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## Fairy Walk Returns

By SUSAN MANNING  
STAFF WRITER

After year in which a pandemic caused a shift in programming for most organizations, Friends of Historic Hopedale is happy to be back to its regularly scheduled programming.

"We're so excited to be able to host the Hopedale Fairy Walk in person again! It's going to be amazing to see all of our fans being able to enjoy the day and the hard work of our house builders to bring the magic to the Hopedale Parklands once again," said Tracey Philips, chair of Friends Of Historic Hopedale.

Last year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the fairy walk was reimagined. Instead of walking through a trail, there was a reverse parade. It was still a success, but not as they envisioned.



**FAIRY WALK**  
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## Fire Chief Contract Approved Through FY26

**Chief to receive 2.5 percent increase each year**

By THERESA KNAPP

The Board of Selectmen has approved the contract of Fire Chief Thomas Daige through fiscal year 2026.

Selectmen Louis Arcudi, III helped negotiate the contract which he called "straightforward." He said this contract had been negotiated last year but the Fire Chief (as well as the Police Chief) had decided not to take their raises last year considering the town's fiscal climate.

Arcudi said, "This is nothing more than taking Chief Daige's contract and just basically putting what we were going to do last year, in place. This is just



now going to have his contract that was negotiated in good faith last year, finally approved.

Chairman Board of Selectmen Brian Keyes said "we did a ton of due diligence" on this contract and called both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief "best in class talent."

Fire Chief contract details include, in part:

**FIRE CHIEF**  
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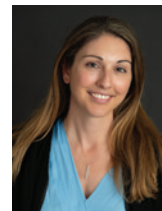
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## FAIRY WALK

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This year's event, though closer to previous years in terms of setup and design, will also give a nod to coronavirus.

"We remain focused on bringing a safe event to everyone in attendance, so there will be a few differences to the 2021 event to ensure that.

"Masks are required for the event and we ask that you social distance wherever possible while attending," said Phillips.

She said vendors will be spaced out even more for a comfortable shop-



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ping experience and "as much as we'll miss our food vendor friends, we will follow Board of Health guidelines and ask them to return next year instead. If our attendees do bring their own snacks, we ask that they do not walk around eating, but instead find a spot they are able to sit and social distance."

This year, there are two options for those who want to submit a creation. The first is a where individuals, organizations and businesses can submit a fairy house and a sign for \$25.

The second option is new this year. It is free and it is where folks can submit fairy doors or fairy folk made completely out of natural materials.

"We are looking forward to seeing the houses that our builders come up with and have two options for submitting creations this year," said Phillips.

She said although this is a Friends of Historic Hopedale event, it would not be possible without community support.

"None of this would be possible without our amazing sponsors who help us bring this family fun event to you!

"Especially our 2021 Event Sponsors: Bright Insurance, PAWS Bed & Biscuit and New England Pressure Cleaning! They all stepped up with only a months' notice to help us

pull this off and we are so thankful.

"We still have a few sponsorship opportunities left to bring music and special characters to the day so any interested businesses can find the information on our website as well."

The walk will take place on Saturday, June 12, from 10 AM to 4 PM, along the 1-mile stretch of the blue trail between the Bath House and the Rustic Bridge. The entrance is just past the Bath House behind 76 Dutcher St., Hopedale, MA. Sizing restrictions for any entry can be found at: [www.friendsofhistoricopedale.com](http://www.friendsofhistoricopedale.com).

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## FIRE CHIEF

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- Effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026
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- An annual Emergency Manager stipend (\$5,000 per year)
- Shall be entitled to detail work as long as all call firefighters have refused said detail
- Vehicle allowance
- Education reimbursement
- Indemnification
- Fire Chief reports to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen through the Town Coordinator for the day-to-day operation of the Fire Department.

The Fire Chief's salary for FY22 will be \$89,935.45 with a 2.5 percent cost-of-living increase each year until FY26 when he reaches a salary of \$99,372.81.



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# New Dependent Care FSA Changes Provide Tax Savings

Mo' stimmy, mo' complexity. It's like the more stimulus we come across, the more complexities we see.

**The Good.** The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, raises pretax contribution limits for dependent care flexible spending accounts (DC-FSAs). New DC-FSA annual limits for pretax contributions increases to \$10,500 (up from \$5,000) for single taxpayers and married couples filing jointly, and to \$5,250 (up from \$2,500) for married individuals filing separately. This is only calendar year 2021, for now.

Money put into a DC-FSA not only reduces taxable income but it also avoids the 7.65% tax of Social Security and Medicare.

For example, if in a 24% federal tax bracket + 5% state tax + 7.65% = 36.65% DC-FSA

Contribution Tax Savings Rate. Thus, the new \$10,500 maximum for 2021 is \$3,848 tax savings in this scenario. In a 32% federal bracket, make it \$4,688 (44.65% x \$10,500) in tax savings.

So just go to your HR benefits and raise your DC-FSA amounts?

If it were only that simple, as Congress loves complexity.

**The Bad.** APRA doesn't require employers to offer the new DC-FSA annual limits. Those that are, many offer a one-time, midyear change. If you're not proactive or paying attention to HR communications, you will miss out.

If miss out on DC-FSA, fear not as the ARPA also increased the child & dependent care (C&DC) tax credit for 2021, which is positive but...

**The Ugly.** The C&DC credit is fully refundable, and maximum credit percentage increases to 50% (from 35%). This phases down to 20% with AGIs between \$125,000 and \$400,000, and further phases down 1% for each \$2,000 over an AGI exceeding \$400,000. The amount of expenses eligible for the credit increases to \$8,000 (from \$3,000) for one qualifying child and \$16,000 (from \$6,000) for two or more qualifying children, thus maximum credits are \$4,000 and \$8,000.

Got that?

Furthermore, you can't "double-dip". Meaning contributions to DC-FSA to cover qualified expenses can't be used for C&DC tax credit, but you can create a combination to maximize tax savings.

**Questions To Ask.** If better to put money into a DC-FSA or take C&DC tax credit or a combination, consider:

- Able to participate in DC-FSA?
- What is your AGI?
- How many qualifying children?
- Expected qualified dependent care expenses (i.e. day-care, after-school, summer camp)?

Yes, summer camps count, even for your 12 year old's soccer camp.

Tax laws and regulatory changes remain constant, connect with your Certified Financial Planner to see how to maximize tax savings to your situation.

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# Verdict Regarding 364 West Street Purchase Expected in Fall

## Worcester Superior Court will determine if a new town meeting vote is needed

By THERESA KNAPP

At its meeting on April 26, the Board of Selectmen gave an update on the so-called "10 Taxpayer Lawsuit" filed by residents who say the Board of Selectmen did not have town meeting authorization to enter into the settlement agreement it reached with the Grafton Upton Railroad for purchase of land at and near 364 West Street. That agreement consisted of fewer acres than the 155 acres voted for purchase by an October 2020 special town meeting.

The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Brian Keyes read a statement prepared by Town Counsel Brian Riley which read, in part:

"It is the town counsel's position that: (1) the town's right of first refusal on the 130 acres was waived and finally resolved in the land court litigation and there are no legal means for the town to compel the railroad defendants to turn over 130 acres; the settlement agreement is a binding agreement. (2) the only two options available to the town at this point are (a) complement the

settlement agreement terms and acquire 85 acres from the railroad defendants including the 20 acres by donation, or (b) acquire none of the West Street property at all."

According to the statement, town officials expect the Worces-

ter Superior Court litigation will "result in a judgment on a claim involving the validity of the October 2020 [special] town meeting votes. If the court rules in favor of the town and the railroad defendants, the Special Town Meeting votes will allow

the Board of Selectmen to acquire the property."

Riley's statement said that, if the court rules in favor of the plaintiffs in the "10 Taxpayer Lawsuit," a new town meeting vote will be needed to authorize the acquisition of the property

as described in the settlement agreement (approximately 84 acres).

Town officials say the legal issues should be before the Superior Court over the summer "with a judgment hopefully by the fall."

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June 30	Carolyn Rae and the Rumors Pop hits 6pm Pre-concert fun with DJ Mike	
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July 21	Southbound Train Contemporary country 6pm Pre-concert fun with DJ Mike	



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## Town Receives Donation to Cover Cost of Medical Equipment

*\$5,000 donation will cover the cost of portable suction unit and two laryngoscopes*

By THERESA KNAPP

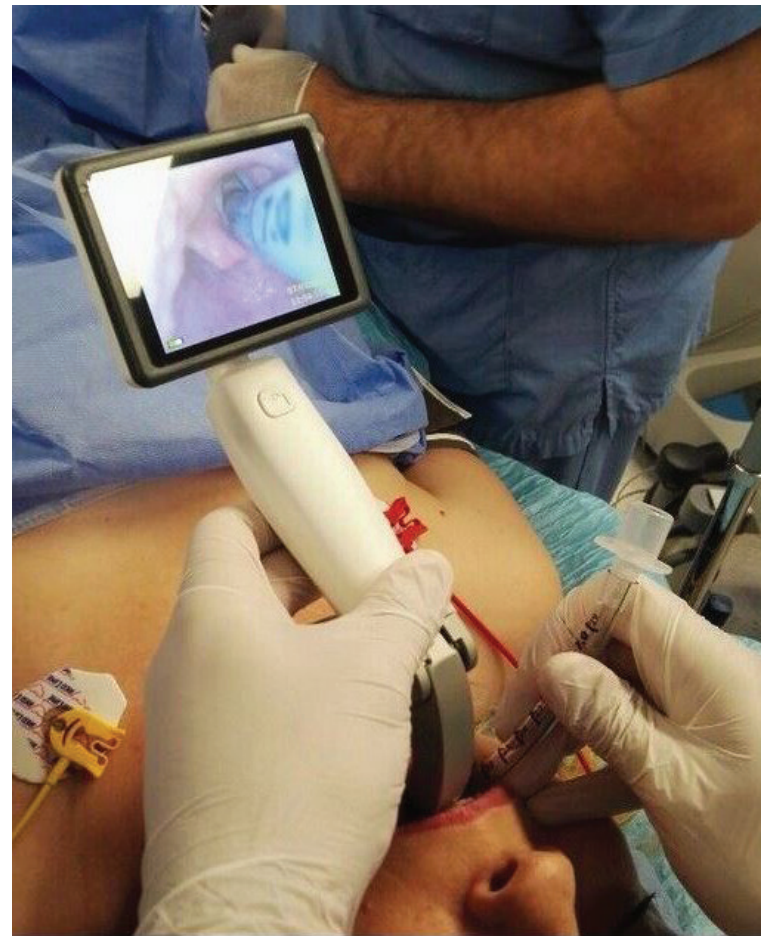
The Town of Hopedale has received a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Seven Hills Foundation.

Town Administrator Diana Schindler said the donation is likely Seven Hills' annual payment in lieu of taxes though that was not indicated in the email to her announcing the donation.

The email came from Bill Stock, Vice President for Government and Community Relations at Seven Hills Foundation, who said the town typically chooses where to spend their annual donation but this year he requested the donation be earmarked for the fire department.

"In conversation with Chief Daige, I know there is a need for a portable suction unit and two (one for each ambulance) video laryngoscopes used for difficult intubation," Stock said.

Schindler said the town cannot charge taxes to Seven Hills but they do generally make a donation in lieu of taxes.



**Seven Hills Foundation has made a donation to the town that will cover the cost of two laryngoscopes, similar to this device, and one portable suction unit. Credit: www.ebay.com**

## Selectmen Hesitant to Accept Donation from Litigant for Legal Fees

*Donor is Plaintiff Number 1 in a lawsuit against the town*

By THERESA KNAPP

The Board of Selectmen received a \$30,000 donation from a resident to help cover "the town's legal fees associated with the citizen's lawsuit" regarding the town purchase of land at 364 West Street.

The issue is the donor, Liz Reilly, is one of 10 plaintiffs who filed suit against Selectmen Brian Keyes and Louis Arcudi III (plus the Grafton & Upton Railroad Company, Jon Delli Priscoli, Michael Milanowski, and One Hundred Forty Realy Trust) for allegedly not following guidelines set at an October 2020 Special Town Meeting to purchase 155

acres of land at or near 364 West Street. That suit is still making its way through Worcester Superior Court.

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen on May 10, Chairman Brian Keyes said he is hesitant to accept a donation "from someone who is litigating against me directly." He requested the matter be put on hold until after the town election and a third select person is elected. Keyes will also consult town counsel to be sure there are no liability or ethical issues if they accept the gift for the town; he also questions if someone can make a donation to offset legal fees.

In her letter of April 6, Reilly requested the \$30,000 donation be split three ways with \$10,000 going to the town's fire department, police department, and school department. Arcudi noted that, if selectmen could accept the gift, they could only accept \$20,000 for fire and police since the school department is a separate entity and would need to receive the donation directly. He also suggested the donation not be tied to any particular lawsuit.

Arcudi said the donation was generous and would go to two departments that greatly need it.

Selectmen will discuss it at their meeting on May 24, 2021.

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Not everything ends up in a landfill—not if Jay can help it. He first tries to either recycle or donate items. Only after he tries to repurpose items do they end up at the transfer station.

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They also have a thriving commercial business, working with



contractors and roofers to clear away debris and keep the job site clean. They can even handle commercial and residential emergencies with same-day service.

Jay and his family are deeply involved in the community. He and his wife, Christine, run the Corner Market restaurant in Holliston as well as Resellables, a thrift store in Bellingham. It's

not uncommon for someone to reach Jay at the restaurant, order a sandwich, and then schedule a junk removal appointment. Yes, the local small business really can handle everything!

For more information, contact Jay Schadler at (774) 287-1133 or visit Affordable Junk Removal online at [affordablejunkremoval.com](http://affordablejunkremoval.com).

# Hopedale Cultural Council Grants 2021

The grant appropriation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council was \$5600. Twelve applications were received and awards were made to the following:

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| Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District | Speaker Event                  |
| Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra                       | Programs                       |
| Jesse Green   | High School Enrichment Program |
| Hopedale Library                                      | Star Wars Symposium            |
| Friends of the Hopedale Library                       | Jeff Bellanger Program         |
| Greater Milford Community Chorus                      | Programs                       |
| Birch Valley Brass Ensemble                           | Christmas Concert              |
| Hopedale Cultural Council                             | Day in the Park entertainment  |

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# Appointments Made to the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee

By THERESA KNAPP

At recent meetings of the Board of Selectmen, the following appointments were made:

- Julie Rinehart from the Master Plan Steering Committee was appointed to the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee. Her unexpired appointment was effective April 26, 2021.
- Melissa Butler from the Master Plan Steering Committee was appointed to the

Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee. Her unexpired appointment was effective April 26, 2021.

- David Sprowl from the Parks Commission was appointed to the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee. His unexpired appointment was effective April 26, 2021.
- Becca Solomon from the Conservation Commission was appointed to the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee. Her unexpired appointment was effective

April 26, 2021.

Resident Megan Piatt was also appointed to the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee. She told selectmen at their May 10 meeting that

“everybody should get outdoors as much as they can.” She also noted on her Talent Bank form that she wanted to show her children that “serving your community is beneficial for everyone.” Her unexpired appointment was

effective May 10, 2021.

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In accordance with the posted warrant for the Annual Town Election, the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale, qualified to vote in elections met in the Draper Gymnasium at 12:00 PM with Warden Ellen Murphy in charge of the election.

At 7:00 PM the polls were closed, and the ballots were sorted and counted. The number of ballots agreed with the checklist and it was announced that the number of ballots cast eight hundred fifteen (815) which was 18.9%. At the time of the election there were four thousand three hundred twenty-one (4321) inhabitants registered to vote.

BOARD OF SELECTMAN	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
Kaplan Hasanoglu	314	
Glenda A. Hazard	475	
Write-in	2	
Blanks	24	
BOARD OF HEALTH	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
Jason G. MacDonald, Candidate for Re-election	662	
Write in	1	
Blanks	152	
HOUSING AUTHORITY	Five Year Term	Vote for ONE
Dave Guglielmi (write in)	78	
Write-in	19	
Blanks	718	
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
Christine S. Seaver	679	
Write-in	1	
Blanks	135	
PARK COMMISSIONER	Three Year Term	Vote for ONE
Donald W. Howes, Candidate for Re-election	326	
Michael C. Reynolds	486	
Write-in	0	
Blanks	3	
PLANNING BOARD	Five Year Term	Vote for ONE
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Write-in	14	
Blanks	203	



# Hopedale - Bancroft Memorial Library News

## Library Update

We are back to our regular hours again! Patrons are still required to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, and sign the contact log. However the Library is now open to unlimited browsing, sitting, reading, and working at tables (one person per table in the Reading Room). Room occupancy limits still apply.

## Library Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 1pm-8pm

Tuesday and Thursday 10am-5pm

Friday 1pm-5pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

## Aloe Plant Sale

The Library will have an aloe plant sale the week of June 7, during Library hours. Drop in, make a donation, and take home a plant!

## Ongoing Monthly Library Events

### Helen Symonds Book Group

This month we will travel to North Dakota's Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation with author Louise Erdrich's The Night Watchman when we meet on Zoom on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1:00pm. Erdrich's grandfather Patrick Gourneau was part of the first generation born on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. As the chairman of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in the mid-1950s, he had to use all the political savvy he could muster to dissuade Utah Sen. Arthur V. Watkins from reneging on long-held treaties between Native Americans and the federal government. Erdrich's grandfather is the inspiration for her novel's protagonist, Thomas Wazhushk, the night watchman of the title. In The Night Watchman, Louise Erdrich weaves together a story of past and future generations,

of preservation and progress. She grapples with the worst and best impulses of human nature, illuminating the loves and lives, desires and ambitions of her characters with compassion, wit and intelligence.

The Helen Symonds Book Group will not meet in July or August.

### Friends of the Hopedale Library

The Friends of the Hopedale Library are accepting book donations on Saturday, June 12th from 10-12 outside at the library (weather permitting). Books should be in good condition, with adult titles being 10 years old or newer. Children's books of any age in good condition will be accepted. We will go through them as you wait. Money raised by the ongoing and seasonal book sales go towards library programs. Our ongoing book sale is going on whenever the library is open. If you would like to order a \$5 Bag of Books please email friendsofthehopedalelibrary@gmail.com.

### News from the Marjorie Hattersley Children's Room

#### Summer Reading 2021 Registration

The theme for our Summer Reading program is Tails and Tales and we have a lot of fun activities planned! Registration for Summer Reading at the Bancroft Memorial Library begins on Monday, June 21. Participants may sign up in the Children's Room or on the Library's website.

#### Summer Programming 2021

This summer the Library is offering virtual and outside programming. For outside programming, participants are required to wear masks, sign the contact tracing log, use hand

sanitizer, and practice social distancing. Space is limited for outside programming and registration is required. Sign-ups will begin the week of June 21. Call or email to register.

### Fun with Electricity!

Do you have a spark of curiosity about electricity? Conduct electrical experiments with Vivian on Wednesday, June 23 at 3pm for Grades 4-6. Make circuits and more! Registration is required. Please call Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209 to register.

### Tale of the Rainbow Lizard

Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents "Tale of the Rainbow Lizard" the week of June 28. Pablo Del Peacock (the famous portrait artist) is trying to paint a picture of beautiful Monique Gecko, but every morning she arrives a different color and he has to begin all over again. He and his friend Fatima Flamingo search for answers! Pablo learns about Monique's diverse heritage. This virtual show is available from June 28 to July 4, at your convenience. Call the Library for the password and instructions, then go to [www.travelinglantern.com](http://www.travelinglantern.com) and enjoy the show!

### Story Hour with Mrs. Kraimer



Join Mrs. Kraimer on the lawn for story hour on Tuesday, June 29 at 2pm for ages 3 and up. Mrs. Kraimer will read stories about Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf and participants will take home a craft kit. Registration is required. Call Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209 to register.

### Teen Volunteers Needed

Looking for something to do this summer? Mrs. Kraimer is looking for teen volunteers (7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) for a variety of tasks, including helping out with programs and creating book reviews on our YouTube page. If you are interested,

call Mrs. Kraimer at (508)634-2209.

### Woven Llama Take and Make Craft Kit for Tweens/Teens

Do you love llamas? Pick up a Woven Llama Craft Kit in the Young Adult section beginning June 1.

For updates throughout the month, Friend us on Facebook, sign up at <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/subscribe> to receive library news via email, and be sure to add the Mobile App to your phone for up-to-date reminders. The library webpage is - <https://www.hopedale-ma.gov/bancroft-memorial-library>.

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# Aging Gracefully: Advice on What to do Now!

Doctors and patients have all kinds of difficult conversations. How to prepare for aging and caring for an aging partner or parent is one of those. For Lee Willis and her husband Hal, the conversation started this way: their beloved doctor of 15 years asked Lee, point-blank: “Are you prepared for the possibility that Hal may outlive you?”

At 94, Hal is ten years older than Lee. A plane accident broke multiple bones in his legs, and arthritis had settled in. Walking is hard for him. He does his own laundry and washes the dishes, but he doesn’t drive and often uses a wheelchair.

Lee, on the other hand, just bought herself a new kayak. A nine-year cancer survivor, she relieves pain with exercise, not medicine. She swims three times a week. When not caring for Hal, she’s active, traveling, and socializing.

Still, the doctor had a point: Be prepared.

## Facing the Facts of Aging

Most people avoid the subject

of getting old. Death is as natural as birth, but too many people simply don’t want to think about it until they are too ill to participate in decision making, leaving family members and their physicians to make decisions that may or may not be what they would have wanted at the end of life. We need to prepare better.

## Finding a Place to Age

The main goal for Lee in preparing for Hal and her own aging was to find a place that could happen. Lee didn’t just do a Google search. She visited dozens of nursing homes. She made lists of in-home care services, and visited each of those.

But Lee wasn’t satisfied, mainly because of shifting staff. “You can never guarantee the same people. The bottom-line dictates staffing. This turnover and the resulting lack in continuity of care, is a problem.”

So, she looked at the option of aging in place. She volunteered at programs of all-inclusive care for the Elderly, which offers 24/7 coverage for anyone qualified

for a nursing home. It seemed like “this would probably be what we choose to do,” she said.

But then Lee discovered The Green House Project, a new model for long-term care for elders. In 2001, a doctor named Bill Thomas was appalled at the state of elder care. He saw it was a hospital, not a home with people just sitting in wheelchairs. So, he introduced a lot of changes, brought in birds, dogs, cats, and plants. But it still wasn’t enough. So, he “super-trained” staff to behave like family members, not healthcare providers. He built a new structure, with one central room, the residents living in rooms off in spokes. It became a communal place, with a common kitchen where people cook family recipes and behave like relatives.

Lee found one in her state. “If we both have to go somewhere, this will be it!”



## Aging Gracefully: How to Get Started Now

The best advice Lee’s received from her doctor: Exercise. He told her that the biggest factor that differentiates healthy from unhealthy aging is exercise—folks who remain sedentary clearly become frailer more rapidly than those who either remain or become active in their later years. Exercising on a regular basis makes a huge difference in how one ages.

Lee’s primary lessons for younger people: Be proactive. “It’s really hard when you’re 50 to think about being 80, but you should.” She advises younger people to:

- Take your health seriously—eat well and exercise.
- Prepare with a reputable Estate Planning Attorney who cares about your health as well as your assets.
- Be an advocate for yourself.
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# The b.LUXE Beauty Beat

Hello and welcome to the b.LUXE Beauty Beat, a new monthly column covering all things beauty!

We'll share new hair trends, makeup tips, skincare advice, and our must-have products of the moment.

For many of us, 2020 was the year we stayed home, the year we worked from our kitchen tables and forgot what it felt like to wear pants with buttons.

Self-care in 2020 was a challenge. With our salons, spas and gyms closed, many of us were left to navigate a home health and beauty routine that wasn't always healthy or beautiful.

But those months in quarantine certainly showed us that we're stronger and more resilient than we ever imagined. And our idea of beauty in this (almost) post-pandemic world has changed so much. We're taking a healthier approach, with more emphasis on what's good for us, as opposed to what just makes us look good. A "less is more" philosophy, perhaps, this shift in our beauty doctrine gives our health and our aesthetic equal attention.

So, with this in mind, let's chat a little bit about this month's most important beauty tip - SUN-

SCREEN!

If there's one thing we're all pumped for it's Summer. Outdoor gatherings, beach days and that warm, summer sun is just around the corner.

What should we do to prepare ourselves for the sunshine?

We can't stress to you enough the importance of wearing a daily SPF on your face and any exposed skin. Again, it's good for you AND good for your appearance. Regular daily use of SPF 15 sunscreen can reduce your risk of developing squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) by about 40%, and lower your melanoma risk by 50% (skincancer.org) Also, regular use of SPF keeps you from looking like a handbag. So there's that...

What many people don't know about sun protection is that SPF application shouldn't stop at the hairline. Your scalp is your skin, too, and if exposed, it'll burn. Work that sunscreen through your part and any bare, unprotected areas on your head. Even better, wear a hat! Sun hats are great for protecting your skin and your hair's health. UV rays can cause hair to become dry and brittle and fade your hair color simply from exposure. We



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also recommend a heat protection spray that coats the tresses, locking in moisture and saving your beautiful hue. See products below.

Next month we'll talk about safeguarding your hair from pool and hard water, hand painted highlights and packing the perfect beach bag.

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## Police Patrol Unit Contract Approved

**Officials try to craft contract to entice patrolmen to stay in Hopedale**

By THERESA KNAPP

The Hopedale Board of Selectmen has entered into a contract with the Massachusetts Coalition of Police, AFL-CIO Local #164 -- the town's police patrol unit.

Highlights of the 37-page contract include, in part:

- Effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024
- 40 hours with consecutive days (four on, two off)
- Overtime guidance
- Detail guidance
- Vacation days (10 days after one year of service, 15 days after 5 years, 20 days after 10 years, 22.5 days after 15 years of service, 25 days after 20 years of service)
- Provisions for court time
- Clothing allowance
- Equipment to be provided by the town: all approved leather goods, handcuffs, service weapons, magazines, holsters, belts, night sticks, shoulder patches, ammunition and badges and

mandated approved body armor, carriers, trauma plates and fasteners.

- Longevity incentives
- Education incentives
- No Strike clause
- Drug testing guidance

These contract details are an attempt to entice current patrolmen to stay and new patrolmen to join the Hopedale Police Department. Town officials have recently voiced concern that Hopedale is serving as a training ground for new recruits who then move on to other towns that pay higher salaries.

Police Chief Giovannella has noted it can cost the town approximately \$40,000 to train a new policeman. Costs include the Police Academy (26 weeks), equipment, backfilling shifts to ensure two people are on at a time, plus any benefits the employee receives from the town.

Selectman Louis Arcudi III, who helped negotiate the con-

tract, said they compared the salaries of several surrounding towns, as well as the towns to which former Hopedale patrolmen have gone to work, with the intent of "increasing salaries for trained patrolmen coming in" and increasing their step raises. "We're just trying to keep our officers," he said.

Arcudi said, historically, patrolmen leave Hopedale between years two and three. "They can go and become a Step 1 Officer in a surrounding town and be paid more there than our Step 2."

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Brian Keyes said, "It's unacceptable for us to be staffed at a proper level and then lose really good officers who want to stay but they've had to move on, and I think we need to nip that in the bud and come up with a solution...to make them want to stay. You may say, 'How can we afford it?' - we can't not afford it."

Keyes said town officials continue to work toward a solution.

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# Living Healthy

## Eye Care Facts and Myths

BY: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.  
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We have all been told by someone at some time, “You’ll hurt your eyes if you do that!” But do you really know what is or is not good for your eyes?

Test yourself with the following true or false statements and see how much you know about your eyes.

**“Reading in dim light is harmful to your eyes.”**

False. Using your eyes in dim light does not damage them. However, good lighting does make reading easier and can prevent eye fatigue.

**“Using computers can damage your eyes.”**

False. Working on computers will not harm your eyes. Often, when using a computer for long periods of time, just as when reading or doing other close work, you blink less often

than normal. This reduced rate of blinking makes your eyes dry, which may lead to the feeling of eyestrain or fatigue.

Try to take regular breaks to look up or across the room. This should relieve the feeling of strain on your eyes. Keep the monitor between 18 to 24 inches from your face and at a slight downward angle. Also consider the use of artificial tears. If your vision blurs or your eyes tire easily, you should have your eyes examined by an ophthalmologist.

**“Wearing the wrong kind of eyeglasses damages your eyes.”**

False. Eyeglasses are devices used to sharpen your vision. Although correct eyeglasses or contacts help you to see clearly, wearing a pair with the wrong lenses, or not wearing glasses at all, will not physically damage your eyes. However, children less than eight years old who need eyeglasses should wear their own

prescription to prevent the possibility of developing amblyopia or “lazy eye.”

**“Children outgrow crossed or misaligned eyes.”**

False. Children do not outgrow crossed eyes. A child whose eyes are misaligned may develop poor vision in one eye because the brain will “turn off” or ignore the image from the misaligned or lazy eye. Children who appear to have misaligned eyes should be examined by an ophthalmologist.

**“Learning disabilities are caused by eye problems.”**

False. Difficulties with reading, mathematics, and other learning problems in children are often referred to as learning disabilities. There is no strong evidence that vision problems cause learning disabilities. Children with learning difficulties often need help from teachers



and people with special training. Before such treatment begins, make certain your child is seeing as well as possible.

**“Sitting close to the television can damage children’s eyes.”**

False. Children can focus at close distance without eyestrain better than adults. They often develop the habit of holding reading materials close to their eyes or sitting right in front of the television. There is no evidence that this damages their eyes.

**“People with weak eyes should avoid reading fine print.”**

False. It is said that people with weak eyes or people who wear glasses will “wear out” their eyes sooner if they read fine print or do a lot of detail work. The concept of the eye as a muscle is incorrect. The eye more closely resembles a camera. A camera will not wear out sooner just because it is used to photograph intricate detail.

**“Wearing eyeglasses will cause you to become dependent on them.”**

False. Eyeglasses are used to correct blurry vision. Since clear vision with eyeglasses is preferable to uncorrected vision, you may find that you want to wear your eyeglasses more often. Although it may feel as if you are becoming dependent on your eyeglasses, you are actually just getting used to seeing clearly.

**“Older people who gain ‘second sight’ may be developing cataracts.”**

True. Older individuals who wear reading eyeglasses sometimes find themselves able to read without their eyeglasses and think their eyesight is improving. The truth is they are becoming more nearsighted, which can be a sign of early cataract development.

**“A cataract must be ‘ripe’ before it is removed.”**

False. With older surgical techniques, it was thought to be safer to remove a cataract when it was “ripe.” With today’s modern surgical procedures, a cataract can be removed whenever it begins to interfere with a person’s lifestyle.

**“Contact lenses can prevent nearsightedness from getting worse.”**

False. Some people have been led to believe that wearing contact lenses will permanently correct nearsightedness so that eventually they won’t need either contacts or eyeglasses. There is no evidence that wearing contact lenses produces an improvement in vision.

**“Eyes can be transplanted.”**

False. Medical science has no way to transplant whole eyes. Our eyes are connected to the brain by the optic nerve. Because of this, the eye is never removed from its socket during



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## EYE CARE

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## A Taste of What’s to Come at SALMON at Medway

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Passionately and creatively helmed by Director of Culinary & Dining Operations, Chef Jason Wallin, SALMON’s ‘Anytime Dining’ restaurant-style meal plans are enough to make any college student drool with envy.

“It’s not just about eating fresh, local and healthy”, says Wallin. “It’s about making dining more than a meal and truly making it a lifestyle. Our offerings will feed and nourish the body, mind and soul.”

Residents will have tough decisions to make when it comes to eating as they will find many choices

available anytime of day, including fresh, locally sourced Mediterranean and plant-based options designed with input from on-site nutritionist Sarah Clarke.

Speaking of local, let’s talk about SALMON’s partnership with Medway Community Farms. Not only is the farm providing 20-30% of all produce at the community and helping tend to the on-site hydroponic garden, they and SALMON will host on-campus farmers markets open to the public all summer long.

And the sweetest little ‘extra’? A collaboration with Best Bees of Boston making SALMON at Medway the only senior living community in New England to boast on-site beekeeping. Residents can immerse themselves in education, experience and fresh honey drizzled on top of anything they want.

As a family-owned business, Wallin, SALMON CEO, Matt Salmon and their team are com-

mitted to making the community feel like ‘home’ for seniors’ family and friends, too. “Our campus is an open, inviting place where people want to be”, says Wallin. “Every element is thoughtfully planned to maximize the health, well-being and happiness of our residents and their extended social circles.”

Included among the family-friendly dining and entertainment: a game room for grandkids to hang featuring a more kid-focused menu; a casual café with grab-and-go items for in-room entertaining; and cooking classes hosted by Wallin.

When it comes to the menu and lifestyle at SALMON at Medway, there hasn’t been a detail overlooked and the community is excited to open its doors to residents and the local community. Check them out at [www.medwayse-niorliving.com](http://www.medwayse-niorliving.com) or on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok @SalmonatMedway.

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# Sports

## Hopedale Girls Lacrosse Looking to Get Back to the Tournament

By CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Three years ago, Kayla Merrigan took over a program whose main focus was to go out and have fun. The Hopedale girls' lacrosse team was not used to winning and having success on the high school level, but Merrigan was looking to change all that.

"The sport was a placeholder, a place for the girls to have fun," said Merrigan. "When I first met the team, I was impressed with the girls' skill level and I was hoping to expand upon that while starting a winning tradition at Hopedale."

Under the guidance and tutelage of Merrigan, the Blue Raiders finished the regular season at 9-8 capturing not only their first winning season in school history but also earned their first trip to the Division 2 east State Tournament; unfortunately, they fell to Groton-Dunstable.

With Covid putting a stop to all of last year's sports seasons, Merrigan has not been on the field with her team for almost two years. As the 2021 abbreviated season approaches, she, as well as the team, is more than anxious to get back onto the field and compete once again.

Hopedale will play a 10-game season in a pod with schools relatively close and although the Blue Raider Coach likes to gauge her team's performance after playing a team for the second time around, it will not happen this year.

"Playing 10 games we will only be playing teams once this year. It will be a challenge, but the coaching staff will look at our opponents' stats prior to playing them and figure out what we need to do to win," she said. "With the talent on our team I am looking at winning 75-85% of our games this year which should put us in second or third place in our pod. After having our first winning season we were looking to improve the next season, but Covid put a stop to that, so here we are."



Returning for their senior season Merrigan will have Maeve Griffin (defense), Mykenzie Black (midfield) and Maddie Sullivan (attack) as this year's captains. Each girl will bring a senior presence to a specific area of the field as Hopedale looks to get back on track from two years ago.

"Having such a young team there will be a lot of pressure on the captains to reach out to the girls and make sure they are all on the same page," Merrigan said. "I will do all the coaching on the field and the captains will be my eyes off the field. Thus far they have done a good job at getting the girls ready for the season."

According to the Blue raider Coach, the girls showed up to tryouts in condition and ready to go. After working extremely hard in the off season in hopes of getting back onto the field and with that now a reality the team is excited for that first game.

In addition to the senior captains, Merrigan will also be looking for juniors Liz Marois and Kate Hevey to have an impact on this year's squad. Marois is a true leader that will play in the mid-



field and has a beautiful cradle. She is also a club lacrosse player giving the Blue Raiders experience. Hevey will play the attack position and provide the team with a scoring spark. During her last season she was among the tops of Central Mass in scoring.

"Kate is a great scorer, and we will rely on her heavily to do that

again this year," the Hopedale Coach said. "She is a tall girl that commands presence in front of the net and we will feed her the ball in that position."

One other key component if the Blue Raiders are to have success will be first year varsity goalie Nicole Zhang. The junior has never played lacrosse on the

high school level, only for the town programs. Hopedale's previous goalie moved away and at that point the girls on the team knew they didn't have a goalie, so they went looking and recruiting for the position.

"Nicole is a very aggressive individual and well aware of the field in front of her," Merrigan said. "Being a first-year player, I will be making sure all our drills incorporate her. There is no use having her sit on the sidelines," she said. "We have had numerous scrimmages at the end of practices, and I have told the girls do not go easy on her in practice; challenge her but with safe shots."

The Blue Raiders were scheduled to open the shortened season in early May and Coach Merrigan is hoping that they girls continue to grow each game

as the team gets better. Her expectations are to have a successful season with a better won/loss differential than their last season. In addition to winning her goal is advance into the tournament for the second time in school history and this time win a playoff game.



Days to Celebrate * June 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 National Say-Something-Nice Day	2 Global Running Day	3 National Bicycle Day	4 National Doughnut Day	5 National Trails Day
6 National Cancer Survivor's Day	7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	8 National Best Friends Day	9 National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day	10 Iced Tea Day	11 National Flip Flop Day	12 National Peanut Butter Cookie Day
13 World Softball Day	14  Flag Day	15 National Nature Photography Day	16 Fresh Veggies Day	17 Bunker Hill Day	18 International Picnic Day	19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day	21 National Selfie Day	22 National Onion Ring Day	23 National Pink Day	24 National Work from Home Day	25 National Food Truck Day	26 National Canoe Day
27 Helen Keller Day	28 Tau Day	29 Camera Day	30 World Social Media Day	This month is also: African-American Music Appreciation Month Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month Great Outdoors Month * National Adopt a Cat Month PTSD Awareness Month * Pride Month		

Credit: Theresa Knapp for Local Town Pages

# Envision Hopedale Seeks Input on Vision Statement

Share your feedback on Facebook

By THERESA KNAPP

The Envision Hopedale Master Plan Committee is seeking input on their draft vision statement which was created after gathering information through a community-wide survey and a visioning workshop.

“The Town of Hopedale’s vision is to preserve our small-town character



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in each stage of the Town’s development. Hopedale will balance its past with the importance of looking to the future while being open to new economic opportunities, maintaining community services, advancing our school system, improving the parks and recreational facilities, creating a walkable and vibrant downtown, and protecting Hopedale’s historic architecture. We will accomplish our vision through a partnership between community and local leaders.”

Comments can be shared on the group’s Facebook page “EnvisionHopedale” or through the “Contact Us” tab at [www.envisionhopedale.com](http://www.envisionhopedale.com)

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### Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Credit Program Re-opens



We have been given permission on a limited basis, to resume the 2021 Tax Credit Program for Seniors. **At this time, there are just a few available positions with some very specific requirements.**

**The current positions require prior office experience and computer knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel Office software.** We will first contact and consider 2020 Tax Credit Program participants who possess these specific skill sets because their jobs were suspended due to the Pandemic. However, we are also seeking new applicants with strong backgrounds. Applications are available at the Hopedale Sr. Center. Please call us with any questions.

Our hope is to be able to add additional positions as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The current program year runs through November 30, 2021.

The new program year will begin on January 1, 2022 and run through November 30, 2022. Currently participants work 84 hours in the program for a real estate tax credit of \$1,000.00 (minus any required withholdings). Applications for Program Year 2022 will be available in November of 2021.

### Meditation and Tai Chi Classes return to the Hopedale Sr. Center



The Sr. Center has resumed Meditation and Tai Chi classes in the Main Hall at the Community House.

**Tai Chi with Jean O'Connor - Tuesdays 11:00 am - 12:00 am**

\$5.00 per class.

**Meditation with Deb McGonnell - Wednesdays 11:00 am - 12 pm**

\$5.00 per class.

Classes are open to individuals 50 and over. Drop-ins permitted. Please call (508)634-2208 with any questions.

# Real Estate Corner



17 Daniels Street in Hopedale recently sold for \$468,000  
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## Recent Home Sales

Date	Hopedale	Amount
April 20	334A S Main Street	\$420,000
April 21	90 Adin Street	\$1.10 mil
April 27	7 Laurelwood Drive	\$330,000
April 29	38 Bancroft Park	\$307,500
April 29	4 Charlesgate Road	\$280,000
April 30	27 Laurelwood Drive	\$343,000
April 30	6 Charlesgate Road	\$280,000
April 30	88 Laurelwood Drive #A	\$299,900
April 30	197 Laurelwood Drive	\$307,500
May 7	211A S Main Street	\$320,000
May 7	87 Mill Street	\$397,000
May 10	10 Maple Street	\$170,000
May 12	31 Hopedale Street	\$499,000
May 12	43 Laurelwood Drive	\$330,000
May 13	121 Laurelwood Drive	\$274,900
May 13	29 Freedom Street	\$300,000
May 14	17 Daniels Street	\$468,000
May 14	11 Anthony Road	\$550,000
May 14	10 Tillotson Road	\$525,000
May 14	14 Ballou Road	\$745,000

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Information Session May 17, 2021 @ 7PM Norfolk Town Hall if permitted due to COVID

Applications accepted: postmarked June 10, 2021 @ 12:00 PM if dropped off must be by 6PM

Housing Lottery: June 15, 2021 @ 7PM Via Zoom link available at [www.norfolk.ma.us](http://www.norfolk.ma.us)

#### APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE 2021 INCOME LIMITS

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\*Maximum Asset limit of \$275,000 for this development\*

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Application can be found at [www.norfolk.ma.us](http://www.norfolk.ma.us), or at the Norfolk Town Hall, One Liberty Lane, Norfolk, MA 02056

Municipal Affordable Housing Office, 2nd Floor and the Town Clerk's Office 1st Floor

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Congratulations to our May Winners: William Scotland, Corinne Fahey,  
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