

Natick Nights Returns



BY SEAN SULLIVAN

Since its debut in 2016, Natick Nights have been illuminating the artistic, culinary and business culture of the town. June 1 will see the return of the weekly event, which will run until the end of July.

Natick Nights is one part carnival, one part commerce, and one part creativity. Sprawling outward from the hub of the Common, streets, storefronts and lawns become stages upon which a sort of town-themed talent show plays out.

The Morse Institute Library lawn for instance, becomes a

theater for challenges such as the beanbag throw, and other games of skill. Elsewhere, food trucks and vendors, live musicians, artists and artisans, all have their creativity on display to aficionados and consumers.

There's no charge to participate as a business or put one's craft on display at the event, if interested parties are members of the Natick Cultural District. Otherwise, the fee for taking part is \$20. There's no cost for non-profits to partake in the festivities,

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Natick Town Takeover At Polar Park

Last month, Natick was highlighted as the "Town Takeover" at Polar Park in Worcester, where the WooSox played the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. Po-

lice Chief James Hicks and Fire Chief Jason Ferscke fired in the first pitches!

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colors for this evenings Polar Park Town Takeover.

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and attendance is also, of course, free to the public.

“It’s a really great way to bring all these elements of the downtown together,” said Athena Pandolf. As Executive Director of the Natick Center Cultural District,

she was there when Natick Nights first debuted, and has helped bring it back in summers since.

The event has run from May to August in some past iterations, though organizers have found the two outer months are less of a draw in terms of crowd sizes.

Most schools are still in session in May, and New England can often remain hesitant to commit

to fairer weather. And August can serve as a recovery month for vacationers, families and folks burned out after a few months of hot days, road trips and incessant recreation.

In June and July, organizers and participants have found the event’s “sweet spot.”

The central location of Natick Nights, said Pandolf, makes it a phenomenon impossible to miss even for people just passing through the town’s center. A fair amount of attendance, she suspects, owes to passersby in cars and on foot who stop to see what all the crowds are about.

“They kind of stumble upon it.”

One attraction they may find there is the “Decanted Wine Truck,” a retro-style caravan that harkens back to the hey-day of mobile camping. The trailer has been converted into a store on wheels patterned after the food-truck model, but selling alcoholic spirits in lieu of steak sandwiches.

“It’s a travelling mobile bar,” said Pandolf.

Adams Street will be shut down to cars every other Thursday for Natick Nights, the erst-



while one-way thoroughfare converted for a few hours into the “Adams Street Art Alley.” The short stretch of pavement will become a purveyor of beer, wine, food and music on those days - a truncated diorama of what’s on offer throughout neighboring blocks during Natick Nights.

The nights are also a boost for brick-and-mortar businesses that overlook the many feet meandering sidewalks during those busy hours. Attendees of Natick Nights may decide to slip into a downtown restaurant or any one of the mainstay art vendors that

have taken up residence in the town hub for years.

When Natick Nights first came into being in 2016, advertising the new event was a top priority. Now, the night has gained enough renown that it largely speaks for itself. Word of mouth, said Pandolf, and a social media presence are nearly enough on their own to get word out about the event.

“It’s just grown exponentially during that time. We’re really looking forward to it.”



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This will be followed by an event on the common beginning at 1 pm that includes speaker Rev. Dr. J. Anthony Lloyd Pastor, from Greater Framingham Community Church, with performances by The Drum Nomads, Crocodile River Music. There will be activities and food available for purchase.

The event on the common will be followed by the showing of

local director Zadi Zokou's film Black N Black at the Common St. Spiritual Center at 6 pm.

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Outdoor Farmers Market Returns

BY SEAN SULLIVAN

Last month saw the return of Natick's celebrated farmer's market to the Town Common.

It was a winter which some said seemed to linger long past its welcome (despite a dearth of snow). And the popping of white vendor tents on the Natick green is an exercise in hope that sunny and warmer days have taken up residence.

May 6th was the official opening day for the outdoor market, which runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays in spring, summer and autumn. During winter, the market moves indoors to the Common Street Spiritual Center overlooking the quad.

A new feature this year is an effort of community outreach. This month, Natick's fire chief will attend the market in the spirit of meeting and greeting, answering

the questions of captivated children. Last month, a Natick police officer was featured at the market.

"I'm kind of bringing this community connection kind of thing," said Deb Sayre. She has been the organizational spirit fueling the farmer's market for many years now.

Members of Natick's Select Board are expected to make an appearance at the market in coming months, though the dates had yet to be finalized.

"People run into old friends and make new," said Sayre. "It's kind of the atmosphere of community."

The Natick farmer's market was founded in 1996. "We've been doing this for about twenty-five years," said Sayre of the event, which has been stewarded by various leaders over the decades. "It's been delightful."

For some vendors, the weekly



event has been a dependable sales outlet through which they can vend their goods directly to customers. The face-to-face interactions enable both sides of the transaction to establish a relationship – for each to see the groups of people that comprise creators and consumers.

Many NFM vendors truck in perishable food items, wares not suitable for shipping or storing over long distances and durations. For them, farmer's markets like Natick's can act as a satellite sales channel, a quick conduit directly to customers.

For other sellers and artists, the farmer's market is a first foray into presenting their offerings to the public. The cost of vending at the event is low, and friends and family are often on hand to offer support - emotional and economical.

"So we act as an incubation for some people. It's a great way for their creativity to be represented and appreciated." Over recent seasons, she added, the market has seen a greater participation by a much younger cohort

of vendors.

"There's more food, more government connection, more youth connection," said Sayre of market, which currently is comprised of about 60 food vendors and 350 crafters. What's needed now, she added, are more volunteers – locals who want to help out with and learn the finer points of facilitating the event.

"I'm multitasking," said Sayre over the phone as she was refueling her car. "I just got gas."

Sayre also works as a substitute teacher at Wilson Middle School. After so many years running the market, she's envisioning the days when others will assume that leadership and organizational role.

"Somebody will need to know what to do."



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Real estate agent Nina Sable will take it from here

By CHRISTIE VOGT
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Nina Sable is “willing to do everything” when it comes to real estate, so it’s no surprise that she is ranked a top producer who has sold upwards of \$13 million worth of properties across the state — from Cape Cod to Boston to Palmer. While her reach is vast, Sable also has deep local connections as a Natick-based agent with William Raveis.

Sable has experience selling a variety of properties — from single-family homes and condos to log cabins and mobile homes — but she is particularly well known for working with absentee owners and seniors. “Just turn over your keys to me,” she says, “and I’ll take it from there.”

When working with absentee owners, which may include clients selling a family estate or landlords hoping to offload a property, Sable says that most people “don’t ever have to step in the house again. I make the process really easy for them.”



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“over communicator” and always makes sure clients are kept in the loop. “I am really good at educating people about the process,” she says.

When it comes to local buyers and sellers, Sable notes that William Raveis has a “beautiful office that is easily accessible” if clients wish to meet outside of their homes. She has been at the Natick location for over six years and has developed a keen knowledge of Natick neighborhoods and fostered many professional partnerships. As part of the Natick, Wellesley and Needham team at William Raveis, she also has access to specialized re-

sources in all three towns.

Beyond the immediate area, a newer specialty of Sable’s is the Cape Cod market. “If people in Natick are ready to move out of their homes and get settled in a new place on the peninsula, I can help them out in both places,” she says. “I particularly love it down there and enjoy helping people find beautiful waterfront properties.”

Sable entered the real estate sector after working in the senior care industry, which has made her an ideal agent for older adults. “Many seniors in Natick have a lot of equity in their homes and want to get out, but they might face several barriers,” Sable explains. “For example, the house may need extensive repairs, the owners might have financial constraints, or they might not know all of their options. I also work with reverse mortgages for those who want to stay in their house.”

Given her connections in senior care, Sable is able and will-

ing to connect people to assisted living centers, estate planners, financial planners, real estate attorneys and whatever other services they may need. “Coming out of the helping industry, my real estate work really parallels that,” she says. Sable worked with the federal Long-Term Care Ombudsman program where she helped families navigate their care options. “I functioned as a negotiator for care, and those skills have transferred over to negotiating in real estate as well,” she explains.

Even if homeowners aren’t ready to act, Sable says she can be a valuable resource to them by sharing market data, providing suggestions and answering questions. Sable stresses that today’s market is “complicated” and warrants the helping hand of an expert.

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The Natick Garden Club invites all interested parties to our annual PLANT SALE. Doors open at 10 am, Saturday June 3, 2023. Rain or shine, as the event is held indoors at the Natick Community-Senior Center, 117 East Central St., Natick, MA.

The sale is our major fundraiser for the year. We offer a variety of plants that have been proven to grow successfully in our sometimes challenging weather conditions. Most of the plants are perennials from members’ gardens, and are labeled for bloom time and season, height, spacing needed, and sun and moisture requirements. We promote native plants as well, meaning they are native to this area, and tolerant of drought conditions and excellent at providing habitat for good insects and birds. This year we will introduce a small houseplant section. As always raffle tickets for a variety of items will be available and you need not be present to win.

All proceeds from the sale fund the Natick Garden Club, a group

devoted to civic beautification and service in the Natick community. Cash, check and credit card accepted. For more information please visit us at <http://www.natickgardenclub.org/> or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

Info on our club:

Our mission is to promote a positive educational environment for sharing gardening, horticultural, and conservation information and to encourage civic planting, beautification, and service in the Natick community.

Organized in 1998 by three women, the Natick Garden Club currently has about 100 members. Members represent a range of ages, genders, and gardening acumen. All have a passion to learn, share, and volunteer in service to their garden club. The NGC has evening meetings Sep-



tember through May at Morse Library featuring a keynote speaker, with time for socialization and NGC business at the start. September and March are non-membership meetings and for the public at large. We have deep roots in Natick although draw members from several communities, and can be found around town in a variety of capacities throughout the year. The plant sale is our main fundraiser.

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Above, "Star Light" watercolor; Right, "Before the Falls," Watercolor

in Communications Management. With a background in Fine Arts, Naomi taught art in a public school and currently teaches one-on-one art lessons. She owned a graphic design business which led to an advertising job in educational publishing and on to a career in marketing at IBM.

Naomi is a past president of the Dedham Art Association and former co-president of the Needham Art Association. She is a board member and artist with Needham Open Studios and an exhibiting member of watercolor and art associations. She shares her art by teaching art lessons

in watercolor and Japanese brush painting, exhibiting in local communities and on her website gallery: NaomiWilseyArt.com



Naomi Wilsey paints in her

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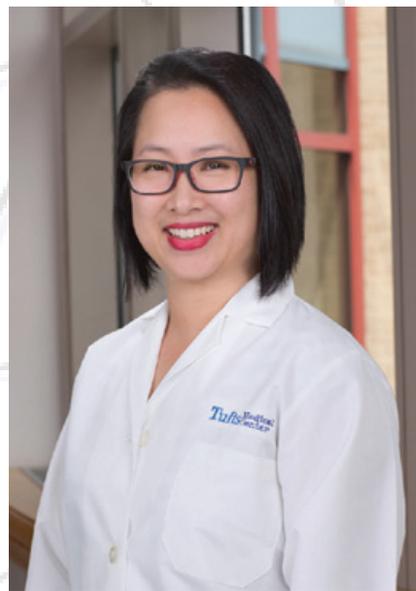
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Not everything ends up in a landfill—not if Jay can help it. He first tries to either recycle or donate items. Only after he tries to repurpose items do they end up at the transfer station.

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Jay and his family are deeply involved in the community. He and his wife, Christine, run the Corner Market restaurant in Holliston as well as Resellables, a thrift store in Bellingham. It's not uncommon for someone to reach Jay at the restaurant, order a sandwich, and then schedule a junk removal appointment. Yes, the local small business really can handle everything!

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MassBay Graduate Transfers to Wellesley College

MassBay Community College elementary education student Mena Fenwick of Natick, will transfer to Wellesley College in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in education. Her long-term goals include completing her bachelors at Wellesley College, pursuing a masters degree, teaching special education at a middle school level, and eventually shaping special education policy reform.

"Before coming to MassBay, I worked with children with special needs in the United Kingdom, which really lit a fire in me to continue this line of work,"

said Mena. "I want to help children who are on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and help develop policies with inclusive practices for all students. It's important to me to remove barriers and meet special education students where they are so they can be included and supported in a way that helps them grow and learn. I passionately believe every child deserves to have the tools to learn and advance in our education system."

"My five-year old son is on an IEP," she continued. "I am his greatest advocate to ensure that he has what he needs to be

successful, but not all parents have a background in this field or know how to advocate for their kids. This issue is one in which I'd like to get involved to make a difference. Unfortunately, the notion exists that kids need to fit into a certain learning mold, but we need to reverse this thinking and make policy changes so that education systems become student-ready, which will have the biggest impact on our youngest learners."

Mena began her studies at MassBay in the fall of 2021 and has been named to the Dean's List every semester, with a per-

fect 4.0 GPA. In addition to attending classes and taking care of her son Elijah, Mena is a peer mentor, serves as the Student Government Association (SGA) secretary for the academic affairs committee, is the student representative for MassBay's teaching and learning committee, strategic planning committee, and its New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) committee, and works at the Hometown Sweat Yoga Studio in Natick. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and Psi Beta National Honor Societies.

"I came to MassBay and found a community here," said Mena. "I always felt so welcomed and a sense of belonging here. I am excited to transfer to Wellesley College, but I will miss the support and comfort of MassBay.



I recently received an Impact Award from MassBay, which I was truly humbled by, because MassBay has, in turn, impacted me in so many ways. I loved every second of my time at the College. I love studying education and following this career path. I can't wait for the next chapter of my story at Wellesley College."

Mena will graduate with her Associate of Arts degree in Elementary Education and will start classes at Wellesley College in September 2023.

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Let's take a step back, make we sure understand the tool.

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even close HELOCs, but regulators stepped as it is secured line of credit. As long as the collateral (house) and borrower uphold terms of agreement, the banks couldn't change terms - even if you lost your job. Same is not true for credit cards.

World Gone Mad - Remember when we'd shut down for 2 weeks to end a pandemic but instead laid off 38 million by end of April 2020? Banks stopped issuing new HELOCs and slowed new mortgages until October. And those with high limit HELOCs at \$0 balance became cash buyers of vacation homes from cash-seeking sellers. More opportunistic planning occurred using cash-out refi in 2021 on new property to lock in a low, fixed rate.

Economic Downturn - Banks reduce lending in anticipation of economic slowdowns. Regardless of your opinion on recession, we can all agree banks need deposits in order to underwrite new loans/lines. What's been a recent problem banks

are having to maintain? Deposits. Declining deposits equals declining new lending applications.

There are more strategies to consider for HELOCs. Like using as an emergency savings proxy to reduce opportunity costs or delay/spread out taxation from selling investments over calendar years to meet unexpected cash needs.

Talk to your Certified Financial Planner to learn more.

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MetroWest Human Services Advocacy Coalition Hosts Legislative Breakfast

Event honors local human services leaders and workers

The MetroWest Human Services Advocacy Coalition (MWH SAC) hosted its 19th annual legislative breakfast on Friday, April 28. The event, which was held at Nevins Hall in Framingham's Memorial Building, is convened by local agencies Advocates, Justice Resource Institute, South Middlesex Opportunity Council, and Wayside Youth & Family Support Network. Approximately 250 guests attended this year's event, which returned in-person with a "Building Community Connections" theme.

The yearly event allows the MetroWest legislative delegation to connect with local agencies and workers and provides a chance to honor excellence in the field of human services. Framingham mayor Charlie Sisitsky kicked off this year's event with welcome remarks, while Martin Cohen, president of MetroWest Health Foundation, served as program emcee.

Advocates president and CEO Diane Gould presented this year's Bill Taylor Outstanding Human

Service Professional awards. The day's first award went to Genilce Santana, a care navigator at MetroWest Care Connection. Santana is described as "a staunch advocate who ensures that individuals and families, often new to the U.S. and facing barriers to care, connect to the supports they need". In her role at MetroWest Care Connection, Santana, who is trilingual, has served 700 community members, more than half of whom speak Portuguese or Spanish.

The day's second award went to Monique Delcy of Marlborough. Delcy, an employee of Justice Resource Institute, has served as a direct service worker for more than a decade and considers the role her calling. She was recognized for her attention to detail, advocacy on behalf of clients, and exemplary commitment to service. These qualities recently helped Delcy to identify a client's undetected medical need, ensuring that the client received needed care.

Senate President Karen Spilka



delivered keynote remarks and presented the day's final award to Eric Masi, a Stow resident and president and CEO of Wayside Youth & Family Support Network. Masi, who is retiring this year after a 44-year career in human services, received the True North Award in recognition of his "visionary leadership and fearless advocacy."

Event guests also heard from Graciela Saavedra, a youth and family support worker at Wayside Youth & Family Support Network, who is also a graduate student and mother of a child with special needs. In a video interview shown to attendees, Saavedra discussed her personal and professional connections to human services work. She also

discussed the critical need for more care providers, particularly those who speak languages other than English.

The event concluded with a panel of local legislators who spoke about their legislative priorities, particularly as they relate to human services. Panelists included Representative Jeff Roy (10th Norfolk), Representative Priscila Sousa (6th Middlesex), Representative Jack Lewis (7th Middlesex), Representative Carmine Gentile (13th Middlesex), Senator Jamie Eldridge (Middlesex and Worcester County) and Senate President Karen Spilka (Middlesex and Norfolk County). Issues discussed included improved wages for human service workers, affordable housing,

criminal justice reform, access to higher education, climate change, and access to mental health care.

About The MetroWest Human Services Advocacy Coalition

For nineteen years, The MetroWest Human Services Advocacy Coalition, a consortium of consumers, providers, community board members, community agencies, organizations, family, and friends of human services, has advocated for the necessary resources to provide professional human services to enhance the quality of life of all residents of Metrowest Boston. For more information about the MWH SAC, contact Allison Parks at Allison_Parks@WaysideYouth.org.

DELL PARK CEMETERY

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees and Lot Owners of the Dell Park Cemetery Association will be held at the Natick Police Station on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm, for the transaction of any business that may legally come before said Meeting.

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BY JILLIAN WILSON MARTIN
NATICK SUSTAINABILITY
DIRECTOR

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Bacon Free Library Events

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Check our website for the most up-to-date information and to register for programs: baconfreelibrary.org

Children's Programs

*****Monday & Tuesday** story times will be held outside; if it is wet or cooler than 55 degrees, the program will be inside. Friday Baby Time is always held indoors.

Mondays @ 10am -- Story Time: Join us for a high-energy story time! We'll mix things up with a combination of stories for listening and songs for singing & dancing.

Tuesdays @ 10am -- Story Time. We'll feature stories and songs that highlight the theme of the day.

Fridays @ 10am -- Baby Time: Join us for a cozy story time filled with lap bounces, rhymes, songs, and simple stories. Geared toward infants and young toddlers with their grownups. This program is held indoors.

Dog Tales Story Time -- Monday, June 5th @ 10am. Join us for dog-approved stories and a chance to pet a calm, sweet, and soft therapy dog. baconfreelibrary.org/event/dogtales5-1-23/2023-06-05/

Fantastical Folktales of Flowers with Diane Edge-

comb -- Tuesday, June 6th @ 6pm. This program is geared towards ages 8+. Award-winning storyteller and theatre artist, Diane Edgecomb, accompanied by Celtic harpist Margot Chamberlain, conjures a magical world of garden flowers through stories and songs. baconfreelibrary.org/event/fantasticalfolktales/

Jammin with You -- Weds, June 7th & 21st @ 10:30am: Be prepared to laugh, dance, sing, and jam your way through 30 minutes of non-stop family fun! This performance is geared for kids ages 1 - 7, but fun for the whole family. With modern takes on children's classics and classic original tunes, you'll be humming and bopping your way all the way home.

Big Bubbles with Mr. Vinny the Bubble Guy -- Tuesday, June 20th @ 4pm: Kick off Summer Reading with some running, jumping, and bubble-popping fun! With his giant, homemade bubble wands, Mr. Vinny gets kids and adults involved in bubble chasing games. Silly, interactive entertainment for all ages! baconfreelibrary.org/event/big-bubbles-with-mr-vinny-the-bubble-guy/

Read to a Dog -- Friday, June 23rd, 3-4:15pm: Kids build confidence and practice reading skills by reading out loud to a registered therapy dog! Children ages 5 and up can sign up for a 15-minute reading session with Sophie, a gentle golden retriever who loves belly rubs, stories, and cuddles. Registration is required.

baconfreelibrary.org/event/read-to-a-dog-june23/

Goats & Giggles -- Weds, June 28th @ 10:30: Play and cuddle with some curious and friendly baby goats outside on the library lawn! The Farmer's Helpers program from Chip-in Farm will be bringing their goats to the BFL for a visit.

All ages are welcome. Please note that participants may be required to wait in line, as the number of people interacting with the goats at a time will be limited for the animals' comfort and safety. We'll provide a simple craft and some farm-themed books to browse while waiting. <https://baconfreelibrary.org/event/goats-and-giggles/>

All Ages Programs

Artist Reception: Kevin Baldwin -- Tuesday, June 20th @ 5:30pm: Join us in welcoming our newest artist and his display to the BFL.

Family Trivia; Share you Patriotism -- Tuesday, June 27 @ 5pm: In anticipation of July 4th, join us for a star-spangled trivia event on the BFL lawn! From patriotic songs to famous Americans this trivia game has something for people of all ages, so gather your family and friends and join in the fun. Bring a blanket and some snacks and get comfy on the lawn. (If the weather is rainy, we will move this program inside.) The top two teams will receive prizes! Please register: baconfreelibrary.org/event/july4trivia/

Adult Programs

How to Steal a Masterpiece - Weds, June 21 @ 7pm on Zoom: Join us for another great talk with art historian and educator, Mallory Mortillaro. Enter the underworld of stolen art as we examine the little known stories of some of history's greatest art heists. Please register to receive the Zoom meeting link: <https://baconfreelibrary.org/event/masterpiece/>

Author talk: Nancy Horan in Conversation with Therese Fowler-- Weds, June 28 @ 7pm on Zoom: Nancy Horan's new book, *The House of Lincoln*, is a sweeping historical novel that tells the story of Abraham Lincoln's ascendance from rumpus lawyer to U.S. president through the eyes of a young asylum-seeker who arrives in Lincoln's home. Please register to receive the Zoom meeting link: <https://baconfreelibrary.org/event/nancyhoran/>

Adult Book & Film Clubs - registration required for all clubs baconfreelibrary.org/clubs-programs/

Mystery Book Club - first Thursday of the month @ 1pm on Zoom

June 1st: *The Last Detective* by Peter Lovesey

History Book Club - second Thursday of the month @ 11am on Zoom

June 8th: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Nonfiction Book Club - fourth Saturday of the month @ 10am, on Zoom

June 24th: *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham

Tuesday Night Book Club - fourth Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm, both Zoom & in person

June 27th: *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill

Cinephile Mondays -- last Monday of the month @ 4pm on Zoom; watch and discuss films. Check the BFL website for the film of the month and to register.

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MONDAYS AT A MUSEUM- JUNE- ZOOM

Mondays from 3:00-4:00 pm, free. Call to register 508-647-6540. We visit museums all over the world and view artwork with commentary by artists, docents, curators and others.

June 5- The Gilded World of Isabella Stewart Gardner

June 12-China Trade in MA- Peabody Essex Museum

June 19- CLOSED in observance of Juneteenth

June 26- Van Gogh, Detroit Institute of Art

MEETUP AT NEW ENGLAND BOTANIC GARDENS AT TOWER HILL

Tuesday, June 6, 10:00am, free, Call to register 508-647-6540.

Meet inside at 10:00am, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA 01505. We will have a docent led tour starting at 10:15.

Founded in 1842, the Worcester County Horticultural Society owns and operates the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, a 171-acre botanic garden outside of Worcester, MA. The Garden features a four-season

display of the finest plants for cultivation in New England. Carefully planned gardens and collections of ornamental, edible, and native plants, tropical and citrus in the conservatories, plus trails that enhance the natural features of this beautiful property and a robust program and event schedule make the New England Botanic Garden a must-see destination. Join us for the docent led tour and enjoy lunch at the onsite café which offers, soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts, beverages—indoor and outdoor seating. You may wish order boxed lunch in advance or on site.

Thank you to Whitney Place, Natick for sponsoring this event!

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH WITH MUSIC OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Wednesday, June 7, 12:45-1:45pm, free, Call to register 508-647-6540.

Join John Clark on this journey with his Great American Music Experience program! We begin with a controversial Marian Anderson concert and a shockingly sad Billie Holiday song. Then leading up to the Civil Rights songs are You've Got to Be Carefully Taught from South Pacific

and Nat King Cole's We Are Americans Too, his response to a 1956 racial incident. Moving into the 1950s and 1960s anthems and songs that brought racial issues to even greater national attention from Sam Cooke, James Brown, Elvis Presley and others influencing greater public awareness of the need for change.

CULTURALLY CURIOUS- BENDING TOWARDS JUSTICE- ZOOM

Tuesday, June 13, 1:30-2:30pm, free, Call to register 508-647-6540.

African Americans as Subject and Creators in American Art. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." This program examines that arc as it relates to African American history enshrined in American Art. From colonial era portraits to 19th-century and Jim Crow-era prints to 1960s Civil Rights photography, this program will provide a visual overview of African American oppression, struggle and progress towards equality.

Thanks to Whitney Place, Natick for sponsoring this program!

TURTLES OF NEW ENGLAND WITH JOYS OF NATURE- IN PERSON & ZOOM

Wednesday, June 14, 1:30-2:30pm, free, Call to register 508-647-6540.

Join Joy Marzolf from The Joys of Nature and some live turtles! Learn about our local turtles here in NE from tiny musk turtles to our seasonal sea turtle visitors. Find out how varied turtle shells can be and learn about the amazing adaptations of these reptiles that allow them to survive their habitats. Learn about these amazing animals and how you can help some of our most endangered turtles.

SARAH GARDNER JAZZ TRIO- IN PERSON

Tuesday, June 20, 1:30pm, free, Call to register 508-647-6540.

Come for the music! Join vocalist, Sarah Gardner and her trio playing favorite jazz standards.

MEET UP AT WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

Wednesday, June 21, 10:00am, \$5 pp, payable at registration, come by the center to register, 117 East Central St, Natick

Join us for a group meetup at the WAM to explore 2 special exhibits including Frontiers of Impressionism which highlights over 30 artists, including Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro, Mary Cassatt, Childe Hassam, and Max Slevogt and Watercolors Unboxed, an exploration of 75 years of watercolors—from 1880 through the 1950s—through exceptional examples of the medium. Drawn from WAM's internationally renowned collection of watercolors, the exhibition will begin with a selection of 19th-century European watercolorists who influenced what would become a favored American art form, and will feature 50 works, including highlights by Childe Hassam, Winslow Homer, Rockwell Kent, and John Singer Sargent. The exhibition will also feature drawings by artists lesser known for their work in watercolor and gouache, including Amedeo Modigliani, Gustave Baumann, and Ernst Ludwig Kirchner.

DEMYSTIFYING SOCIAL SECURITY WITH DAN WILLIAMS- IN PERSON

Wednesday, June 21, 2:00-3:00pm, free, Call to register 508-647-6540.

Deciding how and when to claim Social Security is one of the most critical financial decisions a person will make in his or her lifetime. Without an understanding of the complex rules surrounding Social Security, you could leave thousands of dollars on the table. Join Dan Williams from The Dover Group to learn about: when you should file for benefits; advantages and disadvantages of filing at age 62 or deferring to age 70; taking advantage of available spousal, survivor or divorced benefits; how much of Social Security is subject to income tax and what changes may be in store. Q&A

BOSTON RED SOX HISTORY WITH HERB CREHAN- IN PERSON

What was Ted Williams really like? How About Jim Lonborg? And Spaceman--Bill Lee??

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Red Sox Trophy will be at the Natick Community Senior Center from NOON-3:00PM, Tuesday, June 27- get your picture taken with it!!

Herb Crehan has been interviewing and writing feature articles on former Red Sox stars for the team's official program and alumni magazine for 28 seasons. Over the years the question he has been asked most frequently is "What was Ted Williams really like?" or "What is Bill Lee really like?" Fans know the players from their performance on the field and TV interviews but they are also interested in what the players are like up close and personal. Herb will highlight eight fan favorite Red Sox players representing a decade beginning with Ted Williams for the 1940s through Jonny Gomes representing the teens of the twenty-first century sharing insights and colorful stories about each player. Questions welcomed!

Herb Crehan, a recognized authority on Boston baseball history and the publisher of www.bostonbaseballhistory.com, is in his 28th season as a contributing writer for the Boston Red Sox. He is a committee member for The Red Sox Hall of Fame and he has written well over 150 feature articles for the team's official program and the team's Alumni magazine. Crehan speaks extensively on Boston baseball history, including the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, WBZ radio, NPR's "All Things Considered," Forbes.com, and numerous Society of Baseball Research (SABR) meetings. Herb is the author of: The Impossible Dream 1967 Red Sox: Birth of Red Sox Nation; LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE: The Sox of '67; and Red Sox Heroes of Yesteryear.

BEEYONDER- ANTARCTICA AND ITS PENGUINS

Tuesday, June 27, 2:00-3:00pm, free, Call to register 508-647-6540.

Penguins are some of the cutest animals in the world and many of them live in Patagonia and Antarctica! Join me in this armchair/lecture type live tour made with pictures and some videos to learn about these incredible birds and the places they live in. We will also talk about Patagonia and Antarctica: the coldest, the windiest and the driest continent in the world. Our tour guide lives in Ushuaia, Argentina

the capital of Tierra del Fuego. Zoom LINK will be sent out a week in advance.

ELDER LAW UPDATES WITH TIM LOFF- IN PERSON

Wednesday, June 28, 1:30-2:30pm, free, register thru Community Pass or call the center 508-647-6540.

Join Elder Law Attorney Timothy Loff in this overview of important updates and changes for 2023 on many legal issues important to seniors. Big changes in the area of MassHealth including pooled trusts, Medicaid Qualifying Annuities, and new issues involving Life Estates and Irrevocable Trusts will be among the issues discussed. General questions are welcome. Bring yourself up to date!

Upcoming TRIPS:

Please note: There is some walking, stairs, uneven surfaces and standing for this day trip. This is a non-refundable purchase. Questions? Please call Sharon at Natick CSC 508-647-6540 X1907, skirby@natickma.org. Register through Community Pass or come by the center, 117 East Central St, Natick.

DAY TRIP TO FOSTER'S DOWNEAST CLAMBAKE AND ISLES OF SHOALS CRUISE, ME

Tuesday, July 25, \$140 per person due upon registration. Motor coach departs 9:15am from Fisk Methodist church, 107 Walnut St, Natick and returns approximately 7:00pm. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 28.

DAY TRIP- RHODE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

Wednesday, August 16, \$120 per person due upon registration; 9:15 am departure from Fisk Methodist church, 107 Walnut St, Natick, returning approximately 4:00pm. Registration deadline is Monday, July 24.

DAY TRIP- TURKEY TRAIN, NH

Friday, September 22, \$115 pp due upon registration, 9:45am departure from Fisk Methodist Church, 107 Walnut St, Natick, return approximately 6:45pm. Registration deadline is Wednesday, August 30.

DAY TRIP- SALEM CROSS INN & QUABBIN RESERVOIR

Tuesday, October 24, \$125 pp

due upon registration, 9:00 am departure from Fisk Methodist Church, 107 Walnut St, Natick, return approximately 4:30 pm. Registration deadline is Monday, October 16.

DAY TRIP- NEWPORT MANSIONS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Wednesday, November 29, \$125 per person due upon registration, 8:45 am departure from

Fisk Methodist Church, 107 Walnut St, Natick, return approximately 5:45 pm. Registration deadline is Tuesday, November 7.

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Sports

Natick High's Softball Team Strives To Keep Improving

By KEN HAMWEY
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Natick High's softball team opened its season with two losses to a pair of dynamic squads — Lincoln-Sudbury and Newton North, the defending Carey Division champ in the Bay State Conference.

The slow start by the Redhawks may have been concerning for some but co-coaches Tom Lamb and Brenna Keefe remained confident that their players would improve and a tourney berth would fall into place.

So far, their confidence is justified because at Local Town Pages deadline Natick's record was 6-5 as Lamb and Keefe continue to work diligently to enhance their team's strengths and aim for a favorable seed in the playoffs. The Redhawks were also leading the Carey Division standings with a 4-2 record.

"We're young in some areas and it takes time to jell," Lamb said. "But, we've got all-around players and our pitching, hitting and fielding are good. We want our players to go from good to very good and from very good to great."

Keefe, who was the Redhawks varsity assistant last year, added that "our players have a high softball IQ and they're versatile." Two other key attributes that both coaches admire are the girls' coachable nature and their work ethic.

The captains — senior pitcher/first baseman Dana



The 2023 edition of Natick High's softball team is aiming for a berth in the state tourney.

Singer and junior catcher Olivia Schultz — personify the Redhawks' strengths. After 11 games, Singer was 4-4 with 24 strikeouts and an E.R.A. of 4.63. Schultz was hitting .400

and her fielding percentage was .966.

"Dana is an all-around competitor who relies on a fastball and a change-up," Keefe said. "Her control and accuracy are excellent. Lamb labels her as "a calm and poised captain who leads by example and by being vocal and communicative."

Schultz, a BSC all-star last year, gets high praise from Lamb. "Olivia is intense, a super player and leader," he emphasized. Keefe also likes Schultz' ability. "Olivia is very coachable," she noted. "Strong defensively behind the plate, Olivia might have the strongest arm in the state. She's vocal and leads by example. A line-drive hitter, she can run and is the fastest player on the team."

Sophomore Ellie Beigel, like Singer, pitches and plays first

base. "Ellie has lots of intensity and drive," Keefe said. "She's coachable, very fast and relies on a fastball, curve and change-up. She's also one of our top hitters. Lamb notes that Beigel's status as a star goalie in ice hockey helps her in softball. "She's poised, competitive and handles pressure very well," he said.

Senior Marin Grundig provides a veteran presence at second base. "Marin is consistent and reliable," Keefe said. "She's fundamentally sound, solid and knows how to handle all the situations that arise. Batting second in our lineup, she has a high softball IQ."

Lamb calls freshman Katie McMahon "a budding star at shortstop." A three-sport athlete (soccer, basketball and softball), she was batting .512 and had two home runs. "Katie has

a strong arm, makes all the key plays, her transfers are excellent and she can turn a double play," Lamb noted. "And, she hits hard."

Sophomore Jayme Kiley played left field last year but she's at third now and handling the position superbly. "Jayme is smooth at third," said Keefe. "Her arm is strong, too. She bats cleanup and can hit. Lamb likes her aggressive style at the hot corner. "Jayme takes charge," he said. "And, she's very effective handling bunts."

The outfield is being patrolled by junior Caroline Riley in left, senior Charlotte Gagliardi in center and senior Emily McMahon in right. Riley was hitting .429 after 11 games.

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“Caroline played both the infield and outfield last year,” Keefe said. “She’s settled in as our leftfielder. She’s got speed, a strong arm and good range. Charlotte is our leadoff hitter. She loves to compete, is fast and

is always positive. A line-drive hitter, she’s got great speed and range in the outfield. Her strong arm gets the ball to our cut-off infielder quickly.”

“Emily is a returning starter,” Lamb said. “Her strong arm gets the ball to third base or the plate quickly. She’s got a good glove, is a consistent hitter and can bunt. She does a fine job

playing right field, especially on our home field where the sun can be tough.”

The Redhawks’ reserves are capable, coachable and ready when called upon.

They include senior Grace Walsh (outfield), senior Mackenzie Rocheleau (outfield), junior Daisy Malloy (outfield), junior Liliana Salvi (infield), and sophomore Cami Smith (catcher-second base).

“Grace is a very supportive teammate,” said Keefe. “She’s a team-first player who’s intelligent, hits hard and has a strong arm. Daisy is versatile, has a team-first attitude and is a strong hitter who has power. Cami is supportive and she’s also feisty and aggressive in a good way. She handles her catching duties well and is technically sound at second base.”

Lamb weighed in on Rocheleau and Salvi. “Mackenzie is athletic, has speed and is energetic and enthusiastic,” he said. “A team player, she has speed and can pinch-run. Liliana is versatile, talented and enthusiastic. She’s a strong hitter who can play the infield, the outfield and pitch.”

When Diane Whittaker moved on to Hingham to teach and coach, Keefe and Lamb were selected to lead the Redhawks in a dual-coaching capacity. Keefe is a native of Natick, graduated in 2012 and played softball and basketball.



Tom Lamb and Brenna Keefe provide a wealth of knowledge as Natick High's softball coaches.

The 29-year-old Keefe teaches special education and history at NHS and has been on the faculty for four years.

Lamb is no stranger to Natick. The 75-year-old Lamb has coached football, softball and track at the varsity level, he coached freshman baseball and was a freshman and jayvee coach in basketball.

Both coaches have an athletic philosophy that teaches players to be competitive, to reach their potential and to enjoy their journey in sports.

“Life lessons that we hope our players learn are how to

overcome adversity, to be resilient, to set goals, to be tenacious and to become leaders,” they emphasized. Lamb also said that it’s important for players “to leave their comfort zone and try something new, even if it means struggling.”

The Redhawks had some easy-season struggles but it seems like a date for post-season play is in the mix. But no matter what the outcome is, one thing is for sure — Natick’s softball players have received quality instruction, they’ve improved and their future is bright.

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Metropolitan Area Planning Council Awards More Than \$400k to 15 Local Projects

Fifteen municipal projects in the Greater Boston region will soon put more than \$400,000 to work advancing regional priorities in housing production, climate resilience, and equity of wealth and health, thanks to the latest round of technical assistance funding from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

MAPC, one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) established by state law, offers technical grants each year that help advance the goals identified in Greater Boston's regional land use and policy plan, MetroCommon2050. All 101 cities and towns in the MAPC region are encouraged each year to apply for the Technical Assistance Program (TAP), which helps municipalities take on critical projects that they do not have the capacity to address on their own.

TAP is primarily funded through District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) – dollars the Legislature and Governor appropriate annually, which are distributed to all of the RPAs, including MAPC.

Nearly half of Massachusetts

communities do not have professional planners to help shape their future economic development, transportation, housing, green spaces, and town facilities. RPAs help with these essential tasks – everything from updating stormwater guidelines and managing data to preparing economic development plans. The technical assistance work of most of these RPAs is funded almost entirely by DLTA.

“This year we received far more project ideas and applications than we can fund, which speaks volumes to the need for more DLTA funding,” said Andrea Harris-Long, AICP, senior land use planner and the TAP coordinator. “Our cities and towns want to do a lot of good work to make the region more equitable, prosperous, and sustainable, and that’s reflected in this year’s applications. Many are looking for technical assistance to implement the multi-family zoning requirement for MBTA communities (also known as Section 3A) and other initiatives to address the statewide housing shortage.”

TAP is also funded through annual assessments from MAPC’s

member municipalities, grants from private foundations, leveraged grants from state programs, and fee-for-service contributions from cities and towns. While MAPC is still reviewing TAP applications, with TAP grants continuing to be announced on a rolling basis, the following cities/towns are the “first round” of awardees for their FY23 projects, with work set to begin at some point this year:

- Boston: “Creative Urban Agriculture Engagement” – \$20,000
- Cambridge: “Active Living Opportunities Assessment” – \$20,000
- Carlisle: “Shared Services Study” – \$7,500
- Everett: “Housing Production Plan” – \$75,000
- Gloucester: “Climate Resiliency Assessment” – \$37,500
- Ipswich: “Phase I 3A Visioning” – \$40,000
- Lynn: “Lynn Grows Food Justice Initiative” – \$30,000
- Maynard: “Fowler School Reuse Study” – \$45,000
- Middleton: “Affordable Housing Trust 5-Year Plan” – \$25,000
- Randolph: “Community Wellness Project” – \$25,000

Salem: “Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance” – \$40,000

Somerville: “Cab to Health” – \$12,400

Beverly, Arlington, Randolph, Milton: “Language Access Project, Phase II” – \$10,000

Framingham, Ashland, Natick, Holliston: “Citizen Heat Mapping Project” – \$16,200

Cambridge, Arlington, Boston, Somerville, Quincy: “Data for Housing Equity” – \$35,000

Nearly all projects include elements to advance equity in the region, and especially racial equity, whether through more inclusive community engagement or implementation to advance equitable outcomes. TAP also allows communities to build on their prior work. Randolph’s Community Wellness Project began in 2020 to improve public health and established the town’s first local health center at the Randolph High School, and Somerville’s Cab to Health program launched during the pandemic to give residents free rides to access food and medical care.

“As we saw during the pandemic, communities can innovate

in response to local needs if they have the necessary resources and are able to collaborate with neighbors. We are proud to continue to help make those connections through TAP,” said Marc Draisen, executive director of MAPC. “Our municipalities have a wealth of worthy ideas to keep their communities safe, affordable, and healthy, and we simply can’t do this work without critical DLTA funding from Beacon Hill. These are exactly the type of projects community leaders should feel empowered to propose.”

TAP funding prioritizes projects that demonstrate strong partnerships between municipalities and community-based organizations; involve multiple communities working together to address shared challenges, including projects that can serve as a model for other communities; and enhance compliance with the new Housing Choice law, including Section 3A MBTA Communities.

Read more about TAP at mapc.ma/TAP.

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Natick Teachers Celebrated

To celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, several cast members from SpeakEasy Stage's production of THE PROM invited influential teachers in their lives to join them for a show and a moment of tribute on stage during the May 13 matinee performance.

Natick-based teachers Noreen Diamond-Burdett and Danielle Bourdeau were joined by Music Director Paul Katz and cast member Tori Heinlen for an emotionally-charged reunion to highlight the impact that teachers have on the lives of creative professionals and artists.

THE PROM continues through June 10th at Roberts Studio Theatre, 527 Tremont St. Go



Above, from left, Dance Teacher Danielle Bourdeau, Tori Heinlein and Visual Arts Teacher Hannah Wright

Left, Music Director Paul Katz with Jr. High and High School Music Teacher Noreen Diamond-Burdett

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05/15/2023	25 Brookdale Road	\$1.5 mil
05/15/2023	21 Florence Street	\$879,000
05/15/2023	11 Lookout Avenue	\$830,000
05/15/2023	10 Nouvelle Way #T926	\$771,000
05/12/2023	311 N Main Street	\$1 mil
05/12/2023	15 Peterson Road	\$702,500
05/12/2023	11 Foley Drive	\$916,000
05/12/2023	3 Ridge Avenue	\$2.58 mil
05/11/2023	32 Beacon Street	\$859,000
05/11/2023	58 Algonquian Drive	\$1.7 mil
05/11/2023	23 Farm Hill Road	\$1.9 mil
05/10/2023	25 Westlake Road	\$690,000
05/05/2023	36 Oak Street	\$570,000
05/05/2023	56 Park Avenue	\$1.1 mil
05/04/2023	17 Mark Street	\$875,000
05/04/2023	10 Oakland Street	\$742,500
05/04/2023	35 Pitts Street	\$560,000
05/04/2023	8 Nokomis Way	\$1.6 mil
05/04/2023	4 Walkden Drive #19	\$385,000
05/04/2023	42 Fairway Circle	\$625,000
05/02/2023	24 Fieldstone Lane	\$1.24 mil
05/01/2023	19 Crest Road	\$1.2 mil
04/28/2023	30 Sawin Street	\$905,000
04/28/2023	40 Nouvelle Way #T727	\$985,000
04/27/2023	60 S Main Street	\$625,000
04/27/2023	20 Wheeler Lane	\$780,000
04/27/2023	11 Malden Street	\$930,000
04/27/2023	12 Lena Road	\$730,000
04/27/2023	60 S Main Street	\$625,000
04/21/2023	9 Post Oak Lane #20	\$325,000
04/21/2023	112 North Avenue	\$740,000
04/21/2023	117 N Main Street #B	\$900,000
04/21/2023	112 North Avenue	\$740,000
04/19/2023	14 Sundance Way	\$1.51 mil
04/18/2023	22 2nd Street	\$1.34 mil

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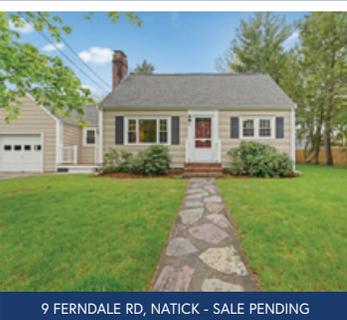
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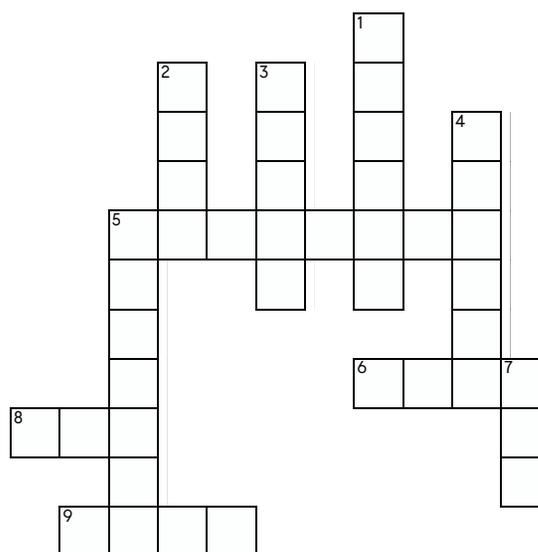
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Down

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- 2. Father's Day is celebrated in this month.
- 3. Dad tells us these to make us laugh.
- 4. On Father's Day, we give dad hugs and these.
- 5. This might be what you call your dad's dad.
- 7. Our Sawin Street listing has a bathroom complete with a clawfoot one of these