

Hearing closed for ADESA Boston

Board to deliberate at a later date

space parking lot that would serve as additional storage



As discussed at the Feb. 17 meeting of the Holliston Planning Board.

By THERESA KNAPP

The Holliston Planning Board has closed the hearing for ADESA Boston's second attempt at building a 585-car overflow parking lot off Lowland Street.

The board closed the hearing on Feb. 17 and will sched-

ule a date for deliberations once it receives all final reports and responses to questions posed during the hearing.

ADESA is a nationwide wholesale car auction house. "ADESA Boston" is located at 63 Western Avenue in Framingham. The proposed project in Holliston would be a 585-

space for cars awaiting auction in Framingham.

Board and public comments centered around drainage, lighting, traffic, noise, air quality, and water quality.

Peter Barbieri, attorney

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Holliston Mom to Run Boston Marathon Again in Support of Pediatric Cancer Research



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This month, on April 18, Joanne O'Connell will once again run the iconic Boston Marathon route in memory and in honor of her late son, Tim O'Connell. This will be Joanne's ninth marathon and the eighth time she will be running the Boston Marathon.

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As we have all experienced, almost everything changed in the middle of March of 2020. Thankfully many things are returning to "normal" and that includes the

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for ADESA Boston, said there were a few updates since meeting with the board in January, one of which was a reconfiguration to establish a left-in only and a right-out only from the site. There had been a concern that trucks exiting the site onto Lowland Street would cross over the center line.

Traffic engineer Keri Pyke with Howard Stein Hudson in Boston acknowledged it was still "very close" to the center line.

The applicant detailed the types of traffic that would occur on the site each day: 68 percent of trips would be by employee cars, 21 percent would be by two-car carriers trucks, and 11 percent would be by nine-car carrier trucks. They said several part-time ADESA employees would be brought by van to the site, between 10 and 12 people per hour, to then drive cars back to the Framingham site.

The town could see 176 trips on an average day with a full lot when at full capacity though Bar-

beri said this is the overflow lot so it would likely not be full, at least not in the near future.

Planning Board Chair Karen Langton noted the town's traffic consultant had a concern about car carriers staying on designated routes when a GPS system will default to sending them on the fastest route which often is not a truck route.

Pyke, the traffic consultant, said "The plan is for them to use Route 16 and Route 126 to come to the site via Whitney, Jeffrey Avenue then onto Lowland to the site... The trucks will be given those routes... They are instructed to stay on those routes to get to and from the site."

Langton reiterated her concern. "Vendor movement is something that is out of your control and it is something that our engineer did identify."

The applicant's noise consultant, Greg Tocci of Cavanaugh Tocci in Sudbury, explained the sound barrier had been updated to include seven foot high panels along the southeast property line.

According to Tocci's presentation the "sound levels are very short transients lasting 1-10 seconds" and could include:

- Car carrier noise sources: Car off-load, car on-load, ramp slide, tre strap ratchet, truck acceleration, truck backup alarm, truck idle, truck pass-by, and

- Truck noise sources: Tire strap ratchet, town truck backup alarm, tow truck pass-by, and truck slide.

The list does not include car alarms which Select Board member Jason Santos said should be on the list. "I'm trying to imagine 600 cars in a parking lot on a windy night and a pure tone source such as a car alarm has not been evaluated."

During public comment, Pat Hafford who lives on Lowland Street (not far from the proposed operation), expressed concern over constant noise events that last 1-10 seconds.

"A few small things, repeated over and over and over, are really an unbearable nuisance."

For more information, including when the next hearing will be, visit www.townofholliston.us/planning-board

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As Joanne stressed, "All dollars donated make a difference. The Foundation donates all money raised to cancer-related causes. Because many fundraising efforts for the The Timothy O'Connell Foundation have been on hold or reduced over the last two years, our community's financial support is more important than ever to help fund the mission of the Foundation."

Following Tim's specific wishes, the Foundation continues its support of Make-A-Wish. Tim and his family experienced the joy of a Make-A-Wish trip in December of 2007, to Disney World. Also following Tim's specific wishes, the Foundation supports the Just For Sibs Program at Children's Hospital Boston. The Just For Sibs Program supported Tim's brothers - Brendan, Matt, and Chris - during Tim's illness.

"Tim understood the great impact of that support for his brothers and for the siblings of other sick children," says Joanne.

The Foundation also directs funds to Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine. The O'Connell Family enjoyed time together during an oncology week at Camp Sunshine just 10 weeks before Timmy passed away.

"Tim loved the night he got to stay in a yurt with his brother Brendan and the other campers," said Joanne.

The family continues to benefit from and volunteer at Camp Sunshine bereavement programs for families who have lost children to disease.

The Foundation supports the groundbreaking works of the Jimmy Fund and Dana Farber Cancer Institute, where Tim received such great care.



"We desperately hope that, someday, this illness will be eradicated in children and adults," shared Tim's mother Joanne.

To that end, the Foundation continues its financial support of a research project named for Tim at the University of Minnesota. Tim's oncologist at Children's Hospital Boston, Doctor Peter Gordon, is now at the University of Minnesota. He is studying the FLT-3 mutation that so impacted the course of Tim's cancer, Acute Myeloid Leukemia. And, the Foundation continues to support the National Bone Marrow Donor Program. Tim was the recipient of an almost perfectly matched bone marrow donation from a stranger.

The Foundation takes great pride in its Scholarship Program. To date, over \$125,000 has been donated to Holliston seniors in high school who plan to study in medical fields.

"We are thrilled to help students become doctors, nurses, physical and occupational therapists, pharmacists, researchers, and other caregivers. It is an honor to be able to give back to the community in this way," said Joanne.

The Timothy O'Connell Foundation has raised over \$1 million dollars over the last 13 years. Please help further the mission of the Foundation by making a donation in support of Joanne's run at www.timsteam.org

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Ways To Minimize Taxes

Taxes are inevitable with retirement savings or pension income, but there are many strategies to reduce amounts owed, here are a few:



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During Retirement - Distribute funds in certain years of claiming large deductions, such as the breaks for medical expenses or charitable gifts, temporarily lower your tax rate.

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Before or During - Roth Conversion and Backdoor Roth. Yes, pay the taxes now for benefits listed in

the prior paragraph. Consider greater amounts in years of lower income if self-employed, change jobs and/or take away from work. Also, 20% (or more) market corrections provide an opportunity to convert investments over to Roth, pay less in taxes and let them rebound inside the Roth.

There are many more strategies to consider beyond this limited space. Bottom line, plan now for the tax implications of your retirement income.

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Trustee of Public Library	1 year term	1 position
Finance Committee	3 year term	3 positionsPark
Commissioner	3 year term	2 positions
Planning Board	5 year term	1 position

Arena-DeRosa to run for State Representative

James Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, has taken formal steps to announce his candidacy for the State Representative seat recently opened with the departure of Carolyn Dykema.

James is a Massachusetts native and long-time Holliston resident. Throughout his career at the state and federal level, James stayed actively involved with the local community. He served as chairman of the Holliston Democratic Town Committee, helped create the Metrowest Democratic Alliance, and served as an elected member of the Holliston Finance Committee.

He coached Holliston Little League Baseball, was an active leader in the Holliston Music and Arts Parents Association, and for many years



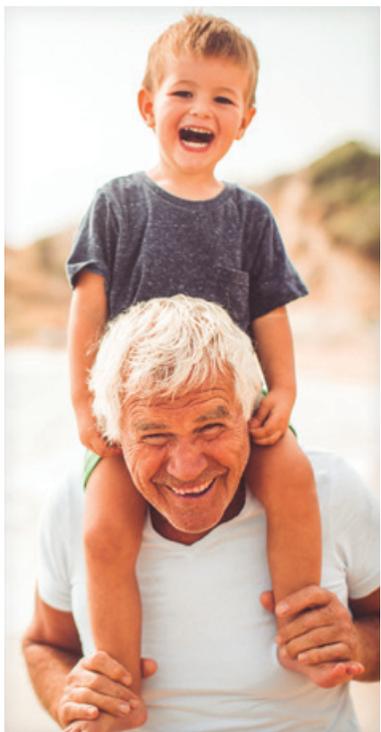
has been a Celebrate Holliston volunteer.

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"Vesta Real Estate Group truly enjoys giving back to our community by offering free shredding to as many local people as we can," said Vesta Team member Ed Daniels. "The participation has grown every year and we really enjoy celebrating Earth Day with residents this way."

The event is free, but we do accept donations to try to support a local group/charity every year. This year, all donations collected at the event will support Friends of Holliston Trails.

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Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors is a not for profit volunteer run organization that coordinates charitable, civic, educational and recreational events and activities in Holliston. Our goal is to encourage association among community members to foster community spirit. Through the years, the HNN Community Grant Fund has awarded grants to the Holliston Parks & Recreation for its free concert series, Holliston Public Library Museum Passes, Holliston Police Department, Holliston Fire Department, Holliston

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Four-lot subdivision proposed off Jennings Road

By THERESA KNAPP

The Holliston Planning Board has approved an informal concept plan for a four-lot subdivision at 103 Jennings Road.

Representatives for the applicant were before the Planning Board in February to see if the board supported its concept plan for “The Trails at Jennings Hill” before the applicant fully designed the project.

The board unanimously approved the Certificate of Action with four recommendations including: determine the disposition of open space, seek additional information from the Board of Health, consult the town officials regarding the road name, and seek a scenic road permit.

Terry Ryan with Applewood Survey, Inc. in Holliston explained that the nine-acre lot is located toward the end of Jennings Road. The plan is to build a “short little road going in, 200 feet long” off the cul-de-sac which would then split into two common driveways.

Ryan said the lot is fairly flat and is wooded with mature

trees. He said the homes would be “fairly well hidden” except maybe in the winter.

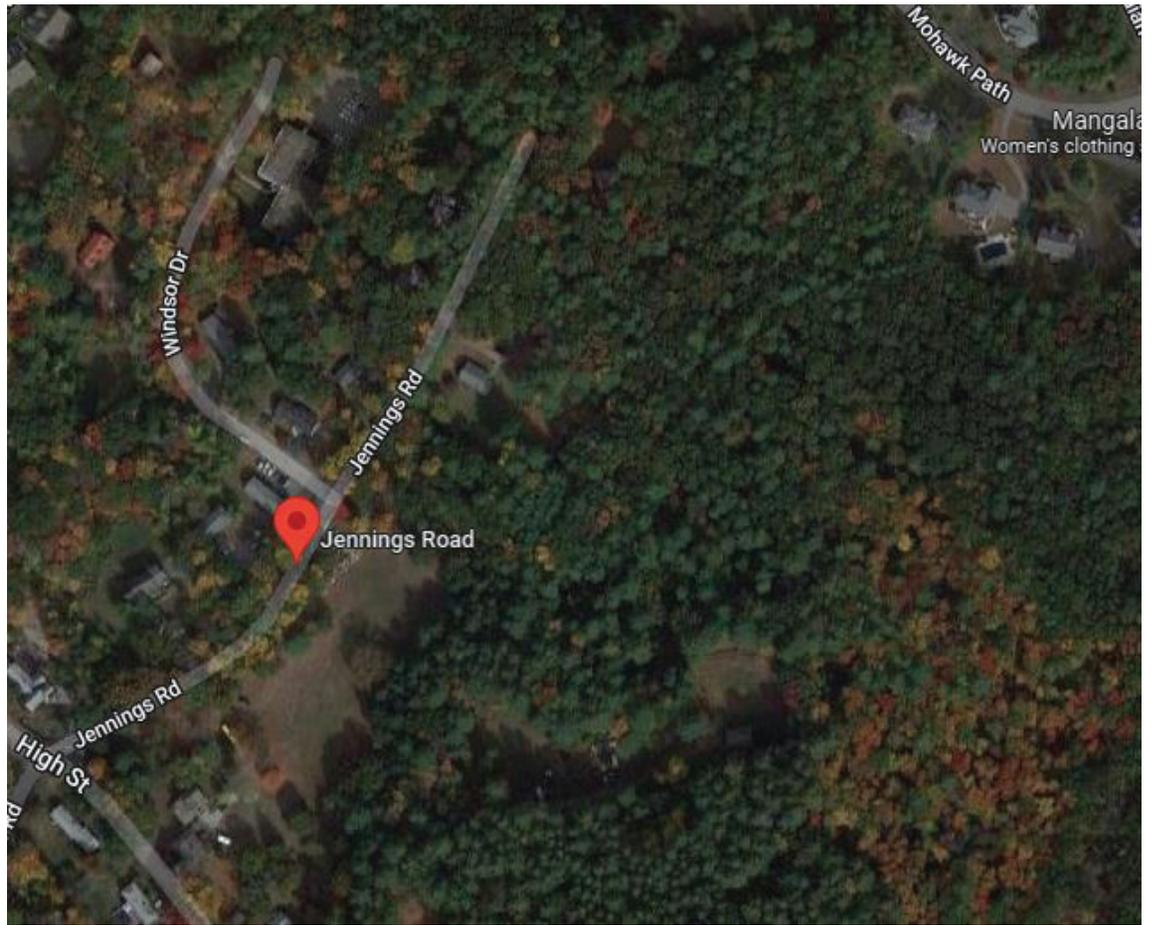
Two large trees need to be removed including a 14-inch tree that is within the right of way and will be replaced elsewhere on the property, and a 24-inch tree that is not within the right of way but is right on the centerline of the proposed road.

There is an open space parcel which will incorporate walking trails currently on the site.

“Along the southerly border of the overall parcel, and along the easterly border of the entire parcel, there is an existing decent path that runs all the way through on the northerly side of the plan. It connects up with the open space parcel that’s part of the Mohawk subdivision and turns and goes out to Jennings Road,” Ryan said.

The applicant might add a path at the stone wall along the southwesterly edge that would lead back out to Jennings Road for walkers to make a complete loop.

The applicant will be back before the board with a denitiftive plan in the near future.



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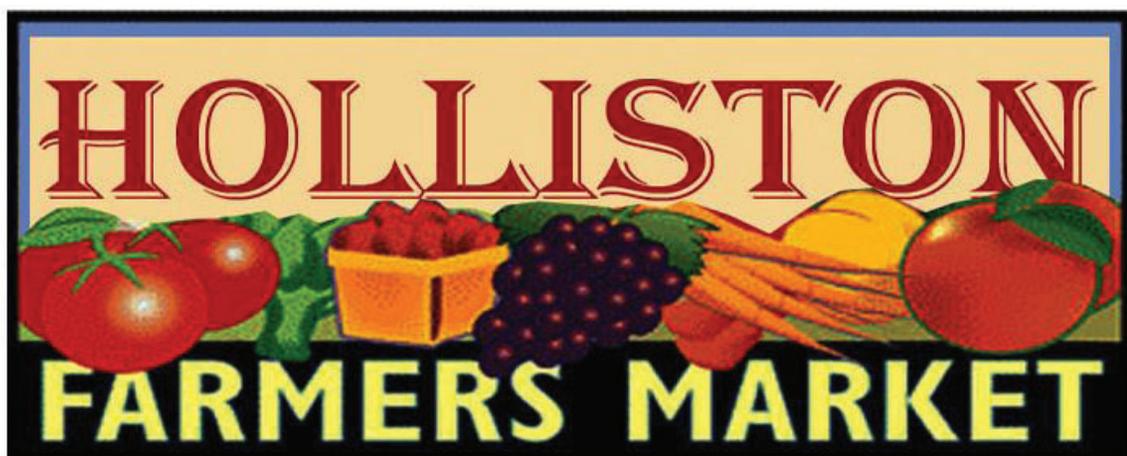
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Holliston Farmer's Market plans to return June 5

By THERESA KNAPP

The Holliston Farmer's Market plans to open for the season on June 5 and go into October on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Note this is a slightly later start time than last year.

The market features a variety of vendors and is held at Blair Square on the Upper Charles Trail, at the corner of Central and Railroad Streets.

At a Select Board meeting on March 14, market organizer Bobby Blair said the market made \$3,000 last year. He said the constant rain made it the "worst farming season in 16 years."

Blair said he plans to again seek an entertainment license from 10 a.m. to noon on market days.

Final approvals and permits are needed before opening day can be finalized.

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The market is located on the rail trail next to CVS Pharmacy at Blair Square.

So, what's different this year. Our hours have changed from a starting time of 9 am to 9:30 am. And our starting date is two weeks earlier, we begin on June 5th and end one week earlier on October 2nd. So we're calling all farmers, entrepreneurs, crafts folks, artisans, food vendors to sign up early. We have a new electronic sign up sheet which can be viewed here: <https://HollistonFarmersMarket.regfox.com/2022-holliston-farmers-market>. Or you can send in a check or ask for more information by contacting Bobby Blair at mudvillemayor@gmail.com or by calling 508-429-6763.

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Marigold Project Back for Another Year

There are now days off between March and November for the Downtown Marigold Project. Sometimes its as simple as watering seedlings for 20 minutes in early spring. Other times its the 4 hours spent watering hanging baskets downtown during a dry spell. I like to think of the Marigold Project in terms of former Boston Police Commissioner terms of the Broken Windows Policy <https://www.britannica.com/topic/broken-windows-theory>

Better yet, of the British sitcom Keeping Up Appearances. While the police have a saying of “see something – say something”, my personal saying is “empty space – plant something”. We have a great main street here in town compared to many neighboring communities. Yankee Magazine once compared Holliston only second to Newburyport in terms of its main street character. The whole purpose of the Marigold Project is to enhance that character by providing colorful aesthetics. The plantings also



provide a calming effect, especially for those stuck in traffic. As we begin our 2022 program, there are new “empty spaces” to be conquered. Last year we simply planted the planters at CVS, Casey’s, and Bertucci’s as they were barren. One thousand red tulips were planted last fall and provided the deer or woodchucks don’t seek out a spring

treat they should be blooming along Washington Street in six or seven weeks. The entire Marigold Project is a grassroots effort and entirely supported by you the residents of town. If you feel you can help, simply mail us a check made out to the Downtown Marigold Project at 57 School Street.

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Holliston Community Farm update

Garden plots sold out, restrooms an issue

By THERESA KNAPP

Kristine Westland, Chair of the Holliston Community Farm Advisory Committee, provided a farm update to the Select Board at its March 15 meeting.

Westland said, the committee:

- Is seeking ways to get electricity to an upgraded panel
- Installed a well but it needs power
- Installed a heater but it needs power
- Will seek a grant for solar panels
- Noted the parking lot is complete
- Noted the new facility sign is done and beautiful

Projects planned for 2022 include digging a trench to get electricity to the well and greenhouse, working with local Eagle Scouts to create a kiosk and prepare the trails for the spring, and building a pavilion.

Westland said the farm faces a challenge with its plan to create restrooms.

“We thought we could do a composting toilet which we thought was going to be in the range of \$17,000,” funds for which the group had received from the Community Preservation Committee. “It turns out we don’t have the clearance to put it in; the design would have been good except for we don’t have the structure with the clearance underneath.”

Westland said the committee is now considering a three-season outdoor prefabricated “bare bones” unit that has two stalls and is handicap accessible. It would rest on a 8x12 concrete slab and can connect into the existing septic.

The prefab unit could cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Westland said her group will go back to the Community Preservation Committee for additional funds.



During her report to the Select Board, Westland noted the farm’s garden plots were increased to 25 and they are sold out. She also said they are con-

sidering making larger plots and will also seek grants to create some raised beds that are handicap accessible.

The farm is located at 34 Rog-

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Significant road work ahead

DOT could begin large project in April

By THERESA KNAPP

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will be starting a large repaving project soon in Holliston.

Holliston Town Administrator Travis Ahern told the Select Board at its March 7 meeting the DOT could start the project as early as April.

“They’re going to resurface the roadway from Pine Street on Washington Street, [Routes] 16 and 126, all the way to Beaver Street in Milford - so that’s a significant amount of road work that will be redone,” Ahern said. “And then the sidewalks from Pine Street to just beyond Summer Street (Route] 126 - I believe it’s called Oak Street - and that is also a significant amount of sidewalk work that they have committed to do.”

Ahern said there will be significant upgrades to crosswalks to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

After the DOT work is finished, the town will “continue on from the [Route] 126 Bertucci’s/Rossetti’s Corner area to the ashland line.”

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Warmer Weather Warning: Be Mindful of Outdoor Smoking Hazards

Remember to Put It Out, All the Way, Every Time

With the warmer weather in the forecast, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is asking residents to be mindful of the fire hazards when smoking outdoors.

“We’ve got some nice weather in the forecast this week, and after a long winter everyone wants to spend a little more time outdoors,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “If you still smoke, please be mindful of the fire hazards when you step out to smoke on a stairway, porch, or balcony.”

Fires often start when smokers drop butts in planters or near the side of buildings, where dried vegetation, mulch, or debris can catch fire. They can also start when cigarettes are ground out on railings, steps, or floors, allowing embers to drift and ignite flammable materials. In a densely built neighborhood, that fire can quickly spread to other buildings and put many people at risk.

“There are no smoke alarms on the outside of the house, so an exterior fire can grow to a dangerous size before anyone is aware of it,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “There’s no safe way to smoke, but if you must smoke then do it responsibly. Use a sturdy ashtray with water or sand and put it out, all the way, every time.”

The Department of Fire Services created a series of video and audio clips to promote the proper disposal of smoking materials on porches and balconies. They are available in English and Spanish for fire departments, fire educators, social service providers, and state or municipal agencies to use free of charge. Visit the DFS YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/DFSOSFM and view the Smoking Fire Safety playlist.

“Of all the smoking safety steps you can take, the most effective one is to quit,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “You’ll enjoy many more years of fresh air.”

No Parking signs to be installed on Jeffrey Avenue

Queuing tractor trailers make road difficult to navigate

By THERESA KNAPP

The Holliston Select Board unanimously supported a recommendation by Chief of Police Matthew J. Stone to install No Parking signs along Jeffrey Avenue.

Police have received numerous complaints about tractor trailers queuing along Jeffrey Avenue as they wait to access the loading docks at the Stanley Black & Decker facility at 106 Lowland Street.

These large trucks, often third party vendors, make the road difficult to navigate for local traffic.

At a meeting of the Select Board on Feb. 22, a let-

ter of recommendation from Chief Stone was read into the record. Chief Stone recommended ‘No Parking’ signs be installed “on the southbound side of Jeffrey Avenue between number 7 to 72, and on the westbound lane of Logan Street between Jeffrey Avenue and 74 Lowland Street.”

Chief Stone noted, “If approved, these No Parking signs will give the Police Department the ability to enforce those motorists who chose to violate the new parking restrictions.”

Select Board members Ben Sparrell and John Cronin voted in favor; Tina Hein did not attend that meeting.





Michael R. Cassidy
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Falls are the leading cause of death and injury to older adults and a common reason that people give up on independent living. As we age, our balance, strength and vision can begin to decline and navigating stairways, steps, stoops and landings can become increasingly difficult. While there are many effective accessibility solutions such as ramps and stair lifts that make getting into and around the home easier, many people with a modest decline in their mobility can benefit from simple modifications like handrails and grab bars.

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Envisioning Future Holliston was created from a Citizen's Petition at the May 2021 Spring Town Meeting. We look forward to working with you to create a vision developed from active participation of all Hollistonians and Holliston stakeholders.

Our charge leading up to the Spring 2022 Town Meeting:

- Look at our current data: this includes strategic plans, studies 2020 Census data, mission statements from Town committees and boards, and reports;
- Hear from every resident in Holliston via surveys, events, and forums;
- Compile all of the aforementioned data and present a Vision Statement and recommendations for moving the vision forward at Spring Town Meeting.



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The Morning Book Club at the Holliston Library will read *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah on Monday, April 4 at 11 am and the Mystery Book Club will read *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth on Tuesday, April 12 at 11 am. The History Book Club meets on Monday, March 28 at 10:30 am to share a book they have enjoyed recently with the group. All three groups offer both in-person and virtual attendance simultaneously and welcome new members. Register to receive a Zoom invitation.

King Richard will be the selected film for Movie Mondays on Monday, April 11 at 12:30 pm. The film stars Will Smith as the father of Venus and Serena Williams and is nominated for Best Picture and Best Actor Oscars. The film is viewed in person at the library.

Readers who would like to learn how to use electronic books, downloadable audiobooks, digital magazines and streaming movies and TV are offered in-person training for

beginners by appointment or drop-in at the library. Email holreturns@minlib.net or call 508-429-0617 for more info. Participants should bring their device, their Amazon login and password for a Kindle and their Apple ID for Ipad and iPhones if these logins are not saved on the device already.

As the weather becomes warmer, residents are encouraged to visit Story Book Walk on the Holliston Rail-trail. The spring title will be *Forever Home* by Cathy Stenquist and Erica Leigh, a heartwarming story about animal rescue for ages 3-7.

The Holliston Garden Club will arrange a display for Arbor Day at the library on April 11-21. Arbor Day originated in Nebraska City 1872 and has since been recognized as a day to plant and care for trees and clean up local public areas.

For more information on library programs or to sign up, visit www.hollistonlibrary.org or call 508-429-0617 or email Lmcdonnell@minlib.net.

Holliston appointments, resignations, donations and more

By THERESA KNAPP

In February and March, the Holliston Select Board made several appointments, accepted donations and grants, and took other actions related to town business. Specifically, the board:

Made the following appointments:

- Geoffrey Zeamer to the Community Preservation Commission (expires June 2023)
- Paul Saulnier to the Community Preservation Commission (expires June 2024)
- Stephen Bradford, Walter McGrath and William Withington to the American Legion Memorial Day Committee
- Ronald Turcott, Stanley Feinberg and Charles Jacobs to the VFW Memorial Day (expires June 2022)

Accepted the following donations or grants:

- Ambulance gift in the amount of \$1250 in memory of Bobby Bowles
- Fire Department gift of \$197.97 from a thankful Washington Street resident
- Downtown Marigold Project donation of \$135 to the Community Farm for Learn to Grow class
- Community grant of \$500 from Middlesex Savings Bank to Park & Recreation for summer concerts

Took other action:

- Approved the 90-day Temporary Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Medway for dispatch support services
- Approved Friends of Trails 5K – 10K to take place on May 15, 2022 starting at Blair Square and ending at Summer Street or Hopping Brook
- Transferred \$2,610 from the Agricultural Commission revolving fund to Golf Course Advisory Committee revolving fund for management of community garden plots at Pinecrest
- Disbanded the Town Hall Septage Committee and Stipend Committee

Holliston residents running for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team

On April 18, Andrew Vrees and Evan White, are running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 126th Boston Marathon.

The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team will run in-person this year and will also offer the option of running virtually, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$5.5 million for

cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 33rd annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$105 million for the Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by

the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

- **Invitational runners** - runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber have a fundraising commitment of \$7,500.
- **Own entry runners** - runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

- **Virtual runners** - runners participating virtually have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook.com/marathonchallenge. On Twitter: #RunDFMC.

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Community Counts

By GINA WOELFEL

On March 10th, b.LUXE Hair and Makeup Studio enjoyed a wonderful evening of networking when we hosted Shop Medway's "Headshots and Handshakes", a community-based event designed to bring local business people together. Guests received hair and makeup services, relaxed with refreshments and mingled about while photographer, Wendy Shea, updated their headshots in our new editorial space.

Working with our community to ensure stronger, more long-lasting relationships is a key part of who b.LUXE is as a small business. Our doors have always been open to organizations that provide a source of betterment and support to our surrounding towns.

On a regular basis, we work with the Franklin food pantry raising money and participating in their holiday meal drives and helping with their weekend backpack program which provides weekend meals and snacks to children in need through a partnership with The Franklin Public Schools.

b.LUXE owner, Heather Cohen, is a resident of Franklin, MA and also works with their senior center. She, and the other b.LUXE hairstylists, offer the guests of the Franklin Senior Center complimentary, bi-monthly haircuts at the salon. These visits are also a nice time for our staff to listen and share stories with an older generation they might not normally have the opportunity to socialize with.

These seniors keep us laughing and their visits are always a highlight of our month! We also proudly work with The Medway House, Medway Parks and Recreation, OUTMetrowest, The Hummingbird Foundation, PAWS New England, Medway Pride Day and the Martello Beauty Institute, Cancun, Mexico.

You're probably wondering why the b.LUXE Beauty Beat, a column about beauty, is writing about civic duty and what it means to give back? Well, the answer to that is simple: To feel beautiful on the outside, you need to feel beautiful on the inside and helping others, straight-up, makes you feel great!

Volunteering pulls you out of your comfort zone and keeps you in regular contact with people from your community. It feels good to get out there and contribute to projects and organizations that are close to your heart. These initiatives can help you develop a solid support system of new friends, which in turn can help you guard against stress, loneliness and anxiety. And if you're volunteering with pets or other animals, there's solid research that shows this type of outreach can improve mood and elevate happiness. And what's more beautiful than a smiling, happy face? Exactly.

We have officially entered the spring season, folks, with warmer, more light-filled days to look forward to! Finger's crossed, it looks like this summer might serve us up a little slice of normal, with venues fully open and people



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enjoying the company of family and friends. We're certainly excited to see this shift at the salon and have some wonderful specials planned for the next couple of months! It's time to treat yourself to a day of spa services and relaxation!

If you have an organization that you work with and you're looking to network or fundraise, reach out to b.LUXE Hair and Makeup Studio! We set aside a number of evenings throughout the year that we host our "Nights of Beauty". These complementary events can host up to 30 people at a time and are a great way to socialize for a cause! Feel free to email us at heather@bluxe.comcastbiz.net for full details.

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Sports

Cordani's Top Priority For HHS Nine — Deep Playoff Run

By KEN HAMWEY
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Chris Cordani is a study in how to overcome adversity and develop resiliency.

Consider what the 18-year-old captain of Holliston High's baseball team has dealt with for the last three years. The 5-foot-6, 140-pounder played only 1½ games as a freshman on the jayvee squad after suffering a fractured finger. As a sophomore, he and his teammates were unable to play baseball because the covid-19 pandemic forced cancellation of the entire spring sports campaign.

When Cordani's junior season ended, the Panthers had a 2-12 record but were able to compete in an open tourney format. Holliston, which led in its playoff opener, 6-5, in the sixth inning against Scituate, lost in the seventh, 7-6, and was eliminated in the first round.

Now, as his senior year of baseball gets underway, Cordani's primary goal for the Panthers is not only to qualify for the playoffs, but also to go deep

into the state tournament.

"We proved we belonged in the tourney when we faced Scituate," Cordani said. "We had made great strides at the end of last year. When I missed most all my freshman year and was unable to play as a sophomore, it was frustrating. But, it's about bouncing back from obstacles. Losing those two seasons might have been a plus because I became hungrier, tougher and more determined. I was deprived of the sport I love."

Cordani firmly believes that Holliston will finish above .500 this year, contend for the Tri Valley League Large Division title and be in the playoffs. "I'm more confident because we've got 10 players who could start for any team in the TVL," he noted. "We're talented and we've got experience and depth. Our team chemistry will be a plus in building momentum."

It's no accident that Cordani is Holliston's captain. He's a spectacular leader. "My top thrill was when my teammates voted unanimously for me to be a captain," he said. "It was cool



Even if there's snow on the ground, Chris Cordani is comfortable holding a bat.

to be a TVL all-star last year but the captain's role is something I dreamed about as a kid. I'll speak up if necessary, lead by example and stress the value of going the extra mile."

Holliston coach Joe Santos admires Cordani for his work ethic and his approach to the game. "Chris is a pleasure to coach," Santos said. "He's not physically imposing but his work ethic allows him to accomplish what he does on the field. He's got a positive mindset, is the ultimate team player, and a quality leader. He buys into the program's ideals."

Batting eighth last year, Cordani hit .342, had an on-base percentage of .444 and smacked five doubles.

Cordani will play left field where he relies on his range for tracking down fly balls. At the plate, he's a consistent contact hitter who can find the gaps for extra-base hits. "I tend to be an aggressive hitter but I can be patient, too," he said. "My strengths are speed, quickness, and a baseball IQ that helps me

make instinctive decisions."

A native of Holliston, Cordani displayed his instinctive nature in a one-run loss to Dover-Sherborn last year. He went 3-for-4, hitting two doubles and a single.

As capable as he is in the batter's box, Cordani likes what two sophomore pitchers and a junior third baseman bring to the table. He's confident they'll be key components in the Panthers bounce-back season.

"Teddy Peters and Jake Schoenberg are right-handed pitchers with lots of ability," he emphasized. "They went deep into games last year as freshmen and held their own. They've got good control and velocity. Nick Larche headlines a group of juniors. He's a quality hitter who can hit for power."

Cordani also is bullish on Santos, who's in his seventh year as the Panthers' coach. "Coach Santos is dedicated, works hard, has passion for the game, and is always thinking about baseball," Cordani noted. "He's a good motivator who gets the best out

of his players. He's one of the best coaches I've played for."

A good student, Cordani will attend Worcester State University to study finance and he'll also try out for baseball.

Calling his parents (Michelle and Anthony) role models for their support and encouragement, Cordani relies on a competitive philosophy that focuses on winning, reaching one's potential and having fun. "There are three aspects of winning," he noted. "First, there's the pure victory, then there's the hard work that produced the win, and finally there's fun and excitement that goes with winning."

Cordani, who played for the Ashland and Framingham Legion baseball squads, has spent countless hours during the last eight years at his uncle's baseball training facility in Waltham. Rich Cordani was a four-year baseball star at Holliston High and he played in the College World Series for Louisiana State University.

"My uncle was a TVL MVP and he played on a state championship team," Cordani said. "He was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers but was cut in spring training. He's always been willing to offer advice and help me to improve."

Cordani has improve greatly since being practically inactive for his first two high school seasons. He's learned to hit and field. And, he understands how to lead.

"Valuable life lessons I've learned in baseball are that hard work gets results, how to be a good teammate, how to sharpen leadership skills and how to develop mental toughness," Cordani said. "Resiliency is the key to bouncing back."

Not everyone gets what they deserve in life, but Cordani has worked diligently hoping to make his final year of baseball at Holliston memorable.

Getting to the playoffs and advancing deep in the state tourney will be Chris Cordani's reward for overcoming adversity and personifying resilience.

Tournament Information Can Be Found Online

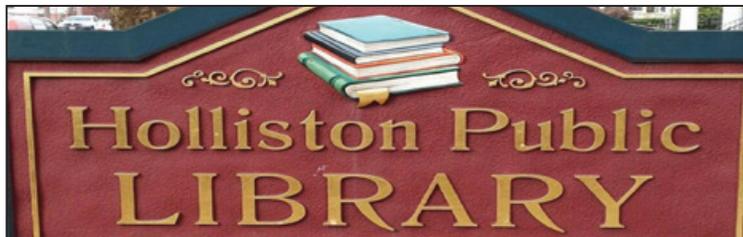
For updates on area wrestlers who competed in the State, All-State and New England tourneys, and for basketball and hockey teams that advanced deep into the State Tournament, go to hollistontownnews.com.

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The Morning Book Club at the Holliston Library will read *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah on Monday, April 4 at 11 am and the Mystery Book Club will read *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth on Tuesday, April 12 at 11 am. The History Book Club meets on Monday, March 28 at 10:30 am to share a book they have enjoyed recently with the group. All three groups offer both in-person and virtual attendance simultaneously and welcome new members. Register to receive a Zoom invitation.

King Richard will be the selected film for Movie Mondays on Monday, April 11 at 12:30 pm. The film stars Will Smith as the father of Venus and Serena Williams and is nominated for Best Picture and Best Actor Oscars. The film is viewed in person at the library.

Readers who would like to learn how to use electronic books, downloadable audiobooks, digital magazines and streaming movies and TV are offered in-person training for beginners by appointment or drop-in at the library. Email holreturns@min-lib.net or call 508-429-0617 for more info. Participants should bring their device, their Amazon login and password for a Kindle and their Apple ID for Ipad and iPhones if these logins are not saved on the device already.

As the weather becomes warmer, residents are encouraged to visit Story Book Walk on the Holliston Rail-trail. The spring title will be *Forever Home* by Cathy Stenquist and Erica Leigh, a heartwarming story about animal rescue for ages 3-7.

The Holliston Garden Club will arrange a display for Arbor Day at the library on April 11-21. Arbor Day originated in Nebraska City 1872 and has since been recognized as a day to plant and care for trees and clean up local public areas.

For more information on library programs or to sign up, visit www.hollistonlibrary.org or call 508-429-0617 or email Lmc-donnell@minlib.net.

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Open burning season continues through April 30

Permits can be obtained at fire station

The Holliston Fire Department has announced permits for open burning can now be obtained at the Holliston Fire Station (59 Central Street). There is no charge for the permit but donations are accepted.

Permits are valid for two consecutive days, according to the town website. Agricultural burning permits are valid year round.

According to Open Burning Safety guidelines at Mass.gov, open burning must be done:

- After obtaining a permit from the local fire department
- Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Jan. 15 to April 30
- At least 75 feet from all dwellings

- As close as possible to the source of material being burned
- When air quality is acceptable for burning: Call the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at (800) 882-1497 or visit MassAir Online at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/> to find out if it is safe to burn

Items that CANNOT be burned include:

- Brush, trees, cane and driftwood from commercial and/or industrial land clearing operations
- Grass, hay, leaves, stumps, and tires
- Construction material and debris



Items that can be burned include:

- Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations.
- Agricultural materials such as fruit tree and bush prunings, raspberry stalks, and infected bee hives for disease control.
- Trees and brush resulting from agricultural land clearing.
- Fungus infected elm wood ONLY if no other acceptable means of disposal is available.

How to safely ignite and tend the fire:

- An adult should always be present during open burning, until it is completely extinguished.
- Children and pets should be kept a safe distance away.
- Use paper and kindling to start the fire and add progressively larger pieces of wood, parts of a discarded Christmas tree can be used.
- NEVER use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire because the risk of personal injury is high.
- Burn one small pile of material at a time and slowly add to it, this helps to keep the fire from getting out of control.
- Select a burn location away from any utility lines.
- Monitor the wind and be prepared to extinguish quickly.

Fire control tools to have on hand:

- Water supply. This can be a pressurized water fire extinguisher, a pump can or a garden hose. TEST the water source before igniting the fire, you do not want to find out that the water is off or that the hose is cracked when you need it.
- Shovels and rakes – you can use dirt to put out a fire.

If the fire gets out of control:

- Call the fire department IMMEDIATELY
- People who allow a fire to get out of control, or who conduct illegal burning, may be held liable for the costs of extinguishing the fire in addition to fines or imprisonment (M.G.L. c.48, s.13).

For more safety tips, visit <https://www.mass.gov/doc/safety-tips-for-open-burning/download>

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3/10/2022	47 Westfield Drive	\$655,000
3/10/2022	1137 Highland Street	\$680,000
3/01/2022	326 Prentice Street	\$560,000
2/25/2022	73 Roy Avenue	\$570,000
2/24/2022	473 Concord Street	\$655,000
2/24/2022	1133 Highland Street	\$540,000
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