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# **Kindness Matters**

Have you seen this face at the intersection of Main Street and Front Street?

If not, look for her. You will find Nancy each morning between 8 and 10 am, with a smile and a sign that reads "Kindness

Nancy began standing at the busy downtown intersection in June 2020, when communities worldwide faced isolation, loneliness, and divisiveness.

She wanted to make an impact and wondered if it would help if she reminded people of a very easy, small thought that kindness does matter.

What she thought would be one day of standing on the corner with her smile, sign and waves turned into two years, as she returns to the spot daily to fuel the question, "What if evervone woke up every morning deciding to be kind?"

> **KINDNESS** continued on page 2

# **Memorial Garden Restoration Help Needed**

By Susan Manning STAFF WRITER

Kevin Kane lost his life at 26 years old due to a rare form of cancer directly linked to his childhood days playing near the Nyanza superfund site.

Kane, who would have turned 51 last month, pushed for a study to link the cluster of cancers in those who lived around the area close to Nyanza. His mother, Marie, said that study finally happened. It took eight years, but his — and others' —cancer was directly linked to the site.

Nyanza was chemical dye company that dumped toxic chemicals into the water and soil near its plant. It was in operation in the late 60s to the late 1970s.

In 2016, a memorial was built to honor those affected by the rare cluster of childhood cancers. It took shape as a healing garden, with stained-glass panels. It sits just beyond the left field fence at the Ashland Middle School base-

The problem is that a year after its installation, vandals attacked. Now Marie Kane and



others want to see the garden restored to its original beauty.

They need your help.

"It's meant to be a peaceful place where people go to mediate," said Marie.

In its current state, however it is not a peaceful place. It has been neglected for years - first because of the vandalism, and then Covid

Thanks to Lions Club member Julian Doktor, that will soon change.

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#### **KINDNESS**

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"The response has been overwhelmingly positive," said Nancy, "I really hope when people see my sign; it resets their day.'

She said this act has given her more than anything she could have imagined.

We hope you find inspiration when you see Nancy. Be sure to give her a smile and wave when you drive by!

It has come to our attention that a paid Political Spotlight did not have the proper disclaimer stating "Paid Advertisement" in our August edition. For the record, the article was paid for by the Committee to Elect Chris Doughty. This was an unfortunate oversight. As the publisher I do not endorse any candidates and as a media source stay neutral in all political matters. I apologize for any confusion this oversight has caused. This experience has shown how passionate our readers are. Keep on reading.

-Publisher Charles Tashjian



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#### **MEMORIAL**

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"Julian contacted me and said he wanted to help rebuild the garden. He used to be a teacher. He's retired now, but a great guy," said Marie.

Doktor said he is not new to the garden project. Before the vandalism, The Lions donated a bench donated and "I carried it to its place in the garden," he

Doktor said after he heard about the vandalism, he wanted to see it for himself.

"I heard about the vandalism and took a walk to look at it. I couldn't believe how abandoned it looked. The trail was washed out and the stained glass panels were gone," he said.

The former teacher said his Lions club is always looking for community service projects and

he thought this one would be perfect.

"Marie said she was glad that we would be doing this project," said Doktor.

He said the plans to revitalize the garden include landscaping and clean up, and further projects to replace the stained glass

He hopes to have fellow Lions Club members as well as members of the Junior Lions club, the Leos, help out with the landscaping and cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 24.

"Any other community members who can and want to help, are definitely welcome," he said.

To get involved in restoring the Ashland Memorial Healing Garden, reach out to Cara Tirrell 508-808-9938; Dan Borelli 774-505-0311; or Julian Doktor 508-881-4664. Landscaping and cleanup will start at 9 AM on Saturday, Sept. 24.



# Student-created app links up scholars and tutors

By Patricia Roy

A high school student looking for a helpful homework buddy could find it's right there in the palm of their hand, or on their desk or even in their back pocket – wherever their cell phone happens to be.

Algis Petlin, Ashland High School Class of 2022, has developed an app that will connect students with tutors in a range of subjects as well as a range of languages.

He pointed out that last part is crucial to help students whose first language is not English.

As a sophomore Petlin was accepted in the AHS virtual class program which exposed him to computer science taught by the school's guidance counselors.

He also studied app development online using the website Udemy.

"I wanted to apply my knowledge in a practical manner," he said.

Around the same time he was admitted to the National Honor Society and was elected its president. An inside look at the organization was the impetus for developing the app, Petlin said.

"The National Honor Society has a tutoring program that allows members of the society to tutor anyone in the whole school who needs help," he said.

Petlin thought of applying his skills in app development to improve the tutoring program and its accessibility to students.

He had already done a lot of tutoring work at the high school, beginning with his sister and then tutoring his friends in math, history and English.

Eventually, he heard that other kids were looking for tutors

but were unable to find any, even though Petlin knew of dozens in the National Honor Society.

And that led to the tutoring app currently known as AHS Tutor Connect. It reflects more than a year of Petlin's work with feedback coming from teachers and fellow students.

While the app is designed to link up students with tutors; teachers have administrative privileges and can assign a student to a tutor as they think best.

All users first create a profile on the app. Then students select the subjects they need help in, and tutors post their availability. Students who would like to become a tutor can apply through a Google form and select what they would like to teach. It is possible to be both a tutor and a student.

To connect with a tutor, a student clicks to view their profile and chooses a preferred meeting day, subject and preferred language, then sends the request.

Students and tutors confirm the appointment or they're also free to cancel.

Teachers/administrators are able to create accounts for students without cell phones and can browse through all users and edit their privileges if necessary.

The goal of the app is to make it easier for students to access the help they need.

And best of all, it's free.

The tutors are volunteers and Petlin said he took advantage of mostly free resources in developing the app.

"I didn't have to spend a lot of money to create this app and it's nice that I'm able to help out my community in this way," he said.



AHS Tutor Connect will be released during the coming school year and Petin will continue working with high school faculty to ensure a smooth rollout. He is hopeful of getting the app into App store and Android store

This fall, he will attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst majoring in Computer Science with a goal of becoming "a good computer or software engineer."

He also hopes that the app will inspire Ashland High School students to get involved in their community, both as problem solvers and volunteers.

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# Ashland opens its brand new Public Safety Building this Fall

The Ashland Public Safety Building prepares to open this fall after years of planning.

Construction on the Public Safety Building began on March 16, 2021, following an overwhelming vote of support to fund the project at special town meeting and the ballot in January 2021. The 42,000-square-foot, three-story building will house both the Police and Fire Departments.

"After pontificating about the need for a new public safety building for decades, it is refreshing to know we are on the verge of actually moving our police and fire operations to a new facility. We did not want to repeat mistakes of the past, so it is built not only for the needs of today, but for future growth of the departments in mind. Also, the forward-thinking design incorporates sustainability features such as geothermal technology and green roofs. I'm grateful our town is able to provide our first responders with the facilities and equipment they deserve," said Town Manager, Michael Herbert.

The new facility comes after decades of discussing upgrades to the existing Police and Fire stations located on Main Street, and the additional Fire Station on Cedar Street. The buildings were out dated and not conducive to present day's daily operations.

Ashland's new Public Safety Building features an apparatus bay for all vehicles, dispatch center, locker rooms, fitness area, break room, training room, office space for both departments, a records room, a shooting range, and more. The facility's new location at 12 Union St., creates an opportunity for a faster response time allowing first responders to cross over the railroad tracks quickly via Fountain Street.

In addition to its practical components, the building also has incredible features such as its geothermal technology and green roofs. The Green Roof System – initially conceived by Ashland students entering robotics and lego-challenge competitions - includes a waterproof layer, drain-

age system, and growing plants. These roofs act as natural filters for water runoff and decrease stress on stormwater systems. The geothermal technology draws energy from within the ground to heat the building and generate electricity.

The construction of Ashland's Public Safety Building took a year and a half to construct. A committed group of volunteers, town leadership, and town staff led the project. HKT Architects Inc. and CTA Construction Co. Inc. companies worked diligently to keep up with a rigorous time schedule despite challenges during the process

The facility was constructed quickly, breaking ground in March 2021 and celebrating the beam raising ceremony in September 2021. Following construction throughout the winter, crews completed a majority of the structure's construction by May 2022. Over the summer, the new traffic light at Union Street and Waverly Street was installed, while the curbing and sidewalk work also took place.

Michael Herbert said, "There are so many people that deserve our thanks for this project, starting with an excellent building committee chaired by Select Board member Joe Magnani. The Select Board deserves our thanks for agreeing to make this a priority project for the town. Ashland has been the beneficiary of incredible staff and professional support thanks to Assistant Town Manager Jenn Ball, multiple Chiefs in both departments, Vertex, HKT Architects and CTA Construction. Finally, we wouldn't able to do this without the overwhelming support of Town Meeting and voters.'

Public Safety Building Committee Chairman and Select Board member Joe Magnani shared his gratitude saying, "We are very grateful to the townspeople for their vote and their understanding for the need of this new building. We are very lucky to have this new building for our first responders."

Please visit the Town of Ashland website for information regarding the facility's official opening at ashlandmass.com.



### **Construction Timeline:**

March 16, 2021- Project Managers (Vertex), our Architects (HKT), General Contractor (CTA), and a host of Sub-Contractors begin construction project

**August 2021-** Site and foundation work wraps up and the first sections of steel are installed.

**September 2021-** The third story roof and apparatus bay steel installations take place.

September 10, 2021- Celebratory Beam Rising Event

**Fall 2021-** Concrete pouring, underground utility work, geothermal well drilling, HVAC Work takes place

**December – February 2021-** The building takes shape with framing, electrical, plumbing, HVAC work, roof work, window installation. The project reaches 50% completion.

**February 2022-** Green Roof System designs are incorporated to third floor and sally port.

**April 2022-** Site work continued with geothermal systems connecting to the building. Electrical work completes on the third and second floors. Exterior work is nearing completion with a focus on the metal work. Plumbing, electrical, fire suppression and HVAC on the third and second floors are complete. Interior painting began on the third, second, and parts of the first floor.

**May 2022-** Building and apparatus bays move toward completion and work shifts to the finished site and landscaping.

June 2022- Committee Members take a tour of the facility.

**July 2022-** Utility work at the front of the site near completion, along with granite curbing. Wetlands Replication area completes. Green roofs metal paneling reaches completion. Floor installation and walls are completed throughout the building. Lockers are installed. Traffic lights at the Union Street and Waverly Street Intersection are in place.

**August 2022-** Concrete is poured at the front entrance. The first section of sidewalk is installed.

# **Art installation at Library**

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# Annemarie's Dance Centre celebrates 45 years of business in Ashland

By Christie Vogt

Thousands of dancers have called Annemarie's Dance Centre their home away from home since its founding in 1977 by Annemarie Fairhurst. As the center celebrates its 45th anniversary, current studio owner and director Chrissy Reynolds reflects on how integral Ashland and surrounding communities have been to the studio's mission.

"Anne and I share a similar value system," says Reynolds, who purchased the studio in 2013 after 10 years as an instructor. "We both think the relationship we foster with the community is integral to the studio's success and the success of the students."

Annemarie's Dance Centre offers instruction in ballet, modern/contemporary, jazz, tap, musical theater jazz, pointe, creative movement and hip hop. "We are not a competitive studio, and that is the way I prefer to go," Reynolds says, "because I feel that we focus more on the artistic process rather than the victory. So it's not about students winning or losing through performance, it's about connecting with their community audience experience."

The studio's Performance Company dancers, in particular, have ample opportunities for community engagement, Reynolds says. In the fall, the company will be part of the Dragonfly Festival, the farmer's market and a benefit concert in Holliston. The studio also has a relationship with the Layla Lynn Bober Memorial Foundation of Framingham which supports organizations that Layla Bober participated in. Bober loved dancing at Annemarie's, and the family now offers several scholarships in her memory to help students with financial barriers as well as graduating se-

The studio offers a variety of class times for working families in hopes of making the decision to dance an easier one. It offers classes seven days a week with additional class times added for the youngest dancers during weekday afternoons and Saturdays.

With a variety of programs available to residents of Ashland and surrounding towns, Reynolds contends that dance is a particularly unique extracurricular



Annemarie's Dance Centre Performance Company students from Southborough, Holliston and Hopkinton strike a pose

option. "Dance provides a creative outlet while also providing physical activity," Reynolds says, "which I think is important, especially with so many students tied to their phones."

Dance is also a way for students who aren't comfortable expressing themselves verbally to express themselves physically, she adds. "I've seen students come through the door that might be a

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little bit shy or have a hard time talking to you," Reynolds explains. "But when they're dancing, they feel more comfortable. It's an additional way to express yourself."

Another benefit of dance is its ability to expand students' perspectives of the world, Reynolds says. She shares the example of a student who participated in a hip hop intensive offered by a visiting instructor from UMass Amherst. The student, who does not live in a particularly diverse community,

approached the teacher to say he opened her eyes to how big the dance world is. She was inspired to write her college essay on her experience in the class.

"Dance has the possibility of doing something like that — exposing students to different cultures and backgrounds where dance becomes the shared language spoken," Reynolds reflects. "Through the commonality of dance, you connect with someone you may not have without it."

Registration is now open for fall dance classes, which begin on Sept. 7. For more information, visit annemaries dance.org or call 508-881-5109. The studio is located at 111 Cherry St., Ashland.

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# **Voting Information for Registered Voters in** the Town of Ashland

The Town Clerk's office staff vote early in person for the State is ready to help you vote in the upcoming September 6th, 2022, State Primary Election and the November 8th, 2022, State Election this fall.

All registered voters in the State of Massachusetts have the option to vote early by mail, vote early in person, or vote in person on the day of the election. The State Primary Election takes place on Tuesday, September 6th, from 7 am – 8 pm at Ashland High School, located on 65 East Union Street.

Voting Early for this election has passed. If you did not vote early or by mail, please vote in person on September 6th.

Registered voters have the opportunity to vote early by mail or

Election taking place on Tuesday, November 8th. Register to vote for the State Election by Saturday, October 29th. Submit your signed Vote-by-Mail application for a ballot by Tuesday, November 1st, at 5 pm to the Town Clerk's office. Drop off your application in person at Town Hall located on 101 Main Street or the drop box in the driveway of Town Hall, email it to townclerkoffice@ashlandmass.com, fax it to the number 508-881-0145, or mail it back to Town

The Town Clerk's Office will host in-person Early Voting at Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ground Floor Meeting Rooms, for the November State Election.

Please visit our Elections and Voting webpage on our website, or contact our Town Clerk's Office for the dates and times to vote early at Town Hall.

Voting in person, for all precincts, on Election Day, November 8th, remains an available option for all registered voters at the Ashland High School, 65 E Union Street.

For more information regarding Elections and Voting, please visit our designated webpage, https://www.ashlandmass. com/219/Elections-Voting, or contact our Town Clerk Department, at 508-881-0100 extension 7127 or email townclerkoffice@ ashlandmass.com.

#### **State Primary Election**

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM -Ashland High School, 65 E. Union Street.

Voter Registration Deadline - PASSED

#### **State Election**

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM -Ashland High School, 65 E. Union Street. Voter Registration Deadline -Saturday, October 29, 2022 - 5:00 PM

# **Greater Ashland Lions Club**

We want to Thank everyone who supported us during the year.

An Installation of Officers was held on June 13th at Stone Park to begin our Lionistic Year of 2022 - 2023. Andrea Reine-Wales was installed as our President.

A special Thank You to outgoing President Eleanor "Ellie" Torelli.

Here are just a few things your donations helped; it provided a seedling tree to each 4th grader so they could plant it and watch it grow. Your donations provided a scholarship to a graduating senior from Ashland High School (Justin O'Brien) and one to a Keefe Tech graduating senior (Katie Santiago). We donated to the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research (to fight preventable blindness).

Our annual Duck Race was held on August 26th at the Corner Spot. Congratulations to all the winners!

We will be celebrating White Cane Day in September with a Toll Road.

Club members plan on being at the Ashland Farmers Market on October 1st, with information on joining the Lions. Don't forget to bring your change, as we'll be collecting 'Pennies for the Blind.'

Do you have any used eyeglasses hanging around? We'll take them! Please bring them to the Police Substation (located next to Nick Pizza on Main St.), Market Basket (Pond St. / Rte. 126), or the Town Hall on Main Street.

Looking to get involved with a fun, low-pressure group of service-oriented folks - that's us! New members are always welcome! If you'd like to learn more about the Lions and our club, please contact VP Lion Ed at e.murras@yahoo. com or Lion Alexis at cvarnie@ hotmail.com. Check us out on FaceBook: Greater Ashland Lions Club. #weserve #kindnessmatters

We hope you enjoyed the sum-

SUBMITTED: LION ROSALIE PORTER, 2ND VP

# **Annual Car Show Raises Money** For American Cancer Society

On Sept 18, the 8th annual held by the Kidde Fenwal Relay Car Show in Ashland, where all proceeds for the show goes to American Cancer Society, will be

for Life team.

In the past there have been

We junk cars,

the show, coming from all over Metrowest and New England, with an additional 300 spectators more than 200 antique cars at that come to the show to just see

> and a DJ at the show. Most importantly, all the money raised from the show goes to American Cancer Society; there are no expenses as people donate their time to make this

The show is run like a festival

with food vendors, a live band

show happen. The Kidde Fenwal Relay for Life team over the past eight years through events similar to this, have raised more than \$250,000 for the American Cancer Society.



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# **Upcoming Ashland Business Association Events**

#### Sept. 16, Movie Night at the Corner Spot Sponsored by the ABA.

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Sept. 29, 5:30-7:30pm Fall Social Networking at Route 126 Self Storage

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Your Money, Your Independence

# Never ask your teen, "Where do you want to go to college?"

From birth, parents control kids' activities, finances and help shape their problem-solving skills. It continues through high school, then something strange happens... parents step back and ask their teenager, "Where do you want to go to college?"

Stop!

You'd never take them to a car lot and ask, "What car do you want to drive home today?" Yet, the crazy notion of financing a \$75,000 car for your teen would cost considerably less.

Take control, don't be another victim - The student debt crisis has many sides to blame: government taking over student lending in 2009, unlimited money supply allows schools to raise tuition 5-7% annually and students (plus parents) desire for "brand name" schools on top of college rankings lists.

College Rankings lists are brand marketing - CNBC's latest "Colleges That Pay Off The Most" listed Stanford #1 again, followed by the usual trophy schools - ones kids (and parents) brag about attending. Criteria



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is based on 10-year earnings of graduates minus college costs.

Sounds noble until you discover costs are calculated based on Average Net Price Tuition for a family income \$48-75K, which for Stanford is \$3,490. Realize under 1% of 7,083 Stanford undergrads pay this, while 52% pay the full \$55,000 tuition. If cost criteria was tuition paid by majority over 4 years (\$220,000) instead of paid by less than 1% (\$14,000),

would Stanford and others even make this list?

"What are you interested in doing for work?" - This is the appropriate question and should be the focus of your teenager.

Share family finances with your teenager and together execute a broad screening of schools based on programs offered to benefit a desired profession. Become educated on Return on Investment (ROI) using school's data on 5-year earnings per degree (not just the school) and calculate your true costs to attend.

Use Net Price Calculators (NPCs) - Found on a college's website, these are designed to generate your personal cost to attend. You'll share information from tax returns, size of non-retirement investment accounts, children's accounts (i.e. 529s) and for merit scholarship purposes supply GPA, test scores, class rank and activities.

You'll discover if \$55K tuition may be \$34K, \$23K or harsh reality it will be \$55K. Because you've shared available savings, your teen can visualize their debt

obligation upon graduation before they get emotionally invested.

The road less traveled yields merit - "Top ranked" schools get thousands of honor roll students applying and willing to pay, so merit scholarships are awarded to those truly moving future rankings.

Same honor roll student discovers a lesser-known college based on a program of interest, engages with a local recruiter, shares financial information, and chooses early decision or early action - here comes the merit.

For these schools to compete, they're willing to invest in your kid's ability to excel upon graduation, raise the 5 and 10-year earnings of graduates from the program and be an advocate for the college.

Eliminate emotional decisions to raid investment accounts,

borrow heavily and/or delay retirement to make your teenager happy, because they won't be. Instead, lead a process that engages them, puts them on a desired career path and provides financial transparency now and in their future.

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# **Ashland Community Center's Long-time Director Retires**

#### After twenty years of service, Joanne Duffy announces her retirement

Ashland Community Center director, Joanne Duffy, retired in July after successfully running the Senior Center for twenty years. During those years, Joanne acted as a mentor for the Senior Center staff and volunteers.

"For two decades, Joanne has overseen the Community Center and senior activities in town with competence, compassion, and a sense of humor. She has been a consistent and effective advocate for elder issues, both out front and behind the scenes. She leaves especially big shoes to fill," says Town Manager, Michael Her-

Joanne Duffy pioneered many of the services offered at the Senior Center. She initiated a partnership with Bay-Path Elder Services offering the Meals on Wheels program. She also created a partnership with the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority expanding transportation services, including converting a van for the Senior Center's exclusive use and providing a driver. More recently, Joanne was instrumental in helping Ashland become a Dementia Friendly community, an initiative to create a supportive, safe, and respectful

community for those living with dementia.

Becoming a Dementia Friendly community was a significant undertaking. "Coordinating Ashland to become Dementia Friendly was a huge initiative that I am particularly proud of," says Joanne Duffy, "It's definitely a highlight of my career."

Joanne coordinated with community members, businesses, and staff members in the community center and around the other municipal departments to create and implement this program. The program provided specific training to increase the Community Center's ability to better support people suffering with dementia and their caregivers. Her extraordinary stewardship in forming this community initiative betters our town for years to come.

Joanne also led the Community Center through the pandemic as they constantly tried redefining how programming was offered to keep seniors connected during the long, early months of COVID-19. During this time, Joanne also supported the Human Services Department and Food Pantry in changing their operations to ensure



Left to right: Steve Mitchell, Jenn Ball, Michael Herbert, Brandi Kinsman, Candi Wilson, Joanne Duffy, Jennifer Wuelfing, Yolanda Greaves, Kelly Rund, Janet Borelli

that individuals and families that were suffering from food insecurity were being reached. She also helped to support the Recreation Department as it adjusted its programming to support the needs of families during online and hybrid learning.

"Joanne's ability to create a welcoming place for Ashland's

senior population will certainly

to meet the needs of our community, creating engaging programming, and providing needed social and emotional support," says Assistant Town Manager, Jenn Ball.

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be missed. Luckily through her leadership, she successfully cultivated a strong and dedicated team that is ready to continue her legacy of being able to pivot

**Stone Park Music Festival** Classical music concert

J.S. Bach | W.A. Mozart | L.v. Beethoven | A. Piazzolla

October 1, Sat. 3 pm. @ Stone Park

# **Stone Park Music Festival Oct. 1**

This fall, we'd like to welcome you to the first Stone Park Music Festival where you can feel the beautiful resonance between classical music and nature. The Stone Park Music Festival was

founded in June 2020 by pianist Grace Soonjoo Moon to bring joy to the communities through

# Hundreds of Asian Brush Paintings Donated to Friends of the Ashland Public Library

Over 800 Original Works of Art for Sale at Sept. 17 Book Sale

Through a generous donation by Don Gordon, owner of Premier Image Gallery in Ashland, the Friends of the Ashland Public Library are selling hundreds of stunning watercolor brush paintings at their September 17 book sale. These beautiful, signed original works of art are priced "pay what you wish" with all proceeds going to support the many programs for all ages at the Ashland Public Library.

Larry DeJong, Art Exhibition Coordinator at the APL, facilitated the donation. DeJong had recently visited Don Gordon in his shop on Rt. 126 in Ashland and was given a tall stack of narrow cut papers. The stack contained a few hundred pieces, and on each one was a lovely simple Asian style brush painting: all original, hand done, and each one different. Each was charming, and in perfect condition after years in the back of the shop.

According to DeJong, "Don explained to me that when he bought the shop almost 30 years ago, this stack of paintings was in the shop. He has no idea who did them, but it must have been someone who either owned the shop or worked there. While there seemed to be a signature in Asian characters, no one seems to be able to read it."

Feeling that the library could use them in some way, Gordon asked DeJong to take the pieces to the library. DeJong continues the story; "I emailed Betsy Emberley, and asked to meet her in the library which we did, along with two of the Friends staff. I



presented them to this group and we discussed some possible ideas for how to use them. When I first laid out some of the actual paintings, the reaction to them told me a lot. The three women were all smiles and very enthusiastic about what they were being given. I knew then that Don had made the right choice. They would do well with this gift. On a later visit to see Don and convey to him how pleased the Friends were, he found another stack of them, which has since been delivered to the Friends."



The art will be available for sale along with over 10,000 gently used books, DVDs, and CDs at the upcoming September 17 Mini Book Sale located in the permanent book sale room at the Ashland Public Library. The sale will be open from 10 am to 1 pm during which time donations will also be accepted in the library parking lot. The Friends anticipate making the art available for sale during future book sales as well.

SUBMITTED BY JAN POPPENDIECK







#### **MUSIC**

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classical music. Generally classical music festivals consist of concerts, master classes, chamber music, music related workshops, lessons, and competitions. While some classical music festivals are meant for only certain participants, the Stone Park Music Festival is a family friendly classical music festival that welcomes everybody who likes classical music or would like to get to know about

classical music including children, young adults, adults, and seniors. The first year of the Stone Park Music Festival will have a concert featuring masterpieces performed by highly respected artists, Emmanuel Feldman and Duo Cello e Basso, and explanations of each piece between performances. However, a music competition will be added next fall and the details will be on the website. The festival will bring pleasure to the communities, make classical music approachable, and unite

people's hearts by sharing appreciation for both music and nature. Classical music is beneficial to everyone regardless of their age since it can improve mental health and brain function. The concert will be on Oct. 1, at 3pm at Stone Park, where the communities can celebrate and appreciate beautiful music and nature together. - Grace Soonjoo Moon gracesm@stonemusicfestival. com (Founder/Director of the Stone Park Music Festival) www. stonemusicfestival.com



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# Ashland Couple Owns Store Named Bicycle Retailer Of Excellence

By Susan Manning

For the second year, Steve the Bike Guy, an independent bicycle shop in Sherborn, Massachusetts has been named a Bicycle Retailer of Excellence by the National Bicycle Dealers Association of America (NBDA).

During an intensive evaluation process, participating shops are graded on a range of categories including customer service; the shop's interior and exterior; marketing and branding; business operations and profitability; community involvement, leadership and ride advocacy. Based on points awarded during the process, Steve the Bike Guy was named a Platinum level shop, the highest level awarded.

Founded in 2011 by Steve Brandt, an avid rider and licensed USA Cycling Race Mechanic, and his wife Kristin, Steve the Bike Guy is a family-owned and operated shop committed to creating community by making connections through bicycles. Information about the Shop can be found at SteveTheBikeGuy.com.

According to the NBDA "The Award celebrates diversity and excellence in bicycle retail. With a focus on inclusivity, the program unites retailers, suppliers, industry organizations, advocates, and consumers in identifying and highlighting exceptional bicycle stores across North America. These recipients are awarded not only for their excellence in retail but their integrity, inclusiveness, spirit, and commitment to grow ridership."



Kristin and Steve Brandt, co-owners of Steve the Bike Guy, accept the award at The Big Gear Show in Utah.

A nonprofit supported by the membership of participating retailers and industry partners The National Bicycle Dealers Association exists to strengthen these businesses through education, research, communication, and advocacy with the understanding that when we create thriving bicycle retailers the industry and the cycling community follows.

# Q and a with Steve and Kristin

# How did you persevere through Covid?

The simple fact is, that we would not have made it without the kindness and patience of our customers, neighbors, and friends who supported us, recommended us, and hung in there as we all figured out how to do business in most unusual times.

Before COVID, Steve was a true one-man show. After the Shop became a true family affair with Kristin and their children, Sophie and Anders, stepping up to help, something they continue to do today.

We were also able to pivot quickly to adapt to the pandemic. With waiting lists for service appointments stretching 4-6 weeks, we leveraged Steve's mechanical skills to introduced Saturday Drop-In Service, allowing people to come by for quick fixes and repairs at a time when waiting lists for service appointments were very long. The service has proved to be so popular that we continue Saturday Service to this day



Steve and Kristin live in Ashland with their children, Anders and Sophie Courtesy Photos

#### What does the award mean to you?

While the Award is a nice recognition of the work we've done to build community and encourage ridership, we hope it serves as validation for all our customers of the choice they make when they support a small business like STBG.

#### How are you involved in Ashland?

We have two children - Sophie is a rising senior, and Anders is a sophomore at UMass Amherst, having graduated with the class of 2021.

Since 2010, Kristin has served as leader of their daughter's Girl Scout troop, a role she is most surprised to be continuing with today, leading a troop of 7 seniors. In the past, Steve served as a member of the town's Conservation Committee while Kristin helped the Friends of the Ashland Library and Ashland Lacrosse. Kristin has ridden in the Pan-Mass Challenge for the past 5 years and both are scheduled to ride in the Pan-Mass Challenge's first gravel fundraiser, Unpaved, in October 2022.

### How long have you lived in Ashland?

We have lived on Grover Road, behind the high school, since 2003 (!).

# What's the best part of being a small business owner?

Flexibility to manage our schedules, the ability to find creative solutions to challenges, and working together as a family are three of the best parts of being small business owners. But, specific to owning a bike shop — This past weekend we watched a woman, who hadn't been on a bike in over 30 years, take her first tentative spins around the parking lot. That moment of simple happiness and joy is what keeps us going even as we continue to face supply chain issues and cost increases.

#### Why Sherborn for a location?

The location in Sherborn has a lot of things in its favor including lots of parking and a large yard (which we used quite a bit during the pandemic when people couldn't come inside); local shopping and food options for visitors; access to a growing trail system for mountain biking and high visibility from riders and drivers. We've been fortunate to have the support of our neighbors here in Sherborn and surrounding towns.

#### Where did they grow up?

Steve grew up outside of Syracuse, New York. Kristin grew up in Natick, and is a graduate of Natick High School. Her parents still live in Natick, and Kristin is on the Board of the Natick Center Cultural District.

# Is there anything I didn't ask that you would like to see in a story?

We see the recommendations, shares, and comments from our friends and neighbors in Ashland, and are incredibly grateful for their support.

# HELP WANTED

# **Warehouse Position**

Seeking interested and high energy person for Warehouse Position. Individual must be highly motivated, organized, and familiar with incoming and outgoing freight as well as day to day warehouse operation. Computer and Phone skills a plus. Medium lifting required.

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# Free meals for all students in Ashland, regardless of income

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has decided to extend free school meals for all students through the 2022-2023 school

What this means for Ashland students is that schools will be offering all students one free breakfast and one free lunch each full school day

Regina Wilkinson, the new Director of Nutrition Services for the Ashland Public schools, said she is "looking forward to my new role and the opportunity to provide delicious, nourishing and healthy meals to all the Ashland students."

Wilkinson said, "This year we will be offering a main menu item of the day, and plenty of entree salads, sandwiches and Grab and Go options each day, including vegetarian options. As we settle back into the new school year, we hope to add a second daily hot option."

In a press release, she said:

We strive to tailor our menus to the age group we are serving, and this seems to fit nicely for our younger students. In addition, there are no a la carte sales at those two schools.

Cash registers will be used at the Warren, Mindess, Middle and High schools. Students will be required to go through the cashier station, as this is how USDA requires us to ensure each child is getting only one reimbursable meal. This is the only way we can offer a la carte items including second meals, for which we must charge students. There are no second meals available at the Warren school, the only a la carte item that is available is a carton of milk for \$.50.

Because everyone will be eligible for a free meal, there will be no need for charging meals.





[kids] Source: www.projectbread.org [graphic] Source: Facebook/groups/MillisPublicForum

"Please remind your child to take all that is offered with the free meal, including plenty of vegetables and fruit.

Should students wish to purchase à la cart items or a second meal, they will need to pay for those items. Wilkinson said there will be no cash accepted at the register.

Students can prepay for a la carte by going to www.myschoolbucks.com and paying online, or they can drop off cash or a check in a sealed envelope with their name clearly written on it to the cafeteria manager at the start of the school day.

Since breakfast is free as well, this would be a perfect time to drop it off and get a free breakfast! Again, funds are only needed for a la carte sales, which includes second meals, which the USDA will not cover.

If students would like a second meal they will first need to go to the cashier to ensure they have funds on their account. The cashier will then process the sale, and give them a ticket to take to the serving line to get the meal.

If you will be sending your child to school with a meal from home, please include any utensils, napkins and condiments such as ketchup or salad dressing. They can purchase milk for \$.50 if they have funds on their account. If your child has a food allergy, please contact the Kitchen Manager at your child's school so they can prepare their meal so it is safe for them to eat.

In July, Gov. Charlie Baker signed a one-year extension of the School Meals for All program that will provide free breakfast and/or lunch to every Massachusetts K-12 student in the 2022-2023 school year, regardless of

For more information, visit https:// bit.ly/3QHfQxS

# ELP WAN

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# **Ashland Library's Recurring Programs**

#### **Children's Room:**

#### Read to a Dog:

\*For kids reading on their own (walk-in, sign up for 15 minute increments):

"Knives and Machete" Every Other Thursday @ 6-7pm

#### (Hybrid) Lapsit for Infants and Toddlers

Wednesdays @ 10:30-11am

## Friday Morning Storytime \*PreK and Up

Fridays @ 11-11:30am

# PJ Story Time with Ryan \*Ages 3 and Up

Tuesdays @ 6pm

#### **Teen Room:**

Coming soon...

#### **Adults:**

#### **Book Clubs:**

#### Virtual - Environmental Book Club

1st Tuesday @ 6:30pm

#### Hybrid - Romance Book Club

1st Thursday @ 6:30pm

#### **Mystery Book Club**

2nd Wednesday @ 6:30pm

#### **Cookbook Club**

2nd Saturday @ 12pm

#### **Bio/Memoir Book Club**

3rd Wednesday @ 11am

Virtual - LGBTQ+ Book Club 4th Monday @ 7pm

#### **Other Adult Programs:**

### Virtual - Friday Night Film Discussion

2nd and 4th Friday @ 7pm

#### Card Making with Jan Poppendieck

2nd Monday @ 6:30pm

#### **Crafting with Brenna**

3rd Wednesday @ 6:30pm

#### **Great Decisions Discussion Group**

3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm

#### **Knitting:**

Mondays at 6pm Saturdays at 2pm

# **Ashland Senior Center**

#### Please SIGN-IN for the class using the kiosk

Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			BREAKFAST from Lions at 9am COA at 10am FCOA at 12pm Line Dancing w/Lisa at 12pm Cribbage at 12:30 pm Mindful Meditation at 1pm	Exercise Class w/Joni at 9:30am Mahjong At 10am CLOSE AT 1PM
CLOSED	Drop-In Watercolor 9:30 - 11:30am Art Class w/Ana at 11am Chair Yoga at 1pm Bingo at 1pm	Drop-In Watercolor 9:30 - 11:30am Exercise Class w/Joni at 9:30am BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK at 10:30am THE FALL OF THE USSR (Virtual Interactive Presentation) at 1:00pm	Line Dancing w/Lisa at 12pm Financial Topics Discussion at 12:30pm Cribbage at 12:30 pm Mindful Meditation at 1pm Backgammon at 1 pm	Exercise Class w/Joni at 9:30am LEGAL CONSULTATION at 10am Mahjong at 10am CLOSE AT 1PM
Exercise Class w/Joni at 9:30am LUNCH 12pm PITCH CARD Game at 12:30 PIANO & VIOLIN CONCERT at 1pm	Watercolor w/Suzie 9:30 -11:30am LISTENNING HOUR w/ Senator SPILKA at 10:30am Chair Yoga at 1pm	Watercolor w/Suzie at 9:30 am Exercise Class w/Joni at 9:30am BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK at 10:30am Parkinson's Boxing at 1:30pm	Line Dancing w/Lisa at 12pm Cribbage at 12:30pm Mindful Meditation at 1pm	Exercise Class w/Joni at 9:30am Mahjong at 10am Legal Seminar at 11am CLOSE AT 1PM
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The Ashland Public Library will be closed from Saturday, Sept 3-Monday, Sept 5th in observance of Labor Day

#### **Adult:**

## Virtual: Climate Change: What it Means for New England

Thursday, September 8 @ 7pm

Quentin Prideaux presents the basic science of climate change and its effect on New England. Combining powerful images of the early effects of climate change with concrete data on what is happening right now, this presentation is both moving and enlightening. The talk will cover the impacts and causes of climate change, the actions we need to take, and what it all means for the Northeast.

#### In Person - YouTube Yoga

Saturday, September 10 @ 9:30am

Join us as we, as a group, relax and stretch with a popular YT yoga instructor (on screen, not in person).

### In Person - Name That Tune - Sixties Edition!

Saturday, September 10 @ 2pm Are you a child of the Summer of Love and Woodstock? If you remember the British Invasion, easy listening, and Motown join us for this groovy opportunity to show off your music mem-

#### Virtual - A Latina Heritage Author Panel with Isabel Cañas, Romina Garber, Priscilla Oliveras, and Caridad Piñeiro

ory of the 60's!

Tuesday, September 13 @ 7pm

We are thrilled to be chatting with these amazing about their journeys to becoming published (and fabulous!) authors, keeping in mind their diverse Hispanic backgrounds.

#### In Person - Dr. Curtiss Hoffman discusses "Stone Prayers: Native American Stone Constructions of the Eastern Seaboard"

Saturday, September 17 @ 1pm This talk offers insights into the lives and practices of native tribes that lived in and around what is today our Town of Ashland

#### In Person - Saturday Needlecraft Club – Learn how to Crochet Granny Square for Blanket

Saturday, September 17 @ 2pm Join our expert needlecrafters in learning a new skill!

#### In Person – Author Nathalia Holt discusses her new book "Wise Gals: The Spies who Built the CIA and Changed the Future of Espionage"

Monday, September 19 @ 3pm Join us for this in person author talk in which we discuss the untold history of the women whose daring foreign intrigues, domestic persistence, and fighting spirit have been and continue to be instrumental to our country's security.

# Virtual - What's on Your TBR pile? with author Simran Jeet Singh

Monday, September 19 @ 7pm

Today we hear from author Simran Jeet Singh, author of "The Light We Give: How Sikh Wisdom Can Transform Your Life". Wonder what he's read and loved lately?

#### Virtual: 13 Moons: A History of Wampanoag Culture

Tuesday, September 20 @ 7pm Join Darius Coombs for an exploration of Wampanoag history through the centuries. Darius will talk about how the Wampanoag Culture thrived during normal times. He will share how this normalcy was disrupted and the consequences of those actions on the people. There have been many efforts to keep the Wampanoag Culture alive and progressive. These accomplishments include the recovery of the language, material culture, self-pride, and more.

#### Virtual - Author David Kruh on "Building Route 128: The Road We Love to Hate" Thursday, September 22 @ 1pm

David Kruh, author of "Building Route 128", will present the complete story of Route 128, from its beginning in the 1920s as an ad hoc collection of two-lane roads that formed a rough arc 15 miles from Boston, through the construction of the divided highway in the 1950s, and then how one man's vision became the catalyst for the fantastic growth around the highway.

# Rom "Con" - Romance Festival at the "Con" cord Free Public Library

Saturday, September 24 @ 10-3pm

We're so excited to be working with the beautiful Concord Free Public Library to bring you this Romance Authors Festival - LIVE and IN PERSON! Meet some of your favorite romance authors, get signed books, listen in on panels, have a small group discussion and, at the end of the day, we'll have a casual tea with all of the authors. It's going to be a fabulous day!

# **Sports**

# Julie Zaveloff Finds Husband Through PMC

By Christopher Tremblay, Staff Sports Writer

The year was 2017 and Julie Zaveloff was getting ready to take part in her first Pan Mass Challenge (PMC) bike ride.

The Ashland native had taught a spin class with friend Jackie Mc-Crillis, who had already been riding the PMC for five years, when she asked Zaveloff to join her.

"I figured, why not? I had done a 108-mile bike ride before," she said. "I may have been a bike rider, but I had never done anything like the PMC, and I really didn't know what to expect. We did the Sturbridge to Provincetown 2-day route and that first day (110 miles) made for a long day."

Zaveloff, who had taken part in numerous 20- and 30-mile bike rides on the weekends, was in for a surprise once she left the gate at Sturbridge that early Saturday morning six years ago.

"Like I said, I had no idea what was to come, but I soon found out that it was going to be fun," the Ashland resident said. "You're out there riding with so many other people, but I never imagined the amount of people that would be thanking us along the route the entire way. It was unbelievable."

As she road along the first day route, Zaveloff recalled all the people who were not only cheering her on, but also remembered all the signs saying, 'Because of you, I'm Alive.'

Although people were lining up in droves, the weather conditions that Saturday in early August were not the most favorable.

"While we did have great weather on the second day, we got some rain on Saturday afternoon and I had never ridden in the rain before," Zaveloff said. "It was not ideal conditions, it was slippery, and we couldn't see in front of us. While we were soaked by the time we got to Bourne at the end of the day we were able to dry off and get warm; unfortunately, cancer patients can't do that — at the end of the day they still have cancer."

Prior to joining up with Mc-Crillis on the PMC trail, Zaveloff noted that she had always wanted to hop on her bike and make the





two-day trek but found the fundraising to be daunting. Lucky for her people have stepped up and made that part of the event much easier for her.

In the beginning the Ashland resident wasn't riding for anyone in particular, she was just riding because she could. Ten years ago, her Aunt Jo was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and was given 4-5 years to live. She got an extra five years of life before she finally succumbed to the disease. Then last November Zaveloff lost her father to liver cancer.

"After I lost my aunt I rode in her memory," Zaveloff said. "Then I lost my dad and added him to my list. There are also other family members and friends that I ride for, so names continue to be added to my jersey. (Zaveloff pins pictures of all those she rides for on her jersey)."

While Zaveloff had been giving hope to Dana Farber patients over the last few years with her participation in the PMC she found something for herself in 2019 during the event.

"Having already been riding as a part of Jackie's team, I was introduced to my now husband in 2019. We got to talking at the end of the first day and then again on the boat coming home on Sunday from Provincetown," she said. "During the reimagined ride of 2020 he proposed to me in Provincetown at the end of the event, it was a complete surprise. After we left Bourne on the second day he had the ring in his



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back pocket the entire second day of the ride."

The two were married and rode their second PMC together this year as a married couple. Now that she has a partner to ride with her, she is looking to continue to take part in the nation's single most successful athletic fundraiser, donating 100% of every rider's raised money to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, as long as her body can handle it.

The PMC is designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability. More than 800 riders and volunteers are cancer-survivors or current patients giving living proof to the PMC's mission. Since its inception by Billy Star 42 years ago, the PMC has donated \$831 million to cancer research and riders have even found true love both with the event and for themselves.



# **Ashland Lions Club September 2022 Update**



#### **Annual Lions Golf Tournament**

Join us for the Ashland Lions Annual Golf Tournament, to be held Monday, September 19th, 2022, at the Highfields Golf and Country Club in Grafton. There will be golf, a meal, raffles and a day of fun to support the Ashland Lions and their mission of donating to Eye Research and Local Charities. Sponsorship opportunities available! For details contact Paul Ciccolo at (508) 326-6230 or Tom Heguy @ (774) 217-3190 or email golf@ashlandlions.org

#### **Eyeglasses and Cellphone Collection**

Eyeglasses and cellphone collection is a year-round project with collection of used prescription and nonprescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. This year we have already collected over 1500 pairs of used eyeglasses this Lionistic year alone.

#### Collection boxes are located at:

Ashland Post Office
Ashland Senior Center
Old train station - Ashland
Moody Optical - Ashland
Middlesex Bank - Ashland
Fayville, MA Post Office
Studio Optics - Framingham
Southborough Senior Center
Southboro Post Office on Rt.85

#### **Upcoming Lions Sightings**

Lions Golf Tournament - September 19 Golf ball drop @ Fun Fest (Ashland HS) - October 22

Meat Raffles at - starting back in October

#### Stay up-to-date on Lions happenings

To see the latest status of our events, please visit our Ashland Lions Facebook page. Click the Like button and you will be automatically notified of changes or cancellations. While you're at it, be sure to follow Ashland Town News too!

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#### **LIBRARY**

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#### Virtual - Hidden Treasures In Town Records

Tuesday, September 27 @ 7pm
This virtual lecture will highlight the benefits of using town
records in genealogy, provide
examples of gems in the records,
suggest ways to locate the records, and present keys to using
these records successfully.

#### Virtual: Author Talk: Morgan Talty

Thursday, September 29 @ 7pm Debut author Morgan Talty will talk about his book, "Night of the Living Rez", a collection of 12 interconnected stories set on the Penobscot Nation in Maine.

#### **Knitting:**

Saturday Needlecraft Club Saturdays at 2pm Monday Needlecraft Club Mondays at 6pm

#### Teens:

#### **Comic Book Collage**

Saturday, September 24 @ 2:00pm

If you have old comic books or graphic novels laying around bring them to the library to cut and glue them into something brand new. The library will have a few graphic novels for you to choose from but we encourage you to bring your own!

#### **Children:**

#### (In-Person) Lego Clubs This Month

\*5 and Up

Thursday, September 8 @ 4pm Thursday, September 22 @ 4pm

## Read-To-A-Dog with Knives & Machete

Thursday, September 15 @ 6pm Thursday, September 29 @ 6pm

# Ed the Wizard Pirate Party (for ages 3 – up)

Saturday, September 17 @ 11am Join us for a fun adventure hunting for treasure. Come dressed in your finest pirate clothes. Each pirate will also receive an eye patch, a pirate hat and a treasure chest to fill with the treasure that you find. Held outside, weather permitting.

#### Friends "Mini" Book Sale!

The Friends are opening up their new(ish) book sale room from 10-1pm on Saturday September 17th. Pop on by to grab some deals and, if you have some donations well, we'll take those, too! It's a combination book sale/donation day!



# Real Estate Corner

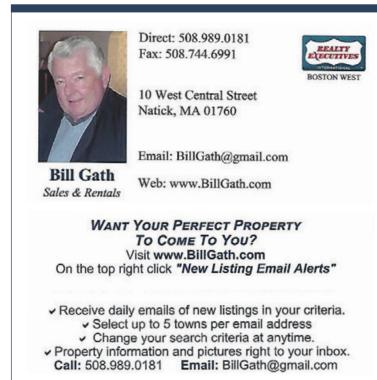
### **Ashland Recent Home Sales**

Date	Ashland	Amount
08/17/2022	30 Fountain Street	\$810,000
08/17/2022	73 Arrowhead Circle	\$460,000
08/15/2022	10 Candlelight Way	\$855,000
08/12/2022	37 Cutler Drive	\$490,000
08/11/2022	89 Leland Farm Road	\$473,000
08/08/2022	35 America Blvd	\$625,000
08/03/2022	90 Roberts Road	\$640,000
08/03/2022	146 Oak Street	\$840,000
08/03/2022	260 Captain Eames Circle	\$500,000
07/29/2022	11 Winesap Way	\$970,000
07/29/2022	38 Pennock Road	\$1.09 mil
07/29/2022	57 Carriage House Path	\$670,000
07/29/2022	96 America Blvd	\$640,000
07/28/2022	271 Cedar Street	\$660,000
07/28/2022	213 Trailside Way	\$370,000
07/26/2022	93 Meeting House Path	\$439,000
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