

## Mazzulla named Celtics' head coach

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Boston Celtics of the NBA announced last week that Johnston native Joe Mazzulla would be promoted to interim head coach for the upcoming season after the suspension of Ime Udoka.

Mazzulla, 34, was a star basketball player at Bishop Hendricken and went on to play for West Virginia. His coaching stops include a stint as the head coach of Division II Fairmont State, and prior to that, Mazzulla was an assistant for the Celtics' D-League affiliate Maine Red Claws.

He has been an assistant under Brad Stevens and Udoka for the past three seasons and is now set for his first chance at a head coaching role in the world's top basketball association.

Although his head coaching experience was limited to two years of college ball, Mazzulla is confident in himself and the lessons he learned while on the bench at Fairmont.

"You're never really ready. I have been a head coach before and what I learned from year one to year two was that I wasn't ready. It's not because I didn't work at it, it wasn't because I didn't prepare. There are certain things that you have to learn on the job and year two was much different than year one for me. I am really able to pull from those experiences," said Mazzulla at a press conference on Monday afternoon in Boston.

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### JOHNSTON PROUD:

Last week, the Boston Celtics promoted Joe Mazzulla to interim head coach for the upcoming season, making his family and his hometown proud. Two weeks ago, he spoke at the dedication ceremony of a town athletic facility now named for his late father, the Daniel E. Mazzulla Jr. Indoor Recreation Center. (Sun Rise photo by Pete Fontaine)



## Amazon at night



**FROM THE DARK SKY:** These images of the Amazon construction site in Johnston, following the sunset, were captured by drones piloted by Trevor Bryan, an FAA Licensed and insured drone pilot, the owner and operator of New England Aerial Services, on Sept. 21. The illuminated project has been taking shape on the Hartford Avenue hill overlooking Johnston. Turn to Page 15 for more photos from the night sky above Johnston. (Drone image captured by New England Aerial Services)

## PUC approves historic electric rate hike

### Protestors disrupt meeting, escorted from hearing room

By JOHN HOWELL

Having validated the procurement costs for electricity, the Public Utilities Commission on Friday approved Rhode Island Energy's request to increase the price per kilowatt hour for the basic service from 7.810 cents to 17.7 cents, during a tumultuous hearing where shouting protestors including a state representative were escorted from the room by police. The increase takes affect Oct. 1. Rhode Island Energy has also applied for approval of increase in natural gas costs starting Nov. 1.

Between shouts for an impact report, accusations of social murder, and pleas to consider how the increase will impact low income families — with claims if action isn't taken, children would die — the protestors chanted "drop it off the docket."

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**DEFIANT:** As PUC Commissioner John Revens, at left, explained to protestors that they already had the opportunity to express their opinions during hearings and that Friday's meeting was for commissioners to act. Protestors, at right, didn't want to hear it and continued to voice their objections. A protestor continued to voice her opinion although a police officer stood ready to eject her from the meeting. Several protestors were ejected from last Friday's PUC meeting. The PUC voted unanimously to approve a historic rate hike on Rhode Island electric customers. (Sun Rise photos)





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**HOLY PLACE:** Alessandro Cassisi-Wood, a St Rocco's School student, prays in the Padre Pio Garden at LaSalette Shrine.

## Third annual Padre Pio Festival at LaSalette draws faithful

By Louis Spremulli  
Special to the Sun Rise

This year's festival was a big success with groups traveling in on buses from Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The day began with the Padre Pio Garden being blessed by Father Flavio. This garden was built last year with the help of Spirit of Hope of Johnston. The garden is circular, about 30-foot diameter, with a custom steel sculpture of Padre Pio. There is also a kneeler and relics on-site.

The day also had a movie of Padre Pio, concert by pianist and tenor Austin Burns, presentation of relics, confession, lunch and a mass to close.

Funding was raised by tickets, a raffle and Padre Pio items being sold.

We did have groups of people from Johnston, participate in this event. Many of these people have a deep connection to Padre Pio and can tell you stories of his miracles.

The big seller was a book written by Lello Petrillo of Massachusetts who was the police chief in Pietrelcina, Italy. He now lives in Malden, Massachusetts, with a studio for those who need special blessings. We have sent people there with medical issues and have been cured from his blessings and prayers. Lello was married by Padre Pio and his child baptized by him. He has the relics! We have all been there to get blessed.

Special thanks should be given to the chairman of the event, Teddy DeCarro of LaSalette, which include very many hours and organizational skills to make this a big success. She also had a very good committee of volunteers.

On another special note, "Spirit of Hope," who sponsored as well, is asking businesses in the Johnston area to support their organization. They already have about eight local companies. The big new announcement is that they are building a banner to be part of the Christmas time at LaSalette and their sponsor name will appear. There is no place visited more at Christmas than LaSalette Shrine.

Plans are in the works for a special event at LaSalette for a movie and buffet though "Spirit of Hope" in the future. This will be some type of religious movie or documentary for both catholic and non-denominational people.

Just visit La Salette and feel the spirit of prayer and silence sitting on the benches and walking the area. You may feel the Holy Spirit! Now, with all these politics going around, let's not forget about God. Pitch in, connect with him, participate and help your community.

**Editor's Note:** Louis J. Spremulli regularly submits stories and photos to the Johnston Sun Rise. Spremulli serves as President of the Johnston-based nonprofit group Spirit of Hope. You can contact him by emailing [Lspremulli1@gmail.com](mailto:Lspremulli1@gmail.com).

## Cranston child struck by runaway rim and tire

Around 3:30 p.m., Sept. 27, a pickup truck was traveling south on Dyer Avenue when the driver-side front tire and rim became dislodged from the vehicle, according to Cranston Police.

"The tire and rim continued to roll in a southerly direction and struck a 13-year-old girl from Cranston while crossing the road on foot with her two friends near Oxford Street," according to a Cranston Police press release. "The tire and rim struck her head-on with the momentum, causing her to fall backward. The pickup continued to travel south after losing the rim and tire until the axle snapped from the force of the pavement and came to rest a short distance away."

Cranston Police said the department's Traffic Unit is investigating the incident. The victim "was immediately transported to Hasbro Children's Hospital by Cranston Fire and Rescue, where she remains in intensive care," according to police. "While the girl has serious injuries, including a concussion, she is expected to survive."

Police said that while the investigation into the crash remains active, alcohol/drug impairment or speed are not suspected of being factors in the crash.

"The 43-year-old driver, also from Cranston, remained on the scene before the arrival of responding Officers and has been cooperative," according to Cranston Police. "The driver stated he purchased the vehicle yesterday from a private party. State inspectors will further examine the vehicle to determine what may have caused the tire to dislodge. The driver may face motor vehicle charges once the investigation concludes."

Cranston Police Chief Col. Michael J. Winquist said, "All members of the Cranston Police Department are praying for a speedy recovery for the young girl who was injured this afternoon as she was walking home to school."



# Philanthropic Panthers help fund 'Tomorrow'

By PETE FONTAINE

It was vintage Johnston High School during a fun-filled celebration for yet another marvelous milestone in the Panther's story-rich history book.

For starters, Lisa Abbenante, the Executive Director of the award-winning Tomorrow Fund, was smiling from ear-to-ear during a check presentation held inside the JHS lobby.

Officers of JHS Student Council — as well as officers of the JHS Class of 2023 — proudly presented Abbenante with what may become a timeless tradition on Cherry Hill.

At approximately one o'clock, JHS Student Council President Charles "Charlie" Curci was joined by fellow proud Panther class officials Senior Class President Josephine Olagundoye, Junior Class President Alessandra Presare and Sophomore Class President Lucas Anderson, as they presented Abbenante with a check totaling \$945.

Perhaps it goes without saying, but Abbenante issued a heart-warming "Thank You" to the Johnston High School family for once again supporting the children who are battling cancer at nationally acclaimed Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

"Our students are always proud to again make this annual donation," said Greg Russo, chairman of the JHS Science Department who also serves as Faculty Advisor for the Student Council and other school student organizations. "This is a donation that is made possible by everyone here at JHS."

As Russo explained, "during the past school year we collected money through having faculty and staff dress down days on selected Fridays. The students are proud that they raised this much money from our annual drive."

During his tenure on Cherry Hill, Russo has established such stories tradition as the Tomorrow Fund Drive, Movie Night, Battle of the Classes and JHS' seemingly unmatched Homecoming that includes the only town-side parade in the state handmade floats from each of the four classes as well as the crowning of the King and Queen home that will again be held at halftime of the Panthers Oct. 29 home football game.

During the recent ceremony, Student Council officers — Corresponding Secretary Talia LaFlamme, Recording Secretary Raylin Santos, Recording Secretary Michaelina Irons and Vice President Alexia DiLorenzo — also took part in the ceremony.



**PHILANTHROPIC PANTHERS:** JHS Student Council Officers for the 2022-23 academic year at JHS are from left: Talia LaFlamme, Raylin Santos, Michealina Irons, Alexia DiLorenzo and Charlie Curci. (Submitted photos)

## GENEROUS GIFT:

Lisa Abbenante, Executive of The Tomorrow Fund that's based at Hasbro Children's Hospital, accepts a \$945 check from JHS Student Council President Charles Curci that will be used to help families whose children are battling cancer. Also taking part were Josephine Olagundoye, Alessandra Presare and Lucas Anderson.



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**NOW WHAT?** U.S. District Judge William Smith ruled last week that the state's program of tolling trucks violates the U.S. Constitution. The state budget faces a gaping hole without truck tolls. (Sun Rise file photo)

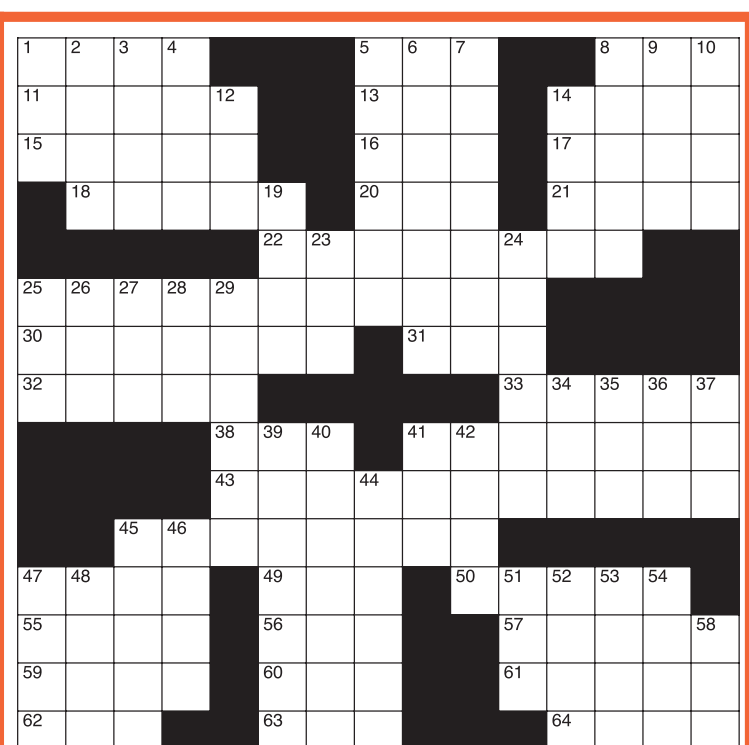
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# Judge rules truck-only tolls violate US Constitution

By **JOHN HOWELL** and **RORY SCHULER**

In spite of the ruling last Wednesday by U.S. District Judge William Smith that the state's program of tolling trucks violates the U.S. Constitution, Speaker of the House Joseph Shekarchi said he's "confident" the ruling will be appealed.

"I expect it to be appealed. It [the ruling] doesn't change my position of not tolling cars," Shekarchi said yesterday as he visited the Pilgrim Senior Center. Shekarchi said the ruling came as "no surprise" adding that in a prior ruling Justice William E. Smith ruled in favor of the state.

According to reports yesterday afternoon, Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronah was expected to file for a stay of the order which, if granted, would give the state the opportunity to continue the tolls for a period of time.

Implemented during the administration of former Governor Gina Raimondo in 2016 to help pay for the RhodeWorks program to repair structurally failing bridges, legislation specifically identified trucks for tolling. Then Speaker of the House Nicholas Mattiello said cars were exempt from tolls and assured taxpayers that was included in the legislation.

Shekarchi joined other legislators at the time in saying cars would not be tolled. A federal Rhode Island district judge undid those promises with Wednesday's decision, which rules "the RhodeWorks tolling program violates the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution."

"For this reason, the State is permanently enjoined from further tolling under the law," Smith wrote in his decision.

Smith's eloquent decision rubs sea salt in the now reopened wounds of Ocean State motorists.

"In the early 1980s, an article appeared in the Wall Street Journal that described the State of Rhode Island as 'little more than a smudge on the fast lane to Cape Cod,'" Smith recalls in opening the decision. The judge predicts, accurately, that his decision may not be received well by Ocean State legislators.

"The remark struck a nerve: Rhode Islanders have always been a little sensitive that their state's diminutive size garners it less respect than it deserves for its history, culture, beautiful beaches, and diversity," Smith writes. "That lack of respect is exacerbated by the fact that the busiest highway in the United States - the I-95 North/South corridor - effectively bisects the state. More than 250,000 cars and trucks speed through the state on I-95 every day, many never stopping to appreciate the charms of the Ocean State."

Raimondo launched RhodeWorks to regain a bit of the resources lost to the treads of 18-wheelers passing through the state.

Smith, however, has found in favor of the plaintiffs, including the American Trucking Association and Cumberland Farms.

"The solution they contrived - dubbed 'RhodeWorks,' the first and only of its kind in the United States - was to toll only large commercial trucks (or tractor trailers) at various bridge locations along these major corridors," Smith wrote in Wednesday's decision. "This plan had the obvious appeal of raising tens of millions of needed dollars from tractor trailers while leaving locals largely unaffected. Until now."

Smith also rules that "the RhodeWorks tolling program would not be permissible absent authorization from Congress in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 ("ISTEA")" because "states may not toll interstate highways."

He writes the state is, "permanently enjoined from charging or collecting tolls ... or from enforcing nonpayment of such tolls through penalty" and the injunction takes affect within 48 hours on his decision.

Christopher Maxwell, President and CEO of the Rhode Island Trucking Association, who has consistently opposed the tolls from the start and questioned if the state could selectively toll trucks, referred questions to the American Trucking Association. The American Trucking Association did not return calls.

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"We are extending this opportunity to Johnstonians who wish to set up a table along with us on the back lawn," Ursillo said. "(For) those who wish to set up, one six-foot-long table only."

Interested vendors must contact Ursillo prior to Oct. 8 for details, through Facebook or by e-mail (aursillo401@gmail.com). Each spot will cost \$25 for two days, and proceeds will go directly to the Johnston Historical Society, a 301(c) non-profit organization.

"This antiques yard sale will take place the weekend of the Scituate Art Festival," Ursillo said. "Thousands of cars go directly by Shang Bailey's Roadhouse. We all look forward to an exciting and enjoyable weekend."

### Johnston Historical Society News

To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical](http://www.facebook.com/johnstonhistorical).

The Johnston Historical Society's Elijah Angell House continues to be open by appointment — the society always welcomes visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot them an email at [johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### 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.

### JHS Class 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](mailto:johnstonclass82@gmail.com).

### Johnston Senior Center Events and Classes

The Johnston Senior Center is celebrating National Senior Center Month throughout September. This year's theme: "Senior Centers: Strengthening Community Connections."

TAI CHI: An eight-week Tai Chi Class began Tuesday, Sept. 20, with Master Deborah Leong. This is a

"No Impact" Health Improvement Exercise Program. Master Leong is a sixth degree Black Belt in Martial Arts, and Certified in several types of Tai Chi. The cost is \$24 for the entire session. This is a great program for those with Arthritis, need Balance, and/or strengthening.

MEMORY BOOK CLASS: This is a six-week class that began Sept. 23. The class will meet Friday mornings, from 9:30-11 a.m. The total cost is \$6. Participants will be creating a Memory Book for yourself or to share with your family. They will enjoy working on family stories and scanning past family photos. No computer skills are needed. An assistant will be available to help.

BASIC CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN: Have you ever wished you could speak Italian? The class began Sept. 13, and will be held on Tuesday afternoons, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Learn how to speak Italian phrases for your own interest or for when traveling. The cost is \$30 for the six-week session. Maria Libera Vallone, our new instructor, has her Master of Arts in Italian from Universitas di Firenze with Middlebury College. She is a two-time Fulbright Scholar to Italy, and taught Italian for 34 years in Newton, Massachusetts, where she initiated the first exchange program at an American high school and Italian high school, which is now in its 40th year.

TAKE BETTER PIX: On Tuesday, Sept. 20, Steve McGrath Photography began another five-week session. This has been a very popular class. It is structured for Beginners or Intermediate level (those who have taken prior classes). The session will consist of three classroom and two "on Location" classes. The class will meet on Tuesday mornings, from 9:30-11 a.m. The cost is \$50 for all five weeks.

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

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**SHOWN OUT:** Providence state Rep. David Morales, who was warned to remain silent, was escorted from the hearing room after continuing to object to the proceeding. (Sun Rise photo)

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## ■ Hike

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What most didn't hear, as the room cleared, are the credits that will be applied to both electric and gas bills that according to a PUC release will actually result in a \$5.37 monthly savings over last winter in the average bill for a qualified low income customer using 500 kWh per month. That credit, made possible by \$3.8 million allocation in regional greenhouse gas initiative funds by Gov. Dan McKee, will be applied during the winter period. A more overarching one-time \$64 credit will be applied most likely to the November bills of about 500,000 residential and commercial electric customers. The credits will be funded from the \$50 million that Attorney General Peter Neronha secured in the PPL settlement for the Pennsylvania company to acquire National Grid's Ocean State operations for \$4 billion this May. PPL has subsequently named its Ocean State operations Rhode Island Energy.

In an additional measure to lesson the historic increase in rates, the commission voted to defer the monthly customer charge on all customers. This amounts to \$6 savings with the exception of those on the low income rate who would get \$4.50 deferred.

According to a release from the agency, a typical residential customer with the same usage will see a monthly increase of about \$20 compared to last winter, as opposed to a \$36 increase.

While the credits offer relief in the winter rate period (rates traditionally drop during the summer), Public Utilities Commission Chairman Ron Gerwatowski voiced concern that given the volatility of the market, effects of inflation and the war in Ukraine that the utility could be looking for similar rate increases next year. He also pointed out that Massachusetts regulators approved a 33.7 cent per kilowatt hour rate for National Grid, meaning the electric rate in the neighboring state is nearly twice that of Rhode Island. He attributed the higher rate to that state's system of annual, rather than semi-annual rate reviews like Rhode Island's, that require utilities to project energy costs over an extended period.

Protestors gathered on the steps of the PUC offices on Jefferson Boulevard with members of the clergy and others decrying the rate increases and calling on the commission to deny Rhode Island Energy's rate increase request, before a phalanx of television cameras. As reporters and camera crews moved to the hearing room, where the meeting started as advertised at 11 a.m., protestors followed. Gerwatowski explained the purpose of the meeting was to take a vote on the proposed rate increase and not to consider new or additional testimony. The commission heard testimony during two days of hearings last week. After a vote that the procurement of electricity (agreements Rhode Island Energy has made with providers) meet their satisfaction, the commission moved on to the rate.

It didn't get far before the shouts and harangues of protestors drowned out Gerwatowski's efforts to proceed. He called for a recess and left the room, leaving Commissioners John C. Revens and Abigail Anthony to face the crowd.

"We have the freedom of speech. We're not a bill. We are people," one man yelled in the face of a police officer who sought to quiet the group. The officer attempted to reason but those around the man joined in a chorus of complaints. The officer finally turned away.

Providence state Rep. David Morales, waving his arms, pointed accusingly at Revens saying, "this is not funny." He said Revens was smiling, which Revens later refuted. "You should be ashamed," Morales yelled before turning his back and walking away.

In one of the less confrontational moments, a woman who identified herself as Sister of Mercy Tina, said she heard that PPL promised it would not raise rates "time and time again" during hearings on the acquisition from National Grid six months ago.

Revens sought to restore order saying that many in the room attended the public hearings and have the right to criticize the law. Morales interrupted saying Revens dismissed testimony from the public and the "only thing that seemed to matter here is the big wigs and the lawyers."

Morales defended his outbursts saying he represents the interests of his constituents even if it means "going up against corporate interests ... that's what I do as an elected official." He said Revens, as an appointee of former Gov. Gina Raimondo, "doesn't have the same level of accountability."

"You know better than that," retorted Revens, pointing out that he served for five decades in the General Assembly, "just as you are now." He went on to say many of the issues Morales referred to, such as a percentage income payment plan, didn't pass in the General Assembly. Morales said Rhode Island Energy lobbied against it.

Revens tried to get a word in edgewise, finally folding his arms and saying no more.

On returning, Gerwatowski sought to reconvene the hearing asking the audience to remain silent and that the meeting "is not participatory." He said that those being disruptive "would be escorted from the room." Two Warwick Police officers stepped forward. That did not stop the crowd and calls for the commission to cut PPL profits from 10 to 6 percent, or chants of "drop it off the docket."

By the time the commission reached the issue of credits and how they could affect the bills of Rhode Island Energy customers, most of the room was cleared.

PUC offices are likely to witness a similar faceoff next month as it considers Rhode Island Energy's proposal to increase natural gas rates Nov. 1. If approved, the PUC has calculated the annual typical residential heating customer using 845 therms would see an increase of \$227.23 or 15 percent on their current annual bill of \$1,514.68.

Those hearings haven't been scheduled, but are expected to be held in mid-October.





**FAMILY TRADITION:** The community gathered two weeks ago to honor the late Daniel E. Mazzulla, who was proud of his children – Justin, Gianna and Joe. Each has been helping to carry out his legacy in the world of sports. Last week, the Boston Celtics promoted Joe Mazzulla, at right, to interim head coach for the upcoming season, making his family and his hometown proud. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)



**BASKETBALL BLOOD:** This is the large and proud family of the late Daniel E. Mazzulla Jr., namesake of Johnston's indoor recreation center. Two weeks ago, his son Joe, the new Celtics interim head coach, spoke at the facility's dedication ceremony.

■ **Coach**  
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Mazzulla inherits a team that is coming off an NBA Finals appearance and features some of the league's fastest rising stars in Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown. Mazzulla's focus from here on will be building off of last year's success while maintaining a strong relationship with the players on the roster.

"The most important thing for me is making sure that the players and myself are on the same page. Making sure that we are focused on the preparations that we have for this season from a basketball standpoint and how we move forward together building trust and building relationships," said Mazzulla. "The great thing about this organization and the players that we have and the season that we had last year, we have a formula for what we know we need to do in order to get better every single day and get back to where we want to get to."

Mazzulla comes from Rhode Island's most famous basketball family. His father, Danny, was a standout player at Johnston and then went on to have a hall of fame career at Division I Bryant. He then became a state championship coach at Johnston High when he coached the girls team. He passed away in 2020 after a battle with brain cancer.

Joe's younger brother, Justin, is coming off a March Madness appearance with the University of Vermont and will be coaching at URI this winter.

Former Johnston girls coach Chris Corsinetti, who is a family friend of the Mazzulla's and was Dan's assistant with the girls program, is thrilled for Joe's promotion.

"The buzz is insane. I reached out to Joe and he is such a humble young man. All I can think of is Danny and how proud he must be. It's pretty amazing. It's a proud moment for them all. Just to have a Rainone Gym guy, that's where it all started. When Joey left, he was a 17-year-old boy and he came back a very wise young man. The Rainone Gym community and the Johnston community are very proud of him. His future is extremely bright," said Corsinetti.

Current Johnston boys coach Mike Bedrosian is also close to the Mazzulla family and is excited to see their name be recognized in the national spotlight.

"The Mazzulla name in Rhode Island is a staple. He made his dad proud and he made it even more of a staple. To be the head coach of an NBA team, especially at just 34 years old, it just shows how much respect he has from the players. He's getting that Mazzulla name looked at by hall of fame coaches and players. LeBron James now knows who Joe Mazzulla is," said Bedrosian.

One of Joe's childhood friends and current Exeter-West Greenwich coach Dave DelFino believes he will enjoy immediate success thanks to his knowledge and leadership abilities. DelFino played with Joe as a youth all the way through their time at Hendricken.

"Joe's an incredible leader and has an incredible work ethic. He fully trusts the process of not rushing

things and learning as he goes. There is premier NBA talent that respects him, and when the moment gets big, he is able to ground himself, especially for a 34-year-old. He's very intelligent, has a great basketball IQ. He's a great coach and now he gets to lead arguably the greatest basketball team in the world," said DelFino.

Corsinetti echoed those sentiments.

"I think Joe is extremely prepared, he climbed the ranks from Division II college to the D-League then the Celtics staff. He is a student of the game, he understands the game, he understands people, he understands culture, relationships. He is certainly prepared, I have no doubt in my mind that he is going to succeed," said Corsinetti.

As Joe gets ready to take on his biggest challenge yet, the local hoops community will be in his corner to celebrate his achievements, as well as the memory of his father, who was by his side throughout his career.

"My heart aches for Danny not being able to enjoy this with him, but I know that he is looking down on him and is proud of all the hard work that he has put in. It's nice to have someone in the Johnston community get to this level because a lot of these guys want to get into coaching. It shows that anything is possible," said Bedrosian.

DelFino added: "Johnston and Rhode Island are a very well-kept secret for the basketball world. The athletics world in general. I think this speaks volumes about Danny and his legacy."



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On September 30, 2022 at 9 p.m., Glenbridge Avenue in Providence will be closed for one week reopening at 9 p.m. on October 7 for RIDOT to demolish and replace the Glenbridge Avenue Bridge.

Route 6 will be closed overnight on September 30 for bridge demolition from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. and again on October 5 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. while the new bridge is slid into place.

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# JOHNSTON POLICE LOG

## ROAD RAGE ASSAULT

Around 10:20 p.m., Aug. 21, Johnston Police responded to Killingly Street for the report of a road rage incident. Upon arrival, they spoke to the reporting party who told police that while driving north on Killingly Street, the vehicle in front of him was traveling under the speed limit and the driver was allegedly "not paying attention to the roadway and using his cell phone."

According to the arrest report, the driver yelled at the other driver, "Don't be on your phone."

In response, the other driver allegedly threw a beverage into the alleged victim's car.

"I observed there to be a brown liquid covering the entirety of the vehicle's dashboard and windshield as well as a plastic coffee cup containing a similar brown liquid nearby," Johnston Police Patrolman Eli McGuire Krueger wrote in the arrest report.

The driver told police that he pulled ahead of the other vehicle, got out, and "began making comments" toward the other driver "in reference to the thrown beverage."

The alleged victim told police that the other driver drove close enough to him to pin him against his own vehicle and run over his foot while fleeing the scene. The victim told police he could provide the plate number and identify the other driver.

Police found the other driver's name and address after checking the registration info. They responded to the home of Darnell Dunston, of 1 Eric Place, Apt. 8, North Providence. Johnston Police responded to the scene and located the vehicle from the earlier incident.

"I observed scuff marks to the passenger front fender and bumper along with what appeared to be palm and finger prints on the hood of the vehicle," Johnston Police Lieutenant David J. Loffler wrote in the supplemental narrative report. "The engine was still warm, indicating it was recently operated."

Several North Providence Police units arrive don't the scene and police from both departments went to Dunston's apartment.

Dunston allegedly acknowledged

that he was "involved in an altercation with a male on Killingly Street, and his story almost matched what was provided by the victim ... Darnell stated he did not recall if his vehicle came into physical contact with (the victim)," Loffler wrote.

Dunston was arrested and transported to Johnston Police Headquarters, where police discovered he had an open Superior Court case for Felony Assault/Battery, Vandalism and Disorderly Conduct. Police said that Dunston was also on a 10-year suspended sentence/probation, which began on April 19, 2017, for two counts of Manufacture/Delivery/Possession with Intent to Deliver I/II and will be treated as a violator.

## SUSPENDED LICENSE

Around 8:30 p.m., Aug. 6, while on patrol in the area of 1640 Hartford Ave., Johnston Police Patrolman Thomas Santurri witnessed a red Hyundai Sonata with Michigan dealer plates traveling west, approximately 10 miles over the 35 mph speed limit.

Santurri initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Lucila B. Chaco, of 45 Wakefield Ave., Cranston.

Police said DMV files revealed Chacon had a suspended permit, which had expired in June, 2018, and the registration had expired in February, 2019. The VIN on the vehicle showed it had been inactive and last registered in the state of Maine, but Chacon provided a title that showed the vehicle had been sold to her (though she could not locate the bill of sale), according to the summons report.

Chacon was released from the scene with a District Court Notice to Appear for Driving with a Suspended License (third or subsequent offense, a misdemeanor), and received a RITT Court summons for Operation of Unregistered Vehicle, Improper use of Evidence of Registration and Speeding 1 to 10 mph in Excess. Her car was towed from the scene.

## WARRANT ARREST

Around 7 p.m., Aug. 9, Johnston Police responded to Stop and Shop at 11 Commerce Way to investigate

the report of a woman allegedly yelling at customers in the parking lot. The woman was located and identified as Lauren Smith, of 117 Dante St., Providence.

After checking with the Rhode Island Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (RILETS), police discovered Smith had a hold without bail Fourth District Court warrant for failing to appear on a larceny charge out of the Rhode Island State Police Lincoln barracks.

Smith was arrested and transported to headquarters, allowed to use the telephone and processed without incident. She was then transported to the Women's ACI intake.

## FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE

Around 2:56 p.m., Aug. 10, Johnston Police Patrolman Richard J. Varan was dispatched to the area of the intersection of Atwood Avenue and Route 6 following the report of a motor vehicle crash with injuries. When Varan arrived on scene, he noted one vehicle in the southbound travel lane of Atwood Avenue, and the second vehicle directly behind it.

The first driver told police that he was traveling south on Atwood when the traffic began to slow. After slowing, he said the other vehicle did not come to a stop on time, causing a rear-end collision. Police identified the second driver as Joselin Alonzo, of 120 Merino St., Apt. 2, Providence.

A check with the DMV revealed Alonzo did not have a Rhode Island driver's license on file. Alonzo was issued a Third District Court summons to appear on charges of Operating a Motor Vehicle without a License and was also issued a summons for Following Too Close/Intervals Between Vehicles.

## CONSPIRACY

Around 1:43 p.m., workers at a Johnston business flagged down police to report a shoplifting in process.

During a routine business check, loss prevention officers caught the attention of Johnston Police Patrolman Richard J. Varan, and told him that they had detained two people allegedly involved in a shoplifting.

One of the men, identified as Jorge

Crespo, of 124 Charles St., Providence, allegedly selected multiple items throughout the store and placed them in a cart in the hardware department. Loss prevention told police that the cart was then handed off to the other man and proceeded to the service desk. The man, identified as Luis A. Rivera, of 212 Carleron St., Apt. 2, Providence, allegedly returned the items and received a \$385.89 refund.

Both men then allegedly took another cart, that had also allegedly been filled with items by Rivera, and pushed it passed all points of purchase and exited the store. Loss prevention approached the men as they were leaving. Both men accompanied the store's loss prevention officer back inside the store without incident. The contents were valued at several hundred dollars, and included, among other items, 250 feet of wire, brackets, levels, a torch and a propane cylinder, according to the arrest report.

A RILETS check revealed Crespo had 14 charges on his past criminal history. Crespo was arrested and charged with Felony Shoplifting, Shoplifting (Habitual Offender), Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses, and Conspiracy. Rivera was also arrested, transported to police headquarters, and charged with Shoplifting, Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses, and Conspiracy.

Rivera's vehicle was towed from the scene.

## VANDALISM

Around 4:30 p.m., while on a fixed post along Plainfield Street, Johnston Police Patrolman Thomas Santurri observed a gray Hyundai Santa Fe travel west, and the driver was allegedly not wearing her seatbelt.

Santurri initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Melissa D. Cruz, of 112 Murray St., Apt. 9, Providence. A RILETS check revealed Cruz had an active arrest warrant out of the Cranston Police Department for Vandalism and Disorderly Conduct. Cruz was arrested and Cranston Police Officers responded to the scene to take custody of Cruz.

Cruz was also cited for not wearing her seatbelt.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA Thursday, September 29th, 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 September 29th, 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 2022-16 – Petition of John Rosa,** Owner/Applicant for 98 Greenville Ave, AP 16 Lot 353, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a use variance for Commercial Storage of Vehicles- Dump Truck and Pickup Trucks.

**File 2022-17 – Petition of Pamela and Kevin Sampson,** Owner/Applicant for 1311 Central Pike, AP 43 Lot 670, zoned R-40. The petitioner

is seeking a dimensional variance of section 340-25C for construction of a detached garage and cold storage.

**File 2022-18 – Petition of Lamar Advertising Company,** Applicant for 1232 Hartford Avenue, AP 20 Lot 299, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a use variance section 340-42A for modification for an existing billboard with electronic/digital advertising panel.

**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

9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29/22

**Planning Board Meeting Tuesday October 4th, 2022; 6:00 P.M.**

Johnston Senior Center  
1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919

### CORRECTED AGENDA

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### III. OLD BUSINESS

**PB 22- 48 The Johnston Comprehensive Plan** – Presentation and discussion by/with Weston & Sampson, plan consultant.

**NOTE:** The discussion of the Comprehensive Plan will last until 7:00 PM. The Planning Commission will begin hearing applications at that time.

**PB 17-48 – Reinstatement of Belfield Acres.** Applicant is seeking authorization to record the final plan which should have been recorded by January 31st, 2020.

**PB 20-44 – 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: Geransky Real Estate, LLC.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

**PB 22- 53 – Bella Woods Court** – Request for acceptance of improvements and release of bond.

**PB 22-52 – Reyes Subdivision** – Public Meeting on a Final Plan for a proposed 2-lot Minor Subdivision.

Located at 138 Scituate Avenue AP 25 Lot 4. Zoned R-20. Applicant: Willy Reyes.

**PB 22-49 – Town Hall Plaza – Minor Land Development and Unified Development Review.** Public Hearing of the proposed redevelopment of the existing plaza and the request for a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru use. A.P. 20 Lots 77 and a portion of 209. 1515 Atwood Avenue.

**PB 22 –54 - Coastal1 Credit Union – Minor Land Development and Unified Development Review.** Public Hearing of the proposed construction of a bank of the existing plaza and the request for a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru use. A.P. 20 Lots 170 and a portion of 209. 1463 Atwood Avenue.

### 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.*

9/29/22

### JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at 6:30 PM Johnston Senior Center 1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold a special meeting on October 6th, 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 2022-20 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 1520 Atwood Ave, AP 53 Lot 178, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an ac-

cessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

**File 2022-21 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 1651 Atwood Ave, AP 47, Lot 9, zoned R-40. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

**File 2022-22 – Petition of the Town of Johnston,** Owner/Applicant for 100 Irons Ave, AP 34, Lot 112 and Lot 530, zoned I. The petitioner is seeking a Dimensional Variance Section 340-25 for the construction of an accessory use structure specifically a metal building for storage in excess of 150 square feet.

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

9/22, 9/29, 10/6/22



# Opinion

EDITORIAL

## We cannot lose perspective on immigration

The recent scandal involving Florida's inflammatory governor apparently sending a group of 50 Venezuelan asylum seekers to Martha's Vineyard — allegedly under false pretenses, and on the taxpayers' dime, no less — has renewed a conversation locally about the state of affairs regarding migrants, and about whether those realities will come to affect our own state at some point soon down the road.

The issues associated with increasing immigration is one that should not be ignored — as it has been reported, arrests of those attempting to cross illegally at our Southern borders surpassed two million in a single year for the first time in our history.

However, as Gov. DeSantis so nakedly showed in this recent incident, utilizing that crisis as a political ploy to damage your ideological enemies is a gross, inhuman response that does absolutely nothing to address the actual issue at hand. Rather than use human beings as political pawns, we should be having real conversations about what states can, and should, be doing to prepare for a continuing influx of people that are so desperate to improve their situations that they would rather pick up and risk everything to relocate rather than remain where they are.

The Florida case is particularly distressing because it involves those fleeing from what has become recognized as an increasingly dangerous, exploitative, authoritarian regime — something that Americans should have a soft spot for rather than a cynical one. But when using polarizing language such as "migrants", we strip these individuals of their humanity and diminish them into caricatures, and how you feel about their plight then becomes secondary to which "side" of the issue you root for.

We live in a state where, as of 2020, about 13 percent of our residents are immigrants, and where about one in every five people who live here are native-born Americans with at least one immigrant parent. These are our neighbors, business owners, friends, and relatives. They are no less or more worthy of support than anyone else who has been in this country for generations.

There is a vast range of concerns to discuss when thinking about the increasing waves of those seeking better opportunities here in America. It is no secret we have much progress to be made in our ability to house, feed, and safely secure millions of our own people, much less worrying about the millions of those who were born into an equally untenable situation in other countries.

But rather than attempt to vilify those who are seeking a better life, perhaps we should start having these difficult discussions as a nation, and as individual states, on how we can work together to lighten the tremendous weight this crisis will bear on all of us. What we have now, where one state attempts to peacock how foolish the other is by sending a plane full of people to the other and essentially saying, "There, you got what you wanted," is neither helpful nor acceptable, and it should not be accepted by the American people — so many of who came here with the same dreams and aspirations from lands elsewhere.



## No tolls, but where's the money coming from?

STORY OF THE WEEK:

U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith shifted the focus from a cascade of campaign news last week when he dropped a big decision bringing a sudden halt to Rhode Island's truck tolls. Most Rhode Islanders had forgotten about the legal dispute over the tolling program initiated by former Gov. Gina Raimondo. But the trucking industry has vociferously fought against the initiative in the hope of stopping similar approaches from spreading to other states. Citing how the Wall Street Journal in 1983 panned Rhode Island as "little more than a smudge on the fast lane to Cape Cod, Smith wrote that Raimondo and state lawmakers "figured out a way finally to monetize the "fast lane to Cape Cod .... But tolling highways is tricky and controversial business." In particular, Smith found, Rhode Island's truck tolling program violates the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The trucking industry and Republicans lawmakers (who staunchly opposed Raimondo's RhodeWorks program) hailed the decision. "It was ridiculous that the General Assembly would adopt a plan that called for new tolls statewide and millions in debt with so little information," RI Senate GOP Leader Jessica de la Cruz of North Smithfield said in a statement. Truck tolls generate about \$40 million a year — not a huge amount in the context of the state's \$13 billion budget. Yet if Smith's ruling stands, it's unclear where the money will come from to pay for future infrastructure improvements. Gov. Dan McKee and legislative leaders quickly ruled out a move to tax cars, and an appeal of Smith's ruling to the First

## TALKING POLITICS



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U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals seems likely, although McKee has not yet announced the state's next move. Truck toll opponents contend that Rhode Island has adequate money to pay for road and bridge improvements, and that even more would be available through more efficient spending. Supporters of the program say inadequate maintenance funding was a big factor in why Rhode Island's roads and bridges fell into disrepair — and that while the trucking industry may not like contributing to the upkeep, the money needs to come from somewhere.

ASHLEY'S ANSWERS:

With a bit more than six weeks until the Nov. 8 general election, GOP candidate for governor Ashley Kalus has spent close to \$3 million to raise her profile and she's making an aggressive campaign against Democratic Gov. Dan McKee. Last week, Kalus staged what she said would be the first in a series of events to outline her approach on policy, starting with education. She underscored the importance of the issue and talked about the difference it has made in her own life, while also declining to directly answer some key questions. Does she support banning certain books? Would she restrict teaching

about race and racism? Kalus, a 40-year-old transplant to Newport, used a similar approach during an interview this week on Political Roundtable. Asked how voters can get to know her if she doesn't directly answer some questions, Kalus said in part, "[W]hen we look at the challenges of the schools, if we look at the scores in terms of math and reading in the state, those are our challenges right now. And I want to focus on that and not move from the fact that we've been failing children for a generation by not doing the hard steps that are required for education reform." Kalus focused on touting her background and criticizing McKee. She declined to say whether she voted for Donald Trump in 2020 — a response that got picked up by the Democratic Governors Association and McKee's campaign. "The question of Donald Trump is not the question of the governor's race in Rhode Island," Kalus said. "I am sure that Dan McKee would like that to be because he doesn't want questions about his record. And really what we should be talking about is his Dan McKee's record as governor because that is what people are voting on his record and my vision and my ability to deliver a better Rhode Island for the future of Rhode Island."

SHORT TAKES:

Kalus' campaign confirms it has hired noted mail ballot expert Ed Cotugno .... Kalus spokesman Matt Hanrahan tells me that Kalus sent a letter asking to be removed as a Florida voter when she moved to Rhode Island. Via email, he added: "In March of '22, she noticed she had not been, and followed up. At that point, she was offi-

cially removed from the rolls. Florida doesn't automatically clear its voter rolls. Again, when Ashley realized she was still registered in FL, she took the necessary steps to get herself removed." .... Ted Nesi and Eli Sherman report on how Kalus' family was still receiving a homeowner tax cut for a property in Illinois after buying a Newport home, although she said her husband was still in Illinois ... Kathy Gregg reports on how Kalus (and Gov. McKee) have yet to release their tax returns.

RI BRAIN DRAIN:

Former Gov. Lincoln Almond, during a WLNE debate with Myrth York in 1994, decried the brain drain of young people leaving the state due to insufficient job opportunities. Almond won that election and he wound up serving two terms that coincided with a prosperous time in America. He was succeeded by fellow Republican Don Carcieri, whose second term ran headlong into the Great Recession. Despite its many assets, Rhode Island still suffers from a brain drain. So if two GOP governors couldn't make marked improvement over 16 years, during mostly good economic times, why would it be different under Kalus? Part of her response: "I would say it's not a party thing ... I am different. I've never been in political office before. I'm a business person ... And I also know that I will have to work with others in order to get things done, I will have to work with a Democratic legislature and I intend to do so."

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**MAMMOTH UNDERTAKING:** The six-story Amazon retail distribution facility's ground floor will ultimately cover approximately 823,522 square feet, and the facility will eventually cover a total area of approximately 3,864,972 square feet.



**BLUE AND WHITE:** These images of the Amazon construction site in Johnston, at and following sunset, were captured by drones piloted by Trevor Bryan, an FAA Licensed and insured drone pilot, the owner and operator of New England Aerial Services, on Sept. 21. For more information on the Warwick-based company, visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/newenglandaerialservices](http://www.facebook.com/newenglandaerialservices). (Drone images captured by New England Aerial Services)



**RIBBON CUTTING?** According to Caitlin McLaughlin, Amazon Public Relations New England, the facility's completion date is scheduled for the "second half of 2023." The \$290 million project is visible from points across the region, as crews work through the night.



# Johnston Goes Back to School



Hailee L., Fourth Grade, Thornton Elementary

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
Once again, the Johnston Sun Rise asked and our readers answered loudly. We urged parents to post their youngsters' first day of school photographs on our Facebook page, and more than 50 responded. We have a deep well of photos to publish, so check our pages for the next few weeks. We'll do our best to run each and every one, but it will take several editions. If you missed our online appeal, please feel free to email your photos to Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler, rorys@rhodybeat.com. Don't forget a caption (please include your child's full name and grade).



Jameson Burns, Second Grade at Thornton Elementary



2022Bus Stop Crew, heading to Brown Avenue



Jordan Bracey, JHS Sophomore



Gemma Gauthier, Second Grade, and Santino Gauthier, Third Grade, with Ashley Gauthier, School Nurse



Dhrati's first day of Fourth Grade at Brown Avenue Elementary School



# ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

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## Elvis

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If you have been looking to adopt or know of an animal in need, please contact Karen directly at [animaltalk1920@gmail.com](mailto:animaltalk1920@gmail.com) 



Ethan Bracey, Eighth Grade, Ferri Middle School



Lorenzo Troino, First Grade, Winsor Hill



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Breonna's first day at Ferri Middle School



Hunter Scholl, Sixth Grade





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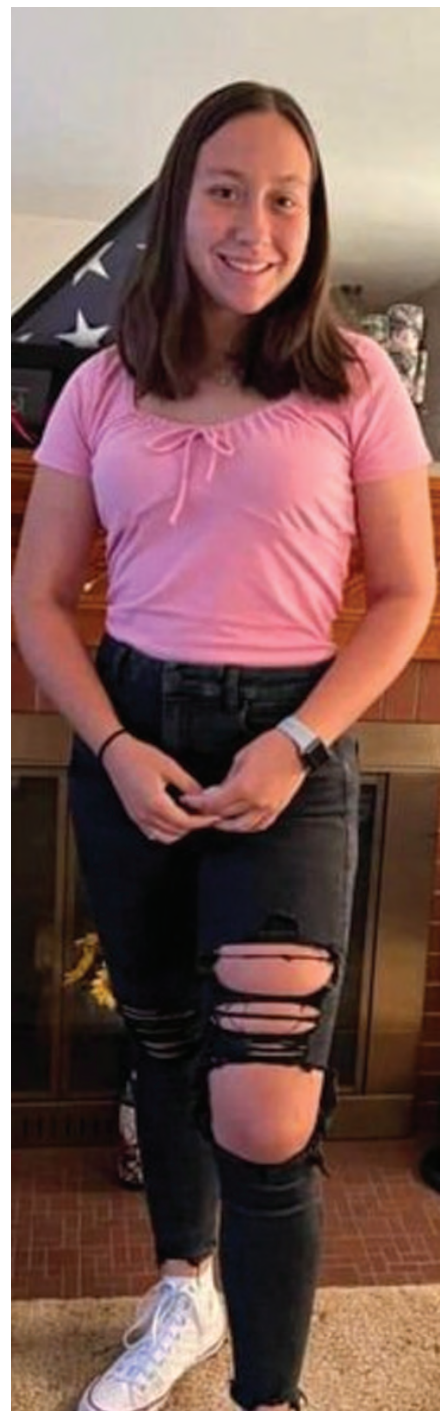
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# Scoops

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**AGING DISGRACEFULLY:** The center presents Comedy Show "Aging Disgracefully" at the JSC on Thursday evening, Oct. 13. Contact the center for information and/or to register at 401-944-3343.

### More at Mohr Library

**Heating Assistance Information:** On Thursday, Sept. 29, drop in between 3 and 5 p.m. to speak to a staff member from Tri-County Community Action Agency about their program to help with heating costs.

**Grief Support Group for Loss of Child:** On the first Wednesday of the month, starting Oct. 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Tina Saker at esaker5128@cox.net, or call the Library at 401-231-4980.

**Tree Stewards Education Course:** On Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25, from 6-8 p.m. Attend a "Planting Workshop" on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tree Biology & Identification, Planting & Pruning, Tree Health, Urban Forestry and Soil. RITree Members & OSL library cardholders \$50. (Non-Member price, \$75) Register online at [www.ritree.org](http://www.ritree.org) or by calling RITree at 401-764-5885.

**Yoga Classes for Toddlers with Ms. Pauline:** On Second Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., from September through December (remaining dates: Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14), children will be guided into gentle movement exercises using the power of their imagination. Transforming into cats, cows, dogs, dolphins will be a highlight of their story hour. They will also learn breathing techniques that calm and center them. It will be a time of joy, wonder and movement. Ms. Pauline is a certified yoga teacher practicing since she was 17 years old. A former school teacher, she began programs to bring yoga to children and teachers in schools throughout Rhode Island. This program is sponsored by The Tri-County Community Action Agency, Health Equity Zone. Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

**Storytime:** On Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., through Dec. 7 (except for second Wednesdays when the library will have Yoga for Toddlers) stop by for stories, songs, rhymes, puppets and coloring for children ages 2 and up and their grown-ups. The remaining dates will include: Oct. 5, 19 & 26 (Halloween); Nov. 2, 16, 23 & 30; Dec. 7. Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

**Art Smart with Ms. Melyssa:** Explore different art techniques and learn about the works of famous artists, at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 5 through Nov. 2 (for children ages 8 to 12). Register at [mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php](http://mohrlibrary.org/forchildren.php) or by calling the Library at 401-231-4980 and pressing 5.

Mohr Library offers special activities for middle-school and high-school age kids most afternoons. For more information

contact Young Adult Librarian Marissa Galonski at 401-231-4980 or email [marissa@mohrlibrary.org](mailto:marissa@mohrlibrary.org).

Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library is now open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The library is located at 1 Memorial Avenue in Johnston. Visit their website: [mohrlibrary.org](http://mohrlibrary.org).

### 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.

### 2022 Celebrate the Movement 5K

Special Olympics, Garden City Center and the Cranston police Department's Office of Community Outreach will host a 5K run and walk-a-thon on Oct. 23. Register by Oct. 10 for \$30 per person and you will receive a T-shirt. Sign up on or after Oct. 10 and the cost is \$40 but you will not get a T-shirt. Sign up today by visiting [www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/22856-2022-celebrate-the-movement](http://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/22856-2022-celebrate-the-movement).

### Free Teacher Assistant Training Program

The Comprehensive Community Action Plan is holding a free, virtual teacher assistant training program from Oct. 17 to Oct. 27. Individuals must be 18 to 24 years old, have a high school diploma or GED and a clean BCI. The classes run from noon to 3 p.m. Individuals, if eligible, can get paid to attend class. There will be a paid internship after program completion. For more information, call 401-562-8325.

### Ghost Party

Join Jared the magician and mentalist on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at Sprague Mansion for the Cranston Historical Society's annual Charlie the Butler Ghost Party fundraising event. Costumes are optional - no Halloween masks. Tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$17 for Cranston Historical Society members. Individuals can have their tarot or psychic future read by fortune tellers for a separate fee. There will be light refreshments. Checks can be sent to the historical society (1353 Cranston St., Cranston 02920) by Oct. 24. After Oct. 24, call 401-944-9226 to inquire if seating is available.

### OLLI Classes for Adults 50+

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Rhode Island continues its registration for the fall semester. OLLI at URI provides classes for adults aged 50 and better. Students can enjoy a variety of classes, in person and via ZOOM, simply for the joy of learning - no

tests, no grades. Learn more about OLLI by visiting [uri.edu/olli](http://uri.edu/olli) or call the office at 874-4197.

A few selections for the upcoming semester include Conversational Italian, Digital Photography, Broadway Musicals, and a special course, "Who Really Killed Michael Jordan's Father?" OLLI classes meet at 210 Flagg Road with ample parking right outside the door.

### Go Birding this Fall

Join the Audubon this fall for morning bird walks. There will be a bird walk at Hunt's Mills in East Providence from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 9. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members and is for those ages 12 and older - advance registration is required. There will also be an annual Hawk Watching trip on Oct. 22 at Napatree Point. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members and is for teens and adults - advance registration is required. To register, visit [asri.org](http://asri.org) and click on the event calendar.

### Craft and Vendor Show

St. Mary's Feast Society Ladies' Auxiliary will host its annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12. There will be vendors, crafters, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, food and more.

### Letters From Home

From January through May, 2023, Erinn Dearth and Dan Beckmann will be traveling the entire country performing one show in each of the United States as the singing and dancing sensation called "Letters From Home."

McVinney Auditorium is going to be the host for the official Rhode Island stop of the tour, which will take place at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.

"Letters From Home" was founded in 2010, featuring music from the soundtracks of WWII, Vietnam, and beyond. This vaudevillian-style singing & tap dancing duo has honored our veterans, active military heroes and their families, by uniting the nation through music.

The show's idea came from Pat Dearth, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Since its inception, "Letters From Home" has performed more than 900 shows across the country. A documentary on the group produced by "Our State" Television (David Hardy) won an Emmy award in 2015. In 2019, Erinn and Dan traveled to Normandy, France to perform during the 75th Anniversary of D-Day festivals where they sang the National Anthem on June 6th at sunset on Omaha Beach. "Letters From Home" returned to Europe in May to perform for WWII Veterans touring in The Netherlands and Belgium.

The task of a nationwide tour has always been a dream of founder, Erinn Dearth, and during the pandemic it became more of a calling than ever. "The show is high-energy and should make everyone smile," said Dearth, "but it's also a message of hope in a country that is a bit

divided at the moment."

Dearth hopes that those who come to see the show will walk away with a song in their hearts and a new perspective on patriotism. Dan Beckmann, the other half of the pair, is also an accomplished professional photographer. He will be documenting the tour in a photo blog in addition to directing a documentary of the 50-States tour.

One of the tours sponsors is Footsteps Researchers, a global team of military researchers that help their clients retrace the footsteps of those who served in WWII. The founder of Footsteps Researchers, Myra Miller will serve as Tour Manager and is very excited, "to meet veterans across the country and thank them for their service. We want to pack the venues with young and old alike to share the energetic and fun performances of 'Letters From Home!'"

All 50 venues across the United States have been secured for the tour and tickets are now available. To view the tour route or to purchase tickets in the state nearest you, visit [www.LettersFromHomeSingers.com](http://www.LettersFromHomeSingers.com).

### Veterans Day Parade

The City of Cranston will once again hold its Veterans Day Parade at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 11. The parade will kick off in front of Legion Bowl on Park Avenue, continue past City Hall up to Heyward Street and past Rolfe Street. A ceremony at the cannon memorial will immediately flood the parade. Any group/organization that wants to march can contact Paul McAuley at [pmcauley@cranstonri.org](mailto:pmcauley@cranstonri.org).

### Open Juried Exhibit

The Warwick Center for the Arts is holding its 36th annual RI Open Juried Exhibit from Oct. 1 to Nov. 12 at 3259 Post Road, Warwick. The show consists of a variety of media and subject matter and is juried by Paula Martiesian. Martiesian has exhibited extensively around RI and is an award-winning advocate for the arts and artists. The opening reception will take place on Oct. 6 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For further information, visit [warwickcfa.org](http://warwickcfa.org) or call 401-737-0010.

### Animal Blessing

In honor of St. Francis, St. Mark's Episcopal Church will have its Annual Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the front lawn of 111 West Shore Road, Warwick. All are invited for this short service. For safety, please leash or cage your pets. For more information, call 737-3127 or visit [www.stmarkswarwick.org](http://www.stmarkswarwick.org).

**Editor's Note:** Send submissions to [rorys@rhodybeat.com](mailto:rorys@rhodybeat.com). Photos in jpg format are accepted and news can include community events, promotions, academic news and nonprofit events. Email today and see your news in our column in the Johnston Sun Rise. Please include a daytime telephone number in case we require any further information.



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# General Election 2022

# Who goes first?

## It's the luck of the draw for mayoral Independents

By RORY SCHULER

And the winner is ... It will be several months before we know who'll be Johnston's next mayor.

On Sept. 19, the Johnston Board of Canvassers (BOC), however, conducted a lottery to decide the order of names on the General Election ballot.

Three candidates have declared a run for Johnston mayor: Joseph M. Polisen Jr. (current Town Council Vice President and son of current Mayor Joseph M. Polisen), a Democrat, will face Karen E. Cappelli Chadwick and Brenda Lynn Leone, both Independents.

Since Polisen is a Democrat, and endorsed by the party, his name will appear first on the ballot. No Republicans have entered the race.

Next on the ballot, the Independents will appear.

Cappelli Chadwick and Leone attended the Sept. 19 meeting to find out which one would be first, among the independent candidates, on the ballot.

The BOC conducted a lottery to decide placement of the Independent mayoral candidates on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

BOC Chairman Joseph Falvo held a box, and small slips of paper with each candidates' name was placed in the box. The box was shaken, and a name was selected.

Cappelli Chadwick won the draw, and her name will appear first, above Leone's.

Rhode Island held its Statewide Primary on Tuesday, Sept. 13. The Rhode Island General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Deadline to register to vote in the General Election is Oct. 9. Deadline for a General Election mail ballot application is Oct. 18.

**Editor's Note:** The Johnston Sun Rise plans to sponsor a Mayoral Debate prior to the election. Watch for updates on the forum, plus more from the candidates, in upcoming editions.



**MAYORAL HOPEFULS:** Independents Brenda Lynn Leone, left, and Karen E. Cappelli Chadwick, right, attended the Sept. 19 Johnston Board of Canvassers meeting to find out who would appear first on the General Election ballot. Both candidates will be listed under Democratic candidate Joe Polisen Jr. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

### NOT THE POWERBALL:

At right, Johnston Board of Canvassers Chairman Joseph Falvo held a box, and small slips of paper with each candidates' name was placed in the box. The box was shaken, and a name was selected.

### LOTTERY PICK:

Below, on Sept. 19 the Johnston Board of Canvassers held a lottery to decide which Independent mayoral candidate would appear first on the General Election ballot.



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## What's new in Real Estate

With the Season changing so does the Real Estate market.

As we head into Fall and Holiday Season, we may think it isn't a good time to buy or sell a home.

Statistically, residential listing activity tends to slow over the winter months. ....

According to data from State-Wide Multiple Listing Service, although there is a slight increase in single family listings coming out of the pandemic, we continue to show low inventory in residential home categories. Currently there are 1115 active and coming soon single family listings in MLS which is approximately 1.8 months of inventory. In a balanced market we'd have a 6 month supply

Home prices continue to increase, however at a lower pace over the past few months.

We've experienced several rate hikes and are anticipating more, causing affordability issues for prospective buyers. To combat the increase, buyers and their lenders are strategically working on ways to keep their monthly payments down by buying points at closing, putting more money down on the loans, getting assistance from family etc.

If you are a buyer in today's market it is wise to have your "Ducks in a Row". Be prepared with a pre approval from a reputable lender and meet with a Realtor to discuss what to expect with the purchase process and your financial responsibilities throughout the transaction.

If a new listing comes on the market in your price range, be prepared to get there quickly before it sells. As they say...he/she who hesitates is lost!

Once you find a home you'd love to purchase, make that offer with your Realtor.

Every transaction is situational, so there is no cookie cutter strategy to making a successful offering. Know the seller's circumstances and plan accordingly with your Realtor.

The terms of your offer are as important as the number you are offering. How you are paying for the property...Type of loan, cash, etc. How soon can you close? Some sellers may want to close quickly; others may need to find suitable housing prior to closing. If you have time flexibility that the seller needs, perhaps a focus of that may make your offer attractive. Some



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sellers, especially a senior seller transaction, may not have the ability to remove all contents from the home prior to closing. Maybe allowing the items to remain and you clean out after purchasing will be received well when the seller analyses offers. Not all sellers are looking for \$20,000 over asking price. Although the number may be attractive, some will be concerned about appraisal value.

Be realistic with your offer, especially if the property is a "Hot" one and in multiple offer situation. Planning to lowball your offer when the seller has other options is not going to be a successful strategy. The seller will look at serious buyer offers instead of yours and you will be disappointed to lose the opportunity.

Avoid looking at properties outside your affordable price range. If a listing is new to the market and priced at fair market value, the seller will likely get

their price or perhaps more. It is best to keep your search within your price and concentrate on those you can comfortably make a strong offer having a better chance of getting it accepted.

If you are a seller, hopefully working with a professional, be prepared to sell and close when you list your home.

With low inventory and plentiful buyers out there, it is likely you will have early activity if your property is in good condition and priced within fair market value. Buyers are anxious, but also savvy to the market conditions.

If you have to purchase a property prior to closing on your current home, be prepared accordingly as discussed above. Your transaction on the sell side could be contingent upon you finding suitable housing, which is fine, but consider the buyer who will have to determine how long they can wait. They will have rate lock time constraints and may be concerned about rate increases which will affect their affordability.

Likewise, if you make an offer on a property to purchase contingent upon closing on your current home prior to closing the purchase, that seller will consider your time frame for closing ability as well. Your offer will be best received if your property is already on the market and preferably under contract.


If you are a Senior seller and hoping to avoid another Winter in your home, this is a great time to get started on you plan. Transitioning from your current home into a "Rightsized Lifestyle" for you will require planning. Contact a professional to assist with a solid plan to reach your goals. A Senior Real Estate Specialist can be a good resource for your specific needs.

As you can see from these various scenarios, it is important to seek professional help when either buying or selling in today's environment. Going it alone may seem less restrictive but your success in reaching your goals is greater with assistance of a professional.


Thank you, good luck and Happy Fall!!!

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# How to spot mold in your home

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Homes are safe havens and relaxing spaces for their residents. No one wants to imagine the place they call home putting their health in jeopardy, but that's precisely the case for people who live in homes where mold is present.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency notes that molds are not usually a problem indoors. However, when they are, molds produce allergens, irritants and potentially toxic substances. Molds can become problematic when spores land on wet or damp surfaces and begin growing. If inhaled, those spores can cause allergic reactions in people with asthma who have mold allergies. Even people without such allergies may suffer from irritated eyes, skin, nose, throat, or lungs

due to exposure to mold. Mold also can affect the home itself, as the EPA notes that mold gradually destroys the things it grows on, potentially leading to costly remediation and renovation expenses.

Mold is sometimes visible in parts of a home. For example, mold problems in a bathroom may be recognizable when tiny black spots are present on surfaces that frequently get wet. Those areas may gradually expand from small spots and cover larger areas, such as windowsills and areas around the bathtub. Other signs indicating the presence of mold may be less recognizable though potentially just as harmful. That's one reason why it makes sense for everyone to learn how to spot mold in a home.

• **Learn what mold**

**looks like.** Not all molds are black. Some are white and look like thread, but they also can have a gray-brown or gray-green tint. When peeling old wallpaper, some people may notice orange, pink or purple growth on the newly exposed walls, and that's likely mold.

• **Identify problems with paint.** If paint is peeling, bubbling or cracking, it's likely indicative of a mold issue. In such instances, contact a mold remediation specialist rather than simply painting over the affected areas with a fresh coat of paint.

• **Conduct a smell test.** Most molds will emit a damp, musty odor. However, a lack of this distinct and unpleasant smell should not lead individuals to conclude they don't have a mold issue, as some molds do

not produce an odor. In addition, the EPA notes that the smell of indoor molds can differ depending on the type of mold present in the home. Homeowners who have experienced mold issues in the past should not ignore a foul odor simply because it smells different from a previous infestation. Contact a mold remediation professional if you suspect an unpleasant smell could be a byproduct of mold.

Mold can be harmful to homes and humans. Anyone who suspects their home has a mold problem is urged to contact a remediation specialist as soon as possible. TF229304



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Despite its reputation as the most formidable type of mold individuals can find in their homes, black mold is similar to other indoor molds in regard to its effects on human health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, black mold, or stachybotrys chartarum, isn't any more harmful than other types of mold, including cladosporium, penicillium, aspergillus, and alternaria. The reputation of black mold, which can look black or greenish-black, likely has something to do with its appearance. But homeowners still have reason to be fearful of mold in their homes, regardless of what color the mold may be. That's because mold can lead to a host of unwelcome health problems, including stuffy nose, sore throat, coughing or wheezing, burning eyes, or skin rash. Symptoms may be even worse for people with asthma and mold allergies. TF229306

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By JENNIFER COATES

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dewy and youthful look, you will find it at Alluring Visions. If you are looking for a clean makeup line that gives your face a radiant, healthy glow, let Wayne help you find just what you are looking for. If you are tired of chemical-laden household cleansers, check out all the FARMASI cleansers available here. Wayne and Michael know everything there is to know about these products. The primary goal of Wayne and Michael is to help their customers be the very best they can be, and to reveal that physical and emotional wellbeing from their inner core, all the way to the tip of their fingers! FARMASI products are for men

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# Sports



**BIG START:** Johnston's Olivia lafrate works her way up the field. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

## Mazzulla latest from RI to reach the top

As most of you know by now, Johnston native and Bishop Hendricken alum Joe Mazzulla was promoted to interim coach of the Boston Celtics after Ime Udoka was suspended for the upcoming season due to a breach of team policies.

This is a tremendous opportunity for Mazzulla, despite the circumstances, and a wonderful time to be a Rhode Island sports fan.

Mazzulla hails from arguably the state's best-ever basketball family. His late father Dan, was a legend at nearby Bryant and went on to play professionally overseas. Joe played Division I ball in college, and his younger brother just played for the University of Vermont in March Madness. For the Mazzulla family, this is an incredible feather in the cap.

Since his college playing days, Joe has been a coach and has spent the last two seasons as an assistant for the Celtics. He also coached the Celtics' summer league squad. From what I understand, the players think highly of him and he rose through the ranks pretty fast.

Now, this is his moment to really solidify himself in the world's greatest league. Of course, he is a proven coach, but this is his chance to prove that he can lead an organization in the driver's seat.

It's not going to be easy. There is going to be controversy regarding the circumstances that will follow him and the team throughout the season. Unfortunately, he is going to have to answer a lot of questions about a situation that does not even involve him. He's going to have to guide a young team that is heading into a season unlike any

### My pitch



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other ... this type of controversy is unprecedented in the league.

In my opinion, any success he enjoys this year will be elevated even more because of this. Sure, in a perfect world, he would have gone through the standard procedure. See a job opening, apply, interview, get hired. But, it is what it is, and now is his chance to shine at just 34 years old. That's what is also impressive about all of this, the organization has faith in him leading the way at such a young age.

Fortunately for Joe, he is inheriting a team that reached the finals and is returning much of the same core. He is also familiar with his players and I am sure much of this year will be about following the guidelines that Udoka set. Udoka, as of now, is expected to return the following season and has no intentions of resigning. Although Joe will have his own style and throw in a few wrinkles of his own, I'm sure, his ultimate goal will be to keep the momentum from last year and set the team up for success as best as he can.

My biggest takeaway though, is just how special of a moment this is for the Mazzulla family. To see one

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# Panthers rolling in new division

By **ALEX SPONSELLER**

The Johnston girls soccer team shut out host Tolman 3-0 on Monday afternoon in Pawtucket to improve to 5-1 overall and stay 4-0 in

league play this fall season.

The Panthers came out hot in the first half and would score all three of their goals in the opening 40 minutes of action. Despite not scoring in the second half, the first half

production would be more than enough to secure the victory.

Karen Lastor-Rojas would get the go-ahead goal early in the first half, then leading scorer Lexi

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## JMCE 6th Annual Co-Ed golf tourney: Class, camaraderie and caring

By **PETE FONTIANE**

Class, camaraderie and caring!

Those three words could well define what took place Sunday at picturesque and historic Gloucester Country Club during the Johnston Memorial Cancer Events 6th Annual Co-Ed Memorial Golf Tournament.

Class?

For starters, there's a fun and food-filled pre-tee off lunch that featured Chef Brian Curley cooking hot dogs and sausage and pepper sandwiches and readying meatball sandwiches and famous pizza chips the sold out 68-golfer field enjoyed in-and-around the clubhouse after loading their golf bags onto their carts.

Likewise, GCC President Ed Duffv and Pro Nick



**POPULAR PRESENTERS:** This is the close-knit group of friends who make up the JMCE Co-Ed Memorial Golf Tournament Committee, which includes: Dewey and Tracy Uriati, David and Judi Graham Linda and Vinny LaFazia and Greg Kernan. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

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of its members be the head coach of the world's most historic franchise ... it is such an accomplishment and will bring the family legacy to the national spotlight. It's a remarkable sports family that has had so much talent and success.

For Johnston, its favorite sports family is doing it proud. For Rhode Island, it is another member of the sports community that has gone on to do spectacular things. For the country's smallest state, it sure is starting to make a name for itself on the national stage. Between professional baseball players, football players, NHL coaches, now NBA coaches, it is a great time to be a local sports fan.

I can't wait to follow the Celtics this season as they look to get back to the big show and hopefully win it this time. The entire state will be in Joe's corner.

The next item I wanted to touch on is Fans Only Sportz winning the bid to livestream all of Cranston's high school sports. The RIIIL will still hold the rights for playoffs, but will now allow Fans Only Sportz to handle the regular season.

Fans Only Sportz is a locally run operation that has become one of the top live streaming services in the state. The organization has numerous clients throughout Rhode Island and now secures another big collection in Cranston. It is run by local sports enthusiasts that all have broadcasting experience.

Before COVID especially, live streaming was really only popular at the college level. Obviously, professional sports are broadcasted far and wide. But since the pandemic, many sports fans have begun to rely on these streams at the local level and the audience has only grown in numbers, there is a hunger for live streaming like never before.

What is cool about Fans Only Sportz is that it's a Rhode Island company, led by Rhode Islanders. There are a bunch of national brands like the NFHS network that do a fine job, but it just feels a little different with locals heading the operation.

The point that I am getting at here, is that I am all for live streaming and feel like we should all embrace it, and embrace companies like Fans Only Sportz. Imagine a world where every high school game was available for live streaming? That would allow family, friends, fans to tune in to every game. Think about football for example, late in the fall season, I always feel for the grandparents that are sitting there in the freezing cold to watch their grandkids play ... or the families that have young children. Don't get me wrong, I love seeing families present to root on their own, but to have that flexibility would be tremendous.

It will be interesting moving forward to see how many more of these streaming services emerge, but I hope that one day high school sports are simply a click away from being on your screen.



UP THE FIELD: Johnston's Josephine Olagundoye works her way up the field against Tolman on Monday.

## ■ Rolling

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DiLorenzo would go on to add two more to make it 3-0 before the break.

"It was exciting for the girls, especially since a few of these girls have had opportunities this season to score but weren't able to. Even Karen who plays defense for us was able to score first and put us ahead, so it was great for the team morale and it got everyone excited," said Johnston coach Toni Scavitti.

The Panthers made the move down to Division IV this fall and so far, so good. Johnston has not allowed a goal in its five victories and has enjoyed breakout seasons from girls like DiLorenzo, who has netted eight goals, as well as Kaylee Poole and keeper Ava Waterman.

"Starting (5-1) is not something that we anticipated. We don't go into these games thinking that we are going to win, we think that we are going to play our hardest and the result is what it is. As long as we go out there and play our hearts out, that's all we'll be OK with," Scavitti said.

Scavitti credits the entire team for shutting out



LEAD SCORER: Johnston's Lexi DiLorenzo passes the ball on Monday.

five of its first six opponents.

"It's a combination of everything. The team is working really well together, they have each other's backs and support one another on and off the field. Our forwards and midfielders aren't allowing as many shots to make it to (Waterman) as they did last year, and when the shots do make it to her, she has done a great job," said Scavitti.

Scavitti has also been thrilled with DiLorenzo, who has been a tone setter

on offense each game this season.

"She is a really important person for our forwards. The thing about her is that when she scores her first goal, she doesn't stop, she wants the ball back. She wants to put the ball in the back of the net and get multiple goals in there," said Scavitti.

The Panthers took on Davies on Wednesday, but the results were not available at press time. Johnston will next hit the road to face Woonsocket on Friday.

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**CLASSIC COOK:** Brian Curley holds one of the many hot dogs he cooked Sunday during the 6th Annual JMCE Co-Ed Memorial pre-tourney lunch.



**NEW NICHE:** Among the new faces who teed off in Sunday's 6th Annual JMCE Co-Ed Memorial were Mike and Stacy Cyr and Jessica and Robert Glew.



**SUPER SPONSORS:** David Graham of Graham Builders Inc. and Tom Grover of Relco Electrical contractors who served as major sponsors for Sunday's JMCE Co-Ed Memorial Golf Tourney, were honored prior to tee off for their special support.

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Maresca welcomed and assisted many members as well as newcomers to the nine-hole event that benefits Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence.

Moreover, the 2022 Co-Ed Memorial had what countless players call "two major and very generous sponsors beginning with Graham Builders of Smithfield which is owned and operated by David and Judi Graham who donated specially embroidered fleece jackets for all the players.

The second such Major Sponsor was Tom Grover who owns and operates Relco Electrical Contractors that has four locations in-and-around Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts including Cranston.

Camaraderie? Few charitable golf tournaments features the on-going camaraderie at any JCE JMCE event which again benefitted as Judi Graham and her co-chair and friend Linda LaFazia emphasized "was a great event enhanced by all GCC members who continue to embrace the JMCE for Hasbro not only by playing but helping with the grill cook-

ing and volunteering on holes."

Added many people closely connected with the JMCE: "We couldn't be as successful as we are without our volunteers. GCC has dropped Hasbro (Children's Hospital) as our charity. This was our sixth annual event that was again sold out."

While JMCE officials are still awaiting a few bills for expenses, the Graham-LaFazia tandem announced "it looks like we will raise \$9,700."

Caring? Make that ongoing caring as the JMCE has raised over \$50,000 by way of the Co-Ed Memorial and its granddaddy golf-garound played each year at Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam, Ct. that has generated upwards of \$300,000 that benefits the Oncology and Hematology Units at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

Meanwhile, the foursome of Troy Hughes, Judy DiOrio, Jesse and Mary Wiggins won the Gross Division while Net Division winners were Robert Hughes, Carl O'Keefe, Bill and Nancy Mende.

There also 60 other winners - people who bought tickets for the post-golf dinner raffle - which will further benefit the day's profits.

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**TOG TOURNAMENT:** Anglers will aim to hook up with big tautog for the Tog Classic Tournament, October 9, like this one caught off Newport by Jamie Wong of Cambridge, MA. (Submitted photo)



# AnglerCatch, Tog Classic to help families cope with cancer

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

AnglerCatch, a fishing application for smartphones, will be teaming up with the Tog Classic tournament, sponsored by Crafty One Customs of Portsmouth, RI.

Ralph Craft, owner of Crafty One Customs, said, "Funds raised from the Tog Classic will go to the Three Angles Fund to help families cope with cancer. We are happy AnglerCatch has joined our effort as a sponsor."

Greg Vespe, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, said, "We partnered with the RI Department of Environmental Management to develop AnglerCatch with Harbor Light Software. The app works like a fishing log with photo capability while the data recorded provides State fish mangers with robust data to supplement NOAA Fisheries data. The app also provides helpful information such as buoy weather, sea conditions, tides and lunar phases."

The Tog Classic is Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022 with over \$30,000 in prizes and raffles. The tournament runs from sunrise to 2:00 p.m. with weigh-in from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and a party after at the Portuguese America Citizens Club, 35 Power Street, Portsmouth.

Vespe said, "We will be giving away a \$650 tautog jigging rig at the party after. Download the AnglerCatch application on your smartphone and enter a tournament fish and submit it during the tournament using AnglerCatch. Bring your phone to the After Party, and show your download to an AnglerCatch staff person to get a raffle ticket for the tautog rig."

Register for the Tautog Classic at <https://www.ritogclassic.com> and for information and to download AnglerCatch visit <http://www.anglercatchapp.com>.

## Zoom Fishinar with tautog sharpies

Attend the Tog Classic/AnglerCatch Zoom Fishinar on Thursday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. and get tournament tautog tactics and strategies from some of the region's best tautog sharpies. Panelists include Capt. Rob Taylor of Newport Sportfishing Charters; Jeff Sullivan of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren; and Capt. Wade Baker of Booked Off Charters, South Kingstown.

Register for the Thursday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. Zoom AnglerCatch/Tau-

tog Classic Fishinar at <https://us-06web.zoom.us/j/85827848138>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

## Block Island Wind Farm continues to impress

Last week I visited the Block Island Wind Farm as a passenger aboard the fast ferry out of Quonset Point commissioned by New England for Offshore Wind affiliates including the Environmental League of Massachusetts and the National Wildlife Federation.

The purpose of the trip was to introduce, with an in person tour, the Block Island Wind Farm to government officials from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine that are planning offshore wind farms in their states.

I was asked to attend to share some of my experiences with the Block Island Wind Farm as a recreational fisherman including how peer-reviewed studies in Europe show fish abundance in offshore wind farms is greater than in control areas outside of wind farms.

I also shared a seven year study on the Block Island Wind Farm, released earlier this year, that showed fish abundance of cod fish and black sea bass was greater at the Block Island Wind Farm than in two control areas south and east of the wind farm. All other species such as summer flounder (fluke), squid, etc. were even. Meaning if summer flounder was down or up in the wind farm, it was down or up by the same amount in control areas.

This Block Island study utilized fixed trawl positions between wind farm turbines over cable areas and in control areas that were fished every month for seven years... before, during construction and after construction during operation.

Hats off to the Block Island Wind Farm, for being such a successful pilot project showing us how we can produce renewable energy in an effective/efficient way with no harm (in fact some enhancements) to fish and habitat.

## Where's the bite?

Striped bass, bluefish and false albacore. Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence said, "There is so much bait in the water that the false albacore is all the way up the East Passage to Barrington, East

Providence and Cranston along with bluefish and striped bass feeding on the surface. Sometimes they are mixed in so it is a matter of seeing them on the surface. We also have an abundance of squid to 25 inches being caught off Newport that is attracting fish."

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown said, "The pond and breachways continue to be loaded with schools of bait fish attracting striped bass and bluefish. Bass have been a mix of mostly schoolie to slot sized fish with a few larger fish and bluefish have ranged in size from snappers up to gators. False albacore are in pretty thick right now with customers catching them from the beaches as well as the walls up around Point Judith. Take advantage of Albie fishing in the early morning, while they feed close to shore. Using a bigger epoxy jig and/or wooden egg with a fly are great when trying to reach the Albies."

East End Eddie Doherty, expert Cape Cod Canal angler and author said, "Last week the west end of the canal had large striped bass waiting in the hole under the railroad bridge to ambush disoriented baitfish flowing by in the fierce current. Several fish including a 49-inch striped bass were taken with soft plastic jigs."

Fluke, black sea bass and scup. Scup continues to be good particularly in areas with structure and water movement i.e. ledges, bridge abutments, jetties, etc. "Most anglers are targeting albies so the bottom fishing has taken a back seat," said Henault of Ocean State.

Tautog fishing continues to pick up but with all the wind, high seas and storms not many anglers have been getting out. Jigs and traditional rigs are working for anglers. Get your gear ready so you can fish when the seas settle down.

Freshwater fishing is improving as the water is cooling a bit. Henault from Ocean State Tackle said, "The water is cooling so the largemouth bite is improving. Trout fishing will kick in after fall/winter stockings."

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](mailto:dmontifish@verizon.net) or visit [www.noflukefishing.com](http://www.noflukefishing.com).

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**Pumpkins at St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
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**Harvest Breakfast**  
 Harvest Breakfast at Little Rhody Vasa Park, located at 10 Boswell Trail, Foster, RI (right off Rte. 6) on Oct. 1, 8 a.m. to noon. There will be several styles of pancakes: Swedish pancakes, blueberry, Almond Joy, strawberry, banana, chocolate chip and banana/chocolate chip, gluten-free varieties upon request, fruit salad, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, apple juice, coffee and tea. This all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Checks may be made out to RI District #3 and sent to Jim Ladouceur, 59 Oak Hill Drive, Cranston, RI 02920. Please reserve by Sept. 24 (phone-in reservation to Jim by Sept. 24 at 401-688-0855).

**Oktoberfest at Little Rhody Vasa Park**  
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# Open Studio

## Ocean State artists welcome visitors



By RORY SCHULER

Susan Kelley Scotti's Mr. Hare sits with his head cocked. His eyes inviting, though glossy and hard.

If you approach the varmint, he will not run. He may just lead you on a tour of Ocean State artists, assembled for a weekend of self-guided art.

Eleven artists will be on display at nine locations, during West Bay Open Studios' (WBOS) 14th annual tour and art show, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 22 and 23.

The pieces on display at Warwick's Cloud Hill Museum, including an exhibition by Kelley Kreations Pottery ("nature inspired pottery by mother and son potters), include the hardened rabbit, but also other "nature inspired functional and sculptural ceramics."

"The artists on the WBOS tour represent some of the finest artists in Rhode Island working in a broad range of two and three dimensional media including: oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, ceramic, mixed media, and photography," according to event organizers. "Each artist of the West Bay Open Studios Tour is unique in approach, interpretation and style. We look forward to sharing our work with you."

Kelley Scotti's wild artwork, as well as the water colors, oils and mixed media creations of Aileen Monahan Quinn, will be on display at Cloud Hill, 4157 Post Road, Warwick.

Carol Shelton, a Warwick artist, usually creates her oil paintings in her studio at 90 Davidson Road. For the weekend tour, however, her "local landscapes, architecture" and "still life in Impressionistic style" will be on display at the Warwick Center for the Arts (WCFA), 3259 Post Road, Warwick.

"It's all original art," Shelton said. "It's very diverse this year. Everything from basket making to sculptures, pottery and oil painting."

Other stops along the self-guided tour include galleries in East Greenwich and North Kingstown.

Shelton's exhibition, as well as the oil paintings and figure drawings from Karen Murtha, another Warwick artist, will be on display at the WCFA.

"Art always reflects the artist's experiences and environment," Shelton said. "To be able to see where the artist does their work; where the sausages are made. A lot of the studios, the artists will be there, and some will be doing demos (demonstrations), so people can see how the work is done. And all of the work is for sale, tax free. It's about supporting local artists."

Artists showcasing their work during this year's Open Studios tour, include traditional basket maker Judy Hummel, who has "more than 30 years of experience, knowledge and skill as a basket maker, class instructor, and shop owner," according to organizers. Hummel's exhibition will be held at the Changing Tides Gift Shop, 355 Arnolds Neck Road, Warwick.

**WEST BAY  
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Rebecca Hamilton Stockdill, East Greenwich artist in her studio (Courtesy photos)



Judy Hummel's Studio

Top Right: Mr. Hare by Susan Kelley Scotti



Nancy Nielsen's photography will be on display at Nansea Studio, 5 Division St. (studio entrance on Duane St, Door C2), East Greenwich. Nielsen specializes in "painterly photographs of sea glass and abstracts that create a sense of mystery and wonder."

Susan Klas Wright, a painter who works with watercolors and oils, will exhibit a variety of seascapes and scenes depicting local beach life.

"I'm overjoyed with the possibilities I see all around me," she said. "Each watercolor and oil is painted with joy and enthusiasm inspired by the moment, the seed of an idea. I'm in love with this life!"

Her paintings will be on display at 61 Malcolm Road in North Kingstown.

The tour will also include woodworking by Kim Boekelheide, on display in East Greenwich, and jewelry designed

by Debbie Ferrazzoli, in North Kingstown.

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The West Bay Open Studios tour will span Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the tour locations between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the West Bay Open Studios website, [www.westbayopenstudios.com](http://www.westbayopenstudios.com).

Rebecca Hamilton Stockdill's stark imagery will be on display in East Green-

wich.

"Why make art?" she asks. "Through art, you can reinvent yourself every day. Each piece of art tells (its) own story, and, like it or not, you are part of each of those stories. You can create parallel universes and explore an infinite number of possibilities. With just paint, paper, brushes, glue, and scissors, you can show the world as you see it, as you want it to be, or as you fear it may become."

Hamilton Stockdill serves on the WCFA Board of Directors. Her work "is a compilation of paintings and mixed media pieces."

"While my paintings are based on real life and tend to have a semblance of realism (at least I hope so!), my mixed media pieces definitely lean towards fantasy and self-expression," she said. "Take a look for yourself and let me know what you think."



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