

Designer for new high school to be chosen in January

Five applications received, will be reviewed on Jan. 13

By Theresa Knapp

In December, five design firms responded to the Request for Services (RFS) to design the new Milford High School.

At a meeting of the MHS Building Committee on Dec. 17, owner project manager James Riefstahl of Next Level OPM told the committee the RFS had gone live on Nov. 19, 50 firms requested information, 10 firms showed up at the designer briefing session on Nov. 26, and five submissions were received by the Dec. 17 due date.

Those firms include HMFH Architects, JCJ Architecture, Kaestle Boos Associates, MDS Architects/Sasaki, and Tappé Architects.



Owner project manager James Riefstahl, of Next Level OPM, provided an update to the Milford High School Building Committee at its Dec. 17 meeting. Five design firms had responded to a Request for Services for the new high school.

Source: MyMilfordTV

A committee member asked Riefstahl if receiving a handful of applications

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Marcelo Gomes da Silva named a '2025 Bostonian of the Year' by Boston Globe Magazine

Marcelo Gomes da Silva of Milford has been named to the Boston Globe Magazine's list of "2025 Bostonians of the Year: Six Acts of Courage."

The list was printed in the Globe Magazine on Dec. 14, 2025. Gomes is first on the list under "Voice for the Voiceless."


On a Saturday in May, Gomes, then 18 years old, was captured by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on his way to volleyball practice. Milford was stunned and rallied around him, and the story made national news. He was detained for six days before being released.

Gomes is a senior at Milford High School and is now considering a future as an activist.



Marcelo Gomes da Silva of Milford. Source: Facebook @globe

To read the full story in the Globe Magazine, visit <https://trib.al/53TOaTK>.



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Thimble Pleasures plans March quilt show to benefit veterans



Members of the Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild display a sample of articles that will be on sale at its show in March. *Courtesy photo*

The Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild has chosen Home Base as their Special Fundraiser for their biennial quilt show to be held March 14 and 15 at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Home Base was founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and the Boston Red Sox, and is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to healing the

invisible wounds of war for veterans of all eras. Service members, military families, and families of the fallen have access to world-class direct clinical care, wellness, education and research at no cost to them regardless of era of service, discharge status or geographical location.

Home Base was created in 2009 as a result of visits made

to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center after the 2004 and 2007 World Series. The players were deeply moved by their visit and sought to make a deeper commitment to returning veterans and their families.

Home Base receives a significant portion of their funding

through fundraising efforts and Thimble Pleasures hopes to be able to contribute greatly to these efforts.

Guild members have been busy creating articles to be sold at a special table during the quilt show with all proceeds being donated to Home Base.

These articles have been created using patriotic and Red Sox fabric themes and include table runners, small quilts, cross-stitched Christmas ornaments, door decorations and pillows. This special fundraiser is being chaired by Pattie Trachimowicz and Linda Gosselin.

Milford's menorah lighting on Dec. 15



On Dec. 15, a group gathered for a menorah lighting. The event has been sponsored by Milford's Temple Beth Shalom for more than 35 years. Participating community members lit candles to bring more light to the world given recent events in Australia and Providence. *Submitted by Laura Mann*

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10th annual Christmas tree lighting was held on Dec. 5



Members of the Greater Milford Community Chorus led the holiday carol sing-along.



Milford Christmas Tree in Draper Memorial Park.



A young Milford resident shares her Christmas wishes with Santa.

The 10th Annual Milford Christmas Tree Lighting sponsored by Citizens for Milford was held on Dec. 5 and was a big success. Approximately 100 attendees participated in a sing-along with the Greater Milford Community Chorus, plus enjoyed free hot chocolate and treats, and a visit from Santa Claus.

Milford Parks and Recreation Administrator Jim Asam and his wife Phoebe pose with Santa.



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This year's theme is 'Dressed Up, Not Messed Up'

The Milford Youth Center will host its 11th "Dressed Up Not Messed Up" Fashion Show on Feb. 27.

Parents and/or guardians of children interested in participating should contact Joanna at jabrantes@milfordma.gov or call the Center at 508-473-1756.

Participants will be able to enjoy getting their hair and makeup done by local professionals all while dressing up and walking down a runway to music by a DJ.

The intent of "Dressed Up, Not Messed Up" is to raise

awareness about underage substance use and help teens so they can make healthy and positive decisions throughout life. It also aims to increase youth's self-esteem and attitudes, and will touch on the importance of diversity and inclusion.

To make this possible, we need local barbers, hairdressers and makeup artists to help for a couple hours before the show to do hair and makeup. If you are able to help, please contact the MYC at 508-473-1756 or email Joanna at jabrantes@milfordma.gov.



Students from the 2024 Milford Youth Center Fashion Show. Photo source: Milford Youth Center

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AI in personal finance: The promise and the limits



Mark Freeman, CEPA

What AI can do for your wallet. From tracking every latte to forecasting next month's bills, AI-powered tools are making financial management more accessible than ever. Some apps categorize transactions automatically, while other platforms offer conversational financial advice through text messages. These tools can monitor your credit score, suggest budget adjustments and even negotiate lower bills on services like cable and internet.

AI doesn't know whether you value sustainable investing over maximum returns. It can't weigh the emotional complexity of saving for a child's education versus retiring early. When sudden illness strikes or a job change upends your plans, AI lacks the context and empathy to guide you through those human moments.

Technology can crunch numbers brilliantly, but it can't offer wisdom. It can't replace human judgment, experience or ethical reasoning. Robo-advisors' predetermined algorithms may not suit investors with complex financial needs like estate planning or comprehensive tax planning.

The human touch still matters. This is where human financial advisors remain indispensable. They provide what technology can't:

- **Long-term perspective:** Help you maintain focus when markets get volatile and emotions run high

- **Goal coordination:** Balance competing priorities, help partners merge their financial visions and remind you of goals you've tucked away and didn't know still mattered

- **Accountability:** Keep you on track with your financial strategy through life's inevitable changes

- **Emotional support:** Offer reassurance and wisdom during major financial decisions

Research validates it: Those who regularly work with a financial advisor and have a financial strategy are more likely to feel optimistic about their financial future than those who manage finances on their own, according to 2025 research from Edward Jones and Morning Consult.

Find the right balance. The future likely lies in a hybrid approach: combining data-driven AI insights with the human wisdom of a financial advisor who understands your values, priorities and life's inevitable curveballs. Think of AI as a powerful

calculator and your financial advisor as the mathematician who knows which equations to use.

As these technologies evolve, the key is treating AI as a tool, not a guide.

Stay curious about what technology can do for your finances. Stay critical of its limitations. And remember: What matters most in your financial life is something only you can define.

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

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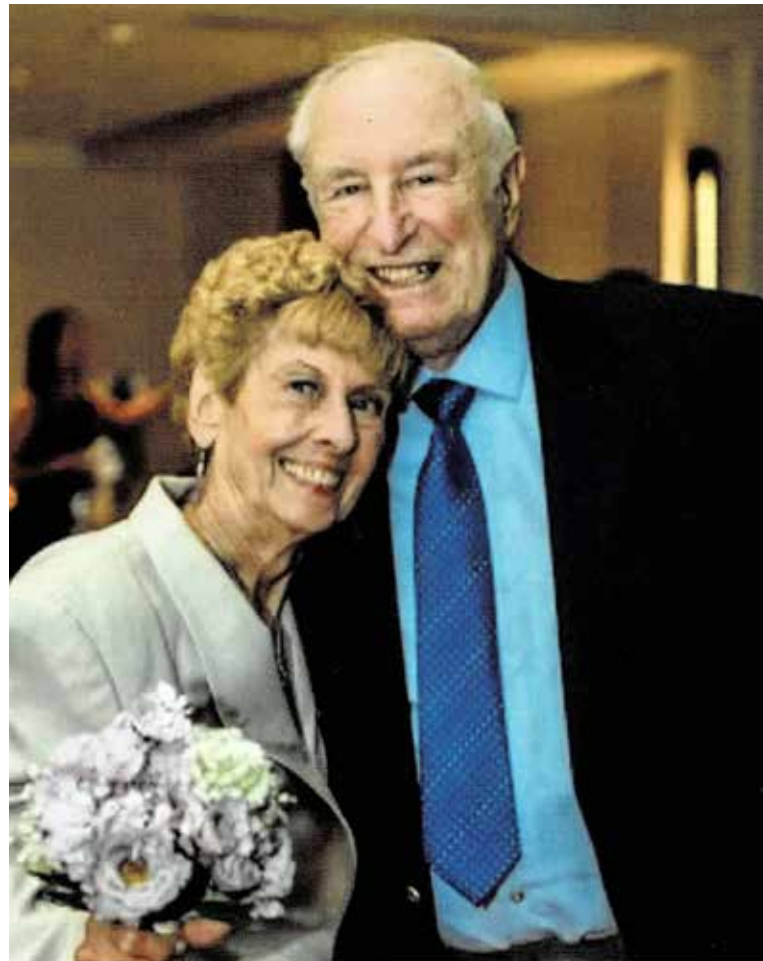
Nicholas Mazzarini, manager of Central One Federal Credit Union, presents a check to John Pilla, Veterans Agent of Milford. The donation will be used to purchase gift certificates that are used to help local veterans in Milford. Photo source: Town of Milford

Longtime Milford resident Tony Mastroianni, recognized as Mendon's oldest resident

Anthony "Tony" Mastroianni was recently recognized by the Mendon Council on Aging as Mendon's oldest resident at 89 years young.

Tony and his late wife, Marjorie, shared an extraordinary 65 years of marriage before her passing three years ago. Together, they raised three children in Milford, where Tony himself was born and raised, before moving to Mendon 27 years ago. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A World War II veteran, Tony served an 18-month tour with the U.S. Navy in South America. His dedication to his fellow service members extended long beyond his military service. He served as Italian Veterans Commander in both the Town of Milford and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



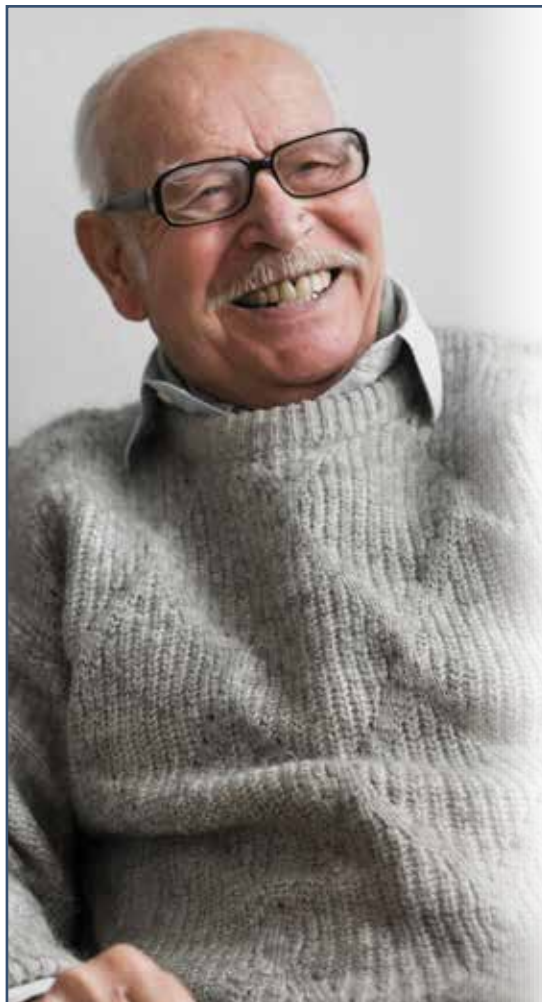
Anthony Mastroianni with his late wife Marjorie. Courtesy photo

Tony has also been recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for more than 58 years of devoted service as a Massachusetts Veterans' Agent, supporting veterans across five area towns. His steadfast commitment to supporting veterans and their families has left a lasting legacy, including his role as mentor to Mendon's recently retired Veterans' Agent Robin Fletcher.

The Mendon Council on Aging recognized Tony Mastroianni's life of service, family de-

votion, and community impact in their January 2026 newsletter. Source: Mendon Council on Aging

Tony Mastroianni served as Italian Veterans Commander in both the Town of Milford and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



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Central One Federal Credit Union supports Milford families through Santa's Porch toy drive

Central One Federal Credit Union's Milford branch helped spread joy this holiday season by supporting Santa's Porch with a toy drive and a \$1,000 donation to help local families in need.

Throughout December, Milford branch employees and members collected toys and gifts for Santa's Porch, a nonprofit dedicated to providing holiday assistance to families in need in the community. In addition to the toy drive, Central One donated \$1,000 to further support Santa's Porch and its mission of ensuring every child experiences the magic of the holidays.

The Milford Branch toy drive was part of Central One's broader holiday giving efforts. This December, Central One employees also participated in Giving Trees benefiting Worcester DCF and Auburn Youth & Family Services, hosted toy drives at each branch, and distributed \$20,000 to local nonprofit organizations through its annual employee charity casino night.

Through charitable giving, employee engagement, and



Pictured from left to right: Bianca Mota, Milford Branch Assistant Branch Manager, Livia Garajau, Milford Branch Relationship Representative, LeeAnn DiPietropolo, Santa's Porch, Michelle Bedrosian, Milford Branch Relationship Specialist. Courtesy photo

community partnerships, Central One Federal Credit Union remains committed to supporting the communities it serves, especially during the holiday season.

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was "normal" for this type of project.

"For this size of a project, that is perfectly fine," said Riefstahl. "The reality is that this school is complex in the sense that, one, it's a high school; two, it's vocational that they're adding – that limits the number of firms that have experience doing those two things. The five that we got is actually pretty darned good."

Riefstahl noted that, regarding vocational schools in Massachusetts, "I can tell you three of them get 90% of the work" and two of them submitted applications for the MHS project.

Next, the project's Designer Selection Panel (DSP) will meet on Jan. 13 to discuss and rank the applicants. DSP members will use ballots to rank their top three choices, the ballots will be tallied, and the top three

designers will be invited to interview.

Riefstahl said the DSP will hold shortlisted interviews on Jan. 27, and make a final selection at that time.

The Designer Selection Panel is composed of 13 members appointed by the MSBA. Milford's "three members proposed by the respective city/town/district" will be Chris Wilson to represent the School Committee, Craig Consigli to represent the Superintendent of Schools or the Superintendent's designee, and Mike Walsh to represent the CEO/Select Board of the town.

The new designer will be introduced to the MHS Building Committee at its Feb. 4 meeting.

A recording of the Dec. 17 meeting can be found at [youtube.com/mymilfordtv](https://www.youtube.com/mymilfordtv)

Many project documents can be found at milfordpublicschools.com/about/mhs-school-building-project

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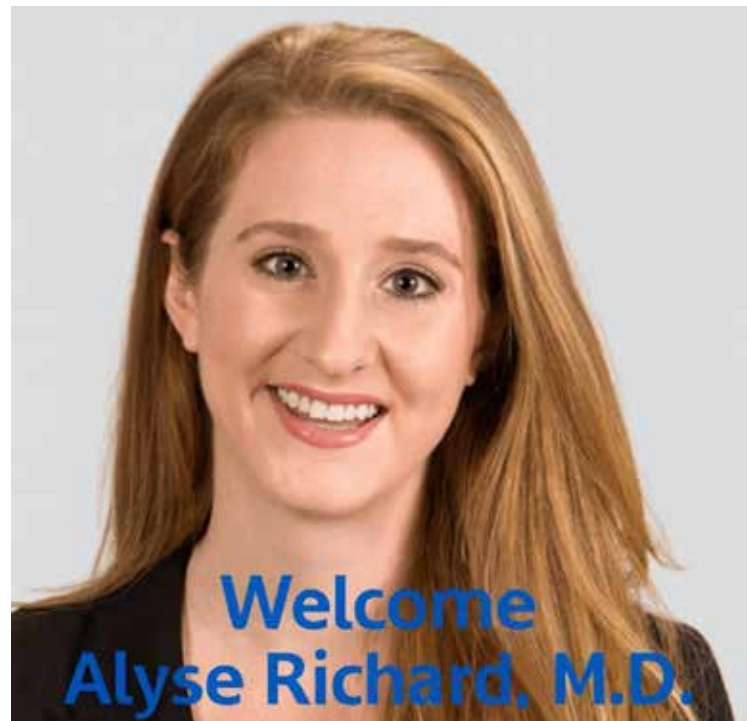
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medical retina fellowship at New England Eye Center, Tufts Medical Center. She is known for her efficient, skilled approach to patient care and her commitment to maximizing diagnostic precision. She performs intraocular injections, laser procedures, and repairs of retinal tears and detachments.

Dan Liu, M.D.

Dr. Liu graduated from Northwestern University and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, where she was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. She completed residency at Albany Medical Center as Chief Resident and a fellowship in Cornea and Anterior Segment Surgery at Tufts. Her expertise includes cataract surgery with ORA, DMEK/DSEK/PK corneal transplants, keratoconus treatment, MIGS glaucoma procedures, ocular surface tumors, and pterygia. She is board-certified by the American Board of



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Shalin Zia, O.D.

Dr. Zia earned her Doctor of Optometry degree from Indiana University. She provides care for patients of all ages, specializing in routine vision exams, contact

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Michael Adams, O.D.

Dr. Adams graduated from John Carroll University, completed a Master's in Biochemistry at Ohio State, and earned his





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Photographer Rich Scordato

During January, Milford resident Rich Scordato will exhibit photographs of Boston cityscapes and skylines at

the library.

Rich, a retired sales executive, has a passion for “all things related to digital photography.” He loves experimenting with lenses, settings, lighting, and vantage points. He’s recently added innovative AI tools to his approach, allowing him to “explore new creative avenues, while ensuring the authenticity of his work remains front and center.”

Rich has a website in development which will include photographs of other cities and towns in Great Britain and Europe that Rich has visited. He can be reached at perfectcityprints@gmail.com.

Bay Path Humane Society Drive

This winter, a local scout working on a Bronze Award will lead a drive for small blankets, sheets and toys to benefit the Baypath Humane Society in Hopkinton. A collection bin will be available at the library



entrance and donations will be accepted until Feb. 14. Show some love to the rescue animals Baypath serves!

Please note that this drive is NOT for food or pet beds. To donate directly to Baypath Humane Society, visit baypath-humane.org and select the DONATE button on the right.

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optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry. His training includes corneal pathology, specialty contact lenses, and advanced ocular disease.

Donald L. Conn, O.D.

Dr. Conn received his optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry and completed a residency in Ocular Disease and Primary Care at the Bedford VA. He provides care to both adult and pediatric patients.

Purvi Patel, O.D.

Dr. Patel earned her Doctor of Optometry degree at SUNY and completed a residency in Ocular Disease. As a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, she has held leadership roles at Boston community health centers. Her clinical focus includes diabetes, glaucoma, and community-based care.

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As we look ahead to 2026, when it comes to quality eye care, you have one address: Milford-Franklin Eye Center.

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English Classes

The library offers free drop-in classes for adults who want to learn and improve their English. Beginner classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. An intermediate class is held on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Classes are held on the lower level of the library in the ESL Classroom. Registration is not required. For more information, please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Las clases gratuitas sin cita previa para adultos que quieren aprender y mejorar su inglés comienzan el martes 14 de enero de 2025. Las clases para principiantes se llevan a cabo los martes y jueves por la noche de 7 a 8 p.m. Una clase intermedia se lleva a cabo los jueves de 5:30 a 6:30 p.m. Las clases se llevan a cabo en el nivel inferior de la biblioteca en el aula de ESL. No es necesario registrarse. Para obtener más información, llame al mostrador de información al 508-473-2145 x 2.

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Center Book Group

The Center Book Group meets next on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center to discuss *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige.

In this tense and emotionally wrenching novel, experienced hiker Valerie Gillis, goes missing on the Appalachian Trail in Maine. While lost she tries to get her bearings and composes fragments of letters to her mother. Along with Valerie's interior journey, Gaige skillfully weaves the perspectives of Beverly, a Maine State Game Warden, heading the search and Lena, a birdwatcher following the case from her retirement home.

The New York Times Book Review called *Heartwood*, "a novelistic cousin" to Cheryl Strayed's memoir *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*. Ultimately, *Heartwood* is a story about the powerful and complicated bonds between mothers and daughters.

To reserve a copy of *Heartwood* or to learn more about the Center Book Group, call 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Research Your Italian Roots

Dr. Noel Bon Tempo offers free consultations to those who want to research their Italian Ancestry. A retired pediatrician and co-founder of the Milford Free Clinic, Dr. Bon Tempo graduated from the University of Bologna Medical School in 1968 and lived in Italy for many years. Fluent in Italian, and an avid researcher of his own ancestry, Dr. Bon Tempo loves helping others navigate the many tools and records available to discover and document their own Italian family trees.

To arrange a consultation with Dr. Bon Tempo, please call

508-473-2145 ext. 2 or email milfordreference@cwmar.org the Reference Department at the Milford Town Library.

Mahjong @ MTL

A Mahjong group meets twice a month at the Milford Town Library. This group welcomes players familiar to Mahjong to join for enjoyment of the game, not for high stakes competition! The group meets on select Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m. at the library in the Quarry Room.

January & February meetings:

- Jan. 6, 2026
- Jan. 20, 2026
- Feb. 3, 2026
- Feb. 17, 2026

Those who are interested can attend any of the meetings. Mahjong sets are provided. Questions? Please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Milford Area Wordsmiths

Looking for a quiet, dedicated time, and place where you can write? Join the Milford Area Wordsmiths writers' group! We provide a safe place for adults (18+) to write and even share your work if you desire. All levels are welcome, from first-time writers to published authors. All genres are welcome, too.

The group meets the first and third Monday of each month (except holidays) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. Carol Allen, a retired middle-school teacher, writer and lifelong bookworm, serves as facilitator of the Milford Area Wordsmiths. For more information, please call 508-473-2145, option 2.

January & February meetings:

- Jan. 5, 2026
- Feb. 2, 2026



Tea and Book Tasting

On Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., stop by the adult services area to sample some autumnal teas and peruse seasonal books. The self-serve pop-up tea station can be found in our cozy reading nook on the main level, tucked behind the DVD section, across from the graphic novels.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Don't Toss That! 10 Things to Keep when Decluttering in 2026

Wait! Don't toss that! We all know decluttering is about getting rid of stuff. But expert organizer and author Jamie Novak says there are some surprising things you should keep.

Log on to this virtual program on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. and learn how to avoid regret when tidying up by holding onto these 10 things. Then get a quick jumpstart during the program with a short live guided task followed by a Q&A.

About the presenter: You may have seen her on morning TV or read her newest best-seller, *Keep This, Toss That*. Jamie Novak hosts a 10 Minute Podcast and has a popular YouTube show. She spends most days

presenting virtual programs on how to de-clutter, with a humorous twist. When not on the computer, Jamie is drinking iced tea while clipping out recipes she'll never prepare.

Visit the library's events calendar to register for this virtual program, offered in partnership with the Newton Free Library and other Massachusetts libraries.

Creating a Modern Homestead with Blogger Victoria Pruett

Join us for a virtual program on creating a modern homestead on Monday, Jan. 26, 2026 from 7 - 8 p.m. Chat with modern day homesteader, blogger, and author Victoria Pruett about her book *Creating a Modern Homestead: Traditional Skills for Real, Everyday Life*.

Victoria will walk participants through various aspects of homesteading - cooking from scratch, food preservation, backyard chickens, backyard gardening, natural pest control, etc. to get a broad overview of simple life changes to make to get closer to nature and less dependent on large, commercial organizations.

Visit the library's events calendar to register for this virtual program, offered in partnership with the Ashland library and other Massachusetts libraries.

Ongoing:

Find great deals on gently used books for children, teens and adults at the Friends Book Store and book table, replenished weekly.

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With Affordable Junk Removal, you can rent a dumpster or have their Junk Removal Professionals come to haul away items that have been gathering dust and taking up precious space. Setting a New Year’s resolution to clean up a neglected basement or attic is a great start. Sometimes the biggest challenge is not knowing where to begin with cleaning out your home and that is where Affordable can assist you.

“You can load your own dumpster or have our truck guys do all of the work for you,” Schadler explained. “And rest assured, we don’t just take

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everything to the landfill. We try and recycle as much as possible. Clothing and household items are donated to local organizations that help our friends and neighbors. That keeps them out of landfills, gives them a new life, and helps us keep our prices down. We’re always looking for ways to be more cost effective because customers appreciate our reasonable prices.”

Changes in legislation have made it increasingly more difficult to dispose of certain items, like mattresses, for example. It is a state law that most textiles and mattresses must be recycled. “Finding places to take mattresses is a challenge and the fees for disposal have gone through the roof,” said Schadler. Items like these carry a separate recycling fee that the commercial transfer stations charge because of how labor intensive that recycling is.



“People are usually shocked at the cost, and we find ourselves educating the customer as to why these fees exist. Here at Affordable, we view ourselves as an avenue our clients can turn to when they have these items and want them disposed of legally, safely and properly.”

Affordable has many repeat customers. “When people call,

they reach me, not some automated corporate call center,” he said. “They know me and the crew and trust us. We do a great job and are fast, efficient, and reliable. We come when we say we will and if anything unexpected comes up, we communicate. We live here too, we are your friends and neighbors. We sponsor your little league

teams and run into you at the grocery store. We are your local guys.” A quick look at the many years of positive online reviews attests to this.

For more information, visit AffordableJunkRemoval.com. For an estimate or appointment, call or text 774-287-1133.

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Cornerstone at Milford ‘Stockings for Seniors’ event supports local seniors in need

To the Editor:

On behalf of Cornerstone at Milford, the staff and the residents, I would like to thank the businesses and organizations in Milford and the neighboring towns of Franklin, Bellingham, and Medway for their kind donations to our Stockings for Seniors event. It’s hard to believe, but Stockings for Seniors is in its 12th year. This annual event allows Cornerstone at Milford seniors to support their peers in our region, during what can be a challenging time of year.

Cornerstone at Milford originally developed this event around the holidays in the hopes of providing kindness, recognition, and love to those who may not have family nearby or may have experienced a loss this year. We distributed over 250 stockings filled with personal care items such as mittens, socks, hand lotion, lip balm, playing cards, and notebooks.

We want to extend a special thank you to everyone who generously supported us this year, whether you donated your time or items for distribution. We wish to thank Milford Senior Center Sewing Club, Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School, Rosemary Tsacoyianis-Centered Care Coaching by Ro, Amare-Lisa Wood, O’Malley Geropsychology (Kelly O’Malley, Owner), Bright Agency Insurance (Krishna Swanson), Realty One Group (Nancy Briggs and Martha Morese, Senior Realtor Specialists), Homefield Credit Union, Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce, ERA Key Realty in Milford, Jackie, Personal Aide.

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Milford Santa Parade well-attended



Parade-watchers lined the streets of Milford's downtown on Dec. 7 for the town's annual Santa Parade.

The parade lasted about 45 minutes and was filled with public safety vehicles from

several towns, floats from local businesses and various civic and cultural groups – all decorated for the holiday season.

Marching bands, dancers, and artificial snow also brought joy to the viewers.

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Panel 2: Dog: "MY SUPERVISOR AND I YELLED AND SCREAMED AT EACH OTHER ALL DAY." Duck: "SO, WHAT'S WITH THE MELTING?"

Panel 3: Dog: "IT WAS A HEATED ARGUMENT." Duck: "GOOD THING THEY DIDN'T FIRE YOU."

Panel 4: Dog: "GOOD THING THEY DIDN'T FIRE YOU."



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 Cost: Free – my gift to you
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Wraith Brokerage helps small business owners navigate their next chapter

By Jennifer Russo

For many small business owners, selling a business is one of the most important decisions of their professional lives. Not only a financial milestone, but a combination of years of hard work, risk, and dedication. When they are ready to move on from something they have spent so much time and effort on, for whatever reason, it's like saying goodbye to an old friend. Recognizing the complexity and emotional weight of this transition, Wraith Brokerage has built its practice around thoughtful guidance, strategic expertise, and genuine respect for the business owners they serve.

Founded with a clear mission to support small and mid-sized business owners, Wraith Brokerage focuses exclusively on exit planning and business sales. Their team brings together deep market knowledge, transactional experience, and a client-centered approach designed to help owners honor what they have

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built while moving forward with confidence as they step into the next phase of their lives. Wraith is deeply aware of the emotional significance tied to selling a business, and they understand that no two exits are alike. They meet each client where they are, taking the time to understand both their business and their personal goals before recommending a path forward.

There are many reasons why small business owners choose to sell, whether it be someone retiring without a successor, someone who has decided to start a different business venture, or maybe even unfortunate health issues taking priority," shares Ryan, one of the Managing Directors at Wraith. "We know how important their business is to them and want to be sure they get the

value they deserve, helping them through every part of the process, from early-stage planning to final closing. We aim to take the stress out of it for them."

While many business owners rely on a real estate agent or their accountant, it's important that business owners consider collaborating with an experienced broker who knows the market and interacts with buyers regularly. Wraith can work with business owners early, collaborating with them to evaluate business performance, determine realistic market value, and identify opportunities to strengthen operations, financials, and positioning. This preparation not only improves outcomes but also gives owners clarity and control throughout the process.

When a business is ready to go

to market, Wraith manages the sale with discretion and professionalism. Their team handles confidential marketing, identifies and qualifies serious buyers, and guides negotiations with a focus on fair value and long-term success. Equally important is their careful management of due diligence and closing, ensuring that each detail is addressed and that the transaction progresses efficiently and transparently.

"It's an extremely seller-friendly market right now, with a huge demand for businesses with over \$1 million in revenue. This is due to the overarching demographics of millennials wanting to move on from their corporate jobs to try something else, supported by programs that help them finance the transaction, and private equity (large institutional

buyers) now acquiring smaller businesses," says Ryan.

"When planning to sell a business, it is important to start engaging early. The sale process takes around six months after you have engaged with us, so having those conversations and preparing effectively can make all the difference."

For local business owners considering an exit, Wraith Brokerage stands as a trusted resource within the community. Their combination of experience, integrity, and personal attention ensures that business transitions are not only successful but thoughtfully managed from beginning to end.

Learn more about Wraith Brokerage on their website: www.wraithbrokerage.com. If you are a small business owner considering selling your business or are curious about the process, reach out to the team at info@wraithbrokerage.com or call 617-356-8448.

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Woodland collects for local veterans



Again this year, the students at Woodland Elementary School collected items to be donated to Thanks To Yanks and then distributed to local veterans. Here students pose with Mike Shain and Scott Rielly of Thanks To Yanks. For more information, visit [@thankstoyanks](https://www.facebook.com/thankstoyanks) on Facebook. Photo source: Thanks To Yanks

Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail visioning workshop on Feb. 18

Seeks public input on future of trail

The Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail will host a meeting to gather and discuss ideas for future trail improvements and activities. The committee invites community members to share their creative ideas for enhancing the Trail experience, including safety and beautification, expanding access and educational enrichment, and activities that build community and connection.

The Friends of the Milford Upper Trail "Vision 2026 and Beyond" meeting will be held on Feb. 18 at the Milford Library at 7 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the first 20 years of this recreational gem in our town and work toward an even brighter future.

About the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail

The Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that for 20 years has promoted the safe use and maintenance of the Milford section of the Upper Charles Trail. It coordinates with several Town of Milford boards to address maintenance issues and enhance the overall trail experience for the community.

The Upper Charles Trail is a proposed 25-mile rail trail that will ultimately connect Milford, Ashland, Sherborn, Holliston, and Hopkinton. Milford was the first town to open a complete section, which extends 6.58 miles from the Milford Senior Center north to the Hopkinton town line and east to the town of Holliston. There, it joins the Holliston section of the



trail that continues to Sherborn.

How you can help

If you enjoy the trail, please consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail. Membership starts at just \$10 annually. Donations can be made through PayPal or by mailing a check to the Milford Town Hall. To learn more, visit the Friends committee website at www.milfordtrail.org or email the committee at trail@milfordtrail.org.

Recent Home Sales

Date	Milford	Amount
12/24/2025	17 Middleton St.	\$345,000
12/19/2025	6 Geneseo Cir.	\$650,000
12/19/2025	18 Shadowbrook Ln. #17	\$267,500
12/19/2025	95 High St.	\$480,000
12/18/2025	7 Ariana Cir.	\$585,000
12/15/2025	29 Forest St.	\$520,000
12/12/2025	12 Congress Ter.	\$405,000
12/11/2025	51 Camp St.	\$730,000
12/10/2025	48 Claflin St.	\$405,000
12/09/2025	19 Oliver St.	\$750,000
12/08/2025	45 Pine Island Rd.	\$580,000
12/08/2025	11 Shadowbrook Ln. #9	\$265,900
12/08/2025	8 Vassar Dr.	\$835,000
12/05/2025	278 Purchase St.	\$535,000
12/05/2025	5 Stanford Cir.	\$525,000
12/05/2025	175 West St.	\$625,000
12/05/2025	114 Walden Wy.	\$735,000
12/03/2025	54 Village Cir.	\$570,000
11/26/2025	5 Shadowbrook Ln. #32	\$270,000
11/26/2025	1 Tyler St.	\$345,000

Source: www.zillow.com / Compiled by Milford Free Press



The 3-bed, 2-bath, 1,688-square-foot house at 29 Forest Street in Milford recently sold for \$520,000. Image credit www.zillow.com

Alzheimer's Support Group to meet Jan. 13

Hearts, Hugs & Hope, an Alzheimer's Support Group at Cornerstone at Milford, will meet on Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at Cornerstone at Milford Assisted Living and Memory Support Community, 11 Birch Street, Milford.

This group for caregivers meets in person. Dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia isn't easy, so it is helpful to share your concerns and personal experiences with others who completely understand

what you're going through. You will also learn about proven strategies to help you better care for your family member. This month we will welcome guest speaker Mithun Pasham from Seniors Helping Seniors.

Call 508-473-0035 to RSVP or contact Director of Compass Programming Jenn Hozempa at jhozempa@cornerstonemilford.com for more information.

This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

Pet of the month: Meet Franklin

Hey, it's Franklin and he would love to come to your house to play! Franklin enjoys spending time with people and exploring his surroundings. This energetic, affectionate young cat can't wait to find a home of his own! Franklin was found as a stray and carries a few healed scars that only add to his rugged, endearing character. At an estimated 1-2 years old, Franklin is ready to bring joy, companionship, and plenty of playtime to a loving home. Could that be yours?

For information on meeting Franklin or the other cats at the Milford Humane Society please visit www.milfordhumane.org



Library to host Hobby Expo on Jan. 31

Hobbyists sought for free tabling

January is National Hobby Month and the Milford Town Library is looking for patrons interested in setting up a table to share their hobby with others!

The Expo date will be Saturday, Jan. 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library.

All hobbies are welcome; tables and chairs will be provided. This is a family friendly event, please be aware that little

hands may be present. No public speaking or presentation beyond mingling with attendees will be required.

If you are interested in participating, complete the form at www.milfordtownlibrary.org (or scan the QR code) no later than Jan. 24. Confirmation emails with details for the day will be sent on Jan. 27.

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Milford Community School Use for January

The New Year is finally here, and the Milford Community School Use Program (MCSUP) is ready to help you kick off your resolutions and keep your family active during the winter months.

Whether you're looking to get fit, learn a new skill, or keep the kids entertained, we have a pro-

gram for you.

Adult Wellness, Seminars, and Hobbies

Fitness & Wellness Ready to tackle those New Year's wellness resolutions? Join us for our various fitness classes. Most classes offer drop-in rates or pro-rated pricing if the session

has already begun!

- **Classes:** Circuit Fusion, Zumba, Yoga, and Indoor Walking.
- **Aquatics:** Lap Swim and "SplashHit" fitness classes are available at the High School Pool.

Free Informational Seminars We continue to offer free seminars to help you navigate major life transitions. Stay tuned for additional dates coming soon:

- **Home Buying:** Navigate the process of purchasing a home with confidence.
- **Estate Planning:** Essential steps to protect your assets and legacy.
- **Financial Planning:** Practical knowledge for budgeting and investing.

Winter Fun for Kids & Teens

After a successful holiday season of festive baking and cinema nights, we are excited to launch our upcoming youth programs:

- **Safesitter** (formerly Babysitting 101): Vital skills for future



Milford Kindergarten registration in February for 2026-2027 school year

The Kindergarten packet pick up date for the Millis Public Schools 2026-2027 school year will be on Tuesday, Feb. 3, between 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Milford High School cafeteria, 31 West Fountain Street (at the rear of the school).

The snow date will be Feb. 5.

Please note: Children must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31 to attend Kindergarten.

Parent/guardian is required to complete the first page of the

packet at the time of pick up.

If a language other than English is spoken at home, we will contact you to schedule a future language screening appointment.

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- **Newspaper Club:** A creative outlet for students in Grades 3-5.
 - **Bead Making:** Design and create custom jewelry and accessories.
- February Vacation Week**
Don't let the "winter blues" set in! Our vacation program provides a full week of supervised fun, games, and activities to keep children engaged while school is out.

Note: Programs fill up quickly! Early registration is highly encouraged.

Get Involved & Contact Us

Do you have a hobby or interest you'd like to share with the community? We are always looking for new ideas and instructors!

- Phone: 508-478-1119
- Email (Director): chrisburns@milfordma.com
- General Email: communityuse@milfordma.com

Clean Water Trust approves \$104.2 million in new loans and grants, sends \$150,000 to Milford

In December, the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust's (the Trust) Board of Trustees approved \$104,199,464 in new low-interest loans and grants, including a \$150,000 Asset Management Planning grant to the Town of Milford.

The Trust, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), helps communities build or replace water infrastructure that enhances ground and surface water resources, ensures the safety of drinking water, pro-

pects public health and develops resilient communities. It accomplishes these objectives by providing low-interest loans and grants to cities, towns and water utilities through the Massachusetts State Revolving Funds (SRFs). The SRF programs are partnerships between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. SRFs function like an environmental infrastructure bank by financing water infrastructure projects in cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

Milford holiday lights



Milford Town Hall in December. Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

Exhibitors needed for Family Fun & Disability Awareness Fair

Tables are free, space is limited

The Milford Family & Community Network CFCE, Open Sky Community Services, and The Milford Commission on Disabilities are seeking exhibitors for our 28th Annual Family Fun & Disability Awareness Fair which will take place on Sat., March 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Milford High School Cafeteria.

If your business, agency or program serves children and or families, we hope you will consider being an exhibitor. Tables are free, but space is limited. For more information, please call 508-277-4981 or email us at: familynetwork@milfordma.com by Feb. 27.

Submitted by Milford Public Schools

Commission on Disability seeks new members

The Milford Commission on Disability is currently accepting applications for new members. The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and is dedicated to advocating for and protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities within our community.

Those interested in serving are encouraged to submit an application for appointment by the Milford Select Board. Applications are available on the Town of Milford website. For additional information, please contact Susan Albanese at salbanese@townofmilford.com.

Milford Family & Community Network CFCE for January

Our Session II Playgroups begin on Tuesday, Jan. 20. If you did not register for a playgroup, be sure to call the office because we still have limited availability.

Take a look at our upcoming programs and call the office at 508-277-4981 to register.

Cozy Winter Day

Wear your pajamas and listen to a story on a cozy winter day on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Registration is required.

Desserts and Discussions

Join Miss Harmony for this parent-led conversation on Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Intergenerational Play

Come visit our friends at The Cornerstone at Milford for a seasonal activity on Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Mini Chefs

Cook, Create and Explore! Join us for a kids cooking class on Monday, Feb. 9 from 12 - 1:30 p.m. Registration is required.

For more information on MFCN CFCE playgroups and/or programs, feel free to visit our website calendar or contact us at 508-277-4981 or familynetwork@milfordma.com, online at milfordpublicschools.com/milfordfcn, or on Facebook at Milford Family and Community Network CFCE.



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SPORTS

Milford Boys' Hoops 'resets' with young team

Improvement on top of MHS to-do list in 2026

By Chris Villani

Third-year head coach Dana Olson has led a couple of veteran-driven Milford High boys' basketball teams. This winter, with a newer cast of characters leading the way, Olson feels like this team is definitively "his."

"This year, we have a lot of guys who don't really know anybody but me and my staff," Olson said. "The first two years, we made the state tournament, we hovered around .500. Now that slate is wiped clean and we really start building this thing from the inside out."

Junior captain Matt DaSilva returns as MHS' most experienced player and Olson said the team will look to him for scoring.

"He just keeps getting better from a leadership standpoint," the coach said. "He is one of our scorers and a kid who played a ton of varsity minutes as a sophomore. We are going to count on him to make some shots."

Ryan Burns, a 6-foot-4 forward, saw some time off the bench a season ago but is playing a bigger role this winter as a captain. Milford's third captain, Jason Stokes, returned to the court this winter after not playing last year.

"He is a good football and lacrosse player," Olson noted. "We are going to be counting

on him to be one of our better defenders."

Junior Manny Vilbrun is back after seeing time as a sophomore and the lengthy, 6-foot-4 forward is in the starting lineup for the Scarlet Hawks.

At point guard, Milford has sophomore Cody Geoffroy. "He is a good player," Olson said. "These are his first varsity minutes, so he is going to keep getting better."

Improvement is the watchword for MHS this season after graduating most of its starters from a senior-heavy playoff team in 2025.

"This is kind of like hitting the reset button and digging in and starting to build the foundation with this program," Olson said. "The goals are just to play better every time we go out, to just be a little bit better than the day before."

Milford suffered some setbacks early on in the season, but Olson said he is confident that the wins will come, noting that several of MHS' early losses were close games that a more experienced team might have found a way to win.

"A lot of these kids are getting their first taste of varsity basketball," he said. "Sometimes it looks really good, and sometimes it doesn't."



Milford boys basketball has a young team that is looking to get better this winter. Source: Instagram, Peter Boucher@hawknational




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SPORTS

Veteran group leads MHS girls' basketball

Scarlet Hawks look to compete in tough league

By Chris Villani

The Milford High School's girls' basketball team has some high aspirations this winter, and the program appears as strong as ever with an influx of new players. MHS had so many freshmen come out for this year's team that Head Coach Austin Costa said he was able to field a freshman team for the first time in eight years.

"The numbers are great," Costa said. "And the girls are enjoying themselves and having a lot of fun."

While the younger players develop and prepare to make contributions for the program down the road, Milford has a duo of veterans leading the way for the varsity squad.

"This is our third year with Ava Baglione and Katelyn Kearnan in the starting lineup," Costa said of two of his stand-out seniors. "They look much more comfortable and poised and they are able to contribute at a high level."

Baglione came out of the gate averaging nearly 15 points per game through the early part of the season. Kearnan has the ability to put together monster games, including one early season contest in which she scored 23 points, pulled down nine rebounds, and notched eight steals.

"We lean a lot on Katelyn for defense, but she is also a com-

bination of speed and length so she is kind of a matchup nightmare on offense for the other team," Costa said. "Ava is definitely our shooter from the outside. When the other team goes to a zone, we expect Ava to break them out of that."

Costa said the junior class is also strong this season, pointing to forward Reagan Cunningham as a player to watch for the Scarlet Hawks.

The coach said the focus for his team is the same as it has

been - to play excellent defense and have that be the team's identity. Last winter, MHS allowed around 50 points per game.

This season, Costa said he would like to see that number be closer to 44 points for the opponent on average.

"We love to play all out," he said. "We keep the pace of the game very fast, high intensity with lots of trapping and lots of transition basketball."

Costa said he wants to see MHS be a postseason team this winter and also make some noise in the ultra-competitive Kelley Rex division of the Hockomock League.

"I think everyone else has lost some players and, meanwhile, our best players have been doing this for three years in a row and it's their turn," he said. "We are looking to be near the top of the Kelley Rex."



Milford girls' basketball has intentions to compete in one of the area's top leagues. Source: Instagram, Peter Boucher@hawknationad



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