



Conceptual building design presented to the Holliston Select Board by New England Appliance Group which seeks to build a 550,000 square foot warehouse at 555 Hopping Brook Park.
Source: Holliston Select Board meeting, July 18, 2022.

Appliance Warehouse Proposed at 555 Hopping Brook

550,000 square foot facility to operate weekdays only

BY THERESA KNAPP

On July 18, members of the New England Appliance Group met with the Holliston Select Board to discuss

a possible tax increment financing (“TIF”) agreement for a building at 555 Hopping Brook Park where they hope to relocate their corporate headquarters.

NEAG is a “leading co-operative organization and provides buying, warehousing, distribution, training, and marketing services to its 126 members” in New England and Upstate New York. Its

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Girl Scouts Garden, Stock The Pantry Shelf

BY SUSAN MANNING
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder where all that money you spend on Girl Scout cookies goes?

This year, in Holliston, it stayed local.

Members of Holliston’s Girl Scout Troop 62203 spent some of the money earned from cookies on a 10 x 10’ garden plot at Pinecrest Community Garden, where they tend to the food they planted.

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members are primarily small, independent family-owned appliance retailers who benefit from group buying, according to the presentation representatives made to the town.

NEAG Chief Operating Officer Brian Bowen told the Select Board they are looking for a building they can own. He said the plan is for “CRG would be building the project and we would be putting up a substantial amount of money. Once the building receives the necessary occupancy permit then we would be closing on the building.”

The proposed building is 550,000 square feet with 80 to 100 loading docks and an average of 50 truck trips per weekday (no weekends), typically between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Bowen says, “We expect it to have little or no impact on the community.”

Last year, CRG Acquisition, LLC sought to build a 800,000 square foot warehouse facility in the same area. After several hearings and a great deal of public input, the Planning Board denied

that request and subsequently. CRG filed an appeal that is still making its way through the court system.

In a July 5 “Incentives Intent Letter” to the town, Bowen made an argument for a TIF.

“The proposed project consists of relocating and expanding the Company’s current operations. NEAG plans to purchase land and construct an estimated 550,000 square foot facility for its corporate headquarters and distribution facility. The project investment is estimated at \$100 million, including \$65 million in hard and soft construction costs, \$10 million for personal property and \$25 million in land and related costs. The Company plans to retain 63 full-time jobs and create 20 new permanent full-time jobs as a result of this project.”

Bowen said they are currently based in Franklin where they have outgrown their space. Holliston is one of a few sites they are considering. Representatives said, if a TIF is not granted on the \$100 million project, they will likely build in another town.

Town Administrator Travis Ahern said the last time a TIF was approved in Holliston was in 2002.

Once NEAG officially requests a TIF, the request will be reviewed by a TIF team (to include Ahern, the town’s principal assessor, Selectperson John Cronin, and perhaps another person) which will make a recommendation to the Select Board which would ultimately send it to Town Meeting for final approval. NEAG hopes to have the TIF request on the fall warrant.



Exsultet! hosts auditions for the 2022-2023 season

Exsultet!, a women’s choral group with about 16 musicians is holding auditions.

The auditions will be held on Monday, August 29 at 7:30 pm at the First Congregational Church, 725 Washington St., in Holliston.

The group of women enjoy making music and pushing themselves to perform in concerts which “enlighten and entertain” the Holliston community.

Those interested in auditioning should download the audition piece from the Exsultet! website, and be ready to sing with the group. Once auditions have concluded, those auditioning will be asked to sing a song in a trio or quartet.

Exsultet! rehearsals for the 2022-2023 season will be held on Mondays from 7-9pm to get ready for its two fall concerts on Dec. 3 and 4.

Contact Carrie Klimeczko at carrie7975@gmail.com for more information and to schedule a more specific audition time.

To learn more about the auditions, visit <https://www.exsultet.us/home/exsultet-audition-faq/>

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They have spent the past couple of months growing vegetables in their community garden.

Troop leader Lucinda Coughlin said it started small

“During the course of a few meetings we learned how to start some plants from seed and each girl scout could take it home and care for it. They could bring them back and plant in the garden plot, or use the seedlings I had.

“The girls picked out what they wanted to grow, and decided where to plant them in the space,” she said.

Coughlin gave them a little education on how to succeed as a gardener.

“I taught them about weeding, prepping the soil, watering, and harvesting. I use a Facebook page just for my troop to keep updating the girls and families, and we will all post in there from time to time,” coughlin explained.

And, as the saying goes, teamwork makes the dream work.

“The girls each have a few weeks were they are responsible for watering, weeding, and then harvesting. Once the food is harvested, we will drop off what we grew to the Holliston Food Pantry,” said the troop leader.

In addition to helping those with food insecurities, the gardening also benefited the girls. The troop, said Coughlin, was able to hold some meetings there, weed together, and use the space for their bridging ceremony, where the girls move upper level in the organization.

“The outdoor space is fantastic and really lets the girls get up and move around, and be active. There are some who had not gardened before and seem to really like it. There are a few who might not love gardening, but really like the community service aspect of helping weed others gardens and also providing fresh food to people who might not be able to purchase it right now,” she said.

The girls chose to plant cucumbers, yellow cucumbers, zucchini, patty pan squash, Dragon’s Tongue (white and purple) green beans, scarlet runner beans, yellow, purple, and red tomatoes, basil, cilantro, rosemary, onions, chives, watermelon, kale, lettuce and birdhouse gourds.



Audrey McDaniel, member of Girl Scout troop 62203, enjoyed working in the community garden plot.

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Coughlin said the girls have received support from the other garden plot renters, as well.

“The gardens in general are rented by folks of all ages and backgrounds, and the gardeners and people running the plot has been really supportive of the girls. The families have been great and supportive as well,” she said, adding how proud she was of their work.

“They have worked so hard on the garden plot at the Pinecrest Holliston Community Garden,” said Coughlin.



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This survey will be used by the Envisioning Future Holliston committee to generate an official town report. Following the presentation at an upcoming town meeting, this report will be publicly available for all town committees, boards, residents and stakeholders.

It seeks your views, priorities and commentary about Holliston in the areas of: water resources & open space, community character & design, housing, town services, age-friendly services, climate resiliency & sustainability, economy, connectivity, public recreation, schools and library.

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Deric Wilson Joins Holliston Public Library As New Director

The Holliston Public Library recently welcomed Deric Wilson to serve as the library director.

Wilson's journey to his position as Holliston Public Library director began in the third grade, when he frequently visited his local library and won an award for reading the most books.

He said, "I realized you can read more books if you went to the library and I hung out there all the way through high school. I became interested in library science because I enjoy literary criticism. A library is a place where you can do literary criticism."

Wilson added, "It seems silly to say, but I love the organization of library science. I like making a collection fit together and being able to track where everything goes and doing the data crunching."

One change he would like to make in the Holliston Public Library is installing "simpler and more updated" computer systems.

Wilson added that he would also like to start a science fiction book club, similar to the mystery and history book clubs the Holliston Public Library offers.

Wilson said libraries are "critical to self improvement and the pursuit of happiness to its people."

He said the Holliston Public Library staff has been "very welcoming" and the residents

browsing for books have been "extremely friendly."

He added, "It's been a really great experience so far."

Karla Alfred, chairperson of the Holliston Library Trustees, said, "We are excited to have Deric as our new director at Holliston Public Library. He brings innovative ideas to help expand the ways we serve our patrons while preserving that which Holliston values most in our library. We are confident that he will help our small and mighty library thrive."

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On Sunday, June 5, the 78 members of the Class of 2022 received their diplomas from Ursuline Academy, becoming its 76th graduating class since the school's founding in 1946.

The graduating class includes the following resident of Holliston:

Sloan Cordon, daughter of Jill and Jeremy Cordon, will be attending Penn State University.

Following a decades-old tradition, the graduates assembled just prior to the ceremony for a formal photo on the staircase leading up to the Ursuline Convent, framed by rhododendron shrubs in full bloom.

Maggie Freeman Burns '76, Vice President of Philanthropy and External Affairs at St. Fran-



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cis House in Boston, returned to deliver the keynote address, telling the graduates, "You're likely to find joy and your purpose when you combine what you've learned with asking yourself daily, did I treat others with kind-

ness, compassion, and inclusivity today? Did I serve others today?"

The valedictory address was delivered by Calista Adler of Wellesley, and the salutatory address was delivered by Rebecca Keough of Dedham.

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Catch that last part? Let's review why it's important.

Estate tax is owed on net value of the estate of a deceased person before distribution to non-spousal heirs. Think real estate, investments, IRAs, small business, life insurance proceeds, personal property etc. minus liabilities.

For 2022, the federal estate tax exemption is \$12.06 million, meaning amounts MORE than \$12.06 million are subject to the federal estate tax unless otherwise excluded (i.e. gifting). For most, there's little concern of having a life's work of earning, planning and saving being taxed upon death by the federal government.



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Not the case with Massachusetts.

To begin, only 12 states in U.S. have estate taxes, with Oregon and Massachusetts currently at the lowest (worst) thresholds of \$1 million. Consider neighbor Connecticut is \$5.1M. Where Massachusetts currently takes a dubious lead is once an estate is valued over \$1M, the entire amount is subject to a graduated tax rate starting 0.8% up to 16%. For example, at \$1,000,001 an estate is writing Massachu-

setts a ~\$36,500 check, at \$2M ~\$99,600, at \$3M ~\$182,000 and so on.

How quickly can one's net value (assets minus liabilities) estate exceed \$1 million? Consider the median single-family home sale price in Massachusetts hit \$590,000 in May, and it was higher in Middlesex County at \$800,000.

What now? Given changes were proposed by Governor Baker with bipartisan support in January and now part of a larger bill, it's expected to pass before legislation session ends July 31. More details to come, but we know the new Massachusetts estate threshold will start at \$2,000,001, with first \$2M no longer taxed.

Things to consider: **Know your net worth.** While grandma living in a Massachusetts house with no mortgage and a few CDs finally gets a pass, what if she also has investments held for years or a lakehouse?

And what of your net worth? Add up 401ks, life insurance and AD&D proceeds, small business equity, savings, real estate minus liabilities. Are you over \$2 million or will be in time?

Connect with an estate planning attorney. New laws and life events are opportune times to connect as well as provide an updated net worth and review process. Also remember, revocable living trusts bypass probate but not estate tax laws.

Plan to be agile in retirement. Connection to seasons, family and friends can be strong in Massachusetts. However, proper planning can create alternatives for residency in 38 states and no longer deal with state estate tax (or 5% income tax either).

As a fiduciary, it's a responsibility to educate on the possibilities for those interested.

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Recently these two groups partnered in a campaign to send cards of thanks to those currently deployed.

Shain said "letting those who serve know that they are appreciated and not forgotten is a prime mission of Thanks To Yanks."

For addition information on Thanks To Yanks, please like them on Facebook, the cards final destination will be the deployed 182nd infantry battalion of the Massachusetts National Guard, stationed in the Middle East.

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Senior Center News

Ice Cream Social and Karaoke

Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 1pm
No Charge
Join us outside (weather permitting) for a fun afternoon of karaoke paired with a delicious ice cream sundae! We will have a variety of great toppings to choose from.

While you're here, sing along with some of your favorite classics! Get on stage yourself or join some friends. It's all good fun, no need to be shy!

Call 508-429-0622 to sign up
Deadline to sign up is Aug. 3

Introducing "Select Chat"!

First Friday each Month
9:30 to 10:30am
Have a cup of coffee with Select Board Chair, Ben Sparrell to share your thoughts about Holliston. Feel free to bring your ideas and suggestions to the table! Please call to sign up: 508-429-0622

Coffee with Holliston Police

Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 2pm
Thank you to Sergeant Remkus and Officer Ciavarra for this wonderful program. Please provide a topic or question you would like the officers to cover.
Call the Senior Center to sign up at 508-429-0622.

Senior Center Annual Fall Fair

Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 am-3 pm
- Rain or Shine
We are gearing up for the Annual Fall Fair on Saturday, Sept. 10, sponsored by the Senior Support Foundation. 100% of the proceeds go toward our programs and classes, and bring ONLY GENTLY-USED items-- No clothing please!
Bookstore--Bring us your GENTLY-USED books for all

ages: fiction, nonfiction, or self-help books. We also love large print books! We do not accept textbooks, books with ripped covers or with brown spots/mold. Please bring books to the Bookstore inside the Center. Books may be dropped off anytime throughout the year.

Jewelry--All used jewelry is welcome and can be dropped off to the Receptionist during the hours the Center is open.

Baked Goods--Please let us know if you are willing to bake cookies, cakes, pies or any other delicious items for our bake sale the day of the Fair. Call and leave your name with the Receptionist (508-429-0622).

Videos and Music--We collect DVDs, CDs, Albums and Sheet Music - No VHS. Drop off at the Bookstore during any 1 hour the Center is open.

Raffle / Silent Auction--We welcome gift cards, gift baskets, and goods and services for individuals to bid on at the Auction. Please drop off donations to Amanda Boralessa.

Craft Table--We are also collecting handmade crafts (knitting, quilting, etc.) Please drop off with Amanda Boralessa.

Linens and Stationery--We need GENTLY-USED linens (blankets, sheets, towels, tablecloths, napkins, decorative pillows, etc.) and boxed stationery, office supplies, etc. Please drop off at the Garage.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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Aug. 9, at 9am
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Book Club

We welcome you to join us on the second Friday of the month at 1:30 pm to enjoy some interesting titles.

Aug. 12: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith 508-429-0622; The Holliston Public Library can help you get books for the meetings. Call the Library with questions: 508-429-0617.

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Every week we'll have sticker-tiles in a box beneath the poster to add to the corresponding letters. At the end of the summer it will make a super-cool mosaic image. But only with your help!

MOVIE MONDAY: CYRANO

Monday, Aug. 8 at 12:30 pm

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Did you know your library card allowed you to also borrow a telescope? Stop by the information desk and find out more.

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
MORNING BOOK CLUB

Tuesday August 2, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tinkertime

Wednesday August 3, 2022

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Tales And Tunes For Tots

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Just Dance Party

Thursday August 4, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Sensory Playtime

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
LEGO CLUB

Friday August 5, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
The Ukulele Show with Dave Maloof

Monday August 8, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM
MOVIE MONDAYS

Tuesday August 9, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mystery Book Club

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tinkertime

Wednesday August 10, 2022

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
TALES AND TUNES FOR TOTS

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
John Porcino One World: A Story, Song and Hands - on Musical Instrument Experience

Thursday August 11, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Sensory Playtime

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
LEGO CLUB

Friday August 12, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Movie Matinee

Monday August 15, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

Tuesday August 16, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tinkertime

Wednesday August 17, 2022

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Tales And Tunes For Tots

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Breaker Space

Thursday August 18, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Sensory Playtime

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
LEGO CLUB

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Mandy Roberge: Henna Program for tweens & teens

Friday August 19, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Mike Bent Magic Show

Monday August 22, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Virtual History Book Club

Tuesday August 23, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tinkertime

Wednesday August 24, 2022

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Tales And Tunes For Tots

Thursday August 25, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Sensory Playtime

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
LEGO CLUB

Friday August 26, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Drop In Game Day

Monday August 29, 2022

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

Tuesday August 30, 2022

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
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Community Ties and a Commitment to Customer Service: Affordable Junk Removal

Business spotlight

There are plenty of reasons to call a junk removal service. Maybe you're planning to move and need to clear out the basement and attic before your open house. Maybe you've spent way too much time at home lately and are feeling the need to declutter.

But figuring out who to call can be a pain. If you contact one of the big haulers, they route you to a phone center where they've never even heard of your town, plus their pricing seems vague and full of extra fees. No wonder you've let the stuff pile up—it's too much of a hassle to get rid of it!

Or you can call Affordable Junk Removal and let a local small business with deep community roots take care of everything.

Jay Schadler started his business in 2003. Back then, it was just him and a beat-up pickup truck taking small jobs and working nights and weekends when he could. As the years rolled on, his business grew, but his commitment to customer service never wavered. Now he's got a staff of ten, along with ten trucks, servicing eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island.

Affordable Junk Removal specializes in house and estate cleanouts. If your garage, attic, or office is overflowing with stuff, take back your space and let the pros do the heavy lifting.

Jay and his team have handled

it all. They've dismantled above-ground pools, hauled away ancient hot tubs, taken down old fencing, and stripped away worn carpeting. They'll come for a single item, or they'll clean out an entire house. And they can take almost anything. They can't accept hazardous materials, brush, dirt, or concrete, but everything else is fair game for them to take away.

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

Working with Affordable Junk Removal is simple. First, you can load stuff yourself if you want by renting a 15-cubic-yard dumpster for a week and chucking up to a ton of your unwanted stuff. If you need to get rid of more weight, then Jay prorates that tonnage—you never pay for what you don't use.

If you don't want to be bothered with the dumpster, they've also got a driveway special where they'll take away a truckload of your unwanted things if you pile it up. Or if you don't want to lift a finger, then you can point at the



items, and the team will fill up their truck and haul away your unwanted things. However you do it, you're left with more space and more peace of mind.

Jay and his team beat the big waste haulers on both price and customer service. When you call Affordable Junk Removal, you aren't connected to an anonymous call center. Your phone call goes right to Jay.

And speaking of pricing, Jay is upfront about it. His website shows the truck sizes and prices, so you can save time knowing

your costs before you call for an appointment. There aren't any hidden costs or surprise fees with Affordable Junk Removal.

Affordable Junk Removal is fully licensed and fully insured, and they'll treat your property with care and respect.

They also have a thriving commercial business, working with contractors and roofers to clear away debris and keep the job site clean. They can even handle commercial and residential emergencies with same-day service.

Jay and his family are deeply involved in the community. He and his wife, Christine, run the Corner Market restaurant in Holliston as well as Resellables, a thrift store in Bellingham. It's not uncommon for someone to reach Jay at the restaurant, order a sandwich, and then schedule a junk removal appointment. Yes, the local small business really can handle everything!

For more information, contact Jay Schadler at (774) 287-1133 or visit Affordable Junk Removal online at www.takeawayjunk.com.



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Doughty Best Choice for Governor

Our state is facing some serious problems including high cost of living exacerbated by inflation, an ailing MBTA system, rising crime rates, businesses leaving the state, and declining schools. We need a governor who will put aside politics and put people first. That person is fiscally conservative outsider Chris Doughty.

He is not a professional politician. Chris has spent a lifetime creating jobs, not worrying about the next election. He is the only job creator in the race. For more than three decades he has worked to build businesses that provide good jobs, while juggling being a hands-on dad for his six children



and serving in the community.

Doughty has overseen the expansion of Capstan Industries from its initial startup of a few dozen employees to become, at its peak, a large multinational manufacturer. As a business owner and job creator, he dealt with all kinds of challenges — from low-cost international imports to government regulation. He has worked hard to make his company a place



people were proud to work.

Doughty graduated from Brigham Young University with a B.S. in economics and received an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is well qualified to be our Governor.



But, what will Doughty do for you? As he likes to say, “You will have more dough with Doughty.”

Doughty was the first candidate to call for the suspension of the gas tax to help ease the pain at the pump. His plan is to suspend the gas tax until the price of gas drops below \$3.70 per gallon.

“The state has the funds, so there is no reason that the State House cannot help the hard working taxpayers by immediately suspending the gas tax. As the next Governor, we will be proactive in responding to crises,” said Doughty.

Doughty wants to end the Commonwealth’s reputation of being “Taxachusetts” and reduce taxes more than Bill Weld did as Governor. This will make our state more competitive for attracting new businesses so that we can grow jobs and wages.

Like you, Doughty opposes licenses for illegal immigrants. But, he knows that the true problem is that Massachusetts is a magnet state. As our next Governor, he will strengthen verification of applications for public assistance so only the truly needy and legal residents receive benefits.

As an experienced job creator, Doughty has a small business bill of rights plan to support those who create the majority of new jobs in our state.

“As a business owner, I have worked hard to always comply with new regulations, but it has not been easy. Creating jobs and meeting a payroll is not for the faint of heart. State government should be advocates and partners with our local businesses so the Commonwealth can create more jobs and raise wages. We do that by encouraging entrepreneurship and small businesses that are the backbone of our economy,” said Doughty.

As a father and grandfather, Chris Doughty knows that education is the heart of our Commonwealth and that we need to provide the best educational opportunities for the next generation. Our state is a national leader in education at all levels but it is often uneven in its availability. Doughty will work to ensure parents can access the very best education for their children. The equation is simple: high expectations, a strong curriculum, excellent teachers, and empowered parents.

We can count on Chris Doughty to make Massachusetts affordable again. To see more details on his small business bill of rights and other issues visit ChrisforMA.com. Chris would be honored to have your vote in the GOP Primary on September 6th.

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Senate President Karen Spilka to Host Autumn Senior Health and Wellness Fair



get to know so many residents of our community and to connect them with resources, fun activities, and, most importantly, each other,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Last year, this event was held remotely to keep everyone safe. Isolation has made connecting with one other even more important for residents of any age, but particularly for seniors. That’s why I am so excited to be able to hold this event in-person again this year.”

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, this event hosted hundreds of seniors and older adults annually from across the MetroWest area and beyond.

Spilka’s Senior Health and Wellness Fair is scheduled to be held in-person at Keefe Technical High School, at 750 Winter St., in Framingham, on Oct. 22. Residents are encouraged to call the office of Senate President Spilka at 617-722-1500 with questions.

State Senate President Karen E. Spilka announced plans for her annual Senior Health and Wellness Fair to be held in-person in Framingham on Oct. 22, 2022. The free event will include fun and informative activities for older adults, as well as food, workshops, live music, vendors, and raffles.

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Sports

Holliston Swim Teams — Their Success Deserves Notice

By KEN HAMWEY
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Now that interscholastic athletic achievements for the 2021-22 school year are in the record books, so often the success of some programs hardly receives any notice. It's like their accomplishments simply flew under the radar.

Holliston High's boys and girls swimming and diving teams are a prime example.

Both of the Panthers' squads won Tri Valley League championships during the winter season. They both went unbeaten in the league — the girls were 8-0 and the boys were 7-0 — and both competed admirably in post-season meets.

The girls team, which had only seven qualifiers in the South Sectional, finished ninth out of 37 squads. The boys, who had only five qualifiers, were dynamic, finishing seventh out of 40 teams. At the State meet, 45 teams competed and the girls managed an 11th-place finish. The boys were ninth out of 40 teams.

Other Holliston sports teams no doubt deserve recognition for their unsung success but what makes the Panthers accomplishments so praise-worthy is the brief time they've competed in

the sport. The program is only 20 years old. And, another laudable factor is how quickly the boys and girls teams adjusted to a new coach.

Coach Julie Harrington, however, is no stranger to the sport. She's coached at big-time collegiate venues — like the U.S. Merchant Marine academy on Long Island, Towson State in Baltimore, Texas Christian University and the University of South Carolina.

Here's what she said about her girls and boys teams:

"The girls exceeded expectations. They're fighters who don't give up. All of them are great athletes who maintained their desire and dedication. The boys are special competitors, numbering only five at the sectional and states. They battled at every meet and delivered in key situations. They also exceeded expectations."

Harrington points to valuable attributes that enabled both teams to win TVL titles and place high in the post-season meets.

"Our team chemistry and the coachable nature of our kids were excellent," Harrington emphasized. "Both squads had strong leadership, were athletic, mentally tough and resilient.



Coach Julie Harrington always takes advantage of a teaching moment.

Depth and experience also were strengths."

The girls, whose only loss was a non-league meet to Wayland, used that setback as motivation. They rolled through the TVL unbeaten but their struggle with Medfield was a classic — a display of determination.

"We beat Medfield by four points by capturing the 400 freestyle relay," Harrington recalled. "It was a back-and-forth battle but our relay team was in mid-season form. The team included Ella Bosselman, Liv Webb, captain Rachel Haynes and Grace Wang."

Harrington notes that her girls roster numbered 27 and there were freshmen and newcomers on the team. "I was pleased because we had times when Covid-19 slowed the season. I was happy with their finish in the sectional, and placing 11th at the states with only seven on the team was phenomenal."

The girls not only fared well for the entire season, but they also set a school record at the states in the 400 freestyle relay. The girls on that unit were Webb, Haynes, Bosselman and Ella Kuchman.

The seven girls who competed in the sectional and states were Haynes ((200, 500 freestyle), Bosselman (100 breaststroke, 200 individual medley), Webb (100 butterfly, 100 backstroke), Denna Caruso (200 medley, 200 freestyle relay), Wang (200 and 400 freestyle relay), Kuchman (200 freestyle relay) and Ella Talmanson (200 freestyle relay).

The Panthers other two captains — Isabella Rahim (sprints, diving) and Sasha Tcherpanova



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(breaststroke, individual medley) — drew praise from the coach. "Our captains provided great leadership, by example and by being communicative," Harrington said. "I leaned on them to learn about our team."

The five boys who represented Holliston in the post-season were captain Aidan Malbey (100 butterfly, 500 freestyle), Jon Bird (100, 200 freestyle), Lucas Haynes (200, 500 freestyle), Devin Bird (100 butterfly, 200 individual medley), and Jared Sangil (200 medley relay, 400 freestyle relay).

"We had a small group but its 7th and 9th place finishes in the post-season were incredible," Harrington offered. "Their two top-10 finishes are a tribute to their competitive spirit."

Two other key cogs for Holliston were captain Carter Pomponio (freestyle, breaststroke) and Brian Sahagian (diver). The Panthers boys roster numbered 22.

The boys team, which also lost a non-league meet to Wayland, showed its mettle against Westwood. "They won by two points in spite of missing one of our key swimmers," Harrington said. "Westwood had a very good team but we prevailed."

The boys quartet of Jon Bird, Malbey, Haynes and Sangil set a school record in the 400 freestyle relay. Three individual school records also were set. Malbey set

a record in the butterfly and the 500 freestyle and Jon Bird was a record-setter in the freestyle.

Harrington is optimistic that Holliston's future in swimming and diving will be bright. "We've lost some quality seniors but we'll have depth," she said. "I had a delightful first season at Holliston but what we accomplished will be hard to top in the year ahead."

Duxbury and Amherst Regional won the girls sectional and state meets, respectively. Needham won the boys sectional and Weston took top honors at the state level. In time, Holliston could be on track to battle for those lofty placements.

Swimming and diving are strenuous activities and they're exciting to watch. Harrington, however, is acutely aware that the sport isn't high-profile, like football, basketball, hockey and baseball. But, she believes that outstanding achievement in any sport should be recognized.

Holliston's swimmers and divers did get some notice at the team's annual banquet. And, there's more good news. The boys and the girls TVL championships will be updated on a banner in the Panthers' gymnasium.

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Sports

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BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Brayden Kelleher considered himself a soccer guy, one who originally began playing in middle school and whenever he could during the spring.

While in high school at Holliston, he got involved in lacrosse where he played attack and midfielder for the Panthers, but eventually came to the Hopedale Junior Senior High School.

At Hopedale he wanted to continue playing lacrosse, but the school didn't have a boys' program. As a junior there were about five lacrosse players who were allowed to play on a co-op team with Milford, but it didn't last that long and eventually the team, as far as Hopedale players, was dissolved. Kelleher found out that he would be without a lacrosse team to play for coming into his senior year.

"We were told that Milford couldn't co-op with us anymore in the Hockomock League," Kelleher said. "Although we had fun, I wasn't all that crazy about going back to a co-op with Milford. It was a great group, but our season didn't go all that well, so it wasn't a big deal and really didn't bother me not having a team with them."

The Hopedale senior was prepared to work during the spring when he would have been playing lacrosse. Then about a week before the season was to get underway, he was notified by the Athletic Director that the school would be co-oping with neighboring Nipmuc.

"When I got the news, I was excited as I already knew 3 or 4 guys on the team as I had played with them during the summer on a club team," he said. "Of the five of us who played with Milford last year, 2 had graduated and 2 others decided not to play this year, leaving me as the only Hopedale player left."

Kelleher was excited to be able to play one more year of high school lacrosse before he graduated. Prior to hooking up with Milford last season, Hopedale was trying to co-op with Nipmuc, but things didn't work out.



Although he was having fun playing for Nipmuc it was somewhat different than in the past as he had to travel to the neighboring school for practices and games.

"It was different. There really wasn't any Hopedale fans at the games because it wasn't our school," he said. "Still living in Holliston, it would take me about 30 minutes to get to Nipmuc, but 45-50 with traffic. I really didn't have much of anything else going on, so it wasn't that bad. It was much easier when school was going on."

Had he not had acquaintances on the Nipmuc team, Kelleher probably wouldn't have been so excited to join the Warriors on the lacrosse field during tryouts, especially being the only Hopedale athlete.

"I still would have tried out for the team if I didn't have any friends already there to see how things would have gone," he said. "Once I got to the tryouts, I had a good idea that I could make the squad and maybe even get to play, but at least I would be on the team."

Kelleher didn't really worry too much about earning a spot on the Warrior roster as he had played club lacrosse during the summer over the last 3 or 4 years with the Medway Coyotes and figures his talent would get him a spot.

Initially he would play attack and come off the bench. Eventually he was moved to midfielder as the Nipmuc Coach was still trying to figure things out as the season progressed.

"I personally didn't care where I played," the Hopedale senior said. "In fact, with my soccer background I felt that I was better fitted to play midfielder as I had the stamina and the ability to run distance."

Once the season got underway Kelleher really didn't set any goals for himself, he just wanted to suit up and go out and play the game. He had one more season at playing lacrosse and he just wanted to have fun doing so.

Nipmuc earned themselves a spot in the Division 3 Tournament where they defeated Pembroke 10-5 in the first round but found themselves on the losing end to Norwell in the Round of 16.

Now that it's off to college in the Fall Kelleher doesn't see himself playing lacrosse anymore. He has maxed out in age to return to the Coyotes, but depending how things go he may try to play club soccer, but that will be it in terms of sports.

It may not have been with Hopedale, but at least Kelleher got to play one final season of lacrosse co-oping with Nipmuc.



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7/15/2022	45 Woods Xing	\$925,000
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