

## Local Beauty Shines at BVAA

The Blackstone Valley Art Association is proud to celebrate its 2026 "Local Beauty" community art show! This free show drew in artists from around the Blackstone

their favorite artwork. You can vote in person at the BVAA Community Gallery at 5 South Main Street, Uxbridge. You can also vote based on the video walkthrough of the show,

scenes you recognize. Winners get announced at 6pm.

The BVAA will host a free workshop on Monoprints / Gelli Print Making on Tuesday April 21st at



George Hancin / River Bend Farm Number 2 / oil

Valley with photographs, paintings, sketches, and other representations of the gorgeous landscapes, scenery, and architecture of our region. This show is "voter's choice" meaning every person can cast a vote for

which is found at BVAA.org. The public reception for this art show is on Friday, April 3rd from 5-7pm. All are welcome! We will have free snacks and soda, and you can see how many of the

6:30pm. All are welcome to attend. Try something new and expand your creativity! More information on our free workshops can be found at BVAA.org. Contact info@bvaa.org with any questions.



## Manchaug Pond Spring Cleanup Set for April 25

Community members are invited to roll up their sleeves and help care for one of the area's natural treasures later this month.

The Manchaug Pond Foundation will host its annual spring cleanup on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., welcoming volunteers to assist in clearing litter from Man-

chaug Pond and surrounding areas. Participants will meet at the state public access boat ramp on Torrey Road in Sutton before heading out to clean roadsides, shoreline areas, and other parts of the watershed.

Organizers say volunteers are not required to stay for the full three hours and can contribute as their schedules allow. Those with boats are especially encouraged to take part, helping to reach coves and harder-to-access areas of the pond.

All necessary supplies, including gloves, safety vests, and trash bags, will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the event will move to Sunday, April 26, with updates posted on the foundation's website and social media pages.

The cleanup effort supports the foundation's ongoing work to protect water quality at the 380-acre pond, which spans both Douglas and Sutton. The organization has previously secured multiple grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to address non-point source pollution—runoff from roads, lawns, and other surfaces that can impact water health.

In addition to hands-on events like the cleanup, the foundation continues to provide educational resources for residents and visitors, including guidance on low-impact landscaping practices such as buffer zones and rain gardens to help reduce nutrient runoff.

For more information about the cleanup or the foundation's work, visit manchaugpond.org.

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# Hummingbird Festival Returns to Douglas Common on May 2

BY LYNN PARESKY, DOUGLAS COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

Since last year's Hummingbird Festival was such a huge success, it will return to the Douglas Common on May 2nd from 9 am to 3 pm. Offering live music, shopping from more than 30 vendors, kids activities, presentations by a knowledgeable hummingbird expert, entertainment by Dance Sensations, and tasty offerings from food trucks, the Hummingbird Festival brings

a lot of family fun for Douglas and surrounding towns.

Showing their strong dedication to the communities they both serve, UniBank and Lindsey Sarah Realty are sponsoring this year's Hummingbird Festival. As Major and Gold Sponsors respectively, their support helps The Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. bring a fun family day to the area for all to enjoy! Make sure to stop at their booths to thank them for being so supportive and involved.

Amir Ghazanfari

The Hummingbird Festival is a celebration of the return of those fascinating little birds that so many people love, and the event's guest speaker will be Amir Ghazanfari, a Syracuse University educated biologist and naturalist working with MA Audubon studying the State hummingbird population. Ghazanfari will offer both a morning presentation (10 am) and an afternoon presentation (1:30 pm), providing general information about population, nesting, migration, types, pollinator importance, what plants attract

them, and important feeder information. Following the presentation, Ghazanfari will be available for one-on-one questions.

The day also offers live music by Joe Cicero, Bob Moran and Phil Stockwell, shopping at an assortment of 30+ different vendors offering products for hummingbirds, plants, unique gifts, decorative home and garden items, food items and more. There will be children's activities, including free face painting, activities led by the Simon Fairfield Public Library, and free hummingbird feeders offered by Lindsey Sarah Realty to the first 100 children visiting her booth.

The day wouldn't be complete without dance performances by students from Dance Sensation. Stealing the hearts of last year's audience, the little girls dancing to the song, "Happy Hummingbird," and the older dancers were a highlight of the day.

The Hummingbird Festival also offers food trucks so attendees can satisfy their hunger between all the other day's activities. Big Daddy's Bites, Three Sons Grilled Cheese and the Tasty Gelato Truck will all be offering up some tasty food items, so bring your appetite!

Make sure to put the Hummingbird Festival on your calendar and bring your family and friends to enjoy this special local Spring event. There will be lots of free parking for the Festival this year. Choose from parking at the Veterans Field or at the Highway Department. A free shuttle bus will bring you from the Highway Department right to the Common and will be going back and forth during the entire Festival. The Veterans Field is just a short walk from the Common. With a Handicapped Placard or Plates, parking is also available in the 1st Congregational Church parking lot.

The Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit relying on donations from businesses and individuals to put on community-building events like this, as well as to complete projects to beautify and help maintain the Town-owned Douglas Common. If you would like to support us by making a donation, please mail your check payable to Douglas Common Preservation Society, Inc., 76 NW Main St, Douglas, MA. Donations may also be made via Venmo@ Kathleen-Sugrue-Richards (please include "Donation" as well as your contact information).

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## Director's News For April

SHINE Counselor, Pat Nectow, is back from hiatus and able to assist you with your health insurance questions and concerns. Pat will be at the center on Tuesday, April 21 at 9 a.m. Please call the center to schedule your appointment.

The Walk & Talk walking club is back! Join Wellness Coordinator Doreen Cedrone, Walk & Talk Program! This group will meet every Monday at 9:00 a.m. starting on Monday, April 27. The location of walk will be the Town Loop. Participants will meet Doreen at

McCloskey School, 62 Capron Street at 9 a.m. The program is weather permitting, don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. You must preregister, the enrollment forms are available at the Senior Center.

Volunteer Recognition Day, as the name suggests, is a day to honor, recognize and celebrate the selfless individuals who volunteer their time and energy to help others and promote good causes. The senior center will be holding a luncheon for our volunteers on Monday, April 27 at 12 p.m. Please consider joining us to celebrate our volunteers at this luncheon and don't forget to RSVP. This is a time to honor the impact of all those who do good in our Town and inspire others to make a difference.

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection will be holding their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

We will be reviewing the Annual Report and the election of Board of Directors members. Any member of UEC interested in running for the Board should contact Director Lisa Bernard or Donna Oncay at the senior center. The Uxbridge Elderly Connection is the fundraising arm of the senior center and provides financial funding for some of the senior center's activities and programs.

You are invited to the second annual Uxbridge Senior Center Golden Gala! We are celebrating our Uxbridge seniors with this special luncheon of dining, dancing and festivities. Please join us on Friday, May 15 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the VFW Post 1385 located at 13 Cross Road in Uxbridge. You must purchase tickets in advance at the Uxbridge Senior Center. The cost of the tickets is a \$5 per person donation which includes the meal and the entertainment. This event is sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection. No tickets will be available at the door.

Do you know about the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP's)? If your income is at or below the amounts listed here, you may qualify for help from one of several Medicare

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# Golf Tournament to Support Local Education and Workforce Programs

The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) is bringing back one of its most anticipated community events this spring, as the 37th Annual Charity Golf Tournament returns on Monday, May 11.

The tournament will take place at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, offering a full day of golf, networking, and fundraising to benefit local education and workforce development programs across the Blackstone Valley.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., with an 11 a.m. tee-off. The day will conclude with an evening program featuring cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, as well as a raffle and silent auction.

According to BVCC President

and CEO Jeannie Hebert, the event plays an important role in supporting the region. Funds raised help provide resources for local schools, workforce training opportunities, and educational programs for residents of all ages.

"This event brings people together for a great day on the course while supporting programs that make a real difference in our communities," Hebert said.

Golfers can take part in a putting contest during the day, with a chance to win a cash prize. Registration is \$300 for individual players or \$1,200 for a team of four, which includes golf, meals, and event activities. Those who wish to attend only the evening portion can purchase tickets for

\$125.

In addition to player registration, the Chamber is also offering sponsorship opportunities for local businesses. New sponsorship levels have been introduced this year, providing additional ways for companies to connect with area professionals while supporting a local cause.

The annual tournament has long served as a gathering point for local business leaders and residents, combining recreation with a shared commitment to strengthening the community.

For more information or to register, interested participants can contact the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

# Blackstone Valley Tech Institute Open House

Adults (18+) and recent high school graduates interested in launching a career in the skilled trades are invited to attend the Blackstone Valley Technical Institute (BVTi) Open House on Wednesday, May 6, at 6 p.m.

The event offers an opportunity to tour the facility at 65 Pleasant Street in Upton and learn how BVTi supports adult learners. Attendees will meet staff, tour training spaces, speak with instructors, and explore 200-hour, hands-on training programs in HVAC, plumbing, welding, CNC machine operation, and electrical. Attendees will also learn about

program requirements, industry certifications, and how BVTi connects students to employment opportunities. Information will be available on application support



and grant-funded training opportunities, which may allow eligible students to gain valuable skills and certifications at no cost.

Those interested in attending should reserve a spot by emailing info@bvtadulthood.org.

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lyfish Shop. This is sponsored by a grant from Uxbridge Cultural Council. Class size is limited so be sure to sign up early!

**Tuesday, April 14, - 1p.m.**  
- Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be discussing "The Last Mona Lisa" by Jonathan Santlofer. You are welcome to join us for lunch on this day, just be sure to call ahead to book yours! Next book club meeting is on Tuesday, May

12 and they will be discussing "We All Live Here" by Jojo Moyes.

**Tuesday, April 14, - 1 p.m.**  
.- Benefit Enrollment Specialist - Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment. Next date will be Tuesday, May 12.

**Thursday, April 16, - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.** - Big BINGO at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO cash prizes! Packets of 10 games for \$10. Transportation will be provided. Let us know if you'd like to join us for lunch on this date by calling or stopping by to RSVP. You must sign up by 12 noon the day before game day.

**Monday, April 20, - The Senior**

Center will be closed in observance of Patriots' Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 21 st at 8 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 21, - 9 a.m.**  
- SHINE Appointments. Pat Nectow will be available for your health insurance questions. Call to book an appointment.

**Wednesday, April 22, - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** - "PopUp Library". Books will be on display to check out, library card sign-ups, book hold pick-ups, etc. This program is being offered by the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

**Thursday, April 23, - 1:30 p.m.** - Sally's Spring Bulb Planter Class! Cost is \$7per person due upon signup.

**Friday, April 24, - 12 p.m.** - April Birthday Cake Celebration. We will celebrate all the April birthdays!

**Monday, April 27, - 9 a.m.** - Walk & Talk Begins!

**Monday, April 27, - 11:30 a.m.** - Low Impact Exercise Class with Pan Landi - Join Pam every Monday at McCloskey School. The benefits of this program will help improve flexibility, concentration, balance, and strength. Additional benefits include increase blood flow, enhancing attention, burning calories, and meeting new friends. The dona-

tion cost of the 8-week program is \$25. You must pre-register, please stop by the center to receive the application and waiver forms prior to the start of this program.

**Monday, April 27, - 12 p.m.** - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Join us in celebrating our volunteers! You must RSVP.

**Monday, April 27, - 1:30 p.m.** - "Ask the Attorney" with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment.

**Tuesday, April 28, - 11a.m. - 12 p.m.** - Ask the Nurse Free Blood Pressure Clinic with the Salmon Health VNA. RSVP if

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The BOAT AMERICA COURSE is offered in a one-day format developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Basic marlinespike seamanship (knots etc.) will also be included. Successful completion of the course will certify any

minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-year-old operators), on all Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Approved by National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) it will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries where boating safety education is mandatory including RI and CT.

The Hanson-Milone Boater Safety Act, signed into Mass. Law, will now requires ALL Mass. motorboat operators to complete an approved Safe Boating Certificate course before April 1, 2026, for anyone born after 1/1/1998, and by April 1, 2028, for boaters born before 1/1/1998. Enforcement of the new law will begin on Septem-

ber 1, 2026. This course meets the new Mass. requirement. Most boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course. Participants 16 years old and under must be accompanied, in person, by a registered parent/guardian.

SPACE IS LIMITED so register soon:

Webster Fire Department Classroom, 55 Thompson Road, Webster 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The registration deadline is May 10. Contact our Public Education Officer Phil Kubat for registration or additional information: email [phil.uscgaux@verizon.net](mailto:phil.uscgaux@verizon.net) or call 508 -478-3778.

To locate the BA meeting certification requirements, and other USCG Auxiliary courses offered go to: [https://www.cgau.org/boat-inged/class\\_finder/index.php](https://www.cgau.org/boat-inged/class_finder/index.php)

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you'd like to join us for lunch.

Thursday, April 30, – 1:30 p.m. – Free Afternoon Movie at the Senior Center! We will be watching John Wayne's "The Quiet Man". Refreshments to be served

and transportation is available.

**Card Game played during lunch on Mondays.** No game on April 27.

**Walk & Talk Begins Every Monday at 9:00 a.m.** Walking the town loop, weather permitting. Meet at the McCloskey School.

**Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday.** Pick up begins at 8:30 a.m. Please sign up in advance by calling 508-278-8622 to reserve your seat on the van.

**Knitting Club every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.** – Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet, come and visit us! The group members are always willing to teach you!

**Every Wednesday – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** – The Uxbridge Senior Center Transportation Program Community Shuttle. This shuttle is for seniors and individuals with disabilities to destinations such as post office, pet care appointments, hair salon or barber, bank, pharmacy & shopping anywhere in the Uxbridge/Northbridge area. Note: this replaces

the weekly bank/pharmacy and Shaw's/Ocean State rides. Call 508-278-8622 for more information and to book your FREE ride. Requests require a 48-hour notice.

**Every Wednesday– BINGO is played during lunch!** Wednesdays - "Canasta" Hand, Knee & Foot CardGame at 1:15 p.m. Let us know if you'd like to join us for lunch!

**Wednesdays – Play Scrabble! – 1:15 p.m.** – Come by for an afternoon playing Scrabble. Boards are supplied by the senior center. Let us know if you'd like to join us for lunch!

**Medical Transportation is accepting appointments.** Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your rides.

Feel free to contact us at 508-278-8622 or visit us on our web page at [Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa](http://Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa) or like us on our FB page or by googling Uxbridge Senior Center and our new YouTube Channel or even dropping by.

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# Risks Threatening Gen Z's Retirement — and How to Tackle Them



Mark Freeman, CEPA

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While older generations worry about having enough money for retirement, many Gen Z workers aren't even starting to save. Research in 2025 by Edward Jones and Morning Consult shows that nearly half haven't begun setting money aside for their golden years, and only 22% are contributing to a workplace retirement plan.

The culprit is a perfect storm of financial pressures that can make saving for the future feel impossible.

One of the biggest challenges this generation faces is debt. High-interest credit card balances and persistent student loan payments leave many feeling they're just trying to stay afloat, rather than planning decades ahead.

The cost of living doesn't help either. Nearly 60% of Gen Z renters are considered "rent-burdened," spending more than 30% of their pre-tax income on rent, according to a StreetEasy analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data. Rising prices driven by inflation and tariffs squeeze budgets further, moving retirement savings down the priority list.

The nature of work has also changed. Gen Z is more likely than previous generations to hold gig jobs, contract positions or other flexible work arrangements that often don't include employer retirement plans, according to Pew Re-

search. Even when plans are available, only 22% participate. Feeling overwhelmed by jargon, confused by investment choices or focusing only on today's experiences and technology can all delay participation. These early gaps may lead to catch-up needs later in life.

Unfortunately, Gen Z has little faith in the retirement safety net. Only about a third of Gen Z-ers say they believe Social Security will still exist when they retire, according to the latest information from the CATO Institute.

Fortunately, there are steps Gen Z can take now to get their retirement savings off to a good start:

- **Start small:** Even a few dollars per paycheck builds a savings habit and gets compounding interest working in their favor. Early momentum matters more than starting big.
- **Let compounding do its work:** Small, consistent contributions can grow dramatically

over time, especially when they have decades to accumulate.

• **Use a workplace retirement account:** For anyone with access to a plan, enroll and contribute at least enough to receive any employer match. It's one of the few forms of "free money" available.

• **Open an IRA:** If no plan is available through work, take charge by opening an individual retirement account (IRA).

• **Simplify investing:** If the choices feel confusing, consider options such as a target date fund, which reduces complexity and helps keep you properly invested without needing expert advice.

• **Use found money:** Direct tax refunds, bonuses or gig income into retirement savings to boost progress without straining the monthly budget.

• **Automate contributions:** Automatic transfers make saving effortless. Review this annually and increase contributions as income grows.

• **Build confidence:** If investing feels overwhelming, look for quick financial education resources from an employer, plan provider or reputable nonprofit organization. Even a little knowledge can make decisions easier.

The path to retirement doesn't require perfection — just progress. Building consistency early helps create choices, security and financial breathing room later in life.

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

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The business offers same-

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

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more



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

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Schadler says the company takes an environmentally responsible approach to disposal, recycling whenever possible and properly handling non-recyclable materials. "With four kids, sustainability is especially important to us," he says.

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk removal on nights and weekends when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers reinvested into the company with new equipment and techniques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have any tarps. I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp.'"

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in get-

ting the business off the ground. "She handled the back end while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at EMC," he says. "Fast forward 21 years, and we both work full time, managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to include a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place, The Corner Market in Holliston."

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

be involved in their activities. We're also able to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Uxbridge, Northbridge and Douglas in particular, Schadler says they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area.

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

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The program will begin Monday, April 27 from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Uxbridge Senior Center Satellite Site which is located at the McCloskey School at 62 Capron Street. The class will run for one hour, one day a week, on Mondays, for an 8-week time frame, at the cost of a \$25.00 donation. This is an 8-week specialized program designed for seniors. The instructor, Pamela Landi, is a certified personal trainer. Checks can be payable to the Uxbridge Senior Center.

Low Impact Exercise can improve your flexibility, concentration and strength, while boosting your mood, and reducing stress and joint strain. These workouts are safe and can be done at any fitness level.

There will be an option of doing these exercises seated or standing. The class would be open to all in the community, including those outside the Town of Uxbridge.

Interested individuals should call or stop by the Uxbridge

Senior Center at 508-278-8622 for more information and receive their enrollment form, the schedule, and waiver forms prior to the start of the program.

## WALKING GROUP


Join Doreen Cedrone, our Wellness Coordinator, in walking the local town loop trail in Uxbridge. Our

“Walk & Talk” Group will start on Monday, April 27 th from 9:00am-10:00am. The group will meet each Monday morning at the McCloskey School located at 62 Capron Street in Uxbridge.

Walking with a group can help you meet new people, build friendships, and provide a sense of community. Being active is the secret to staying healthy, and walking is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to get moving.

Participants will meet Doreen at McCloskey School to begin the walk. The program is weather permitting and there is no charge. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Participants are required to complete an enrollment and waiver form. Please call the senior center for more info and to receive your forms at (508) 278-8622 or email Director Lisa Bernard at lbernard@uxbridge-ma.gov.

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## The Brew Crew Sends Thanks to Muradian

The Northbridge Senior Center extends its sincere thanks to State Rep. David Muradian, Jr. for joining the Brew Crew and speaking with local seniors at a recent gathering held at Plummer Place.

Rep. Muradian generously took the time to connect with attendees, share updates, and engage in thoughtful conversation on issues important to the community and surrounding towns. His visit provided a valuable opportunity for seniors to ask questions, share their perspectives, and stay informed about local and state initiatives.

The Center's Brew Crew program continues to serve as a welcoming space for connection, discussion, and community engagement, and visits like this help enrich the experience for

all who attend, according to Program and Volunteer Coordinator Amy Cowen. For more informa-



tion on the Brew Crew, or its other programs and events, please call the Northbridge Senior Center at (508) 234-2002.

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290 Main Street, Douglas, MA 01516, Phone: 508-476-2695  
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Please note that we will be closed on Monday, April 20 in observance of Patriots' Day.

### Children's Book Clubs

Wed. 04/15 @ 4 p.m Book Bunch (Grades 2-4), Little Lion Rescue by Rachel Delahaye

Wed. 05/06 @ 5 p.m. Book Wizards (Grades 5-7), The Sword of Summer by Rick Rick Riordan

### Children's Happenings

Mon. 04/13, 04/27, 05/04 @ 10 a.m.- Spring Storytime (Registration Required)

Tue. 04/14 @ 3:30 p.m. - Lego Club II (Registration Required)

Thu. 04/16, 04/30, 05/07 @ 10 a.m.- Spring Storytime (Registration Required)

Tue. 04/21 @ 11:30 a.m.- Music & Movement with Deb Hudgins

Tue., @ 05/05 3:30 p.m. - Lego Club I (Registration Required)

Wed, 04/15 @ 5:45 p.m. - Reading to Bryce (Registration Required)

### Teen Happenings

Tue, 04/14, 04/28 @ 4 p.m.- Dungeons & Dragons Club (FULL)

Tue, 04/21, 05/05 @ 4 p.m. - Battletech Club

Sat, 05/09 @ 11 a.m. - Book Nerds, On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

### Adult Book Clubs

Tue, 04/14 @ 6:30 p.m. - Intrepid Readers, River Kings: A New History of the Vikings from Scandinavia to the Silk Roads by Cat Jarman

Tue, 04/21 @ 6:30 p.m. - SciFi Book Club, Dark Eden by Chris Beckett

Wed, 04/29 @ 6:30 p.m. - Plot Twisters, House of Glass by Sarah Pakkanen

Thu, 05/07 @ 6:30 p.m.- Greatest Book Club Ever, Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

### Adult Happenings

Mon, 04/13, 04/27, 05/04 @ 6:30

- Writer's Accountability Group

Wed, 04/15, 04/29, 05/06 @ 10

a.m. - Fiber Arts Friends  
Thu, 04/16 @ 6 p.m. - Cookbook Collective, Theme: A Veg-

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Sat, 04/18 @ 10:30 a.m. - SFPL Gardeners

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# The Legend Of Laura Sherman

BY THOMAS D'AGOSTINO

New England is full of incredible legends and stories that add to the magic of the region. There is one certain legend that resides near the Tri-State border of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

At the crossroads of Wakefield and Croff in Burrillville, Rhode Island, one will find the remains of a small burial lot. If it were not for the sign that marks it as Rhode Island Historical Cemetery #1, visitors may never know it is actually the Sherman family burial lot.

Raised up from the road by a

stone wall, the unmarked plot holds the remains of five members of the Sherman family and what looks like the remains of a cellar hole where perhaps their cabin once graced, or the last remnants of a family mausoleum. Buried in this lot are Caroline Sherman, born 1837- death unknown, Clark Sherman, born 1831- death unknown, Ellen Sherman, birth and death dates unknown, Laura Marsh Sherman, born September 24, 1803- died 1870, and Squire Crandell Sherman, born July 1828 and died April 21, 1879.

The only trace of gravestones is the base of Laura Sherman's monument. The others have nothing left but mounds rising from the earth to show of their being buried there. Legends states the rest of the stones were stolen to perform some sort of rituals. More than likely, they were field stone markers long sunken into the earth or stones that were carried away for some other repurposing. This would seem easy to do as the lot is located in an isolated area along the woods of Buck Hill.

The lack of death dates on record would indicate that the Clark family buried their own and never bothered to record exact dates of death with the town. Some claim that Caroline and Ellen may have been the wives of Clark Sherman, but it is the grave of Laura Sherman, the oldest of them all, that is of interest in this narrative. Laura may have been the matriarch of the family, who even in death, still watches over her loved ones.

It has been passed down from generation to generation that Laura haunts the lot. If you visit on a full moon and dance around her grave thirteen times, she will appear and answer your questions. It is a local legend that has been attempted many times. Some have fled in fear as Laura Sherman materialized out of a wisp of smoke, keeping her part of the bargain for their toil, while others swore the whole story is nothing more than an urban legend created by the local boy scout camp at Buck Hill.

There are other stories of people who swore Laura Sher-

man watches over the graveyard. Many of the Burrillville residents say that they have been startled, or even frightened by what they believe is the ghost of Laura standing at the edge of the plot looking at the road as they drove by. When they would look back, the ghost would be gone.

One account relates to a small group of high school students who decided to call forth the spirit of Laura. One of the girls circled the grave thirteen times while the small throng waited anxiously for the ghost to appear. After a while, they felt deceived by the spirit and left the lot. While driving away, the people in the other car noticed an old woman sitting in the back seat of the car driven by the girl who tried to summon Laura from her eternal rest.

If you decide to visit the cemetery, it is advised to do so for historical purposes only and be thoughtful and courteous to both the living and the dead. The neighboring houses keep watch for vandalism or unruly behavior.

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**SPORTS**

# Northbridge Baseball

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

The goal every year for the Northbridge baseball team is to win the State Championship. Last year after finishing 11-7 during the regular season the Rams earned themselves a 10 seed in the Division 4 State Tournament and were able to beat Rockland and East Bridgewater, the number seven seed, before losing to Lynnfield the two seed in the Round of 8. Lynnfield would go to the State Championship game where they lost to Millbury 3-2.

“First and foremost, we’re looking to win the league,” Northbridge Co-Coach Matt Abrain said. “Moving to the CMAC this year is going to be tough as we’ll be going up against some tough teams twice during the regular season. It will be like playing in the playoffs in mid-April, but it will definitely get us ready for the post season.”

Northbridge graduated the core group of senior athletes from the team but will be returning 11 seniors this spring looking to make the goal a reality.

Senior JP Bolduc will be the Rams’ ace on the mound and will patrol centerfield when he’s not pitching. The senior hurler will be given the ball in a majority of the team’s big games. He may not be a have a top-notch fast ball, but he knows how to hit his spots and will also be competing.

The coaching staff is hoping that he can continue to go out there and throw strikes when he takes the mound giving the Rams positive results and put the team in a position to win. Abrain noted that the squad will try to line up Bolduc for the bigger games.

Junior Ryder Meagher, the team’s number three starter last season, will be looked upon to move up a notch and take the role behind Bolduc as the team’s number two hurler. Following the two top throwers Northbridge will be looking to see who can step up on the mound to help the team by throwing strikes and giving them a chance to win. Although it is still early, Abrain said the coaching staff will be using scrimmages to hopefully warm up those arms.

Antonio D’Alfano can play everywhere and anywhere on the field for the Rams. Last spring he secured the hot corner, but this year he will most likely see a lot of time in the outfield.

“He’s been on the team since his sophomore season and has been playing all over the place for us,” the co-coach said. “He’s our Swiss Army knife – and will play

should account for a majority of the Rams’ runs this year.

Playing in his third season behind the dish and catching the pitchers will be catcher Jacoby Galerani. According to Abrain, his offense started coming along last year and he should be able to help the team this spring. A solid athlete, Galerani hits in the ninth hole but has been able to provide the

team with some big-time timely hits.

Rounding out the players who are known to be able to give this team a shot at their goals is senior Ryan Ruzzo. Unfortunately, Ruzzo will have some very big shoes (Jay Costello’s) to fill taking over the shortstop position.

“We are hoping that Ryan can be half as productive as Jay was,” Abrain said. “He’s a defensive shortstop that can put the ball in play at the plate and is fast once he gets on the bases.”

Having a solid core of players should give the Rams the step they need

wherever the team needs him to play and as coaches we have total trust in him wherever we happen to play him.”

Two seniors who will be holding down infield positions for Northbridge this season will be Matt Caughlin at second and Keondre Gaines at first. Caughlin, who is known as Turbo, is one that can put the ball in play and get on base. Once on the basepaths he uses his legs and aggressiveness to move around the bases. Gaines, on the other hand, is one of the team’s power hitters. The first baseman will be one of the team’s bats that

to get them moving in the right direction, but the team may also find some diamonds in the rough once they begin practicing on the diamond but to accomplish their goals they are going to have to play disciplined baseball.

“We need to make the plays on defense while throwing strikes on the mound,” the co-coach said. “Once we get on base our baserunners are going to need to put pressure on the opposing teams. If we can put all this together we should have a successful season.”



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## LIVING WITH LUKE

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# Luke Does His Job

BY AMY PALUMBO-LECLAIRE

I don't like to leave Luke alone for more than three hours, let alone for almost a week. But vacations are a part of life. I needed some Florida sunshine. I'd like to say Luke understood - that he was happy for me, supportive even. But I'm a terrible liar.

The truth is, Luke did not under-

stand.

Why would anyone walk out on a loved one?

"My Mom doesn't love me anymore." He sniffed the evidence - the overstuffed bag that meant Mom's annual mission to avoid checking-in luggage. Then he turned and escaped to his bed, curling into a tight ball until his tail covered his mouth.

"I love you, Luke! Mummy's going for a ride. I'll be back in a few days. You're going to stay with Daddy." I cupped his bear cub face in my hands and kissed his nose.

The whisker above his right eye lifted when I spoke his

language: Stay with Daddy. He considered the phrase, one with multiple meanings—fun walks, snuggle time, shared silence during workdays, frisbee, and yard work. Daddy is a good person.

The problem was - He sighed long. Daddy isn't Mommy.

My early morning flight didn't help sanctify our lukewarm separation. I followed the airplane alphabet to a row of seats that resembled a toddler's booster chair and popped open the overhead bin. No room for another bag. Worse, even my small one barely fit



beneath the seat.

A watchful flight attendant noticed. "Please be sure your bag is tucked fully underneath the seat," she said.

Easier said than done. My belted midsection - seatbelt light on - couldn't bend enough to manage the bag. Under her eye, I wrestled with a stubborn metal bar until, finally, I shoved it into place. The stares of my cabin neighbors - an elderly couple far more organized than I was - beat down on me like a noon day sun.

"Hi there," I tried. "I'm Amy."

The wife adjusted her mask to blow her nose into a wad of tissues, then folded it neatly for reuse. Her husband gazed out the window. I leaned back and closed my eyes.

Luke filled my thoughts.

"Hey Mom! Sit next to me!"

What's in that bag? Did you bring any frisbees? No problem - I'll give you my paw in case you're nervous about flying. Anxiety? Who am I to talk? I can't even handle the vibration of my groomer's nail buffer."

His imagined voice was bright, reassuring.

Which was ironic, considering he trembles at the hum of a nail buffer at the groomers. His back legs shake, his eyes widen - every unfamiliar sensation a small betrayal. There is no version of this world where I could place him in a crate beneath a plane and call it care.

I've been told there's an easy workaround. "Just get him a service vest—you can bring him anywhere."

But I'm a terrible liar.

Luke isn't a service dog.

And yet -

"You have the best dog!" says the delivery driver, pausing for a game of frisbee.

"Can they pet him?" asks a tired mother, grateful for a moment's stillness while her children reach for his soft ears.

"Can I give him a command?" a teenager asks, lingering a little longer than necessary.

"Do you want to talk about it?" he seems to say without words, again and again, to the people who need it most.

Luke does not perform tasks on command. He doesn't wear a vest

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# UniBank is Hummingbird Festival Major Sponsor

BY LYNN PARESKY, DOUGLAS COMMON PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.

Bonnie Lepage, Lynn Paresky and Vicky Peck on April 2nd at the Douglas Common.

Showing its tradition of community support, UniBank is the proud Major Sponsor of this year's Hummingbird Festival being held on Saturday, May 2nd, from 9 am to 3 pm, at the Douglas Common and hosted by the

The Hummingbird Festival is a celebration of the return of those fascinating little birds that so many people love. The day also offers live music by Joe Cicero, Bob Moran and Phil Stockwell, shopping at an assortment of 30+ different local vendors offer-

ally, at 10 am and 1:30 pm, Amir Ghazanfari will offer an informative presentation about hummingbirds, what plants attract them, pollinator importance, and important feeder information.

Scheduled to begin at 1 pm, students from Dance Sensation will perform for the crowd again this year. Stealing the hearts of last year's audience, the little girls dancing to the song, "Happy Hummingbird," and the older dancers were a highlight of the

day.

The Hummingbird Festival also offers food trucks so attendees can satisfy their hunger between all the other day's activities with some tasty food items followed by a gelato dessert. Those delicious donuts will also be available at the Douglas Orchard & Farm booth, and sweet delights from Katie Cakes will be sure to please.

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Karen Yacino, Vice President and Relationship Branch Manager of UniBank, presented their \$1,000 Major Sponsorship check to the Douglas Common Preservation Society's Board Members,

ing products for hummingbirds, plants, unique gifts, jewelry, decorative home and garden items, food items and more. There will be children's activities, including free face painting, activities led by the Simon Fairfield Public Library, and free hummingbird feeders offered by Lindsey Sarah

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# Molding or 3-D Printing a Replacement Part

**Q.** My son just picked up his new leased 2026 Honda CR-V Sport and while parked someone hit the driver side rearview mirror enough to just knock off a small two-inch

chunk off the edge. I checked to see if I could get a replacement part, but it would require taking the mirror off the door. This looks like an expensive job at the dealer and too difficult for a DIY-er. Will leaving the "wound" open mess up the electronics in the mirror? Can I make my own mold of the missing piece and epoxy on my home-made replacement and paint it? Or should I just ignore the "wound" and forget about it?

**A.** Concerning the electronics in the mirror, they are quite robust and the weather will not affect the operation. Could you mold or 3-D print a replacement part and epoxy it in place, it is certainly possible. You can buy color matching factory paint through automotive-touchup.com. Also, something to think about, with a lease you are going to be responsible for damage that is not considered normal wear and tear. Here is my story, my last new car was damaged in a parking lot when it had about 1000 miles on it. The damage was

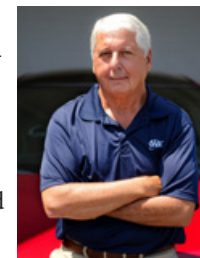
about \$1000, and since the car was new, I had it repaired, it just felt like it was the right thing to do with a new car. If it were older I would have probably made some DIY repair and moved on.

**Q.** I have two Toyota vehicles, a 2015 Toyota Tacoma and a 2020 Prius Prime. When I use iPhone Maps in the Tacoma, both visual and audio work fine. Audio comes through the phone. When I do the same thing in the Prius, the audio portion does not work. Any ideas, as all settings are there same as far as I can tell.

**A.** Once you have determined that the IOS of the phone is up to date as well as any software for cars, the next step is seeing if the audio source is set wrong. Select Car-Play, USB and Bluetooth. Some Toyota products have separate volume levels for radio and phone audio one could be set to mute. Depending on how you connect the phone, sometimes Bluetooth and USB conflict with each other. Then sometimes it is just a matter of one technology not being compatible with another.

**Q.** I recently experienced my car cutting off while driving, I was able to restart my car and drive for about four miles then I noticed my engine was overheating. I checked fluid and was normal; oil was normal even though I was told I had a slow engine gasket oil leak. What could be the problem?

**A.** If the engine was overheating before you noticed the gauge warning, that certainly could have caused the engine to stall. The overheating could be caused by a faulty thermostat, cooling fan, clogged radiator, or a cylinder head gasket. A good shop should be able to check these items and determine if there is permanent damage to the engine.



BY JOHN PAUL

**Q.** I am reaching out about an issue with my 2019 Honda Pilot. We got a new battery and then a couple of days later took it in for state inspection. It did not pass emissions test because it was "not ready." The mechanic said this happens with new batteries and suggested driving it for a few days. For the past two to three weeks, we have been driving it a lot (over 500 miles) and doing the cycle resets suggested online. Still coming up "not ready" when tested with at home with OBD scanner. Is it weather-related or something else?

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# The Best Week To List Your House Is Just Around the Corner

**W**hile the Spring season consistently offers up some of the best conditions for home sellers, there's one window where the stars really seem to align year after year and it's coming up fast. Based on an analysis of historical trends,



BY MARK MARZEOTTI

the ideal week to put your house on the market this year is April 12-18. Here's why this window stands out as being particularly seller-friendly:

Buyers are more active. According to the research coming out of Realtor.com, homes listed during this week typically get about 16.7 percent more views than in a normal week and in a market where buyers have options, getting that extra attention can set the tone for your entire sale.

Sales happen faster. The added demand from buyers sets you up for a faster process. While homes have been taking longer to sell lately, homes up for sale this week

were on the market for 17 percent less time than usual and that's a difference you'll be able to feel.

A better price for your house. Since the number of homes for sale has grown, it's normal for buyers to ask for credits, repairs, and price adjustments today. But, during this early Spring window, about 18.9 percent fewer homes do a price cut. That gives you a better chance of getting your full asking price.

More profit in your pocket. According to the study, well-prepped homes listed this week can command a price that's about \$5,300 more than the average week and \$26,000 more than homes at the start of the year. What seller doesn't want more eyes on their house, getting an offer in hand sooner (rather than later), and their best shot at selling for top dollar?

What you need to do to get ready? If you're already thinking about selling and you want to take advantage of this sweet spot, your next step is shockingly simple. Just talk to a member of The Marzeotti Group or your trusted real estate professional. Our expertise on your area is going to be key over the next few weeks because these trends are going to vary by state, city, and even neighborhood. We will use that insider knowledge to help you figure out what you

need to do now to get your house ready. Including: What you'll want to spruce up before listing, how to prioritize any repairs (and contractors that can help), quick wins that'll have a big impact.

What buyers care most about today: For some sellers, that's a few easy fixes they can knock out in the next couple of weeks. A fresh coat of paint, some new mulch, or some light Spring cleaning. For others, it's worth taking another month or so to make some minor updates before listing and that's okay. Because while this mid-April window may give sellers an advantage, it's not your only opportunity to sell. Other experts say a great time to list is in May too and that means the golden window for sellers isn't closing after this one week.

Getting your house on the market in mid-April may give you an extra edge, but the bigger opportunity is the Spring season as a whole. The real question is: Do you know what you need to do before you can list, because it's officially go-time for any seller planning a Spring move. If you want your house to hit the market this week (or even this season), talk to a member of The Marzeotti Group today to about what it'll take to get it ready.

## LUKE

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I sink to the floor, and he crowds

into me, insistent, certain. The bags are forgotten, reduced to objects to sniff, proof that I left and - more importantly - returned.

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So slick back your hair, pull up that ponytail, or bust out those bobby sox, and spend an afternoon with the Lions at the Progressive Club and rock on! For more information, contact Diane at 508-450-2451. The Uxbridge Lions provide scholarships, donations to various local sports teams and organizations, and perform projects to benefit the community and individuals. The club meets every third Wednesday of the month at 6:15 pm at the Uxbridge Senior Center.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

• "Shay's Rebellion and the Meaning of Time in the Early Republic" Willard House & Clock Museum is pleased to announce an upcoming lecture by noted historian and curator Tom Kelleher exploring the causes and consequences of Shay's Rebellion and its profound connection to the legacy of the American Revolution. Tom Kelleher is currently Historian, and Curator of Mechanical Arts at Old Sturbridge Village. The historic lecture will take from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Willard House & Clock Museum, 11 Willard Street, North Grafton. The event is expected to fill up quickly so register at [willardhouse.org/events/calendar/2026/4/16/shays-rebellion-tom-kelleher](http://willardhouse.org/events/calendar/2026/4/16/shays-rebellion-tom-kelleher)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

• Join the Friends of the Auburn Public Library at a Fundraiser to support the library titled "Herbs and the Art of Healing in the Middle Ages" presented by Professor Giovanni Spani, Professor of Italian and Medieval Studies in the Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the College of the Holy Cross. This presentation examines medieval healing techniques for the cure of multiple diseases. 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm at The Pakachoag Center, 203 Pakachoag St., Auburn, MA. Doors open at 6 pm and admission is \$20 (Cash, Check, PayPal). Seating is limited so Pre-registration

is required by emailing [friendsofaburnlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofaburnlibrary@gmail.com)  
 • Grafton's Community Harvest Project major plant sale Plantapalooza returns, with your every purchase contributing to providing fresh food for families across Central Mass. From vibrant flowers to berry bushes and heirloom vegetables, this year's selection has something for every garden. Early Access for Monthly Growers begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 17. Sales to the public open online at 8 a.m. Friday, April 24. Access via the email newsletter or wait for the link will show up that day on our website. Online store closes May 4 at 12 p.m. Pick-up and inperson sales are May 9 from 2-6 p.m. at Grafton Farm, 37 Wheeler Road. Last chance to shop in-person is May 9 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Mulch from Angel Hair Alpacos available for sale.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

• St. Peter's Parish, Northbridge is holding a baked haddock dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your family and friends and include salad and dessert. To-go meals will be available for pick-up at 5 p.m. All orders must be placed in advance by Tuesday, April 14. Call 508-234-2156 or email the parish office: [parishoffice@stpeterrochdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrochdale.org) for tickets.  
 • The Uxbridge Congregational Church will host a Home Baked Ham & Bean Supper at 5 p.m. in the Community House, 8 Court Street, Uxbridge, located behind the Uxbridge Common. Menu includes baked ham, home made baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, brown bread, beverages & dessert. Donation of \$15 per adult, children under 6 are free. Raffles will also be available. For reservations call 508-244-7849 or 818-430-3731. Limited tickets will be sold at the door. Come enjoy great food and fellowship.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

• The museum of the Millbury Historical Society in the Asa Waters Mansion will be open from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Some of the museum's holdings are: 100 years of Aftermath year books; photos of churches, schools, downtown and sports. Also, scrapbooks, research

books, and the histories of Millbury and Sutton going back to colonial times. President Taft photo memorabilia, military uniforms, guns and flags.

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

• The 11th Annual Family Fun Fishing Day at River Ben Farm, 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a rain date on Sunday. Fishing will take place until 1 p.m. with awards at 1:30 p.m. There will be activities for the whole family with food and ice cream available for purchase. All ages and ability levels are welcome. Fishing poles, bail and instruction will be available with pre-registration and participants are welcome to bring their own. Pre-registration will open on April 15 at [openskycs.org/fishingday2026](http://openskycs.org/fishingday2026). This is a free event, but pre-registration is hosted by Open Sky Community Services and Blackstone River Watershed Association.  
 • Calling all Gardeners, Growers & Farmers to the 5th Annual Dudley Grows Together Plant Hop The Dudley Agricultural Advisory Commission is excited to announce the 5th Annual Dudley Grows Together Plant Hop, taking place on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM — rain or shine. The Plant Hop is a community event that gives local Dudley farmers and gardeners the opportunity to sell vegetable and flower seedlings directly from their homes or growing locations throughout Dudley. A map of participating locations will be created and distributed by the Commission so visitors from Dudley and surrounding communities can easily travel from stop to stop to shop for locally grown plants. New this year, the Agricultural Advisory Commission seeks Dudley residents who are interested in participating as plant sellers. Gardeners are welcome to sell vegetable or flower seedlings and plants (please note cannabis and hemp plants are not permitted). Residents who would like to participate should sign up by emailing [ameradaholsteins@charter.net](mailto:ameradaholsteins@charter.net) or [Llorkiewicz@dudleyma.gov](mailto:Llorkiewicz@dudleyma.gov) so their location can be included on the official event map. The deadline to sign up as a seller is Monday, April 20, 2026.

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