

Holliston to Secure Third-Party Vendor to Remove Pet Waste Along Upper Charles Trail

Service could cost \$4,000 to \$9,000 per year

BY THERESA KNAPP

Holliston is on the path to securing a third-party vendor to remove pet waste from several locations along the Holliston Rail Trail which is part of the larger Upper Charles Trail system. Currently, the waste is removed by volunteers.

At a meeting of the Select Board on Oct. 7, Chairperson Tina Hein said town officials met recently with the Friends of Holliston Trails which hoped the town could contract a third-party vendor before Nov. 1.

“I think that the Trail is something that we value as



Holliston Rail Trail. Source: www.trailink.com

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Washington Street Players Partnering With Toys For Tots

BY SUSAN MANNING
STAFF WRITER

If you're planning to attend the Washington Street players next performance, expect the unexpected. There will be laughter, unexpected twists, and an overall good time.


The theater company is performing, “Didn't See That Com-

ing,” by Mark Harvey Levine. Produced by Nate Callahan, the performance states are Nov. 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23. All shows are at 7:30 PM, except Nov. 17, which is at 6:30 PM.

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an asset here in Holliston," said Hein.

Town Administrator Travis Ahern said, "We're looking for a third party to take this over and we have four locations that we know are non-negotiable; we have an additional six locations that are ideal but this is going to come down to costs."

The required pickup locations include Lowland Street and Fawn Road Crossing, Blair Square, Arch Street, and Cross Street.

The additional sites being considered include Hopping Brook Road, Mayflower Land-

ing, Monroe Drive, Chestnut Street, Summer Street, and Woodland Street.

Ahern said, "I think what we'll find if we try to stick to four [locations] is that you will end up with trash accumulating along the way and probably complaints."

The town received two written proposals. "They each have long-term municipal clients, they each have a trac record, it appears that there's a market for this," said Ahern. "Overall, it looks like the cost to us is going to be, depending on the 4-10 locations, about \$4,000 to \$9,000 per year."

Ahern noted there is a \$5,000 Rail Trail line item in the current FY25 budget, though those

funds are typically used for tools or small projects along the trail "to supplement what the Trails Committee, as opposed to the Friends of the Trails, have at their disposal."

Ahern reported he had spoken with Robert Weidknecht, Chair of the Holliston Trails Committee, "And [Weidknecht] did confirm that they could probably go this year without tapping those funds although we have to consider what that looks like for FY26."

The Select Board voted unanimously to direct the Town Administrator to work with the Friends of the Holliston Trails to make a recommendation for the board to consider at a future meeting.

Holliston Rail Trail is part of Upper Charles Trail system

The Holliston Rail Trail runs across Holliston from the Sherborn to Milford town lines.

It can accommodate a variety of non-motorized uses such as bicycling, walking, jogging, wheelchairs, and cross-country skiing.

The use of motorized vehicles on the Trail is prohibited but e-bikes are permitted

(Class 2 and below); speeds must be kept low, below 20 mph.

When completed, the Upper Charles Trail will be a multi-use trail system approximately 26 miles long that will connect the towns of Sherborn, Holliston, Milford, Hopkinton, Framingham, and Ashland.

Source: www.hollistontrails.org

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The show features a pop-up wedding in an airline terminal, a series of alarming fortune cookie messages and an



unexpected otherworldly guest crashes a dinner party. Nineteen actors, eight of whom are from Holliston, along with four directors will bring this show to life.

According to the Players' website, "these are just a few of the absurdly hilarious scenes featured in Didn't See That Coming, a collection of short comedies by Mark Harvey Levine."

The Washington Street Players will turn Holliston's Town Hall into a unique setting – a cabaret style club complete with refreshments and cocktails — in order to present the variety of short stories.

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“We needed a play that didn’t have a big set and could be rehearsed at multiple locations, (because Town Hall was hosting early voting), and also would be a crowd pleaser. I had directed scenes from this director in the past, and he let us add and subtract a few pieces to tailor it to us,” said Player member Karen Dinehart.

According to her, the theme of the performance lent itself to the unique set up of the venue.

“Because of the theme we are doing things a little bit differently, from the seating arrangement, to the scene changes to the addition of a cash bar. I am looking forward to the audiences reactions to these well written scripts and our interpretations of them. During this stressful time I think everyone will appreciate a night to relax and laugh.”

To bring the community into community theater, each show since the Covid pandemic, there



has been a partnership with a local organization.

“For ever show since Covid, we have spotlighted another nonprofit organization to try to give back to the community. Our spotlight this time will be “Toys for Tots”, so we are asking people who can, to bring an unwrapped toy to the show and we will deliver them to the police department,” Dinehart said.

According to its website, Holliston has been home to its full-time, active community the-

ater group – Washington Street Players, since 1995. The nonprofit Massachusetts corporation brings new members and new friends together from Holliston as well as from neighboring communities. Everyone in WSP does everything—no one carries the exclusive designation of “actor” or “director” or “set designer”.

All Performances will be at Holliston Town Hall, 703 Washington St., Holliston.



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Our \$7,500 donation to the Metrowest Veterans Association-Sarah Bateman (Director & Veterans' Agent) presented by Tony Alexander

Our \$2,500 donation to the Doug Flutie Jr Foundation for Autism - Tom Brodo on left to Lisa Collins (Dir, of Programs and Operations)

Our \$5,000 donation to the Senior Support Foundation - Tom Anguish (head turned) to



Neil Svendsen (Chairman of the SSF)

Our \$7,500 donation to the Pantry Shelf - Karen Jewett (President) presented by Tony

Polise A group photo of all the recipients and the presenters.

Knights Of Columbus Sponsoring Rally To Honor Holliston Veterans

Saint Mary's Knights of Columbus is hosting a rally to honor and remember Holliston's veterans of WWI, II, Viet Nam, Afghanistan and Iraq. There are

18 signposts on street corners throughout town and a memorial at Blair Square that go unnoticed and largely forgotten. Let's change that.

Participants (driver and navigator) pay a registration fee of \$20 per car to follow directions leading to many of the memorials, answer trivia questions and questions about the memorials and record their miles driven to compete for trophies (see flyer with driving instructions attached). The drive will be informative and fun for both adults and children.

Please consider being a sponsor for this event to honor

America's veterans. A donation of \$100.00 or whatever you can afford will help make this event a success. Proceeds will benefit Thanks to Yanks, "a non-political 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support military members, veterans, and their families (<http://www.thankstoyanks.org/>). TtY is totally staffed by volunteers. As a sponsor your name will be displayed during the event and award ceremony and at the Veterans Breakfast

on Nov. 11, held at the Holliston Town Hall.

Should you be able to sponsor the rally, please make your check payable to: Knights of Columbus Chapter 14224 and send to Tony Polise at 172 Rolling Meadow Dr, Holliston, MA 01746, or you can use VENMO Venmo | St Mary's Holliston K of C. Even if you can't be a sponsor, please join us on Nov. 17, to honor and remember Holliston's veterans.

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Fiddle & Find: Children's Consignment Boutique Delivers Stylish and Sustainable Fashion

By: JENNIFER RUSSO

Right in the heart of Holliston is a new must-visit hotspot for parents and caregivers seeking stylish and affordable clothing for their kids. Much more than your average consignment shop, Fiddle & Find offers a carefully curated selection of gently worn, high-quality children's apparel.

Though some may associate consignment stores with large rooms of racks crammed too full of dated secondhand items, walking into Fiddle & Find gives that instant boutique experience, with a light, bright color palette and expertly displayed outfits that are on-trend and look brand new. There are even some items that are new with tags. The shop sells clothing in infant sizes through children's size 12/14, and, like any specialty clothing store, rotates its selection to match the season. There is also a selection of toys and infant items, maternity items, and some athletic wear.

The boutique is owned and operated by Caitlin Shannon, a pediatric and labor and delivery nurse with a passion for sustainability.

"I love nursing and will never give up my nursing license, but I was itching for a change," shares Caitlin.

With inspiration from a consignment shop in New Hampshire she loves, Caitlin decided to launch a similar business herself, bringing to the area something that she felt would be valuable for busy and budget-conscious families who love a good buy.

"I honestly think the future is consignment. Having kids of my own, I love shopping this way. I



come from a background of really enjoying retail, but also understanding the importance of being frugal. While I think it's great to splurge sometimes on something new, there is so much waste, and kids grow so quickly out of their clothing sizes. Consignment teaches them to be eco-friendly and promotes being strategic about how we shop," says Caitlin.

Calling the shop Fiddle & Find came from a conversation with a good friend. Caitlin really wanted to focus on all the great finds that would be a part of the shop and then the popular nursery rhyme *Hey Diddle Diddle, The Cat and the Fiddle* gave some inspiration for a fun, kid-centered name.

Safety and sanitation are a priority, and the store does not sell any items with an imperfection of any kind. Pre-washed clothing donations in great condition are accepted and consigners are able to receive 40% on the sale price of items when they complete a consigner contract. Anything that is not curated for resale at the shop is donated to nearby Project Just Because in Hopkinton. So really, it helps people in more ways than one.

This is important to Caitlin, who is passionate about growing the community. This is really



Fiddle & Find offers a consignment boutique experience. Come in and see what they have today - you never know what you'll find!

such a great spot to be in – "I did a pop-up with Green Compass recently and I've collaborated with The Bird & Bear Collective which is just down the street. I also collaborated with The Herd, a postpartum support group, on a Fall Flip/Mom's Night Out event. I am looking forward to doing more things like this so people can benefit from all of these great businesses in town," she shares.

Available now in store is a beautiful winter collection, with lots of brand name long-sleeved shirts and pants, outerwear, snow-play clothing, boots, and more. The selection is constantly changing, and you never know what you'll find at Fiddle & Find, but that's the fun part!

To learn more about Fiddle & Find, you can check out their website at www.fiddleandfind-kids.com and follow their Face-

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How can business owners plan for an exit?



Mark Freeman, CEPA

— so how you exit that business can have a big impact on your finances and your retirement.

As you begin the exit strategy process, you'll need to examine some basic questions, such as how much you want for your business and how much it's worth. But you'll especially need to plan for the mechanics of your exit — that is, just how you're going to sell or transfer ownership of it.

Essentially, you have three main options:

- **Internal sale or transfer** – You could sell or transfer your business to someone affiliated with the company, such as a family member, business partner or even a group of employees. The advantages of this method are that you'll have greater control over the timing of your exit, and you'll be able to provide greater continuity for your employees, clients and suppliers. One potential disadvantage is that your net sales proceeds may be less than what you'd get from selling the business to an unrelated third party.

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If you're a business owner, you always have a lot to do and a lot to think about. But have you put much thought into how you'll eventually leave it all behind?

Even if you're a few years away from that day, it's a good idea to create an exit strategy. If you're like most other owners, most of your net worth may well be tied up in your business

— so how you exit that business can have a big impact on your finances and your retirement.

- **External sale or transfer** – The biggest benefit of selling or transferring your business to an unrelated third party is that you can potentially maximize your net sales proceeds. But you'll need to consider some tradeoffs, too. For one thing, a sale to an outside person or business usually requires a long and possibly expensive due diligence process. Also, you'll have less control over the timing of your exit than you would if you sold the business to an internal source.

- **Liquidation** – If you liquidated your business by selling all your assets and shutting down operations, you could end up with far fewer net proceeds than if you sold the business to an internal or external source. However,

you could raise cash pretty quickly. But if you chose to liquidate or dissolve your business, it could potentially be disruptive for your employees, clients and suppliers.

Because everyone's situation is different, there's no clear-cut formula for deciding which of these exit options is right for you. And it isn't simply a matter of numbers, either, because you'll need to consider some intangible factors, too. How will your family be affected by your choice? How would you feel if your business was in someone else's hands, or no longer existed? You'll need to work out these issues, along with the financial ones, before you decide on your business exit strategy.

Fortunately, you don't have to go it alone. You may want to consult your financial, legal and tax advisors, and possibly work with a commercial banker and a business evaluation expert. By drawing on several sources of expertise, you can feel more confident that you'll make a decision that's appropriate for your needs.

One final suggestion: Don't wait too long before you begin putting together your exit strategy. Time goes fast — and when the time comes for you to say goodbye to your business, you'll want to be prepared.

Contact Mark today to discuss this topic or any of your financial goals.

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Helping Their Communities, One Heating System At A Time

BY SUSAN MANNING
STAFF WRITER

Ryan and Alexandra McKernan noticed a disconnect between those who needed heating help and those who qualified for it.

The husband and wife duo co-own Pro Comfort Control, an HVAC company based in Ashland that serves all of MetroWest.

“We were seeing people who couldn’t afford to fix their heat, but they also didn’t qualify for low income help,” said Alexandra.

They decided to do something about it.

The Holliston couple decided to design a program called “We Care: Neighbors Heating Neighbors.”

According to Alexandra, “It’s designed to help local families in need in a hyper local fashion (most of our customers are in Natick, Framingham and Wayland). They are nominated by either a friend, neighbor or even a technician if we go to their home and recognize their hardship.”

This year, she said, the recipient is a senior citizen living in Natick. The woman is caring full-time for her daughter, who is undergoing cancer treatment. The homeowner is unable to work because of her own medical emergencies.

“She lives on a fixed income, with barely enough to cover everyday necessities, let alone unexpected emergencies. In April, their furnace was shut down due to dangerously high carbon monoxide levels detected by another HVAC company.

“Since then, she has been without heat, a situation that’s becoming dire as colder months approach. She was in urgent need of help to restore comfort and safety to their home. She reached out to Pro Comfort Control to find an affordable replacement system.

“We provided her an estimate and an employee nominated her for this program. She



was chosen as the award winner of a few days later. She now has her heat fully restored!” said McKernan.

“We believe that a strong community is built on care, compassion, and connection. Our founders, Ryan and Alexandra, know firsthand the power of giving back, and that’s why we created our “We Care: Neighbors Heating Neighbors” program. As a local business rooted in Framingham and surrounding communities, we understand the importance of being there for one another, especially in times of need,” said its website.

Through this program, Pro Comfort offers a new heating system to families or a local charity facing hardships, ensuring that everyone has access to a comfortable and safe home. Whether it’s a local family in need or an elderly neighbor needing to the frigid temperatures, there is help.

“We’re proud to live and work in the same neighborhoods we serve, and giving back is our way of saying thank you,” said Alexandra.

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Family-run Affordable Junk Removal takes the stress out of cleanups

By CHRISTIE VOGT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Whether it's one old fridge in the garage or an entire home of unwanted goods, the team at Affordable Junk Removal offers a cost-efficient, stress-free approach to waste management. "You don't lift a finger," says owner Jason Schadler, who started the company along with his wife Christine in 2005.

The business offers same-day service for both residential and commercial clients across eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. In addition to junk removal, the company rents 15-yard dumpsters.

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more accessible than national competitors. "I answer my phone 24 hours a day," he says. "I was on vacation in Italy and Portugal, and I was still answering my phone on the beach. When you call us, you



get me — not an automated machine!"

Schadler says the company has an environmentally friendly approach to disposal in which it recycles items when possible, properly disposes of non-recyclables and resells many items at the Schadlers' secondhand store, Resellables. "We opened that store in Bellingham because we hated to see things thrown away," Schadler says. "We have four kids and sustainability is extremely important to us."

Business spotlight

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk removal on nights and weekends when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers invested back into the company



Christine and Jason Schadler, shown here with their children and dog, started Affordable Junk Removal in 2005.

with new equipment and techniques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have any tarps. I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp.'"

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in getting the business off the ground. "She handled the back-end while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at EMC," he says. "Fast forward 17 years, and we both work full time managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place in Holliston, The Corner Market."

In addition to delivering an in-demand service to the community, Schadler is appreciative that Affordable Junk Removal has helped provide a work-life balance that suits his family. "It allows me to be able to do what I like doing and spend time with my kids," he says. "I'm home to

see my babies play softball and do all that stuff. We are also able to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Holliston in particular, Schadler says they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area. "In addition to our junk removal business, Holliston residents have been so important to The Corner Market, especially during the pandemic," Schadler says. "We have really appreciated their support." The Schadlers have also sponsored and hosted monthly fundraisers for several sports teams and organizations in Holliston.

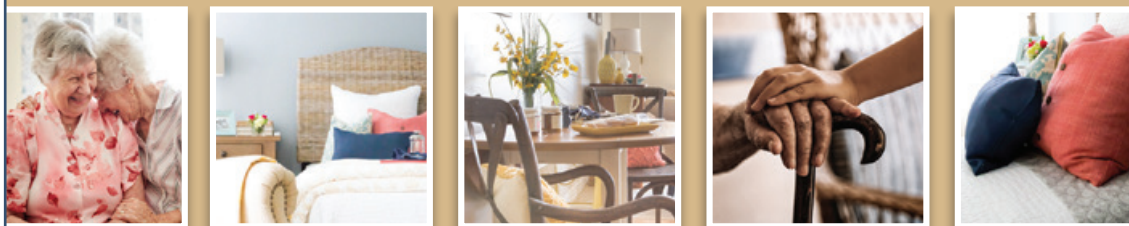
One of the best parts of his job, Schadler says, is meeting and getting to know new people and developing relationships with returning customers. "We are really grateful for the repeat business and the chance to form connections with residents across the MetroWest area," he says.

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Glenn Brown, CFP

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Wait until December, you risk falling into the apathy and distractions common from Thanksgiving to the New Year. Do you want that for your finances?

Here are key financial planning topics to consider now.

Review Your Planning Goals.

Take stock of your progress: have you met your savings targets? Made headway on debt repayments? Improve upon ex-

perience spending? Expand investing to asset allocation? This review can help identify areas to accelerate efforts before the year ends or be of greater priority in 2025.

Tax Planning Strategies.

Does Roth Conversion or switching 401(k) contributions to Roth make sense?

If doing Roth Conversion, what's your expected Federal tax bracket and how much to convert to ensure you're not bumping up a level or two?

Do you or a grandparent want to gift more than \$18,000 to a child's 529 Plan?

If self-employed and want to open a Solo 401(k) plan, it must be done by December 31. Know that isn't required until April tax filing deadline.

Recall 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowering federal tax brackets will expire end of 2025. Current % will revert back (%): 12% (15%), 22% (25%), 24% (28%), 32% (33%), 35% (35%) and 37% (39.6%). Furthermore, the Standard Deduction \$ amount for tax returns nearly doubled, it too reverts. Are there circumstances to plan for splitting realized gains over 2024 and 2025?

Open Enrollment for Work Benefits.

Does your current health plan meet you and/or your family's health and financial well-being? Does FSA or HSA make sense? If so, how much to contribute?

Should you utilize supplemental Life or AD&D insurance? Are you opting into long-term disability insurance?

Are you enrolling in dependent care and/or transportation flex spending accounts?

Use your Medical Flex Spending Account (FSA).

Unlike Health Savings Accounts (HSA) that rollover each year to accumulate, FSA is a "use it or lose it" benefit program. Some allow ~\$500 carried the following year, others \$0. If you're low on qualified medical expenses, schedule elective appointments, renew prescriptions and/or spend on wellness. Don't spend New Year's Eve panic shopping in CVS.

Evaluate Investment Portfolios.

Assess your asset allocation, then rebalance and/or tax-loss harvest, if necessary. Remember, asset allocation is different from diversification. Owning a S&P 500 Index fund is diversification,

as it owns 500 largest U.S. companies, but it's not an asset allocation model. Ensure asset classes are near their targets.

Nearing retirement or have major life changes requiring funds? Identify source of funds, develop a tax-efficient distribution strategy and allocate remaining long-term assets to grow over time relative to need, not greed or fear. Meaning your asset allocation may (and likely should be) different within taxable accounts versus 401(k), 403(b), pre-tax IRA accounts versus Roth IRA, HSA accounts.

Don't Forget Your RMD.

For 2024, the age for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts is 73, up from 72 due to changes enacted by the SECURE 2.0 Act.

Also new, per finalized IRS regulations, Inherited IRAs from a non-spouse (i.e. parent) in 2020 or later where the deceased was taking RMDs, then you must also take RMDs within the 10-Year Rule. If previous years were missed, the IRS will not penalize,

however they will after December 31, 2025.

Conclusion.

November is a month of reflection, giving thanks and preparation in the realm of financial planning. If feeling overwhelmed, connect with your Certified Financial Planner to finish the year strong and set a solid foundation for a prosperous 2025.

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BY GINA WOELFEL

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Ensure unobstructed air flow

Check that your radiators and heating vents are not blocked by furniture, drapes or other objects. Blocked air flow can reduce the efficiency of

your heating system and prevent rooms from reaching their desired temperature. Keeping these areas clear allows for optimal heat distribution throughout your home.

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HEATING INSIGHTS

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HNN fundraiser proceeds go to the HNN Community Grant Fund which gives back to our community. Past Grant recipients include Holliston Public Library Museum Passes, Holliston Parks & Recreations Summer Concerts, Holliston Police and Fire Departments.



Tickets are \$40 per person and includes entrance to the show and hor'dourves. A cash bar will also be available. Doors will open at 7:00pm so grab your tickets at hollistonnewcomers.org for a night of fun and laughter while giving back to our community.

Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors - Building Friendships, Building Community

Bids open Nov. 11 for Factory Pond Dam, Woodland Street project

By THERESA KNAPP

The bid process will begin on Nov. 11 for the rehabilitation of the Factory Pond Dam on Woodland Street.

According to the Oct. 21 Fall Town Meeting warrant, "During the process of engineering the dam rehabilitation, MassDOT determined that the bridge (over Bogastow Brook) and roadway (Woodland Street) connected to the dam infrastructure were unsafe and the Town closed Woodland Street to through-traffic, which impacts many road users, including public safety routes and bus routes to the Middle and Elementary Schools."

At a meeting of the Select Board on Oct. 15, Town Admin-

istrator Travis Ahern explained the town had applied for a \$1 million grant to do the work but the grant was not awarded. He said, "We were hoping, based on the timeline of the seawall and dam repair program, that we would have the money lined up without having October Town Meeting. When that grant was not awarded...that's when we added the article."

Article 4 on the Oct. 21 Fall Town Meeting warrant seeks to appropriate \$1 million from the town's Capital Expenditure Fund for the project. The meeting occurred after Holliston Town News' deadline.

Ahern said, "The date of the project was always set by the determination from the state that

we could not go through the permitting process on the bridge and roadway to get Woodland Street open until we completed the permitting on the dam and the spillway under the bridge, which is the MEPA process which we completed earlier in the summer. So once the MEPA process was complete, that's when everything else started to fall in line and the date for Nov. 11 [opening bid date] came into focus."

If approved at Fall Town Meeting, officials will reapply for state funds in the spring.

Ahern said, "We will put up the million dollars ideally in October, and we will look to not spend that million dollars by getting money allocated by the state."

MetroWest Boston Visitors Bureau announces grant program

The MetroWest Boston Visitors Bureau (MBVB) recently

announced its annual mini grant program is now accepting applications.

Designed for marketing and advertising projects that will promote tourism in MetroWest, grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each are available. The MBVB will consider applications for projects devoted to marketing a MetroWest event, attraction, restaurant, shop, or cultural or recreational offering. The applicant does not need to be a 501(c)3 charitable organization, but must be based in one of the 19 towns that comprise MetroWest or be devoted to attracting potential visitors to those 19 towns.

Eligible projects include brochures and other printed collateral; print, TV, radio, outdoor or online advertising; and websites. Advertising in the Bureau's co-op advertising program is also eligible. The marketing project must be targeted, at least partially, at potential visitors who live more than 50 miles from the event or business location.

Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for 25% of their campaign, up to \$10,000.

For-profit businesses are eligible to apply for 10% of their campaign, also up to \$10,000.

Grant applications can be submitted at www.bit.ly/FY25mini-grant and will be reviewed on a rolling basis from now until Dec. 1. Awarded grant funds must be spent prior to June 30, 2025. For questions, or to discuss your project idea prior to submitting an application, please contact MBVB Executive Director Stacey David at sdavid@metrowest-visitors.org.

The MetroWest Visitors Bureau promotes travel and tourism throughout the 19 towns of the MetroWest region: Ashland, Bellingham, Framingham, Franklin, Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Medway, Milford, Millis, Natick, Northborough, Sherborn, Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland, and Westborough. For more information, please visit the MBVB website at www.metrowestvisitors.org.

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Upcoming Programs Co-Sponsored By The Holliston Historical Society

Flute and Guitar Concert

Saturday, Nov. 16, from 7-8 PM; Social with Refreshments from 6:30 PM

The Friends of the Holliston Public Library and the Holliston Historical Society are pleased to welcome Bonnie Cochran and Fred Springer who will present a flute and guitar concert on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 7-8 PM on the main floor of the Library. The concert is free and all are welcome to attend. There will be time for socializing and refreshments beginning at 6:30 PM. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Holliston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Flutist and composer Bonnie Cochran was inspired to compose a piece, *Artifact*, after a walk in Phipps Tunnel on Holliston's Rail Trail. In Ms. Cochran's words, "What ignites the universal desire to create? And what does music or art evoke in us? Explore how music can connect us to time, place and past moments as if notes themselves carry memories and emotions. Flutist Bonnie Cochran and Guitarist Fred Springer will perform Reynaldo Hahn's *The Hour of Dreaming*, Shafer Mahoney's *Shining River*, Nicola Porpora's *Alto Giove* and the world pre-

miere of Bonnie Cochran's *Artifact*, which was inspired by a walk through Holliston's Phipps Tunnel and a soundscape recorded in the tunnel."

We hope you will join us to hear this special concert!

About the artists:

For flutist/composer Bonnie Cochran, performing and composing feed each other and provide a loop of intertwined experience and inspiration—a loop that's expanded with teaching. She can be heard on the soundtrack for the PBS American Experience episode, *Edison*, and also appears as the flutist in the HBO miniseries, *Olive Kitteridge*, and was featured on WCVB's *Chronicle* for her community performance work with the Marlborough Cultural District Initiative. As a chamber musician, Bonnie has performed at the Ogunquit Chamber Music Festival, Assumption College, MIT and Harvard University. As a soloist, she has performed at NFA Flute Conventions in Nashville and Salt Lake City, and recently won the NFA Convention Performer Competition. Her compositions have been performed at Gore Place, Brookline Music School, the National Flute Convention and at Carnegie Hall.

To cultivate the next generation of music lovers, Bonnie

teaches lessons and runs a children's concert series that incorporates dynamic age-appropriate activities to engage preschool-elementary school aged listeners.

Fred Springer is an artist dedicated to sharing music and art with the world through performance, outreach, and education. Having performed on three different continents in countries including Argentina, Canada, Switzerland, and the United States, Fred has developed a compelling way to share his passion for the classical guitar with audiences across different cultures. He has been awarded prizes in international guitar, ensemble, and mixed instrument competitions. He earned a Bachelor of Music from the University of Texas at Austin where he also completed a minor in Art History, and a Master of Music from Columbus State University where he served as a graduate assistant in the Schwob School of Music. Fred now resides in Boston, MA, where he serves as Program Coordinator for Boston Kithara Project, and on the faculty of EKS Music School and the North End Music & Performing Arts Center. He performs often with various chamber ensembles and as a soloist, locally and abroad. In addition, Fred arranges and transcribes music for guitar and has a passion for film and visual art.

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incorporated in 1674. Holliston split off from Sherborn 300 years ago and was incorporated on December 3, 1724. Come cap off our Town's 300th birthday year and learn about its beginnings!

This program will be presented twice, once on November 17th at 2:00 PM at the Sherborn Library and again on December 3rd at 7:30 PM at the Holliston Historical Society, 547 Washington St., Holliston.

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To donate, visit the HNN Donations webpage <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations> and select Thanksgiving or if you would prefer to mail your donation, please send a check made out to Holliston

Newcomers & Neighbors to Katrine Giroux, 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston and note that it is for Thanksgiving. HNN would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that have already donated.

We are also collecting handmade Thanksgiving Cards which can be dropped off at 922 Highland Street, Holliston - a bin will be at the front door. Please submit your donation or drop off your cards by Sunday, Nov. 17. If you have any questions, please email thanksgivingbaskets.newcomers@gmail.com.

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Holliston sets limit for means-tested senior exemption at \$10,917

By THERESA KNAPP

At its meeting on Oct. 7, the Holliston Select Board adopted 50% of the total Massachusetts Senior Circuit Breaker tax credits received by Holliston residents on the 2023 state income taxes as the amount to be used granting eligible seniors in the Means-Tested Senior Exemption in the fiscal year 2025.

The program was approved by Annual Town Meeting in 2022, and went into effect this year. Qualifying seniors can receive up to \$10,917 off their tax bill.

Holliston’s principal assessor Kevin Rudden explained the program.

“The way this works is it piggybacks on the state’s Senior

Circuit Breaker Income Tax Exemption, it basically uses all their qualifications. The highest amount somebody can earn as an income tax exception is \$2,590 for next year,” Rudden said. “It’s a sizeable exemption to help people.”

He said the range people received this year was between \$659 and the full \$2,590, noting that most people receive over \$1,590 off their tax bill. He said those people are still eligible for other work-off programs in town.

Rudden said the cost of the program this year will be \$10,917, the cost of which is spread across all the residential property owners in town; it does not apply to commercial or industrial property owners.

This year the Board of Assessors received 12 applications this year, 11 of whom are qualified.

Board of Assessors Chairman Jeff Marshall explained the qualifiers:

- Massachusetts resident
- 65 and older
- Filed the Circuit Breaker schedule and their Massachusetts returns
- Own or rent their property for 10 years as their primary residence (can’t be an income rental)
- Meet income guidelines in the Circuit Breaker
- If a homeowner, taxes and half of their water bill cannot exceed 10% of their income

Rudden said these guidelines are different than other work-off guidelines. “This income level is above \$80,000 and it also lets you have a home assessed up to \$1 million, these are the state guidelines, and liquid assets, bank accounts, pensions, etcetera, up to \$250,000.”

Select Board Chair Tina Hein described the guidelines as “quite generous.”

“This is year one,” Marshall said. “In year three, Town Meeting votes again to abolish this or keep it, and then they do that every three years.” It will be back before Town Meeting in 2027.

For more information, visit www.townofholliston.us/assessors/pages/senior-means-test-circuit-breaker.

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Their event on Saturday, November 9th from 9AM to Noon will be held in St. Mary’s church parking lot. In addition to computers, TV’s, printers, and other electronic equipment, they’ll be

accepting mattresses, box springs, snow blowers, stoves, tires, push lawn mower, stoves, fire extinguishers – and much, much more. Council Grand Knight Al Scaramella describes this season’s effort as a “clean out your house” event. Watch your mail for a nice large flyer announcing the event which has all the details and prices. You will find the prices very reasonable. The knights encourage everyone to start gathering together all those items which you’ve been saying you want to

get rid of. They remind you that it’s good for the environment to get rid of this waste.

The Green Team is an eco-friendly Junk Removal company which works to provide the most environmentally conscious junk removal services in Massachusetts. They have worked with the KofC and Girl Scouts before and everyone wins when you take advantage of this year’s recycling campaign.

Sports

Holliston Volleyball Wants To Take That Next Step

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Last fall the Holliston volleyball team was able to put together a 14-4 regular season record earning themselves a five seed in the Division 3 State Tournament.

Once there the Panthers took out Chicopee and Greater New Bedford each by a decisive 3-0 win. Unfortunately, in the next round, Holliston would go the distance and fell 3-2 to Amherst-Pelham in the Quarter Finals ending their season.

Having lost five seniors to last year's squad, Coach Bob Scumaci will once again be going back to this year's seniors to carry the team. Over the past few years, the Holliston coach has looked to his seniors to carry the bulk of the work on the court and this year is no different; all eight upper classmen will be relied on to take this team deep into the post-season.

Tri-captains Ashley Rokus (outside hitter), Shea Aldredge (libero) and Isabelle Glenn-Smith (middle hitter) will be at the top of the senior chain guiding the Panthers this season. Veronica "Ronni" Stasevich will be the floor captain or the manager on the court. She will interact with the referees and run the Panthers defense on the court.

Seniors Michaela McGovern (middle hitter) and Alia Montvila (right side) round out the senior starters for this year's team.

Stasevich, the floor captain, will be looked upon to continue playing her typical fantastic volleyball. According to the Coach, she does it all – pass, serve and hit. She is also a very quick individual and Scumaci noted he would love to have 10-12 Stasevich's on his team.

"Ronni is a very coachable individual who listens to everything you tell her," the Coach said. "She is a very quiet person, but when she does talk, the rest of the team listens. Her volleyball IQ is tops and she plays club volleyball for Slam and is part of their National team."

Glenn-Smith is what the Coach calls an unassuming player; she is not your typical big normal middle hitter but being a

basketball player, she can jump and does hit hard.

"The opposition looks at her and thinks that she is too thin to hit hard, but she has technique and hitting is her hidden power," Scumaci said. "Teams don't think that they need to double block her, but they soon find out that by not doing so is a big, big mistake and she makes them pay."

Aldredge is the team's number one defensive player and as the libero she knows where she needs to get the ball. She is a very smart player that can move short distances at lightning speed and if she can not get to that destination she is more than willing to sacrifice her body and slide on the court to do so. She gives everything that she has and plays all out all of the time.

Montvila is a lefty that plays on the right side feeding into her skill set. She is another unassuming young lady who according to the Coach has the best vertical leap on the team.

"Alia can not only jump, but she can hit the ball with the best of them," said the Coach. "She is just amazing to watch on the court and this is her year. Last year she didn't get a lot of balls sent her way, but I'm expecting great things from her this year."

Rokus is your typical volleyball player – tall, thin, smart and knows where and when to be when hitting the ball. Over the years Scumaci has seen her go from a timid individual to the powerhouse she is today. The Coach noted that when she is right, there is no one that can defend her hits.

McGovern is a great volleyball player in the middle; she knows exactly what needs to be done and where to do it. When she is not on the court, Scumaci considers her the team cheerleader where she is cheering and clapping for her teammates. She has an incredible presence and knows how to play the game.

Junior Grace Whitten will be the Panther's setter or as Scumaci calls her, the team's offensive conductor. Everything that happens on the Holliston side of the court goes through the junior. Her volleyball play is phenomenal, while



her vertical leap is fantastic – she is another player that Scumaci says he would love to have a bunch of playing for him. The coach also believes that come next fall she is going to blow people away with her play as well as her knowledge of the game.

Although at the time of this writing the season was still in the early stages of the season, the Coach has liked what the team has shown him and believes that if they continue this way they should be able to accomplish their goals.

Holliston stepped on the court for the first time this year with the thought of capturing the ever-so-tough Tri-Valley League Championship. Once that is accomplished, their next goal is to go further in the playoffs than they did last fall and eclipse the Quarter Finals.

"In my opinion I want them to go out and have fun without getting hurt," Scumaci said. "However, the girls want to win and you can see that they did work hard in the off-season and are ready to make that a reality. If they continue to practice and keep care of themselves the way that

they should there is absolutely no doubt that they can do anything they set their minds to."

The Holliston Coach went on to say that his philosophy is that everything they do in the gym is the most important part of a successful season.

"As a Coach, that's where I come in – I can help them get ready in the gym but that is all that I can do," he said. "What

happens after that is all up to them; they're the ones, all of them, on the court playing the game."

With all the work that the team put in prior to the season getting underway there is no reason that the Panthers cannot accomplish what they set out to do this fall; that is if they stay healthy and play their game on the court.

A Reason To Cheer

Last month, Holliston Youth Cheer went four teams deep at Power in Pink.

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Holliston Senior Center

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<p>***RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE. CALL THE SENIOR CENTER AT 508-429-0622</p>		<p>1 10:00 Functional Fitness for the Brain & Body 11:00 Constitution Presentation***  11:00 Grief Group 1:00 Tune Timers</p>
<p>4 9:30 Coffee & Coloring 11:00 Yoga 12:00 Lunch*** 1:00 Tai Chi 1:15 Games Day</p> 	<p> 5 ELECTION DAY 10:00 Writers' Group 10:00 Coffee HPD 10:30 Energy Focus Movement 11:00 Rainbow Coffee 12:00 Zumba Gold</p>	<p>6 9:30 Walking Fitness 11:00 Yoga 11:00 SHINE*** 12:00 Lunch*** 1:00 Medicare Presentation***</p> 	<p>7 9:00 Pilates 10:30 Energy Focus Movement 12:30 Camera Club 1:00 Mah Jongg Open Play 1:00 Processed Food Presentation***</p>	<p>8 9:30 Select Chat 10:00 Functional Fitness for the Brain & Body 1:00 Tune Timers 1:30 Book Club</p> 
<p>11 Closed for the Holiday</p> 	<p>12 9:00 Monthly Breakfast*** 10:00 Legal Advice with Marsden Law PC*** 10:30 Energy Focus Movement 12:00 Zumba Gold</p>	<p>13 9:30 Walking Fitness 10:00 Hopkinton Audiology Cleaning*** 11:00 Yoga 12:00 Lunch*** 1:00 COA Meeting 2:30 Programs to help lower Property Taxes***</p>	<p>14 9:00 Pilates 9:30 Java with Jay*** 10:30 Energy Focus Movement 12:30 Camera Club 1:00 Mah Jongg Open Play 1:30 Declutter Presentation***</p>	<p>15 10:00 Functional Fitness for the Brain & Body  11:00 Grief Group 1:00 Tune Timers</p>
<p>18 9:30 Coffee & Coloring 11:00 Yoga 12:00 Lunch*** 1:00 Tai Chi</p>  <p>1:15 Games Day</p>	<p>19 10:00 Meditation</p>  <p>10:30 Energy Focus Movement 12:00 Zumba Gold</p>	<p>20 9:00 Podiatry*** 9:30 Walking Fitness 11:00 Yoga 11:00 SHINE*** 12:00 Thanksgiving Luncheon***</p>	<p>21 9:00 Pilates 9:30 SSF Meeting 10:30 Energy Focus Movement 10:30 Vet's Coffee 1:00 Mah Jongg Open Play 1:00 Sound Bath & Reiki Healing ***</p>	<p>22 10:00 Functional Fitness for the Brain & Body 12:00 Dementia Friendly Lunch*** at Sherborn Town Hall 1:00 Tune Timers</p>
<p>25 9:30 Coffee & Coloring 10:00 Metrowest Mediation*** 10:00 Legal Advice with Bergeron*** 12:00 Lunch*** 1:00 Tai Chi 1:15 Games Day</p>	<p>26 10:30 Energy Focus Mvmt 12:00 Zumba Gold</p> 	<p>27 9:30 Walking Fitness 11:00 Lunch***</p>	<p>28 Closed for the Holiday</p> 	<p>29 Closed for the Holiday</p>

Holliston Garden Club Presents “A Floral Celebration of the Holidays” with Maureen Christmas

Internationally acclaimed floral designer Maureen Christmas

On Friday, Nov. 8, Maureen Christmas, an award-winning National Garden Club Master Flower Show Judge, will create arrangements of varied textures and colors to celebrate the holiday season.

The program will offer something for all levels of designers, including eco-friendly techniques and suggestions for using horticulture from home gardens.

An internationally known floral designer and avid gardener, Christmas is the proprietor of Floral Notes of Acton, Massachusetts. Her flower-show judging, competition experience, work to achieve European Masters Certification, and status as a Chapel Designer have given her a deep understanding of design, enhanced by the European



style. She has passed the rigorous Professional Florist Design Evaluation, achieving a score that earned her induction into the American Institute of Floral Designers.

Christmas has won numerous awards for her designs in flower shows, including a Bronze Award in the Fusion Flower International Designer of the Year Competition. Her designs have

been featured in various publications, including on the cover of the National Garden Club’s “Vision of Beauty” calendar. A career highlight was creating dramatically large arrangements for His Holiness, the Dali Lama, at the Wang Center in 2014.

Logistics

The meeting will be held at St. Mary’s Church Hall, XX Washington Street, Holliston. The event will begin at 6:30 pm with refreshments and time to review the many raffle items available. The program will begin at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for this event are available from garden club members, online at www.Hollistongardenclub.org, Sunnyside Gardens, Hokinton or Debra’s Flowers, Holliston. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

About the Holliston Garden Club

Founded in 1933, the Holliston Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Holliston; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., the club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region.

The Holliston Garden Club welcomes new members, and information about joining is available from HGC membership chairs Valerie Howes.

Milford Regional, UMass Memorial Health Formalize Affiliation

As of October 1st, UMass Memorial Health (UMMH) announced, Milford Regional Medical Center, inclusive of Milford Regional Physician Group and its employees, are now formally part of the UMMH system. Milford Regional Medical Center’s name is now officially UMass Memorial Health – Milford Regional Medical Center.

“We welcome Milford Regional caregivers to the UMass Memorial Health family and look forward to supporting Milford Regional as it advances its commitment to providing exceptional healthcare services to the greater Milford community,” said Eric Dickson, MD, President and CEO of UMass Memorial Health.

UMass Memorial welcomes approximately 2,500 Milford Regional employees and providers, which grows the system to more than 20,000 caregivers. Ed Kelly, President of Milford Regional, will continue his role and will join UMass Memorial Health’s senior leadership team.

Some positive benefits offered by this new affiliation are:

- Preserving Milford Regional Medical Center as an acute care hospital of-

fering inpatient and outpatient services;

- Supporting strategic capital investment in facilities, equipment and other infrastructure to support clinical care and the local community;
- Future integration of Milford Regional into the Epic electronic medical record system;
- Maintaining Milford Regional’s role as an employer of choice in the local/regional market, and enhancing Milford Regional’s ability to address workforce challenges; and
- Retaining a local community board of trustees, with Milford Regional having representation on the UMass Memorial parent board.

“Since first clinically partnering more than thirty years ago, our two organizations have realized much success through multiple points of patient-centered collaboration. Taking our longstanding partnership with Milford Regional to this next level allows UMass Memorial

Health to meaningfully expand our continued work to provide high-quality, accessible, and affordable care to the communities of Central Massachusetts,” Dickson added.

“This is the right time and UMass Memorial Health is the right partner to pave the path for our promising future,” said Kelly, who explained further that UMMH and Milford Regional began their collaboration in 1991 when Milford Regional Medical Center became the first hospital to clinically affiliate with UMass Memorial Medical Center. “Since then, many additional clinical and educational programs have been created with UMMH to bolster the level of care offered to the greater Milford community ...”

The affiliation will preserve Milford Regional’s existing clinical relationships with other academic medical centers, says Kelly.

To learn more about the corporate affiliation between UMass Memorial Health and Milford Regional, visit <https://www.milfordregional.org/about-us/umass-memorial-health-affiliation/>.

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Real Estate Corner



The 4-bed, 2-bath, 2,032-square-foot house at 10 Winthrop Street in Holliston recently sold for \$735,000. Image credit: www.zillow.com. Source: www.zillow.com / Compiled by Local Town Pages

Recent Home Sales

Date	Holliston	Amount
10/10/2024	10 Fairview Street	\$795,000
10/09/2024	762 Adams Street	\$700,000
10/04/2024	49 Windsor Drive #108	\$275,000
10/04/2024	14 Garrett Way	\$687,500
10/03/2024	71 Garrett Way	\$720,000
10/02/2024	56 Adam Wheeler Lane	\$660,000
09/30/2024	429 South Street	\$574,900
09/30/2024	100 Bonney Drive	\$670,000
09/27/2024	10 Country Road	\$1.30 mil
09/20/2024	26 Cold Spring Road	\$550,000

'Portraits In RED' exhibit at HCA through Nov. 21

Artist Nayana LaFond inspired by Indigenous peoples crisis

Nayana LaFond is a full-time multidisciplinary artist and activist is a full-time painter. Her paintings and sculptures can be seen in galleries and museums around the world.

Her project now on display at the Hopkinton Arts Center

is entitled "Portraits in Red: Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Painting Project" and has gained her international acclaim.

The MMIP Painting Project began with the intent of being just one painting to show support for the missing and mur-

dered Indigenous peoples crisis. LaFond created the first painting on May 5, 2020, the day of remembrance for MMIP. She shared it online and the response was so overwhelming that she did one more, again intending that to be the end. The response

to the second was even greater so Nayana welcomed anyone wanting to be painted not expecting the 25+ they received the first day - it was then that it became a project. LaFond decided to paint them all and they didn't stop coming. As of August 2024, there were 110 completed paintings and a constant queue.

The paintings are done in black and white with red being the only color visible because many Indigenous groups believe red is the only color spirits can see. The hand over the mouth symbolizes the subject being silenced.

The project is on display at the HCA through Nov. 21.

Marshall Street solar project moving forward

By THERESA KNAPP

If you've driven by the old

landfill on Marshall Street, you may have noticed the solar proj-

ect is underway. The site has been mowed by the Department

of Public Works and materials are arriving.

At a meeting of the Select Board on Oct. 15, Town Administrator Travis Ahern updated the board.

"Everything's being delivered, we're looking at final approvals, and the system should begin to mobilize shortly," said Ahern.

The project is expected to be completed in 2025.

He explained the project's net metering has been set up to benefit revolving funds to support the recycling center and sustainability initiatives in town. The lease and PILOT payments will benefit (and have been benefiting) the General Fund.

Select Board Chair Tina Hein asked for an update related to neighbor impacts, and a timeline for when revenue and electricity will start flowing.

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