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'SNAP Sacks' Help Bridge the Gap at Pantry Shelf

BY JUDITH DORATO O'GARA

When the federal government recently shut down and SNAP benefits ran out, Karen Jewett, President of the Holliston Pantry Shelf, knew the

Holliston community would worry about its neighbors and reach out, and she was spot on. To make the most of the expected influx of folks looking to help out, Jewett reached out to Allegra Denehy, Service

Navigator for Holliston Youth and Family Services and Cynthia Listewnik, Outreach Coordinator for the Center, run by Holliston Council on Aging. Together, they formed the Holliston Food Security Resource Team.

"It was mid- to end-of October. We pulled a small team to address this when we knew this would happen. The whole intent was just November only, to bridge the gap," says Jewett, adding, "Our Food Security Resource Team helps us cover that broad range of family, with the youth and the Center we feel like we cover that gamut of people."



Shown, Karen Jewett, left and Dick Masson, right, collect SNAP Sacks assembled by members of the Holliston community to hand out to hungry neighbors last month.

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Holliston Youth Cheer 2025 Head to Fla. Nationals this Month

BY JESS OMMEN

The Holliston Youth Cheer (HYC) 12U L1 team placed 3rd

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Holliston Youth Cheer (HYC) 12U L1 reached their goal of making Nationals this year, after winning with top spots in Local and State competitions and third place at Regionals. They'll compete in Florida December 5th.



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at the New England Regionals on November 8th, earning them a spot at Nationals in Kissimmee, FL on December 5.

For this team of 17 and their coaches, this is a success story three years in the making. Just two years ago, the team did not have their name called at all. Last season, the team came in 2nd at Locals and competed at States but did not advance to Regionals.

“This year, their goal was to get to Nationals,” said Coach Sarah Mary Amato.

And they hit that goal, earning Championship titles at the EMASS Conference Locals Championship, and at the MA State Championship, where they competed against 11 teams from across the state.

To qualify for Nationals, you have to place within the top 3 of your feeder competitions. After earning the top spot in Locals & States, HYC placed 3rd out of 10 teams in Regionals. They were the only Massachusetts team in their division to advance to Nationals.

According to their coaches, the team’s success is a testament to their hard work and dedication, especially in spite of last year’s defeat at States, where the team Hit Zero but did not place.

“Hitting Zero” is a standard of excellence and major goal for cheerleading teams. It signifies a perfect execution and means there were no deductions from their final score. However, Hitting Zero does not guarantee a win, as the team experienced last year.

According to Fetrow, “There were a lot of tears on the mat when they didn’t get called. To go to States this year, knowing there were 11 teams competing in their division, there was some doubt creeping up.”

When asked how the team manages that doubt before a competition, Fetrow explained that they began a “compliment line” before hitting the mat.

“In the final minutes when they are on deck, they go one by one down the line complimenting the next person. The smiles on their faces are so great and there’s usually a little squeeze of the shoulders! We remind them, they aren’t scared – they’re excited. Flip that energy!”

The team certainly flipped that energy at States where they performed their first clean routine of the season, Hit Zero, and

earned First place. Quite a comeback from the disappointment of last year’s competition.

“As a coach of this squad for multiple years now, I know Sarah and I both love seeing them finally feel this success,” said Coach Fetrow.

Fetrow says the team’s success is also a testament that Holliston has created a welcoming program that allows cheerleaders to join at any time, from Kindergarten to 8th Grade, and “we will help them be successful”.

She advises anyone interested in joining to take a tumbling class and has noted that previous dance experience is helpful. Additionally, Holliston Youth Cheer hosts Winter and Spring Cheer Clinics to give families an opportunity to meet the coaches and other cheerleaders and test the sport out before fully committing to the Fall season.

And to anyone who says cheerleading isn’t a sport, Fetrow explains:

“When people say that, it’s because they’re imagining a 50’s sideline cheerleader with saddle shoes. Our cheerleaders spend a week conditioning at the beginning of the season and keep it going throughout. It takes real strength to perform full out for 2:30, including jumping and tumbling while lifting and holding your teammates and then perform a dance at the end of all of that!”

The National Championship will take place on Friday, December 5th and winners will be announced at an Awards Ceremony on Saturday, December 6th.

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The three brainstormed ways to help the community, putting together a campaign to be a ‘Souper Hero.’

“One of our thoughts was, what about for the month of November, we do two fixings for a meal in a bag. One bag – soup, salad and bread – and the other would be pasta, salad and bread, fixings for meals to make sure no one really went hungry,” says Jewett.

Generous Holliston residents who had the means could put together these “SNAP Sacks,” and other community volunteers could collect them on Mondays and Fridays, early in the afternoon. Later in the day, any community member in need (no Pantry card needed, no questions asked, and no other ID required at all) could drive up in front of the Holliston Pantry Shelf and pick up ‘meal-fixings-in-a-bag’ without even having to get out of the car, while volunteers handed them their two bags.

The response to the call was immediate.

“Within 24 hours, the first two days, all the SNAP Sacks were signed up for, plus more,” says Jewett, “It just showed how the community was ready to help. We got tons of feedback people were so grateful for a special way to help.”

The Pantry Shelf director adds that her patrons and other who need to stretch their SNAP benefits are “resourceful,” but in

this instance, benefits were “just ripped out so quickly people didn’t have an opportunity to land on their feet.”

Although the majority of SNAP Sacks were handed out in the drive-by style, some folks, of course, especially among the senior population in town, couldn’t drive up to take the bags, Jewett says, so the team created a sign-up for deliveries to Mission Springs, Cole Court, Turner Road, Cutler Heights and nearby Medway Food Pantry.

By November 17th, the volunteers had handed out or delivered 542 bags.

“We were trying to address barriers that prohibit people from maybe driving upon a Monday night,” says Jewett, “We know either low-income housing or where there’s a higher population of elderly or disabled, people might be needing food security.”

Jewett says the rate at which the volunteer slots filled up “just showed how much people in the community wanted to help. It was really heartwarming to see all the people that stepped up.”

If you or someone you know in town needs to connect with resources, please reach out to:

Karen Jewett, President of the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Call/Text (774) 253-0694, Email: President@HollistonPantryShelf.org

Allegra Denehy, Service Navigator for HYFS, Call: (508) 429-0620 EXT 2, Email: denehya@holliston.k12.ma.us, or Cynthia Listewnik, Outreach Coordinator for The Center (Holliston COA).

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Holiday Festival of Lights Runs through December 27

On December 14th, at 3 p.m., St. Cecilia's Music Ministry of Ashland will present a Christmas Concert at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 101 Summer St., Rte. 126, Holliston. The musical performance will be directed by Lelia Tenreyro-Viana, who also directs the Charles River Children's Choir. Special guests will include the Charles River Children's Choir, as well as Timothy Jantzen, on piano, and Sergio Reyes, on violin. Following the concert, there will be a procession in which the statue of the Infant Jesus will be placed in the manger in the Grotto on Shrine grounds.

On December 24th the Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass - December 25th will be celebrated at 10 a.m. All are welcome to come and participate in these various events as together we welcome

and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Home of The Xaverian Missionaries, Fatima Shrine has held its festival of lights for decades, with lights covering well over half the 30-acre shrine.

The Christmas Lights will go on (unless there is heavy rain or sleet) every day from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning December 11th until Dec. 27th. Background Christmas music adds a unique touch to this special season. For all visitors, hot chocolate and pastry are available in Xavier Hall. There is no entry charge and parking is free. Donations are welcome.

The Shrine's Gift Shop will be open for extended hours during the Christmas Lights.

For more information on the Xaverian Missionaries and Fatima Shrine visit:

<https://bit.ly/fatima-shrine>.

Menorah Lighting to Be Held at Gilly's House

BY GRACE ALLEN

Gilly's House in Wrentham will once again host a public menorah lighting in celebration of Hanukkah. This year's gathering is scheduled for Monday, December 15 at 7 p.m. The outdoor ceremony will feature traditional music and Chanukah treats, including donuts, chocolate gelt, and hot apple cider.

Open to people of all ages and all faith backgrounds, the menorah lighting highlights the second night of Hanukkah, the Jewish eight-day Festival of Lights. The holiday commemorates both the victory of Jewish freedom fighters over the Syrian Greeks and the miracle in which a small amount of oil kept the Temple menorah burning for eight days.

The story of Hanukkah underscores the triumph of light over darkness and the enduring pursuit of religious freedom. Sharing that message publicly is an important part of the holiday tradition.

Gilly's House—a residential program supporting young men in recovery—was founded by Barbara Gillmeister and her husband in memory of their son Steven. Gillmeister notes that celebrating Hanukkah publicly carries particular meaning today given the rise in antisemitic incidents across the country and around the world.



"The menorah lighting is all about Jewish unity," she said, adding that the themes of Hanukkah resonate across all faiths.

Organizers say community participation has grown each year, and the support continues to be deeply appreciated.

For questions about the event, email barbara@gillyshouse.com.

Gilly's House is located at 1022 West Street. Guests are asked to park at the Little Red Schoolhouse lot, 944 West St., because on-site parking at Gilly's House is limited. Additional parking is available on Hancock St., near the former post office and Sheldonville Country Store.

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Girls Scouts Embark on Annual Senior Gift Drive

Donate by December 12 to Collection Boxes Placed in Six Locations around Town

By J.D. O'GARA

Girl Scout Troop 62493 is a busy troop, but when their leaders, Kelly Church and Theresa Marlar suggested taking the holiday collection for seniors in Holliston off their to-do list, they were offended.

"The senior gift drive is really important to these girls," says Church. As Troop activities go, she says, "It was one of their favorite activities, and they voted unanimously (to keep it). And it's literally nothing but work on the girls' side." Church adds that the effort also cost the troop about \$100 of the money they fundraised last year.

Troop 62493 took over the annual gift drive from another troop. Last year, they worked with volunteers at The Center to get gift packages to brighten the holidays for seniors in town.

"We put anything into the bags. Last year, everybody got a big, huge scoop of candy, crossword puzzles, pens with uplifting sayings on them, Chapstick. Sample sizes of shampoos and conditioners, a pair of socks, hand creams, just all of those little tchotchkes," says Church.

This year, on Veterans Day, the Troop placed collection boxes at six locations in Holliston: Fiske's, The Boston Honey Company, Bird & Bear Collective, The Candy Cottage, Del-laria, and Central Cafe. They'll be collecting donations through December 12th.

"We're aiming to make up 75 bags right now," says Church, "We'll check those boxes a couple times a week and collect things, so the boxes don't get overly full. Then our girls will go around on the 13th and collect all of the boxes."

On the 14th, the Troop will hold its holiday party, "and that's where we stuff all 75 bags all at once," says Church.

Girl Scout Alice Gilman loves doing it, both because it's part of their holiday party and because she enjoys how happy the seniors are when they receive them.

"Like, it's our favorite thing. We're, giving back to, like, people who maybe don't know that we're thinking about them," says Gilman, "I get to feel better about my community and how I relate to my community, which is nice."



Girl Scout Troop 62493 did a Savers collection to raise funds for an upcoming trip to New York last month. This month, they'll be collecting donations for holiday care packages for local seniors.

Girl Scout Claire Marlar also enjoys the gift drive, but admits, "It's work, but on the other hand, like, it's worth it to help the community. I personally believe if you put in enough work, you can achieve whatever it is you want to achieve."

Last year, volunteers from The Center delivered most of the packages to private homes, (something the National Honor Society will do this year), and the Girl Scout Troop delivered them to Mission Springs and Cole Court.

Church says she feels blessed to have a Troop that "time and time again they just step up to the plate."

Troop 62493 has enthusiastically participated in a number of other community service projects, such as weeding garden beds and laying down stone dust for better accessibility in the community garden at Mission Springs, helping spruce up the cemetery and place flags near Memorial Day, helping to remove invasive species, participating in Veterans parades, and helping out at the Haunted Hayride at the Community Farm.

Girl Scout Naomi Fisher says all the work is worth it. She remembers her sense of reward when she helped out at Mission Springs.

"The people there sat to watch, and they were very grateful, and it was, like, lovely, because making people happy is payment enough, you know?" says Fisher.

In addition to their community work, GS Troop 62493 takes trips and does a lot of camping. They learned their great outdoor skills from leader Marlar, such as knowing how to use a bow drill to start fires, and they'll soon be putting those skills in a winter camping trip. They also did a Savers fundraiser last month at Holliston Parks & Recreation to help fund an upcoming trip to New York.

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Holliston Teen Grateful for Support in Candy Drive for Troops

By JUDITH DORATO O'GARA

Aashni Sai Anantapalli is not only a member of Girl Scout Troop 62483, she's also an accomplished member of EKAM USA, an organization that aims to improve life for underprivileged children and communities through community service projects. As part of the local chapter, Ekam Boston, Anantapalli recently held a collection in Holliston for #Operationcarefortroops, collecting 121 pounds of candy, 110 energy bars, 55 big Hershey chocolate bars, ramen noodles, Ritz cookies and dental hygiene supplies. She also got other Holliston kids to help out in creating 110 thank-you cards for active troops and veterans.

Those supplies collected locally were coupled with donations from other towns for a total of 1,100 lbs. of sweet treats, 50 sets of dental supplies, and 250 handmade cards and donated to the NH National Guard Armory in Nashua, NH, where they will be sent put into Santa sock-shaped bags and given to military.

Fifteen-year-old Aashni has been part of EKAM USA for almost five years, leading a number of drives following Halloween, as well as a Savers clothing drive last April that yielded 3,000 lbs. of clothes and 2,000 lbs. of household items to benefit people less fortunate in India.

"I really like helping people and making the people feel like they're a part of the community," says Holliston High School sophomore, who believes individuals in the U.S. sometimes take what they have for granted. "Just because they don't have the same things we have, they're not different," she adds.

Anantapalli felt the candy for troops collection was important as well, "because (soldiers) are protecting us and doing so much and sacrificing and risking their life for us, and this is just a small thing that can make their day brighter and make them happier while they're doing so much for us."

Aashni's Mom, Sudha Kolla, says her daughter's desire to help others began in middle school. "She always likes to do something, whenever someone is in need. She really enjoys in giving something. Even when we go to India, that's what she always does."

Aashni has earned Bronze and Silver Presidential Volunteer Service Awards through EKAM USA, awards individuals must earn much as they do in scouting, based on leadership projects completed and hours devoted. She has also achieved all of the criteria for the Presidential Gold Award, but she has yet to receive it.

Aashni and her mom have a message for the Holliston community that has supported her



Fifteen-year-old Holliston High School sophomore Aashni Sai Anantapalli is shown here with the 1,100 lbs. of sweet treats and many dental supplies collected #operationcarefortroops by Ekam Boston as part of EKAM USA. Aashni's Holliston collection contributed 121 lbs. of candy, other treats and many dental supplies to that total.

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A Community Vision for Holliston's Next Superintendent

By JESS OMMEN

The Holliston School Committee has approved the Leadership Profile for the district's next Superintendent, a key milestone in identifying the district's next Superintendent. Current Superintendent, Dr. Susan Kustka is preparing for retirement at the end of this academic year.

The leadership profile, developed and presented by the search firm Hazard Young Attea Associates (HYA), showed that relationship-building appears to be the number one priority the district seeks in its next Superintendent. The profile was developed based on community feedback that equated to hundreds of hours-worth of interviews with community members and responses from a publicly-available survey.

Over the last month, HYA has met with approximately 125 people across the district including the Holliston PTO, Holliston SEPAC, Office Staff, Teachers, Students, Municipal Representatives, and through public fo-



In the search for a new Superintendent, Holliston School-Committee (shown) has appointed a Screening Team consisting of 2 School Committee Members, 2 School Principals, 1 Select Board Member, 1 Teacher's Union Representative, and a retired Holliston Public Schools employee.

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A total of 38 community members attended the public forums, a number that HYA's Doug Schuch cautioned, "I think it would be hard to derive any great findings from that sample size."

Despite low attendance numbers at the community forums, Susan Guiney of HYA was confident that the information gathered at those forums was in-line with community values. She stated, "What we heard at those meetings was consistent with everything else."

Now that the School Committee has approved the Leadership Profile, HYA will advertise the position, and start screening candidates using the Leadership Profile as their "guiding star," Susan Guiney described.

From there, a School-Committee-Appointed Screening Team will interview candidates and narrow them down to several finalists that will be interviewed publicly with the School Committee. The Screening Team consists of: 2 School Committee Members (Hilary Bresnahan and Dawn Neborsky/Sarah

Fitzgerald, alternating), 2 School Principals (Dr. Slaney & Mr. List), 1 Select Board Member (Ben Sparell), 1 Teacher's Union Representative (Alex), and a retired Holliston Public Schools employee (Keith Buday).

However, earlier public comments from community members called for the School Committee to reconsider the composition of their Screening Team to better represent areas of improvement in the district, specific to Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

One proponent, Laurie Markoff of Diverse Holliston was "surprised that the screening committee was chosen without community input and then surprised that the committee included no one with specific expertise and commitment to equity."

She referenced the recent Equity Audit that reported students who are from "undervalued populations, students with disabilities, and students who are LGBTQ+" are struggling the most. "I expected that one of the goals in hiring a new superintendent would be to address these gaps in our system," she said.

Diverse Holliston President, Barbara Fritts-Worby found the community forums to be inequitable for underrepresented groups in the district. She expressed disappointment that Diverse Holliston wasn't more involved in the process from the start. She described Diverse Holliston as "an access point to communities and residents that are often invisible in Holliston."

She went on to say many people simply do not feel safe

speaking up:

"You cannot access these voices using the normal mechanisms of expecting them to speak up in public comment or to come to a community focus group. Some of these folks in town are literally having their very humanity and constitutional rights trampled on by the federal government. And so, it is not physically safe for some of them to speak up."

Public comment ended with a plea to reevaluate the structure of the Screening Team to include professionals aligned with areas of need, ensuring candidates are being asked the right questions and evaluated through the lens of our district's most pressing priorities.

At the conclusion of HYA's presentation, School Committee member Dan Alfred stated, "there's going to be more community input as we go forward. This is not the end."

According to the School Committee, HYA will now recruit and screen candidates nationwide through January to build a diverse pool aligned with community-identified leadership criteria. In February, the Committee will review leading candidates, hold interviews and public finalist sessions. The district aims to hire a new Superintendent by the end of that month, with a start date of July 1 for the 2026-27 academic year.

The Candidate Profile presentation is now available to view on the School Committee website and full discussion can be found by viewing the November 13th School Committee Meeting on HCAT's YouTube Channel.



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However, when financial professionals talk about diversification, they're referring to diversifying your investment assets, not your accounts. There's a big difference between the two, and confusing them could hurt your financial future.

Scattered accounts may affect costs, paperwork and advice. When your assets are spread among multiple financial institutions, you could face several drawbacks. First, you're likely paying more in fees than necessary. Multiple providers often mean multiple account fees, transaction costs and mutual fund expenses that can add up quickly. Generally, the more assets you have with one financial provider, the more opportunities you have for reducing or eliminating these costs.

Managing scattered accounts also could create a paperwork nightmare. You'll receive multiple monthly statements and numerous tax forms, making it much harder to see the big picture of your financial health. This complexity can lead to missed opportunities and poor decision-making.

Perhaps most important, working with multiple financial advisors may result in conflicting advice and duplicated investment strategies. Without a comprehensive view of your entire portfolio, each financial advisor may recommend investments that don't work well together, potentially delaying your progress toward reaching financial goals.

There's strength in consolidation. Consolidating your accounts with a single financial advisor offers numerous benefits. You'll have opportunities to develop a closer, more comprehensive relationship with someone who understands your complete financial picture. This financial advisor can provide informed guidance and help eliminate the conflicting advice that may come from working with multiple professionals.

Consolidation also makes it easier to implement a well-diversified portfolio that fits your level of risk tolerance. When all your investments are in one place, you can see exactly how your assets are allocated and make strategic adjustments as needed. It be-

comes simpler to gauge aggregate investment returns, assess your portfolio assets and rebalance when necessary.

For retirement planning, consolidation can be especially valuable. IRAs at different providers can be consolidated at any time without tax consequences when assets are transferred directly between providers. When you retire, your 401(k) can typically be rolled over into an IRA, streamlining your retirement income strategy.

True diversification still matters. While consolidating accounts makes sense, diversifying your actual investments remains crucial. A good financial advisor will help you carefully build a balanced mix of stocks and bonds appropriate for your age and goals. As you approach retirement, this typically means shifting toward a more balanced portfolio that still provides growth to combat inflation while offering stability and income.

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

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Healey Administration Awards \$1.5 Million for Sewer Project

Funding a Major Milestone in Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Holliston, MA - On November 3, 2025, the Executive Office of Economic Development announced a \$1.5 million grant award to support the Town of Holliston's Downtown Revitalization Sewer Initiative Project.

"This grant funding can be used to build out the existing treatment plant's capacity while future grant rounds can be utilized for the infrastructure

connections to homes and businesses within the proposed sewer district. I commend my fellow members of the Sewer Commission, Stacia Gelineau and Kevin Cornwell, and Facilities Director James Keast for their efforts in securing this funding, and look forward to continuing our work together.", said John Cronin, Chair of the Holliston Sewer Commission.

"The Town extends its deepest appreciation to Senate President Karen Spilka, Representative James Arena-DeRosa, and the Healey Administration for their support in this project. We look forward to continuing to work together on this key part of Holliston's Strategic Plan", said Ben Sparrell, Chair of the Holliston Select Board.

For more information on the downtown sewer project, please visit the Town's website at www.townofholliston. Holliston residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to state engaged in this initiative as it moves forward.



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Holliston VFW Post 8507 Earns All-American Status 2nd Year in Row

Holliston VFW Post 8507 has earned National VFW's Post All American status for the second consecutive year (2023-2024 and 2024-2025). The recognition acknowledges monthly community service activities organized by Post Leadership and its members, student and teacher scholarship programs, membership awareness, and local veteran advocacy.



In a November 2nd Facebook post including these photos, the Post thanked the community for its contributions and for the lasting impacts to Holliston, MA veterans and veteran families. Massachusetts State Junior Vice Commander, Patrick Logue, and District 15 leadership presented this National Award to Holliston's Leonard D. Chesmore Post Adjutant, Paul Deschenes, and Quartermaster, Keith Umlaut.



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Panel 2: Dog: "I WENT TO THE DOCTOR TO GET IT LOOKED AT." Snowman: "IS IT BAD?"

Panel 3: Dog: "NAH, IT'S JUST A LITTLE FROSTBITE."

Your Money, Your Independence

Slow Down, Show Up and Spend Ahead



Glenn Brown, CFP

My work focuses on financial planning and aligning priorities, but the season upon us is also a reminder to pause, reflect, and reduce stress. December can feel like a sprint between holiday preparations, kids stressed over exams and shows, travel plans, shopping, and year-end deadlines, it's easy to get overwhelmed.

Consider focusing on three simple actions: slow down, show up, and spend ahead. Small steps that help you stay grounded and intentional amid the season's demands.

1. Slow Down: Protect a Few Quiet Moments

In a world that rarely pauses, now is a good time to tap the brakes:

Block "no-plan" time. Take a day away from work or schedule a low-pressure activity, like a walk on a rail trail in the winter air, grabbing coffee and browsing local shops, or finally enjoying a hobby you've been putting

off. Unscheduled space lets everyone reset.

Put phones away for an evening. Board games, walks to see holiday lights, or uninterrupted conversation often do more for connection than any planned outing. Families who pick one evening a week to unplug together often create the best memories of the month.

Say "no" without guilt. Skip traditions or gatherings where being there feels more like an obligation than an opportunity to share joy. Focus on the experiences and events you'll remember and talk about in 10 years. Plan next-day commitments thoughtfully so you can fully enjoy the evening. There's nothing worse than being distracted or leaving early because "I have to do ___ tomorrow," when it could be handled earlier or later. Thoughtful "no's" free up space and make your "yes" moments richer.

2. Show Up: For Your People, Your Community, and Yourself

Presence is often the best gift, and showing up can take many forms:

Support school and community events. Attend concerts, games, or fundraisers, even when they feel small or routine. Kids notice which events adults treat as important. Your presence often matters more than a perfectly wrapped gift.

Choose local when possible. Small purchases at neighborhood shops or restaurants make a difference and keep spending aligned with your values.

Reach out intentionally. A quick note of appreciation or a short call to a teacher, coach, colleague, or friend can leave a lasting impact. Small gestures often create bigger memories than elaborate gifts.

Show up for yourself. December is also a time to reflect on the year. Take 30–60 minutes to review and journal your accomplishments from the past year.

3. Spend Ahead: Raise Cash and Mark Your Calendars

Planning ahead prevents stress later:

Set aside cash now. Travel, home renovations, summer rentals, or other big-ticket aspirational items happening in 2026? Don't wait until "when the time comes" or, worse, reacting to market changes. Allocating funds now reduces stress, supports budgeting, and ensures trips are booked, contracts signed, and projects scheduled.

Mark key dates. Add school breaks, work deadlines, travel plans, and major milestones to your calendar. Early planning creates a roadmap for the year ahead, helps avoid last-minute stress, and ensures everyone in the household is aligned.

These steps reduce stress and give you confidence in completing your aspirational goals next year. These actions make the year ahead feel more manageable and intentional.

Closing Thoughts

By slowing down, showing up, and spending ahead, you can finish the year grounded, organized, and connected to what matters most.

If you'd like help balancing your money, priorities, and peace of mind, talk with your Certified Financial Planner.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice

or recommendations for any individual.

Glenn Brown is a Holliston resident and owner of PlanDynamic, LLC, www.PlanDynamic.com. Glenn is a fee-only Certified Financial Planner™ helping motivated people take control of their planning and investing, so they can balance kids, aging parents and financial independence.

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Holliston Scholarship Foundation Seeks Donations

In 1964, a group of citizens in Holliston formed the Holliston Chapter of the Citizen Scholarship Foundation which evolved into the Holliston Scholarship Foundation in 2013. Together, these two foundations have awarded scholarship grants to Holliston graduating seniors for 61 consecutive years. Thirty-eight High School Seniors were given \$100,000 in awards to help them meet their college expenses for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Holliston Scholarship Foundation has always existed through the effort and generosity of the Holliston Community. In 2022, the Holliston Business Association became a major benefactor of the scholarship foundation.

We are asking you to contribute to the Holliston Scholarship Foundation, if you can, so that together we can do more to help

Holliston students with their college education. Your contribution may be tax deductible and 98% of your donations will be used to fund scholarships. Larger gifts or donations may be used to name a single or continuing scholarship award in Memory of a Loved One.

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Holliston Scholarship Foundation Committee:

Bob McGrath, President, Stephen Amrock, William Phipps, and Peter Cunis

Coming Up at the Center Holliston

Holliston seniors can look forward to a number of events at the Center, located at 150 Goulding St., Holliston, this month. Reach them at (508) 429-0622. Here are a few things happening:

VFW & American Legion Roast Beef Luncheon, Sunday, January 4, 2026, at 12 p.m. (RSVP by December 23)

Free Roast Beef Dinner with mashed potato and a vegetable and dessert. Please RSVP at (508) 429-0622.

Coffee and Coloring

Mondays 9:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy coloring and conversation.

Games Day

Mondays 1:15-3:45 p.m. Join us for a fun time playing cribbage, cards, dominoes and more!

Mah Jongg Open Play

Thursdays at 1 p.m. play Mah Jongg in our dining room with other Mah Jongg enthusiasts. Bring your set.

Dull Men's Club (DMC)

Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. Come meet other men from the community for conversation, socialization, enjoy a snack & coffee

Trailblazer Club

Co-Ed Group for Active Older Adults. that originally started at the Southborough Senior Center. These activities will range from low activity to high activity and everywhere in between. Monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at The Center. Please join us to learn more about the group.

Rainbow Coffee Hour

First Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. Members of the LG-BTQIA+ community and allies can gather in person for conversation and community!

SHINE confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare and related health insurance programs. Medicare **Open enrollment is Oct 15 to Dec 7.**

Tune Timers Band

Fridays, 1-3:30 p.m. Listen to the Big Band music of yesteryear and enjoy dancing, singing and socializing.

Free hearing aid cleanings at The Center Wednesday, Dec. 10

Hopkinton Audiology Service a small private practice that has been open for 7 years and focuses on quality care and meeting patients' specific hearing needs. **Please Register at (508) 429-0622**

Fuel Assistance Program (for all residents)

The heating season is November 1 through April 30. Residents are encouraged to make an appointment to apply. Please call/email ahead to receive a checklist to determine what supporting documentation is required.

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First Night Trail Walk Returns to Holliston December 31

By GEORGINA WOODS

Holliston's beloved First Night Trail Walk is set to return on Wednesday, December 31, from 5-8 p.m., hosted once again by the Friends of Holliston Trails. This annual celebration invites residents and visitors to welcome the new year with a festive, family-friendly evening along the scenic Holliston Rail Trail.

This year's event will feature expanded warming stations, each made up of five firepits. Community members, families, and local businesses are invited to help host a pit or sponsor an entire warming station—an excellent opportunity to support the trail while showcasing a business or organization.

Adding to the warm glow of the firepits, TC Scoops will return with their complimentary ice cream station. Attendees will also enjoy a laser light show, festive music along the trail, and 1,000 tea-light lanterns provided for walkers to carry and illuminate their path.



Participants can park and begin their walk from several starting points:

- Blair Square (corner of Railroad St. and Central St.) – 1-mile walk
- Cross Street (behind Phillips 66 on Route 16) – 0.25-mile walk
- Sam Placentino School (Woodland St.) – 1.5-mile walk

All routes lead to Phipps Tunnel, where hot dogs and warm beverages await.

Volunteers are essential to the success of this community tradition. Those interested in volunteering or hosting a firepit can contact event organizer Parker Snyder at parkersnyder@gmail.com.



The Friends of Holliston Trails extend special thanks to Middlesex Savings Bank for their generous support. While the event is free and open to the

public, donations are gratefully accepted and directly reinvested into maintaining and improving the trail.

To learn more or to donate to The Friends of Holliston Trails, visit www.hollistontrails.org. Look for them on Facebook and Instagram.

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Arigna Irish Pub & Coal Fire Kitchen Opens Millis Location

Millis has a new gathering place, one built on decades of hospitality, deep Irish roots, and a shared passion for incredible food. Arigna Irish Pub & Coal Fire Kitchen is now open at Milliston Common (near Roche Bros.).

Arigna is co-owned by Ryan Blaney and Gordon Hyde.

The restaurant officially opened in mid-October, bringing its signature blend of scratch-made dishes, craft cocktails, wide-screen televisions, live music, and warm pub atmosphere to the community.

Blaney, who grew up in Holliston and now lives in North Easton, has spent his life in the restaurant world. After graduating from Holliston High School, he attended culinary school in New Hampshire and went on to build a 15-year career in Boston's restaurant scene, working everywhere from trendy bars to corporate catering to fine dining.

Hyde, originally from Cork, Ireland, has over 30 years of experience in pubs, beginning in Ireland then New York and Florida, before eventually settling in Massachusetts.

"In 2008, we linked up and started working together to develop the perfect blend of amazing food, drink and atmosphere," said Blaney.

What's in a name

In 2012, their first joint venture, Murphy's Law in Pawtucket, opened as a traditional Irish pub. When a second Pawtucket location became available a few years later, the partners saw an opportunity to try some-



thing different - a premium Irish sports pub "with the focus being a food-focused restaurant that has a bar, rather than a bar that serves food," said Blaney. That vision became Arigna, inspired by the historic Arigna Coal Mines of County Roscommon, once Ireland's longest-running coal mines (it closed in 1990) and a symbol of hardworking communities.

Blaney said, "When we committed to the coal fire kitchen, we needed an Irish connection" and the Arigna mines was the

Business spotlight

perfect fit. "The hardworking people of Arigna were reminiscent of the workforce of Pawtucket and its various mills - and Arigna Irish Pub was born."

Blaney says they have no formal ties to County Roscommon or the mine, but relatives of mineworkers have visited their pubs, and some of their guests have traveled to the mine which has since been converted into a museum called the Arigna Mining Experience. "We've also exchanged 'gifts' with the museum; we sent them our staff logo shirt and fleece, and they sent pictures, magnets and postcards from their gift shop."

Now in Millis

Arigna's Bellingham location (799 S. Main St.) opened in 2023.



Blaney said, "A lot of our guests from the Bellingham location live in this area and would always say, 'You need to put one of these near us' so, when this space became available, we knew we could make it work without having to start from the ground up."

Indeed, they have.

On a recent night, Arigna was buzzing with live music (Fridays and Saturdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.), patrons chatting, wait staff bustling, barstools full (close to the handcrafted cocktails), live sports on several screens, and a busy kitchen. The service was quick, the menu was varied, and the food was delicious.

Signature items include coal fired pizza, cheesesteak spring rolls, sweet chili calamari, and the standout Roscommon Pizza topped with corned beef, Swiss cheese, and caramelized onions.

"We are that famous hidden gem," said Blaney. "We are extremely excited to welcome the community into our new home, and we look forward to creating new friends and memories for years to come."

They also have a large function space available, with some dates remaining for holiday parties. Gift cards are also available. For more information, visit <https://arignairishpub.com>

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Holiday Guide

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Family-friendly things to do during holiday vacations, and beyond

With the holidays come school vacations and sometimes work vacations, and Massachusetts has lots to do in the winter months. Here are some cool (literally) things you could do over the holidays and beyond. Some require a longer drive (sometimes kids fall asleep on the way home), and some require snow but some do not. Regardless, you're sure to find a few cool ways to enjoy your winter vacation!

Ice Skating

Oval Ice Skating Rink at Worcester Common, the 12,000 square foot ice skating rink in the heart of downtown Worcester is larger than the rink at New York City's Rockefeller Center. Check the website for special skating events (some on school vacations) www.worcesterma.gov/worcester-common-oval/ice-skating

Boston Common Frog Pond is iconic for a winter skate.

Skiing, snow tubing, snowboarding

Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford is great for families, and they have tubing lanes too.

Wachusett Mountain in Princeton

Ski Ward in Shrewsbury is well-designed and perfect for beginners looking to learn and experts seeking a challenge

Weston Ski Track offers cross-country skiing or snowshoeing

Winter Hiking & Walks

Ashland State Park, Ashland

Hopkinton State Park, Hopkinton

Broad Meadow Brook Conservation Center, Worcester

Wachusett Mountain Reservation, Princeton

Leominster State Forest, Leominster

Mount Greylock State Reservation, Lanesborough

Great Brook Farm in Carl-

isle has groomed trails for cross-country skiing plus educational tours.

Salem Witch Trials Memorial in Salem. You're sure to miss the crowds if you visit during the winter months.

Indoor Winter Escapes

Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston has greenhouses that are warm and full of plants

Apex Entertainment in Marlborough has an arcade, bowling, bumper cars, go karting, laser tag, pool, ropes, and sports simulators.

Roller Kingdom in Hudson, the ultimate roller-skating destination.

LEGO Discovery Center Boston in Somerville is Boston's ultimate kid's indoor playground.

Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park in Providence is perfect for burning energy on a cold day.

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Practical tips for the holidays: Deadlines, budgeting, scam protection and more

As joyful as the holiday season can be, it can also bring a long list of things to do, busy stores, full airports, and plenty of pressure. A little planning can go a long way toward keeping spirits bright. Here are practical tips to help make shopping, celebrations, and travel go more smoothly this year.

Shipping and mailing

• Shipping deadlines vary, but this is a good guideline. In general, the closer to the holiday you ship a package, the longer it will take.

• Use tracking numbers, request secure delivery instructions, and order online gifts early to avoid backorders and porch theft.

• Ground shipping: usually needs to go out 1-2 weeks before the holiday

• Priority / 2-Day: typically the week before

• Overnight services: often 2-3 days before (but faster means more expensive)

• International shipping: send 3-4 weeks early when possible

• Order early online to avoid sold-out items and backorders

• Use package tracking and delivery instructions (porch pirates often increase around the holidays)

Holiday budgeting made easier

• Set a total seasonal budget and divide it into categories such as gifts, food, and travel.

• Track spending with a notes app or spreadsheet to avoid surprises.

• Try a family gift exchange or adopt the four-gift guideline for kids: want, need, wear, read.

• Homemade gifts—cookies, ornaments, framed photos—can be thoughtful and affordable.

• DIY or low-cost gift ideas: baked goods, framed photos, ornaments, playlists, acts of service coupons.

• Shop sales smartly: compare prices, avoid impulse buys, stick to your list.

• Consumable gifts are great for the person who has everything (or really does not want another thing)

Online safety and scam prevention

• Beware of fake shipping texts/emails—check tracking only through official carrier sites.

• Use secure websites (look for "https" in the URL).

• Avoid deals that seem too good to be true from unknown sellers. (Remember the old adage:

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Ways to help your community during the holidays

The holidays can be a time of joy for many, but they can be a time of struggle for some making the holidays the perfect time to give back or pay it forward. Here are some ways to help your community during the holidays.

1. Food pantries. Food pantries welcome donations year-round but there is an increased need at the holidays, especially this year. Reach out to a local food pantry to learn their needs, they often have a wish list on their website. Top needs are usually canned goods, grocery gift cards, baby formula, and hygiene products.

2. Winter clothing. Many food pantries, churches, and businesses hold coat drives and collect other winterwear to help ensure everyone stays warm dur-

ing the coldest months.

3. Nursing homes/senior living. Older adults in nursing homes or living alone often cherish connection during the holidays. Contact your local senior center to see how you can help. Often communities have greeting card projects, deliver meals, or simply spend time in conversation. A one-on-one visit or a caroling group (of children or adults) can bring holiday cheer.

4. Toy/book drives. Toy and book drives remain a beloved tradition, helping ensure every child wakes up to something special. Contact local churches, youth centers, or a school Outreach Coordinator to see what needs your community might have.

5. Shelters. Contact a soup kitchen or shelter to see if they

have a need. Often, they are overwhelmed with volunteers at the holidays; if that's the case, consider signing up to help in January instead.

6. Animal shelters. Animal shelters often see an influx of pets during winter months and appreciate donations of food, blankets, and supplies. Volunteers can help with dog walking or cat socialization, and can also foster a pet. Fostering a pet can help a community member in crisis who has a short-term need for pet care.

7. Be neighborly. You might not have to go far to find someone in need. Someone in your immediate neighborhood might need help shoveling or running errands at this time of year. Ask your friends and neighbors, ask the senior center, or post on your town's Facebook

page, you're sure to find someone in need (and likely get some additional volunteers to help you). You might learn of someone who doesn't want company at the holidays but would appreciate having a meal or baked goods dropped off.

8. Small businesses. A great way to support your community year-round is to shop at local businesses. Gift cards to local establishments is a great way to support your community (and local economy).

Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy and Safe New Year!

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Holiday Happenings

December

• Bellingham Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest Throughout December: Get ready to light up the town! Residents are encouraged to participate in the annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. Judging will take place in December, with winners announced later in the month. Full details will be available on the Bellingham Lions Club Facebook page.

Monday, December 1

Cookies and Carols at 4 p.m., United Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage St., Whitinsville. Kick off the Advent season with the singing of Advent and Christmas Carols led by a guest organ player (William Cudmore, who has played for the Woo Sox) and pianist (Eileen Straub, the church's Minister of Music). There will be activities for the kids and singing of seasonal songs. For more information, call 508-234-8220.

Thursday, December 4

• Dean College's Holiday Lighting Ceremony: Every year, Dean College welcomes the Franklin community to witness the annual holiday lighting on its lawn on Awpie Way. This year's event includes holiday entertainment and performances by Dean students. Holiday lightings will include a Christmas Tree, A Menorah, and a Kwanzaa Kinara.

Friday, December 5

• Olde Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, 2-8 p.m. Christmas by Candlelight, tickets required. Experience the history of Christmas festivities, relish old traditions and create new ones. Also Saturday Dec. 6, Sunday, Dec. 7; 12-14; 19-23; and 27-30 www.osv.org/event/christmas-by-candlelight

• Vaillancourt Folk Art's Blaxton Hall Theatre, Sutton "A Christmas Carol" with Gerald Charles Dickens – Nov. 28 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Nov. 30 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. This performance by Charles Dickens' great-great-grandson gives life to the beloved holiday ghost story. performance of The Christmas Carol. The two-hour performance includes intermission. This one-man tour- de-force includes Dickens portraying 26 different characters using different gestures, vocal changes and mannerisms. Due to length, the show is not recommended for children under the age of 8 years old. Valfa.com/calendar

• Holiday Tree Lighting, 6 p.m. at the Auburn Fire Station Headquarters, 47 Auburn Street. Special appearance by Santa Claus. Cookies (sponsored by Central one), the Dance Dazzlers, AHS Marching Band & Chorus/SWIS Honor Choir/AHS Chamber Singers/ Boy & Girl Scouts/ hot cocoa, coffee and cookies baked by Bay Path Culinary Arts students

• Exsultet! A Celebration of Voices - 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church, 113 Union St., Natick. Tickets are \$20 for

general admission, \$15 for students and seniors, and free for children aged 12 and under. Visit www.exsultet.us for more information.

• Festival of Lights at the Worcester Common. The municipality's annual Festival of Lights event will take place on Friday, Dec. 5, 2025 from 4:30 - 9 p.m. on the Worcester Common Oval and adjacent streets. This free, family-friendly event will host a number of lighting features, ice skating, food vendors, community organizations, and performances. A highlight for Festival of Lights visitors is the lighting of the tree, which will take place at 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

• 4th Annual Oxford Holiday Extravaganza with 70 vendors, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Student Council will also host its Breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is \$5 per person, including breakfast and a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also, a raffle table set up with vendor-donated items, \$1 per ticket or 15 for \$10. Cash only for raffle and breakfast. The Holiday Lights Parade starts at the North Oxford Fire Station at 5 p.m. and concludes with the tree lighting at the Joslin Park Bandstand. Hot cocoa and treats for all.

• Waters Farm Preservation, Sutton. Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 a.m., sponsored by Sen. Ryan Fattman and Stephanie Fattman. Breakfast, photos, crafts. Free, but reservations are required. <https://bit.ly/breakfastwithsantatickets>

• Sutton Chain of Lights from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., in various locations, Sutton. Celebrate Christmas in historic Sutton with businesses, churches and organizations in town for the annual Christmas and holiday season celebration. Hop on a free trolley for rides to more than three dozen locations to do shopping, enjoy delicious food, kids' activities and animals. The Sutton High School Band plays traditional carols and Christmas tunes at 5 p.m. on the Town Common and Santa Claus comes by to light the Town Christmas tree. Live performance by Sam James of the Kelly Clarkson Show and The Voice at Vaillancourt Folk Art from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

• Christmas Fair at First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Santa Claus, live entertainment, vendors, LBS gift shop, cookie corner, basket raffles, quilt raffle. Live auction starts at 1:30 p.m.

• Uxbridge First Holiday Night Parade and Celebration . The parade starts at 4:30 p.m. It begins at Rivulet Street and ends at the Town Common on Route 16. Local businesses, community groups, three high school marching bands, fire dancing, ice sculpture and the arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus.

• St. Blaise Parish Island of Misfit Toys Fair, at St. Blaise Church, 1158 S. Main St.,

Bellingham, will take place on December 6, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The fair feature a Country Store, with baubles and other unique crafts created by the Holy Crafters, St. Blaise parishioners, who, like Santa's elves, work throughout the year to create items to sell at the annual event. This holiday bazaar will also feature a craft table with handmade Christmas decor, tree ornaments, and water bottle holders, to name a few. There will be games for adults and kids, great food from the Cafe which will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and homemade sweet treats from the Country Bake Shop. There will be several raffles going on throughout the day.

• Annual Jolly Holly Fair! This longtime tradition of more than 70 years is sure to help you find the right gift for anyone on your list! We have many local artisans and vendors, needlework, Silent Auction, crafts, food, and much more! We also have Pictures with Santa, and face painting! We hope to see you there! 9am-2pm Millis Church of Christ, 142 Exchange St. Millis.

• Hopedale Winter Stroll & Shop Hop: 12-7 p.m. The 14th Annual Hopedale Winter Stroll and Shop Hop takes place at many stops along Hopedale Street and Dutcher Street including many historic buildings such as the Draper Gym, Hopedale Community House, Bancroft Memorial Library, Hopedale Unitarian Church, Union Evangelical Church and the Little Red Shop Museum. Grab a drink from the mobile Irish pub and a meal from one of our food trucks or Hopedale restaurants and then shop multiple vendor locations that will showcase work from local vintage vendors, hand makers, artisans, food vendors and mobile shops. Many businesses across Hopedale will take part in the Stroll and Shop Hop with special offers for customers. Hop on the shuttle bus and visit them! All of this ending in the long standing and popular town tradition of the tree lighting and Santa visit at the Hopedale Community House. Check out our website for more information and to see pictures of previous years! <https://friendsofhistorichopedale.com/winter-stroll>

• St. John's Church Christmas Fair: 9 am to 2 pm at 237 Pleasant Street, Franklin. Do your holiday shopping in one stop: Buy gift cards from popular restaurants and stores; silent auction and raffle items. Check out gift baskets with themes like sports; spa, health and wellness, and pet items. Give the gift of food, wine, coffees, or teas. Appreciate unique, hand-made crafts? You'll love the beautiful fresh wreaths and greens, as well as cozy scarves, mittens, and hats. Choose delicious treats like cookies, fudge and other baked goods at the Cookie Walk. Snacks and drinks can be purchased during the fair. For more information: Facebook at St John's Episcopal Church, www.stjohnsfranklinma.org or call 508-528-2387

• United Parish Holiday Bazaar: 1- 3 p.m. 1 Church Street, Upton

• Hopkinton Holiday Stroll: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.: It will be a great way to get all of your shopping done and have a fantastic time doing it. Go from store to store by foot or cover much more mileage by using your own vehicle. Take a ride on a horse drawn carriage around the Common, watch the ice sculpture creation and stay for the annual Tree lighting on the Hopkinton Town Common that evening.

• Holiday & Vendor Craft Fair at Bellingham High. BHS Operation Graduation 2026, which plans an all-night safe party for BHS graduates, will hold a Holiday & Vendor Craft Fair at Bellingham High School on December 6th, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., 60 Blackstone St., Bellingham.

For more information on BHS Operation Graduation, email bhsmaopgrad@gmail.com.

• Luminary Night, Norwood Town Common, 4-6 p.m. The Norwood Circle of Hope Foundation invites you to help light up the Circle of Hope by purchasing a luminary to be lit on the Town Common. Continuing a Norwood tradition that began 23 years ago, the luminaries are considered a symbol of Life, Hope, the Season, and Remembrance of others. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5 each by sending your payment to COH, PO BOX 421, Norwood, MA 02062, or by stopping by Murph's Place Restaurant at 58 Broadway, Norwood. You may include a brief message of life, hope, the season or remembrance to be written on the luminary. You will also find an order form on the Circle of Hope website, NORWOODCOH.ORG.

• Annual Christmas Fair - 9 am to 2 pm. The fair has a wide variety of fresh balsam wreaths, cemetery baskets, gift and bake tables and raffles. Free admission! Come and enjoy! St. Gabriel's Church, 151 Mendon Street, Upton

Sunday, December 7

• The annual Holliston Lions' Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Placentino-Miller School Cafetorium, 235 Woodland St., Holliston. This event, which has been held for over 25 years, will include breakfast, photos with Santa (\$5, or \$4 with a donation for the food pantry), and entertainment on stage provided by local dance academies and troops, and the Holliston High School Performing Arts band and chorus. Donations for the Holliston Pantry Shelf and Toys for Tots will be accepted, and any proceeds will benefit Holliston Music and Arts Parents Association, the Food Pantry, and other local charitable needs. Children under 2 eat free, and breakfast is \$8 for those ages 2-11 and \$12 for those 12 and older. The event is supported by local businesses, including Garelick Farms, Holliston Superette, and

Fiske's.

• Exsultet! A Celebration of Voices. 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 725 Washington St., Holliston. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for students and seniors, and free for children aged 12 and under. Visit www.exsultet.us for more information.

• During Grafton Celebrates the Holidays, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton will hold a Holiday Faire at 3 Grafton Common. Join us between 11:30 AM and 3:30 PM for food, artisan gifts, vintage holiday decorations, seasonal music, and crafts for children. At 2 PM, enjoy a performance by the the Hand Bell Choir and a reading of "'Twas the Night before Christmas."

• The Charles River Chorale, under the direction of Ashley Nelson-Oneschuk, will present "Lift and Illuminate Our Voices at the Medway High School Auditorium at 2 p.m. The ambitious program will feature two major works by American composers. "Illuminare," a 5-movement choral work accompanied by a seven-member string orchestra, and "Sing Together" commissioned by the Chorale to celebrate our 40th anniversary, which will be performed for the first time. For more information, visit: <https://our.show/crcwinterconcert>.

• Annual Christmas Bazaar, St. Joseph's Parish Center, 68 Central Street, Auburn, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas Bazaar and check out the collectibles, attic treasures, jewelry, plants, knit goods, holiday décor, toys, candy, baked items and so much more! Take a chance on one of our many raffles. There is something for everyone! Free Admission. Plenty of parking available. Handicap accessible.

• Grafton Celebrates the Holidays. Start the day with a Pancake Breakfast at North Grafton Elementary School 46 Waterville Street with crafts, a book fair, and holiday photos from 8 - 11 a.m. Then visit designated Frosty Stops around town, 12-4 p.m. A trolley service will be available to help with transportation between key locations. Craft & Vendor Fair, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Grafton High School, 24 Providence Rd., Grafton. Over 75 vendors featuring baked goods, home décor, jewelry, woodworking, activities and more. Enter to win a special giveaway.

• Tea at the Museum: The Grafton Historical Society will host a holiday tea from 2-4 p.m. at 71 Main St., Grafton.

• Community Strum: Apple Tree Arts will host a community strum-along or sing-along to holiday songs starting at 2 p.m.

Events on the Common: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 2019 will

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If it seems too good to be true, it probably is, and don't risk it).

- Enable package delivery instructions or lockboxes when possible.

Hosting without stress

- Plan menus ahead to avoid ingredient shortages and high last-minute prices.

- Invite guests to contribute a dish or dessert to ease your workload (most people are eager to help in some way)

- Prep and freeze ahead items like soups, casseroles, cookie dough.

- Stock the basics (toilet paper, paper towels, hot cocoa, tea).

- Have activities for all ages like puzzles, board games, craft table, kids' corner.

- And don't forget the music which will help set the mood and will also make any awkward silences less...silent.

Gift-giving & wrapping

- Keep a running gift list to avoid duplicates and overspending.

- Be sure to store the gifts in a place you'll remember (or keep a list in your notes app).

- Buy extra small gifts like gift cards, candles, chocolates for surprise needs. Be sure to add a tag so you're ready to go (make sure you indicate to yourself what's inside).

- Use recycled or reusable wrapping: kraft paper, bags, tea towels, newspaper with twine. If the kraft paper or backside of other paper is blank, have children (or adults) personalize it with holiday scenes.

- Perhaps most important: Always label as you wrap so you don't forget what's inside!

Pets & Plants

- Keep chocolate, poinsettias, and certain decorations away from pets.

- Secure trees and breakable ornaments if you have curious animals or toddlers.

- Have a safe space for pets during gatherings.

Travel tips

- Book early and travel mid-week to avoid the peak rush (Tuesdays often offer the best rates).

- Arrive at the airport earlier than normal as lines will be longer and weather delays are more common, and other issues may arise.

- Pack essentials in carry-ons (medications, chargers, a change of clothes, snacks) in case of lost luggage or delays.

- Check road conditions and weather forecasts before driving; keep a winter emergency kit in the car (blanket, shovel, scraper, flashlight, water, backup phone charger).

- Consider digital luggage trackers for luggage, backpacks, strollers, etc.

- Download entertainment ahead of time for kids (and adults!) in case of limited Wi-Fi.

Holiday self-care

- Schedule downtime the way you schedule events.

- Share responsibilities for cooking, planning, and shopping.

- Embrace "good enough" instead of perfection.

- Stay hydrated, rest well, and get outside when possible.

- Do what you need to do to enjoy this time of year!

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Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield is a historic theater with a variety of shows.

Festivals & Seasonal Events

Clafin Hill's Holiday Pops Show in Milford, Dec.

13 only. www.claffinhill.org/symphony-series

Southwick's Zoo's Winter Wonderland in Mendon. Four million holiday lights, larger-than-life displays, enchanting polar bear displays, and much more. Through Dec. 28. <https://southwickzoo.com/winter-wonderland/>

La Salette Christmas Fes-

tival of Lights in Attleboro, more than one million lights through Jan. 4, 2026. lasalette-attleboroshrine.org/

Drumlin Farm in Lincoln offers maple sugaring programs in Feb. and March but be sure to register today.

Lowell Winterfest is a fun carnival-style winter festival with tubing, wagon rides, and

seasonal treats. Save the date: Feb. 2026 <https://www.facebook.com/LowellWinterFest/>

Staycation Family Time

Outside: Build a snow fort, have a snow day scavenger hunt, go sledding

Inside: Board games, books, build a blanket fort, hide and seek, themed eye-spies, deco-

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Finally, remember to be kind and patient with yourself and others, which add to the holiday fun.

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give away homemade holiday treats.
3:45-3:55 p.m. Beatz Dance Studio performs a holiday dance routine
3:55-4:10 p.m. Join the Grafton Girl Scouts in singing winter and holiday tunes.
4:10- 4:15 p.m. Join Rabbi Rachel as she shares a few words about Hanukkah.
The event culminates on Grafton Common with Santa's arrival at 4:15 p.m., followed by the official tree-lighting ceremony.

For more information, visit GraftonRec.com

- The 25th Annual Millbury Chain of Lights, a town-wide event to celebrate the holidays with local food, shopping and entertainment! From 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., various locations around town.. Enjoy nearly 40 stops in town for live music, holiday shopping, holiday figures like Buddy the Elf and the Grinch, raffles and food. Old-fashioned trolleys provide free transportation throughout the day. The event is sponsored by local businesses and concludes with a tree lighting and appearance by Santa Claus at the Millbury bandstand. www.facebook.com/millburychainoflights/

- The Unitarian Church at 3 Grafton Common is having a traditional Church Faire and Musical Program from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Enjoy lunch with holiday music and shop local artisans for unique gifts not available anywhere else, fresh holiday greens, vintage Christmas decorations and jewelry extravaganza. Take a photo of your family in our Winter Wonderland photo booth. Free kids' crafts. Stay and enjoy a free performance by our church Hand Bell Choir at 2 p.m.

- Webster Dudley Business Alliance Holiday Stroll on Main Street, Webster from 3-6 p.m. Local shops stay open late with treats, raffles, and festive displays. Great for holiday shopping and meeting Santa before the tree lighting. Webster Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting. Parade steps off from Town Hall at 5 p.m., followed by the tree lighting at 6 p.m. Scout troops, floats, and Santa along with live music, hot cocoa and caroling.

- Auburn High School to City Hall, Auburn. Lighted Santa Parade & Tree Lighting. Live music begins at 4 p.m. at City Hall, parade begins at 4:30 p.m. After parade ends, at City Hall there will be a tree lighting, a visit from Santa, and live music. bit.ly/AuburnSantaParadeTreeLighting2024

Saturday, December 13

- Wreaths Across America at Highland Cemetery, Norwood, 12 noon. This is Norwood's eighth season in participating in Wreaths Across America where wreaths will be placed on local service men and women's graves at Highland and Old Parish Cemeteries. This expression is in coordination with wreath-laying ceremonies with Arlington National Cemetery and more

than 1,600 locations across 50 states in the United States. Volunteers and visitors are encouraged to arrive between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m., as the minute of silence across Norwood America and islands begins at 12 noon.

- Franklin's 2nd Annual "A-Wreath-of-Franklin." 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Get ready to experience the magic of the holidays with Franklin's newest seasonal tradition—A Wreath of Franklin! Presented by the Franklin Cultural Council, the Franklin Cultural District Committee, Franklin Downtown Partnership and the Department of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy, and our incredible community partners. Celebrate local talent, small businesses, and the joyful spirit of the season. Shop small and local from a beautifully curated selection of handcrafted goods from local artists, makers, and small businesses.

Enjoy a Community Wreath Display created by artists, families, schools, and organizations showcasing the theme of "Franklin Welcomes the World," to reflect the upcoming international soccer games to be held at nearby Gillette Stadium next summer. Visit <https://franklinartsculture.my.canva.site/wreath25-program-site>

- BBA Presents Bellingham's Holiday Celebration: 4:30 p.m. parade steps off from Bellingham Middle School, ends in tree-lighting at 300th Park, in front of Municipal Building, followed by a celebration at Spartan Fitness. Follow updates on "Bellingham Holiday Celebration" on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563431491862>

- Auburn Recreation and Culture Holiday Arts & Craft Fair at Auburn High School, 99 Auburn Street, Auburn. With 192 vendors, artisans, awareness groups and food trucks. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 508-832-7736.

- Manchaug Stroll. The historic Village of Manchaug will transform into a traditional winter wonderland for the 2025 Manchaug Stroll from 4-8 p.m. Hosted by Vaillancourt Folk Art and District V House in partnership with the Sutton Fire Department, this free outdoor event celebrates the evolution of Christmas in a historic 1800s mill village. Perfect for families and friends, the Stroll offers a festive way to embrace the holiday spirit while enjoying history, music, and holiday treats.

Event Highlights: Live Music by Heartland Radio — Soak in the joyful sounds of Christmas as Heartland Radio performs live at Vaillancourt. Expect a lively mix of Christmas classics at District V!

Traditional Food and Drinks: Savor authentic baked goods by Fraulein's Bakery, Chimney Cakes (a fragrant, spiral-shaped Bulgarian pastry), and Christmas sausages for dinner at Vaillancourt along with a cash Christmas bar offering gourmet hot chocolate, glühwein imported from Nürnberg, Germany, and a selection of festive beers and wines. Meanwhile, District V will host

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the 20 Hudson Street Beverage Trailer and Kith and Kin Food Truck ensuring holiday spirit flows through the night.

Special Appearances by St. Nicholas and Krampus, Holiday Shopping and Historic Strolling, Historic Experiences- Douglas Winter Stroll, Douglas from 3-6 p.m. Do some holiday shopping, listen to carolers, explore the Museum and take part in special events, and treats at the Library (special guest appearances, too!), visit the Orchard, get your trees and wreaths, grab an app or meal...best of all, take in the holiday lights on Main Street up to the Common. For more information, email allyssamanyak@gmail.com.

• Santapalooza 13: Concert for A Claus: This event to support the Marines' Toys for Tots foundation will take place at the Highfields Golf & Country Club, 42 Magill Drive, Grafton.

Sunday, December 14

• HOLIDAY POPS with THE BVCC! The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus and Orchestra will present HERE WE COME A'CAROLING, A Holiday Pops Concert, on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 4:00pm. The concert will take place at Valley Chapel at 14 Hunter Road in Uxbridge. Admission is free, though donations are accepted and appreciated!

Friday, December 19

An 18th-Century Yuletide Celebration by Candlelight with acclaimed Boston area chamber ensemble, Musicians of the Old Post Road. 7:30 – 9 p.m. Enjoy a concert steeped in the seasonal spirit and soundscape of the Baroque and early Classical eras illuminated by hundreds of candles. This festive program transports audiences across time and continent, from the frost-laced hills of Ireland and the pastoral chapels of Germany to the colonial meetinghouses of New England.

Performed on period instruments and with historically informed interpretations in Blaxton Hall, Vaillancourt Folk Art. Tickets are \$60 or \$150.

Saturday, December 20

• Auburn Fire Rescue Department's traditional Santa Claus Tour by fire truck to visit kids and adults throughout town. Route begins at the Drury Square Fire Station. Please be patient as route completion depends upon traffic, weather and emergencies. Santa Tour: from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. The Auburn Fire Rescue Department is expected to continue its traditional Santa tour by fire truck on Saturday, December 20, 2025. The route begins at the Drury Square Fire Station around 11 a.m. Note that times are approximate and depend on traffic, weather, and emergencies.

• Celebrate the Winter Solstice with Christmas in New England, hosted by the

Grass Roots Coffeehouse and the Rockdale Congregational Church. The concert will take place in sanctuary of the Rockdale Congregational Church at 42 Fowler Road in Northbridge. Prior to the show, come have a bowl of soup or chili, and at intermission have dessert. Proceeds go to the Church. Also we'll have our Cookie Walk at intermission. Buy a box for \$15 (or if you are a return customer with your box from last year \$10) and fill it up with cookies baked by the congregation. Admission to the show is \$20 at the door only. Doors will be open at 6:30. Seating for the 7:30 show is at a first come/first serve basis.

Sunday, December 21

• The Diverse Holliston Choir will present a Winter Solstice Concert on Saturday, December 21st at Holliston Town Hall. The program will include:

"Crowded Table," "I Wish You Peace," "Brighter Days," "Candlelight Canon," "Here Comes the Sun," "Seasons of Love," "Stand by Me," "Dona Nobis Pacem," and "This Little Light of Mine." If interested in joining the choir, email sarastalnak@gmail.com.

Thursday, December 25

• Parishioners and volunteers from the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church would like to cordially invite everyone to our Free Community Christmas Dinner, including the usual holiday meal favorites, roast turkey, potatoes, vegetables, squash, stuffing, cranberry sauce and dessert. The

dinner is free of charge. The meal will be served from 12 – 2 p.m. in the Faith Hall, 61 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville. Parking is available behind the church, accessible from Church Street. For more information, call the church office, 508-234-2275.

• Christmas Dinner at St. Mary Parish, 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge. Free for neighbors, friends and anyone who might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day,

enjoy music, caroling and a holiday feast from 5- 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31

• The Friends of Natick Trails is planning the fifth Cochituate Rail Trail on New Year's Eve event on Wednesday, Dec. 31 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Activities will include entertainment, fire pits, a photo booth, festive lighting, food and beverages, and other attractions.



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This group is an opportunity for fun, connection and communication among our Diverse Holliston members with multiracial children or parents and caregivers raising children of a different race than their own.

Activities tailored to children ages 5-12 years. All ages welcome.

Coffee, tea and healthy snacks will be provided.

First meetup Saturday, December 6th 1-3 p.m.

Location and details upon request.

Find Diverse Holliston online at <https://www.diverseholliston.org> or find their page on Facebook.

HDAAC Craft and Conversation December 4th

Join the Holliston Drug & Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC) and Holliston Youth and Family Services (HYFS) on **Thursday, December 4th, 11-12:30 at the Bird and Bear Collective** for snow globe making and a conversation around stress; how to recognize it and cope with it in healthy ways. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/HDAACCraftConvo>.

Please consider taking 3-5 minutes to **fill out HDAAC's** community opioid survey here at https://edc.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2if9aCuKPWPwevs.

And lastly, if you had **a loved one pass from substance misuse** and would like them to be honored on our Blair Square Holiday Tree, please **submit their name and picture with** this form at <https://tinyurl.com/BlairLovedOneTree>.

You can get in touch with HDAAC by emailing their Coordinator Zoe Moreau at moreauz@holliston.k12.ma.us or calling (508) 429-0620 ex. 3.

Diverse Holliston Choir Plans December Concert

Diverse Holliston Choir's Winter Solstice Concert, **Voices of Winter, Colors of Pride**

will take place on Saturday, December 20th at 1:30 p.m. at Holliston Town Hall and includes the following program:

Crowded Table, I Wish You Peace, Brighter Days, Candlelight Canon, Here Comes the Sun, Seasons of Love, Stand by Me, Dona Nobis Pacem, and This Little Light of Mine.

If interested in joining, <https://hollipride.org/get-in-touch/>.

St. Michael's Visits Millis

Last month, members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church did some outreach in the Millis community at the Millis Lions Holiday Bazaar. St. Michael's has a special relationship to former Millis congregants of St. Paul's Church, housing the former church's beautiful stained-glass windows.



Middlesex Sheriff's Office Receives Two 2025 Law Enforcement & Corrections Awards

Boston, MA – The Middlesex Sheriff's Office (MSO) took home two of the top awards at the 2025 Law Enforcement & Corrections Awards Ceremony on Thursday, November 13.

This year, the MSO was presented with both the Innovation of the Year Award for the new Older Adult Re-Entry (OAR) Unit and Program of the Year Award for the Family Support Services Unit (FSSU).

The ceremony was hosted by the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association at the State House

in Boston and recognized individual, team and organizational excellence. Accepting the awards on behalf of the MSO were Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian and staff assigned to the OAR Unit and the FSSU.

The OAR Unit was launched in late 2024 with assistance from Boston University and UMass Boston and was created with programming and a structural layout specifically designed for incarcerated individuals ages 55 and older.

Like OAR, the FSSU, is a first-in-the-nation initiative. Launched in 2020, the FSSU is designed to enhance support for the loved ones of those incarcerated at the Middlesex Jail & House of Correction. The initiative, which has gained attention as a national model, has managed over 8,000 family interactions.

To learn more about the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, please visit our website at www.middlesexsheriff.org.

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Holliston High Athletic Hall of Fame Announces 2026 Inductees



The Holliston High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce its 2026 class of inductees. Those inductees are:

Team:

1972 Boys Outdoor Track Team – Class D State Champions

Coaches:

Tom Keough – Boys Basketball
Tish Willis – Girls Soccer

Student/Athletes:

Ron LaPointe '75 – Football, Basketball, Baseball
Ron Bilodeau '77 - Wrestling
John Caffrey '77 – Football, Basketball, Outdoor Track
Barbara Meehan '85 – Softball, Volleyball, Track, Basketball
Doug Carroll '91 – Football, Indoor Track, Baseball
Michele McAteer '02 – Field Hockey, Softball
Matt Bellomo '08 - Football

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State Fire Marshal Urges Heating Fire Safety during Heating Season

Stow, MA - With temperatures falling, Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents protect themselves and their loved ones from some of the most common home heating hazards.

“Most of Massachusetts will see some of the coldest weather since last winter over the next few days,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “Heating equipment is the leading cause of carbon monoxide at home and the second leading cause of residential fires. Whether you’re using gas, oil, solid fuel, or space heaters to keep warm, be sure you keep safe, too.”

State Fire Marshal Davine said there were more than 6,400 heating fires in Massachusetts from 2020 to 2024. These fires claimed eight lives, caused 153 injuries to firefighters and residents, and contributed to over \$52 million in damage. And in 2024 alone, Massachusetts fire departments reported finding carbon monoxide at more than

4,700 non-fire incidents.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household needs working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of their home. Check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms so you know when to replace them: smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after 5 to 10 years depending on the model. If it’s time to replace your alarms, choose new ones from a well-known, national brand with the mark of an independent testing lab such as UL or Intertek/ETL. Select smoke alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a hush feature.

Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner, have it professionally checked and serviced each year. This will help it run more efficiently, which will save you money and could save your life. Always keep a three-foot

“circle of safety” around the appliance clear of anything that could catch fire. Never store painting supplies, aerosol cans, or other flammable items near these appliances. If you smell gas, don’t use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

Solid Fuel Heating

If you use a fireplace or a stove that burns wood, pellets, or coal, always keep the area around it clear for three feet in all directions. This circle of safety should be free of furniture, drapery, rugs, books and papers, fuel, and any other flammable items. To prevent sparks and embers from escaping, use a fireplace screen or keep the stove door closed while burning. Use only dry, seasoned hardwood and don’t use flammable liquids to start the fire. When disposing of ashes, wait until they are cool and shovel them into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside at least 10 feet away from the building.

Have your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year. Most chimney fires are caused by burning creosote, a tarry substance that builds up as the fireplace, wood stove, or pellet stove is used. If burning creosote, sparks, embers, or hot gases escape through cracks in the flue or chimney, they can cause a fire that spreads to the rest of the structure. Annual cleaning and inspection can minimize this risk. Contact the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild or Chimney Safety Institute of America to identify reputable local companies.

Space Heaters

Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and remember that they’re for temporary use. Always turn a space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

When purchasing a space

heater, select one that’s been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing company such as UL or Intertek/ETL. Newer space heaters should have an automatic shut-off switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Unvented kerosene space heaters and portable propane space heaters are not permitted for residential use in Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Davine said: they pose a great risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Create and Practice a Home Escape Plan

Everyone should have a home escape plan that accounts for two ways out of every room, and everyone should be able to open the doors and windows along the way. Remember that children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need extra assistance.

Find More Home Heating Safety Tips at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/winter-home-heating-safety>.



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Veterans, Honored and Active, in Holliston

Holliston veterans were busy for the month of November, according to Holliston veteran Stephen Bradford. In addition to the annual Veterans Dinner at Holliston Town Hall put on by the Holliston VFW Post 8407, Holliston American Legion and Holliston Lions, Holliston veterans visited fellow veterans living at the Timothy Daniels House on November 7th, held a Coffee

with Veterans at Holliston Public Library on November 10th, met with students at Holliston High School on November 13th, and enjoyed a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast held by Holliston Police on November 17th at Anthony's on the Green.

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Holliston veterans, November 11, 2025



Holliston veterans march through town to the annual Veterans luncheon held at Holliston Town Hall, presented by the American Legion, VFW and Holliston Lions.



Veterans placed a wreath at memorial square honoring memories of their brethren.

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Veteran Bobby Blair addresses his fellow veterans.



Sen. Karen Spilka speaks to Holliston veterans at the 2025 breakfast.



The 2025 Veterans luncheon saw a full crowd.

“Creating Comfort” Theme of Thimble Pleasures Quilt Show

In keeping with its mission statement, Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild has chosen “Creating Comfort” for the theme of its upcoming quilt show.

The guild members involve themselves in both local and national outreach charity programs that create comfort for others. For many years the members have been visiting local nursing and assisted living facilities to work with the residents in designing their own lap quilts. These lap quilts are then sewn by the guild members and returned to the residents during a Reveal Party. From February to October of this year the guild made a total of 136 lap quilts for these residents and many more extra lap quilts made for residents who were not able to attend the design session.

In addition to lap quilts, members also make:

- Fidget quilts that are distributed to nursing homes as well as to members’ family and friends

- Placemats for spring and for the winter holidays given to a local Senior Center drawn during a guild meeting
- Chemo caps donated to UMass Memorial Hospital or to local residents who are undergoing chemo therapy
- Brian’s Quilts, flannel-backed small quilts made for children for local police departments to carry in their cruisers to comfort a child in need due to accident, fire or family need.
- Kennel Quilts, a national program benefitting rescue leagues working in disaster-stricken areas. Kennel Quilts are sent out to areas of our country that are rescuing animals from forest fires, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, or blizzards. More than 50 Kennel quilts have been distributed this year.

- Kitten Bags, a new project, that provides cotton drawstring bags filled kitten toys and treats for kittens adopted from the Blackstone Valley Regional Animal Shelter.

In addition to these projects the guild also donates full-sized quilts through its Comfort Quilt program. These quilts are given to those in need and to people whose story has touched our members with joy, loss, stress, illness, and in many other ways. These quilts are also donated to support groups such as the End of Life Program at Milford Regional Medical Center. Many quilts have also been sent to the Ukraine to support refugees there as well as to areas of the United States which have experienced disasters.

You can see examples of these efforts at the Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild biennial quilt show on March 15-16 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton.



Stony Brook Camera Club Meets in December

The Stony Brook Camera Club meets in person and or virtually on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. from September to June. In person meetings are held at the Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 195 Main Street, Franklin, MA. Our meetings feature speakers, competitions, image studies, and discussions of general interest. We also sponsor a number of photography activities and workshops throughout the year.

The SBCC includes and welcomes members of all abilities.

Meetings for December:

- December 12: Competition
- December 11 “Storm Chasing” by Robert Galucci
- December 18: “Flash for Flowers” by Bobbi Lane

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EVO ICL: Is this the New Lasik?

By: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, LASIK became the crown jewel of refractive surgery. Patients rushed to correct their vision, thrilled by the idea of being free from glasses and contacts. Over time, however, some of LASIK's limitations became clearer: cutting and thinning of the cornea, potential for worsened dry-eye symptoms, night-vision issues, and concerns about corneal stability — especially in thinner corneas — as well as challenges in achieving precise intraocular lens calculations if cataract surgery is needed later in life.

A new technology has since emerged in the United States — the EVO Visian ICL (often simply called “EVO ICL”) — and its adoption has grown rapidly since FDA approval in 2022. Designed for adults with moderate to high myopia, with or without astigmatism, EVO ICL offers a compelling alternative to LASIK.

What makes EVO ICL different — and increasingly preferable?

Unlike LASIK, EVO ICL does not remove or thin the cornea. The lens is placed behind the iris and in front of the natural crystalline lens, leaving the corneal architecture untouched. There is no flap creation, no tissue removal, and no weakening of the cornea.

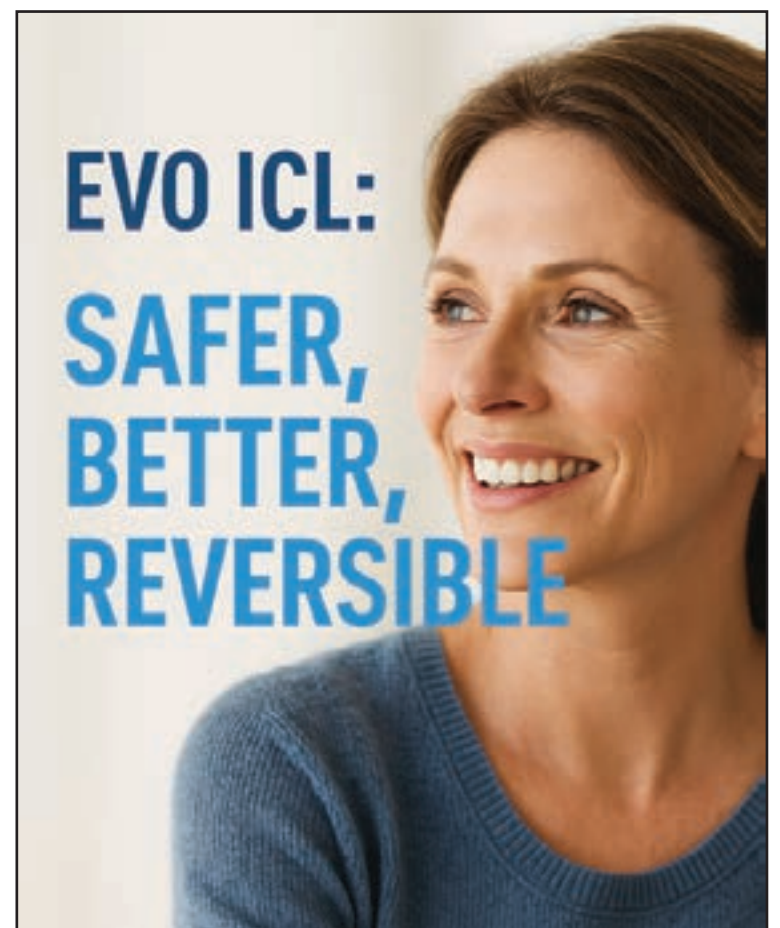
Because the cornea remains intact, the risk of corneal ectasia — a rare but serious complication associated with LASIK — is virtually eliminated in properly screened patients. EVO ICL also tends to minimize dry-eye symptoms, since the corneal nerves are not disrupted as they are during laser-based procedures.

Night-vision problems such as glare or halos, often reported after LASIK, are less common with EVO ICL. Because the eye's optical system remains more natural and unaltered, patients frequently report crisp, high-quality vision even in dim light.

Another major advantage is that EVO ICL is reversible and additive rather than subtractive. The lens can be removed or replaced if needed, preserving the eye's natural anatomy. This feature becomes especially important later in life when cataract surgery may be needed. Since the cornea is untouched, calculations for premium intraocular lenses — such as multifocal implants that restore both distance and near vision — remain highly accurate.

Across the country, surgeons are reporting rapid growth in EVO ICL procedures since its approval. More patients are asking for it, more practices are offering it, and the procedure has quickly become a mainstream choice for vision correction.

Clinically, LASIK remains an excellent option for patients with mild to moderate myopia, healthy corneal thickness, and no significant dry-eye history. But for patients with thinner corneas, higher prescriptions, greater



astigmatism, or those thinking ahead to future cataract surgery, EVO ICL is quickly becoming the preferred option. Many surgeons are now offering it even for mild myopia because of its safety, comfort, and strong outcomes.

In short, LASIK may now represent the past for many patients and practices, while EVO ICL stands as the future of refractive correction. Both have their place, but the shift is unmistakable: more people are choosing EVO ICL for its safety, reversibility, comfort, and compatibility with future vision care.

At Milford Franklin Eye Center, we are proud to be at the forefront of this evolution. Dr. Roger Kaldawy is among the first surgeons in the region to offer EVO ICL technology in our state-of-the-art surgery center. With over 30,000 intraocular procedures

— and an even higher number of laser cases — Dr. Kaldawy brings unparalleled experience to this advanced form of refractive surgery. He and his colleagues are committed to helping you achieve your vision goals: reducing your dependence on glasses and contacts while protecting your long-term eye health.

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December 4

HDAAC Craft & Conversation, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Bird & Bear Collective, 763 Washington St., Holliston, register at <https://tinyurl.com/HDAACCraftConvo>

December 5

Exsultet! to perform holiday concert, Baby It's Cold Outside, 7:30 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church, 113 Union Street, Natick, for ticket information, visit www.exsultet.us.

December 6

Diverse Holliston Multiracial Meetup, 1-3 p.m., safe space for Holliston multiracial children and families to meet, play, and make art together, location and details upon request, visit <https://www.diverseholliston.org>

December 7

Exsultet! to perform holiday concert, Baby It's Cold Outside, 2 p.m., First Congregational Church, 725 Washington Street, Holliston, for ticket information, visit www.exsultet.us.

Charles River Choral Winter Concert, "Lift and Illuminate Our Voices, 2 p.m., Medway High School Auditorium, visit <https://our.show/crcwinterconcert>.

Proctor Mansion Inn Holiday Afternoon Tea, 1-3 p.m., All ages, musical entertainment, a variety of flavored teas, menu catered by The Vintage Tea & Cake Co., guided house tour of this unique, historic 1861 home available at the end. Space limited, info. at <https://proctormansion.com/products/annual-holiday-afternoon-tea/>

December 11

Stony Book Camera Club, 7:30 p.m., "Storm Chasing" by Robert Galluci, Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 195 Main Street, Franklin

December 14

Christmas Concert, 3 p.m., Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 101 Summer St., Rte. 126, Holliston, St., presented by Cecilia's Music Ministry of Ashland with guests Timothy Jantzen, on piano, and Sergio Reyes, on violin and the Charles River Children's Choir

December 18

"Flash for Flowers" by Bobbi Lane, Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 195 Main Street, Franklin

December 20

Diverse Holliston Choir Voices of Winter, Colors of Pride Winter Solstice Concert, 1:30-4 p.m., Holliston Town Hall

December 31

Holliston Rail Trail First Night Trail Walk, 5-8 p.m., walkers can park and walk from Blair Square, Cross Street (behind Phillips 66 on Route 16-shortest route), or Sam Placentino School (Woodland St.) – 1.5-mile walk. Includes fire pits, hot dogs and warm beverages at Phipps Tunnel, free ice cream by T.C. Scoops, laser light show, festive music, tealights. To host a fire pit email parkersnyder@gmail.com.

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Exsultet to Perform Two Holiday Concerts

Kick off the holiday season with the exquisite sounds of Exsultet as we present our annual winter concert. This year's performance, "Baby, It's Cold Outside," features moments of ethereal beauty such as in the *Hebrides Lullaby*, the humor of *Cold and Fugue Season*, and classics like *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. Celebrate the season's joyful moments and experience the warmth of music that brings families and friends together.

Concert Dates:

Friday, December 5, 2025, 7:30 p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church
113 Union Street, Natick

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 2 p.m.
First Congregational Church
725 Washington Street, Holliston

For ticket information, visit www.exsultet.us. Tickets will also be available at the door prior to the performance.

Whether you're a longtime concert-goer or joining us for the first time, this performance promises to be a memorable evening. Come and experience the magic of the season with songs that have become part of our most cherished traditions. Let's warm up together, because Baby, It's Cold Outside!

About Exsultet!

Founded in 2013, **Exsultet! A Celebration of Voices** is an auditioned women's chamber ensemble combining great music and poetry to inspire audiences with adventurous and innovative concerts. Exsultet's mission is to give women an opportunity to join together to make music, to showcase the works of up and coming composers and arrangers, to feature the talents of local musicians and actors, and to combine performance and advocacy by focusing on important community issues and partnering with other local organizations. For more details, please visit www.exsultet.us.

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Holiday Hearts Initiative:

b.LUXE Celebrates Community with Local Business Gift Card Giveaway

BY GINA WOELFEL

As December's festive spirit fills the streets of Medway and its surrounding towns, twinkling lights adorn storefronts and holiday shoppers bustle through local shops, creating a scene of seasonal joy. But there's a particular warmth spreading through our community this year, one that goes beyond the glow of decorations and holiday shopping. This month, b.LUXE Hair and Makeup is celebrating what we're calling the "Holiday Hearts Initiative," a tribute to the small businesses that make our communities thrive and the loyal customers who support them.

The concept is beautifully simple: **b.LUXE is Gifting Ten \$50 Gift Cards to Some of Our Favorite Local Businesses Throughout Medway, Franklin, and Hopkinton.** But here's where it gets truly special; these aren't gift cards FROM b.LUXE. Instead, we're empowering our fellow small business owners to pay it forward, giving them the freedom to award these gift cards to customers they feel are deserving, whether that's a loyal patron, someone going through a difficult time, or simply a face that brightens their day.

"December is the heart of the holiday season, and it reminds us what's truly important," explains b.LUXE owner Heather Cohen. "We've always believed in lifting each other up, and supporting the incredible small businesses in our area. It's not just a good business practice, it's the foundation of what makes these tight-knit communities so special. These businesses are run by our neighbors, staffed by our friends, and together they create the unique character that makes our community feel like home."

Each of these ten businesses brings something unique to our towns...

Molly's Apothecary in Medway has been crafting hand-made natural soaps, lotions, and

bath products since 2006. Run by sisters Ann and Margaret at Medway Mill, the business was born from a mother's love—named after their mom Molly and started when Ann's son experienced skin issues and she wanted an all-natural solution. Their commitment to using only the finest oils, butters, and essential oils has made them a destination for those seeking natural, thoughtfully made skincare. www.mollysapothecary.com

Muffin House Cafe in Medway needs little introduction to locals. Since 2014, owner Sheldon Strasnick has been creating what many claim are the best blueberry muffins since the legendary Jordan Marsh bakery. Opening at 5 a.m. daily, this family-owned cafe serves not just their famous muffins but breakfast sandwiches, lunch options, and specialty coffees. The success speaks for itself—the original Medway location has grown to six shops throughout the region. www.muffinhousecafe.com

Over in Hopkinton, **Swoon Central Boutique** has been a gathering place for women since 2014. More than just a clothing store, Swoon has become a community hub where friendships flourish over trendy apparel, jewelry, and gifts. The boutique recently welcomed new owner Alaina Chagnon, a local kindergarten teacher who previously loved shopping at Swoon and now brings fresh energy and passion to this beloved space. www.swooncentral.com

Terrazza Gift Shop in Franklin has been transporting customers to the Tuscan countryside since 2004. Specializing in gifts, jewelry, home decor, and garden accents inspired by French Country and Italian landscapes, this Franklin Village treasure offers everything from elegant Italian pottery to serene landscape prints. The moment you walk through their doors, the bubbling fountains and scents of lavender and vanilla create an instant escape. www.terrazzagifts.com

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Apricot Lane Boutique in Franklin joined our community more recently, bringing the 30-year-old California-based franchise's philosophy of local ownership and personalized service to East Central Street in 2022. Owner Marta McNulty curates unique styles weekly, ensuring that women of all ages can find flattering, timeless, and affordable fashion. The boutique's relaxed atmosphere and knowledgeable fashion consultants make every shopping trip feel special. www.apricotlaneboutique.com

Comer Teng Jewelry Studio, also in Franklin, represents the beautiful intersection of art, sustainability, and entrepreneurship. Husband and wife team Sean Comer and Paulina Teng (PT) create lightweight, hypoallergenic jewelry and accessories from wood, leather, acrylic, and upcycled materials in their home studio. Their commitment extends beyond beautiful design—they use only recyclable packaging materials and donate monthly to organizations making the world better. www.comertengstudio.com

JK Cafe and Catering on West Central Street in Franklin serves up small bites, charcuterie boards, and handcrafted beverages in a welcoming atmosphere. Owner Kelsey Lindsey has created a space where the community gathers for everything from banana nut chai lattes to pressed sandwiches and loaded pasta salads. Open Tuesday through Saturday for both cafe and catering services. www.jkcateringandevents.com

Medway Cafe on Main Street is where the town comes together. This sports-themed American restaurant and bar serves up generous portions of



comfort food like fresh seafood dinners and tender steak tips, alongside cold drinks and plenty of TVs for game day. They've earned their loyal following the old-fashioned way: quality food, fair prices, and a friendly atmosphere where everyone feels at home. www.medwaycafe.com

Fiori and Fern recently moved to a stunning new location at 138 East Central Street in Franklin, featuring floor-to-ceiling windows that showcase two floors of curated gifts, home decor, plants, and fresh weekly flowers. Owner Michelle Greenwood, with her background in corporate merchandising, has created a unique shopping experience that goes beyond beautiful blooms to include artisan jewelry, candles, and thoughtfully selected home goods. www.fioriandfern.com

Finally, The Parlour at **Chat Noir Nail Studio** in Medway brings a touch of French elegance to nail care. Named after a historic French cabaret, owner Jillian Cohen has built a boutique salon in the West Medway Historic District that stands apart from typical walk-in nail salons. Known for meticulous service, rigid safety protocols, and a cozy atmosphere, Chat Noir offers everything from basic manicures to nail art and reconstruction services. mysite.vagaro.com/theparlouratchatnoir

What ties all these businesses together is their commitment to more than just transactions. They're building relationships, creating customer experiences, and investing in our communi-

ties. They sponsor local teams, host workshops, employ our neighbors, and show up for events that matter.

"When we support local businesses, we're doing more than making a purchase," reflects Heather. "We're investing in the character of our community, keeping dollars circulating locally, and building the kind of towns we want to live in. This **Holiday Hearts Initiative** is our way of saying thank you to the business owners who pour their hearts into serving us, and to the customers who choose local."

If we remember one thing this season it's that the holidays aren't just about what we buy, but how we build each other up. Maybe you're grabbing your morning coffee or treating yourself to a manicure, or searching for the perfect gift. Every choice to shop local creates ripples of positive impact.

So this December, as you check off your holiday lists and finish your shopping, consider making your next stop one of these wonderful local businesses—or any of the other incredible small shops throughout Medway, Franklin, Hopkinton and our surrounding towns. Supporting them supports us all.

The Holiday Hearts Initiative continues through December. Visit these businesses in person to experience the local love for yourself.

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Sports

Holliston Cheer – Improvement on Their Minds

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Last year, the Holliston High cheer team did something that the program hadn't done in quite some time – they were able to advance into the Division 3 State Championships. Holliston Athletic Director, Matt Baker, who has been with the school 10 plus years, had never seen the program make it to the States during his tenure at Holliston.

Putting together a strong performance at the South Regionals last year, the Panthers were able to score an 82 and move onto the States where they would finish 12th in the Division 3 Championships of Massachusetts.

“It was definitely not where we wanted to finish, but we dropped a stunt and it cost us,” Panther Head Cheer Coach Kim Flannery said. “Although we finished 12th the girls were very excited and happy to have gotten the chance to compete there.”

At the time of this writing, the Holliston team was preparing to get ready for the Regionals and hopefully move onto State (Saturday November 22 in Worcester) once again. While they are getting their routine together for the Regionals, there was a time during the season where Coach Flannery and her assistant Ali Geldieva were not sure they were ever going to make it there.

Holliston began the season finding themselves injury prone.

“Having a really young team with a lot of freshmen trying to teach these young girls high school stunts can be a little tricky,” the Coach said. “We had a couple of concussions and were never really able to get our routines going, but over the past few weeks we pushed through everything and here we are.”

Holliston's first invitational this year had a lot of the girls not knowing what to expect, but by the time the second invitational (at Bristol Plymouth Tech) came around, the team was ready. The Panther Cheer squad walked away with first place.

Recently, Holliston competed in the Tri-Valley League Championship, and although



Holliston Cheer made States last year, and heading to Regionals in November, the team hopes to qualify again this year and take home a higher score. Photo used courtesy of Kim Flannery.

extremely nervous going in, the girls knew they had to perform if they wanted their season to continue. Needing at least a score of 66 to move onto the South Regionals, Holliston grabbed fifth place with a score of 74 points. Although it was a lower finish than they were looking for, the girls are anxiously awaiting the Regionals to prove themselves.

A handful of the older girls who have stepped up during the team's rough beginnings have been captains Lexie Bowie and Gracie Ristuccia as well as Sarah Parnell. Bowie is a junior base that provides the lifting of Parnell while Ristuccia, the squad's only senior, tumbles and also does base.

“Being the team's only senior, we rely on Gracie a lot to guide and teach the younger girls the expectations of being a winning

team and how to act while in uniform,” Flannery said. “The incoming freshman have no idea what to expect, and Gracie is there to create a team camaraderie.”

Parnell, currently the team's only flyer, has had a lot of the team's routine put on her shoulders, especially through the air. According to the coach, being the only flyer can put a lot of pressure on the junior, and if she gets hurt, the team has no routine. Being thrown around for 2 minutes and 30 seconds while doing elite stunts can be tough on one person.

The Panther Coaching staff has been pleased with the way the team has worked diligently throughout the season. Although it was tough going at the beginning with two girls out due to concussions, they are all building

that trust back with one another bonding as a team on the mat.

As the Regionals approach, Flannery and Geldieva are making the needed adjustments to what the girls can do to perform a clean routine and earn a spot in the States for the second year in a row.

“The girls are extremely excited and have been pushing one another,” the Panther Coach

said. “Our goal is to go out and have a solid performance and hopefully score above an 80 so we can go back to the States.”

The Holliston cheerleaders are definitely looking to set the bar higher this year while being able to secure a score higher than the one they got last year. With a little work the coaching staff is positive the Holliston girls can achieve that.



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The pictures depict some of the people there, along with two loved ones missed by their families.

Fr. Carl Chudy and Jess McGuire of Our Lady of Family Shrine

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Lisa Tursas of Chris' Corner in Milford



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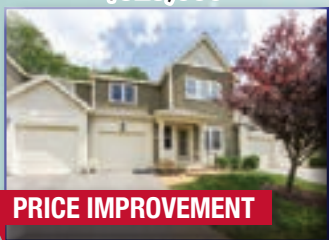
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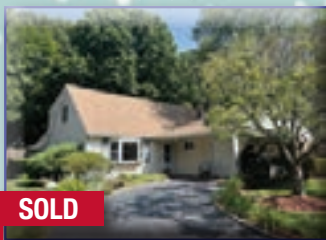
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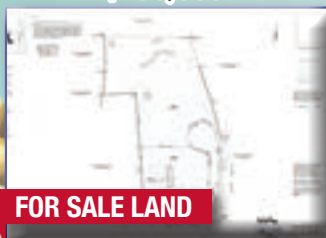
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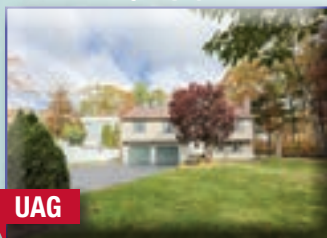


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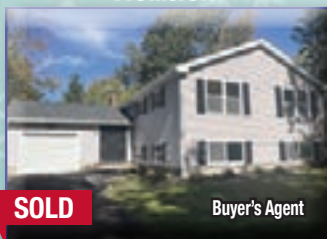
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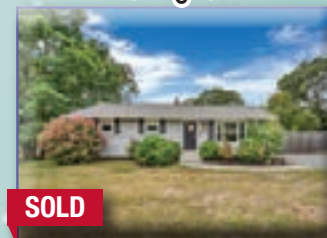


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