

## Buckets of Fun



Spectators, Administrators, athletes, free throwers and cheerleaders, OH MY! The Unified vs Varsity Basketball game/fundraiser was a huge success!  
*Courtesy photos/SEVAC Facebook*



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## Fifth Grade Youth Football Team Beats Medway To Win Super Bowl, Hingham To Win State Championship

The Grade 5 Team from Holliston Youth Football advanced to the Super Bowl and played Medway last night and took the trophy after a hard-fought

game winning 6-0. Head coach

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is Ryan Donahue, the President of the League is Bob Fetrow.

This is the first Super Bowl win in Holliston Youth Football history!

One of the Cheer divisions also brought home a 1st Place Trophy at one of their competitions this month.



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# Fatima Shrine Festival Of Lights Begins Dec. 11

Our Lady of Fatima Festival of Lights 2024 will be open Dec. 11 to 27.

Join Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston for the traditional Christmas lights as they prepare this Advent for the Christmas season.

Hot chocolate, donuts, and more will be available. The lights are on from 5 to 9 PM every night. The event is wheelchair accessible, with a path that winds throughout the exhibit.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine is located at 101 Summer St., Holliston. There is no charge for this event. Gift shop hours will be extended throughout the festival of lights: 11 AM to 9 PM.



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## Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors Sends Their Thanks

The Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors Thanksgiving Drive and Meals for Seniors Committees want to thank YOU! With the help from the community, HNN was able to contribute to the Thanksgiving efforts of the Holliston Pantry Shelf's gift cards to their patrons as well as Head Start and Wayside Youth who both support Holliston youth. HNN also assembled and delivered a complete Thanksgiving meal to over 80 Holliston Seniors identified by the Holliston Senior Center, Mission Springs and Cole Court.

Many thanks go to our local community organizations, religious groups and volunteers. These groups spread the word, made so many Thanksgiving cards especially Holliston Girl Scouts and Holliston Cub Scouts and volunteered their time the day before Thanksgiving



ing brightening the day of our Seniors.

But all of these efforts would not have been possible without all the individuals and businesses that donated to this effort including the generous donations from TLC Painting, Dr. Barbara Preussner & For a New You, Holliston Sewer Service, Village Auto, Chesmore Funeral Home, Moor Metals, Sapphire Coun-

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Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors and the HNN Thanksgiving Committees couldn't be more thankful for the support we received from the community. We are so proud that HNN was able to be a part of making Thanksgiving a great day for so many of our neighbors.

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# Keep an Eye Out For Signs of a Rodent Infestation This Fall

WPC Pest and Termite Control and the National Pest Management Association are sharing the top seven signs that rodents have taken up residence in your home

## PROFESSIONAL INSIGHTS

It's that time of year again — football season, trips to your local farm, and crisp, fall weather.

But before you break out your favorite pumpkin spice-flavored treats, it's important to remember to keep alert for uninvited guests looking to join in on the fun. As temperatures begin to cool,

WPC Pest and Termite Control, in partnership with the National Pest Management Association, is sharing signs homeowners should look out for that could signal a rodent infestation.

"Disgusting odors that permeate from insulation in attics and basements are a sure sign that rodents are present," said Jim Mazzuchelli, owner of WPC. "While rodent infestations are common throughout the year, they are particularly troublesome as colder weather arrives and food sources diminish. These stark changes to their environment make homes the ideal spot for them to hide out in.

- Rodents are able to transmit more than 35 diseases to humans, posing a serious health threat to you and your family should they find their way into your homes insulation. Contamination from urine and droppings will cause serious respiratory issues, such as the deadly **Hantavirus**.
- To help keep your family protected this fall, WPC is offering **FREE** rodent inspections and suggestions on decontaminating your home.
- WPC and the NPMA have identified the following top seven telltale signs of a rodent infestation:
- **Droppings:** Finding droppings in the home is one of the most common signs of a rodent infestation. Homeowners often find these where food is stored, such as kitchen cabinets or pantries, as well as under sinks, inside chewed cardboard boxes and along baseboards.
  - **Gnaw marks:** Rodents will chew through almost any type of material to obtain

- food or water, causing serious damage to a home. Rats are also known to gnaw on wires behind walls, potentially resulting in dangerous house fires.
- **Nests:** Rodents prefer to hide in dark, secluded areas of the home and will use any materials available to build their nest. If you see items such as paper products or cotton strewn about, it might be a sign of a rodent infestation.
  - **Tracks or rub marks:** As rats follow a trail between their nest and food sources throughout a home, they will often leave dark grease or dirt marks along walls and floorboards.
  - **Strange noises:** Hearing strange noises at night could be attributed to a family of mice scurrying about the house, between the walls and up in attics and crawlspaces.
  - **An actual rodent:** Mice are known to reproduce quickly, as a female house



mouse can give birth to a half-dozen babies every three weeks or up to 35 young per year. Chances are, if you see one mouse in the house, there are more hidden behind the walls!

caused by nesting rodents having their young.

For more information about rodent infestations, visit [www.nobugsnopests.com](http://www.nobugsnopests.com) or CALL 508-435-2211 or contact a licensed pest control professional.

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# Holiday Cheer and Roth Conversions: A Gift to Your Future Self



Glenn Brown, CFP

Ah, the holiday season... a time for joy, gratitude and (unfortunately) for some the ritual of cramming late nights to ensure they don't pay more in taxes than necessary now and in retirement.

Sure, they could be planning for family get-togethers, attending holiday parties with friends or enjoying eggnog by the fire. But no, that's all too festive and cheerful.

Instead, they build spreadsheets, search IRS interpretations, and obsess about miscalculating their household adjusted gross income (AGI) and threshold \$ amount to convert to a Roth IRA. Then when the time comes to execute the conversion, there is a feeling of dread. Like that of being outside in the freezing cold and "tripled dog-dared" to stick their tongue to a metal pole.

Let's discuss a better (and safer) way.

### What Is a Roth Conversion?

At its core, Roth conversion is like wrapping up retirement savings into a tidy, tax-advantaged

gift package. You take funds from a traditional IRA or 401(k) — accounts taxed when you withdraw in retirement — and convert them into a Roth IRA. In doing so, you pay taxes on the converted amount now at your income brackets.

However, once in a Roth, it gifts:

- Tax-free growth
- Tax-free withdrawals in retirement
- Removal of Required Minimum Distributions
- Tax-free distributions for non-spousal beneficiaries

### Make Modeling a Roth Conversion Joyous.

Just as giving perfect holiday gifts require planning, so does Roth conversion.

In working with clients, ideally we build or update their Roth conversion model in February or March using prior year data with intentions of waiting until December to run again with actual tax data and execute.

Beyond the adage "measure twice, cut once" and making it less stressful during the holidays, this provides readiness for opportunities. One such example is converting in a steep market decline during the year. If you're going to hang onto the same security/strategy, why not convert some at a lower value (equals less taxation) and allow for time to

bring price recovery inside the Roth IRA instead?

### How You Model Makes a Difference

Modeling a Roth conversion is like preparing a delicious holiday feast - attention to detail and coordinated foresight can make all the difference. Beyond current tax situation, age, goals, and cash to pay taxes, there are several future questions to answer in analysis.

In the near-term, will future years have lower taxable earnings to more favorably convert? Will your state of residence change and if so, does your taxation change? What are projected growth rates for Roth, are they more aggressive? Should they be?

For retirement, have you projected RMDs at age 73 (75) and resulting new tax bracket? Does conversion help or hurt Social Security and Medicare taxation?

What's your expectation of future taxation by governments?

What are your estate planning wishes?

### Respect The Grinch

The pro-rata rule. When converting, the IRS combines all traditional IRA balances and asks about nondeductible contributions, as this portion is not taxable. Understand the IRS doesn't allow for conversion of just after-tax money.

It is what it is. Once a Roth Conversion is done, it's done, as

IRS no longer lets you unwind (recharacterize).

Not all-or-nothing. You can develop a plan to spread conversions over several years, even skip a year or two as needed pending AGI levels and ability to pay the IRS with non-IRA assets.

### The Gift of Time and Independence

Consistent and well-timed Roth conversions can be the gifts that keeps on giving — tax-free growth, tax-free withdrawals, and the peace of mind that comes with control.

May the holiday season bring you good cheer and health throughout the coming year.

The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual.

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Recommended for grade 4 and up with a parent. All Hebrew School students who stay for the program will be provided lunch.

This event is free of charge.

Scenes from Diary of Anne Frank Play  
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## Thursday, Dec. 26

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# Mudville Madrigal Singers Holiday Concert

The Mudville Madrigal Singers will perform in Holliston this holiday season at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Holliston on Friday night, December 13th. They are a ten person a cappella singing group. This is their thirty-first year singing together. The upcoming concert will feature Byrd, Elgar, Vittoria, Pärt, Kerensa Briggs, and Tamsin Jones.

The group consists of Kate Connell, Leslie Randall-Dooley, and Jessica Schendel, sopranos; Susan Langer and Anne Priestley, altos; Steve Durning and John Howe, tenors.

The concert is supported by a grant from the Holliston Cultural Council.

The Lutheran Church is at 600 Central Street in Holliston. The concert will start at 8 pm. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. They hope you will join them to celebrate the holiday season.



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# Save the Date!

The Holliston Pantry Shelf’s 15th Annual “SOUP”er Bowl fundraiser event is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2025 at St. Mary’s Parish Hall from 5pm-8pm. Maybe we can’t count on the Patriots this year but you can count on some delicious soups as we are, once again, beyond excited and grateful to partner with many of our amazing restaurants in Holliston!

As many of you know, the Holliston Pantry Shelf has been serving our community for over 30 years. With its humble beginnings underneath the stairs of the Town Hall to its current day shopper-friendly store on Charles Street, the Pantry remains dedicated to its origin as an all-volunteer,

non-profit organization fiercely focused on feeding our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. We proudly open our doors 5 days a week to accommodate the needs of our over 560 patrons through the ongoing generosity and support of this community.

We hope you can join us for some spectacular soups (and socializing) served by our own town “Celebrities”. These are the most delicious soups in town!

- Butternut Squash Soup from **Bazels Sub & Pizza**
- Holliston Chili from the **Holliston Lions Club**
- Broccoli and Cheddar Soup from **Out Post Farm**
- Chicken Noodle Soup from **Superette**
- Chicken Tortilla Soup from **Casey’s Pub**

And more soups will be added to our menu from Bertucci’s and others!

During the evening you can peruse our display of raffle opportunities. Last year, over 20 raffle baskets were donated by many of our local businesses. You can look forward to some spectacular baskets again this year!

This fundraiser brings so many of our townspeople together to support the Pantry. Thank you in advance to all the



volunteers who are already stepping up to help. The 2025 “soup mug” will be provided to each paid ticket holder. There are a few remaining mug sponsorships available but they are filling up fast.

Wear your favorite Patriots gear (okay, we will sell tickets to non-Patriot fans too!). Ticket Sales will begin on December 1st. Tickets will be sold online and, as a reminder, we did sell out last year so get your tickets early! The link to buy tickets will be live on December 1st.

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# Consider these year-end financial moves



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As we enter the holiday season, your life may well become busier. Still, you might want to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

- Here are a few suggestions:
- **Review your investment portfolio.** As you look at your portfolio, ask these questions: Has its performance met my

expectations this year? Does it still reflect my goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Do I need to rebalance? You might find that working with a financial professional can help you answer these and other questions you may have about your investments.

- **Add to your 401(k) and HSA.** If you can afford it, and your employer allows it, consider putting more money into your 401(k) before the year ends — including “catch-up” contributions if you’re 50 or older. You might also want to add to your health savings account (HSA) by the tax-filing deadline in April.
- **Use your FSA dollars.** Unlike an HSA, a flexible spending account (FSA) works on a “use-it-or-lose-it” basis, meaning you lose any unspent funds at the end of the year. So, if you still have funds left in your account, try to use them up in 2024.

(Employers may grant a 2½ month extension, so check with your human resources area to see if this is the case where you work.)

- **Contribute to a 529 plan.** If you haven’t opened a 529 education savings plan for your children, think about doing so this year. With a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred, and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit.
- **Build your emergency fund.** It’s generally a good idea to keep up to six months’ worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund in place, you might be forced

to dip into your retirement funds to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car or home repair.

- **Review your estate plans.** If you’ve experienced any changes in your family situation this year, such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child, you may want to update your estate-planning documents to reflect your new situation. It’s also important to look at the beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, retirement plans, IRAs and insurance policies, as these designations can sometimes even supersede the instructions you’ve left in your will. And if you haven’t started estate planning, there’s no time like the present.
- **Take your RMDs.** If you’re 73 or older, you will likely need to take withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from

some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA. If you don’t take these withdrawals each year, you could be subject to penalties.

These aren’t the only moves you can make, but they may prove helpful not only for 2024 but in the years to come.

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

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# Volunteers Needed For Sewer Commission

**ARTICLE 13: SEWER COMMISSION ADOPTION OF MGL CH. 40N, 80 AND 83 SPONSORED BY: Select Board**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40N, Model Water and Sewer Commission, Chapter 80, Betterments and Chapter 83, Sewers, Drains and Sidewalks, for the purpose of establishing a sewer commission and a municipal sewer system; and to take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECT BOARD COMMISSION COMMENTS:** Through funding provided to the Town from the "American Recovery Plan Act" (ARPA) and Article 22 of October 2022 Fall Town Meeting, the Town engaged a consultant (Lombardo Associates) to first make improvements to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant on Linden Street and then perform a Feasibility Study to determine if the Plant could be scaled up to take private wastewater flow from the Downtown Area – specifically looking within the Village Commercial Zoning District. The Feasibility Study was published in 2022 with updates to the Select Board throughout 2023.

As a Sewer District for the Village Commercial area was determined to be feasible, the Town engaged MassDEP (the regulatory authority for wastewater disposal), and in September 2024 MassDEP approved the Town's Scope of Work (SOW), while the final disposal capacity is expected to be approved in December 2024.

Additionally, the Town provided the Feasibility Study to our State Legislators as well as Senators Markey and Warren

and Congressman McGovern, and Congressionally Directed Spending will be announced in early 2025, with \$1.1 million currently being considered for this project.

By establishing a Sewer Commission in October of 2024 the Town will create a new body to be the primary contact with regulatory agencies (MassDEP) on the development of a Sewer District and who can focus on the financial components of the project, including Federal/State funding and sewer rate methodology. MGL c. 40N, s. 4 defines a Sewer Commission as a three (3) member Commission, each a resident of the municipality, appointed by the Select Board and including one (1) member with extensive experience in the field of administration or business, and one (1) with extensive experience in the field of finance or accounting, with three (3) year staggered terms.

If the Sewer Commission is established by Town Meeting vote, it would then be tasked with developing a General By-Law in order to establish the bounds of the Sewer District, which would include a map of the proposed Sewer District. Whereas the Town is also reviewing potential phases to a Sewer District (with approx. 50,000 gallons per day capacity to start a Phase I and efforts to increase capacity for a Phase II) it should be noted that Town Meeting would be required to approve any changes to a District Map, once approved.

All Wastewater Treatment Plant and Downtown Sewer materials are consolidated here: <https://www.townofholliston.us/select-board/pages/proposed-downtown-sewer-district>

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### Sewer Commission

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<div>9</div> <div>9:30 Coffee &amp; Coloring 11:00 Yoga 12:00 <b>Lunch***</b> 12:30 <b>Senate President Spilka's Office -Listening Hour</b> 1:00 Tai Chi 1:15 Games Day</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10:00 <b>Legal Advice with Marsden Law PC***</b> 10:30 Energy Focus Movement 12:00 Zumba Gold</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:30 Walking Fitness 10:00 <b>Hopkinton Audiology Cleaning***</b> 11:00 <b>Driving Decision***</b> 11:00 Yoga 12:00 <b>Lunch***</b> 1:00 <b>COA Meeting</b></div>	<div>12</div> <div>9:00 Pilates 10:30 Energy Focus Movement 1:00 Mah Jongg Open Play 1:30 <b>Cookie Exchange Party***</b></div> <div></div>	<div>13</div> <div>10:00 <b>Functional Fitness for the Brain &amp; Body</b> 1:00 Tune Timers 1:30 <b>Book Club</b> </div>
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<div>23</div> <div>9:30 Coffee &amp; Coloring 10:00 <b>Legal Advice with Bergeron***</b> 12:00 <b>Lunch***</b> 1:00 Tai Chi 1:15 Games Day</div>	<div>24</div> <div>10:30 Energy Focus Movement 12:00 Zumba Gold </div>	<div>25</div> <div>Closed for the Holiday </div>	<div>26</div> <div>Building Open 9-4pm No Programs Running</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Building Open 9-4pm No Programs Running</div>
<div>30</div> <div>Building Open 9-4pm No Programs Running</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Building Open 9-4pm No Programs Running</div>	<div>***RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE. CALL THE SENIOR CENTER AT 508-429-0622</div>	<div>Building Closed Wednesday, January 1, 2025 and reopening Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 9am.</div>	



Sports

Holliston Basketball Hopes For Improvement

By Christopher Tremblay  
Staff Sports Writer

Last winter was not one of the better seasons for the Holliston boys' basketball team.

With 8 returning players this winter, coach Chris Vanesian believes that the squad is ready to take a turn and improve upon last season's 1-19 campaign.

"Last year was really tough, but we progressed a lot throughout the season," the Panther Coach said. "The kids stepped up when needed and developed into their roles; I am looking forward to this year."

Although the Panthers were only able to secure one win last season, their defense was stellar throughout keeping many teams under 50 points per contest.

Unfortunately, while the defense was doing its part, the offense just could manage to score more points than they were allowing to pick up the victories.

"We had some games that we just couldn't score," Vanesian said. "The kids all believe in each other and I am very excited to see what type of jump they make this year."

Of the eight returners only two, Owen Vaughn and Ethan Suhajda, were starters for Holliston last winter and both will be looked upon to help increase the Panthers scoring.

Vaughn, a two-year captain

and four-year varsity starter, will be a big part of the Panthers identity this season. According to the coach, the senior forward is a great shooter that average 10-points per contest for Holliston last year while shooting 30-percent from the three-point line.

"He's a basketball junkie, a bigtime shooter and the guys look up to him as the leader of the team. His work ethic and his intangibles are things that cannot be measured," the Coach said. "As a two-year captain he knows what is expected of him and is always trying to improve. During the off-season he has been able to get the guys together to improve on their games."

While Vaughn brings back the leadership and experience Suhajda will be only retuning for his second season on the court with the Panthers. As a first-year varsity player last year he started 17 games and averaged 7 points while adding 5 rebounds per contest.

Vanesian noted that the freshman developed his perimeter shooting as the season went on last winter.

"He is a phenomenal soccer player, but loves basketball," the Coach said. "Being on the younger side he relates to the younger kids on the junior varsity and middle school teams and was able to get them into the var-

sity weight room to start training. These kids will be an important piece of our team in the future."

Brent Kiley is the other senior captain, and although he only saw spot minutes last year he was ready to go whenever his number was called. Each and every time that he does get to step onto the court he works extremely hard and gives it all that he has. He is also the team's true vocal leader. He continually is talking up the other players and was a huge part in getting them together to play in basketball leagues during the off-season.

Another athlete who saw a lot of time last year was Cooper Fiamani. The junior was the team's sixth or seventh player off the bench last season and although undersized he plays big for the Panthers. As a sophomore he averaged 4 rebounds and 5 points per game last year.

Fiamani also worked on his perimeter shooting and should be an important piece in the Holliston offense this winter.

"His scoring should be up this year, but he also does a lot of the dirty work for us," Vanesian said. "Cooper is a hard worker and will do whatever you ask of him to the best of his ability. He adjusted well as a sophomore and has been progressing and should be better moving forward."

Juniors Robbie Howell and



Alessio Pinci will find themselves as role players for the Panthers this season. Both juniors are good shooters, especially from beyond the three-point arc. Vanesian is hoping that they both take that leap this season and come to the aid of the offense.

Despite the poor performance in regard to last year's wins and losses Vanesian believes that this year's team will continue to get better as the season goes along.

"We're playing to build, while pushing the culture on the court with these guys working hard to-

gether," the Coach said. "I know that they have a lot of talent and can compete with anyone."

The Holliston season will get underway on Dec. 13 when the Panthers host Dedham in what they are hoping is a chance to redeem themselves and make a statement. Playing in a strong Tri-Valley League the Panthers are ultimately looking to achieve their goal of making it into the state tournament. Vanesian firmly believes that if the squad focuses on getting better, they will be able to reach that goal.



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11/08/2024	7 Sawyer Cir.	\$698,000
11/01/2024	62 Norfolk St.	\$552,000
10/31/2024	43 Cold Spring Rd.	\$517,000
10/30/2024	53 Wingate Rd.	\$804,000
10/25/2024	41 Dorset Rd.	\$532,000
10/24/2024	72 Kim Pl.	\$1.25 mil
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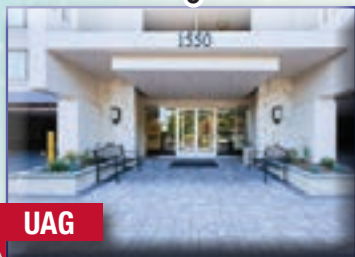
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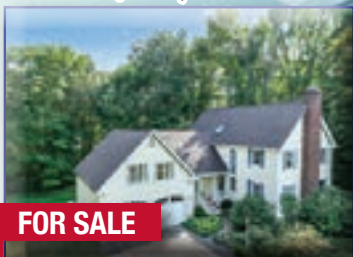
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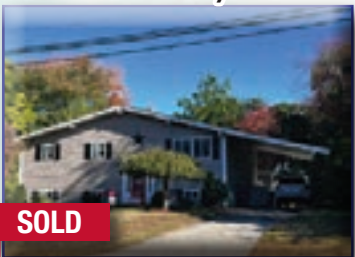
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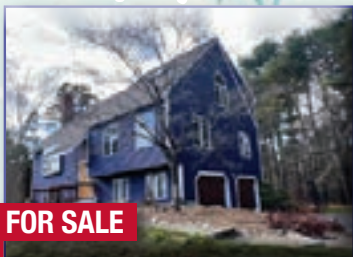
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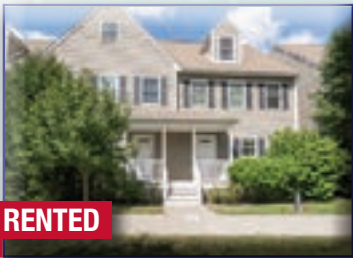
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