoming, winter ball, that allowed me to enjoy my time here, while also enjoying the learning."

Who were the people who contributed most to Glorianna's success and enjoyment of high school?

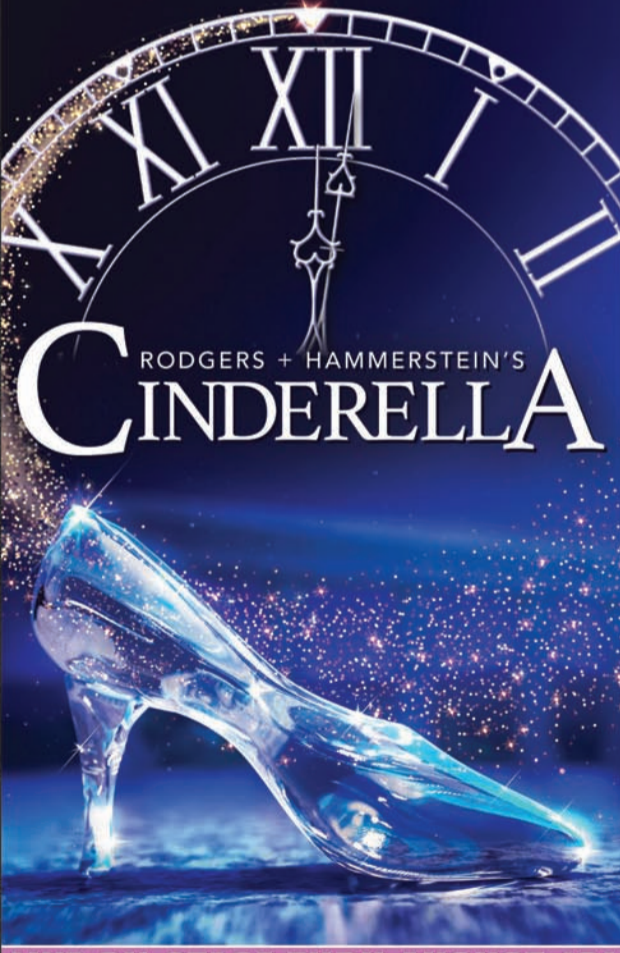
"I cannot list all of the people, including friends, family and teachers, but here's to name a few," Glorianna said. "Definitely Mr. Russo, who has stopped at nothing to make Johnston High School fun and enjoyable. I've also had him as a teacher and a mentor, and I cannot thank him enough for his help throughout these past four years. Also Ms. Ruggiero and Mrs. Herbert, advisors of National Honor Society and Mock Trial respectively, who have allowed me to do what I love in high school through after school activities."

What motivates a student like Glorianna to excel?

"My family has sacrificed so much for me," she said. "My mom Jackie is such an inspiration and has shaped me into the woman I am today. My father Michael and the rest of my family are also a huge part of my success. I also am motivated by my passions in law, politics, and advocacy."

Editor's Note: Co-Valedictorians Glorianna Crichlow and Victor Fragoso Uriarte shared the "top of the class" title this year. Both students earned "valedictorian" status. The JHS Class of 2022's Top 10 students (as determined by the school) were asked to complete questionnaires. The following responses were provided to the Johnston Sun Rise.

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1. Victor Fragoso Uriarte



Next year, Victor Fragoso Uriarte plans to attend Bryant University majoring in Economics.

This year's other co-valedictorian also stayed busy throughout his years at Johnston High School.

When asked to list his high school activities and any positions held at JHS, Victor responded: "Writing Club (co-head), Academic Decathlon (member), Art Club, Gaming Club, Marching Band, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and Poetry Club."

Victor has earned several prestigious awards, including: the Brown University Book Award, Johnston High School "Excellence in English" Award, Johnston High School "Excellence in Math" Award, United States Marine Corps "Scholastic Excellence" Award and the "Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence.

What will he remember most about his high school years?

"I'll remember all my good friends and teachers," Victor said. "They always found ways to make me laugh and to make me feel confident and included. I'll always remember what they did for me and try my best to be like them."

Who were the people who contributed most to his success and enjoyment of high school?

"My family, friends and teachers," he said. "My mom and dad always made me feel loved, calm and special. And my brother was so kind and inclusive to me when I first entered high school. My friends and teachers made my days brighter and made the difficult school days easier."

What motivates a student like Victor to excel?

"I wanted to be successful so that my family and friends would be proud," he said.

3. Emily Patenaude



Next year, Emily Patenaude will be attending Johnson & Wales University for Biomedical Engineering (as a Pre-Med track).

She stayed busy throughout her years at Johnston High School.

Emily participated in numerous high school activities and held several positions while at JHS: Academic Decathlon (competitor), National Honor Society (Vice-President), Drama Club Tech Crew and Chemistry Club.

She has earned several prestigious awards, including: the U.S. Air Force Math and Science Award, the Mayor and Town Council STEM Scholarship, the Harvard Book Award and the Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Achievement.

What will she remember most about her high school years?

"Being brand new to the town in freshman year," she answered. "I will always look back and appreciate the people who never hesitated to take me under their wing. These friends have made the last four years so special, and I know we will support each other as we go forward."

Who were the people who contributed most to Emily's success and enjoyment of high school?

"My family and friends have always been my biggest supporters, and have always pushed me to succeed," she said. "There are also so many teachers here at JHS that work so hard to make connections with their students, and that makes us want to keep coming back."

What motivates a student like Emily to excel?

"I have two very hard-working younger sisters who have always inspired me to work to make them proud," she said.

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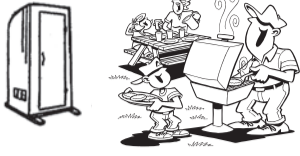
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4. Joseph Thomas



Next year, Joseph Thomas will be attending the University of Rhode Island studying Accounting.

He stayed busy throughout his years at Johnston High School.

Joseph participated in numerous high school activities and held several positions while at JHS: Varsity Soccer player, Golf player, World Cultures Organization, National Honor Society (NHS), Film Club and Vice-President of the Student Voice Committee.

He has earned several prestigious awards, including: the FM Global Scholarship, NHS induction and membership, High Honors throughout all four years of High School, and the Rhode Island Honor Society.

What will he remember most about his high school years?

"I will remember the great friends and teachers I had that always made me laugh," Joseph said.

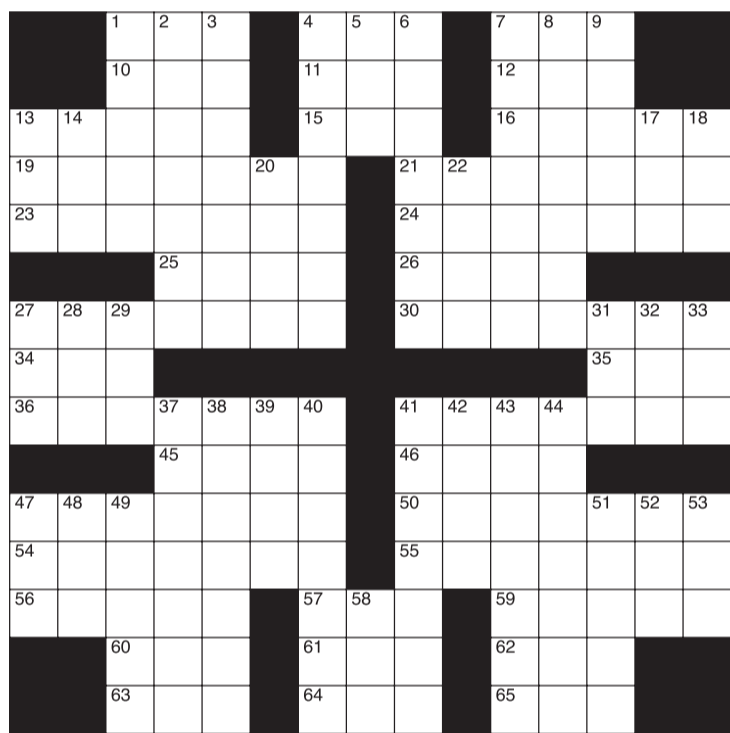
Who were the people who contributed most to his success and enjoyment of high school?

"My parents and teachers have contributed the most to my success as they have helped me every step of the way," Joseph said. "My friends made high school enjoyable by being funny."

What motivates a student like Joseph to excel?

"Long-term goals motivated me to excel because I am aiming at a certain achievement," he said. "This would be graduating college with a BS and then (an) MS."

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- Boasted
- Eel-like vertebrate
- Small freshwater lakes
- Morally base
- Not odd
- Where you live
- Fixed in place
- A very large body of water
- Moved quickly
- Winged horse
- Small waterfall
- Hoopster Gasol
- One who mimics
- Tropical plant

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- A room to relax

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- A citizen of Iran
- Christian hermit
- She marries the groom
- American patriotic society
- Wine grape
- School of Buddhism
- A team's best pitcher
- Consumed
- Time zone
- Part of a company name
- Type of bulb
- Commercials
- Six (Spanish)
- Wild party
- Small European viper
- Baseballer Gordon
- Eccentric person
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- Changed
- Prominent
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- Event regarded as wrong
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- Women's ___ movement
- NHL great Bobby
- Coarse, green material
- Treated with calcium oxide
- When you hope to get there
- "Partridge" actress Susan
- What thespians do

5. Mohammed Abaherah



Next year, Mohammed Abaherah plans to attend Boston University to study Computer Science.

He stayed busy throughout his years at Johnston High School.

Mohammed participated in numerous high school activities and held several positions while at JHS: Varsity Soccer (Captain), World Cultures Organization (member), Student Voice Committee (President) and National Honor Society (member).

He earned the "Excellence in Social Studies" award at JHS.

What will Mohammed remember most about his high school years?

"I will remember how throughout all the hard times, I always persevered," he said. "I will remember my favorite teachers: Mr. Verardo, Mrs. Gada and Mrs. Royer. They never failed me."

Who were the people who contributed most to his success and enjoyment of high school?

"The people that have contributed the most to my success and enjoyment are most definitely my close friends: Itzy, Dreamcatcher, StayC and Gaeul. Yuqi was always there for me as well. J's deep voice kept me comfort and Dami's rap always slayed."

What motivates a student like Mohammed to excel?

"My biggest motivation is my family, but most importantly my addiction of purchasing K-Pop albums. My thirst will never be quenched, so I need to collect them all in order to be truly successful."

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6. Ava Palma



Next year, Ava Palma plans to attend the University of Rhode Island, for International Studies and Diplomacy, and Italian.

She stayed busy throughout her years at Johnston High School.

Ava participated in numerous high school activities and held several positions while at JHS: Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Chem Club Leadership Team, Writing Club, Newspaper (Writer/Editor), National Honor Society and Puzzle Pieces.

She has earned several prestigious awards, including: Medal of Excellence for Italian, Portuguese-American Scholarship, Sabrina Conti Scholarship, American History Award, Biology Trophy, an Honorable Mention in the Science Fair, and a Silver Medal in the National Italian Exam.

What will she remember most about her high school years? "I'll remember my friends and my teachers the most, and all of the memories I made with them," she said. "I'll also remember all the school events I attend and how much fun I had there."

Who were the people who contributed most to Ava's success and enjoyment of high school?

"I would definitely say my teachers as they've supported me the most and made it so that I could succeed and get to where I am today," she said.

What motivates a student like Ava to excel?

"I would say my parents motivated me the most, specifically my mom as she has always pushed me to do well in school," she said. "I was also motivated by the expectations my teachers had for me and the expectations I had for myself."

7. Julia Droukas



Julia Droukas did not submit answers to the Johnston Sun Rise Top 10 Student questionnaire.

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8. Jacqueline Urizar

Next year, Jacqueline Urizar plans to attend Roger Williams University to major in Forensic Science.

From 2019-2022, she was a member of the ACS Chem Club.

What will Jacqueline remember most about her high school years?

"I'll remember the small conversations I had passing in between classes," she said. "All the people I'd wave to when I saw them in the hallways; the way homeroom would set the tone for the rest of the day; lunches, how we'd complain about the PACER test in gym and the excitement we'd get whenever there was a substitute teacher."

Who were the people who contributed most to Jacqueline's success and enjoyment of high school?

"I'd say I contribute the most to my success and my friends contributed the most to my enjoyment of high school," she said. "I was a self-disciplined student, always prioritizing work over play. My friends were the ones who encouraged me to attend school functions and have fun."

What motivates a student like Jacqueline to excel?

"I knew from the beginning that I wanted to excel, but I was most motivated by the promise of a fulfilling career that the future holds," she said. "I recognized early on that the more energy I put into myself, the better off I would be."



9. Mackenzie Hanna

Next year, Mackenzie Hanna plans to attend Hofstra University and major in Music Education.

She stayed busy throughout her years at Johnston High School.

Mackenzie participated in numerous high school activities and held several positions while at JHS: Academic Decathlon (Captain), Dance Team (Captain), Drama Club (Creative Director of Friday Night Live), National Honor Society (Historian), Tri-M Music Honor Society (Vice-President, 2021-22), and RIMEA All State Mixed Choir.

She has earned several prestigious awards, including: National Italian Exam Bronze Medal; two Bronze, two Silver and two Gold medals in the Rhode Island Academic Decathlon, and the National School Choral Award.

What will Mackenzie remember most about her high school years?

"I will remember the experiences I was able to have through the clubs I participated in like the music department," she said. "And the memories I made with my friends."

Who were the people who contributed most to Mackenzie's success and enjoyment of high school?

"My friends who were always there to support me and brighten my day," she said. "My parents who always encouraged me to do my best and my music teachers who allowed me to strengthen my skills in a subject I am passionate about."

What motivates a student like Mackenzie to excel?

"My desire to always do my best in order to get the most out of every educational experience," she replied.



10. Cameron Tum

Next year, Cameron Tum plans to attend the University of Rhode Island majoring in Computer Engineering.

He stayed busy throughout his years at Johnston High School.

Cameron participated in numerous high school activities while at JHS: National Honor Society, Band, Jazz Band, Academic Decathlon, Marching Band and Art Club.

What will Cameron remember most about her high school years?

"I'll definitely remember the school trips that I've been on throughout the years," he said. "Some of my favorite memories came from the school band's Virginia trip, as well as the Senior Class's Disney World trip."

Who were the people who contributed most to Cameron's success and enjoyment of high school?

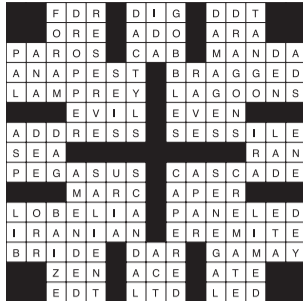
"My parents contributed most to my success, while my friends contributed most to my enjoyment," he said.

What motivates a student like Cameron to excel?

"I wanted to succeed and see how far I could go," he said.



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Now is the time to think about heat

Undoubtedly many of us have thought — while baking in a triple-digit-hot car at the end of the day before the air conditioner gets cool and brings relief from the suffering — that we asked for this type of weather all winter long, so we should try not to complain about it now.

Still, it's hard to not wish for a little touch of wintry weather amidst this extended heat wave, although we'll certainly be regretting those thoughts before we know it.

However, it is during these rare weeks of oppressive warmth that precede the cold season when we should really be thinking about, and talking about that very subject — heat. Home heating bills are likely to skyrocket in the coming months, culminating as a result of many factors that include utility companies' price gouging, effects from the war in Ukraine, and an overall rising tide of costs that has come with the worst rates of inflation seen in recent memory. Those with electric heating systems are going to potentially fare even worse, as electrical rates are set for a major price hike as well.

The result will be nothing new, but possibly realized on a scale worse than we've seen in recent history. Thousands of folks, mostly senior citizens who are living on fixed incomes and every type of demographic who barely scrape by on inadequate salaries, will suffer through a bitter winter wrapped in blankets and facing possible death due to exposure to the elements while unable to afford a means to heat up.

This does not need to happen. While Rhode Island does have hardworking people who organize and coordinate home heating subsidy programs, it should be expected that those programs will be overburdened and underfunded by an increased need coming off a spring and summer of rampant inflation while still in the midst of a global health crisis.

Local leaders at the community and state level should coordinate a forum to discuss what we can do in preparation of this reality. Although the cold season will have already started by the time any legislative action can happen in January, we know all too well that the most dangerous months for those exposed to frigid conditions can stretch well into February and March around here.

When gas prices skyrocket, people can utilize public transportation, ride share, or opt to ride their bikes to try and save some money. When it's cold and you can't afford heat, there is no alternative. We call on advocates and politicians to be proactive and think about addressing this problem now, so nobody is left out in the cold.

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LETTER

'I have always assumed complete responsibility for my actions'

I am writing to announce my campaign for State Senate in District 25, here in Johnston, an office that I previously held. As a Johnston homeowner, taxpayer, and father of three children, I am fed up by the rising cost of living. I am running for my old seat to lower the price of gas, cut taxes, and put more money in your pocket during these difficult times. If you examine my old voting record, you will see that I always put the taxpayer ahead of the politicians and special interests.

As I start my campaign, my family and I know you may have questions about some of the choices I regretfully made as a younger man regarding my personal financial life. I have always assumed complete responsibility for my actions, and I am truly sorry to the residents of Johnston for allowing my previous personal failures to affect my ability to represent our district.

Since I last held public office, my experiences have given me a greater insight into who I am and what second chances are all about. I've remarried, become a published author, and am a practicing attorney. I live with my wife and children on Brown Avenue, proudly support various sports leagues in town and attend Our Lady of Grace Parish, where I also volunteer. Five years

ago I was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and I feel grateful for this second chance, as well — I have been cancer free for the last four years.

As the novelist Nicholas Sparks said, "Life always offers you a second chance ... it's called tomorrow." I always look towards tomorrow. As your next State Senator, I will build a better tomorrow by suspending the gas tax, cutting taxes across the board, and helping small businesses grow and hire more people. In this difficult time of record inflation and soaring gas prices, the government needs to do everything possible to put money back in your pocket.

My pledge to you is to uphold the public trust, be accessible, be responsive and fight for taxpayers like you and me. Together, we, the people of Johnston, will build a better tomorrow for ourselves and our children. I am excited to listen to you and to share my story. As I walk from door to door throughout this campaign, I will answer your questions with honesty and sincerity.

Sincerely,
Christopher Maselli



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SUN RISE SCOOPS

By Meri R. Kennedy and Rory Schuler

RIMA Hosts Workshop

The Rhode Island Manufacturers Association (RIMA) will host a workshop from 7:30-11 a.m. at the Providence Marriott on Aug. 3.

This event will be hosted in partnership with the Zitzmann Group at Morgan Stanley and will discuss the factors to keep in mind when selling a company and planning their exit strategy.

Attendees will gain knowledge about the pros and cons of the various types of sales to consider. Additionally, they will learn about how to put the right team in place to help them plan and explore ways to be proactive and well prepared far in advance of their transition. After attending the workshop, attendees will have a better understanding of what they can and cannot control in the exit process.

This workshop will be held at the Providence Marriott Downtown on 1 Orms Street in Providence. The cost is free for members and \$25 for non-members. To register for the workshop, go to <https://rimanufacturers.com/event/workshop-2/>.

RIMA is a 501(c)(6) organization formed in 1997 to serve as the unified voice of Rhode Island's manufacturers. As an advocate for strengthening and growing Rhode Island's manufacturing sector, RIMA engages with government leaders, academic institutions and like minded organizations to improve the business climate, connect manufacturers with available resources, and facilitate opportunities to create new jobs and business

opportunities in the Ocean State. For more information on RIMA, visit www.rimanufacturers.com.

Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Holidaze Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15 George Waterman Road in Johnston.

Events will include the "Penny Social, Food, Raffles, Sweet Treats, Crafts & More," according to organizers, who are also "calling all Vendors/Crafters." For additional information call Patricia Leoncavallo at 401-529-7592.

OSDRI Needs Volunteers

The message atop a recent Operation Stand Down RI (OSDRI) bulletin sounded the alarm: "We need your help!"

OSDRI needs volunteers for a number of different roles for their Veteran Assistance Event on Sept. 15 and 16.

If you have any questions please contact 401-383-4730 or osdri@osdri.org.

OSDRI is located at 1010 Hartford Ave. in Johnston.

Local organizations can sponsor an OSDRI Tent at the event.

Sponsorship Benefits, following a \$250 contribution, sponsors a service provider tent at the event. The "business name & logo featured on a service provider tent and the event banner; seen by veterans, volunteers, service providers, and community officials," according to organizers.

"Make a difference in the lives of hundreds of veterans!"

E-mail with a high-quality company logo to sponsorships@osdri.org no later than Monday, Sept. 5.

St. Bartholomew Summer Festival

The St. Bartholomew Summer Festival will be held from 5-10 p.m., Friday, July 29; 5-10 p.m., Saturday, July 30; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 31.

The Gemini Band performs Saturday night. Rides and games will be provided by Rockwell Amusements.

Organizers say "Italian, Spanish and American foods (will be) available for purchase." Admission is free, and the festival will be open "rain or shine."

For more information call 401-944-4466 or visit www.stbartschurchri.org.

St. Bartholomew Church is located at 297 Laurel Hill Ave., Providence.

Call for Artists

The RI State Arts Council has announced a "Call for Artists" for the galleries at Block Island Airport and GREEN SPACE at Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m., Oct. 10.

The RI State Council on the Arts (RISCA) is accepting applications for artists for 2023 exhibitions at the two galleries, which are a partnership with the RI Airport Corporation (RIAC).

The "Call for Artists" will consider artists who work in all media and applicants must be Rhode Island residents, but "no students, please."

The GREEN SPACE Gallery includes several large walls and open spaces that are suitable for large-scale works. The gallery selects nine artists to exhibit in three group shows per year. The Block Island Airport Gallery is best suited for smaller scale works and hosts single artist exhibitions, four times per year.

"GREEN SPACE and the Block Island Airport Gallery provide Rhode Island artists the opportunity to share their work with an ever-changing audience of local, national and international travelers," said Lynne McCormack, Executive Director of RISCA, "RISCA is pleased to continue this important partnership with RIAC, promoting outstanding work by artists living and working in the Ocean State."

The selection of artists will be by a review panel, which will include practicing artists, arts professionals and community members.

Artists included in the 2023 exhibitions will receive a \$300 stipend for participating in the program.

Artists who have exhibited previously at one of the galleries are ineligible for new consideration for a period of two years. RISCA encourages artists who have applied in the past and have not been selected to apply again.

If selected, artists agree to suitably frame, wire or otherwise prepare their artwork for display at their own expense. Artwork is hung at gallery coordinator's discretion, and gallery coordinator reserves the right of final selection of artwork and approval of installation. Artwork is not insured by the galleries during exhibition; artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance. Artwork may be listed for sale if desired, and any sales are direct without commission to the galleries.

To apply, follow these links:

TF Green Greenspace Gallery: <https://forms.gle/BUVB1knCDVRqLQZy8>

Block Island: <https://forms.gle/wXn-2F7CTDEz9Sqrq8>

Read more: <https://risca.online/resources/airport-galleries/>

Free Canoe Rides

From 4-6 p.m., Thursdays in July and August, the public is invited to take free canoe rides on the Woonasquatucket River.

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council is once again offering free canoe rides on the Woonasquatucket River in Providence on Thursday evenings from 4-6 p.m. throughout July and August. Meet at the Fish ladder at Riverside Park, 50 Aleppo St., Providence. On-site registration is required for adults and children, and all ages are welcome.

The WRWC's experienced paddle team will guide participants up and down the river for about a 10-minute loop, where you will likely see painted turtles basking on the banks and red-winged black birds flying ahead on this surprisingly peaceful stretch of the river.

Paddles and life jackets are provided by the organization. Participants must sign a waiver and wear a life jacket in order to ride. All youth must be accompanied to the launch site by a parent or guardian.

This Community Canoe Program is made possible thanks to the generous support of AARP RI and REI COOP.

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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 **August 9, 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 2022-15 (formerly 2022-CP-86)** to amend the Zoning Ordinance and the Official Zoning Map, as summarized here.

Applicant:	Hartford Realty Holdings, LLC
Assessor's Plat:	54
Assessor's Lots:	97
Present Classification:	B-3
Proposed Change to:	B-2

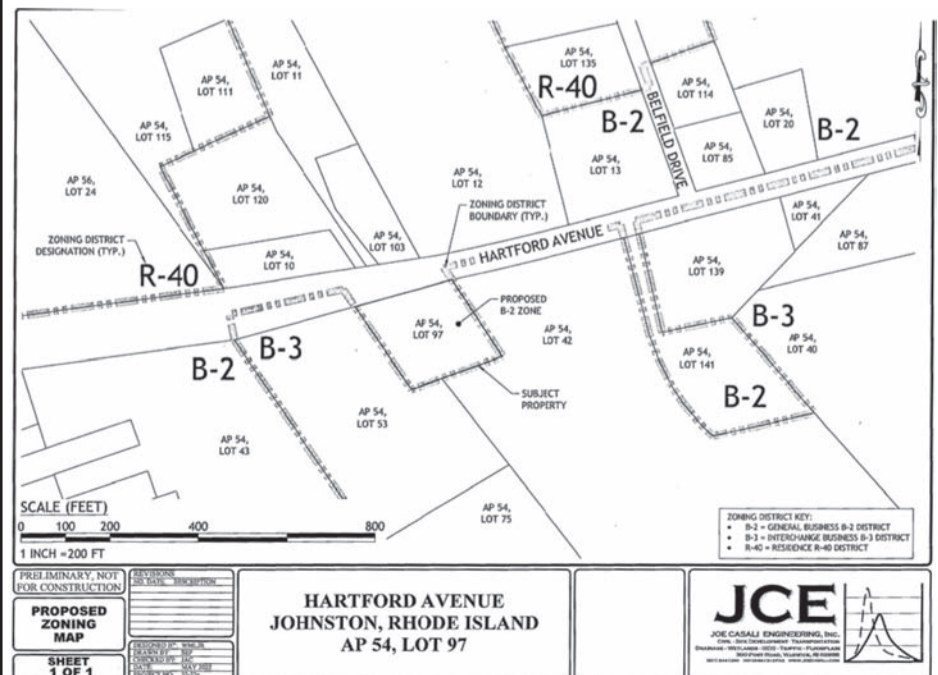
Said lot being located on: Hartford Avenue

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

Attest:
Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.
Town Clerk

7/21, 7/28, 8/1/22



JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA Thursday, July 28th, 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 July 28th, 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 this time. The assembly facilities are accessible to the handicapped. Persons requiring special accommodations shall call the Zoning Office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (401) 231-4000 ext 4117. Persons utilizing TDD equipment may contact the Town through "Relay Rhode Island" at 1-800-745-6675. The agenda for the evening will be as follows, subject to change:

New Business
File 2022-13 – Petition of Beverly Colombo, Owner/Applicant for 8 Deluca Street, AP 5 Lot 273, zoned R-20. The petitioner is seeking a Use Variance 340 Article III Table of Use Regulations for a Proposed Residential Duplex.

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

7/14, 7/21, 7/28/22

PLANNING BOARD MEETING Tuesday August 2nd, 2022; 6:00 P.M. Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919

AMENDED AGENDA

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

PB 22-44 – Mill Street Apartments – Public Meeting on a proposed conversion of a mill building to a 16-unit residential building. Located at 64 Mill Street AP 4 Lot 311 – Property is zoned – PD. Applicant: Geranskye Real Estate, LLC.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

PB 22-12 – Wildflowers Estates – Public Hearing on a proposed Preliminary Plan for a 5-lot Major Subdivision. Located at 1757 Plainfield Pike AP 27 Lots 2 & 146 – Zoned B2 & R20 – Applicant: College Hill Realty Trust.

PB 22-43 – Advisory Opinion – Ordinance 2022-10

PB 22-23 – PWSB Pine Hill Tank – Public Hearing on a proposed Minor Land Development of a new public drinking water supply system storage tank. Located at Cross Road AP 43 Lot 583 – Zoned: R40. Applicant: Peter LePage.

PB 22-24 – Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers – Public Hearing on a Preliminary Plan for a proposed Major Land Development and Unified Development Review. Located at 1386 Atwood Avenue AP 44 Lot 359 – Zoned: B2. Applicant: Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers.

PB 22-31 – Proposed DPW Building – Public Hearing on a Master Plan and Preliminary 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 Hearing on a Master Plan and Preliminary 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 Hearing on a Master Plan and Preliminary 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 22-46 – Bootstrap Fertilizer – Public Meeting on a Site Plan Review for the leasing of 4,500 square foot building for manufacturing fertilizer located at 6 Sunnyside Avenue AP 13 Lot 401. Zoned I. Applicant: Bootstrap Compost, Inc.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- The Planning Board 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 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.

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School Supply Drive

"Kids, Cops & Classrooms" has launched its 2022 School Supply Drive.

Rhode Island state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies are working together to collect donations of new backpacks and school supplies for Rhode Island school children through the Kids, Cops and Classrooms program.

The Rhode Island State Police, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Rhode Island will accept donations at State Police barracks, local police departments, Card's Furniture & Mattresses locations, and other offices across the state. Donations will be distributed to local agencies that work with disadvantaged families throughout the state.

These are some of the supplies being sought through the Kids, Cops, and Classrooms program:

- Backpacks – small, medium, and large
- #2 pencils
- Pens
- Pencil box
- Box of crayons
- Spiral notebooks
- 3-Ring binder (1, 1 1/2, 2 inches)
- Subject dividers
- Book Covers
- Index cards
- Pencil sharpener
- Assignment book/weekly planner
- Ruler (marked in inches and centimeters)

- Protractor
- Compass
- Scientific calculator
- Calculator
- Dictionary (pocket size)
- Thesaurus (pocket size)
- Mini-stapler and staples
- USB Flash Drive
- Facial tissues
- Antibacterial hand sanitizer
- Box of colored pencils
- Box of washable markers
- Highlighters
- Watercolor paint set
- Pad of coloring paper
- Large pink erasers
- Glue sticks
- Bottle of glue (Elmer's type)
- Safety scissors
- Two-pocket folders
- Composition book
- Wide-rule loose-leaf paper
- Graph paper

Donations can be brought to any State Police barracks, local police departments and any Card's Furniture & Mattresses locations. They will be given to the following agencies for distribution to families: Crossroads Rhode Island; Family Service of Rhode Island; Wiggin Village; Children's Friend; the Hispanic Ministerial Association of Rhode Island; Multi-Service Center for All; African Alliance; Mount Hope Neighborhood Association; Chad Brown Alumni Association; and the Center for Southeast Asians.

Pawtuxet Village Summer Concert & Food Trucks

From 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, July 30, Pawtuxet Village will host its Summer Concert & Food Trucks event at the Pawtuxet Village Gazebo.

The event will be organized by Warwick Parks and Recreation and Ocean State Food Truck Festivals. The public is invited to attend.

The event will feature a performance by the Driftwoods.

"Come hang out in the beer garden and grab some food from some of the best food trucks in RI, while listening to the sweet sounds of the Driftwoods," urge event organizers.

Touch-A-Truck Event

Durham School Service will host a Touch-A-Truck event in Johnston from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 6.

Local children and families are invited to check out real-life school buses, fire trucks and apparatus, police cruisers, the

Johnston Police Humvee and construction vehicles.

Invited guest stars Tow Mater and Lightning McQueen from Disney Pixar's "Cars" film and television franchise will be on-hand as well.

The event will be held at Johnston Senior High School, 346 Cherry Hill Road. For more information call 401-944-5880 (ext. 303).

JHS Clas of '82 Reunion

The Johnston High School Class of 1982 will hold its 40th Reunion on Oct. 28 at the Alpine Country Club. For more information, email johnstonclass82@gmail.com.

CHSE Class of '65 Reunion

Join the Cranston High School East Class of 65 for a belated 55th reunion on Sept. 17 at the Radisson Hotel (2081 Post Road, Warwick), from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Join the class for dinner, dancing and seeing old friends. Tickets are \$65 per person. For more information contact michaeljsepe@yahoo.com.

More at Mohr Library

Registration is open for the following programs. Some will fill up, so register and save a spot.

The Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge lets participants log reading, do activities, share reviews with other readers and earn prizes.

- From 4-5 p.m., Wednesdays, July 13 to Aug. 3, Preschool Storytime will be held for children ages 2 and up with a caregiver.

- Two of the library's programs, ArtSmart and Animal Experiences, are currently full and have waiting lists.

- More programs coming up for kids: Magic Show, Hula Hoops, Computer Coding and Outdoor Fitness Games. See our website for more information.

For adults:

- Emilie Marchetti will lead a discussion of «In Deeper Waters» by F.T. Lukens at 5 p.m., Friday, July 29.

- Want to run your own book club? The library can supply you with a bag of five copies of "Fly Girl," the new memoir by bestselling author and Rhode Island resident Ann Hood.

These books and the statewide Rhode Island Summer Reading Program are supported by the RI Office of Library and Information Services with funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Local support includes The Friends of Mohr Library, Tri-County HEZ and generous gifts in Memory of Andrew Greene.

Mohr Library offers on-the-spot computer help and can schedule longer sessions for individuals needing more help. Librarians can also help you find classes at other locations.

The library can also help you find electronic books and journals, career and testing guides, self-improvement media and more.

Mohr Library offers use of computers, printers and scanners. Library staff will send faxes for \$1 a page, and have a free Notary service evenings and Saturday mornings (call ahead).

The library bookdrop is again out of service, but they expect a new one by the end of June.

The book sale happens every day. Mohr Library posts hours, services and programs at mohrlibrary.org, where you can also sign up for updates. If you don't get them electronically, they'll mail you a newsletter. Mohr Library is at 1 Memorial Ave. in Johnston. Call them at 401-231-4980.

Johnston Parks & Rec Reminder

Just a general reminder to please follow all park rules, especially no smoking and no dogs are allowed at Johnston Memorial Park.

Rec department staff has "noticed an abundance of cigarette butts and dogs recently" and they are asking the public for help keeping the park clean. Signs with the complete list of park rules are posted at each entrance.

Dogs are allowed in the nature trail across the street from the parking lot. No smoking or tobacco use on park grounds.

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 are permitted 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.

Apple Fest Scheduled

The 34th Annual Apple Festival has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. The festival will run from 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.nrchamber.com/.../the-34th-annual-apple.

The annual Apple Festival has been called by many a "Time-Honored Community Tradition & Fun for Everyone." As always, this year's fest will feature its "Artisan Row" — filled with beautiful handcrafted items, Pony Rides, and more.

The Annual Apple Festival will run for two days at Johnston Memorial Park, 1583 Hartford Ave. The event is free and open to the Public.

Johnston Historical Society

For July and August, a Summer Hiatus will begin, as Executive Board meetings and General meetings are suspended for the summer. Have fun everyone!

To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page at www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical.

The Johnston Historical Society's museum barn is open Tuesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., for those who would like to visit the museum or examine the society's collection of printed materials. Both the museum and Elijah Angell House continue to be open by appointment — the society always welcomes visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot them an email at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com, or leave a message at 401-231-3380 to set one up.

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.

Contact the Johnston Historical Society at 231-3380 or at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com, www.johnstonhistorical.org or www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical.

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.

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 of 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.

Consider donating blood

The Rhode Island Blood Center is in need of blood donations. Individuals wishing to donate must book an appointment at the donation center; walk-ins are only accepted if safe distancing allows at the person's time of arrival.

Nearby areas to donate include The Shops at Greenwood, which is located at 615 Greenwich Ave., in Warwick. Sign up by visiting www.ribc.org.

Walk and Talk at Rocky Point

Come join the "Rocky Point Pacers" for a walk around Rocky Point every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 a.m., weather permitting. They meet at the gate on Rocky Point Avenue. Get some sunshine and burn off some holiday pounds.

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 employers across Rhode Island. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Visit www.skillsforri.com/prepareri for more information.

Softball Tryouts

CLCF Bombers 2023 travel tryouts will be held this August at Brayton Park. 14U and 18U tryouts will be held Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. 12U tryouts will be held Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. 10U tryouts will be held Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. All age makeups will be held Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. Contact Caroline Crudale at carolinecrudale@yahoo.com for any further information.

Backpack Giveaway

Join Verizon Wireless Zone in Garden City Center on July 31 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for their School Rocks Backpack Giveaway. On average, families spend about \$789 on school supplies each year. 1 in 5 school-aged children lives in poverty. Verizon will be giving away free backpacks filled with school supplies — one backpack per child — while supplies last. Plus, attend a backpack giveaway and get entered to win one of five \$10,000 college scholarships.


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RAYMOND J. CROCE
20 Year Anniversary
AUGUST 2, 2002



Our love for you grows stronger every year and we cherish the memories we have of you. We miss you terribly.

Love Lisa, Richard and Erica



Obituaries

In your time of need, the *Johnston SunRise* will print your loved one's full obituary for a small charge. The paper also places the obituary on our website, johnstonsunrise.net.

Should you desire our services, kindly inform your funeral director, or call Amanda Nardolillo at (401) 732-3100 or email AmandaN@rhodybeat.com for additional information. Obituary prices start at \$60. You may include the obituary in any of our other newspapers for half price.

— Thank you



Watch Your MOUTH

by Rochelle Rhodes, D.M.D. and David McFarland, D.D.S.

ALL ABOUT DENTAL IMPLANTS

A dental implant is an artificial tooth root that is placed inside the jaw to hold a prosthetic tooth. It serves as a replacement root for a missing tooth. Dental implants can be used in place of dentures or bridgework when a patient is missing one or more teeth. The process involves surgically placing a screw, cylinder, or blade into the jawbone to hold one or more prosthetic teeth (called an "endosteal implant"). Patients without adequate bone height for an endosteal implant may receive a "subperiosteal implant," in which prosthetic teeth are attached to a metal framework that protrudes through the gums. Dental implant surgery is usually an outpatient procedure done in multiple stages, with healing time in between procedures.

Do you avoid smiling, laughing out loud, or eating in public because a space left by missing teeth may show or your dentures may slip? If so, dental implants may improve the way you feel about your teeth, thus giving you more reason to smile. At DENTAL ARTS GROUP, we'd be happy to discuss implants with you to see if this restoration that looks and feels like it's naturally part of your mouth is right for you. Call us at 401-521-3661 for an appointment at 1136 Hartford Ave., Johnston.

P.S. Dental root implants are made of titanium, which fuses with the jawbone. The prosthetic tooth itself may be made of acrylic resin or porcelain.

www.dentalartsgroupri.com

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Shakespeare under the Stars

What Cheer Shakespeare? Theatre Co. will present Shakespeare under the Stars at Governor Sprague Mansion (1351 Cranston St.). These shows are great for all those who love Shakespeare, and even better for those who struggle with the language. In Act one, the company will perform part of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)," that explains all of Shakespeare's plays in 45 minutes. In Act two, the company will perform a hilarious parody of Hamlet, "Something's Rotten in the State of Denmark," written by local playwright Joseph Wallace. The plays will start at 7 p.m. and will run July 22-23, July 29-30 and Aug. 5-6. Tickets are \$10; Call 508-933-4233 for more information.

Art Educator Showcase

Warwick Center for the Arts (WCA) is seeking original works for its upcoming RI Art Educator's Showcase, an exhibition featuring artwork from those individuals who teach art to others. This show is intended to celebrate these educators. This show is open to all art educators in RI, including PreK-12, college/university and adult art education. Works must be original and completed during the last 12 months. Works previously shown by the WCA will not be accepted. As for fees, RIAEA members can submit up to three images, paid for by RIAEA. WCA members can submit one image for \$15 or two or three images for \$35. All others can submit one image for \$20 or two or three images for \$40. First, second, and third places will receive cash awards. The entry deadline is July 24. For questions, contact Aileen at exhibits@warwickcfa.org or 401-737-0010.

Sounds of Korea

Sounds of Korea will take place on Aug. 14 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the McViny Auditorium in Providence. The event includes traditional music and dance in celebration of Korean Independence Day. Admission is free and Korean food will be served.

Comedy Course

If you've ever thought of giving stand-up comedy a try, now's your chance. This \$200 Comedy Course kicks off Sept. 12 for six weeks in Warwick (except Columbus Day). The instructors are John Perrotta, Coleen Galvin Yaroshenko and Rockin' Joe Hebert. At the end of the course, you'll take the stage in our graduation show at Rhode Island's newest comedy hot spot, the Comedy Park in Cranston. We anticipate a full class, so sign up early by calling the Comedy Factory at 401-639-7726. www.comedyfactoryri.com, richof.org.

Family-to-Family Course

The Rhode Island chapter of the National Alliance (NAMI-RI) on Mental Illness is now accepting registration for our next virtual Family-to-Family course which begins Thursday, Aug. 11. This is a free, eight-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program, which means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition. NAMI-Rhode Island's Family-to-Family course is taught by trained family members who have lived experience with a loved one, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

For more information on the Family-to-Family curriculum and registration requirements, visit namirhodeisland.org

or call 401-331-3060 or email beth@namirhodeisland.org.

Caregivers

Are you caring for someone with dementia who exhibits difficult to manage behaviors? You may be eligible to participate in a research study seeking advice and feedback from caregivers about what types of supports are needed. Enrolled participants will be compensated for their time. The study will take place (video call) through Rhode Island Hospital's Neuropsychology Program. If interested, contact the study coordinator Dr. Kim Chapman at 401-829-4310.

Annual Pow Wow

The Narragansett Indian Tribe will celebrate its 347th recorded annual August meeting/Pow Wow on Aug. 13 and Aug. 14. Chief Sachem Anthony Dean Stanton invites Rhode Islanders to join the Tribe in celebration and share in the traditional food, singing and dancing.

Grand entry will begin at 2 p.m. both days. The Church board invites all to share in services at the Tribes' historic church (Sunday services will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.)

All activities will be held on the Narragansett Indian Reservation off Route 2 and Old Mill Road in Charlestown. Gates open at 10 a.m. both days and admission is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

Summer Concert Series

Cranston Public Library announced this year's Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Cranston Department of Parks and Recreation. The concert series features eight performances, at the William Hall Library, beginning June 30. All concerts are free and open to the public and will take place on the William Hall Library front lawn. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and snacks to make the most of these free, family-friendly events. Traditional concerts will take place on Thursdays, June 30 - August 4 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. July 28, Bandonium All Star Jazz Band; August 4, Nervous Breakdown - A Rolling Stones Tribute.

God the Father of All Mankind Mass

The 18th annual mass for God the Father of All Mankind will be held at St. Mary's Church in Cranston on Aug. 7 at 3 p.m. All are welcome! Parishioners from around the diocese bring banners of their Parish Societies for this special mass; banners should be brought to the church by 2:30 p.m. There will be a reception in the Parish Center following the mass. Any questions, call Anna Jones at 401-439-6655.

Grandma Martha

On Aug. 7, at 2 p.m., Flannel Polyester will present a "This Is Your Life" style show honoring the grand old lady of Rhode Island comedy, Grandma Martha. The event will take place at the Comedy Park, located inside the Historic Park Theater and Event Center.

A cavalcade of New England's comedy greats, along with host Jay Burns, will look back on Martha's life through laughs, jokes and just a couple of roasts.

For this special show, Martha has requested that we help her friends at the Hope Alzheimer's Center in Cranston. Proceeds from the afternoon's raffles and photo opportunities will benefit the Hope Alzheimer's Center. Tickets are available by going to www.thecomedyark.com.

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 non-profit 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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TERRIFIC TRIBUTE: Gov. Dan McKee is all smiles prior to presenting Tri-County Community Action Agency President/CEO Joseph R. DeSantis with a certificate of special recognition for providing Rhode Islanders with basic health care needs as well excellent medical and dental care.

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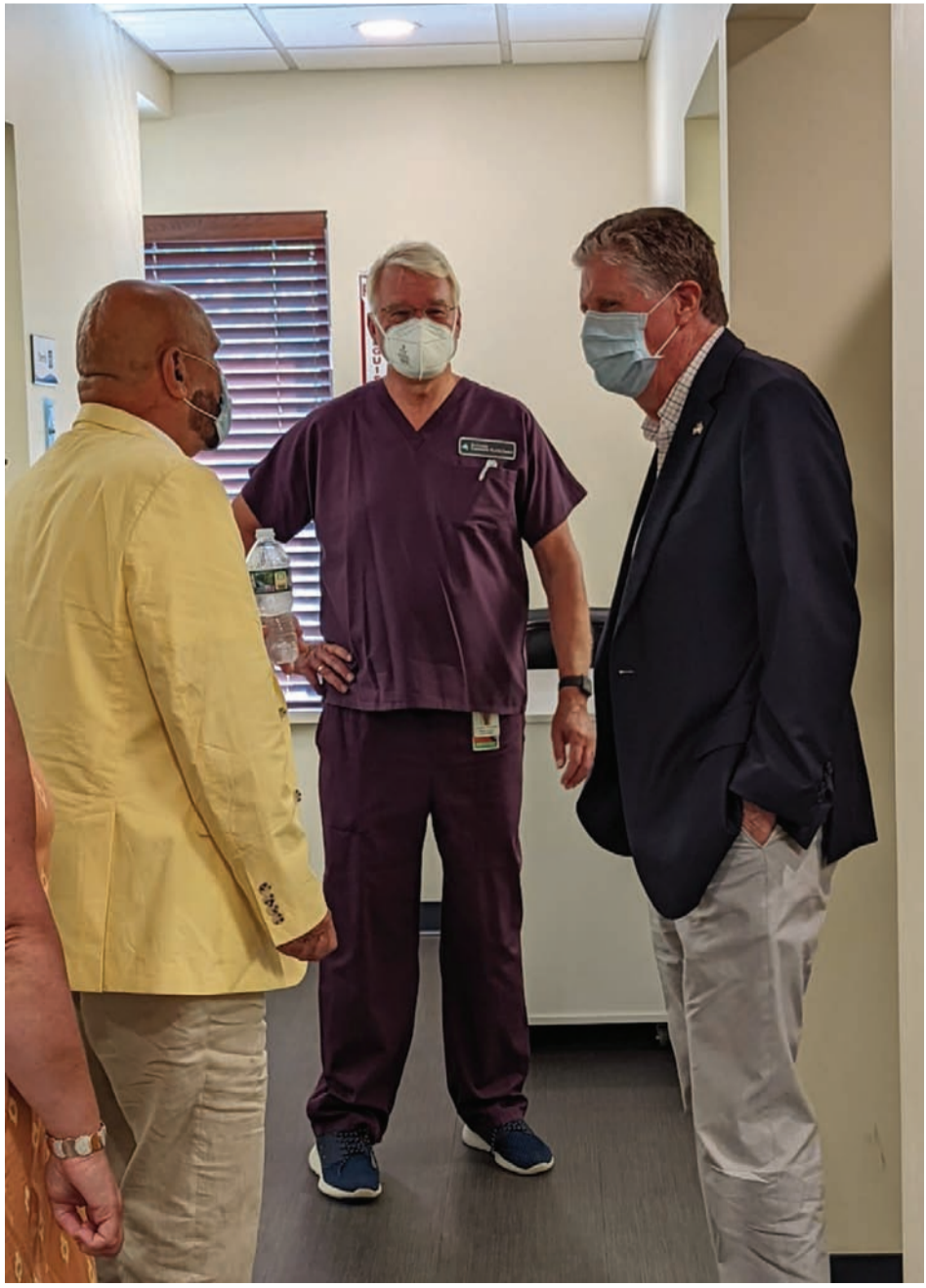
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Moreover, while the tour continued, DeSantis said: "We anticipate that our interior renovations will wrap up early in the fall of 2022 and we are excited to welcome two additional nurse practitioners around that time that will allow us to increase access to quality medical care for all." McKee presented DeSantis with a special recognition citation for what he said was "the work done by the entire Tri-County staff in support of the agency's mission to empower and

create opportunities for vulnerable individuals and families within the community to become socially and economically self-sufficient through integrated social, educational, health, prevention and other basic need services." McKee concluded by telling DeSantis: "You have my very best wishes for continued success and in gratitude for providing the citizens of Rhode Island with empathy, innovation, integrity, respect, collaboration and passion, I am pleased to issue this certificate of special recognition to the Tri-County Community Center Health Agency."



EXPANSION EYED: Dr. Stephen Thomas (center), director of the Tri-County Community Action Agency's Dental Clinic, tells Gov. Dan McKee about the plan to expand services in the near future.

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Senate

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betrayed the trust of every single Johnson resident," Lombardo said Tuesday. "My opponent is downplaying his felony convictions as the mistake of an impressionable young man. The mistakes of youth are a bar fight or a DUI. Not a sitting Senator, not a married man with children and a home already. This was a calculated scheme by a prominent real estate attorney to try to build a fortune in investment property."

Maselli, 50, has been going door-to-door talking to Johnston voters.

"When I talk to voters, they don't ask about my past — they ask why Rhode Island hasn't suspended the gas tax, why we haven't done anything about the skyrocketing cost of living, and they ask me who the incumbent State Senator is," Maselli said this week. "Even after 12 years in office, people haven't heard from my opponent. Rain or shine, I'm meeting people everyday and listening to their concerns."

On Nov. 1, 2010, the Rhode Island U.S. Attorney's Office, announced Maselli — a North Providence real estate attorney and state senator from Johnston — had filed notice with the U.S. District Court in Providence that he intended to plead guilty to eight counts of bank fraud.

Prosecutors alleged Maselli "falsified bank and federal tax documents and lied about his income and assets in obtaining more than 1.7 million dollars in mortgages," according to a Federal Bureau of Investigation press release. "There is no plea agreement between Mr. Maselli and the government."

Current Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha was the Rhode Island U.S. Attorney at the time.

Maselli was investigated by the FBI, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Inspector General and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Unit. He was first indicted with seven counts of bank fraud in June, 2010. In November of that year, the government added an additional count.

"In the latest charge, it is alleged that Maselli used a family member as a straw borrower and fabricated documents to support the loan application," according to the FBI press release.

"According to the (indictment), between June 2007 and March 2009, Maselli, a self-employed attorney, allegedly inflated his annual income dating back to 2005; lied about personal assets; and submitted phony and altered bank statements and IRS tax returns when applying for mortgages, a home improvement loan, and an auto loan," according to prosecutors. "In all,

Maselli obtained six mortgages on residential properties in Johnston and North Providence, and an auto loan, totaling approximately \$1,725,027.50."

Maselli resigned, pleaded guilty, went to jail and lost his law license.

"I voluntarily surrendered my license," Maselli explained. "After I completed my sentence I applied for reinstatement to the RI Supreme Court. They conducted a thorough investigation of me in 2016 and after their investigation I was reinstated."

Maselli was disbarred effective Dec. 16, 2010. In 2016, he asked the court to give him another chance.

"Disbarment results in a loss of the privilege to practice law for at least five years, after which a disbarred attorney may apply for reinstatement," according to the Supreme Court of Rhode Island ruling.

A disbarred attorney can petition for reinstatement, but must demonstrate in court that they have "the moral qualifications, competency and learning in law required for admission to practice law in this State and that his or her resumption of the practice of law within the State will be neither detrimental to the integrity and standing of the Bar or the administration of justice nor subversive of the public interest."

Maselli filed his petition for reinstatement on Feb. 24, 2016. The court's Disciplinary Counsel conducted an investigation and ultimately did not object to granting the petition.

Maselli started practicing law in Rhode Island on Nov. 5, 1999, and "was continually engaged in the practice of law for eleven years, and had not been the subject of any disciplinary charges relating to his practice of law," according to the court's ruling.

On Dec. 16, 2010, "after the entry of his guilty plea but prior to the imposition of his sentence the petitioner voluntarily consented to the suspension of his license to practice law," according to the Supreme Court's decision.

Maselli was sentenced to a 27-month term of imprisonment, followed by a three-year term of supervised release.

"Notably, there was no order of restitution as none of the lenders had suffered a loss at the time of sentencing," wrote the court. "The petitioner has served his full sentence."

Maselli recently issued a press release announcing his bid to regain the District 25 seat.

"Between inflation, the price of gas, and empty store shelves, hardworking Rhode Islanders are feeling pain everywhere they go," Maselli said in the press release. "State government needs to be part of the solution by suspending the gas tax, lowering taxes across the board, and making it easier for our small businesses to grow and hire people in Rhode Island. Instead, our

government is part of the problem. The career politicians with cushy government jobs make insider deals that reward their friends and stick taxpayers with the bill."

Following the quote, Maselli acknowledged that, "when he was previously in elected office, he made mistakes and would have to earn back the trust of Johnston voters."

"The people who know me best know that I've changed and I look forward to earning support through honest discussions with my constituents," Maselli said in the press release, which also gave a short list of community roles he has played since returning home from incarceration. "In addition to his law practice, Maselli is an active supporter of several youth sports leagues in Johnston and volunteers at Our Lady of Grace parish. He is also a member of the Maria SS Della Difesa Society and a member of Johnston Hose 3."

"Not for anything, but we would be the laughing stock of the state if we elected a convicted felon," said Johnston Mayor Joseph M. Polisena, who also once held the District 25 Rhode Island state Senate seat.

"He preyed on the elderly," Polisena said. "I don't think the people of Johnston will accept the fact they want to put a convicted felon in office. I think it's ridiculous. We don't need the good old boys from the bad old days back in politics. He betrayed the people. He embarrassed the town. He embarrassed the seat itself. For him to run now is a joke. Lombardo has done a great job for us."

Lombardo has held the seat for the past dozen years.

"By borrowing eight loans totaling over \$1.7 million and forging elderly relatives' signatures, and sending banks fake tax returns which lied about his income," Lombardo said about Maselli on Tuesday. "He is not telling people he was convicted and did over two years in jail. If the residents hear the truth, I will accept their decision. But he is going door to door pretending his past never happened. And that is just wrong. Johnston has moved forward in the past 20 years and people can now be proud to live here. Why would we want anything different?"

As a newly announced candidate, Maselli recently mailed a letter to Johnston residents.

"As I start my campaign, my family and I know you may have questions about some of the choices I regretfully made as a younger man regarding my personal financial life," Maselli wrote to voters. "I have always assumed complete responsibility for my actions, and I am truly sorry to the residents of Johnston for allowing my previous personal failures to affect my ability to represent our district."

Maselli says he learned from his experiences with the criminal

DOOR-TO-DOOR:

District 25 state Senate candidate Christopher B. Maselli has been going door-to-door making his case to voters.



justice system. In 2019, he published a book called "The New Debtors' Prison: Why All Americans Are in Danger of Losing Their Freedom."

"Since I last held public office, my experiences have given me a greater insight into who I am and what second chances are all about," Maselli wrote to Johnston voters. "I've remarried, become a published author, and am a practicing attorney. I live with my wife and children on Brown Avenue, proudly support various sports leagues in town and attend Our Lady of Grace Parish, where I also volunteer. Five years ago I was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and I feel grateful for this second chance, as well — I have been cancer free for the last four years."

Polisena, in his final year as mayor, hopes voters consider their District 25 choice carefully.

"The guy, he betrayed the trust of the voters when he was senator," Polisena said. "We all make mistakes, but we don't

make mistakes like that. He can spin it any way he wants to. He's a convicted felon. We don't need a convicted felon to represent us at the State House. It's not that he did it before he was in office; or after. He did it while he was in office. In my opinion; we would be the laughing stock of the state to elect a convicted felon."

In 2019, during an interview discussing his new book, Maselli told the Johnston Sun Rise that he had the first spark for his book while behind bars.

"I'm a true believer in thinking that we need to find different ways to punish people," Maselli said. "I start to look at, I was in prison for 27 months. They warehoused me, they fed me three times a day, they were responsible for my medical. There were 400 guys there. There probably was a better way. It really didn't make a difference whether you gave a person like me six months or 27 months. I got the message after a few weeks."

Flags

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Mall in Washington D.C. with more than 660,000 white flags last fall, and were intended to show "the magnitude of our loss as a nation, while honoring each person who has died from COVID-19," according to the council.

"Our memorial was the only statewide COVID -19 Memorial to take place in the nation," Faria said last week. "We further kicked it up a notch by distributing the flags that were at the statehouse to each Rhode

Island municipality for local memorials to honor their own COVID -19 deaths at a site of their choice to make it truly a statewide community based event."

Faria has been collecting photographs of the memorials set up in each city and town. In Johnston, the local memorial can be found in front of Town Hall, at the intersection of Atwood and Hartford avenues.

For more information, visit www.CouncilofChurchesRI.org, or the artist's website, www.suzannefirstenberg.com/in-america-remember-suzanne-firstenberg/.

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Sports

JLL 12's fall in state tourney

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The District I champion Johnston Little League 12-year-old All-Star team fell in back games to be eliminated from the state tournament last week in North Providence.

JLL fell to Cumberland 8-2 on Monday evening in its final game of the summer. Cumberland would jump out and score eight runs in the first inning, but JLL would send pitcher Fabian Alemen to the mound and he would allow no runs in the final five innings of work on the mound.

JLL would score its two runs in the first inning when Aiden Neil knocked in Corey Ogden and Lucca Ricci. JLL would go on to strand 10 baserunners in the loss as it struggled to put points on the board.

Despite the loss, JLL coach Jamie Ricci was thrilled with his team's season and to see the kids be crowned District champs for the first time since 2009 – prior to any of them being born.

"Making the tournament was special, it hasn't



STATE TOURNEY: JLL's Lucca Ricci at bat against Cumberland on Monday evening. (Submitted photos)

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JLL 10's wrap up summer

The Johnston Little League 10-year-old All-Stars fell in the District I Championship last week to Cranston Western to end their summer of fun. Pictured is the team after the title game. Members of the team included: 10's: Giovanni Labbadia, Eric Ferrara, Michael Iafate, Michael Orsini, Leo Celani, Joe Splendorio, Ashton Greenhalgh, Jeffrey Cadieux, Gian Negrin, Mason Lombardi, Anden DiLibero, Evan May and Armani Morales. (Submitted photo)



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Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament big success

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament ended Sunday with a winning striped bass measuring 51 inches caught by team Frayed Not led by Capt. Richard Lipsitz of North Kingstown.

Over 90 anglers participated in the two day event. Capt. Chris Willi of Block Island Fishworks, tournament host, said, "We doubled the number of anglers we had last year, and with a matching grant for Capt. Nick's Rock & Roll Bar, we were able to make a \$4,350 contribution to the Block Island Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department." Capt. Willi said, "Thanks to Ørsted (owners of the Block Island Wind Farm) and their sponsorship of the Tournament we were able to donate 100 percent of Tournament fees to the Fire & Rescue Department."

Over \$10,000 in prizes, gift cards and tournament swag were awarded at the "After Party" which took place at Capt. Nick's Rock & Roll Bar, Block Island on Sunday at 2 p.m. There was a three way tie for first place team between teams Frayed Knot, Green Mountain Boys and Grateful 5. Block Island Fishworks and Ørsted agreed to award each of the teams a \$500 Visa gift card.

The tournament included shore, fly fishing, youth and boat divisions. Striped bass and bluefish for all divisions plus black sea bass and fluke for boat and youth divisions. Also a team prize with photo division prizes taken with the Block Island Wind Farm in background were awarded for best fish, scenic and team photos.

Tournament co-sponsors included The Saltwater Edge, Middletown; Ocean State Tackle, Providence; Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown; and Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly.

Visit www.SandyPointCo.com/bi-inshore-tourney for Tournament results.

Summit sets table for strategic plan

Last week NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (which regulates fisheries coastwide in State waters within the three mile limit), released the final report from the 2022 Na-

tional Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit. The Summit garners stakeholder input that is used to direct NOAA's strategic planning for recreational fishing the next five years.

The two day meeting brought together over 175 recreational anglers, managers, scientists and industry representatives to discuss important recreational issues including climate change, balancing ocean uses (fishing, offshore wind and marine aquaculture), data and management.

The Summit report did a good job documenting key discussions. However, the report fell short in taking the input, particularly the cross-cutting themes common in all four topic sessions, and converting them to major initiatives to reinvigorate and update NOAA procedure, process and policy agendas for recreational fishing to make it climate ready.

The four cross-cutting themes noted are the Human Dimension; Shifting Data Needs; Tradeoffs in Management, Conservation, and Opportunity Management (flexibility); and Community Engagement and Trust.

For example under the umbrella theme of moving forward with a new appreciation for the "human dimension" one would think we (as a recreational fishing community) need to differentiate ourselves from commercial fishing in that the driving force is not to catch and kill fish necessarily, the intrinsic value of fishing, the opportunity of catching a fish all leading to the desire to grow fisheries to abundance so there are more of them in the water for all of us to catch, eat and/or release. So no major plan to communicate and foster an understanding of this human dimension was laid out in preliminary action items.

The biggest need not addressed is the development of a plan for our nation's recreational fisheries to become climate ready. NOAA does relate it will undertake an extensive review of the 2015 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy with the aim of issuing an updated policy in 2023.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass and bluefish. Elisa Cahill of



BEST TEAM PHOTO: Best Team Photo was awarded to team 'Grateful 5' for this photo taken in the BI Wind Farm. (Submitted photos)



CONTRIBUTION: Jon Mansolillo and Ross Pearsall of Ørsted (second and third from left) and Capt. Chris Willi (second from right) stand with volunteers from the Block Island Fire & Rescue Department. The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament sponsored by Block Island Fishworks and Ørsted (owners of the Block Island Wind Farm) made a \$4,350 contribution to the Department.

Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown, said, "The striped bass bite at Block Island and along the southern coastal shore is very good. Anglers are catching large bass above the slot size (28 to less than 35 inches)." Eels, jigging with wire on the troll, and trolling tube & worm and umbrella rigs are all working. Mike Wade of Watch Hill Outfitters, said, "The reefs off Westerly are loaded with large bass. Anglers are continue to catch fish of all sizes using eels."

"Customers continue to catch large bass at Block Island with eels, particularly at night," said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box, Warwick. East End Eddie Doherty said, "Cape Cod Canal fishing is spotty with no blitz. Alex Correia of Marlboro, caught a 46-inch striped bass on a bunker imitation soft plastic jig...A couple of slots were landed on top water plugs in the same vicinity the next day. Henry Meng from Lowell caught a hard fighting 29-inch slot fish on his very first cast."

"Lots of school bass to slot size are being caught in Rhode Island salt ponds and off the breachways in South County. Much larger fish are out at local reefs and at Block Island. Live eels remains the top producer for large bass but they are also being caught trolling or casting lures," said Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown.

Summer flounder (fluke), black sea bass and scup. The fluke bite off Block Island was not great this weekend as anglers fishing the Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament had difficulty hooking up with keeper summer flounder fluke. The first

place fluke caught in the tournament was a 24.5-inch summer flounder caught by the Green Mountain Boys team who also took the first place team prize, tied with two others.

"The scup bite in the Bay for 13 to 18-inch fish is outstanding. Anglers are hooking up at Conimicut Point and the Rocky Point Fishing Pier. Summer flounder is being caught at the Newport and Jamestown bridges and off Newport where a 14-pound and a 16-pound fish were caught last week," said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box.

Elisa Cahill of Snug Harbor Marina said, "Fluke fishing is actually much better along the coastal shore than out a Block Island. For the time being I would suggest fishing closer to shore."

"Reports on fluke fishing have been mixed locally with some people doing well locally and others struggling to find the fish... you still need to work to find the fish," said Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle.

"Freshwater fishing is now down deep due to warm water with angles using drop shot to get down. If I had the time I would be surface fishing at night because these fish have to eat," said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box.

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@verizon.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.

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ALL-STAR ACTION: JLL's Alex Soto in the field.



HAVING A BLAST: JLL coach Jamie Ricci and Max Pilkington have a laugh during the state tournament on Monday in North Providence.

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been done since 2009 for Johnston. We ran into a couple of juggernauts, we probably faced the three best pitchers in the state. We had our opportunities but didn't capitalize," said Jamie Ricci.

JLL is set to return four of its players next season and Jamie Ricci has no doubt that they will help lead the team back to a deep All-Star run.

"I'm so proud of the way these kids finished. They kept their heads up, fin-

ished with their heads held high and there's more to come for these kids in the future," said Jamie Ricci. "At the end of the day, they're champions. (This year's run was) really valuable, those four kids returning have some talent and they now have some experience underneath them going through what we just went through."

Members of the 12's included: Aiden Neil, Joe Maggiacomo, Corey Ogden, Ethan Archambeault, Alex Soto, Luca Ricci, Jordan Diclo, Max Pilkington, Jalen Johnson, Fotis Fotopoulos, Steven Palar-dy, Fabian Alemen and Luca Schroer.

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Scholarship is golden opportunity for grad immersed in pro-wrestling news

By Staff Reports

Jaychele Nicole Schenck was counting on a scholarship to further her education, but she wasn't sure how to go about securing the funding to follow her dreams. Should she blanket the field, filling out multiple applications and hoping for the best or dig deeper into what funders were looking for and see if there was a match?

She doesn't know what to chalk it up to — intuition? — but she settled on the Rhode Island Foundation PBS Journalism Scholarship. She didn't know what to expect. And, in fact, she only learned that her application was incomplete when contacted by the foundation that she was a finalist. She submitted a video to meet the requirement.

Then came the news that she won the scholarship, worth up to \$60,000 over four years. It is given to high school seniors or college students pursuing a career in broadcasting, communications or journalism.

Her dreams suddenly seemed within reach.



CHAMPION: Jaychele Nicole Schenck gets a hug from ROH Women's World Champion, Mercedes Martinez.

Fantastic lineup planned for Rhythm & Roots

By **DON FOWLER**

What are you doing Labor Day weekend? Why not join me for the best music festival in Rhode Island, The Rhythm & Roots Festival at Ninigret Park.

Except for the pandemic, I have never missed this family-friendly event that features a wide variety of roots music, from Cajun and Zydeco to Western and Folk, to Bluegrass and New Orleans Jazz.

There is something for everyone, with major roots stars performing over three days and nights on the main stage, dancing to live bands under a huge tent, the intimate workshop tent where fans get up close and personal with the artist and a children's tent where activities spill out over the sprawling lawn.

Did I mention the food? Jambalaya, ribs, Thai, Mexican, Red Beans and Rice, Shrimp

etouffee, seafood and of course, pizza. Arts and crafts booths line the main area perimeter.

Many folks take advantage of the campsites in the park. There's even a swimming hole to cool off.

I make the trip from Cranston all three days, taking Route 2 to Route 1, bringing my lawn chair, a blanket for the cool nights, sunscreen, a hat, water and iced tea, sunglasses and a snack for in-between visiting food booths.

Chuck Wentworth has retired, and there was concern that the festival had reached the end of its days, but thanks to Tyler Grill, CEO of Goodworks Entertainment out of Hartford, Connecticut, the festival goes on with one of the best lineups ever. Thankfully, Chuck has stayed on as a consultant.

Grill promises no major changes in the festival and says he looks forward to working with Wentworth.

We'll be able to listen to Steve Reilly and the Mammou Playboys play their lively Cajun music. I've watched Reilly since he was a teenager, and now he has a teenage son in the band.

A New Orleans Party is planned for Friday, Sept. 2, opening day, and will feature the music of Cowboy Mouth, one of the popular bands of the south, in addition to festival favorite Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas.

Grace Potter heads the lineup Saturday, along with Donna the Buffalo and the Pine Leaf Boys.

Sunday, Sept. 4 features Little Feat.

Steve Riley and Nathan play both Saturday and Sunday, along with other artists. Music is continuous from noon into the late evening.

The music begins at 4 p.m. on Friday. Tickets are \$49. Saturday and Sunday music is continuous from noon until well after 11



Little Feat brings their mixture of rock and roll, blues, country, R&B and jazz the stage at Rhythm & Roots on Sunday, Sept. 4

p.m., continuing at the campsite with some old fashioned hoedowns. Tickets are \$79 each Saturday and Sunday. A three-day pass is \$199. For more information, check out the Rhythm & Roots colorful website.



Ophelia Rivera (Ella) and Aidan Cole (Topher) with the company of 'Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella' at Theatre By The Sea thru August 13. (Photo by Mark Turek)

Scintillating 'Cinderella' at Theatre By The Sea

Theatre Review
by **DON FOWLER**

What we need right now is a "happily ever after" experience.

Take a trip to Matunuck's Theatre By the Sea and immerse yourself in one of the world's greatest fairy tales where you will experience love, happiness, compassion, self-worth and optimism to the nth degree in a glorious production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's award-winning musical, "Cinderella."

While children will enjoy the magic of the familiar fairy tale, make no mistake that Director Kenny Ingram has the adult audience well in mind, emphasizing positive personal attributes and social justice throughout the production.

With a couple dozen songs, some of which you may recall ("In My Own Little Corner," "Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful"), and

some lively and well-choreographed dance numbers, there is much to like in this production.

Hats off to costume designer Janet Swenson and Scenic Designer Kyle Dixon for making this musical so pleasant to look at.

The transition from scullery maid to Cinderella and her carriage uses the latest clever quick-change techniques seen on America's Got Talent.

The voices are very good, with Laura Yen Solito as Marie (the fairy godmother) bringing the audience to their feet with her incredible voice.

Kat Gold, currently based out of North Kingston, plays the wicked (funny) stepsister, Charlette, taking full advantage of her size and comic abilities, while Kat Moser plays the more empathetic stepsister, Gabriele, gaining the empathy of the audience.

Aidan Cole is most convincing as Topher, the naïve, unsophisticated boy who would be king, fumbling his way through the process of choosing his future queen.

Ophelia Rivera is the perfect Cinderella, abused by her wicked mother (Gay Willis), aided by her fairy godmother, rising from her miserable life to both educate the prince to the injustices in his realm, and, of course, falling in love with him.

This is a fairy tale folks, so you know that things will be neatly wrapped up. The satisfying ending adds some clever writing to the shoe-fitting scene. With some help from the local radical (Tony Harkin), the prince is educated on social issues and democracy in time for the final scene.

"Cinderella" is at Theatre By the Sea Through Aug. 13. Call 782-8587 for tickets.

ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

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RI National Guard brings back Leapfest after 2-year hiatus

The Rhode Island National Guard is bringing back Leapfest, the largest and longest running international static line parachute training event and competition in the world, to Adams Farm in Exeter, on Aug. 6, after being forced to cancel the event in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID.

The purpose of Leapfest is to foster international partnerships and develop spirit de corps within the worldwide Airborne community while performing the primary missions of paratroopers.

"We are proud to be bringing this world-wide tradition back to Rhode Island," said Col. John MacDonald, 56th Troop Command Commander and host of Leapfest 2022. "It is critical, now more than ever, to reaffirm and strengthen relationships with our international partners."

Paratrooper teams from the Netherlands, South

Africa, the United Kingdom, Germany and New Zealand are all scheduled to participate in Leapfest 2022. Prior Leapfests have included teams from Tunisia, Honduras, Egypt, South Africa, Poland, Italy, New Zealand, The Netherlands, and more.

Paratroopers exit the CH-47 Chinook helicopter at around 1500 feet utilizing the MC-6 parachute and will attempt to land as close as possible to one of three "X"s marked on the drop zone. Once the paratrooper lands on the ground their time starts and runs until the jumper touches the X. The team with the lowest combined time wins the competition. There are both individual and team achievements.

The public is invited to attend at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, on Adams Farm at 300 Hog House Hill Road, Exeter, Rhode Island. The event is family friendly and free.

■ Scholarship (Continued from page 16)

"The leadership and initiative she demonstrated in and out of school reveal the kind of passion and courage it takes to achieve success," said David W. Piccerelli, president of WSBE Rhode Island PBS in a release. "In a strong field of impressive candidates, Jaychele's application rose to the top."

Schenck, who lives in the Norwood section of Warwick, currently writes for SEScoops, an online paper that covers pro-wrestling news. Her most recent project is the documentary video "Wrestling With Whiteness," which focuses on sharing the stories of Black wrestlers and Black content creators and their experience in the wrestling community. Schenck also associates with Late Night Grin and speaks on multiple podcasts.

"I originally was so nervous to get into the field where so many of my idols were," said Schenck. "I am now peers with many of the wrestling journalists I look up to. Within the first two weeks, I was breaking exclusives, hosting interviews, writing editorials, and starting my own podcasts."

Schenck is the co-founder and the executive director of the national youth organization "Gen Z: We Want To Live." Schenck has also joined forces with Young Voices, Sunrise Providence, Zero Hour, Planned Parenthood, March for Our Lives and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence, among other organizations.

Schenck is a 2022 graduate of the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center. She plans to attend Bentley University where she will pursue all of her passions and major in both Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Media & Culture.

After she began receiving



FIGHTING STANCE: Jaychele Nicole Schenck and ROH World Champion Caludio Castagnoli, formerly Cesaro in WWE.

acclamation and praise for her commentary about professional wrestling on social media she began to consider a career in journalism.

"I began to engage in Twitter groups that were focused on wrestling. It felt so amazing to be in a community, even online, where people were enjoying this form of entertainment as much as I was. After about a year or so of being in the internet wrestling community, I became a wrestling correspondent and personality," said Schenck.

Schenck was selected by a review committee coordinated by the Rhode Island Foundation. This is

the fifth year the Rhode Island PBS Foundation has awarded scholarships of up to \$15,000 through a \$1 million scholarship fund created at the Rhode Island Foundation.

"We are honored to partner with donors like Rhode Island PBS that appreciate the value of investing in young people and we encourage others to consider this type of support for future students," said Neil D. Steinberg, the Foundation's president and CEO. "The impact of their generosity will be felt for decades as the recipients begin their careers and contribute to the civic life of their communities."

In order to be considered for the scholarship students were required to submit an essay, a current academic transcript, a financial aid worksheet, proof of residency and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or professional attesting to the applicant's merit toward a successful career in broadcasting, communications or journalism.

"I am so incredibly honored to be receiving the Rhode Island PBS Scholarship," said Schenck. "This is such a relief for my family and me, now that I will be attending my dream school debt-free. I am so grateful that I am already being recognized for my work in journalism."



SHE'S THE ONE: Tony Khan, owner of AEW knows exactly who Jaychele Nicole Schenck is.

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By Joel Bohy
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As if one beautiful 18th century flintlock pistol isn't enough, having a matched pair is even better! A few weeks ago, I ran into a friend who showed me a pair of mid-18th century French flintlock pistols. They were both in wonderful condition with only light wear from age and use with nice walnut stocks and iron furniture. They had never been buffed, or even cleaned other than light oiling. I held them both for a bit and thought about the craftsmanship and skills that went into making this pair of pistols in a time before the modern machinery we have today.

Each one was hand made with each part numbered and fitted to the gun. Some tend to think that a gun was made from start to finish by the same craftsman, but most of the time they were not. Barrel making was a tough skill to master as they were made from a piece of flat stock and worked around a mandrel, with the seam welded. Then it was bored and filed to make it round and then proofed to make sure it wouldn't blow out. Lock making was another separate skill making sure that the lock functioned and was timed prop-

erly. Then they had stockers who would assemble the guns and final fit all the pieces. So, when you look at a pair of these that are so alike, it makes me think about each pair of hands that made each part and how amazing these pieces of history are.

After looking at the French pistols, I came back to work and pulled out two pairs of English pistols I had.

One pair is made by Elston and is so marked on the rounded lock plate in block letters. They are brass barreled and marked "LONDON" on the top. The fittings are brass except for a silver grotesque mask on the butt of each pistol. Like many other English pistols, the stocks are walnut.

Another pair I had were made by Jover, a maker who also built and sold officers' fusils. The locks are rounded, and the name is nicely engraved un-

der the pan in cursive. These are beautifully made pistols with brass fittings throughout. The trigger guard bows, butt caps, and side plates have engraved foliate designs. The barrels are steel and marked "LONDON" also on the top.

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By JENNIFER COATES

When Shannon Cornicelli first opened her gym, Dream Big Academy, it was the fulfillment of a long-held dream of her own. As a competitive gymnast whose career began in her youth, Cornicelli knew that, given the chance, she could create a safe and state-of-the-art facility where she could nurture talent and instill in others the love of a sport that had come to define her life. Her big dreams have been realized here at this full-equipped, modern gym in Cranston.

This summer, many gymnasts and ninja athletes are participating in Dream Big Academy's many day camps, held each week until the end of August. The camps provide a "high energy", full-day experience for boys and girls, ages four years old and older. Campers are organized into groups according to age which are led by qualified coaches and counselors who focus on FUN-filled activities. Participants learn gymnast skills on the gym's equipment, including the vaults, uneven bars, springboards, balance beams, trampoline, and tumbling mats. Each week, the campers are introduced to a new theme which is reinforced through arts & craft projects, outdoor activities, water play, bouncy house fun and so much more. Call today to inquire about openings in August!

On the weekends, why not host your child's birthday party at Dream Big Academy? These parties include an hour and a half of structured gymnastics or Ninja instruction as well as a half hour in the gym's party area. There is a "Wipe-out" style obstacle course, parachute play, trampoline, monkey ropes and age-appropriate games. The gym supplies the festive tablecloths, balloons, and goody bags. Dream Big has even named one of the best places to have a birthday party by "Best Things Rhode Island."



Dream Big Academy is a modern, full-equipped gym in Cranston where experienced and aspiring gymnasts and ninja athletes alike can thrive in a supportive environment of instruction, exercise and fun!

One thing that fans of Dream Big Academy may not know about is the important work that owner Shannon Cornicelli is doing to help support fellow gymnasts in war-torn Ukraine. In addition to the gym's classes and camps, Cornicelli has created Dream Big Athletics, a uniform company. It is through this growing business that she is trying to make some inroads in the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

Shannon Cornicelli and her team at Dream Big Athletic have committed to donating a portion of the proceeds from all sales at this uniform company towards outfitting the Ukrainian Women's Jr. and Sr. National Gymnastics Team. In fact, Dream Big Athletic has outfitted the team for all

their international competitions this summer, as well as the upcoming competitive season.

For those interested in participating in this great effort, they can purchase a Ukrainian "Peace tank" through <https://dreambigathletic.com/ukrainian-peace-tank/>. Furthermore, gymnastic clubs throughout the country can start designing their competitive uniforms by visiting <https://dreambigathletic.com/custom.design/>.

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Often, when people think of universal design, they're thinking of design that reflects the needs of seniors who wish to age in place. That's not always the case; universal design can also benefit families with special needs or simply serve as a smart investment for the future.

Principles of Universal Design

To better understand universal design and how it might apply to your project, consider how the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) describes the seven principles of universal design:

1. **Equitable use:** The design is useful for people with diverse abilities.
2. **Flexibility:** A wide range of individual preferences and abilities are accommodated.
3. **Simple and intuitive:** The design is easy to understand regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills or current concentration level.
4. **Perceptible information:** Any necessary information is effectively communicated to the user.
5. **Tolerance for error:** Recognizing the possibility of accidents, the design minimizes potential hazards.
6. **Low physical effort:** The design can be used efficiently and comfortably and with minimal fatigue.
7. **Size and space:** An appropriate size and space is provided and isn't affected by the user's body size, posture or mobility.

Trends in Universal Design

The line between practical universal design and convenience features



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that drive up a room's "cool factor" is growing increasingly blurry, according to Gary Grabowski, owner of Greater Home Services and a NARI Universal Design Certified Professional (UDCP).

One example is curbless showers, which eliminates a wheelchair barrier with an appealing design element.

In fact, bathrooms are among the highest demand remodeling projects Grabowski sees, especially for people whose mobility is affected, either personally or for a loved one who visits the home.

Other examples of on-trend universal design in the bathroom are floating, wall-hung vanities. Grabowski said the open floor space that design creates is enticing whether you need to be able to roll a wheelchair under

it or not.

Other on-trend upgrades, such as motion-activated fixtures like fans, faucets and touch controls for showers, may feel like a bit of luxury in the short-term but could serve an accessibility role down the road.

In other parts of the house, luxury vinyl plank flooring continues to grow in popularity. Not only is it practical and easy to clean, it's appealing from a design standpoint and also offers a barrier-free advantage.

Getting Started with Universal Design

Because most homeowners only explore universal design when there's a specific need, the world of options is largely unknown. That's why

Grabowski recommends enlisting the help of a UDCP.

"Knowing universal design and the features that enhance accessibility for all kinds of scenarios, I can suggest ideas that people have never thought of to make a living space easier to use," he said.

Grabowski also suggests starting at least a year out so you can make plans from a big picture perspective, including ancillary projects that could make your project even more successful.

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How to cut costs on home renovations

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Do you still have an avocado green kitchen? Is your living room dank and dark? Perhaps there is only one bathroom for a family of six? Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project.

Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes — some with huge budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Home renovations can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

- **Assess the merit of the project.** Remodeling magazine annually publishes a “Cost vs. Value Report” that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various types of projects. If you’re planning to sell your home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the most substantial ROI.

- **Hire a contractor.** Even avid

do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor’s expertise, particularly for complex tasks. Don’t waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and figure out the best value.

- **Refurbish existing features.** Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie’s List), a cost comparison and business review resource.

- **Choose midgrade materials.** Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to 40 per square foot. Figure out where you can choose middle-of-the-road materials for

maximum value.

- **Avoid peak seasons.** You’ll pay more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done right before a major holiday. Therefore, consult the calendar to find an off time for a renovation and book it then to save.

- **Do some prep work.** You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and preparatory work yourself. For example, you can tear up old carpeting before the installation of new tile floors. Perhaps you can mend and patch up walls before a paint job.

- **Buy a display item.** Former showroom kitchens and baths often are sourced at a fraction of their recommended retail prices, according to Real Homes, a home remodel guide based in the United Kingdom. Retailers often update their displays and you may score existing showroom items at a discount.

Renovations can be expensive, but there are many different ways to cut costs. SH222675

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