

Six questions for three candidates

How would your options for mayor extinguish Johnston's burning questions?

By RORY SCHULER

The race to become Johnston's next mayor is nearly over. Three candidates for the office will be on town ballots: Joseph M. Polisena Jr., a Democrat, will face Independent candidates Karen E. Cappelli Chadwick and Brenda Lynn Leone.

The Johnston Sun Rise reached out to the three candidates vying for your vote. We presented six burning questions, each tailored to tackle topics of concern specific to the town.

All three candidates responded to the questionnaire. They were also given an opportunity to re-introduce themselves to voters.

Polisena, Town Council Vice President and son of current Mayor Joseph M. Polisena, an attorney, has vacated his town council seat to run for mayor. His father is leaving office after 16 years and four terms of office. Mayor Polisena implemented mayoral term limits in town, and now he'll leave office after reaching the term cap.

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The grass is always spookier ...



MOW THE HORROR: At right, Gary Marandola, of 1756 Atwood Ave., and Adam Jenest, of 1754 Atwood Ave., have had a friendly yard display competition for years. Marandola has been crafting extravagant yard displays, for both Christmas and Halloween, since 1985. At right, he stands with a giant skeleton erected in his front yard. At left, Jenest's display looks amazing both during the day (above) and at night (below). (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)

S cared of a neighborhood yard display in Johnston? Good! Share the address and photos with us. Next week, we hope to publish a page full of Johnston Halloween yard displays. You can vote for your favorite on the Johnston Sun Rise Facebook page.

Have you seen a yard display we shouldn't miss? Email Sun Rise Editor Rory Schuler at rorys@rhodybeat.com to send in submissions. Go to johnstonsunrise.net for a photo gallery of Johnston Halloween displays. Turn to Page 17 for more photos.

State lands grant money to fund 1,773 body-worn police cameras

By RORY SCHULER

Smile the next time an Ocean State police officer approaches your driver's side window. You may be on camera.

The state's top law enforcement officers, federal and local legislators recently announce around \$16 million in grants to equip Rhode Island

police departments with body-worn cameras. The funding is expected to purchase 1,773 cameras for 42 local law enforcement agencies.

Cranston received \$778,750 for 89 cameras; Johnston \$402,500 for 46 cameras; and Warwick, \$910,000 for 104 cameras.

"We look forward to joining police departments across the state to pro-

vide body-worn camera technology to all our frontline Officers," said Cranston Chief of Police Col. Michael Winquist. "Thanks to grants from the US Department of Justice and the State, the program will not require any city funding."

The state's local police departments (cities, towns and some universities) are expected to use the

grant funding to "purchase and operate the cameras governed by a recently finalized statewide policy that sets comprehensive standards for the use of the cameras," according to a press release from Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha's Office.

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Polisena Jr. worked in Gov. Dan McKee's office, but says he left to focus on his run for mayor and his private law practice. He announced his candidacy in early May.

"When it seems like everyone else is focused on the latest headline that has no impact on you, your family, or your finances, I want you all to know that I'll remain focused on issues like how you can keep more of your hard earned money, how to improve your quality of life, and how to make sure your hard work and success is rewarded, not penalized," Polisena told the crowd gathered at his candidacy announcement event. "And that's what this campaign comes down to. Staying focused on the fundamentals: stable taxes through economic development; continued investment in public education; supporting our police and fire for strong public safety; and high quality public works services of trash pickup, snow plowing and road repairs."

Chadwick, a former business owner, local musician and political newcomer, entered the race, launching her "first foray into public office."

"Johnston has seen extraordinary changes in the course of my lifetime and I believe there is significant opportunity in front of us to help shape the future of the town," Chadwick wrote. "I have many ideas and look forward to sharing them with you during the course of my campaign, but at the core this campaign is a call for transparency. Public service is an honor and a privilege. I believe the residents are the backbone and foundation of this community. I want to hear your concerns, questions and comments. What is your vision for the town? How do we find a common ground where residential areas remain residential while businesses can grow and prosper? How do we make our shared goals a reality?"

Leone unsuccessfully ran for office against current Mayor Polisena in a

previous election. The local real estate broker is hoping to give voters an option free of political party affiliation.

"I am a lifelong resident of the town of Johnston and I want to be your next Mayor," Leone said. "I have been a small business owner and a Real Estate Broker for over 30 years and I have always been active in town politics and a concerned taxpayer. The Johnston that I remember when growing up was one where town government and elected officials went out of their way to help its citizens. If elected I will bring us back to those days. My office will be accessible to all citizens. Town employees will treat all who visit us with the utmost respect. I will surround myself with the best and most qualified people and they will work for you, the taxpayer. My promise to you is that I will work every day to make the town of Johnston a better place to live and raise a family."

We reached out to all of Johnston's candidates, for town and state office, about two weeks ago.

"For years the Johnston Sun Rise has sought to provide voters information on the candidates, where they stand on issues and what they aim to accomplish if elected," we wrote to the candidates. "Traditionally, this information has been presented in a pre-election issue the Thursday before the Tuesday election."

This year, however, we did what we could to accelerate publication.

"With as much of 30 percent of those casting ballots voting early two years ago, we are looking to give local candidates an equal opportunity to present their platforms earlier," we told candidates.

In past editions, we published candidate profiles submitted by residents running in both state and local races. Now it's time to hear where they stand on the town's most important issues.

The deadline for submissions was Friday, October 21. Many local candidates took us up on the offer to share their perspectives. Some didn't.

The Rhode Island General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8.



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 Polisena Jr. (Sun Rise FILE photo by Rory Schuler)



HAT IN THE RING: Joe Polisena Jr. announced his candidacy for Johnston mayor at a campaign kick-off event in May.

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6. Is Johnston heading in the right direction and why?



Karen E. Cappelli Chadwick

1. Worrying about the increased traffic in Town is akin to closing the barn door once the horse gets out. The traffic in Johnston is of great concern to anyone who travels its roads. Anyone who travels Hartford Avenue can attest to that. The intersection of Hartford and Atwood Avenues are always congested. A lot has to do with the increase of businesses and construction. More and more traffic is now on secondary roads and still traffic stops. There are many places where two lanes suddenly become one. The good news is the Town Comprehensive Plan is finally being addressed, as the old one expired in 2007. There will be a presentation on November 1 before the Planning Board. This plan will create guidelines for future development and hopefully present ways to keep things moving more smoothly.

2. Any city or town relies on business to thrive, but its residents are certainly the backbone of any community. Keeping businesses in the properly zoned areas is important to let residents know they can look forward to the peaceful existence and quiet enjoyment they were looking for when they moved into their neighborhoods. Recently there was a pitch for a larger than life solar field in the west end. The abutting landowners found themselves in the uncomfortable predicament of having to hire legal counsel to represent them. This just should not be.

3. Johnston has a large reserve fund, but before any spending or investing is done we have to make sure every financial obligation is covered. The ARPA money is being put to good use, repaving roads and steel buildings for the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works. So this money is being invested in the community. Any outstanding obligations should be met before any other money gets used.

4. I support the idea of cannabis retail shops in Johnston as it is legal. A referendum has been placed on the ballot. Let the voters decide.

5. I believe that when the landfill reaches capacity it should be capped and closed. From time to time there has been talk of an incinerator. I strongly opposes that idea. It would be very detrimental to an already compromised area. It is time for the Solid Waste Management and the State to make plans for the future and give Johnston a break.

6. I love the sense of community that is here in Johnston. Balance is vitally important to keep Johnston the place it is. People move here to get away from city life. I am concerned about the many for sale signs I see on residential properties in recent months. I am concerned about the plans for the future of our schools. I am concerned about people feeling like their voices are not heard. We need open meetings and dialog between the administration and the people who live and work in the town. Mostly, I would like people to be pleased with being here. Like the sign at the Town Hall used to say, "Reside with Pride."

You also asked why I would want to be elected. I hope for the opportunity to help change the culture of Johnston. All too often during this campaign I have heard the same things over and over again. I have asked people if they feel like they are "kept in the loop" so to speak. They feel like the information is difficult to find out, that when they are made aware they are not listened to, that decisions are made before hand. We are living in the information age. The next administration needs to be accessible. The door will always be open.



Brenda Lynn Leone

1. Traffic in the center of the town has always been a concern. There is a cluster of businesses including Dunkin Donuts that contribute traffic jams all hours of the day. We have addressed the occupancy problems in the strip malls but never address the need for better entrance, and exit and better-timed traffic lights along these properties extending down to the home Depot- BJ'S shopping center. As for the most recent projects there is the expectation that when Amazon is up and running and Citizens employees all working there will be a number of residential neighborhoods that will be adversely affected by substantial increased traffic due to the placing of these business.

2. Balancing business development in town with resident concern is deciding weather the benefits of a new business outweigh the negative impact that it has on property values and quality of life. Some residents moved to the West End of Johnston and paid a higher price for Real Estate because of its rural attributes. The Amazon Building, which is chock full of insider deals with the present administration, the labor unions, the attorneys for the developer and the governor's office have turned the entire area in to an industrial zone that will plaque the affected neighborhoods for years to come; and is already driving homeowners to sell.

3. With the American Rescue Plan (ARPA Funds) money being distributed to every city and town, it is virtually impossible for anyone outside this administration to know how the money was disbursed and what holes it may have plugged. By definition, a reserve fund is accumulated over a period of time with the expressed use of paying indebtedness incurred by the town. We need to be clear on these two very different sources of funding. According to GoLocal.com, a very reliable source Johnston is second only to Providence for per capita unfunded pension liability and only recently has this administration chosen to address it. All that being said, I would certainly entertain suggestions from residents as to what they would like to see. In my day to day walking and meeting the voters, suggestions have included more retail similar to our neighbors in Cranston and Smithfield, developing some open space for family activities and even a dog park. Lastly, it is election time and selected roads are being repaved. I will be proactive and create a comprehensive plan with Johnston DPW and RI DOT that addresses all of the needed road repairs in our town.

4. I support opening retail recreation cannabis shops in Johnston as long as they are issued a legal business license by our town council and are subjected to all rules and regulations from the RI Department of Health and RI department of Business Regulations.

5. As a lifelong resident of this town I don't foresee the closing of the RI Central landfill in the near future. If that day, however, should come to fruition, I would work to attract a company that is in the clean energy business or perhaps trucking or distribution. Neighboring residents have lived with that land fill much to long and deserve better.

6. Johnston is not heading in the right direction. in order for any city or town to move forward, there must be a balance of power and that has been nonexistent under this administration. The town council and the boards are set up to be nothing more then a rubber stamp for this administration. If I am elected Mayor, I will encourage the town council and all the members of the boards in the town to make decisions on what is good for the town and its residents.



Joe Polisena Jr.

1. More of a concern than traffic is speeding, particularly in residential neighborhoods. I think it's imperative to continue to work with the police department to strategically place officers in high speeding locations and deploy speed calming devices in neighborhoods that need them.

2. I will continue to make responsible economic development my top priority. The two main forms of revenue for the town are residential and commercial property taxes. As we all know prices of goods, wages, and services, even without the record inflation we see now, always increase over time. Rather than go back to the residential taxpayers, I would prefer to get the revenue from businesses. Our robust economic development has allowed our town to maintain stable taxes while continuing to provide town services not seen in more rural communities.

3. It's always easier to spend money than accumulate it. The surplus should not be treated like a slush fund. A municipality should always maintain 3 months operating expenses in their reserve fund, which amounts to around \$30 million for Johnston. If reckless spending of the surplus takes place it will negatively affect our bond rating and the rate of borrowing if the town needs to float a bond in the future. Any leftover money in the surplus should only be used for one time improvement projects, such as road, parks, and recreation improvement. It should not be used to create positions or programs with recurring expenses.

4. Yes, if it's in a proper commercially zoned area and not in a residential neighborhood. Cannabis should be treated and controlled in the same manner as alcohol and cannabis shops like liquor stores.

5. After multiple conversations with management at Rhode Island Resource Recovery, due to improved technology, there is confidence the landfill will continue to operate for the next several decades, anywhere from 25-35 years from today. However, the next mayor needs to ensure Johnston is fairly compensated for being the host community for the landfill with compensation in addition to no tipping fees and no curbside trash limit, which we presently have.

6. Johnston is headed in the right direction. When other towns are using federal funds to plug deficit holes, enacting residential property tax increases of multiple percentage points, and starving for economic development, Johnston has maintained steady growth all while keeping taxes stable. The key is to continue responsible economic development and spend within our means. However, we still have much to improve on. One of the last big projects we must undertake is management of school construction bond, funded by our business growth. Public education is the backbone of any municipality. Not only do our children and teachers deserve state-of-the-art facilities, but a better school system leads to higher property values and as I'm sure for many of you, like me, the biggest investment you've made is in your home. Additionally, we must continue to upgrade our infrastructure by paving roads and enacting efficient storm water management to prevent flooding that affects so many of us from the increase in severe storms we've seen over the years.

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Ward 5 Town Council

In the race for the Ward 5 Town Council seat, incumbent Robert J. Civetti, a Democrat, will face Independent candidate Jeanette A. Scarcella. The Johnston Sun Rise asked each candidate six questions. Here are their responses.

THE CANDIDATES: THE QUESTIONS:

1. Are you worried about increased traffic in town?
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Robert J. Civetti

1. My concern is not so much about the increased traffic but rather the safety of those that travel the roads in Johnston. If re-elected I will be working with my colleagues on the Town Council, the Administration, and the Johnston Police Department to explore the installation of traffic cameras along Route 6. Those that travel route 6 know that it is a very dangerous road and we often see vehicles running red lights at the intersections of Bishop Hill, Brown Avenue, Hopkins Ave, and Reservoir Ave. I am currently working with some residents to gather information about the traffic cameras so that I can review with the Police Chief and my colleagues to try and increase the safety for those that travel Route 6 in Johnston.

I am also concerned with the proposed placement of the traffic signal for the truck entrance to Amazon. I believe that we need to closely monitor this traffic signal especially during winter storms. We need to ensure that route 6 is plowed and sanded at all times if we expect vehicles to stop along route 6 at this traffic signal.

2. Continued business development in Town helps to stabilize the tax burden on the residential property owners. We need to update the Town's comprehensive plan so that we can properly identify the sections of Town for development. I am opposed to the changing of residentially zoned property to business or special use zones. Property owners acquire property in residentially zoned neighborhoods and should not have to worry about industrial or business development coming into their neighborhoods.

3. The Town's currently has a very healthy cumulative fund balance in the General Fund. During fiscal 2022 and 2023 the administration and the Town Council has approved utilizing approximately \$6 million of this fund balance for infrastructure improvements, funding of a compensated absence reserve fund, and appropriation to balance the fiscal 2023 budget. I believe that we should continue to invest these funds back into the community by acquiring open space, updating and maintaining parks and recreation areas, and additional funding of some of the unfunded obligations of the Town.

4. No, I am against recreational use of cannabis and do not believe that we need these types of establishments in the Town of Johnston. I know that the recreational use is going on throughout the country but I wished that the State of Rhode Island did not follow this trend. I worry about the impact on the youth of our community.

5. My concern is more about what happens to the Town of Johnston and how do we fill the hole in the budget when the landfill reaches capacity and is closed. Currently the Town's annual operating budget includes approximately \$5Million per year. How do we make up this lost revenue when the landfill closes? The Town should be establishing a tax stabilization fund so that resources are set aside to absorb some of the loss of revenue which will occur when the landfill closes.

6. The Town of Johnston has seen a great deal of development over the past several years and now we need to focus on the preservation of our residential communities and improvements to the infrastructure in our Town. The most important project at hand is the construction of schools. The School improvement plan will impact all students attending public school in Johnston and will help to increase the safety of our children and enhance their educational experience. These new schools will not only help the students but will help the values for residential property owners.

I am running for re-election to the Johnston Town Council, District 5, so that I can continue to work for, serve, and represent the residents in District 5 and throughout the Town of Johnston.

Over my time in office, I have always stood side by side with the residents to represent their best interest and do what is best for our Town of Johnston. If re-elected I vow to continue to fight for all residents and work to stabilize taxes not only today but for the future. We need to develop an economic plan for the future of our Town.

Jeanette A. Scarcella

1. I am not worried about the traffic in town right now. Traffic is very different since COVID. People are working remote and / or hybrid so it's manageable. As for Rt. 6 West, I will admit I am concerned about motorist safety. It is a dangerous road and construction brings hazards. With Amazon coming, we will see how that goes. For now, I will be hopeful that the road enhancement adds structure to safety, speed and traffic.

2. The key to balancing resident concerns is communication, transparency, relevancy and information sharing. When it comes to business in the middle of a residential neighborhoods, it is not a good mix. People expect quiet enjoyment, safe environments and increasing property value. Changing zones in a residential neighborhood to accommodate business disrupts this.

3. Growing the reserve is essential for a municipality to be able to act fast during a crisis. If we allocate funds to spend, it should be for emergency, essential and necessary purposes.

As far as an emergency, given harsh economic times, we should consider a reasonable tax/fee credit to seniors on fixed incomes who do not get extra help or live in subsidized housing. We should see how we can help them heat their homes.

As far as essential, I would seek funding to extend the sewer line in West End. This will provide residents access to an essential, public resource that adds value to their home and the community.

Recently, the council voted to approve a \$3M reserve fund transfer to fund road improvements and maintenance projects during a time when it comes off as self-serving. Spending of reserve, in my opinion, should be brought to public hearing. The bottom line is we need structure on how, when and why we spend reserve. Road repairs should be a continuous improvement effort managed by Public Works and a budget line item. No one should have to wait until election to get roads fixed.

4. Strategic business alliances that drive taxes down, build community, enhance safety and property value up would be my approach to economic progress. I don't see how retail cannabis would be fit for a community focused youth development and recreation. I understand Rhode Island may be making investment into Life Sciences and that will be something I'd like to see Johnston get involved with.

5. When Rhode Island's Landfill reaches capacity, how will you ensure the best deal for Johnston residents (and the rest of the Ocean State).

The landfill will reach capacity in 2034. Four options (1) Expand the current site (Expensive and involves land acquisitions, wetland relocation, etc), (2) find a new location (no one is jumping at this), (3) haul trash out of state or (4) incineration. These options, no matter what is selected will be expensive. Expansion would not be welcoming to the residents living here.

For the short term, it would be best to invest in sustainable and advanced technologies to reduce greenhouse gas. Waste to energy is known to turn greenhouse gas into renewable energy sources such as electricity, fuel and natural gas. As far as incineration, I read about an advanced technology that is a sustainable, safe alternative and may be worth looking into.

Health of people and environment are central focus and there is to be no compromise. Guaranteed protections and assurances, operational and institutional controls and plenty of non-negotiables would be involved in any deal or option. I hope discussions on what is next have started.

6. I believe we are on to something for sure. This is a good time to start thinking about the future and get more visionary, strategic and complimentary with what we have already. Let us definite what Johnston will be and look like in 5, 10, 15, 20 years down the road. Tax relief is something we should explore as well. Most people feel we should not pay taxes at all. Develop a vision, mission and strategy along with long and short-term plans that identify objectives, goals and actions that serve as the "basis of business" for all to work toward.

District 42 State Representative

THE QUESTIONS:

1. Now that a federal judge has ruled truck tolls unconstitutional as a means of financing bridge and road repairs, what would you do?

2. Do you think the state's gun laws go far enough and if not, what would you favor?

3. Do you plan to introduce or support legislation that would be specifically beneficial to Johnston and what would that be?

4. Do you favor term limits for state legislators?

5. Is Rhode Island heading in the right direction and why?

6. What more can we do to provide for affordable housing?

7. Do you think the Act on Climate calling for 100 percent renewable energy by 2033 is realistic?

Incumbent State Rep. Edward T. Cardillo, Jr. D - District 42 (Cranston, Johnston), a Democrat, will face Republican Harold K. Borders. The Johnston Sun Rise reached out to both candidates. Borders did not submit answers to the questionnaire.

1. Tolls should be done away with and what we get from the gas tax can be used to supplement this. Also, I would never put a toll on cars.

2. Yes, Rhode Island has some of the most strict gun laws in the country.

3. Since Johnston is the host community of the landfill, I would appoint another Johnston resident to the board of R.I.R.C.C. to give Johnston residents a strong voice.

4. No, I don't believe it matters to the average voter.

5. No, there is work to be done. Rhode Island ranked 40th out of the 50 states on the 2022 Business Tax Climate Index. This is a pro-business organization based in D.C. Also, schools are run down and education scores continue to drop. We need to ensure our children are getting the best education possible.

6. There needs to be a plan so every city and town can share the responsibility to help the homeless.

7. Research has shown it is possible to get energy from renewable resources. However, I feel this should be an even longer term goal. There are various factors that could affect the timeline of this, including finances and infrastructure.

Two years ago I had the honor of being elected to represent the people of District 42. I felt running for office was my way of giving back to the community. I have lived in the district all my life, raising a family here and sending my children to public schools. The issues that matter to my family are the same ones that matter to yours, including safe streets, a reasonable cost of living, taxes and good public schools.

I am a moderate Democrat who rejects extremism and will stand up to special interest groups. I support local small businesses and oppose subsidies for giant corporations. I am an independent voice who has opposed his own party to support law enforcement and lower taxes.

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District 44 State Rep

Incumbent State Rep. Gregory J. Costantino, a Democrat, represents District 44 (Lincoln, Smithfield and Johnston). He will face Republican Peter Anthony Trementozzi in the General Election.

THE QUESTIONS:

1. Now that a federal judge has ruled truck tolls unconstitutional as a means of financing bridge and road repairs, what would you do?
2. Do you think the state's gun laws go far enough and if not, what would you favor?
3. Do you plan to introduce or support legislation that would be specifically beneficial to Johnston and what would that be?
4. Do you favor term limits for state legislators?
5. Is Rhode Island heading in the right direction and why?
6. What more can we do to provide for affordable housing?
7. Do you think the Act on Climate calling for 100 percent renewable energy by 2033 is realistic?

THE CANDIDATES:



Rep. Gregory J. Costantino

My Name is Gregory Costantino and I am your State Representative. I consider myself fiscally conservative and I have fought for the taxpayers of district 44. I have never voted to raise taxes. I voted to lower the corporate tax rate. I voted against the gas tax hike. I voted to finally eliminate the car tax. I will always vote to support our police. I have never accepted a campaign contribution from anyone. I respectfully ask for your sup-

port once again. Now more than ever we need to put differences aside and work to battle the high costs of electricity, heating and gasoline.

1. The State of RI had a 800 million dollar surplus last year, the truck tolls brought in an average of 40 million dollars. The Federal Government funds 80 percent of all road construction. I believe we would be able to fund DOT through the budget process.

2. We have some of the strictest gun laws in the nation already. We need to keep guns out of the criminals hands and increase the penalties for illegal possession of guns. I also would like to allocate more funds for mental health support.

3. I have a great working relationship with the Mayor of Johnston and the Town Council. I have and will continue to support and introduce legislation that protects the tax payers of Johnston.

4. Yes, I do. I would like to see 6 two year terms for a total of 12 years.

5. I believe Rhode Island needs to do better. Better for our children and their educa-

tion. Better with our job growth. Better with our tax structure. Better with our cost of living. So no I do not believe Rhode Island is heading in the right direction.

6. This year the general assembly has allocated 250 million dollars for affordable housing and I believe this is a good start. Rents right now in the State are out of control for the average family. There needs to be a discussion on what is considered an affordable rent when corporations receive tax breaks these projects. Perhaps there should be tax incentives for longstanding landlords to offset the real estate tax increases to be able to offer affordable rent.

7. I think we would need to have the infrastructure in place to accommodate the increase in usage. Until we have a clear vision on how to address the multitude of gas and oil homes and the costs to convert them I think that 2033 may be too aggressive. I did come out against the Johnston solar farm because of the loss of acreage and its future environmental impact is unknown. I am in favor of doing our part where we can.



Peter Anthony Trementozzi

1. Now that a federal judge has ruled truck tolls as unconstitutional, we need to use the funds which have been collected from fuel tax, safety/ emissions inspections, and all the registration fees for their intended purpose. This revenue should be allocated to maintenance of the roads and bridges which we drive on every day.

2. We do have some pretty tough gun laws here in Rhode Island and our firearm violence statistics are low compared to many other states. I do feel we need to increase the penalties for gun related crimes and prosecute criminals who use firearms to commit crimes to the fullest extent we can. No more plea bargains.

3. As a state legislator I would have the best interests of all the tax payers in the state in mind. I would like to introduce legislation to protect the citizens of Johnston and the state from tolls and also work with the PUC to attempt to lower astronomically high utility bills.

4. I do favor term limits for state legislators. As a taxpayer in the state I have seen the same people elected continuously year after year and its politics as usual. Term limits would be beneficial and I feel a 5 term maximum for state legislators would be ideal. This would ensure we don't have career politicians. We need fresh eyes and ears in the state house and new ideas from people who look at things in a different way.

5. Rhode Island is not heading in the right direction. Higher taxes, inflation, and cost of living is skyrocketing. Rhode Island isn't the most business friendly state in the country either. Making Rhode Island more attractive to businesses would assist in lowering taxes in this state. As Rhode Islanders we pay some of the highest tax per capita in the country. We also need to stop spending so much of our tax dollars on special interests that bear no fruit for the taxpayer. We need to get our

general fund under control and have complete transparency as to where our tax money is being spent and make sure it doesn't get re-appropriated.

6. We need to take the abandoned properties throughout the state and turn them into affordable homes and apartments. Make it a state sponsored program funded by federal grants. Working to revitalize the unused buildings throughout the state and remodel/restore them into affordable housing. Everyone deserves to have a roof over their head.

7. I do not think calling for 100% renewable energy by 2033 is realistic. While I do have solar panels on my house they aren't 100% efficient and they will only last 25 years. Also, solar panels are not 100% recyclable. Something else to consider is our electrical infrastructure would need a major overhaul in order to handle the amount of electricity that would be needed to power everything. As a result of upgrading the infrastructure, utility costs that are already too high, will skyrocket even more. We as taxpayers can't afford that. I do feel we can do better and I think it's going to take much longer than anyone anticipated to fully utilize renewable energy.

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District 43 State Representative

Incumbent State Rep. Deborah A. Fellela, a Democrat, represents District 43 (Johnston). She faces Republican Nicola "Nick" Antonio Grasso in the General Election.

THE QUESTIONS:

1. Now that a federal judge has ruled truck tolls unconstitutional as a means of financing bridge and road repairs, what would you do?
2. Do you think the state's gun laws go far enough and if not, what would you favor?
3. Do you plan to introduce or support legislation that would be specifically beneficial to Johnston and what

- would that be?
4. Do you favor term limits for state legislators?
 5. Is Rhode Island heading in the right direction and why?
 6. What more can we do to provide for affordable housing?
 7. Do you think the Act on Climate calling for 100 percent renewable energy by 2033 is realistic?

THE CANDIDATES:



Rep. Deborah A. Fellela

1. The DOT still has plenty of money to continue making road and bridge repairs. While we await the appeal of the judge's ruling, I want to emphasize that I would never vote to place tolls on cars or other passenger vehicles.
2. The guns laws go far enough.
3. I will work diligently to

ensure that Johnston continues to receive its fair share of school funding. I am proud the legislature has increased state aid to Johnston schools by \$1.6 million in the past years, which not only assists our students, but enables local property taxes to remain stable. I will also support state funding that helps communities receive state assistance to build and renovate schools, such as Johnston is currently receiving through a bill I sponsored, and voters approved.

4. The voters decide on the terms of legislatures. We put our records before the voters every two years.

5. There is much more work to do, but we are heading in the right direction. We know that the cost of living is on the rise due to issues at the federal and international levels, so we are doing our best

to bring tax relief to working families in Rhode Island. This included permanently eliminating the car tax, providing \$250 tax rebate checks to working families with children, doing away with the state income tax on Veterans' pensions, and lowering the tax burden on small businesses by reducing the unemployment tax. We are working hard to make sure that more money stays in the pockets of hardworking Rhode Islanders.

6. I am proud of the steps we have taken in the legislature within the past two years to make housing more affordable. This included investing \$250 million in the current budget for a variety of new housing initiatives. We also passed several housing bills to streamline development, provide more complete and timely information

about housing and assist municipalities in meeting their affordable housing goals.

There is no magic solution, but we must work with developers along with cities and towns to pass common-sense legislation to address a complex problem.

7. Addressing climate change is important, but we must be flexible. I think that is laudable goal, but if it is unrealistic, I would support reasonable amendments that still address this key issue.

Serving the people of District 43 has been my honor. Delivering real results and helping people lives is why I have gotten into public service. I am proud of the work we've accomplished and know there is more to be done. I am always available to my constituents; my constituent views and concerns are what I value most.



Nick Grasso

1. Two distinct areas of concern over the bridge tolls are balance of power and the actual ruling over the tolls. Across our country, we are so divided that both the Executive and Legislative Branches of government seem to constantly work around the Judicial Branch. That respect for that part of our government is gone, and whether one party or not likes a ruling, we must learn that our Judicial system is in place for a reason. While it is RI's right to appeal the decision, we already knew these tolls were unconstitutional, we should be more focused on not wasting taxpayers money to fund this litigation. I will remain against both the truck tolls and any attempts to toll passenger vehicles, unlike my opponent who voted for the truck tolls.

2. When it comes to gun laws, there is a major difference between my opponent and I. My opponent began her career as A rated by NRA and will finish as F. I am A rated and endorsed by the NRA and always will be. My opponent has shown no consistency or problem solving skills on the subject. I am A rated because of my work over these years in protecting the Second Amendment, however, I am one of the most respected persons in

the subject because of my ability to work across the aisle. In 2013 Speaker Gordon Fox appointed me to the Mental Health and Gun Safety Task Force Commission. I was one of 20 professionals in RI selected to this commission because of my ability to be a problem solver while protecting our constitutional rights. Our commission passed bi-partisan legislation to close holes in the mental health aspects of being able to attain a firearm. In 2021, we passed legislation in RI that forces the Attorney General to annually report gun arrests and show how many of those gun charges are dropped. To this date, the Attorney General has still not provided RI with this report. We need a better understanding of why RI's gun laws are some of the strictest in the nation and why we are not using these laws to prosecute and punish criminals who violate these laws.

3. Specific to Johnston, I will circle back to the tolls. I will be a defender of Johnston residents to the very end on this matter. Johnston is the home to most gantries in the state. Any attempts to bypass the court's ruling by tolling all cars will be devastating to daily travel for Johnston residents. Route 6 and 295 could toll a person 5 times in the matter of minutes, it's simply not fair to the Johnston residents to ever have to worry about such an occurrence because their current state representative allowed this scenario to even be a threat.

4. Term limits for legislators. It's no secret that freshmen legislators are not in prime positions to pass groundbreaking legislation. To have an impact, I do believe in allowing legislators to grow into leadership roles. That being said, I do believe

that after 5 terms, a legislator becomes a career politician and their service to the people might come second. While the number is completely arbitrary, I think I would vote yes to term limit a legislator after 5 terms, but not anything less than that.

5. RI is simply not heading in the right direction. Every ranking this state see's is down right awful. We rank at the bottom in Governor approval, education, unemployment, small business climate, places to retire and so on. RI needs a balance, it needs Republican representation to come in and balance the power. Democrats have had over 2 generations of rule in RI and when you rank last in all these categories it's very difficult to say RI is heading in the right direction. We can do much better, and it starts November 8th at the polls.

6. Affordable housing is a major problem in RI. Instead of treating the symptom, we need to treat the cause of the housing problem. Property values are downright absurd in this state. The dream of owning a home in this state is becoming so out of reach for many. You add in the struggles of the low-income to the newer struggles of the middle class and of course you're going to have an affordable housing issue. Is the answer to keep creating more subsidizing solutions? Maybe in the short term, but RI needs to improve in all the areas I mentioned above to fix the problem long term. We need to focus on lowering the amount of people stuck in the low-income bracket, and make the middle class "American Dream" citizen attainable for EVERYONE. My opponent, this past session voted on budget amendment against cutting the gas tax, providing energy cost

relief this winter, voted no to restoring cola's for retirees, voted no to helping young girls in the state care system, voted no to helping the minority business accelerator program! How are any of these votes contributing to helping people out and making life more affordable in RI?

7. The Act on Climate set to go in effect in 2033 is absolutely not realistic. I hope that all citizens of this state realize how their Reps. and Senators voted on this piece of legislation. My opponent voted for this act and everyone needs to realize that as it stands in 2033 you will not be able to use a wood burning stove. Instead of incentivizing citizens to gradually move to renewable energy and looking at other solutions in studies, RI rushed to legislate something that is not attainable. What happens in 2033? You will see a tax credit for those who comply and penalties for those who cannot afford conversion. It's just that simple and your current legislators are responsible for this. The law needs to be repealed and electing a problem solver like myself will ensure that we convert in a smart and sustainable way, while balancing our energy needs between renewable and all other sources of energy.

Thank you to the citizens of District 43 for taking the time to read my answers to such important topics in your everyday life. After 16 years, you deserve new leadership, one that would have gone to you, and represented you on many of the votes that were mentioned above. I humbly ask for your consideration on November 8th, and together we make RI a better place to live. Please visit www.Nick-4Rep.com and feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns!

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District 13 State Representative

Incumbent Rep. Ramon A. Perez, a Democrat, representing District 13 (Providence and Johnston), will face Independent candidate Ivan J. Montanez in the General Election. We asked both candidates to answer seven questions. Only the challenger sent us a response.

THE QUESTIONS:

1. Now that a federal judge has ruled truck tolls unconstitutional as a means of financing bridge and road repairs, what would you do?
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6. What more can we do to provide for affordable housing?
7. Do you think the Act on Climate calling for 100 percent renewable energy by 2033 is realistic?

THE CANDIDATE:

1. I would encourage the governor not to throw away taxpayer dollars appealing a justifiable ruling by the federal judge on an unconstitutional, discriminatory burden placed solely on truck drivers. Since trucks do cause the most damage to our roads and bridges due to weight and size, I agree with a suggestion made by the Rhode Island Trucking Association during an interview with WPRI prior to the installment of

the tolls that instead we could appropriately raise registration fees for the truck to raise some funds for our roads and bridges. Instead of targeting a particular group of people, as a state, we need to reassess our spending and allocate funds and out that toward our roads and bridges.

2. When we put restrictions on anything, the only people who follow those restrictions are those who live

by and abide by the rules.

There are laws against certain substances however they still manage to get into our state and into the hands of our people. When you put restrictions or a ban on a constitutional right, only those who follow the rule of law will be affected by this. Ultimately denying the right of our law-abiding citizens or that single mother from protecting herself, her

family, or even her home from harm. Instead of banning or putting restrictions on a constitutional right, let us educate everyone on the matter. Let's educate everyone on the major responsibility that comes with owning and obtaining a firearm. As someone who works in our school department, around prom season we try and educate our students about the dangers of underage drinking and driving as a way to educate them to be responsible while out with friends at prom. We don't ban alcohol use; we simply try to educate and try to install a sense of responsibility.

3. I am in favor of any legislation that does not increase any more taxes on our community brothers and sisters. We have been hit with high taxes, high cost of living, high costs at the grocery store, gas, and electric, we simply can not afford any more increases. I plan on supporting and introducing legislation that eases the high cost of living and energy for our brothers and sisters in the community. Making our schools and communities safer. As I walk around and speak with my brothers and sisters in the community they are concerned that they have cars and 4 wheels speeding up and down their streets many of them with children or elderly parents living with them, especially around the Morgan Avenue area of Johnston.

4. I am 100% in favor of term limits. No one should make a career out of being in politics. If I am granted the opportunity to represent and be our new State Representative, I would only be seeking 2 terms. I believe all political positions should be limited to 2-terms. This will hopefully put an end to a lot of the political issues we have in our state. When I knock on doors many voters feel defeated and as if their votes do not matter.



Ivan Montanez

That is shameful and disheartening.

Many feel that some politicians come out to ask for their votes but do not deliver for the voters they represent.

Putting terms limits keeps our political scene clear and fresh hopefully ending political corruption and hopefully restoring faith in our political scene and encouraging others to participate more. If in 2 terms I have not influenced someone else in the community to run for office, then I have not done my job. After two terms, I could be able to influence and coach another community brother and sister to step up and build on what I was able to leave behind.

5. Born and raised in my district, I have seen many changes in my district as well as all over the state. Unfortunately, Rhode Island is not heading in the right direction. Although we have so much to offer with our beautiful scenery, especially during our fall season, and our amazing restaurant choices but unfortunately people can not afford to live here anymore. In a survey by Moneywise, they found that 49.2% of Rhode Islanders have decided to leave the state. Personally, I have lived here my whole life with many of my family members. However, many of my family members have already opted to leave the state due to the burden the cost to live in this state has had on them.

It's sad to see my home state and city forcing people to make the tough decision of

whether they weather the storm and hope for better days to come or pack up the family and leave. We need new fresh politicians with bold leadership that want to work for the betterment of all Rhode Islanders.

6. The cost of living has skyrocketed and more and more families are looking for or becoming dependent on affordable housing. Converting some of our unused buildings into more affordable housing could help housing insecurities that many Rhode Islanders may be feeling or heading in that direction. A proposal was set forth to turn the "superman" building into housing, but the cost is still too high. We need to work within market forces to develop a plan that will allow the growth of affordable housing and not a forced and ineffective one.

7. In my opinion, it is not realistic and if we try to rush this without a sustainable solution will be disastrous for everyone.

I could be in favor of having a comprehensive transition into renewable energy which can be done with no specific deadline to meet. We cannot force hardworking Rhode Islanders to convert their homes to weatherized, electrically heated homes at a cost of \$80,000-\$175,000 per home, especially during a time of so much uncertainty, especially with our current inflation.

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VANDALISM

Around 5:52 a.m., Oct. 3, Johnston Police officers responded to a business in town after callers reported a woman banging on the front door of the business with a baseball bat. Dispatch informed responding officers that the woman was still on the scene and wearing blue pants with a dark colored sweatshirt.

Upon arrival, Johnston Police Patrolman Derek Parascandolo allegedly saw the woman standing at the front door with a metal baseball bat in her hand. A Nissan Rogue was also parked on the front curb of the business.

When the woman saw police, she dropped the bat, laid face down on the ground and placed her hands behind her back, according to the arrest report. She was handcuffed and secured at the scene. The reporting party spoke to police and told them the woman was yelling "give me my (expletive deleted) cat you mother (expletive deleted)."

Police noticed a crack in the door. The woman, later identified as Melissa Manocchia, of 242 Waterman Ave., Apt. B1, North Providence, allegedly told police, "Yea, I did that."

Police later spoke to the busi-

ness's manager, who told them that Manocchia had previously shown up at the business inquiring about her cat.

"She stated that she had told her several times that they do not have her cat at which time Melissa would leave the business without incident," Parascandolo wrote.

Manocchia was placed under arrest without further incident, transported to police headquarters, processed and secured in a cell. She was later released with a Third District Court summons to appear on misdemeanor charges of Vandalism/Malicious Injury to Property and Disorderly Conduct.

SIMPLE ASSAULT

Around 6:23 a.m., Oct. 8, Johnston Police were dispatched to a local business in town after receiving a report of a man with a knife. Upon arrival, Johnston Police Patrolman Mario Mennella Jr. saw two men yelling at each other in the parking lot. Additional officers arrived on the scene and secured one of the men. The other man was separated and questioned.

The man told police that the other man was allegedly "attempting to buy \$175 worth of items with a declined credit card" and was "Yelling

at the cashier and would not settle down," according to the arrest report.

The man asked the irate customer, later identified as Steven F. Dibenedetto, of 168 Alverson Ave., Apt. 3, Providence, to put the items back and leave the store.

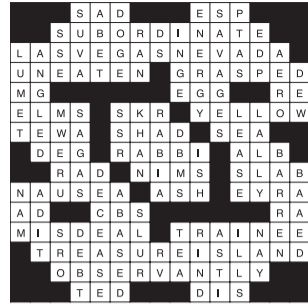
"After arguing with both employees Mr. Dibenedetto exited the store without putting the items back," Mennella wrote.

An employee followed him outside, and was waiting for police, when Dibenedetto allegedly turned toward one of them holding a pocket knife, and said he was going to kill him, according to the arrest report. The employee followed him to try to keep him on-site until police arrived.

Dibenedetto allegedly put the knife away, but then punched the employee "in the right side of his head," Mennella wrote.

The two men fought. After police arrived, they said they did find an open pocket knife in Dibenedetto's front pocket. He was taken into custody and charged with Simple Assault and Disorderly Conduct. His car was towed from the scene and Dibenedetto was processed and later released with a District Court summons to appear.

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AAA: Steer clear of deer

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The top ten communities in Rhode Island for deer crashes for all of 2021, are:

- North Kingstown (115 deer crashes)
- South Kingstown (99)
- Warwick (91)
- Tiverton (72)
- Coventry (66)
- Lincoln (64)
- East Greenwich (59)
- Scituate (45)
- Narragansett (44)
- Richmond (42)

Motorists should be especially vigilant at dusk and after dark. More than 80 percent of deer crashes occur outside of daylight hours. Crashes are most common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. before the clock change; and during the 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. period when we switch to Standard Time.

"Drivers should always be on the lookout for hazards on the road, but the danger of deer is particularly acute in the fall," said Diana Gugliotta, AAA Northeast Director of Public Affairs. "Deer present dangers to themselves, vehicles and vehicle occupants, so it behooves everybody to be vigilant. Crashes with deer can be very costly and even deadly."

AAA offers these tips for avoiding or mitigating deer crashes:

- Scan the shoulders of the road in front of you; deer may dash out from the shoulder or wooded areas adjacent to the road.
- Follow the speed limit; keeping your speed down will give you more time to respond to unexpected wildlife movements.
- Be careful rounding curves and climbing hills where visibility is limited.
- One long blast on your horn may frighten animals away from your car if you spy them early enough.
- If you spy one deer, look out for others. Deer rarely travel alone.
- Use your high beams along dark roadways if there is no oncoming traffic.
- If a collision is unavoidable, apply the brakes firmly and remain in your lane; swerving sharply can cause an even more serious crash.

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Police

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“Body-worn cameras provide a complete account of police-public interactions and are expected to strengthen prosecutions,” Winqvist said. “I am confident in the professionalism of my officers and believe the recordings will show the great work they perform daily, serving the citizens of Cranston. The cameras will also help identify areas of training that can be enhanced as we strive to deliver the highest level of police services.”

In August, Johnston Police were awaiting funding and finalization of the policies that will govern body-worn police cameras.

“The Johnston Police Department is still in the initial phases of implementing a body-worn camera program and we are committed to providing another layer of transparency and accountability to the public we proudly serve,” Johnston Police Chief Joseph P. Razza said in August. “We are in negotiations with a vendor and still looking at how much funding we will be receiving from the State of Rhode Island to implement the program. A state wide policy governing the use of BWC’s was a critical element that has been overcome and once funding becomes available the process should speed up.”

On Tuesday, Razza said the department still needs to

complete digital infrastructure (a computer server) at headquarters before officers will be able to charge cameras and upload massive amounts of footage.

“We are looking at implementation towards the beginning of the year as well as our server,” Razza said.

Last year, Warwick Police Chief Col. Bradford E. Connor voiced his support for the program in a letter to Rhode Island’s former Department of Public Safety Director Col James Manni.

The Warwick Police Department participated in a pilot program and has embraced the spirit of uniform-worn surveillance technology.

“The City of Warwick Police Department serves a population of 81,000 residents and has within its borders the T. F. Green Airport, Amtrak train station, 15 hotels, 39 miles of coastline, and Interstate 95, which runs directly through the center of the city; bringing with it a very transient and diverse population,” Connor wrote to Manni. “Policing this unique populace are 175 sworn officers.”

Warwick will receive \$910,000 in grant funding for 104 cameras; enough to equip more than half of the city’s police force, and nearly all of the department’s frontline workers.

“Of the 175, roughly 110 frontline officers and supervisors will be issued the body worn cameras,” Connor wrote in July, 2021. “These men and women handle the various

calls for service and serve as our direct contact with the public. With the increase in calls for service, the rise in mental health related emergencies and rate of public mistrust of the police it is crucial that each of these interactions include audio and video documentation, which the body worn cameras will provide.”

Legislators said the \$16 million in grant awards should cover body-worn cameras for 1,773 frontline Rhode Island police officers.

“Today is good day for all Rhode Islanders, as we equip front-line police officers across the state with a helpful tool that will benefit them and the public by assisting critical fact finding and building community trust,” Neronha said while announcing the funding. “In an increasingly technological age, where judges, juries and the public expect to see the evidence on which they are to make decisions and render judgments, making body-worn cameras broadly available makes perfect sense. With today’s funding announcement, we have removed a substantial monetary barrier for many municipalities that continuously juggle critical priorities. This has been a collective effort, and I am grateful to everyone, including leaders in the General Assembly, the Governor, members of law enforcement, and our Congressional Delegation who have made today possible.”

The Rhode Island State Police will also equip troopers with new technology.

“Outfitting our Troopers and members of law enforcement with body-worn cameras is a key milestone as we work to address the issues that are challenges in policing today,” said Colonel Darnell S. Weaver, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and current Director of the Department of Public Safety. “Cameras will add transparency, provide accountability, and give a point-of-view perspective – to every police contact. I expect that cameras will foster greater trust between citizens and their police departments, helping to lower complaints and improve relationships. These cameras will substantially improve the quality of evidence we collect and conduct investigations more efficiently.”

The Statewide Body-Worn Camera Program was created in June, 2021, when Rhode Island Gov. Dan McKee signed it into legislation.

“Today is an important day in Rhode Island as we move forward in strengthening trust, accountability, and transparency between our police officers and the people they protect and serve,” McKee said two weeks ago, while announcing the grant funding. “I am proud to be part of this collaborative initiative that will help foster strong, positive community-police relations throughout the state.”

Neronha and the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety consulted with the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, and together, they were tasked with implementing the program.

Law Enforcement leaders also needed to develop a framework of rules and regulations to govern the program.

“The Rhode Island Police Chiefs’ Association is proud to support the use of body-worn cameras,” said Sean Corrigan, RIPCA President and Narragansett Police Chief. “We appreciate not only the immense value they provide in transparency, but also the opportunity to reach truthful resolutions and promote greater public trust ... We are grateful to the stakeholders involved in the process and look forward to these cameras on our officers and in our streets.”

Local police departments receiving funds through the program must certify that they have adopted the Statewide Body-Worn Camera Policy before they receive the funds, according to Neronha’s office.

“This important requirement ensures that police departments statewide adopt model policies that protect constitutional rights, document critical interactions between law enforcement and members of the public, promote transparency, and build public trust in government,” according to a press release from the Attorney General.

LEGAL NOTICES

Planning Board Meeting
Tuesday November 1st, 2022;
6:00 P.M.
 Johnston Senior Center
 1291 Hartford Ave., Johnston, RI 02919

Agenda

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

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. Applicant: 266 Putnam Ave. LLC

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS
 None

V. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Discussion
PB 22- 57 The Johnston Comprehensive Plan – Presentation and

discussion by/with Weston & Sampson, plan consultant.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT & SPECIAL ITEMS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- The Planning Board Agenda and Minutes are available for review at ClerkBase on the Town’s web page or Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Planning Office, 100 Irons Avenue, Johnston.
- Items not heard by 9:30 p.m. may be continued to the next Regular Meeting or a special meeting at the discretion of the Board.
- Facilities are handicap accessible. Interpreter services may be requested from TTD (401) 792-9642 at least 72 hours in advance.

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JOHNSTON ZONING BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, November 17th, 2022
at 6:30 PM
Johnston Senior Center
1291 Hartford Avenue

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Review will hold a meeting on November 17th, 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

Petition of Cranston Enameling, Inc., Owner/Applicant for 1309 Plainfield Street, AP 3 Lot 225, zoned B-2. The petitioner is seeking a special use permit for automobile sales within the upper level of an existing building.

Petition of Anthony Caprio, Owner/Applicant for 93 George Waterman Road, AP 35 Lot 70, zoned R-15. The petitioner is seeking to convert an existing commercial building to a two family structure, each one bedroom and to have two residential structures on the same lot.

Petition of Reservoir Adventures, LLC, Owner and Michael Campagne, Applicant, for 1808 Atwood Avenue AP 53 Lot 239, Zoned R-20. The petitioner is seeking a use variance to subsection 9 Number 13 Storage of the Use Table to store his personal vehicles in a garage and is seeking dimensional variances to triple the size of the existing garage.

Petition of 15 Industrial Lane, LLC, Owner, and Joe Parrillo, Applicant, for 15 Industrial Lane AP 53 Lot 208, Zoned I Industrial. The petitioner is seeking dimensional variances to build a new storage garage and expand an existing storage garage.

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

10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17/22

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

Notice is given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as

amended, §3-5-8 that the Johnston Town Council, sitting as the Liquor Licensing Commission under Chapter 5 of the RIGL, shall hold a public hearing at the Municipal Court Building, 1600 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI on Monday November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the following applications for liquor license renewals:

Class A Liquor Store 2022-2023 Licenses

1. G & S Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Johnston Fine Wine Beer & Spirits 2951 Hartford Avenue
2. Knight’s Wine & Spirits, Inc. d/b/a Knights Liquor Warehouse 1450 Hartford Avenue
3. Market Beer Wine Spirits, LLC d/b/a Market Fine Wine & Spirits 11 Commerce Way
4. Tri Town Liquor, Inc. d/b/a Tri Town Wine & Spirits 39 Putnam Pike

Class B Limited 2022-2023 Licenses

1. Baja’s Tex Mex Express, LLC d/b/a Baja’s Grill Express 1412 Atwood Avenue

Class BYOB 2022-2023 Licenses

1. Cafe Vino 235 Greenville Avenue

Class BV- Full 2022-2023 Licenses

1. 101 Bar & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Bar 101, Ste 103,104,105 1478 Atwood Avenue
2. A Center Stage Co, LLC d/b/a The78 Pub at This Guy’s Pizza 80 Greenville Avenue
3. AGZ Enterprises, Inc d/b/a Escada Restaurant and Bar 39 Putnam Avenue #3&4
4. An-Jon, Inc. d/b/a Johna’s 659 Killingly Street
5. Bishop Hill Tavern 2868 Hartford Avenue
6. Brewed Awakenings, Inc 1395 Atwood Avenue
7. Cherry Hill Grille 223 B Greenville Avenue
8. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill 1386 Atwood Avenue
9. Coliseum Sports Bar & Grille, Inc. d/b/a J.J. Coliseum 23 Greenville Avenue
10. Copperfield’s, Inc d/b/a Copperfield’s Bar & Grill

- 678 Killingly Street
11. CW Building, LLC d/b/a Run-Em-Racks, Bar & Grill & Billiards 928 Plainfield Street
12. Duffs, LLC d/b/a Dr. Duffs Lost and Found Project 198 Putnam Pike
13. El Paisano Panaderia & Restaurante, LLC d/b/a El Paisano Panaderia & Restaurante 928 Plainfield Street
14. Emmily’s, LLC d/b/a Emmily’s Family Style Restaurant 103 Putnam Avenue
15. F. Saia Restaurants, LLC. d/b/a Pat’s Italian Restaurant 1200 Hartford Avenue
16. Family Dining Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Uncle Tony’s Pizza & Pasta 46 Putnam Pike
17. Fried Enterprise’s, Inc. d/b/a Mr. Biggs Saloon 1463A Atwood Avenue
18. Fu Ming Chinese Restaurant, Inc. 9 Greenville Avenue
19. Hei Palace, Inc. d/b/a Hei Place 1 Commerce Way, Unit E
20. HNR, LLC. d/b/a Sura Restaurant 300 George Waterman Road
21. J. Palmieri Pizzeria & Ice Cream, Inc d/b/a J. Palmieri Pizzeria 1999 Plainfield Pike
22. JJ Group, Inc d/b/a Bon Asian Bistro 1386 Atwood Avenue
23. DNS, Inc. d/b/a Red Ginger Restaurant 560 Killingly Street
24. Luigi’s Gourmet Express, Inc. d/b/a Luigi’s Gourmet Express 1359 Hartford Avenue
25. Parsadanyan Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Pizza Palace 1587 Plainfield Pike
26. Pizzeria Romana Corp d/b/a Pizzeria Romana 1571 Atwood Avenue
27. Real’s Fine Italian Cuisine Restaurant 79 Putnam Avenue
28. Roman Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Atwood Grill 1413 Atwood Avenue
29. Rosa Mia Ristorante, Inc. d/b/a Silvio’s Restaurant & Bar 133 Greenville Avenue
30. Choummaly, LLC d/b/a Bangkok Republik 1369 Hartford Avenue
31. Strings Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Strings Bar & Grill 183 George Waterman Road
32. TCP Enterprises, LLC d/b/a The Ave Bar & Grill 1428 Hartford Avenue
33. Toro Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Cancun Family Mexican Restaurant 175 Putnam Pike
34. Torre Corp III

- d/b/a Trattoria Romana 1571 Atwood Avenue
35. Town Hall Lanes, Inc. 928 Plainfield Street 1463 Atwood Avenue
36. The Chicken Coop Kitchen & Bar, LLC d/b/a The Chicken Coop Kitchen & Bar 1463 Atwood Avenue, Units E & F

Class C- Club 2022-2023 Licenses

1. ArtJim, LLC d/b/a Dad’s Place 1465 Atwood Avenue

Class D- Club 2022-2023 Licenses

1. Maria SS Della Difesa Society 15 Lafayette Street


Class BV Full Extension- Patio 2022-2023 Licenses

1. An-Jon, Inc d/b/a Johna’s 659 Killingly Street
2. Bishop Hill Tavern 2868 Hartford Avenue
3. Coliseum Sports Bar & Grille, Inc. d/b/a J.J. Coliseum 23 Greenville Avenue
4. Duffs, LLC d/b/a Dr. Duffs Lost and Found Project 198 Putnam Pike
5. Roman Enterprise, Inc d/b/a Atwood Grill 1413 Atwood Avenue
6. Family Dining Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Uncle Tony’s Pizza & Pasta 46 Putnam Avenue
7. The Chicken Coop Kitchen & Bar, LLC d/b/a The Chicken Coop Kitchen & Bar 1463 Atwood Avenue, Units E & F
8. 101 Bar & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Bar 101, Ste 103,104,105 1478 Atwood Avenue
9. Strings Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Strings Bar & Grill 183 George Waterman Road
10. Copperfield’s, Inc d/b/a Copperfield’s Bar & Grill 678 Killingly Street

Individuals requesting Interpreter service for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of the Town Clerk seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting date at 351-6618.

Per Order
 Robert V. Russo, President
 Johnston Town Council

10/27, 11/3/22



Legal Notice

Town of Johnston

Notice of Abandonment

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 24-6-1 that a portion of Naples Avenue as described in Johnston Town Ordinance 2022-17 has ceased to be useful to the public and is hereby abandoned. Ordinance 2022-17 an Ordinance in abandonment of Naples Avenue was adopted at a public hearing at the September 14th, 2022 meeting of the Johnston Town Council and is available for review in the office of the Town Clerk.

Attest:
Vincent P. Baccari, Jr.
 Town Clerk

Johnston Town Council
Robert V. Russo
 President

10/13, 10/20, 10/27/22

Opinion

EDITORIAL

We endorse McKee, Fung, Guckian, among others

Making political endorsements is not something we take lightly at this publication. Considering the implications of each race, we strive to take an objective and fact-based approach to deciding who would be best to serve the people of Rhode Island and the people within our coverage areas.

When discussing our choices for each top state position, numerous considerations come into play. Who has a proven track record of relevant experience, rather than just campaign rhetoric? Who would bring stability in uncertain times, rather than inject unknown chaos into our democratic system? Who has demonstrated a willingness to listen to the people, rather than cater to their political party or the numerous forces they will be forced to interact with upon their assuming of the role? No one candidate is perfect in any of these races and in some we are forced to make judgments based on our own instinct.

We should make it clear that all of these candidates are worthy of you, the voter, doing your own research and finding out which one you believe in the most. These are merely our own interpretations.

For governor, after casting aside third-party candidates who unfortunately don't have a shot in a system where the two-party system reigns supreme, we are unable to find enough reason or reassurance from Republican challenger Ashley Kalus to override our support of incumbent Dan McKee.

For what McKee lacks in flair and charisma, he has managed to see Rhode Island through a tumultuous moment in history without major scandal or disruptions in day-to-day life. Being thrust into the position by the departure of Gina Raimondo, McKee has done enough to warrant a full term to see out his political vision for the state — which includes a lot of good things, such as a push toward more renewable energy, continuing to advocate for growing economic opportunities such as the Blue Economy and his commitment to protect the reproductive rights of women.

Kalus, while she possesses charisma and a clear vision of her own, provides too much uncertainty in the way of her views that conflict with a majority of Rhode Islanders — including her views on abortion rights and laws intended to curb gun violence.

The race for Lieutenant Governor should hold more significance for all Rhode Islanders, considering how McKee rose to power. In this race, although we are not overly ecstatic about either option, we see Aaron Guckian as more pragmatic and experienced in the areas such as financial expertise that would make for a more effective governor, should such a situation with McKee happen again. While incumbent Sabina Matos has demonstrated a great ability to listen and advocate, we are not sold on her actual governing abilities at this point where we feel comfortable endorsing her for the role.

The Congressional race for Rep. Jim Langevin's seat has generated much interest. While we think Seth Magaziner has demonstrated good governance in his role as Treasurer, specifically for his advocacy regarding the passage of school bonds that have massively helped in beginning the mountainous effort of fixing our schools, we have more instances in our recent memory that endear us to Allan Fung. Fung has spent many years getting to know the people in this district, and advocating for them, which is to us what the role of a Congressman is more about. We must caution Fung, however, to not forget where he comes from should he be elected and is faced with partisan pressure from Republican colleagues to go along with policies that will undoubtedly be unpopular with a majority of Rhode Islanders. Remember your fellow Ocean State residents' majority view on women's reproductive rights.

In the remaining races, we endorse Peter Neronha for Attorney General, Gregg Amore for Secretary of State, and James Lathrop for Treasurer.

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WITH BRISTOL DECIDING TO ALLOW DEER HUNTING, THE TARGETED POPULATION DON HALLOWEEN MASKS TO STAY "UNDER THE RADAR."



LETTERS

Seth Magaziner's my choice for CD2

As a lifelong Rhode Islander, the upcoming election in the 2nd Congressional District has my full attention. In the current political climate, congressional elections affect every American, not only those who live in the District.

Allan Fung is a familiar name; his family story as a first generation American whose parents moved to the United States from Hong Kong is well known. His opponent, Seth Magaziner, has been portrayed as being economically privileged and therefore out of touch with the middle class. Yes, due to his father's American success story of academic and career achievement, Mr. Magaziner had advantages. What some voters might not realize, however, is that both his mother and father grew up in middle class households in Worcester and Brooklyn, respectively.

Magaziner's paternal grandfather was an office manager in a tomato packing plant. Seth Magaziner himself worked for two years after college as an elementary school teacher in a public school

in Louisiana.

As the two-term Rhode Island State Treasurer, Mr. Magaziner has a proven track record of delivering results for the people of Rhode Island. One of his accomplishments has been working to strengthen the state pension fund. BankLocal is another program initiated by Mr. Magaziner. This program supports businesses, banks, and credit unions through investments of state monies into local banks who in turn provide loans to small businesses in Rhode Island.

These initiatives both support the middle class. Voting based on a comprehensive view of the candidates is essential to our democracy. The upcoming election offers voters the opportunity to look beyond the rhetoric and support Seth Magaziner, the candidate who has done good work for the people of our State.

Barbara Robinson
Bristol, RI

Changing the nation's dismal direction

As the November deadline for voting approaches many concerns have voters questioning their current choices. They are reviewing where the candidates stand on the economy, inflation, women's rights, and crime.

With only a few short weeks to decide, especially for early voting, the complexities of these is-

sues appear to change almost daily.

The current need for most Americans is financial solvency. The depletion of 25 percent of our 401K's since the first of the year and food and utility costs skyrocketing daily then the economy and inflation may be the number one concern that most Americans will decide on.

With our current President having two more years on his first term, will a new House or Senate have enough votes to change the dismal direc-

tion that our country is presently heading.

Only time will tell.

Bob Sweeney
Warwick

Political silly putty?

Congressional candidate Seth Magaziner is like political silly putty.

He initially told us he was committed to becoming our next Governor. That was until Democratic Party bosses told him he had to reshape his commitment. Seth quickly complied.

Now Seth Magaziner tells us he is committed to becoming our next congressman. But do you think his willingness to do what the party bosses tell him to do when they tell him to do it will best serve the interests of ordinary citizens like you and me? Don't be silly.

A. H. Liddle
Warwick

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS

JPD Trunk or Treat

Kids of all ages are invited to the Johnston Police Department headquarters, located at 1651 Atwood Ave., on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for their 2022 Trunk or Treat. Stop by the front parking lot for a candy treat. The officers of the JPD hope to see you then!

Stranger Things Totally 80s

Celebrate all Things Strange in this hour-long craft and snack program on Oct. 29 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cranston's Central Library. This program is intended for kids in grades 4-8. Participants will be able to craft like it's 1986 at different stations (including a waffle-making station).

Wicked Woods Pumpkin Walk

Stroll through Rocky Point Farm's enchanting pumpkin path and enjoy over 300 candle lit, hand carved pumpkins. Trail is lined with jack-o'-lanterns, tiki torches and camp fires. Watch the living statues and collect a Halloween treat! This non scary event is perfect for young children and their families. Bring at least one small flashlight for your group. Trail is cleared of sticks and the grass is mowed, but there are some bumpy areas along the way. Great Fun for the whole family! The event runs Oct. 27-30, and the trail is open, 6-9:15 p.m. Last entry at 9 p.m. All tickets must be purchased online in advance at signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea4ab2fa3f9c70-20221.

Halloween at Roger Williams Park Botanical Garden

Stop by Roger Williams Park Botanical Garden on Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a day of family-friendly Halloween fun. Come dressed as a plant-inspired costume to participate in their costume contest. There will be Halloween themed crafts and a plant sale. Purchase timed admission tickets at providenceri.gov/botanical-center/. General admission is \$5, children (ages 6-12), seniors (65+) and military (with ID) are \$2, children under six are free and Roger Williams Park Botanical Garden members are free.

Who Dunit?

Join Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum (4157 Post Road, Warwick) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 for a "Who Dunit Mystery." Prohibition has returned to Warwick and the guests at the Slater Club find themselves in the middle of an investigation. Clues and chaos abound. Can you figure out the murder? Admission is \$5 per person.

Halloween Touch a Truck

The Rotary Club of Cranston will host its Halloween Touch a Truck event on Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Garden City Center. Come explore big trucks along with crafts, face painting, balloon animals and more. Halloween costumes are encouraged. \$10 donation per family.

Trunk or Treat

Cranston's Parks and Recreation Department will host a Trunk or Treat event at the Pastore parking lot (155 Gansett Ave., Cranston) on Oct. 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For questions or if you're interested in participating by bringing your own 'trunk,' please contact Regina Lynch at 780-6169 and leave a message, or email her at rlynch@cranstonri.org.

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.

Spooky Movie Night at Riverside Park

At 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 27, visit Riverside Park, at 50 Aleppo St., Providence, to celebrate the Spooky Season with a screening of the 1922 silent horror film "Nosferatu."

"Nosferatu" is an unauthorized and unofficial adaptation of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel "Dracula" and an influential masterpiece of cinema. The film will be accompanied by a special group of Providence musicians. Enjoy free food and friends and stay Spooky with The Woony. Register online.

REMEMBERING VETERANS

2022 Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run

The ninth annual 2022 Park View Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Kids Run, an annual event designed to bring honor and recognition to Veterans Day, will be held at Roger Williams Park on Friday, Nov. 11. Proceeds from the event will benefit programs for the school throughout the year and as a means of giving back to a worthwhile cause, Operation Stand Down RI.

The One Mile Kids Run will take place in the Park on a specially designed course. This race will begin at 8:30 a.m. The race is open to all elementary and middle school students. Cost for this race is \$10 (T-shirts to the first 50 entries for this race).

Start and finish of the 5k race at the Park Avenue entrance to Roger Williams Park across from Park View Middle School. The 5k starts at 9:30 a.m.

T-shirts to the first 500 entries for the 5k race. Post-race food and beverages will be served. Awards are given to the top male and female finisher. Awards to the top men and women in each division: 8th grade and under, high school division, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+.

Packet Pick up will be at the Park View Middle School Gym, Thursday, Nov. 10, from 3-5 p.m. Race day registration and pickup begins at 7 a.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Register online.

OSDRI Holiday Food Drive

Operation Stand Down RI is putting out a call to action to the local community in the days leading up to Veterans Day. On Friday, Oct. 21, OSDRI began seeking support from the local community to help stock the OSDRI food pantry shelves in time for the Holiday Season.

Individuals and organizations looking to contribute are invited to drop off Gift Cards and food items between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

OSDRI is seeking the following food items: canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, boxed dessert, and gift cards to local supermarkets.

OSDRI headquarters is located at 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston.

Veterans' Day Mass

Mass for Veterans' Day will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 11 at 12:05 p.m. at Saint Paul Church, One Saint Paul Place, Cranston. The Mass, celebrated by Fr. Thomas Woodhouse, will feature enhanced musical selections played by Music Director Jason Hervieux. Everyone, especially all veterans, are invited and encouraged to attend. Please consider inviting a veteran you know to come to Mass along with you. Come let us give glory to God and thanks to those who served our great country.

Veterans Voices

Trinity Rep announces its second annual Veterans Voices performance showcase, presented as part of the theater's Green Light Ghost Light Project. Veterans Voices features performances, music, and readings from local veterans about their time during and after military service. This special event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m., just in time for Veterans Day, in Trinity Rep's Chace Theater at 201 Washington St. in Providence.

Veterans Voices is free to attend and open to the public with a post-show reception to follow. To register, call Trinity Rep's Ticket Office at 401-351-4242 or visit trinityrep.com/veterans later in the week.

By combining Trinity Rep's longstanding theatrical traditions with the emotions and experiences of local veterans, Veterans Voices aims to educate the community on veterans' issues — and give veterans a platform to share their stories. Returning performers include West Point graduate and musician Big Lux and the band Guitars for Vets. Trinity Rep will also work with Providence Clemente Veterans' Initiative (PCVI) to coordinate Vet-

eran Voices for the second year in a row. Many of this year's Veterans Voices participants are current or graduated students from PCVI humanities courses.

"Military service isn't very common in the United States today," PCVI Director Dr. Mark Santow said. "Too often, when we do turn toward our veterans, we do so with words and gestures that can feel trite or inadequate. They become symbols, not complex individual human beings, with stories and ideas and emotions that they need to share, and that we need to hear. We need to hear what they have to say not just to share their pride in their accomplishments, but to share at least some of the burden of their pain and loss, too — they carry these things, because we've asked them to. They don't put them down when they come home, as their loved ones can tell you. We shouldn't either."

Veteran Voices is an extension of Trinity Rep's ongoing engagement with Rhode Island's veteran community, The Green Light Ghost Light Project. Created to share veterans' stories, the Green Light Ghost Light Project is a combination of the Greenlight a Vet initiative, in which communities light a green light to show support for veterans, and the Ghost Light Project, in which theaters leave a light on to signal that the theater is a safe space for all.

"This event sees the vision of the Green Light Ghost Light Project that I began here at Trinity Rep come to fruition, where veterans can make the stage their own: for their stories, by them, and I am so honored to have them here to share this moment." Director of Community Engagement Dr. Michelle Cruz said.

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 vaudevilian-style singing & tap dancing duo has honored our veterans, active military heroes and their families, by uniting the nation through music.

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.

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.

HOLIDAY CHURCH BAZAARS

St. Robert Bellarmine Holiday Bazaar

A fundraising Holiday Bazaar featuring food, a straw game, raffles, a silent auction, and many vendor tables will be held at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall, at 1804 Atwood Ave., Johnston, on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit St. Robert's Food Shelf, which provides food to all neighbors in need, regardless of religious affiliation. Join us for fun and fellowship while helping our neighbors. For general information, contact Sandy at 946-3262 or Terry at 331-7075.

St. Joseph Candy Cane Bazaar

St. Joseph Church will host a Candy Cane Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-6. The Bazaar will feature a giant raffle, penny social, baked goods, jams & jellies, gifts in a jar, jewelry, gift baskets, books, puzzles, locally made honey, a "This & That Room," American Girl Doll clothes, towels, aprons, soaps and oils. The kitchen will be open each day. The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, at the church. St.

Joseph Church is located at 144 Danielson Pike, North Scituate.

St. Mary's 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.

Asbury United Methodist Christmas Village Bazaar

Asbury United Methodist Church is back with their beloved Christmas Village Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 5. The event is free admission, masks suggested. Grab some delicious soups & chili from the crock pot bar, grab some of their famous Swedish bread, shop for beautiful jewelry, check out the gift baskets, and so many more treasures. Follow them on Facebook: @AsburyUMCWarwick, or go to www.AsburyUMCRI.org.

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Holiday Bazaar

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish, 222 MacArthur Boulevard, Coventry, will hold their Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Nov. 6. Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30 a.m., Polish & American food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (or as long as it lasts). Enjoy raffles, children's booth, crafts, theme baskets, Bake Shop, "Cookie Bingo" & more! Frozen Polish food is available from 9 a.m. until it's gone. Admission is free. Call 821-7991 or visit olcsvp.org for more information.

OLG Holiday Harvest Bazaar & Craft Fair

The Holiday 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.

St. Francis Xavier Holiday Bazaar

On Nov. 5 and Nov. 6, St. Francis Xavier Church will hold a holiday bazaar. There will be a Christmas booth, attic treasures, silent auction, hand knit items, baked goods, kids corner, raffle baskets and more. The event will take place at 81 No. Carpenter St., East Providence. The bazaar runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 5 and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 6.

OS Artisans Holiday Craft Show Food Drive

Jingle all the way to the Ocean State Artisans Holiday Craft Show Food drive on Nov. 25 to 27. Down at the Cowesett Corners Shopping Center, 300 Quaker Lane, Warwick. Bring along a canned good or nonperishable item and receive \$1 off the admission fee. Follow the snowman and find the perfect Holiday gifts.

MISCELLANEOUS

Johnston Historical Society Events

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.

November General Meeting: At 7 p.m., Nov. 30, local collector and Smith-Appleby House Museum Curator Sandra Achille will give a presentation on Esmond Mill blankets.

BY APPOINTMENT: Please note Both the Johnston Historical Society museum and the Elijah Angell House are open by appointment. The Johnston Historical Society always welcome visits by interested individuals or groups. Just shoot them an email at johnstonhistorical1825@gmail.com, or leave a message at 401-231-3380 to set one up. To see photos of past events, visit the Johnston Historical Society Facebook page.

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.



SCHOOL SPIRIT: Johnston Homecoming Weekend's coming. Are all the alumni ready?

Homecoming, even for those who never left

By PETE FONTAINE

It's a rite of Fall that's celebrated on college campuses and high school across the country.

It's football, fun, food and much more highlighted by alumni who, as the Beach Boys legendary hit "Be True to Your School" suggests, come home for dances and all sorts of reunions, including those fantastic football rivalries.

It is said that Homecoming began back in 1911 at the University of Missouri and Baylor University, then trickled down to the high school level all across the country.

In Johnston, Homecoming Weekend is unlike any other high school celebration in the state.

For starters, there's a full week of extraordinary events that kicked off with Spirit Week (which began Monday with Broadway Musical Day and winds up tomorrow with Blue and White Day) and will conclude Saturday evening with the annual Homecoming Dance, during which winners of last week's Battle of the Classes will be announced and participants will receive ribbons.

Thus, JHS' unmatched Panther Pride will be on

display — live and in living color — Saturday when the annual JHS Homecoming Parade steps off at 10 o'clock from the school parking lot off Atwood Avenue and will include Johnston leaders like Mayor Joseph Poliseena (who'll celebrate his 50th year since graduating in 1972), Police Chief Joseph P. Razza ('87 and a former All-State football player), Town Council President Robert V. Russo ('83) and Councilman Robert J. Civetti ('84), just to name a few.

Homecoming Day will begin at 8:30 Saturday morning when the four JHS classes unveil classic and colorful handmade floats — replete with a theme — that will be on display along the line of march that will go down Atwood Avenue, turn right onto Hartford Avenue then turn right into War Memorial Park and head up Memorial Drive back to the school.

Then, it's back into the JHS Cafeteria for the annual Alumni Breakfast that will again be sponsored by the Johnston Lions Club.

Head Coach Joe Acciaro's football Panthers will kick off against Narragansett High's Mariners at one o'clock and it will be Senior Day for players

and cheerleaders with the halftime ceremony highlighted by the annual crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen.

Tomorrow, the annual Pep Rally — which hasn't been held indoors since COVID — will be held in the Edward DeSimone Gym and each class will have a designed area to decorate.

"Classes will be judged on spirit, behavior and decorations with the winners announced at the Homecoming Dance," said Science Department Chair Greg Russo ('76), who coordinates the celebration with the Student Council. "The cheerleaders will perform, and all fall sports team will be introduced."

So in keeping with tradition, many Johnstonians will put their best foot forward to continue the unmatched tradition of Homecoming.



HOMECOMING COURT: The candidates for Johnston's Homecoming King and Queen pose for a group photo. First row, from left to right: Allison Benoit, Taylor Powell, Gabriella Manchester, Michelina Irons, Talia LaFlamme. Back row, Sonny Sysomphou, Michael Cepeda, Parker Sylvia, Jacob Muller and Noah Lavergne. (Submitted photos)

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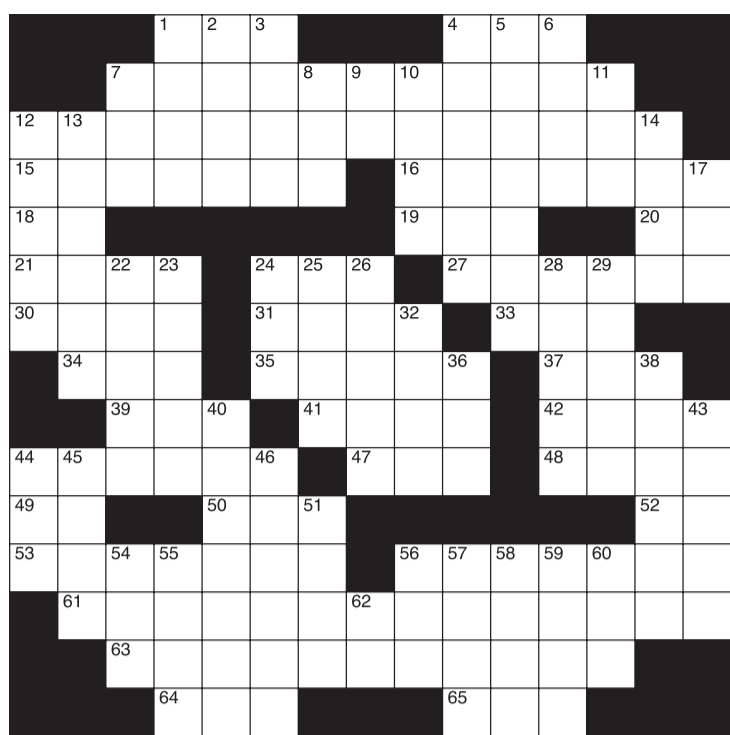
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- 4. Clairvoyance
- 7. One who works under you
- 12. What happens there stays there
- 15. Not ingested
- 16. Got the picture
- 18. One thousandth of a gram
- 19. Breakfast item
- 20. About
- 21. Tall deciduous trees
- 24. Safe keeping receipt
- 27. Cowardly
- 30. Pueblo people of New Mexico
- 31. Herring-like fish
- 33. A very large body of water
- 34. Angle (abbr.)
- 35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 37. White clerical vestment
- 39. Cool!
- 41. Matchstick games
- 42. Thick piece of something
- 44. A state that precedes vomiting
- 47. Burned item residue
- 48. Jaguarundi
- 49. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

- 50. The home of "60 Minutes"
- 52. Dorm official
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. One who is learning the job
- 61. Popular R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Attentively
- 64. CNN's founder
- 65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fijian capital
- 2. Assist
- 3. Elected lord in Venice
- 4. The capacity of a physical system to do work
- 5. People of the wild
- 6. Parent-teacher groups
- 7. Midway between south and southeast
- 8. Moved quickly on foot
- 9. Handheld Nintendo console
- 10. "Top of the Stairs" playwright
- 11. Electronic data processing
- 12. "Dog Day Afternoon" director
- 13. Leaned
- 14. About aviation
- 17. Mountain is a popular type
- 22. Lake along Zambia and Congo border
- 23. Heroic tales
- 24. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 25. "Star Trek" villain
- 26. Hand gesture popular on social media
- 28. Renters have one
- 29. Tubular steel column
- 32. Database management system
- 36. Similar
- 38. Providing no shelter or sustenance
- 40. Death
- 43. What a sheep did
- 44. Midcentury Asian battleground
- 45. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 46. Mortified
- 51. Improper word
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. It can be hot or iced
- 57. Tough outer skin of a fruit
- 58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Misfortunes
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

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More at Mohr Library
Yoga Classes for Toddlers with Ms. Pauline: On Second Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., from September through December (remaining dates: 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 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: Nov. 2, 16, 23 & 30; Dec. 7. Register at 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, through Nov. 2 (for children ages 8 to 12). Register at 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.

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.

Author Presentation at Brown University

Nonfiction@Brown lecture series presents: "Maggie Nelson, On Freedom." Maggie Nelson, NY Times best-selling author, reads from her latest book on Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Brown University Granoff Center (154 Angell St). This event is free and open to the public! Please register for a ticket at tinyurl.com/Nonfiction-Brown-MaggieNelson or visit go.brown.edu/nonfiction_now for information on the livestream.

Cranston Library Used Book Sale

The Cranston Public Library's used book sale returns Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the William Hall Library. Thousands of fiction and non-fiction books, in hardback and paperback, will be available to purchase as well as CDs, DVDs, children's books, and cookbooks, in excellent condition. All CDs, DVDs, and adult books are \$1 and kids & teen books are 50 cents each. Cash is preferred but credit cards will also be accepted. 100 percent of the proceeds from the book sale help support library resources and programs.

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 resilience.

Caregivers

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

RIMA Exhibit & Show

The Rhode Island Manufacturers Association (RIMA) is hosting its Exhibit and Show: Connect, Grow, Develop at the Crowne Plaza Warwick on Nov. 16.

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Rhode Island Model Train Expo

Sponsored by:
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Johnston Sun Rise

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Warwick Rotary 5k Turkey Trot

Come together at the Warwick City Park Ball Fields on Thanksgiving Day to benefit the Kent Hospital Employee Emergency Fund. Race registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the trot begins at 8 a.m. There will also be a costume contest! Prizes will be awarded to the best costume, most original, and best dressed family/group. Please bring one non-perishable food item per person plus \$20 for adults, \$15 for students (ages 6-18), kids 5 and under no charge with a paid adult, \$50 for family (2 adults & 2 students), \$20 for virtual runners. All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt (will only be guaranteed for registrations received and paid by Oct. 31) Visit: WarwickRotaryRI.com to register. Entries are non-refundable.

Train Show

Rhode Island Model Train Expo sponsored by the Little Rhody Division of the National Model Railroad Association will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Guy L. Lefebvre Community Center, 1277 Main St., Coventry. The show features operating layouts in N, HO, O, and G scales. There will be select vendor tables. Tickets are \$6 for adults and children under 12 and Scouts in uniform are free. There is a \$20 maximum per family.

Join Phillips' Chime Choir

Phillips Memorial Baptists Church (565 Pontiac Ave.) is looking for children ages six to 10 who are interested in participating in a Chime Choir led by Minister of Music Martha Sobaje. The rehearsals won't be too long and will occur at 11:15 a.m. after church on Sundays. This is an exciting and fun opportunity to learn music and a great way to meet others. If you are interested, contact Martha Sobaje at msobaje@gmail.com.

RI Landfill hosts Recycling Right Event

During a "special holiday event" sponsored by the state's landfill, Rhode Island Resource Recovery Inc., you will not only learn how to Recycle Right here in RI, but you will have all of your holiday recycling questions answered!

You recycle, right? But do you recycle right? Join them at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 15, for a virtual presentation to learn the basics of RI's mixed recycling program to be a great recycler!

If you've ever wondered what the recycling symbol means on different products, how to properly dispose of used pizza boxes, or what actually happens to your recycling when it leaves the curb, you'll have these questions and more answered during Recycling Right in Rhode Island... and Going Beyond the Bin! Register online for this free presentation (all links are available on the Johnston Sun Rise website, www.johnstonsunrise.net).

Makers Market

A large-scale community shopping experience will again bring nearly 100 independent makers under one roof in Providence for a two-day celebration of creatives and tradespeople.

The Good Trade Makers Market will return to Providence, on Nov. 19-20. This annual event gathers nearly 100 independent makers and small manufacturers of home decor, art, apothecary products, apparel, accessories, and more from all over the country for a weekend-long community shopping experience at WaterFire Arts Center (475 Valley St., Providence).

"What's unique about The Good Trade is that we're not only showcasing the amazing artisans, makers, and manufacturers who are based here in Rhode Island, but we are also welcoming businesses from 11 other states and introducing them to our little city during the weekend," said event organizer BJ Mansuetti. "Rhode Islanders have long been committed to shopping small, and we believe that creating an inclusive space for creatives to come together before the holidays and sell their handcrafted goods provides an important boost to the local economy."

Last year's event brought in 5,000 shoppers from across New England and generated an estimated \$300,000 in revenue for participating small businesses over the course of the weekend.

"The community response to the event has been overwhelmingly positive, both from the vendor and shopper perspective," added Mansuetti. "In 2021, vendors shared moving personal stories with our team about the life-changing support they received from shoppers, which was especially meaningful after an extremely difficult couple of years for small businesses."

"With a return to live in person events in 2021, The Good Trade Market was such a great success for the art and maker community in New England, driving a much-needed revenue boost for so many small businesses around the holiday season," said Peter A. Mello,

managing director and co-CEO of WaterFire Providence. "We can't wait to welcome them back to the WaterFire Arts Center again this year. It's an event that we're always excited about and look forward to hosting for many years to come."

The Good Trade will also be bringing back the popular "Plinko for a Cause" this year. A large, interactive fundraising game where shoppers can donate \$5 to play to win prizes provided by The Good Trade and their vendors. This year, 100% of the funds donated will benefit The Steel Yard's Workforce Training Program, a job-readiness initiative that teaches industry safety standards and a wide range of metalworking skills to prepare community members for a career in metalworking.

Advance tickets for The Good Trade are available now for \$7 in advance (advance sales end at midnight on November 18th) and \$10 at the door at goodtrademakersmarket.com. Ticket price include a beverage from our sponsors, including a small beer from Proclamation Ale or Trinity Brewhouse, a small cocktail from The Industrious Spirit Company, a small hot coffee from New Harvest Coffee Roasters, an iced tea from Granny Squibb's Iced Tea, or a small ice cream from Gather Farm. Other sponsors include Trinity Beer Garden, Gather Glass, Yelp, and Swamp Yankee Art.

Visit @goodtrademakersmarket on Instagram for daily giveaways from now through November 18th.

The Good Trade Makers Market will be open from noon to 6 p.m., at WaterFire Arts Center, 475 Valley St., Providence. More info and tickets: goodtrademakersmarket.com/tickets.

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

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Town Committees work hard for their parties



SUPER SUPPORTERS: These are some of the six dozen-plus people who attended last week's JDTC meeting and are working tirelessly to get the 2022 Democratic team elected to state and local offices on Nov. 8. (Sun Rise photos by Pete Fontaine)

JDTC readies army to fight toward Nov.8 General Election

By PETE FONTAINE

The different size multi-colored signs take up most of the huge glass front windows in a storefront of the Town Hall Plaza on Atwood Avenue in Johnston.

They are filled with the names of Democratic candidates running for state and local offices in the Nov. 8 Rhode Island General Election.

Names such as Dan McKee and Joseph Polisena Jr. are also prominent and affixed to the north and south walls; the campaign signs resemble a Who's Who of Rhode Island Democrats seeking state and local offices.

Likewise, those spaces are also lined with huge sheets and headline on each that reads districts one through five and will soon be filled with countless names of volunteers who'll man telephones and make everything from campaign calls to working at every voting district in Johnston.

It's yet another strategy of the Johnston Democratic Town Committee (JDTC) headed by long-time Chairman Richard J. DelFino Jr., who along with Mayor Joseph Polisena told a standing room only crowd recently: "This is a very important election; we need to support all our Democratic candidates."

"The JDTC (is) coming off huge wins in the primary and we're prepared — and ready — for the General Election that's just a few weeks away," said DelFino. "The committee had focused on council and senate races and is now concentrating on the mayor's race; we are now rallying around Joseph Polisena Jr. as our

endorsed candidate."

"Mayor Polisena and Joe Jr., along with our committee worked tirelessly on behalf of Sen. Lombardo, Councilwomen Linda Folcarelli and Lauren Garzone and councilman-elect Al Carnevale during the primary," he added. "Now, they're being counted upon to help elect Joe Polisena Jr. as our town's next mayor."

During the meeting earlier this month, DelFino pointed out: "There are upwards of 60 members, supporters and elected officials here who gave their views on strategies and plans to help elect our team."

Likewise, he added: "Our Democratic team is not defined by any national and even some RI Democrats. We certainly are more moderate and have conservative philosophies. We are true representatives of those communities we represent. We don't always agree on every issue, but we respect the opinions of others."

DelFino — who emphasized he is a strong supporter of Gov. Dan McKee and Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos — emphasized: "I have worked closely with them both on many issues as Chairman of the RI Democratic Committee of Towns and Cities chairs. They are respectful, committed and continue to work on behalf of all working families. I'm confident our candidates will do well. Good government makes for good politics; and I believe Johnstonians want to continue the progress."

That's why, as DelFino said with a smile on his face, "I promise we will have a small army out on Election Day working on behalf of all our candidates."

RIFRW endorses Johnston Republican candidates

The Johnston Republican Town Committee (JRTC) has announced that the Rhode Island Federation of Republican Women (RIFRW) proudly endorses Harold Borders Jr. for State Representative in District 42, Nick Grasso for State Rep in District 43, and Peter Tremontozzi for State Rep in District 44.

The Rhode Island Chapter of the National Federation of Republican Women is an 84-year-old grassroots organization comprised of women who say they deeply care about the U.S. Constitution, the country, and local communities.

"They are mothers, daughters, wives, sisters, and candidates," according to a JRTC press release. "They are your neighbors. They take great care in choosing candidates to support in elections. It is the candidates' dedication to our community, as well as the desire to bring about the changes to Rhode Island that they feel is needed for our local businesses and for our families that they offer this endorsement."

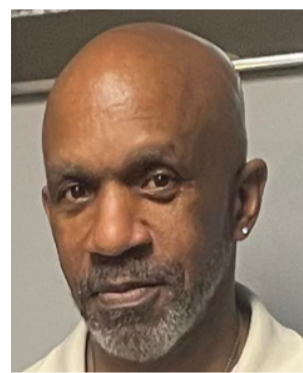
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OSDRI launches holiday food & gift card Drive for veterans

By Sun Rise Staff Reports

Operation Stand Down RI is putting out a call to action to the local community in the days leading up to Veterans Day.

On Friday, Oct. 21, OSDRI began seeking support from the local community to help stock the OSDRI food pantry shelves in time for the Holiday Season.

"Due to inflation and rising food prices

our annual Holiday collection drive is imperative this year in order to ensure our Veterans are not forgotten on Veterans Day and do not get left behind through the Holiday Season," said Erik Wallin, Esq. Executive Director of OSDRI. "OSDRI relies on gift cards throughout the year to assist our veterans with groceries, gas, and clothing. As we head into the holiday season, this become par-

ticularly important in order to guarantee that our low-income veterans are able to provide a Thanksgiving meal and a Christmas holiday to their families."

Individuals and organizations looking to contribute are invited to drop off Gift Cards and food items between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. OSDRI headquarters is located at 1010 Hartford Ave., Johnston.

"Our goal is to collect enough food and gift cards by Veterans Day in order to ensure that the veterans we serve can enjoy the holiday season without the stress of having to figure out how to put food on their tables," Wallin said.

OSDRI is seeking the following food items: canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, boxed dessert, and gift cards to local supermarkets.



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By JENNIFER COATES

The expression "Home is where the heart is" is an oft-repeated phrase that is both familiar and evocative to all who hear it. Whenever these words are uttered, they immediately evoke the sentiment that no matter where life takes you, you can be "at home" as long as you are surrounded by the people and things you love. Home can truly be where you rest your heart.

As we age, the concept of "home" will often change. Perhaps we are no longer able to remain in the home where we raised our families. Perhaps we need more help than the independent lives we once led. Perhaps we need to eschew the possessions we once accumulated in our homes and embrace a simpler life, instead savoring time spent with loved ones and making new acquaintances. Life and "home" may change, but they can also be better as we go along.

"Life getting better" and creating "places where the heart can settle in" are part of the mission of The Preserve at Briarcliffe. The Preserve is the newest addition to the Briarcliffe family. Opened a short year ago in June, this thoughtfully designed senior living residence is now home to seniors looking for this simpler, stress-free life. A life of security, peace of mind, comfort, opportunity, and freedom. A "new" home that caters to their every want and need.

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Now is the time to schedule a tour of your "new home" at The Briarcliffe, Preserve located in a leafy corner of the city at 54 Old Pocasset Road. To arrange for your tour, call Stefany Reed at 401.944.2450 ext. 202 or visit their informational website at www.briarclifferi.com.

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Storied pumpkins and crafty readers

Ashley Wheaton, Nicholas A. Ferri Middle School's Library Media Specialist, once again hosted a storybook pumpkin contest. Students were tasked with turning pumpkins into their favorite storybook characters. Staff and students judged the pumpkins, handing out awards for the crowd favorite, principal's pick, superintendent's pick and most creative.

For more pumpkin photos, see next week's edition of The Johnston Sun Rise, and a full photo gallery online at johnstonsunrise.net.



ME WANT BIGGGGGGGGGGGG COOKIE: Lily-Anne Segee won the "Crowd Favorite" award for her giant Cookie Monster pumpkin, which she grew herself. (Sun Rise photos by Rory Schuler)



RUH-ROH: Natalia Scorpio was selected as the "Principal's Pick" for her pumpkin version of Scooby Doo.



FIRE AND PUMPKIN SEEDS: Kamryn Kue was voted "Most Creative" after judges got a glimpse of her Wings of Fire Dragon pumpkin.



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THE ART OF COMIC BOOK COLOR



By Travis Landry
Auctioneer & Specialist
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Comic books as we know them have been a staple form of entertainment for nearly a century. While I have written numerous articles here about them and what they are worth, we have never discussed how they are actually made.

The comic book creation process is a team effort, and a lot more complicated than most people envision. It involves a writer, penciler, inker, colorist, and letterer. Before any artwork is created the story needs to be developed and formatted to fit the number of pages within the book. Once the story has been refined the writer then makes a script for the penciler to follow and begin creating each page. The pencil work is only one-third of the artistic process. After the pencil work has been completed and reviewed by the editor the pages are then given to the inker. The inker is the artist within the process that gives depth and texture to the artwork, making the drawings far more detailed from the penciler's original work. Finally, when all of the black and white artwork is completed, the letterer will then add the dialogue throughout the story. This might sound simple, but in fact is a high-pressure gig! The letterer needs to select the right typeface, size, and effect to convey the words and sounds the reader is hearing in their head. It is after this that the original pages are scanned and printed for the colorist to go in and paint



each page and cover in preparation for final print. What the colorist creates is known as a color guide, a piece of original art but also a tool to guide the printer in what colors they need to use. The coloring is so specific paints are calculated to a final percent and given a code. For example, a shade of red used for Spider-Man's costume in a dark alley scene might be M78Y22, meaning 78% Magenta and 22% Yellow. To be a colorist you must be an extremely punctilious person and stay focused on the smallest of details. That is why Andy Yanchus was able to have a successful 17-year career with Marvel Comics. To be a colorist and model maker you need to pay attention to detail, and it was the perfect fit for Andy. This coming New Year's Day at Bruneau & Co. we will be offering Part II of the Andy Yanchus collection focusing on his comics and color guides from his time with Marvel. In the world of original art collecting color guides

are unusual, in that they do not appear frequently on the market. Andy's archive includes covers for X-Men, Avengers, Daredevil, and even an unpublished cover for Black Panther #16. It is going to be a fantastic auction, and an exciting way to ring in the New Year. If you would like to learn more about the comic and original art market, feel free to contact us at the gallery. You never know what you might have.

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Sports

Panthers fall to Pats



IN THE POCKET: Johnston quarterback Neri Vasquez looks to pass. (Photos by Ryan D. Murray)



AT THE NET: Johnston's Michelina Irons makes a play at the net. (Photos by Alex Sponseller)

Panthers grinding in playoff race

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The Pilgrim girls volleyball team took a 3-1 (25-15/ 23-25/ 25-18/ 25-20) win against Johnston in a pivotal Division III showdown last week.

The two clubs entered the match fighting for a playoff spot. Pilgrim was in the playoff picture by one game while Johnston was outside by a game and looking to climb its way back in. Each team had just two games remaining on its schedule while other teams are in the dogfight as well.

"It was huge (to get this win). We got off to a slow start this season and played some of the top teams. This gives us some momentum. Playing those top teams earlier in the year helped us the rest of the way, but it is nice to get a win and get that boost," said Pilgrim coach Jason Metivier.

Pilgrim rolled to a 25-15 win in the first set. Johnston mounted a 10-point lead in the second, but Pilgrim would claw its way back and trail 24-23, but a Patriot misserve would give the Panthers the 25-23 win to tie things up.

It was all Pilgrim from there, wrapping up the 25-18 and 25-20 victories to clinch the win and keep pace.

Warwick Beacon Player of the Year Kaleigh Catucci led Pilgrim in the win, racking up nine kills and 16 aces.

60 yards down the right sideline and into pay dirt.

Josh Escamilla added the extra point after that and the Pats held a 7-0 advantage.

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Pilgrim rolls past Johnston in DIII shootout

By RYAN D. MURRAY

The Johnston Panthers were beaten 46-29 by the Patriots during a Division III-B Football battle Friday evening at a pinked out Pil-

grim High School.

The Pats jumped out to an early 6-0 lead when junior Dylan Roberts, who received Johnston's opening squib kick, lateraled to speedster Alex Pinheiro, who raced

JHS hosts annual Battle of the Classes

By PETE FONTAINE

Super school spirit unlimited. That's what was displayed by Johnston High School students, faculty and staff last Wednesday evening inside an almost jam-packed Mayor Joseph M. Polisena Stadium.

Moreover, there as an awesome display of athleticism from 72 undergraduates who competed for top honors in 14 unique events on a night when winter garb was necessary as the temperature dipped into the mid-to-upper 30s.

It was the annual and unmatched JHS Battle of the Classes featuring participants that had to meet certain criteria if they want-



SUPER SENIORS: Members of the Johnston High School Class of 2023 join forces to compete in last week's fun-filled and spirited Battle of the Classes which was held in front of a huge and cheering crowd inside Mayor Joseph M. Polisena Stadium. (Photo courtesy of Mare' Studios)

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New tautog regulations

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

We have new 2023 tautog regulations for Massachusetts now being proposed that spin-off what Rhode Island enacted in 2022. The big question is will Massachusetts enact new regulations to sustain and enhance the fishery?

The aim of the "trophy" fish regulation for tautog is to preserve large female fish that have great spawning potential. Under new regulations, anglers are allowed to take just one "trophy" fish larger than 21 inches, and their remaining four fish in a slot limit of 16 to 21 inches.

We checked in with Greg Vespe of Tiverton, Executive Director, of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, as to how he and members believe the new tautog regulations have worked in Rhode Island.

"I think the new more conservative tautog regulations in Rhode Island are working well. We have had a positive response from members," said Vespe. "It's refreshing to see Massachusetts take steps to join RI in being proactive in protecting these slow growing fish that are quickly becoming the backbone of the New England fall fishery. With no change to the bag limit and everyone still allowed to catch a trophy and set their own, club or state record it's hard to find a negative with this change. It's responsible management at its best."

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is taking public comment and holding a virtual public hearing that will address recreational tautog. Full text of the regulations may be found on DMF's website.

DMF will host the virtual public hearing on Nov. 1, 2022 at 6 p.m. to take comment on draft regulations. Register for the hearing at: <https://bit.ly/3SldZJv>.

Wahoo largest ever for Rhode Island

Last week Maridee Sport Fishing charters, Pt. Judith, RI caught a 91-pound Wahoo off Rhode Island. This wahoo could be an unofficial new state of Rhode Island record. "At 72 inches the wahoo was a monster," said Capt. AJ Dangelo who gaffed the fish and brought it aboard.

"The fish weighed 91 pounds after being gutted, but unfortunately we did not weigh it on an official scale. However, we did retrieve a \$50 plug the fish had taken moments earlier from one of our other lines," said Capt. Andy Dangelo (AJ's father). "We were trolling at the Fishtails (at Block Canyon about 67 miles south of Montauk) in warm water and caught 27 mahi and this monster wahoo."

Wahoo are a tropical and subtropical fish here in our offshore waters more often due to climate change and warming water. Wahoo are not noted on the official Rhode Island State Records website page. However, they are given official recognition on the State's notable catches page. The largest Rhode Island Wahoo was an 80-pound fish caught in August, 2002 by E. Ouellette of Somerset, MA. According to the International Game Fish Association (IGFA), the world record wahoo is 184 pounds caught 2005 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Congratulations to Captains AJ and Andy Dangelo, this is a great fish! Visit the Maridee Facebook page at www.facebook.com/marideefishing/ for two short videos with AJ boating the fish, and a second retrieving his lure.

Where's the bite?

Striped bass, bluefish and false albacore. "The striped bass fishing is great but anglers are having to mix it up as we have so much bait, both Atlantic menhaden and maceral, in the water that there is plenty for stripers to eat. Anglers are fishing Storm shads and white lures of various types to distinguish their baits," said John Littlefield of Archie's Bait & Tackle, Riverside.

Tom Giddings of the Tackle box, Warwick, said, "Slot stripers (28 to < 35 inches) and larger are being caught in the upper bay and in coves such as Warwick Cove Pawtuxet Cover, and the Providence River." East End Eddie Doherty, expert Canal angler and author said, "Fall fishing continues to be fantastic in the Canal. Josh Douglas of Woonsocket, RI caught a half dozen high end slots on a white FishLab during an early morning east tide at Pip's Rip. Kenny Nevins from Sagamore Beach had a nice two day run bringing 26 fish to

the rocks at pole 80 and Pip's Rip."

Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown, RI said, "Shore anglers were finding bass and blues from the surf and the rocks. Albies continue to pop up but are starting to be inconsistent. Most shore anglers are having success at the west and east walls (at the Harbor of Refuge)."

Black sea bass and scup. "The scup bite is still OK at Colt State Park and other places where there is water movement and structure," said John Littlefield of Archie's. Catching keeper black sea bass in the Bay and along the costal shore is still difficult.

Tautog. "Fishing for Tautog has been great as long as the ocean cooperates. The fish have been relatively shallow, from 15-25 feet of water. Anglers are catching fish on both rigs and jigs," said Declan O'Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle. "Tautog fishing exploded this week in the mid and upper Bay with anglers catching

nice keepers in the 19 and 20-inch range at Conimicut Light and at the Rocky Point Fishing Pier. The tog bite is still very good out in front and in the lower Bay at Hope Island and just north of the Jamestown Bridge," said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box.

"Freshwater anglers are now catching fish on the bottom and on the surface including largemouth bass, pickerel, pike and last week we had a 13 pound and a 14.6 pound catfish caught at places Lakee Tiogue, Coventry and Turner Reservoir that startles East Providence and Seekonk," said Tom Giddings of the Tackle Box.

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



WAHOO: Capt. AJ Dangelo, Maridee Sport Fishing charters, with a record breaking 91 lbs. Wahoo. AJ's father Capt. Andy Dangelo said, "When we gutted the fish we found the \$50 plug it took from another line." (Submitted photo)

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PANTHER PRIDE: Long-time JHS faculty member Greg Russo is all smiles as he greeted his niece Taylor Russo at last Wednesday night's Battle of the Classes. (Sun Rise photo and text by Pete Fontaine)

A Russo reunion

By PETE FONTAINE

There were many memorable moments prior to and during last Wednesday night's Johnston High School "Battle of the Classes."

School spirit, in fact was running rampant and of the largest crowds in recent memory watched the classic competition from the nearly full seats inside Mayor Joseph Polisena Stadium.

Proud Panthers – past and present – made up the extraordinary event crowd which was founded and has grown into an unmatched tradition under the organization leadership of Greg Russo, a JHS alum who chairs the Science Department as well as serving as advisor for the Student Council and SADD (Student against Dangerous Decisions).

The concession area was booming and filled with mini reunions between

faculty, staff and administrators and former students that once participated in the exciting event.

One in particular was Russo welcoming his niece - Taylor Russo – a 2015 JHS grad who wore the coveted crown of Homecoming queen in 2014 and graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2019, Roger Williams University School of Law in 2022 and was crowned Homecoming Queen 2014.

She was also captain of the football and basketball cheerleading squads and president of SADD, as well as serving on the Student Council and Homecoming Float Committee.

"Most important of all," as Greg Russo offered: "Taylor was a great student and a member of the National Honor Society. Our family is proud of what she's accomplished and we're confident she'll do well in the field of law."



FANTASTIC FROSH: The Class of 2026 had perhaps the most unique slogan – "If the sky is the limit, then why are there footsteps on the moon?"

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ed to be part of the competition.

"Each of the four classes was represented by a team of nine boys and as many girls," long-time Science Department chairman/Student Council/SADD Advisor Greg Russo offered. "To be eligible students had to be active members of their class (Homecoming) float committee and names were drawn randomly from the list of qualifying students."

Likewise, each class team had a designated color for the t-shirts students wore during the competition. For the frosh, the color was red while black. The juniors wore white tees and the seniors color was the Panthers Columbia blue.

"This is like a big-time sporting event," was among the many comments from first time spectators. "I've never seen such spirit and cheering."

From the time Russo - who did yet another impressive job as master of ceremonies via the stadium sound system - introduced each team as they raced onto the artificial turf until the tug of war concluded, Polisena Stadium was electric.

The events began with a Melrose Games-like one-mile relay that had the classic crowd standing on its feet and sending cheers upon cheers into the night's cool air. Among the many unique events, as Russo pointed out, was a sack race, food eating contest, walk the plank, ready steady, dizzy Izzy, mummy yummy and plunge pass along with others that have become part of the terrific JHS tradition.

"The winners of each event are presented ribbons at the Homecoming Dance,"



VALUABLE VOLS: Among those people who helped make the 2022 JHS Battle of the Classes an overwhelming success were Paul and Josie Desrochers and Julie Forte, who prepared food and worked the concession.

Russo noted. "But, I can tell you the freshmen won the Tug of War!"

And that, many people concurred, may be a new Battle of the classes record.

Meanwhile, Russo also announced "the Battle of the Classes would not be possible without the help of many, many JHS teachers who volunteered to judge the evening's events."

"What a great show of the JHS family coming together to maintain another special success story," said several alumni who came back to Cherry Hill for the games. "There was great food, fun and more here tonight."

Moreover, the President Charlie Curciled JHS Student Council was instrumental in setting up and making sure everything went smoothly and efficiently and, as Russo wanted it known: "Refreshments for the teachers were prepared by retired teacher Paul Desrochers and his wife Josie who were joined by super server Julie Forte."

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AWESOME AUTHORS: We are "Writing our Story" was the Class of 2025's message on its banner for the Battle of the Classes.



MIGHTY MESSAGE: The JHS Class of 2024 used the words "Impressive, Adapt and Overcome" on its banner for the 2022 Battle of the Classes.

■ Panthers

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The Panthers cut the deficit to 7-6 when sophomore quarterback Matt Clements tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Neri Vasquez, a junior, in the left corner of the end zone.

Johnston failed its two-point conversion attempt, however.

Pilgrim drove 64 yards on its ensuing possession before earning its second score.

The Pats picked up most of their yardage when quarterback Chace Roberts tossed a 47-yard dart to Dylan Roberts, who brought the ball to the Johnston 32.

Three plays later, senior running back Matt Santos rushed up the gut, one yard and in for a touchdown and that put the Pats on top 14-6.

Johnston responded with a 77-yard scoring drive.

Johnston running back Steven Finegan spearheaded that possession with a 28-yard scamper.

The junior accounted for much of the Panthers yardage all game.

"He's an awesome guy," Johnston head coach Joe Acciardo said. "There's no doubt that Stevie plays with a lot of heart. It's like a ride or die with him and there's only so much you can ask out of a guy. You've got to help him out."

With 34 seconds left in the first quarter, Vasquez ran a quarterback keeper in for a 1-yard touchdown and it pulled the Panthers within 14-12.

After that, Vasquez completed a pass to Finegan in the end zone for a successful two-point conversion and it evened the score at 14.

Pinheiro put the Pats up 20-14 early in the second quarter when the wide receiver rushed left, middle 11 yards and into pay dirt.

Pilgrim failed its two-point conversion attempt.

Then, Johnston evened the score at 20

when Clements heaved a 27-yard touchdown pass to Dylan Martins.

Mike Carlino added the extra point after that and gave the Panthers their only lead of the contest at 21-20, which was short lived.

Chace Roberts passed to wide receiver Justyn Murphy for a 28-yard gain on the first play of Pilgrim's next possession.

Two plays later, Santos rushed 20 yards to the Johnston 6. Then, Chace Roberts rushed a keeper into pay dirt from six yards out and gave the Pats a 26-21 lead.

Santos rushed into the end zone for two points following that and extended the Pilgrim advantage to 28-21.

Johnston came up empty on its ensuing possession and when Pilgrim got the ball back they capitalized.

With under a minute remaining in the first half, Chace Roberts passed to Murphy for a 25-yard gain to the Johnston 5. Then, Roberts threw a swing pass to Murphy, who took it into pay dirt and gave the Pats a 34-21 lead.

The Panthers hung with the Pats for the first quarter and much of the second, but still they found themselves down 13 points at halftime.

"We made our mistakes," Acciardo said. "It was over a time we didn't keep up."

Thus Johnston had to dig itself out of a hole in quarters three and four.

"We had to come out in the second half and basically do things a little bit better than we did in the first half, and we did it worse," Acciardo said. "And they did a good job, and they made good adjustments. I think they made better adjustments than we did and exposed a few things."

"Then, once we started making mistakes, instead of recovering from those mistakes, it seemed like we were doubling down on our mistakes," Acciardo said. "And we had a few injuries, and then the wheels started coming off the wagon."

Midway through the third quarter,



UP THE GUT: Steven Finegan picks up some yards.

Dylan Roberts rushed down the left sideline 26 yards.

And five plays later, junior running back John Kelly rushed in for a 1-yard touchdown and upped the Pats lead to 40-21. Johnston picked up a 40-yard gain during its ensuing possession when Clements connected on a pass to Martins, who took the ball to the Pats 34.

Two plays later, Clements found Martins again, this time for a gain of 16 yards. Lastly, Clements passed to Jahaziel Rodriguez, a junior, who took it 18 yards into the end zone and pulled the Panthers within 40-27.

After that, Clements found Rodriguez again, this time for a successful two-point conversion, and it cut the Johnston deficit to 40-29.

The Panthers opted for an onside kick after that, but it was recovered by the Pats at midfield.

And three plays into Pilgrim's possession, Santos rushed up the middle for a 25-yard touchdown and extended the Pats margin to 46-29.

Johnston fell to 1-5 in the league with the loss. The Panthers play next on Saturday at home at 1 pm against Narragansett (1-5).



TEAMWORK: Johnston's Gisselly Nunez and Makayla Scuncio work together to return a shot.

■ Playoff

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Gianna Ramos added 11 kills in the win as well. "Catucci) played outstanding tonight and really led the team. It was good because we played a little slow tonight, not Pilgrim volleyball. She served us right back into (the second set), she had 16 aces tonight. That's huge. Our tendency is to win the first game and slow down the second game, getting overconfident and thinking that other teams are going to lay down and they don't," said Metivier, who hopes the team will continue to work out the kinks in the final week.

"Serve-receive. That's our weak point right now and that's what we've got to work on. We've got to focus on that and get the ball right back. We tend to get stuck in those rotations, give up one, two, three, four points," said Metivier.

Johnston's Jaylen Molina felt that the Panthers were unable to lock in at times during the loss.

"Our coach says it's 80 percent mental, 20 percent physical. If you can't pull yourself out of the mental, it's hard to use the physical and to get yourself going," said Molina.

"Our level of emotions were up and down each game and we just couldn't get to that mindset," added Makayla Scuncio.

The Panthers will likely need to win out to clinch a final playoff spot. Molina and company are excited to be playing in such meaningful games and are looking to regain their focus moving forward.

"It's awesome, we love playing the sport and we have such great chemistry. We just need to play our hearts out and be here. Not care about everything else going on and to be here for those two, two and a half hours," said Molina.

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Local events ringing in Halloween

HALLOWEEN

with plenty of treats & no tricks

By **ROB DUGUAY**

Despite Halloween falling on a Monday this year, there's a variety of fun things going on in the days leading up to the festive occasion. A few breweries are putting on some unique events along with restaurants and other establishments. It's an ideal opportunity for adults who are looking to enjoy themselves during a night out while being dressed in their favorite costume. It's also an ideal time for the entire family to be entertained before they get ready for the hustle and bustle that comes with trick-or-treating. Here are a few events going on in the Cranston, Warwick and Johnston area that are worth checking out.

Halloween Week @ Proc
October 25 - 30 @ Proclamation Ale Co.
298 Kilver Street, Warwick

Starting this past Tuesday with a funk, soul and R&B dance party hosted by DJ Johnny Stevens, the folks at Proclamation have been celebrating Halloween with a whole week of various happenings. Wednesday is Build-Your-Own-Bouquet (aka BYOB) where people can customize their own floral arrangement with a ceramic pumpkin, black roses and more while Thursday features a costume contest hosted by McCaughey Standard Trivia. Rounding out the week will be a Spooky Juicy Market PVD & Drag Show on Friday, Movies & Tarot Card Readings on Saturday and Game Day Sunday. It's all 21+, log on to proclamationale.com for more info.

Halloween Karaoke Party
October 28 @ Buttonwoods Brewery
530 Wellington Avenue, Cranston

The folks at Buttonwoods are teaming up with the people involved with PVD Horror to put on quite the party. Horror and pop culture novelty company Rock The Dead will be providing the karaoke starting at 6pm with people wearing costumes and plenty of craft beer available courtesy of the brewery and their partners at Origin Beer Project. There will be some spooky giveaways along with prizes for best costume and best performance and it's also free. This is another 21+ event, log on to buttonwoodsbrewery.com to know the rest of the details.

Escada's '80s & '90s Throwback Halloween Party
October 29 @ Escada Restaurant & Bar
39 Putnam Pike, Johnston

Along with the inventive and crazy costumes, Halloween is an opportunity for people to go retro and look like someone did decades ago. Escada is embracing this theme with a Halloween party that'll be celebrating the '80s & '90s. It all starts at 8:30pm with DJ Lady Ruk spinning tunes all night long and there will be a costume contest taking place as well. Just like the previous two events on this list, this is also 21+ and for table reservations and more log on to escadarestaurantbar.com.

Haunted Theatre Halloween Bash
October 29 @ Park Theatre & Event Center
848 Park Avenue, Cranston

The revitalization of the Park Theatre has been a humongous highlight of 2022 for Cranston and Rhode Island as a whole. Their "Haunted Theatre Halloween Bash" features a costume contest with a \$1,000 prize with multiple rooms of fun, music and surprises. DJ Naughty, Timmy Drums and Mix Master Jay will be providing entertainment for anyone over the age of 21. For more details, log on to theparkri.com.

Roger Williams Park Zoo's Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular
September 29 - October 31 @ Roger Williams Park Zoo & Carousel Village
1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence

Now before anyone starts an uproar over this, I know Roger Williams Park is located in Providence but it practically runs along the border of Cranston so I still think it's part of the area. Also, I feel that it's my obligation to include something family-friendly in this list and this is definitely the best thing you can do during this time of year to have fun with the kids. This one-of-a-kind experience started a few weeks ago, but it runs right until Halloween night. To get tickets and to know all of the info before you go, log on to rwpzoo.org.

Did Johnston man ever unearth all the buried loot?

James Monroe Eddy of Johnston wasn't going to tell anyone his secret. But, once he did, word spread like wildfire. He had unearthed pirate treasure.

Born in Gloucester on April 25, 1831 to Amasa and Mary (Owen) Eddy, James went on to own several hotels; the Elm House Hotel in Johnston and the Hotel Bon Vivant in Pawtucket among them. He was known as being an excellent innkeeper who went to great lengths to please his patrons. Fish and game dinners were served at any hour of the day or night and parties were entertained in high-class manner.

When James could take a break from business for a while, he enjoyed spending time with his wife Lizzie and their daughter Jennie at the Horseneck, Mass. farm which he owned and which had been in his family for four generations. The grandson of Amasa Eddy and great-grandson of Elisha Eddy, James had inherited an aged scroll in 1886, 12 years after his father's death. The rolled up sheet of parchment paper with the map upon it was written by his grandfather Amasa, according to his father. The map depicted the area of the family farm and marked three areas where treasure was supposedly buried. Despite James's father Amasa telling him the story associated with the scroll, Amasa never really believed there was any truth to it and never searched for the treasure.

The parchment was believed to be an old drum head with the map drawn using some kind of sharp stick. The starting point was a rock on Horseneck

Back in the Day



by **KELLY SULLIVAN**

Point where the Eddy farm stretched out to meet the seashore, adjacent to a popular summer resort at Westport Harbor. According to the story Amasa passed along, James's grandfather had sailed with the famous pirate, Captain Kidd, and had brought treasure back to the farm and buried it there. James was also told that his grandfather lived to be 94 years old.

The pieces of the story do not fit together. Captain Kidd's life spanned from 1655 to 1701, his death being half a century before James's grandfather was even born. It's possible that an earlier great-grandfather might have sailed with Kidd, but none lived to the ripe old age of 94.

On Nov. 6, 1888, it was not easy to research history or ancestry so, going by what he had been told, James located the rock depicted on the map and began to dig that morning before breakfast. When nothing turned up, he moved on along the route scratched into the parchment. Suddenly his shovel struck something. He

reached down and pulled an old iron kettle out of the ground. Inside were 1,550 well-worn silver coins. Bearing the date "1715", 1,200 of the coins were Spanish dollars. The faces of the coins contained the inscription "Ferd. II. Dei. Gratia." On the opposite sides was the inscription "Hispano E. Ind. Rex. M.E.R.I.P."

The other 350 coins were not identifiable but were dated "1787" with the inscription "Sil Nomen Domini Benedictiones". On their opposite sides, the inscription read "Lud VVI.D.G.F.R. Et Nov. Rex." As the coins were dated after Captain Kidd's death, it proves that the Eddy family pirate story James was told cannot be the truth. But the buried loot came from somewhere and the treasure map was obviously genuine.

As he had found one buried stash and the map described three, James knew there were more riches to be found in the form gold coins, jewelry, diamonds and \$100,000 in gold Spanish doubloons. He made a promise to himself that he would dig up the entire farm if he had to, then he took his secret back to Johnston that same day and, in his excitement, quickly spilled the beans by showing off the old coins.

Perhaps James returned to his idea of secrecy and dug up the farm until he located the rest of the buried treasure. Maybe he tried but never found it. James died on March 12, 1899. There is a chance that he unearthed the loot and never said anything. But there is also a chance that it's still there.

Kelly Sullivan is a Rhode Island columnist, lecturer and author.

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He swings on Broadway

Michael Harmon on stage in 'MJ the Musical'

By JOHN HOWELL

Broadway paid a visit to Pilgrim High School last week, or rather Pilgrim 2019 alumni Michael Harmon, a “swinger” in the Broadway MJ the Musical, returned to the stage where it all started.

As a “swing” Harmon must be prepared to step into a role when a cast member can’t be on stage. It could be an accident or illness in mid-show or a prolonged absence. The job requires carefully following the show and not only knowing what comes next but also being able to assume the character of the cast member being replaced.

“I started off not wanting to do it. I just wanted to be on stage,” Harmon told the Pilgrim Players during a break in rehearsals of *Rock of Ages* to be performed in late November. As a high school student, Harmon said he loved to dance and he didn’t know how he was going to fit into theater. Then in his junior year English and drama teacher Richard Denningham staged the musical *Cinderella* and Harmon remembers thinking “I thought I could really do it.”

He wasn’t alone. Jenna Tremblay Reilly, who choreographed Pilgrim musicals for the past nine years, recognized Harmon’s talent, even telling him he could be “a great sing” as a high school student. She reminded him of that and urged him to share his experience in show biz. Harmon didn’t need much prompting.

“This is where you put in the work,” he said to the cast who gathered under the stage lights. He urged them to assume the characters they are portraying because “if you don’t believe it here, we (the audience) can see it.” To illustrate, he pointed to the wall, saying if that’s meant to be a bus station, “then you have to see it as a station” not a wall.

What Harmon said he learned is, “if you want something you have to go after it...you’re on your own, it’s your personal life.”

By the time he was a senior, Harmon knew he wanted the theater. He went on to attend the AMDA, American Musical and Dramatic Academy, in New York City. The academy touts, “our students are a vital part of the creative community here, and the city itself sets the scene for an innovative learning experience. An AMDA education is more than just studio training; it’s a backstage pass to New York City’s performing arts scene.”

Harmon didn’t outline the steps that took him to Broadway, but rather how he learned that MJ the Musical was holding tryouts. At the time he had work off Broadway and figured there was nothing to lose in taking a shot.

He was over the top when the offer came. Friends and family instantly learned of the news. It was a time of celebration.

Hard work followed.

He signed up in July and he made his first on stage appearance in mid-August. With eight shows a week, Harmon is either on stage of following the performance so he can fill in when called. Relating his on the road experience prior to Broadway he said, “time zones are not your friend. You feel like you’re life is in a bubble.”

What about movie work or commercials, students inquired.

“People get paid so much for so little work,” he said. He added, they sit around a lot and get to eat lots of good food.

Harmon urged students interested in a career in entertainment to “start the work here. Trust the work that you’re doing...and enjoy it.” He said high school theatre is a place to learn from mistakes as well as to stand out.

From questioning if he could be a swing to being “terrified” when swinging his first show, Harmon is focused on his work. One takeaway that resonated was, “it is never boring. You feel like you’re a special piece.”

Although not on stage, Harmon fixated his audience and most surely had some students dreaming of Broadway. And to give him a glimpse of their work, Denningham and Tremblay-Reilly had the cast dance and sing sets from *Rock of Ages*. Harmon was back in high school and loving it.



MENTORS AND STUDENTS:

Broadway performer Michael Harmon is flanked by those who instructed him while a student in Pilgrim, Richard Denningham and Jenna Tremblay Reilly as the cast of the Pilgrim Players production of *Rock of Ages* gather on stage. (Beacon Communications photos)



PLEASED BUT NOT

SURPRISED: Jenna Tremblay Reilly, who has choreographed Pilgrim musicals for the past nine years, spotted Harmon’s talent when he was a student. She even suggested he would be a good “swing.”



STRUTTING THEIR STUFF:

Pilgrim Players provided Harmon an insight to their work as they rehearsed a dance and song set.



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You've scrimped and saved for years to afford your long-awaited home purchase. Inspections go well and you're excited to close and move in. As time goes by, you begin to notice weird happenings in and around the property. Objects you may have put in certain places are moved, doors suddenly open on their own, you feel cold air in certain spots, maybe you hear strange noises, or notice the family pet is acting strange. Could your home be haunted, or occupied by previous owners whose spirit remains?

There are stories of many homes said to be haunted or occupied by ghosts. Some of which are local to our area.

1677 Round Top Rd in Burrillville built in 1836 is the subject of the movie 'The Conjuring' The original movie was based on accounts taken from inhabitants of this farmhouse. The house was rumored to be haunted by the presence of Bathsheba Sherman, who in the 1800's lived in the house. The property had many owners over the years. Most recently, the property was listed for sale in September 2021 at \$1.2 million, and closed in May 2022, at \$1.525 million. The property owners have opened the home to visitors who dare to stay to investigate paranormal activity there.

Another popular property said to have paranormal activity is The Seaview Terrace on Ruggles Ave in Newport.

The property sits on 8 acres of beautiful ocean views along The Cliffwalk. According to the field card details, the home has 37,772. sq.ft. living area with 9 bedrooms and 9 full baths. This property was



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listed for sale in August 2021 at \$29.9 million dollars. After 213 days on the market and no takers, it was withdrawn from publication. As written in an article in "Ultimate Unexplained":

Seaview Terrace is full of believe it-or-nots, such as how it even came to be in Newport. Originally much of this French Renaissance Revival Chateau was built in 1907

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on Dupont Circle in Washington D.C. with many rooms being shipped to D.C. from France. The house was then completely dismantled again and relocated to Newport in 1923, taking almost two years and \$2 million to accomplish..Stories say the home is haunted by the original owner's wife, Julia Williams Bradley. Her funeral was held in the house's chapel in 1929 and people said her ghost was seen playing the chapel's organ almost immediately after.

Some "Haunted Houses" experience frightening events, while others may be occupied by previous owners whose spirits may remain, however in a way not to frighten the occupants living there. Many of us have either experienced strange happenings in a home or know of someone who has. Some will say it is just your imagination or a misunderstood experience. Others will believe there is a ghost creating the events. Whatever the case may be, it can be unsettling.

There are ways to attempt to cleanse a home of its spirits. Some say this can be done by simply asking the spirit to leave. If that isn't effective, using sage or incense can be used to cleanse the home. A median can be brought in to assess the situation and determine how to approach the problem. Maybe a ceremonial cleansing is needed. A cleansing/clearing can last anywhere from a few minutes to days.

If action taken is not successful, you can either leave the property if you simply can't deal with it, or, co-exist in the property with your ghost and learn to live with it.

Happy Hauntings!!
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How to approach a BASEMENT REMODEL



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A fully finished and functional basement is a dream for many homeowners. Such a space, when completed, can serve as an entertainment space, a man cave, an artist's studio, or any number of additional functions.

Despite their usefulness, finished basements are something of a rarity. In an analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Survey of Construction, the National Association of Home Builders found that only around 24 percent of single-family homes built in 2018 have basements. Homeowners who do not currently have a finished basement but are considering such a project can approach the remodel with a few key factors in mind. Careful consideration of these factors can ensure the project is budget-friendly and worthy of homeowners' investments.

• **Investment value:** Conventional wisdom among home renovation and real estate experts suggests that a basement remodel is best if done to satisfy current inhabitants and not necessarily to appeal to prospective buyers once the home is put up for sale. Remodeling magazine reports

that a midrange basement remodel costing around \$70,000 will provide a return of around \$49,000 (or 70 percent) at resale. Though that's not a poor return on investment, homeowners who are remodeling a basement solely for the potential ROI at resale can find other projects that provide a greater return.

• **Foundation:** The foundation of the home must garner ample consideration before beginning a basement remodel. Certain foundation issues, such as soft concrete, cracked or curved outside walls and cracks in the flooring, are indicative of significant issues with the foundation. These issues can be costly to address, and they must be remedied before the basement remodel can begin.

• **Existing space:** Some homeowners may have bought their homes with partially finished basements or even finished areas that they simply want to remodel. In such instances, a pre-remodel inspection from a licensed home inspector can save homeowners lots of money and heartache over the long haul. Partially finished or even aging finished basements might not have been renovated in

adherence to codes, which could lead to costly violations down the road. An inspection in advance of a remodel can give homeowners an idea of what they will need to do to bring the basement up to code. Local officials also can provide a list of necessary permits and a detailed description of requirements to ensure the remodeled basement adheres to code.

• **Soil:** Soil surrounding the home should be tested prior to beginning the project. Radon is an odorless gas found in soil that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notes can increase individuals' risk for lung cancer. Radon can seep into basements and increase that risk even further if it is present at elevated levels in the soil surrounding a home. Radon tests are simple and inexpensive, and no basement remodel project should begin without first conducting such a test.

Finished basements are valuable spaces. Homeowners who want to finish or remodel their basements should consider a host of factors before beginning the renovation. FH228149



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