

## Town Seeks to Match Grant Funds for Repair of War Memorials

**\$18,338 Grant Will Cover Under Half the Project Cost**

The Franklin Town Common has 11 war memorials, “and most of them need a little bit of work – some need major work,” says Dale Kurtz, Franklin Veterans Services officer. Kurtz worked with Debra Martin, also of the Veterans Services Office, on a grant through Massachusetts SHRAB, the state-level review body for grant proposals submitted to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). At the end of April, Franklin received a grant of \$18,338 the monuments, but that’s under half of what it will need to complete the whole project..

“We’re hoping to get that up and in progress by the fall,” says Dale Kurtz, Franklin Veterans Services Officer, who will retire this month. “I have to match the funds provided to us, either with cash or in-kind work.

A few of the memorials, says Kurtz, including the Revolutionary War memorial, the Persian Gulf memorial, and the Spanish American War Memorial, need some clean-



**“The Doughboy,” a WWI memorial in Franklin, is one of 11 war monuments in town that are in need of repair. The Veterans Services Office received a SHRAB grant to spruce them up, but requires matching funds or in-kind services to make it happen.**

ing, and four memorials along Main Street need repairs to the concrete, says Kurtz.

“Every one of them needs a bit of work, but some more significant (repair) than others,” says Kurtz.

The second oldest memorial on the Franklin Common, the Gettysburg Address, built in about 1913 and placed by the Grand Army of the Republic Post #60 (which disbanded in 1939), is in significant disrepair, needing to be restored, with broken pieces that need to be fixed.

Another in disrepair, according to Kurtz, is the Civil War memorial on the end opposite the Veterans Memorial Walkway. “People pass by this, and they probably don’t notice it, but it’s probably third on the list (needing repair),” says Kurtz. This monument was erected in 1903 in a project that was led and presented by

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## Tri-County Students Work to Renovate Wrentham Gazebo

By GRACE ALLEN

Visitors to Wrentham’s town common might notice the gazebo is looking a lot better these days. That’s because it’s undergoing a complete renovation, courtesy of carpentry students from Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School in Franklin.

The students have replaced the roof of the structure and will start on the rest of the gazebo once school starts up again next month.

Chad Lovett, Director of Facilities and Capital in Wrentham, reached out to the vocational school in hopes the students could take on the project.

“I am a graduate of a vocational school,” explained Lovett, who was

hired in 2019. “That was where my education started, so I have a great appreciation for vocational programs.”

Lovett estimates the town saved close to \$10,000 in labor costs by utilizing Tri-County to renovate the gazebo. The building materials were purchased with a grant from the Sweatt Memorial Fund, a local trust fund set up to cover expenditures for the care of the town common and its trees.

Jeremy Barstow, the Tri-County carpentry instructor overseeing the gazebo renovation, says the project is a win-win for everyone.

“The work the kids do is amazing and it’s won-

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Frederick Newell, who served in the 5th Massachusetts Infantry during the Civil War.

The WWI memorial, known as “The Doughboy,” in Franklin, has some significant leaking issues, says Kurtz.

“When it was originally erected, in 1929, it faced the center of the Common,” says Kurtz. In 1979, when the memorial plaza was created, that has the WWII, Vietnam and Korean memorials, the Doughboy was turned to face the monument and St. Mary’s church, he says.

Not all the memorials in disrepair are very old. The Persian Gulf monument, constructed in 1991, is in some disrepair, and the Spanish American War memorial, which was erected in 2010, needs some help as well.

“We have a machine gun that was at the Common,” says Kurtz. “It was under great disrepair and was going to be trashed, and a group of Franklin residents restored the machine gun, and that’s when it was placed as a monument. The plaque itself cost about \$3,800 back then.”

The Afghan/Iraq monument, is actually chipping on one of its sides, says Kurtz. That memorial was erected in 2008, and Kurtz is in touch with the contractor.

The Franklin Veterans Services office is hoping to raise funds as well as find contractors who might help support the project. Anyone interested in helping to restore these memorials can reach out, at (508) 613-1315.

If you would like to donate, you can send a check made out to The Town of Franklin, with “Monument Restoration Project” in the memo, and send it to Franklin Veterans Services Office, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin..

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derful when we get to do things for the communities that send kids to our school,” he said. “Our students absolutely get more out of projects when they are doing a real project out in the community versus in school. Those are some of the best projects and the ones the kids enjoy the most because there is usually some sort of connection with them.”

It’s not clear when the gazebo was originally built, but Barstow estimates the previous roof, with its red cedar shingles, was close to 40 years old. Red cedar shingles, considered one of the better roofing materials, have a longer lifespan than the asphalt shingles more commonly used today.

The gazebo renovation is a more involved project than usual, said Barstow. The roof had been leaking and the students had to complete structural repairs to the roof’s framing system before installing new red cedar shingles. The exterior of the columns are rotted and Barstow is unsure what else they will find when the project is restarted in the fall.

“There’s a lot of work to be done,” he said. “You might never see it just driving by. But that’s a lot of what carpentry is. Unexpected things pop up and that’s okay because part of carpentry is solving problems. I tell the kids that the details that no one can see are sometimes the ones that are going to matter the most.”

About six students at a time worked on the gazebo this past spring, a smaller number than usual due to COVID restrictions. The eligible carpentry students, all juniors and seniors, rotated weeks so that everyone had a chance to be part of the project. Barstow says the instructors try to replicate real job site conditions as much as possible during outside-of-school projects, including staging and safety-precautions.

“We teach them how to conduct themselves with responsibility and professionalism,” he noted, adding that graduates of the program are considered to be highly qualified, entry-level carpenters.

Although the Tri-County carpentry program was recently approved to do residential work, projects are primarily selected based on improving the skills



of the students as well as giving back to the community. Last year alone, the program received up-

wards of 80 project requests.

Vocational high schools provide a hands-on environment for learning that prepares students for many good paying jobs, but students are also just as likely to attend a four-year college after graduating as they are to enter a trade apprenticeship program.

Barstow believes the value of vocational schools is a well-kept secret and references Howard Gardner, a developmental psychologist known for his theory of multiple intelligences.

“Some kids go through a typical school system and maybe feel they are not adequate,” Barstow explained. “But kids have all different kinds of abilities, and here, they get the opportunity to apply their strengths and skills. You watch them turn into confident young people, because whatever it is they are passionate about, it’s celebrated here, it’s encouraged here, and the opportunities are tremendous. It’s awesome to watch.”

To be considered for a project by Tri-County students, visit <https://www.tri-county.us/career-programs/> and submit a work request. An instructor will be in touch if the project is considered a good fit for the students and if there is room in the schedule.

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## Post-Pandemic, Uber & Lyft More Scarce in Franklin Area

By AVERY CHALK

Summer concerts, city outings, and other similar excursions have shown that the scarcities of Uber and Lyft services are more apparent than ever. But, why are there fewer drivers now than in years past? Has the pandemic impacted these numbers? And, most notably, what is being done about it?

Uber, Lyft, and other comparable companies have been staples of convenient travel for years. Relatively cost-efficient, timely, and highly useful, these platforms take the stress out of transit by providing dependability and ease of mind. Whether it be a quick ride to a friend's house or a longer trek to a stadium, Uber and Lyft are heavily relied upon by millions of users across the country to get their users from Point A to Point B. However, that image is slowly being diminished, as fewer drivers are to be found in essential areas, including Franklin.

This is widely credited to the fact that drivers are dwindling. A recent Washington Post piece (May 7, 2021) noted that the height of the pandemic forced Uber and Lyft to shut down, and the situation has since spiraled. Even with growing vaccine distributions, most drivers simply do not want the risk.

As rideshare drivers continue to decrease, fares have drastically risen. Due to increased distances, gas mileage, and other expensive elements, Uber and Lyft are newly forced to compensate their remaining workers justly. What once would have been a \$15 ride, from Franklin to Gillette Stadium, is now approximately \$25 - and costs are only continuing to soar.

As prices rise, so do average wait times. With fewer drivers being forced to cover more ground, patrons are inevitably left waiting for longer than accustomed to. Elliot Liberman, an Uber driver near Foxborough, Massachusetts, says that he has

to drive much longer distances to collect clients - an act that best suits neither party. "I used to be asked to pick up people locally, around town," Liberman says. "Now, I'm getting requests from 25 to 30 minutes away, that are much harder to get to on time."

With the world slowly reopening, only time will tell if such platforms can overcome these struggles moving forward. Despite the current frustration of both Uber and Lyft users, if both services can mend their existing complications, regaining their customers seems an easily attainable task. Given the chaos that has ensued without their dependability, the world now understands just how valuable Uber and Lyft have grown to be - and will do anything to get them back.

"Uber drivers have responsibilities," Liberman finishes. "This was definitely caused by the pandemic, but...with time, hopefully things will go back to how they always were."

## Guitar Program Launched for Franklin Veterans

**"Tune It Out" Will Support Franklin Veterans' Mental Health**

By J.D. O'GARA

Thanks to an idea sparked by Franklin's Board of Health Director, Cathleen Liberty, Franklin veterans will soon be able to take advantage of a program aimed at improving their mental health as well as their musical abilities. Liberty was inspired to initiate the program from a national program, Guitars 4 Vets. She approached the Franklin Veterans Services office with the idea, and "Tune It Out," a program that will provide free guitar lessons to local veterans, was launched.

"There's a lot of mental health issues stemming from the pandemic, and you know, veterans deal with their own mental health issues," says Liberty. "I was watching a program on television about Guitars 4 Vets, and it has really helped many veterans suffering from PTSD." Liberty explains that the national program, which was cre-

ated in 1997, is extremely vetted and only for vets diagnosed with PTSD, but Franklin's "Tune It Out" program will be open to all town veterans.

"Music is therapy for all kinds of health issues," says

Liberty, who created the program outline with the help of her intern, Jade Fourcade and, locally well-known musician Jamie Barrett has volunteered as an instructor. "Even if

someone's not feeling the distress of the pandemic or the stress of what other vets have been through, they may have another chronic condition they could help with music."

The local program will be seeking donations of used guitars in working condition, as well as monetary donations to help with the purchase of guitars to use.

"We're hoping we can get funding for at least 10 guitars," says Debra Martin, of the Veterans Services Office, who noted that a few veterans had expressed interest in learning the instrument and participating in the program, which will, tentatively, take place at the Franklin Senior Center.

To begin with, "Tune It Out" will be open to Franklin veterans, until organizers gauge how much interest there is.

"I don't expect there to be 50 people, but I know there are going to be a few," says Dale Kurtz, outgoing Franklin Veterans Services Officer, who in early July had already received a monetary donation toward the effort. "Let's get it started and let it grow. We're going to be open to any (Franklin) vet who wants to take advantage of it. Most of the people I've talked to, I think it's going to be great for them."

To reach the Franklin Veterans Services office, call (508) 613-1315.



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# Kurtz to Retire as Franklin VSO

By J.D. O'GARA

Dale Kurtz is leaving the Franklin Veterans Services office, but his experience there will never leave him.

"I was very fortunate and very successful in my corporate careers, but this is the best job I've ever had," says Kurtz, who will retire at the same time as his wife, a nurse. The pair plan to embark on what Kurtz refers to as their "Blaze of Glory" tour of the country.

Kurtz, who has lived in Franklin since the 1980s, found himself bored after retirement in 2010, so, at his wife's suggestion, he contacted the town's then VSO, Bob Fahey.

"I just did volunteer stuff for him, a lot of computer work, a lot of research," says Kurtz. Through Fahey, Kurtz learned and took advantage of the opportunity to become Veterans Services Officer for Norfolk County, during which the Norfolk County Veterans Court was created.

"A veteran who has created an offense can go into this program, where we help treat their drug or alcohol abuse, the PTSD, those things that cause them to break the law," says Kurtz, who was proud to be involved. "It's been very successful and has done very well to help a number of veterans overcome addiction and be productive members of society."

His county-level position led the town of Avon to seek Kurtz out as their VSO, which he accepted, and a year later, when Fahey retired, "I became VSO for Franklin as well as Avon, which I've been doing since May

of 2015," says Kurtz, an active alum of West Point who enlisted in 1968.



"I was fortunate I was selected to attend a special school in Fort Belvoir, VA, and from that school I was selected for admission to West Point," says Kurtz, who served five more years after graduating in 1973 before heading to graduate school. Kurtz is president of the New England West Point Alumni and is the Admissions Coordinator for the 4th Congressional District for West Point. He often attends Army football games.

Kurtz says he's proud of many things the Veterans Service Office has done while he's held the post, noting, "We created a chair of honor, and I would send it out to the schools and talk to students about what it means to be a vet and the sacrifices the vet and their family make to help protect us; we became partners

in the Vietnam commemorative program, which ran during the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war; we participated in a number of ceremonies and presentations, including presenting the Ambassador for Peace medals to maybe six different Korean War veterans; we created a veterans council to meet once a month, on the third Thursday; we became a Purple Heart Community; we have a monthly Veterans Coffee Social that Debra Martin and John Hefeley run (with free coffee and pastry from the local Starbucks), and what I call my legacy event has been the Memorial Walkway, which started two months after I became VSO. It's just a great thing to have, a living memorial that adds to the beauty of

the town common, and the VFW and American Legion were leaders in helping to get that done."

More recently, the Franklin Veterans Services office received a SHRAB grant it needs

to match to fix a number of war memorials in town, something Kurtz says his successor will need to take over, as well as began the "Tune It Out" guitar program for vets.

Overall, however, Kurtz feels his most important accomplishment has been supporting veterans and their widows.

"When you get a phone call from someone who's been dealing with an issue since they left the service, when they call and

say they just got a letter from their disability claim and thank you, those are the things that make a difference, and that's why this has been such a great job," says Kurtz, who has high hopes for his successor. "Whoever they have is going to be great. They're going to take where we are and continue to move forward with fresh ideas and get things done. I look forward to having someone do the job even better."

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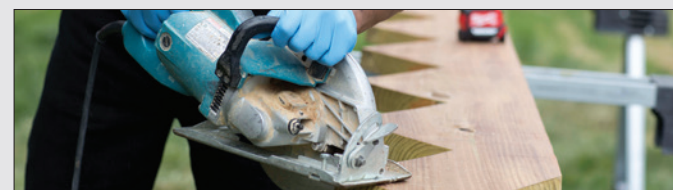
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# The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

BY GINA WOELFEL

As a kid, summer always seemed like such a magical time with it's long, lazy days, beach trips and friend-filled afternoons. It was a time to kick off routines, close our school books and enjoy the sunnier side of the year. We stayed outside until dark with only the mosquitos forcing us indoors.

A summer job meant freedom and hard work, but money to save and spend. We babysat, picked vegetables, worked as clerks and mowed lawns. I watered plants in a hot, steamy greenhouse and hauled them outdoors for the customers to buy. I left work a damp and dreadful mess, but I had the money to afford my first car, a 1971 Triumph Spitfire convertible. Top down, with the sun on my face, I'd take the long way home. That was summer to me.

We didn't think much back then about the harmful effects of the sun or pool water or the not-so-healthy ingredients in our products.

I'm sure more than a few of us can wax nostalgic of those by-gone beach days, (Nantasket was mine). Bodies slathered in baby oil and hair spritzed with *Sun In*, by the time the boardwalk lights flickered on, our skin was blistered and our hair was orange. All was right in the world, but what was it that made that time so special?

For me, it was the effortlessness of it all. We didn't have to

care so much about our health and beauty routines. My red, angry skin would eventually peel to reveal a sea of freckles and I'd box-dye my hair in the fall and return to school the hot mess that I was in 1989.

Now, at 50 years old, with my "freckles" redefined as age-spots and SPF my new best friend, I miss the effortlessness of it all... Don't you?

Let's throw it back to that uncomplicated time and talk a bit about the three salon services we feel can streamline your beauty routine, add more free time to your day and help you get your summer groove back!

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2. Lash Lift + Tint. Oh man, where were these when I was young? Imagine waking up to lashes that already look curled and coated with a hit of mascara... all before your feet hit the floor! Not only is it possible, it's magical and yields 6-8 weeks of beautiful, mascara-free lashes that appear thicker, darker, longer + have the *va-va-voom* factor we all crave.



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3. Waxing - Now here's a service that's been around the block! We've all endured the yearly, pre-summer bikini wax, (Ouch) but, it's time for you to revisit this hair removal option. Hit the beach with no shaving or fuss. Wax formulas have improved immensely in the past few years and this depilatory service is galaxies apart from its predecessors. Bikini, arms, legs, or wherever you don't want hair - wax it off!

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This month's *beauty beat* was written by guest contributor, Gina Woelfel

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# Living Healthy

## Summer Eye Safety

By ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.  
MILFORD FRANKLIN EYE CENTER

We all use sunscreen to protect our skin, but don't forget to protect your eyes as well. Summertime means more time spent outdoors, and studies show that exposure to bright sunlight may

increase the risk of developing cataracts and growths on the eye, including cancer. The same risk applies when using tanning beds, so be sure to protect your eyes from indoor UV light as well. Sunlight reflected off sand and water can cause photokera-

titis, the condition responsible for snow blindness, so beach- and pool-goers: Take note.

UV radiation, whether from natural sunlight or indoor artificial rays, can damage the eye's surface tissues as well as the cornea and lens. Unfortunately,



many people are unaware of the dangers UV light can pose. By wearing UV-blocking sunglasses, you can enjoy the summer safely while lowering your risk for potentially blinding eye diseases and tumors. It is important to start wearing proper eye protection at an early age to protect your eyes from years of ultraviolet exposure.

Everyone of any age and any degree of skin pigmentation is susceptible to UV damage. Children are particularly susceptible to UV damage. People with light colored eyes may have an increased risk of certain eye diseases tied to UV exposure, including eye cancer. Some studies show that people with certain eye diseases such as retinal dystrophy may be at greater risk for UV-related sun damage.

Cataract is a clouding of the eye's lens. The lens must be clear in order to focus light properly onto the retina. Extensive ex-

posure to the sun is one of the major reasons why we develop cataracts. Cataract surgery is by far the most common surgery performed in the United States.

According to a national Sun Safety Survey conducted by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, only about half of people who wear sunglasses say they check the UV rating before buying. The good news is that you can easily protect yourself. In order to be eye smart in the sun, the American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends the following:

- Wear sunglasses labeled "100% UV protection": Use only glasses that block both UV-A and UV-B rays and that are labeled either UV400 or 100% UV protection.

EYES

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# Living Healthy

## EYES

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- Choose wraparound styles so that the sun's rays can't enter from the side.
- If you wear UV-blocking contact lenses, you'll still need sunglasses.
- Wear a hat along with your sunglasses; broad-brimmed hats are best.
- Remember the kids: It's best to keep children out of direct sunlight during the middle of the day. Make sure they wear sunglasses and hats whenever they are in the sun.
- Know that clouds don't block UV light: The sun's rays can pass through haze and clouds. Sun damage to the eyes can occur any time of year, not just in summer.
- Be extra careful in UV-intense conditions: Sunlight is strongest mid-day to early afternoon, at higher altitudes, and when reflected off of water, ice or snow.

By embracing these simple tips you and your family can enjoy the summer sun safely while protecting your vision ... And if you have a cataract and it's time for surgery, remember that new technologies exist to optimize vision and outcome:

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At Milford Franklin Eye Center, we offer in-house optical service with the best in UV protection sun glasses. And if you need cataract surgery, Dr. Kaldawy is proud to have been the first surgeon in the area and among the first in Massachusetts to offer bladeless laser assisted cataract surgery. We are happy to have been pioneers of this technology in our communities. We implant high quality premium lenses, with correction for distance, near and everything in between. Many cases of astigmatism are no longer a problem as these implants can now be offered even if you have astigmatism thanks to bladeless laser surgery. Our percentage of complications is one of the lowest in the nation and is measured by independent sources. We operate in a state-of-the-art surgery center with door to door concierge service. 100% of the surgeries are performed under topical anesthesia, so only drops, no need for shots and their risks and no need for stitches. With 16 years of established experience and thousands of procedures performed, we are happy to offer state-of-the-art medical and surgical eye care to our communities.

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## FISH of Franklin: Volunteers Needed!

FISH of Franklin is an organization that provides rides to Franklin residents who need help getting to their medical appointments. You can help! Volunteers aged 21 and over are needed to:

- Drive Franklin residents to medical appointments; or
- Check phone lines Monday through Friday and match requests with rides.

Each volunteer is asked to commit to one day a month to either drive or manage the phone line.

Interested in volunteering? Call Chris at (508) 553-3023. Need a ride? Call FISH at (508) 528-2121.

## Franklin Downtown Partnership Prepares for Oct. 2 Harvest Festival

The Franklin Downtown Partnership is making plans for its 18th annual Harvest Festival, a family-fun community event, scheduled for Saturday, October 2.

The Harvest Festival will be held in downtown Franklin from noon to 5 p.m. on Main Street, Dean Avenue, West Central Street, and Depot Street, as well as the large parking area behind Rockland Bank. The event's rain date is Sunday, October 3.

During the event, visitors will be treated to exciting local entertainment, delicious fall flavors from local restaurants, fun kid crafts and activities, shop specials, artwork and crafts by area artisans and helpful information from community groups and vendors. There will also be an Oktoberfest featuring local breweries and wineries.

"We're thrilled to be able to bring back the Harvest Festival this year after last year's COVID-imposed break," said Scott Martin, president of the Franklin Downtown Partnership and Harvest Festival chairperson. "The Harvest Festival is a great opportunity to invite people to gather downtown, learn more about local businesses and organizations, and catch up with their neighbors."

Registration for vendor booth spaces will open on Aug. 10, 2021, and organizers expect booth space to sell out. Partnership members receive a booth for free; non-members pay \$125. Downtown businesses must register to ensure store-front space. Booths are assigned on a first-come first-serve basis. Please add

a \$35 late fee if you register after September 15. Registration will close on September 20. Email Chris Peterson, Harvest Festival vendor relations coordinator, at [fdpevent@gmail.com](mailto:fdpevent@gmail.com) with questions about the event.

The Partnership also welcomes businesses to help support the Harvest Festival. Sponsor forms are posted on the website, or business owners can contact the office at [downtown.franklin@yahoo.com](mailto:downtown.franklin@yahoo.com). Harvest Festival sponsors can promote and advertise their business while

supporting the Harvest Festival. Sponsors get prominent booth locations and publicity prior, during and after the event.

The Franklin Downtown Partnership is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization made up of more than 300 business owners, community leaders and residents working to stimulate economic development downtown and create a positive impact throughout the area. Learn more about the Partnership at [www.franklindowntownpartnership.org](http://www.franklindowntownpartnership.org).



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# Franklin Cultural Festival – Looking for Crafters

The Franklin Cultural Council has announced that it will be hosting the Franklin Cultural Festival on Sunday, September 12th from 12-6 p.m. The Franklin Cultural Festival will include food trucks, a juried craft fair, and live performances on the Franklin Town Common, as well as a beer garden. The main stage will include Grammy winner Eguie Castrillo and Mar del Norte Salsa Orchestra. Food Trucks will include and amazing lineup like “Cousins Maine Lob-

ster.” 30+ artisan vendors will be featured all over the common, including new Franklin entrepreneurs like “Power of Me.” The FCC is looking for professional and semi-professional artisans to participate in the craft fair. There will also be a youth section of booths for crafters 18 and under. The Franklin Cultural Festival is hosted by the Franklin Cultural Council. For a prospectus on the Craft Fair, please visit: [http://bit.ly/craft\\_fair\\_entry](http://bit.ly/craft_fair_entry).



Eguie Castrillo and Mar del Norte Salsa Orchestra will take the main stage in September at the Franklin Culture Festival.



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# Ready. Set. Bid.

## St. John's Church To Host Virtual Silent Auction; Will Replace Holiday Fair

St. John's Episcopal Church in Franklin is getting creative initiating their first Virtual Silent Auction for the public from August 27 through September 10. People will have a chance to bid on merchandise from local and regional businesses. Select from a variety of goods and services: food, retail merchandise, electronics, kid and adult activities, sports, museums & outings.

Access the auction three ways: 1) the auction link at <https://www.32auctions.com/StJohns-Franklin> in your browser; 2) St. John's Church website at [www.stjohnsfranklinma.org](http://www.stjohnsfranklinma.org); 3) on Facebook at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Just register your name and contact details and the list of items will be displayed. It's easy to scroll through and make your bid. Check back often to update your bid! Bidding starts August 27 at 12:15 am and will end Friday, September 10 at 12 noon. The highest bidder on each item will be contacted.

"Last year was tough on everyone," said Rev. Kathy McAdams. "We have continued to gather for worship in whatever way possible. We have continued to serve the community by growing food for the Franklin Food Pantry, providing lunch for Common Cathedral and its unhoused congregation twice, and installing a handicap-accessible restroom."

Funds earned from the silent auction help continue outreach to the area, Rev. McAdams added. "Please participate in our on-line auction, as well as the Pumpkin Patch in October, so that we can continue to have a positive impact in the Franklin community and beyond."

The Virtual Silent Auction and Pumpkin Patch replace the church's holiday fair this winter. The annual Christmas Fair has been a staple in Franklin and a source of income for St. John's Church.

Want more details? Contact Blanca DiGiacomo at (617) 429-4676 or [blancadigiacomo@verizon.net](mailto:blancadigiacomo@verizon.net).

# Trivia Extravaganza

On August 1, 2021, the public is invited to join the Franklin Odd Fellows for an afternoon of Trivia, fun and good cheer from 2 to 4:30 PM at the Bellingham Sportsman Club at 360 Lake St., Bellingham, MA 02019.

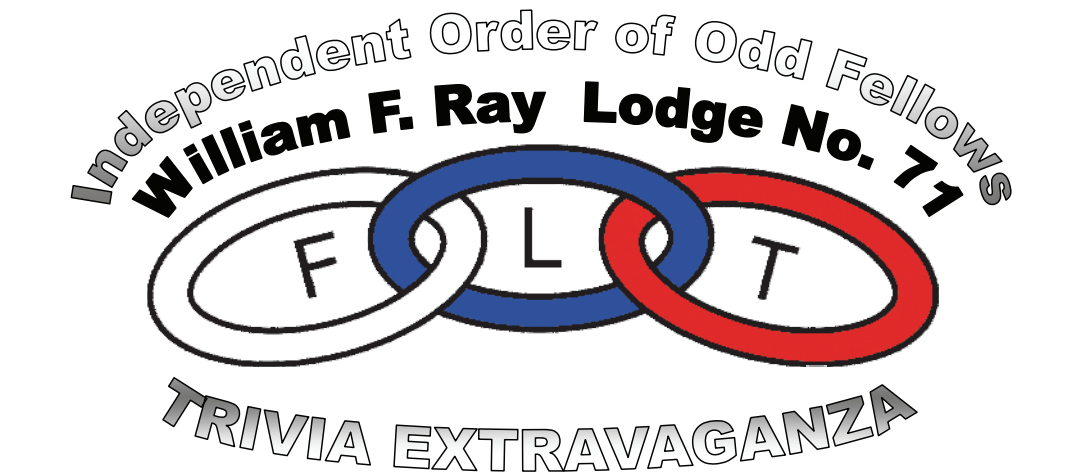
The event will consist of teams of up to ten players with a registration cost of just \$10 per person and \$15 at the door. Team pre-registration and pre-payment is strongly encouraged.

After a long and difficult year in 2020 where four Odd Fellows fundraising events were canceled due to Covid-19, William F. Ray Lodge #71 has remained active and continues with the renovation process of the building and with indoor meetings and cookout gatherings in their quaint pine grove back yard.

This will be our first social event for this year that will help us to continue the longstanding tradition of giving back to our local community - and have a good time while doing it! The Bellingham Sportsman Club has worked closely with the Bellingham Board of Health and is now following restaurant guidelines for holding public events.

Get your team of trivia masters together and register today. Entries at the door will be integrated into whatever teams have space remaining at their tables. There will be a cash bar available during the event.

Register and prepay: <http://www.franklinmassoddfellows.org/trivia2021/>



**August 1, 2021**  
**Bellingham Sportsman Club**  
**360 Lake Street**  
**Bellingham, MA 02019**  
**2:00PM - 4:30PM**

William F. Ray Lodge No. 71, Franklin, MA Chapter of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will be hosting our first ever TRIVIA event to raise funds to allow our lodge to continue the longstanding Odd Fellows tradition of giving back to the local community!

- \*\*\*\*\*The event will consist of teams of up to 10 players\*\*\*\*\*
- Cost is \$10 per person with pre-registration and \$15 at the door
  - Entries at the door will be integrated into whatever team has space remaining
  - Team Pre-registration and Pre-payment is encouraged
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## Book Sale

### Franklin Library Book Sale

Friday, August 20, 1-5 p.m.  
Saturday, August 21, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.

All books are just one dollar!  
Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag, from 1-4 p.m.

## Programs for Children and Teens

### Animal Guess Who! Monday-Friday

Join us all summer long for a fun guessing game of name that animal! Clues posted Monday-Friday, and correct guesses each week will be entered into a raffle!

**Move Along! Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Dungeons & Dragons! Mondays @ 3:30 p.m. on Discord/Roll20** Kids ages 7-15! Email mgousie@minlib.net to get involved!

**Cool Cruisers! Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.**, for babies who have graduated from tummy time and are scooting all over the place!

**Toe-Tapping Tuesdays! Tuesdays @ 4 p.m.** Let's play some music and get those little toes moving!

**Tummy Time! Thursdays @ 9:30 a.m.**, Babies and caregivers: join us each Thursday morning for Tummy Time!

**Bookworm Bounce! Thursdays @ 4 p.m.**, story time full of music, movement, stories, and other interactive activities!

**Happy Feet! \*SOME\* Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.** We will have fun learning to move to the music while building coordination and confidence.

**Summer Secret Coders \*SOME\* Fridays @ 11 a.m.**

Make projects, cool crafts, and play games based on The Secret Coders, by Gene Luen Yang

**Farmers Market Fun! Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.** Special themed events each week

## Special Events for Kids & Families in August!

### Take & Make: Rock Photo Holders!

Starting Monday August 2nd stop by the library to pick up your very own rock photo holder kit. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

**Rainforest Reptiles - Desert Animals! - Wednesday, August 4th @ 1 p.m.** IDEAL FOR KIDS IN GRADE 2+

### August StoryWalk at DelCorte Park!

Starting Saturday, August 7th through September, the Franklin Recreation Department and the Franklin Public Library are teaming up again for a summer series of StoryWalks on the trail!

**Read & Draw with Scott Magoon! Saturday, August 7th @ 10:30 a.m.**

We are celebrating our August StoryWalk with a special, first-time visit from author and illus-

trator Scott Magoon! We'll listen as he reads a story and learn how to draw Misunderstood Shark!

**Coastie the Tugboat! Wednesday, August 11th @ 1 p.m.**

Coastie is a hilarious tugboat, that talks, plays music, and interacts with kids while teaching all about staying safe in the water!

**Shark Seek-N-Find! Saturday, August 14th @ 10 a.m.**

**Digeridoo Down Under Live Virtual Performance! Wednesday, August 18th @ 1 p.m.** on Zoom

Join us virtually for a fun, energetic fusion of Australian music, culture, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience movement and participation! To register please email ckeating@minlib.net!

**Outback Olympics! Saturday, August 21st @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Make with Miss Mitzi: Macramé! Saturday, August 21st @ 1 p.m.** To register email Mitzi at mgousie@minlib.net

**Mythical Creatures Drawing Class! Wednesday, August 25th @ 1 p.m.** on Zoom

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**Unicorn Seek-N-Find! Saturday, August 28 @ 10 a.m.**

Where in Franklin is Miss Caleigh and her magical friend? Follow the clues posted in the Facebook event.

## Weekly / monthly Events for Teens

Weekly and Special events are currently scheduled to be in-person, outdoor programs at the library unless otherwise noted!

**Dungeons & Dragons! Mondays @ 3:30 p.m.** on Discord/Roll20 Kids ages 7-15! Email mgousie@minlib.net to get involved!

**Teen AI Fresco Book Bites! Wednesdays @ 4:30 p.m.** Teens! Bring along a picnic meal and a blanket, and join us outside on the grass outside the library for a casual chat about what we're all reading!

**Teen Advisory Board! 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m.**

## Special Events for Teens in August!

### Teen Take & Make: Air Plant Terrariums!

Starting Monday, August 2nd stop by the library to pick up your very own terrarium kit! Kits include supplies and instructions! SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

### Teen Take & Make: Enchanter Paper Rose!

Starting Monday, August 16th stop by the library to pick up your very own paper rose kit! Kits include supplies and instructions! SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

**Teen Mystery Party! Wednesday, August 18th @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Make with Miss Mitzi: Macramé! Saturday, August 21st @ 1 p.m.** To register email Mitzi at mgousie@minlib.net

## Events for Adults

Take and Make Craft for Adults: Applique and Embroidery, Collaboration of the Franklin Mill Store and Franklin Public Library. Starting August 2, kits available to the first 35 Franklin residents to sign up. Please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala (508) 520-4941, or kshipala@minlib.net.

**Yoga with Bethany, Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 6:30 p.m.**

Friends of the Franklin Library Community Room. Bring yoga mat. No registration required! For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala kshipala@minlib.net.

## Spark Joy, Franklin!

**Live Q&A, Wednesday, August 18, 7 p.m.**

Certified Silver level KonMari Consultant Shannon Honeycutt will be bringing the life-changing magic of tidying to you through her Spark Joy Program. Learn the KonMari philosophy and guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all and leave you feeling motivated! Be sure to have a standard t-shirt and a pair of pants ready for the folding activity as you will learn the famous KonMari Vertical folding technique.

Pre-recorded program will be available to view at <https://sparkjoycharlotte.com/franklin-tuesday-august-17-7-a.m.-through-thursday-august-19-7-a.m.-live-q-a-wednesday-august-18-at-7-p.m.-on-zoom>.

**Franklin Public Library Book Club, Tuesday, August 24, 7 p.m.**

*The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd. To reserve a copy, or for more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at kshipala@minlib.net. To register, please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8282828282>.

**Knitting Group, Fridays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Friends of the Franklin Library Community Room

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# August Highlights at the Franklin Senior Center

The Franklin Senior Center, located at 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, is open without restrictions! All regular programs are back! For more information, call (508) 520-4945.

## August 20

The Day Trippers, Beatles cover band, 11:30 a.m., fish & chips, prizes, \$6; stop by front desk to purchase tickets, supported in part by a grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

## August 24

Mocktails & Movie, appetizers and frozen non-alcoholic drinks served on back patio, call to sign up. Movie: *Mamma Mia!*

## Also...

- **Franklin Matters Q&A with Steve Sherlock.** Thursday, August 26 at 1:30 p.m., in person at the center and via Zoom. Email [adoggett@franklinma.gov](mailto:adoggett@franklinma.gov) for the link to join.

- **Senior Coffee Hour with State & Local Officials** Thursday, August 19 at 8:30 a.m. State Rep. Jeff Roy, Town Administrator Jamie Hellen and Town Council Members will be available in the Senior Center Café for Coffee & Conversation.

- **Fitness Room Orientation** Nurse Trish will provide an orientation to the fitness equipment and review the necessary forms in order to use our fitness room. Thursday, August 19 at 1 p.m. Call the Center to sign up.

- **Great New England Hurricanes** presented by Alan Earls. Wednesday, August 18 at 1 p.m. This presentation will be in-person at the Center and via Zoom. Email Ariel at [adoggett@franklinam.gov](mailto:adoggett@franklinam.gov) if you would like the link to join.

- **Name that Tune! Lunchtime Edition** Friday, August 13 at 12 p.m. Join us in the cafe during lunch and play the popular game show, Name that tune! Prizes will be awarded.

- **GATRA Demonstration** Tuesday, August 17 at 10 a.m. Representatives from GATRA will be at the Center to give an overview of their transportation services and provide training on their new app. Call the Center to sign up!

- **Fire Chief James McLaughlin** will join the Discussion Group on August 5 at 10 a.m. to provide updates on the Franklin Fire Department. Please call the Center to sign up.

# DCU Announces 2021 Scholarship Recipients

## Ankit Boruah, of Franklin, Receives \$2K DCU for Kids Scholarship

As educators and students adapted to new methods of learning over the last year, Digital Federal Credit Union, better known as DCU, remains committed to supporting students in their pursuit of a higher education. For over 20 years, DCU, through DCU for Kids, has provided a scholarship program designed to assist students in the pursuit of a higher education with over \$1.3 million in scholar-

ships being awarded.

This year, DCU for Kids, the credit union's charitable foundation, distributed 120 scholarships totaling \$190,000 to graduating high school seniors judged most likely to excel at a college or university. Funds were distributed through DCU for Kids, the credit union's charitable foundation. One local student, Ankit Boruah, of Franklin, received a \$2,000 scholarship to attend

Case West Reserve University in fall of 2021.

Recipients were chosen by an impartial panel of college educators who based their decisions on the grounds of scholastic achievement, community involvement, leadership skills, character and integrity, recommendation letters, as well as an essay submitted by the student.

The Annual Scholarship Program will accept applications starting in December of 2021 for the 2021 application process. Please visit DCU's website and

the DCU for Kids website in mid-November of 2021 for information.

## About DCU:

DCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative serving over 900,000 members across all 50 states by offering a full range of financial services to consumers and businesses.

For additional information, visit [www.dcu.org](http://www.dcu.org).

## About DCU for Kids:

In 2005, recognizing the importance of supporting organizations that make a difference in the communities they are a part of, DCU incorporated DCU for Kids, a non-profit 501(c) 3 charitable foundation that strives to improve the quality of life for children in need. To date, DCU for Kids has made charitable donations that total over \$14,000,000.

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# Franklin Launches Freedom Team to Promote “Unity in the Community”

## Franklin 5th Mass. Community to Form Local Freedom Team

In the wake of 2020’s racial unrest, a broad coalition of Franklin community leaders came together to form a Freedom Team with the mission of ‘preserving freedom through unity in the community.’ The team’s members meet monthly to explore ways of offering dialogue and support to individuals and the entire community with a goal of promoting love, inclusion, and trust (“LIT”).

“We, as a Town, are a community through unity,” explains Jamele Adams, Franklin resident and founder of the Freedom Team network. “And if anything happens in the community that is rooted in bias, instead of trying to figure out who to call and how to respond, we want a team to already be in place. We want a team that is proactive, reactive, and retroactive.”

Franklin Freedom Team membership follows the network’s Community 10-Point Connection Model, which includes diverse community representatives, including parents, students, educators, town and school local officials, clergy, a lawyer, a trauma-informed clinician, a transformative justice facilitator, and a social media expert.

In addition to their regular meetings, the Team hosts a hotline and email for residents to contact if they have experienced or witnessed bias-motivated threats, harassment, or violence. The Team promises to “offer a private and respectful space to discuss the incident using a transformative justice model not only to try to repair the harm through inclusion, trust, and equity, but also to educate and strengthen the community.”

To date, the group has met virtually every month throughout 2021 and their members have helped organize community conversations on police reform, inclusion in early education, and youth AAPI experiences. The group was in immediate dialogue following June’s news of a swastika found in Franklin High School.

Mr. Adams, the group’s founder, is no stranger to promoting ‘LIT-ness’ in majority-White communities. Longtime Dean of Students at Brandeis University and current Director of

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Scituate Public Schools, Adams first helped found a Freedom Team while living in Natick back in 2016. The success of the initial team – captured in a 2017 TEDx talk by Adams – has since inspired Hopkinton, Waltham, Wellesley, and now Franklin to form similar coalitions in their communities. (More teams are in development.)

The current membership of Franklin’s Freedom Team includes:

- Jamele Adams, founder and transformative justice facilitator
- Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Franklin Public Schools
- Rabbi Tom Alpert, Temple Etz Chaim
- Camille Napier Bernstein, community advocate
- Justin Bates, co-founder of Franklin Area Against Racism
- Cobi Frongillo, Town Councilor
- Jamie Hellen, Franklin Town Administrator
- Elise Howell, clinician
- Chief TJ Lynch, Franklin Police Department

- Rev. Kathy McAdams, Rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church and President of the Franklin Interfaith Council
- Angelina Perez, student
- Judith Perez, parent
- Angela Snyder, lawyer
- Meghan Whitmore, community advocate

You can learn more about the Franklin Freedom Team at [franklinfreedomteam.org](http://franklinfreedomteam.org).

To report hate, bias-motivated threats, harassment, and violence, residents of Franklin are urged to call the hotline (508-507-9693) or email [franklinfreedomteam@gmail.com](mailto:franklinfreedomteam@gmail.com).

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# Calendar

## August 1

**Franklin Odd Fellows Trivia Extravaganza, 2-4:30 p.m.,** Bellingham Sportsmen Lounge, 360 Lake St., Bellingham, teams of up to ten players with a registration cost of \$10 per person and \$15 at the door. <http://www.franklinmassoddfellows.org/trivia2021/>

**5K Run/Walk to Remember, 7:30 a.m.** registration, benefits Community VNA Hospice, \$35, <https://www.raceentry.com/5k-runwalk-to-remember-community-vna/race-information>

## August 3

**Yoga with Bethany, Friends of the Franklin Library Community Room, Franklin Public Library, Bring yoga mat. No registration is required! For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala kshipala@minlib.net .**

## August 4

**Veterans Coffee Social, 10 a.m.,** Franklin Senior Center Café, All vets invited, for info., call Veterans' Services Office, (508) 613-1315

## August 6

**Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m.,** Touch a Tractor sponsored by Franklin Ag Committee, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Farmers Market Fun sponsored by the Franklin Public Library

**Franklin Concerts on the Common, by Franklin Recreation, Matt Zajac 5-6 p.m. Pub Kings 6-8 p.m.**

**ation, David Penza Acoustic, 5-6 p.m., Backyard Swagger, 6-8 p.m., Movie Night, 8:15-10 p.m.**

## August 10

**Yoga with Bethany, Friends of the Franklin Library Community Room, Franklin Public Library, Bring yoga mat. No registration is required! For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala kshipala@minlib.net .**

## August 13

**Sen. Rausch Virtual Office Hours, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.,** (Link at <https://www.beccarausma.com/office-hours>), 15-minute appointments in advance at [beccarausma.com/office-hours](https://www.beccarausma.com/office-hours), constituents may also contact her at (617) 722-1555 or email [becca.rausch@masenate.gov](mailto:becca.rausch@masenate.gov) .

**Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m., 2-4 p.m.** Heath Nisbett, acoustic guitar, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Farmers Market Fun sponsored by the Franklin Public Library, 4-6 PM Hockomock YMCA family events and group classes

**Franklin Concerts on the Common, by Franklin Recreation, Matt Zajac 5-6 p.m. Pub Kings 6-8 p.m.**

## August 17

**Yoga with Bethany, Friends of the Franklin Library Community Room, Franklin Public Library, Bring yoga mat. No registration**

is required! For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala kshipala@minlib.net .

## August 18

**Spark Joy, Franklin! Live Q&A, Wednesday, August 18, 7 p.m.,** with Certified Silver level KonMari Consultant Shannon Honeycutt, through Franklin Public Library. Pre-recorded program will be available to view at <https://sparkjoycharlotte.com/franklin> Tuesday, August 17, 7 a.m. through 7 a.m. Thursday, August 19.

## August 20

**Franklin Library Book Sale, 1-5 p.m.,** Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin  
**Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m., 3:30-4:40 p.m.** Farmers Market Fun sponsored by Franklin Public Library

**Franklin Concerts on the Common, by Franklin Recreation, Heather Deary Acoustic-5-6 p.m., Carolyn Rae & the Rumors 6-8 p.m., Movie Night**

8:15 – 10 p.m.

## August 21

**Franklin Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-noon,** Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin (brown bag sale \$5 a bag, 1-4 p.m.)

## August 23

**Franklin Area Nonprofit Network meeting, 7 p.m.,** In person, at Franklin TV, 23 Hutchinson St., Franklin, or Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89037630823?pwd=RDNJMS9CYkRpTGlxZXBDZk9FbDV2QT09> Meeting ID: 890 3763 0823 Passcode: wfpr1029

## August 24

**Yoga with Bethany, Friends of the Franklin Library Community Room, Franklin Public Library, Bring yoga mat. No registration is required! For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala kshipala@minlib.net .**

## August 27

**St. John's Episcopal Church Virtual Silent Auction, (Will Replace Annual Holiday Fair) 12:15 a.m. through Sept. 10, at noon.** <https://www.32auctions.com/StJohnsFranklin>, or St. John's Church website at [www.stjohnsfranklinma.org](http://www.stjohnsfranklinma.org), or on Facebook at St. John's Episcopal Church.

**Franklin Farmers Market, 2-6 p.m.,** Luke DeRoy, Entertainment sponsored by Franklin Cultural Council and Mass Cultural Council, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Farmers Market Fun, sponsored by Franklin Public Library, 4-6 p.m., Hockomock YMCA family events & group classes

## August 31

**Yoga with Bethany, Friends of the Franklin Library Community Room, Franklin Public Library, Bring yoga mat. No registration is required! For more information, please contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala kshipala@minlib.net .**

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### August 6th

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Movie Night 8:15-10 p.m.

### August 13th

Matt Zajac 5-6 p.m.  
Pub Kings 6-8 p.m.

### August 20th

Heather Deary Acoustic-5-6 p.m.  
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# FSPA Now Enrolling for the 21-22 School Year

The Franklin School for the Performing Arts (FSPA) is now enrolling for the 21-22 school year.

Proudly serving more than 500 students annually from 45 communities in Massachusetts' Metro West region, the Franklin School for the Performing Arts is committed to quality education in the arts with exceptional curriculum, outstanding professional faculty, and unwavering dedication to each and every student enrolled. Founded in 1985 by Director Raye Lynn Mercer, FSPA is a unique place where students of all ages and levels of ability participate in an array of music, dance, and drama programs with professional instruction and extraordinary performing opportu-

nities. With broad-based and varied curricula, FSPA guides students in the development of technique, creativity, and artistic expression to last a lifetime. FSPA's faculty boasts outstanding professional artists, performers, and teachers. Their impressive credentials are indicative of the excellent instruction available in all programs. FSPA instructors strive to meet the individual needs of each student, working to develop each student's abilities to their own potential.

Performance is an integral part of an FSPA education and the school offers unrivaled performing opportunities for students throughout the year. On the calendar annually are student



recitals, concerts by faculty and guest artists, master classes, student showcases, holiday shows, the school's signature Spring Concert, and summer camps and intensives. In addition, for students whose level of interest is more focused, there are special performing ensemble opportuni-

ties available by audition.

Recent FSPA alumna Susana Wickstrom is currently attending the prestigious Musical Theater program at Carnegie Mellon University. Of her FSPA training Wickstrom notes, "FSPA has taught me absolutely everything that I know. I owe the world to it. My teachers there taught me why I love the arts, and why I want to pursue it for the rest of my life."

Wickstrom was a graduate of FSPA Academy. FSPA Academy combines the flexibility of a virtual education with the practicality of a schoolroom, and can accommodate professional opportunities, rehearsal, and performance schedules. FSPA Academy partners with TECCA,

a virtual Massachusetts Public School. The curriculum is taught by licensed, certified teachers through a combination of Live Lessons and individual assignments.

THE BLACK BOX, home of the Franklin Performing Arts Company (FPAC), a 200-seat flexible theater located behind FSPA, provides a professional venue for FSPA student productions, while FPAC offers opportunities by audition for student performers.

For more information about FSPA and its programs, visit [www.FSPAonline.com](http://www.FSPAonline.com), call (508) 528-8668, or stop by 38 Main St. in Franklin. Follow FSPA on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

## Senator Rausch Announces Virtual August Office Hours

Senator Rausch will hold her next virtual office hours on Friday, August 13 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. (Link at <https://www.beccarauscha.com/office-hours>) In keeping with best practices

and recommendations from public health officials, conversations with the Senator and her staff will take place via video conferencing and phone calls.

Residents from any part of the Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex District are welcome to share their questions and opinions on state issues with Senator Rausch and her staff. Constituents may

reserve 15-minute appointments in advance at [beccarauscha.com/office-hours](https://beccarauscha.com/office-hours).

To subscribe to Senator Rausch's newsletter, please visit <https://beccarauscha.com/newsletter>. Constituents can still contact the Senator and her team at (617) 722-1555 or email [becca.rausch@masenate.gov](mailto:becca.rausch@masenate.gov) to share their opinion on state issues, seek assistance, or schedule a call with the Senator or her staff. Residents can also get live updates from the Senator via Twitter (@BeccaRauschMA) and Facebook (@BeccaRauschMA).

Senator Becca Rausch represents the Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex District, comprised of Attleboro, Franklin, Millis, Natick, Needham, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Sherborn, Wayland, Wellesley, and Wrentham. Currently in her second term, Senator Rausch serves as the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture and the Senate Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

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# Young Franklin Resident to Enjoy a “Green” Summer

Franklin resident Jacklyn Norris felt a strong connection to nature as a young child, and she is continuing to follow her passion by advocating for the environment this summer.

Norris, a student at Bridgewater State University, is spending her summer interning for nonprofit Ocean River Institute (ORI), a nonprofit providing expertise, services, resources, and information unavailable on a localized level to support efforts of environmental organizations.

She will serve as a team captain for the Natural Lawn Care for Healthy Soils Challenge, designed to urge people to restore the ecological functioning of grass lawns by not spreading fertilizer or harsh chemicals. She will also advocate for the Ocean Based Climate Solutions Bill and the Break Free from Plastic Pollution Bill and will inform people about both proposed bills at Boston GreenFest this August.

“I’ve felt a strong connection to the environment from a young age and been fascinated by the interconnectivity of nature,” said Norris, who is majoring in General Management and minoring in Sustainability and Innovations Outreach. “I’m so thrilled to be a part of ORI this summer and to be at the forefront of positive change and action for our ocean and our planet.”

ORI President & Executive Director Rob Moir said he is encouraged that the next generation of environmentalists are putting the time, work and effort into informing the public about positive steps they can take toward a healthier planet.

“It’s a great gift to have young people such as Jacklyn spend much of their



summer break to inform the public about the many ways they can improve the health of their lawns, oceans and the planet,” said Moir. “Jacklyn will be a key part of several initiatives to spread the word about practices that will improve the environment.”

Launched in 2007, the Ocean River Institute ([www.oceanriver.org](http://www.oceanriver.org)) is known for work in advocating for climate change, educating others on environmental matters, restoring watersheds and promoting ocean conservation.

# Dean College Honored Among National Colleges of Distinction in 2021-2022 Cohort

Dean College has once again received national recognition for its honorable commitment to engaged, experiential education by Colleges of Distinction, a one-of-a-kind guide for college-bound students. This is the sixth consecutive year that the College has earned this honor. Dean also received Colleges of Distinction badges for Business (fifth consecutive year) and Career Development (third consecutive year).

Founder Wes Creel created Colleges of Distinction to draw more attention to schools like Dean College whose student-centered education prevails in applying theory to practice while fostering a dynamic learning community.

Colleges of Distinction’s selection process comprises a sequence of in-depth research and detailed interviews with the schools about each institution’s freshman experience and retention efforts alongside its general education programs, career development, strategic plan, student satisfaction, and more—and accepting only those that adhere to the Four Distinc-

tions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes. These principles are all informed by the High-Impact Practices to prioritize the ways that institutions enable students to have a fulfilling, individualized college experience.

“Every student has their own unique set of abilities, their own goals, and their own ideal settings in which they would thrive,” said Creel. “That’s why we don’t rank our schools. It’s about finding the best opportunities for each individual’s needs and desires.”

Creel continued, “It’s inspiring to see Dean College commit to the learning styles and community involvement that will best allow their students to succeed in and beyond their college years.”

Dean College is proud to be named a 2021-2022 College of Distinction. To learn more about Dean’s awards and accomplishments, visit [www.dean.edu](http://www.dean.edu). For more information on Colleges of Distinction, visit [www.collegesofdistinction.com](http://www.collegesofdistinction.com).



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# Sports

## Cargill's Athletic Feats in 3 Sports at FHS Truly Amazing

By KEN HAMWEY,  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

If Franklin High School had an athletic hall of fame, Tom Cargill would be a first-ballot inductee.

The 66-year-old native of Franklin was a three-sport star for the Panthers, competing as a halfback in football, a forward in basketball and a third baseman in baseball. As a senior, the 6-foot-1, 180-pounder not only was a captain in three sports, but he also was the most-valuable player in all three. He also was a member of the National Honor Society and president of his class.

Before graduating in 1973, Cargill earned seven Hockomock League all-star berths and was selected as the *Boston Herald's* all-state third baseman as a sophomore. He was part of Franklin High's 32-game winning streak in football, a key cog for the Bay State Tourney champs in basketball, and a major contributor for the Hockomock League champs in baseball.

"I tried to be well-prepared, and I strived to outwork my opponents," Cargill said from his home in Boynton Beach, Fla. "I had a strong passion for sports, a will to win, and, thanks to terrific coaches, I had good knowledge of the sports I played."

Cargill's strengths were a high sports IQ, an instinctive nature, athleticism and leadership ability. He also was extremely coachable, often referred to as "a coach on the field."

Although there were many highlights and memorable moments during his tenure at Franklin High, three stand out.

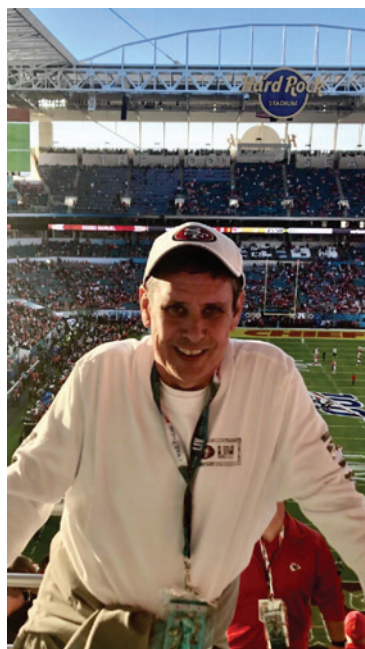
"My top memories were being the 17th seed in the Bay State Tournament and winning the whole thing," he recalled. "We beat Don Bosco in Boston in a game where I got my 1,000th point, then downed North Attleboro before capturing the title against Chicopee. The football winning streak was big, too. Every team came gunning for us. What made that streak amazing is that it continued from class to class. Hitting .432 as a sophomore and winning the Hock baseball title was another thrill."

For all his accolades and honors, he's quick to credit his teammates and coaches.

"I had great teammates and a great combination of coaches," Cargill emphasized. "I played for Don Cotter in basketball, Jerry Leone in football and Ron Bonollo in baseball. "And, I'll never forget how good Tom Geysen was as Cotter's assistant. All of those men were motivators who instilled a will to win."

Cargill said that if Franklin High had a hall of fame, "It would promote the great history of Franklin athletics," he noted. "It also would honor so many great athletes, and it would be such a value to the community and to the athletic program."

Cargill could be a hall of fame candidate for Franklin, as well as the collegiate level. His love affair for sports led to his becoming the



Cargill at Super Bowl LIV in Miami in 2020.

athletic director at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla.

After graduating from the University of New Hampshire, where an injury cut short his baseball career, the athletic administration major earned his masters at Texas Tech before joining Florida State as director of outdoor recreation facilities. There, he earned an EdS degree in athletic administration. In 1988, Cargill took a major step on a journey that eventually led to his becoming a Division I A.D.

"I always wanted to be an A.D.," he said. "When the opportunity came to interview at Florida Atlantic University as an assistant A.D., I got the post, then moved up to associate athletic director before taking the reins as A.D. in 1994."

During Cargill's eight years as the Owls' A.D., the university became a Division I program, six sports were added to give the school 17 varsity programs, and the university joined the Trans America Athletic Conference. When Cargill arrived at FAU, there was no football program. That changed when FAU kicked off its grid program in 2001 led by a coach who had major drawing power.

"I hired Howard Schnellenberger for football, Sidney Green in basketball and Bob Beamon for track," Cargill



Cargill at Franklin High School in 1973.

said. "We needed proven winners — people who could sell the programs to south Florida. Schnellenberger was Don Shula's offensive coordinator for the unbeaten Miami Dolphins of 1973, Green was an all-American at Nevada-Las Vegas who played for the Knicks, and Beamon was an Olympic champ in the long jump."

Joan Joyce, probably the most accomplished softball player in the country, also was hired to direct the softball team. "A great athlete, she also played on the LPGA tour and even struck out Ted Williams," Cargill noted.

At the helm at FAU for a total of 15 conference and regular-season championships, Cargill's top thrills occurred in basketball and baseball.

"In 2002, we qualified for the NCAA Basketball Tournament and missed going to the College World Series by two games, he recalled. "Our basketball team was champs of the Sun Belt Conference and faced Alabama. We lost at the wire to a team that got to the Elite Eight. Our baseball team won 34 straight games, tying the University of Texas for a national record. Losing to Georgia Tech in the regionals, we fell two games short of the World Series."

After 16 years at FAU, time and travel burdens began to take

a toll on Cargill. His son (T.J.) and daughter (Kellie) were involved in youth sports, and he also wanted to spend more time with his wife (Loraine). He stepped away from the collegiate scene in 2004 and became an administrator in Boca Raton in charge of park rangers before retiring in 2018.

When Cargill was excelling in Franklin, his mother (Clarice), who still lives in Franklin, and late father (David) rarely missed a game. "Both my parents became fans of FAU and often saw games in Florida."

Cargill says he learned valuable life lessons from Franklin athletics. "I learned how to overcome adversity, how to lead, how to be a good teammate and how to set goals," he emphasized. "Another great lesson was learning how to handle pressure. As an A.D., I tried to surround myself with the best people possible, attract quality student-athletes and provide support and resources for them in all areas."

The town of Franklin played a role in building his character.

"It laid the foundation for what I became in life," he emphasized.

Tom Cargill's career was a perfect blend of athletics and academics traveling side by side. His story is spiced with success and achievement with an emphasis on character and values.

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# Franklin Farmers Market Continues Fridays on Common

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Vendors include:

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## SURVIVE to Thrive

### Sibling Support Group (For youth ages 11-14)

This is a 10-week program that begins  
**Thursday, September 9, 2021 (5:45-7:30pm)**

The Survive to Thrive Sibling Support Group is offered for youth who have siblings with mental health and behavioral health challenges living in the home. Ben Speaks' knows the wide-ranging impact that mental health issues can have on families, and looks to serve as a resource to youth that are impacted by the stigma, volatilities, and demands placed on families. Siblings of family members with mental health needs may experience challenges and disruptions in their own emotional growth and development. This group will provide these youth with a nurturing environment to share their unique experiences of having a sibling with mental health needs, engage in empowering and fun expressive activities, and develop their own skills and resources, so that they may thrive in face of the challenges that they and their families encounter.

### What is the Sibling Support Group?

- Group is open to youth ages 11-14 years old, living in MetroWest Massachusetts, who have siblings that struggle with mental health and behavioral health issues living in the home.
- Group sessions will include opportunities for both open and themed discussions, expressive art activities, age appropriate learning about mental health challenges and their impacts on families, and empowerment skills to enhance emotion regulation and effective communication.
- Group sessions to be held at the Ben Speaks Resource Office, 360 Woodland Street – 2nd Floor, Holliston, MA 01746. Meetings will be held in person as we follow the CDC rules regarding COVID-19. Drop off 5:45pm, Pick up 7:30pm. Healthy meal provided. If need be, we will shift to ZOOM.
- 10 weeks - 1.5 hours each week (No group will be held September 16 due to Yom Kippur)
- Facilitated by Bretton Torkelson, Psy.D., Judy Giovangelo, Michael Giovangelo and Penny Young; Members of the Ben Speaks' Board of Directors.
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# FPAC to present *Legally Blonde*

The Franklin Performing Arts Company (FPAC) will present *Legally Blonde the Musical* August 11-15 at THE BLACK BOX in downtown Franklin. The production due to open in March of 2020, will finally get its run presented by FPAC. The show will feature the original Broadway choreography by Jerry Mitchell.

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde The Musical*, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors, and her ex. With the support of some new friends, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Starring as sorority girl turned Harvard Law student Elle Woods will be Ali Funkhouser. A NYC based actress, this will be Funkhouser's third production *Blonde*, having most recently appeared in the Lex's production directed by Broadway's original Elle, Laura Bell Bundy. Funkhouser has performed her solo show "I Only Wanna Laugh" at Don't Tell Mama in NYC. She has been seen in many FPAC productions including Newsies, Joseph, Little Shop of Horrors, and most recently #TappyXmasLIVE.

FPAC is excited to welcome Emily Koch back to Franklin as Vivienne. She has appeared in the Broadway and touring companies of WICKED (starring as Elphaba) and Waitress. Koch has performed her solo show "eMulbOy5" at Feinstein's/54 Below and other cabaret venues around NYC. She was last onstage at THE BLACK BOX for THE BLACK BOX Sings... Wicked.

Andrew Scott Holmes will join the cast as Warner Huntington III. Holmes has performed all over the world as a Resident Guest Entertainer with Princess Cruises. From Goodspeed Opera House to Great Lakes Theater and beyond, he has played leading roles and understudied Broadway stars. With FPAC, Holmes was most recently seen earlier this season in Matilda.

Also sharing the stage in *Legally Blonde* will be Ricky and Myrtle from William Berloni Theatrical Animals as Elle's canine friends. Berloni and his handlers have provided animals of all species and sizes, found in shelters, humane societies or rescue leagues, for Broadway, Broadway, national tours, regional theaters, special events, the New York City Ballet, motion pictures, television, and commercials.

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# Local Executive Honored

Steve McCrossan, Business Development Manager, Plansee USA LLC, Franklin, Massachusetts, received the “Distinguished Service to Powder Metallurgy” award from the Metal Powder Industries Federation (MPIF) for his outstanding career achievements.

Established in 1968, the award was presented by MPIF President Dean Howard, PMT, at Powder-Met2021, the International Conference on Powder Metallurgy & Particulate Materials, in Orlando, Florida. MPIF is the trade association for the North American metal powder and particulate materials producing and consuming industries.

The award recognizes professionals who have devoted a major part of their careers to one or more segments of the powder

metallurgy industry and whose contributions and achievements deserve special recognition.

Steve has worked for Plansee USA LLC for 45 years. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Northeastern University in 1975. In 1976, he joined the Plansee group. Over the years, Steve has been active in the development of refractory metal use in semiconductor processing equipment. Steve has been active in the industry, serving on the Refractory Metals Association’s Board of Directors, a member of the MPIF Program Committees for the annual PowderMet conferences and Tungsten, Refractory and Hard-materials conferences, where he not only chairs sessions, but is also a speaker. Steve is also an ac-

tive contributor and member of the ASTM B10 Reactive and Refractory Metals board, where he is trying to advance the industry through standardization. Steve resides in Medfield.

Powder metallurgy is an advanced metalworking process that forms metal powders into precision components used in applications such as automobile engines and transmissions, medical implants and surgical tools, hardware, industrial machinery, sporting goods, defense, and firearms. This innovative technology includes metal additive manufacturing (3D printing), the latest technology in a vibrant industry. More than 800 million pounds of powder metallurgy parts are made annually in North America.



MPIF President Dean Howard, PMT, (left) presents Distinguished Service award to Steve McCrossan

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The Franklin Farmers' Market is also making one 10'x10' space for a non-profit, community organization or group that work to enhance the town, state, country or world. The FFM Community Table provides an opportunity for those groups to talk with market-goers about the

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## The Metrowest Women's Fund Announces Creation of a New Fund at MassBay Community College to Support Single Mother Students

MassBay Community College, in Wellesley Hills, and Metrowest Women's Fund, are creating a new fund with a \$25,000 grant from the Metrowest Women's Fund to assist MassBay's single mother students with their emergency financial needs. These funds will provide financial aid for non-tuition-related emergencies these students may encounter while pursuing their degrees including childcare expenses, housing costs, living expenses, and other basic necessities.

"Our single mothers have many responsibilities outside the classroom, and we want them to have the peace of mind knowing there is a support system behind them while they earn their degree," said MassBay President, David Podell. "The support of the Metrowest Women's Fund will allow our students who are single moms to focus on their education by lifting the crushing burden of fiscal stress. For

these remarkable single mothers, the funds will make a tremendous difference in helping them overcome the sizable challenge of managing their life expenses while they pursue the education that can transform their lives and the lives of their children. We are truly grateful to the Metrowest Women's Fund and anticipate these funds having a tremendous impact."

The Metrowest Women's Fund invests in women and girls in the Massachusetts Metrowest area through education, community building, grant making, and strategic partnerships. The Metrowest Women's Fund programs focus on education inequality, safety from violence and uplifting the next generation of girls.

"The pandemic has highlighted the childcare crisis that impacts women who are in the workforce while enrolled in higher education," said Metrowest Women's Fund Co-Founder, Rachel Sagan. "This fund for

non-tuition-related emergencies will keep hard-working single moms in school."

The Metrowest Women's Fund was founded by Rebecca Parkhill of Weston, MA, and Rachel Sagan of Sudbury, MA, who were driven by a single goal of doing their part to make the community of Metrowest a place where women and girls are supported and have access to the services they need and deserve.

"We are inspired and proud to support as many financially vulnerable students as possible at MassBay, the community college in our service area," said Metrowest Women's Fund Co-Founder, Rebecca Parkhill. "The fund will bring new resources in support of the needs of women and girls in Metrowest."

To learn more about the Metrowest Women's Fund visit [www.metrowestwomensfund.com](http://www.metrowestwomensfund.com).

To learn more about MassBay visit [www.massbay.edu](http://www.massbay.edu).

## Woodside Color Fun Run to Take Place October 16

The Woodside Color Fun Run is back and will take place on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Farm in Millis, MA. Each of the previous three color runs have drawn over 150 participants and this year organizers hope to have 200 to 300 kids, teens, and adults join in the fun. Attendees will enjoy music, complementary snacks, a splendid park environment, and, of course, the color run. There are different courses that runners can choose from ranging from 3/4 of a mile to 3 miles where they will pass through multiple color stations and be doused with brightly colored powder. Registration is open now. For more details about the courses, schedule, activities, and to register, please visit [www.milliscolorrun.com](http://www.milliscolorrun.com).

Organizers would like to thank Clean Portable Restrooms for their support of the 2021 Woodside Color Fun

Run. This event would not be possible without their generosity. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact [colorrun@woodside-academy.com](mailto:colorrun@woodside-academy.com) for more information.

The Woodside Color Fun Run is a fundraiser to benefit the Woodside Montessori Academy Parent Guild (a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization). Proceeds from the event will be used to support a variety of enhancements to the learning environment as well as cultural and/or experiential enrichment for the children at Woodside Montessori Academy. Woodside Montessori Academy is a regional Pre-K through 8th grade Montessori school in Millis, MA. Its community consists of students from the surrounding Metro

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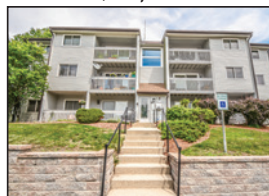
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#### 3- FAMILY HOME



NEW LISTING

45 E Main St., Webster  
\$309,900

#### DESIRED NEIGHBORHOOD



NEW LISTING

47 Andrew Lane, Holliston  
\$545,000

#### MAJESTIC COLONIAL



SOLD

23 Winthrop Dr., Franklin  
\$837,500

#### PRISTINE CAPE



UNDER AGREEMENT

78 Washington St., Dedham,  
\$474,900

#### FLAWLESS HOME



UNDER AGREEMENT

76 Williams Way, Rochester, MA  
\$699,900

#### INVESTMENT HOME



UNDER AGREEMENT

65 Bay State, Quincy  
\$335,000

#### PRISTINE COLONIAL



SOLD

3 Steeplechase Ln., Franklin  
\$679,900

#### WELCOME HOME



SOLD

477 Lincoln St., Franklin  
\$525,000

#### NEW CONSTRUCTION



UNDER AGREEMENT

13 Blue Heron Dr., Rehoboth  
(Representing the buyer)

#### PEARL CERTIFIED HOME



UNDER AGREEMENT

7 Adams, Foxboro  
\$445,000

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