

## Holliston flag policy prohibits “third-party flags” from being flown on town-owned properties, including Town Hall

*Such flags can be flown at Blair Square with Select Board approval*

BY THERESA KNAPP

The Holliston Select board voted unanimously to approve a new flag policy on January 22, 2024. Under this new policy, “all town-owned flag poles and buildings are restricted to the United States, POW/MIA, State and Town flags, with the exception of the flag pole at Blair Square.”

The purpose of the new policy, which can be found at [www.townofholliston.us](http://www.townofholliston.us), is to provide “guidelines for the Town’s flying or displaying, on Town of Holliston-owned properties, the flag of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as any other flags deemed appropriate by the Town for parades,



holidays, and other events and celebrations.”

The full policy can be found at [bit.ly/HollistonFlagPolicy](http://bit.ly/HollistonFlagPolicy)

In December, the board met with special counsel Jay Talerman to discuss the 2022 Supreme Court decision *Shurtleff, et al. v. City of Boston, et al.* In that case, Shurtleff wanted to fly a religious flag on the third flagpole in front of Boston City Hall. The city refused claiming it could violate

the Establishment Clause and could constitute ‘government speech.’ Shurtleff said that violated the First Amendment’s Free Speech Clause and sued the city.

Read the case here: [www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-1800\\_7lho.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/20-1800_7lho.pdf)

### POLICY

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## Family Affair - Holliston Mom and Brother to Run Boston Marathon in Memory of Timmy O’Connell



tion, Kaylee Osterberger from Iowa, who qualified for Boston at the Duluth Minnesota Marathon, will run for the Timothy O’Connell Foundation.

You can support Brendan’s, Joanne’s, and Kaylee’s runs and all the good works of the Timothy O’Connell Foundation at [www.timsteam.org](http://www.timsteam.org). Go to the EVENTS tab and click on the Boston Marathon, where you will find bios and links. As Joanne stresses, “All dollars donated make a difference. The Timothy O’Connell Foundation donates all money raised to cancer-related causes, fulfilling the mission of the Foundation.”

Following Tim’s specific wishes, the Foundation continues its support of Make-A-Wish. Tim and his family experienced the joy of a Make-A-Wish trip in December of 2007, to Disney World. Also following Tim’s specific wishes, the Foundation supports the Just For Sibs Program at Children’s Hospital Boston.

On Monday, April 15, Brendan and Joanne O’Connell will run the iconic Boston Marathon route in memory and in honor of Tim O’Connell, Brendan’s brother and Joanne’s son.

Tim died of acute myeloid leukemia in 2008. This will be Brendan’s first full marathon and Joanne’s 11th marathon, the 10th time she will be running the Boston Marathon. In addi-

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# Holliston approves HCA from Mayflower Medicinal to Onyx Grow

By THERESA KNAPP

At its meeting on March 11, the Holliston Select Board unanimously approved the transfer of the Host Community Agreement (HCA) for the marijuana facility at 89 October Hill Road from Mayflower Medicinals to Onyx Grow LLC.

Mayflower opened the Holliston site in 2019 but stopped operating within the last year after it was purchased nationally, according to Town Administrator Travis Ahern. Onyx will take over the long-term lease.

Kobie Evans, co-owner of Pure Oasis, soon to be Onyx Grow LLC, told the board

Onyx does not plan to make any changes at the site.

“We’re excited for the opportunity to purchase this facility and also to work with Holliston, being a good community partner,” Evans said. He noted his company currently owns two retail locations (Dorchester and Boston), and a third will open soon (Brighton).

Onyx’s attorney Phil Silverman said, “This is a company that’s been very successful but, to be even more successful, as a retailer you really want to be able to stock your own shelves with your own product, it’s just more efficient that way.”

Silverman said, once the state

approves and issues the transfer, which could take 75 days, Onyx could be up and running in five months. They plan to hire locally.

Evans said, “That was one of the attractive components of this location is that they were fully staffed with what seemed to be a lot of local individuals who knew the site so we want to potentially reach out to those people to bring them back on-board...So, yes, we are looking to ultimately hire the same people that used to work there.”

Onyx will also need to meet with the Planning Board to request a transfer of the existing special permit from Mayflower.

## POLICY

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Holliston’s new policy prohibits anyone from flying a third-party flag on town property except in one location - Blair Square, the corner of Central and Railroad Streets – where a third-party individual or organization can fly a flag for a certain amount of time.

The policy applies to all town buildings but does not apply to the Holliston Public Schools. It also does not apply to utility poles which are owned by the utility companies.

At the January meeting, it was noted that Saint Patrick’s Day bunting would be displayed at Town Hall in March because that request was approved before the flag policy went into place.

Before the board approved the policy in January, Chair John Cronin said, “It seems to achieve what we’re trying to do which is a good balance between public comment, public expression, public speech, and government speech as the Supreme Court asked communities to consider.”

After the board approved the policy, several residents contacted board members to express their dissatisfaction, signed a petition to that effect, and asked for the issue to be put on a future agenda.

At its meeting on March 4, the Select Board heard from the public in person and via Zoom for 1.75 hours regarding the matter, with most comments focused specifically on the pride flag.

In her final comments before the vote, board member Tina Hein said, “I understand that this board has taken a position in the draft that we have tonight to review, and potentially take a vote on, that is unpopular with the people in the room and the people on the Zoom call.”

After an oftentimes contentious discussion, the board ultimately kept the policy language approved in January and substituted eight words - related to obtaining an application form to fly a flag at Blair Square - with “for which the Select Board may publish an annual calendar with a proposed schedule for the flying of flags.”

The board also approved the 2024 “Blair Square flag pole schedule” which “is intended as a communication document from the Select Board to the community for advance planning of events related to future flag raising(s); the schedule is non-binding and ultimately the Select Board may choose to fly flag(s) for the purpose of government speech on the flag pole at its discretion.”

And the board voted to purchase a progress pride flag to fly at Blair Square, since the flag that has been flown in the past had been on loan from an independent organization.

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The Just For Sibs Program supported Tim's brothers - Brendan, Matt, and Chris - during Tim's illness. "Tim understood the great impact of that support for his brothers and for the siblings of other sick children," says Joanne.

The Foundation also continues its financial support of a research project named for Tim at the University of Minnesota. Tim's oncologist at Children's Hospital Boston, Doctor Peter Gordon, is now at the University of Minnesota. He is studying the FLT-3 mutation that so impacted the course of Tim's

cancer. The Foundation continues to support the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, as well. Tim was the recipient of an almost perfectly matched bone marrow donation from a stranger.

The Foundation takes great pride in its Scholarship Program. To date, nearly \$160,000 has been donated to dozens of Holliston high school students who plan to study in health-related fields. "We are thrilled to help students become doctors, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, pharmacists, researchers, and other caregivers. It is an honor to be able to give back to the community in this way," says Joanne.

The Timothy O'Connell Foundation has raised \$1.3 million dollars over the last 15 years, all of which has gone directly to support the Foundation's goals. Please consider helping further the mission of the Foundation by making a donation in support of this year's Marathoners at [www.timsteam.org](http://www.timsteam.org).



# Correction

The photos in the story "Simpson eclipses 1000 points" in the March edition, were not appropriately attributed.

Photo credit should have been given to Ken Robinson/kbrphoto.

# Miller Tomb restoration likely this summer

By THERESA KNAPP

The tomb of Jacob Miller (1732-1812) in South Cemetery, or "Hoppin' River Cemetery," may be repaired this summer.

In 2022, a large hole was discovered behind the brick tomb's front façade which was then falling forward. The town installed a temporary plywood brace to prevent further damage that some people suspect was caused by heavy traffic vibrations on Washington Street which sits just feet away.

The town has contracted a company to restore and preserve several gravestones in town. That company will restore the Miller Tomb once a structural engineer provides guidance on the repair, expected to happen this summer.

In 2023, Community Preservation Act funds, in the amount of \$25,000, were approved for the project. In 2022, \$500,000 in CPA funds were approved for the preservation of the five historic cemeteries owned by the town.

According to [www.millerhillfarm.com](http://www.millerhillfarm.com), "Jacob fought as an officer in the army of the Revolution, in the Battle of Concord April 19th, 1775. He is listed as 'Second Major, Jacob Miller of Holliston.'"

The Miller farmhouse still stands on Miller Hill on Gorwin Drive.



tomb of Jacob Miller was found to be falling forward in 2022. Repairs will likely take place later this year. Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

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# Senate President Spilka Unveils Portrait of Abigail Adams; Calls for Public Input on the First Woman to be Permanently Honored in Senate Chamber

## Historic addition is latest step in boosting representation in State House art

Today, the Massachusetts Senate marked the first day of Women’s History month by unveiling a portrait of former First Lady Abigail Adams and putting out a public call for nominations for an influential woman to be the first honored with a permanent bust in the Senate Chamber. The nominations will be considered by a renewed Senate Art Committee, led by Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro).

The portrait of Adams, an early advocate for women’s rights, opposer of slavery, supporter of women’s education, and who advised the Founding Fathers to ‘remember the ladies’ as they debated the structure and governance of the fledgling United States, was unveiled by Senate President Karen E. Spilka at a public ceremony. The portrait will hang permanently in the Senate Lobby.

She is the second woman with

a permanent portrait in the Massachusetts Senate, following former Senate President Therese Murray, whose portrait hangs in the Senate Reading Room. It is the latest step in Senate President Spilka’s effort to expand representation in the State House.

“Centuries after Abigail Adams told the founders to ‘remember the ladies,’ we still have a long way to go to reach full equality when it comes to women’s representation on Beacon Hill,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Either by accident or design, the many contributions of women who have shaped our Commonwealth and our nation have been left out of the art here in the State House. As we celebrate their achievements—and those of the strong women who lead our government today—I am committed to ensuring that the halls of power change to reflect these

women. As we unveil Adams, we are taking a meaningful step towards ‘remembering the ladies’ and making it clear that women belong here.”

“Unveiling Abigail Adams’s portrait at the Massachusetts State House marks a significant step towards expanding American history,” said Dr. Catherine Allgor, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society. “Senate President Karen Spilka’s commitment to recognizing influential women, like Abigail Adams, acknowledges the importance of listening to the diverse voices from the past. They deepen, challenge, complicate, and ultimately change the stories we tell.”

The portrait is a reproduction of an original pastel created in 1766 by Benjamin Blyth and was gifted to the Massachusetts Senate by the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Adams was an advocate for women at a moment in history when women were prohibited from voting or holding elected

office. Adams famously told her husband, a delegate in the First Continental Congress, to, ‘remember the ladies.’

A native of Massachusetts’ South Shore, Adams was born and raised in Weymouth, and later moved to Braintree. After several decades of advising and traveling alongside her husband, and then serving as First Lady, Abigail and her family returned to Massachusetts to live in Quincy.

The portrait is the twenty-first permanent image of a woman to be added to the State House.

It comes at a time when women hold more of Massachusetts’ elected positions than ever before, including Senate President, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, one U.S. Senate seat, three Congresswomen, and Mayor of Boston.

### Spilka announces revival of Senate Art Committee

During the unveiling of Adams in the Senate Lobby, Senate President Spilka announced

the renewal of the Senate Art Committee and that the committee would solicit nominations from the public for a woman to be honored with a statue in the Chamber.

The Senate Art Committee, which was established in 1972 but has not done business formally in many years, will be revived to continue finding ways to make Senate art more representative of the residents of the Commonwealth.

Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro) will lead the effort, and with an announcement about additional members forthcoming.

### Senate calls for public input on first woman to be commissioned for Senate Chamber

Next week the Senate Art Committee will put out a public call for nominees for a woman to be honored with a bust in the Senate Chamber.

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# Pinci Lasagneria offers delicious Tuscan dining in your own home

BY LINDA CHUSS

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"Lasagna was always my favorite food growing up in northern Italy," said Pinci, who hasn't fully lost his Milanese accent. "It's traditionally served at family

gatherings like for Christmas or New Year's. Because it's a baked pasta dish, it can be prepared well in advance of the meal."

"My grandmother taught me how to make it. After moving here from Italy in my early 20s, I couldn't find lasagna like it, or go home every time I wanted it. So, I started making it for myself. Then for my friends." Pinci likely has very many friends.

In 2023, after he moved on from his position as a high-tech executive, other events lined up that propelled him to start the high-end lasagna business. "WSK opened a commercial kitchen in Holliston last fall, providing the right space so close to home. I was able to open earlier this year, and it's been phenomenal."

Pinci makes the lasagna at WSK and flash freezes it. Most customers order from the PinciFoods.com website. Within about three to five days, or at a later date the customer specifies, the lasagna is delivered to the customer, at no extra charge for Holliston and nearby towns. Membership options for recurring delivery are available, with benefits like preferred access to new varieties and price discounts. Having an exquisite meal at home couldn't be easier.

"What's truly great about lasagna is how well it freezes," Pinci said. "You can have it months later and it will be just as good as when it's fresh. When you're ready to serve it, just thaw, then reheat it for 45 minutes."



## Business spotlight

If you just cannot wait for the delivery, you can find Pinci Lasagna at the Holliston Suprette. An enticing way to sample the varieties is at a tasting, like the one at WSK held in March that drew over 100 people.

"When you join our email list, you'll be notified of tastings, new offerings, and special discounts," Pinci explained. Right now, when you place your first order on the website, the code **FIRSTORDER15** gives you 15% off." Price is based on the type – meat, vegetarian, or gluten free – as well as the size, which is measured in pounds.

A tray of gourmet lasagna makes a perfect gift, especially for people who don't have time to prepare the dish but would enjoy it at home. Pinci can even ship the lasagna, suitably packaged.

Find more information and order at [PinciFoods.com](http://PinciFoods.com). For questions, email [info@PinciFoods.com](mailto:info@PinciFoods.com).



Valerio Pinci makes spinach pasta by hand for his authentic, gourmet lasagna, to be delivered to customers in Holliston and nearby towns. Courtesy photo.

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Talk to realtors and lenders, they're seeing activity pick up.

Why? Wait until mortgage rates fall to 5%, then homes in certain price points will have inversely increased in value. Whereas, if one can purchase now with expectation to lower ongoing expenses via refinancing later, you've capped initial co2006sts and participated in appreciation.

Thus, first time buyers and those looking to move up, it's time to plan.

This means prioritizing your needs, wants, locations and bud-



Glenn Brown, CFP

get for after you've moved into your new home. This last one is critical as lenders base your pre-approval on this moment in time, not the fact you plan to do X a year from now which requires more money in your budget.

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**Tax Assessments and Property Taxes** - Regardless of Realtor views on tax assessments relative to asking price, know a \$890K listing with town tax assessment of \$620K for \$9,300 property taxes, will get reassessed the following year. If bought for \$900K, town likely comes in at \$820K (or higher) for \$12,300 property taxes or \$250 extra a month on your budget.

**Financing Options** - Explore beyond 30-year fixed rates. Understand directional interest rate landscape and how long you expect to stay in your home. Does a 7-year adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) make sense if the plan is to move in 5-7 years or refinance as rates come down 50-75bps?

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For example, say one refinanced \$600K in Sept 2020 at 2.75% on 30-year for \$2,449 a month.

In April 2024, decides to move with current mortgage balance ~\$550K, using equity and additional savings, to add \$150K to a new \$700K mortgage at 7%. New monthly payment is \$4,657, or \$2,208 more. In 5 years (April 2029), outstanding balance is ~\$658K without refinancing.

Conversely, if able to pay \$4,657 a month, decide to stay put with Sept 2020 mortgage and make \$2,208 additional payments starting April 2024, the balance is \$322K by 2029. Beyond the \$336K spread after 5 years to move and borrow \$150K, the Sept 2020 is now paid off in August 2035 and not 2050.

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What if the 7% mortgage is

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## Children's Museum of Franklin to hold pop-up exhibit at Holliston Town Hall

### Select Board waives rental fee

By THERESA KNAPP

The Holliston Select Board has waived the rental fee for Upper Town Hall for the newly-

established Children's Museum of Franklin which will hold a pop-up exhibit in the space on May 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to the town's website, the fee is \$500 for a non-profit organization.

At its meeting on March 11, co-founders and co-Executive Directors Erin Gallagher and Meg Hagen of Franklin explained their project, which was brought to town by Holliston's Economic Development Coordinator Melanie Hamblen, who also lives in Franklin.

According to childrensmuseumfranklin.org, the museum "is on a mission to inspire the next generation and build a community of intentional connection through play and exploration" in Franklin and the surrounding region.

At the Select Board meeting, Gallagher explained that, while CMF seeks a permanent location in Franklin, they are functioning as a mobile museum.

"So far we've had four events where we're popping up in different locations, they've all been in Franklin so far. With those four events, we are bringing in 10 different large exhibits," explained Gallagher. "Each exhibit has a different STEM-based concept that the children are working through, it's all learning through play."

The event is designed for children aged 10 and under. They expect up to 500 people over the course of the two-timeslot event.

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HNN would like to thank the local businesses that have donated helping to make this fundraiser a success including Ally Yoga, B&B Paint and Home Restoration, BDR Automotive (an HNN Bronze Sponsor), Big Y, BIrd & Bear Collective, Boston Honey, Cheryl Cohen Mosaics, E-Z Way Car Wash, Fiske's



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*Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors is a not for profit all volunteer organization that coordinates charitable, civic, and recreational events*

*and activities in Holliston. Through the years, the HNN Community Grant Fund has awarded grants to Holliston Parks & Recreation free summer concert series, Holliston Public Library Museum Passes, Holliston Police & Fire Departments, Holliston Community Farm, amongst others.*

*Learn more and join us at [hollistonnewcomers.org](http://hollistonnewcomers.org) - Building Friendships, Building Community.*

## HONORED

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The Committee is seeking input on an influential woman who has made historic contributions to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Women of national import will be considered as well as long as they have ties to the state.

"The art that adorns the halls of the State House should embody the values of Massachusetts and reflect who we are as a Commonwealth," said Senator Julian A Cyr (D-Truro). "Yet, as I come and go from my office, I often remark that the portraits, murals, and sculptures in our capitol do not encompass the richness of our history and the diversity of our communities. I am thrilled and honored to lead a renewed Senate Art Committee, one that will work to expand inclusivity and representation in the art that beautifies the State House. As an LGBTQ+ person, I understand how integral it is to see people like yourself represented

in spaces of power. As we solicit submissions for a sculpture of a trailblazing woman to join the all-male busts in the Senate chamber, I am excited to see the remarkable names that will be put forward. I remain grateful for Senate President Spilka's vision and persistence to realize a Senate that embraces a more complete story of Massachusetts."

Via a submission form, any Massachusetts resident will have until 11:59 PM on April 30, 2024, to submit nominees and a brief explanation of why they should be honored in the Senate.

Entries will be reviewed by the Senate Art Committee, and the honoree will be chosen in the months following the closing of submissions. The woman selected will be honored with a commissioned figure that will fill the eighth and final statue position in the of the Massachusetts Senate chamber, where she will take a permanent place alongside American leaders including Douglass, Lincoln, and Washington.

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# Holliston Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

In 2023, the Holliston K of C held its 2nd annual Swing for Charity Golf Tournament at Pinecrest Golf Club & raised \$13,000 for the Holliston Pantry Shelf. This was made possible due to the generous support of 23 sponsors and 90 golfers. The Holliston K of C will be holding its 3rd Annual Swing for Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, June 21st, 2024 at Pinecrest Golf Club. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Holliston Pantry Shelf & the MetroW-



**Pictured: K of C Grand Knight, Al Scaramella; Holliston Pantry Shelf President, Karen Jewett; HPS Treasurer, Dave O'Neil, & K of C Golf Tournament Chairman, Tony Polise**

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ment sold out, so register today at [KofCswingforcharity.com](http://KofCswingforcharity.com).



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# Time for financial spring cleaning?



Mark Freeman

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Spring is almost here, which means it's time for some spring cleaning. This year, in addition to tidying your home and surroundings, you might want to consider sprucing up your financial environment, as well.

Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

- **Improve your vision.** Once the days are warmer and longer, you may want to get outside and clean all the win-

ter grime and smudges from your windows, allowing you to see the world more clearly. And you may want to bring more focus to your financial vision by asking some key questions: Is my investment strategy still appropriate for my needs, goals and family situation? If not, what changes should I make? And am I prepared for changes in my life, such as health challenges or a need to retire earlier than planned? The answers to these and other questions can help you clarify where you are, in terms of your financial picture, and where you want to go.

- **De-clutter.** As you look around your home, you may find things such as expired health care products, old prescriptions, ancient cleaning solutions, and so on, in addition to duplicate household items (how many blenders do you really need?) and non-working equipment — printers, laptops, etc. Most people find that eliminating this clut-

ter gives them a good feeling — and more livable space. As an investor, you can also find clutter in the form of redundant investments — for example, you might own several nearly identical mutual funds. You might be better off selling some of these funds and using the proceeds to find new investments that can help you further diversify your portfolio. As you may know, diversification is a key to investment success, but keep in mind that it can't prevent all losses.

- **Plant seeds of opportunity.** Whether they're planting camellias and crocuses or carrots and cilantro, gardeners are busy in the spring, hoping their efforts result in lovely flowers and tasty foods. And when you invest, you, too, need to plant seeds of opportunity in the form of investments that you hope will grow enough to enable you to make progress toward your goals. So, you may want to review your portfolio to

ensure it's providing this growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance.

- **Reduce dangers.** You may not think about it that much, but your home and surroundings can contain potential hazards. You might have ill-fitting caps on cleaning products with toxic chemicals, or sharp cutting instruments protruding from shelves in your garage, or heavy, cracked tree branches hovering close to your roof. Spending some time on a spring-cleaning sweep can get rid of these dangers — and devoting time to consider the possible threats to your financial security, and those of your family, can pay off, too. For starters, review your life insurance to determine if you've got enough. Your employer may offer some coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need private coverage. And the same is true for disability insurance, because if some-

thing were to happen to you, and you couldn't work for a while, you'd still want to protect your family's lifestyle.

Spring is a great time for brightening your physical space — and your financial one, too.

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## Bishop Feehan Announces Second Quarter Honor Roll 2023-2024

### Holliston resident on list

Bishop Feehan Vice Principal for Academics Charlotte Lourenco is proud to announce the Honor Roll students for the second quarter. Those students include Susannah Butler, grade 9, of Holliston, who received Second Honors.

Honor Roll is a recognition of high-performing students based on the student's overall average in any given quarter, regardless of the levels of their classes. Bishop Feehan has three levels of Honor Roll. First Honors is awarded to students whose overall average in that quarter is grade 93.00 or higher; Second Honors is grade 90.00 or higher; and Third Honors is 85.00 or higher, with no individual grade below 80.

For the entire honor roll, visit [www.bishopfeehan.com/apps/news/article/1885477](http://www.bishopfeehan.com/apps/news/article/1885477)

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# St. Mary's of Holliston Knights of Columbus Press Release

## KofC Free Throw Challenge Winners Announced

Seventy-eight Holliston boys and girls recently competed in the KofC Annual Free Throw Challenge held at the Holliston High School. These talented players, all age 9 – 14, showed their talents in this local event. There was a separate category for boys and girls, and the winners were feted at an awards ceremony in late February at St Mary's Church by the members of KofC Council 14224.

The very proud winners for each category were:

- Girls – Age 9 – Isabelle Bartel
- Boys – Age 9 – Thomas Baker
- Girls – Age 10 – Brianna Cooper
- Boys – Age 10 – Declan Aldredge
- Girls – Age 11 – Danika doRosario
- Boys – Age 11 – Donovan Vail
- Girls – Age 12 – Olivia Yang
- Boys – Age 12 – Ben Furey
- Girls – Age 13 – Chelsea Dufault
- Boys – Age 13 – Christopher Baker
- Girls – Age 14 – Mia Faletra
- Boys – Age 14 – George Kuttab

But this is NOT the end for these stars! They will now move on to the District Competition against Local Challenge winners from other cities and towns. And, if successful, the winners will proceed to the Regional Competition. And, finally, the Regional winners will advance to the State Finals to be held here in Holliston on April 11th. St. Mary's KofC Youth Coordinator Don Marden, who has run this event every year Holliston has entered said "We've had state winners from Holliston before and we're rooting for this year's winners to go all the way, too! We're very proud of them and so are their families."





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# Holliston 300 Celebration Parade will be May 11, participants still needed

The Holliston 300 Celebration Parade Committee is planning “the best parade Holliston has seen in 300 years” to take place on Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m., and organizers continue to seek people to be in the parade.

“At this time, we have a number of outside bands and other participants,” said Peter Barbieri, a member of the parade committee. “We are now focusing on participants from the Town of Holliston and surrounding towns.”

The deadline to register is April 15.

The parade will start at the intersection of Washington and Highland Streets, proceed 2.5

miles up Washington Street, through downtown, past Town Hall, and will finish at the intersection of Washington and High Streets. There will be rest, water, and health stations along the route. A viewing stand for judges and dignitaries will be set up at the Town Hall. The map can be found at [bit.ly/Holliston-300parademap](http://bit.ly/Holliston-300parademap)

Ways to get involved in the parade:

Walk/ride in the parade: [www.celebrateholliston.com/300parade.html](http://www.celebrateholliston.com/300parade.html)

General volunteer: [bit.ly/Holliston300ParadeVolunteer](http://bit.ly/Holliston300ParadeVolunteer)

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On Dec. 3, 2024, the Town of Holliston will mark its 300th anniversary of incorporating as a town. Source: [www.celebrateholliston.com/300th-anniversary.html](http://www.celebrateholliston.com/300th-anniversary.html)

For more information, contact: Jake LaFlamme: [celebratehollistonparade@gmail.com](mailto:celebratehollistonparade@gmail.com)

Peter Barbieri: [peterbholl@gmail.com](mailto:peterbholl@gmail.com)

Bob Shore: [rkshore@gmail.com](mailto:rkshore@gmail.com)



## Holliston’s 300th Anniversary Parade May 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

All participants must be pre-registered. Please do not bring vehicles that are not in “parade condition” and were not included in your registration.

Reviewing Stand includes judges and dignitaries at the Town Hall & Health Stand.

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- ✕ - Health Station

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Source: [www.celebrateholliston.com](http://www.celebrateholliston.com)

# Holliston 300th Celebration adds events to calendar, erects banners

By THERESA KNAPP

The Holliston 300th Celebration committee was before the Select Board on Jan. 29 when the board approved the committee’s request to erect avenue banners for the rest of the calendar year.

The committee also shared the updated list of events with the board which include:

- March 17, St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast
- April 26, Arbor Day 300th Tree Planting
- May 11, Parade
- May 24, Golf Tournament
- June 23, Strawberry Festival
- July 4, Laser Show
- July 13, Olde Time Baseball Tournament
- July 23, Family Movie Night
- Aug 1, Day at the Lake
- Aug 17, Caffen Hill Orchestra
- Sept. 8, Horse Show
- Sept. 21, Field Day
- Oct. 6, Girl Scouts Fall Festival
- Nov. 2, “Encampment Impression”
- Nov. 30, Holiday Stroll
- Dec. 3, 300th Anniversary Cake Celebration

A full list of events can be found at [www.celebrateholliston.com/300th-calendar.html](http://www.celebrateholliston.com/300th-calendar.html)

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# Defying Physical Challenges and Uniting for Cancer Prevention

This June, three extraordinary girls will swim to raise money for breast cancer prevention at Against the Tide, an annual event hosted by Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC). Despite facing physical challenges, Jordan, Jasmine, and Chloe participate in Against the Tide not only with the hope that others will join their passionate support of cancer prevention, but to honor their loved ones who have been affected by breast cancer.

Every year participants from all over New England and beyond are drawn to Against the Tide and to MBCC's unique mission. These swimmers, runners, and walkers share the belief that there are environmental links to cancer and other ill-health. Against the Tide not only raises funds for MBCC's work to prevent exposures to environmental toxins, the event also raises spirits and empowers people to unite under a common cause.

Among the participants at this year's Against the Tide are three courageous girls whose determination and unwavering spirit embody the true essence of this event.

Jordan Marquis, a thirteen-year-old from Bedford with a below-knee amputation, is challenging herself to compete in the one-mile swim. Jordan shares, "I hate being underestimated. People with disabilities can do anything! Goal setting – the full mile is the next step for me." Jordan took on the half-mile swim last year and, in an effort to honor her grandmother who is a breast cancer survivor, she wants to swim even further this year.

Jasmine "Jazzy" Gillespie, an eleven-year-old girl from Bedford with minor spastic diplegia, is participating in solidarity of the daily challenges that are faced by those with health conditions like cancer. Jazzy says: "Sometimes I feel like people who don't have conditions that

affect their daily lives don't understand what it's like. So instead of having empathy for these people, they make fun of them or make them think that they can't do anything. Doing this breaks the person down and they start to believe that they can't do anything. I could imagine that this happens to people with breast cancer, too." Jazzy is swimming in Against the Tide to honor her two grandmothers as well as her aunt, all of whom were touched by breast cancer.

Like Jordan and Jazzy, Chloe Smagula, a fourteen-year-old girl from Westford with hemiplegia, is swimming in Against the Tide to pay tribute to her aunt and to help those touched by cancer through supporting MBCC's mission. Chloe, who participated in Against the Tide last year, said, "I did the open water swim because I've never done it before and I wanted to try something new."



2023 Hopkinton Against the Tide Event on June 17, 2023. From Left to Right: Jasmine Gillespie, Laura Diamond, Chloe Smagula, Megan Cohen, and Jordan Marquis

Against the Tide is a truly inviting event where all are welcome and everyone can get together in support of cancer prevention. It offers participants of any age or ability the chance to take part in one or more of the event's athletic components.

The special 25th Anniversary Cape Cod Against the Tide event will take place on June 8th at DCR's Nickerson State Park in Brewster, MA. The 32nd

Annual Hopkinton Against the Tide event will take place on June 15th at DCR's Hopkinton State Park in Hopkinton, MA. Against the Tide will also be held virtually from June 8th to June 15th.

To learn more about Against the Tide and all of the registration options, to join or create a team and to donate or fundraise, please visit the event website at mbcc.org/swim.

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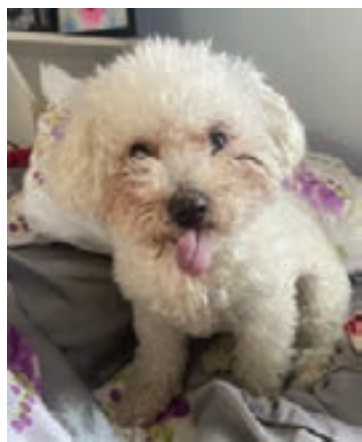


A warm thank you to the Milford Town Library for setting up a Giving Tree for the holidays, adorned with hats, gloves, and scarves for winter use. Jacque Gorman from the Milford Town Library is seen alongside Michael Shain, the president, and founder of Thanks To Yanks contributing a portion of the Giving Tree, specifically designated for donation to local military families. Thanks to Yanks is responsible for delivering these heartfelt handmade products to the deserving military families in the community.



Pictured left to right Michelle Hamilton, Veterans Service Officer, Fall River, Lenny Tavares, Veterans Kitchen Board Member, Michael Shain, Thanks To Yanks, Judi Dion, Thanks To Yanks, Scott Riley, Thanks To Yanks and Father Rob, parish priest.

## Holliston dog licenses due April 30



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if not, we will need a certificate. You may license in person, or by mail with the application below, or online with UniPayGold if the rabies info is current. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-429-0601 with any questions.

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# The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

## b.LUXE Gives Back

BY GINA WOELFEL

It's officially spring, a busy time for many businesses, particularly those deeply connected to their communities and who believe in giving back. As a responsible local business, we focus on our own goals while also considering the needs and aspirations of our neighbors.

b.LUXE is fortunate to be surrounded by like-minded businesses that believe in their community and actively promote and sustain each other.

Though neighbors are typically thought of as the people who live next door or down the street, at b.LUXE, our bonds extend beyond physical proximity. Since 2016, our studio has maintained a special connection with our "neighbors" from The Martello Instituto de Belleza, our sister school in Cancun, Mexico.

The Martello Institute, led by Cinthia Martello, is a hub of creativity and talent where students who share our love and dedication to beauty come to learn and grow. Our team travels to Cancun yearly to award scholarships to two deserving and hardworking students. We also provide educational resources and the necessary supplies to support the students' studies.

This year, we gave a handheld microscope to the school. The microscope provides a magnified view of the scalp. It's an essential device for beauty professionals that helps detect scalp and hair follicle problems. Additionally, each student received all the tools

and products required to offer a scalp spa treatment. Many of you have already enjoyed this service at b.LUXE. The treatment is incredibly relaxing and includes a scalp health diagnosis, an exfoliating scrub, a scalp massage, and a complete wash, condition, and blowout.

Our trips to Cancun are inspiring, and we owe those positive vibes to Cinthia. Following our class, she hosts a luncheon where we mingle with the students and catch up with how their year has been going. On our last trip, our wedding manager, Eva Mongie, expressed her love for tamales, and this year, Cinthia's students surprised us with a huge plate of homemade tamales, which we promptly devoured. This thoughtful and delicious gesture perfectly embodies who they are and why we're so close. At b.LUXE, we always try to act without expectation. In return, we've received a gift from the Martello family that feels like sisterhood.

April is an important month at b.LUXE, where we focus on giving back.

We look forward to working each year supporting The Franklin Food Pantry, Paws New England, The Medway House, The Franklin Senior Center, The Hummingbird Walk, The Special Olympics, and The Medway Food Pantry.

This month, our salon is partnering with The Mahan Circle Medway Food Pantry, a division of The Medway Housing Authority, on a tampon drive.

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But we can do something to help!

We're accepting tampon donations at b.LUXE for the month of April. Please bring a regular-sized, sealed package of tampons to b.LUXE Hair and Makeup Studio (variety packs are perfect.) Our team is also making a large donation and hopes we can support this cause together.



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They have put together an event that is sure to please kids and adults. The admission fee is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

This event will include G, HO and O scale trains. Displays will be in the barn and in the house. There may be rides on a train and other displays outside on the lawn too. There will even be a train simulator where budding engineers can drive a virtual train on a big screen. Lunch and refreshments will be for sale in the barn.

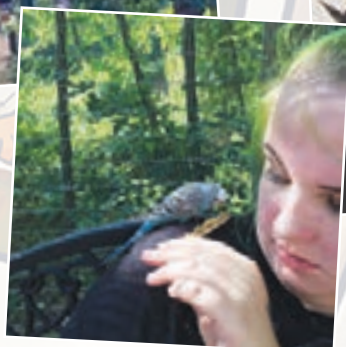
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# Husband and Wife Teach Dance for a Good Cause

## Dance4Dreams Benefits Boston Children's Hospital

With Spring in full bloom, Kevin and Anna Balcom are teaching dance to benefit Boston Children's Hospital. Dance4Dreams, an 8-week introductory West Coast Swing dance series, will be held on Tuesdays beginning April 16th from 7:00-8:30pm through June 4th at the Franklin Elks Lodge located at 1077 Pond Street, Franklin, MA 02038. 100% of proceeds will benefit Boston Children's Hospital.

Anna Balcom and Kevin Balcom have been dancing collectively for over 40 years. Anna, a Franklin resident, dances Classical, Contemporary Ballet, Salsa, Latin Ballroom, Modern Jive, and West Coast Swing. Kevin, a lifelong MA resident, started his dance journey in Country Line Dancing, and rapidly became exposed to many other styles, with a competitive and educational focus on West Coast Swing. This event combines their passion for dance with their deep appreciation for Boston Children's Hospital.

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Anna encourages all to join, "whether you are a beginner or an expert, swing on over for a good cause!" Ages 16+ are welcome. No prior dance experience or partner required. \$15/person per class. Cash preferred. No advance registration required.

For inquiries or questions, contact Anna Balcom at 508-808-4675 or visit [www.dance4dreams.com](http://www.dance4dreams.com).

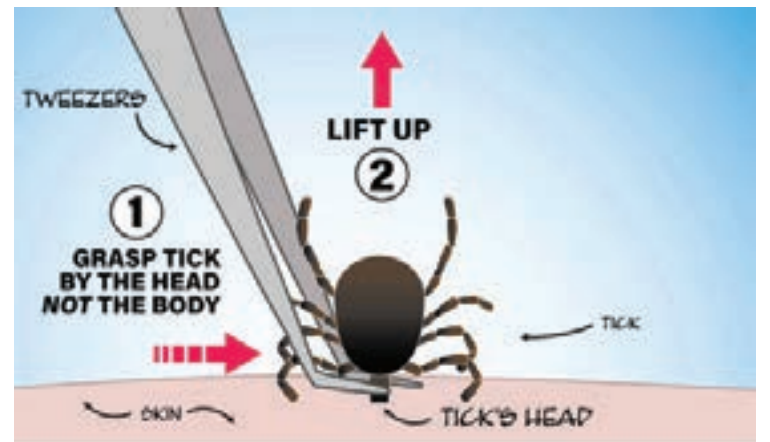


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When it comes to protection, the most important aspect is keeping ticks from getting on to your body. When you go outside be sure to:

Spray yourself with a bug repellent containing DEET, and wear long-sleeved pants and



Removing a tick with a pair of tweezers

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## Sports

# Holliston Baseball Looking To Build Upon Last Year's Success

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Last spring the Holliston baseball team put together their best season in some 32 years.

The Panthers went 14-7 during the regular season capturing the Tri-Valley League Championship, their first since 1991. Unfortunately, Holliston eventually fell in the Round of 16 to Plymouth North, 4-1.

According to coach Joe Santos, last year's senior group was one that he had coached since they were 11 years old in travel ball, and they specifically told him back then that by the time they were seniors in high school they were going to be the ones to win the TVL for Holliston.

Santos has lost six seniors, all lineup bats, as the Panthers gear up for the upcoming season. Despite the big losses in the lineup, Santos returns every single pitcher that he had in his arsenal last season. This leads the Coach to believe that this year may be his deepest and potentially the best staff in Holliston history; even better than the 1987 State Championship team.

"This year's team will be a little bit different, but the pitching will allow us to come on slower. We won't have to hit the cover off the ball, until we are able to get comfortable at the plate," Coach said. "As a coach I like to be conservative and not overuse our arms. We have 13 arms on the varsity team and will use as many of them as possible."

Leading the team into battle will be two of the three senior captains in Jake Schoenberg, who has pitched in three big playoff games for the Panthers

and will be pitching for Saint Anselm in New Hampshire next year, and Teddy Peters, who will be heading to Brandeis University in Waltham. The two hurlers are each competing in their fourth year on the varsity squad.

According to Santos, Schoenberg is the team's ace and throws 86-87 and possesses a good slider, while his counterpart (Peters) has fantastic command locating his pitches, can change speed and allows minimal damage.

"As I said before, I worry about arms and don't want to overextend them, so Jake will pitch the last game of the week and Teddy will get the game in the middle," Santos said. "Leaving the first game to go to third year junior Arav Prajapati, who up until this year was primarily a pitcher, but this year we will be trying to get him some at-bats as well."

Prajapati will bring what the coach believes to be the best change-up that he has seen at the high school level over the past 13 years. He too will be pitching for a college team next year, but at this time is still weighing his options being only a junior.

The final of the tri-captains is another big arm in Albert Savino. The lefty comes at batters with a low arm slot and is a bulldog on the mound, hurling an incredible fastball and a wipeout slider. He will be pitching at UCONN at Avery Point in Groton Connecticut next season.

Another lefty that will take the mound this spring for Holliston is junior Brent Kiley. Last season he was given an opportunity on a few occasions, but this spring Santos is hoping that

he takes his breaking ball to the next level. Another junior who pitched some big innings for the Panthers was Evan Kuharich. The Holliston coach is looking for him to continue to pound the zone and attack hitters in his expanded role this year.

When the season opens, Santos and his staff will be looking to the strength of the team on the mound until the bats can get figures out. While that is working out, the coach knows that Schoenberg and Peters will continue to be a big part of the team's offensive identity and run production.

Brad Andreola will be moving over to centerfield from last year's left field position and is currently being penciled in as the team's leadoff hitter.

"He's a game changer with speed, one of the fastest kids in the league," Santos said. "In the outfield he'll be able to track balls down with ease and on the basepaths he will be our table setter."

Another returning junior will be Sam Schoenberg, who will vacate his second base position from a year ago and move into the shortstop role this season. According to the coach, he is a Division 1 prospect playing in the middle of the field as he is a very talented athlete with a great skill set. The younger Schoenberg is one of the team's hardest throwers and the Coach is looking at the potential of using him as a closer. Although Santos likes the possibility of having him close out games, the junior has much more value playing shortstop for the team.

Behind the plate will be yet another junior in Drew Kafka.

The Holliston catcher was responsible for spearheading the team's run down the stretch. After Holliston found themselves on a four-game losing streak, Kafka got the team moving in the right direction and the Panthers were able to put together a nine-game winning streak.

Sitting behind a three-year starter, the young catcher had to wait his turn and take his role in stride, but when given the opportunity he executed on the field behind all his hard work.

As the new season gets underway, the Holliston skipper knows that his team is a hard-working group of individuals who have already changed the culture of Holliston baseball.

"This is a very humble group of young men and behind the leadership of their captains are looking to improve upon their game from a year ago," Santos said. "Leading by example

they are showing the younger kids how it's done, and they're excited about the year ahead of us. We have a lot to replace, but with attitude and leadership they'll make up for it."

Santos is hoping that his team plays the right way each and every time they cross the lines and step onto the diamond.

"As coaches we harp and preach this on a regular basis," the Coach said. "If you do this, the rest will take care of itself. I'd be lying if I didn't say this group of individuals is very hungry and ready to repeat."

If the Holliston arms can keep other teams at bay until the bats can come alive, the Panthers should be able to find themselves in the hunt for capturing their second straight league title and hopefully making a deep run through the State Tournament.

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"Vesta Real Estate Group truly enjoys giving back to our community by offering FREE shredding to as many local people as we can," says Vesta Team member Ed Daniels. "The participation has grown every year and we really enjoy celebrating Earth Day with residents this way."

The event is FREE, but we do accept donations to try to support a local group/charity every year. This year, all donations collected at the event will support our local chapter of the YMCA, who are in the planning process for an Ashland location!

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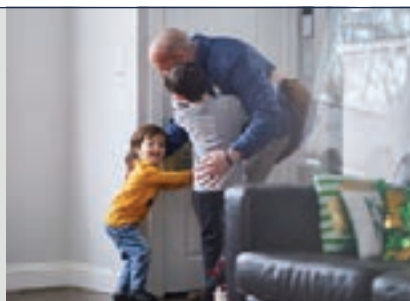
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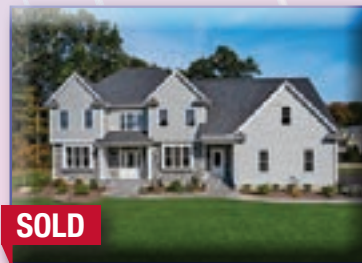
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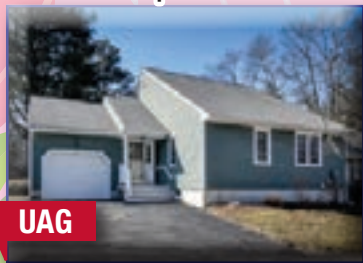
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