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## Safe Routes To School

The Holliston Police Department partnered with the Holliston Public Schools to host "Bike, Walk, and Roll to School" last month.

The event had a great turnout for the three different walking groups.



# **Gift Cards Will Go To Holliston Food Pantry**

See our

inside

By Susan Manning STAFF WRITER

While most people in the community are deciding whether to bring a pumpkin, apple or pecan pie to Thanksgiving dinner, there are quite a few who are wondering if they'll have a Thanksgiving

Patrons of the Holliston Pantry Shelf fall into the latter category.

To help alleviate the stress on these people and their families, Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors is once again helping the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other local organizations that support the Holliston community provide gift cards to those in need.

"Many families have depended on these gift cards to make their Thanksgiving day a special one. Last year, close to 200 families were recipients of these gift cards through the Holliston Pantry Shelf or organizations such as Head Start and Wayside Youth. We also continue to support the Holliston Senior Center in their Thanksgiving efforts," said the Thanksgiving Drive Committee.

According to the committee, since Covid the Drive went from food baskets to gift cards. The pantry will provide a \$100 gift certificate to their patrons to purchase their meal; HNN provides the other organizations and individuals with a \$100 gift certificate to Market Basket.

Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors is also collecting hand-made Thanksgiving cards, which will be distributed to the Senior Center. if anyone is so inclined, they can contribute non-perishable food directly to the Holliston Food Pantry for use year-round.

The committee said all donations and cards should be donated by Sunday, Nov. 13, so they can be distributed to the various organizations before Thanksgiving, as well as get the cards to the Senior Cen-

HNN sends big thanks to our local church and scouting youth groups that are making cards.

**GIFT CARDS** 

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Town Administrator Travis Ahern told the Select Board at its March 7 meeting that the quarterly newsletter already had 857 people subscribe as of that date.

The eight-page electronic document includes information for town meeting, updates on town projects, important deadlines, lists seasonal jobs, and much more. To subscribe, visit www. townofholliston.us/subscribe



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The Holliston Food Pantry supports those that are in the greatest need in Holliston. These families have depended on these donations and gift cards to make their Thanksgiving day a special one and we are honored to be a part of that, said the committee.

Donations can be made online at http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations and select Thanksgiving or by mail with a check made out to Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors, Katrine Giroux, 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston, and note that it is for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving cards can be dropped off at 922 Highland St., Holliston — a bin will be at the front door.

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## **Cheering Squad Making its Mark**

level, Holliston Youth Cheer is making its mark.

Coach Melissa Armento said, "Holliston Youth Cheer did great at our first competition of the season at the Power in Pink that took place at Bellingham High."

She said U14, small, level 2 took second place for the first time at level 2. U10 large and

In its first season at the higher small, level 1 teams both took third place in their divisions.

> The team competed in its second competition of the season at Framingham State and U14 took 1st place. U10 Large, level 1 placed 3rd and U10 small, level 1  $\,$ placed 4th out of 13 total.

Armento is proud of the team's work.

"They did an awesome job considering the amount of competition they competed against! We are all headed to EMASS locals in Norton and fingers crossed we will all be off to states

"All the coaches are extremely proud of the athletes and all their hard work," said the coach.











## When Markets Give You Lemons, Make Roth Conversion



**Glenn Brown** 

US equities markets are down considerably in 2022 with S&P 500 Index -23.9% and techladen Nasdaq -34.0% year-to-date through October 16 (YTD 10/16).

At least there's the US bond market to help protect. Oh wait... given rampant inflation, the Fed's blunt instrument of raising rates is making bond values fall. Thus, the US Aggregate Bond Index is down -15.8% YTD 10/16.

Put it all together, a basic 60/40 stock/bond index portfolio is -20.5% YTD 10/16.

What's one to do?

Go to cash until you die?

Well, inflation would be an issue. Consider the tales of lore from parents sharing how much they paid for their first house.

As painful as it has been, step back and view annualized returns of last 3-year period (10/17/19 to 10/16/22), S&P 500 Index is +8.25% and Nasdaq is +8.62%... in line with their 15-year and 25-year averages.

There are many aspects to successful financial planning, including being proactive to change, vetting all options for opportunity and giving yourself time to reflect prior to execution.

A year-end strategy to consider for turning lemons into lemonade is Roth Conversion.

Recall Roth Conversion is the taxable act of converting Traditional IRA assets into a Roth IRA. It increases your taxable income (MAGI) the year you convert and you should pay taxes with non-IRA funds. After age 59

 $\frac{1}{2}$  and owned for at least 5 years, withdrawals are completely tax free.

An added bonus is Roth IRAs are not subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) nor are balances in Roth accounts a factor in determining RMDs for your tax deferred accounts. In short, you'll decrease your tax liablity for years in retirement.

Anyone, regardless of income levels, can convert to a Roth IRA. With portfolios down -20% (or more), market corrections provide an opportunity to convert IRA investments over to Roth, pay less in taxes (as values are depressed) and let the asset rebound inside the Roth over time.

There are complexities and variables, which many CFPs can help with projections, scenarios and provide recommendations beyond "should" or "should not". Proper planning allows you to estimate an appropriate amount to convert this year (and future years), project tax liability and compare scenarios of portfolio and net worth impact with assumptions.

Some considerations:

The pro-rata rule and taxes. When converting, the IRS considers all traditional IRA account balances combined and you must figure out the proportion of which is nondeductible contributions, then use this percentage to determine how much of your conversion will not be taxable. You can't choose to convert only after-tax money; the IRS won't allow it.

Not all-or-nothing. You can develop a plan to spread conversions over several years, even skip a year or two as needed pending MAGI levels and ability to pay taxes with non-IRA assets.

What's done is done. Given that tax law changes now prohibit conversion reversals ("recharacterization"), it is important to be measured, give yourself time to reflect and re-run the latest data before execution.

More to consider beyond this limited space, talk with your tax professional or Certified Financial Planner.

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# Select Board declares dog 'dangerous' and votes for euthanasia

# Hearing was scheduled after an incident on Hargrave Avenue

By Theresa Knapp

At a dangerous dog hearing on Oct. 11, as part of the Holliston Select Board meeting, Ashland and Holliston Animal Control Officer Donna Walsh recalled an incident near regarding a dog bite in late September. The incident took place near the intersection of Hargrave Ave and Kathryn Lane.

"On Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at approximately 8:45 [p.m.], I got a call that there was a dog bite on Hargrave Ave involving a dog that lives at 30 Hargrave. The dog that was bitten, was injured in the attack, and already left the scene for the veterinary hospital. The police were on scene, got all of the in-

formation on both parties, and they sent it to me by email.

"On Friday, Sept. 30, I spoke with Louis Tibaldi about the incident. He stated his dog was attacked by another dog living at 30 Hargrave, #4, owned by Daniel Darienzo, dog named Jax, a male dog called a labmix. The dog got loose from the house supposedly when Mr. Darienzo was letting the dog out on a tether cable attached inside the house. It is a small cable and appears not to be strong enough to hold a dog the size of Jax. Dog is estimated to be about 70 pounds, he's a large dog. Dog grabbed the little Yorkshire terrier [Fauci] around the middle while it was being walked on a

leash. The little dog had several puncture wounds and it perforated his abdomen and stomach, requiring \$4,000 surgery in order to save his life.

"Mr. Tibaldi sustained significant injury to his hand, this happened while trying to get Jax to release his dog. Both Mr. Tibaldi and Mr. Darienzo were on the ground trying to break up the attack. I went to 30 Hargrave with the police officer and spoke with Daniel Darienzo on Friday morning. After doing some investigation, I found the dog was not vaccinated for rabies and was not licensed with the town. I issued four citations: one for running at large, one for failure to vaccinate for rabies, one for failure to license, and one for complaint of nuisance [by] vicious disposition.

"I explained to Mr. Darienzo that I would be requesting a dangerousness hearing for the dog; he would need to put up a secure fence for the dog at his home which he rents the premises, and [he] stated he won't be able to do that. I issued a quarantine order to Mr. Darienzo for 10 days to determine the dog does not have rabies."

Walsh then addressed Darienzo, who attended the hearing.

"Mr. Darienzo, you were not home when I came today. I went to check on Jax to make sure that he was healthy so that we can determine that he doesn't have rabies, that's what the quarantine is for. So the 10 days is up now, and he's fine, that means he does not have rabies. So I was able to visibly see him, he came to the door and greeted us through the window, so I know that he's healthy but I couldn't sign off on it because you weren't there."

Walsh said the tether line she suggested he change, appears to have not been changed.

Town Administrator Travis Ahern read the police report from the same event.

In that report, the officer recalled a similar scene and said, "Daniel took responsibility and offered to pay for Fauci's veterinary bills."

Darienzo first told the Select Board his dog, born in 2020, does have an effective rabies vaccine; he later said he did not. He told the board the first time his dog met the Yorkshire terrier, it bit his dog in the face. He said, "I guess I just never seen a neighborhood that would call the police for a dog that's out running in the street if I'm on his back."

ACO Walsh responded, "It happens all the time."

Tibaldi was also present. Ahern read Tibaldi's complaint aloud which included, "[Jax] backed off a couple of times but he eventually circled back to us and attacked my dog. I yelled for help and tried to stop the attack as best I could. The ensuing battle was heard by several neighbors and many of them came to help. Eventually, we were able to get between the dogs and shelter Fauci who was severely injured and bleeding and laying on the ground. I was also bitten during the fight."

Tibaldi said Fauci underwent surgery the next day, and Tibaldi received stitches for his hand injury. Tibaldi ended his complaint by stating the dog should be euthanized.

Darienzo agreed with Tibaldi's recollection of the incident.

The Select Board referred to two prior complaints on the dog. Member Tina Hein read from a May 2021 police report wherein the ACO performed a wellbeing check was performed for a dog reportedly being abused by owner. The other incident was Feb. 2021 where a resident claimed Jax jumped on her and knocked her over.

Darienzo said these two complaints are not accurate.

Neighbor Amanda Cataldo was a witness to the Sept. incident which she said was "traumatic" and "quite a graphic scene." She recalled the incident and said the dog was a danger to the neighborhood.

Darienzo said his dog is not let out intentionally but sometimes escapes out the door. He said, "He's just a little bit rambunctious but, again, he's still just a puppy."

When asked by Select Board member John Cronin if the dog was vaccinated and licensed, Darienzo said he was not. Jax has an appointment to get the rabies shot in the near future and the dog license has expired.

"The incident, per se, is accurate," says Darienzo. "He [Tibaldi] was trying to save his

dog"

Select Board Chair Ben Sparrell said, "The issue is your dog attacked another dog. That's why we're here. That's why there's a dangerousness hearing - your dog attacked another dog...There's a lot here but particularly in this incident, you're not controlling your dog, your dog's not licensed, and you don't have rabies vaccinations. I'm just concerned, are you taking care of your dog?"

Darienzo said he was, and offered to share a picture of his dog.

ACO Walsh made a recommendation to the board.

"I recommend, due to the previous incidents and my feeling is that Mr. Darienzo is not able to handle a dog like Jax, there's just been too many incidents and I feel it's just a public safety threat at this point. He rents the apartment so putting up a fence - first of all it's only as good as the dog owner; if we had even a self-contained kennel is only as good as the dog owner getting him into it. I feel with the multiple incidents and the seriousness of this attack, my recommendation is euthenasia for Jax. I don't believe that there's going to be a rescue that will even entertain the thought of taking him on."

From the audience, Darienzo said, "No one's going to euthanize my dog, it's not happening."

The board expressed concerns about the way the dog is being cared for.

Chair Sparrell said, "It would be against public safety to do anything else, unfortunately, and I have to concur with the recommendations of the Animal Control Officer...she is an expert in understanding what dogs need and what they require, and her recommendation carries a lot of weight for me."

After a lengthy hearing, the board unanimously voted "to declare the dog at 30 Hargrave Avenue, known as 'Jax,' a dangerous dog for which the Select Board has determined that the dog be humanely euthanized."

Cronin noted that the owner cannot relocate and take the dog with him.

Sparrell said at the end of the hearing, "This is one of the harder things we have to do as a board."



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## The b.LUXE **beauty beat**

## **Hitting Our Stride**

By GINA WOELFEL

Hello! It's good to be back! As you may have noticed, The Beauty Beat took a brief hiatus to focus and fine tune a few projects we had in the works, but we're back and we can't wait to share what we've been working on!

Let me catch you up...

The past two years have been a whirlwind for the studio, but we've finally settled into our new space and we're hitting our stride! When we decided to expand b.LUXE, we did so with our clients' comfort in mind. We wanted to create a space that was not only beautiful, but functional and we're happy to say that we achieved both! The studio is open and airy with plenty of natural light and is the perfect setting for our creative team. The new, larger studio has also allowed us to add a beautiful skincare department with luxurious spa treatments, tanning and lash services. We love that this renovation has made the b.LUXE experience all the more enjoyable!

In addition to our new space, we've also expanded our team! We're thrilled to welcome some new faces to the b.LUXE family. We're constantly striving to offer the most current beauty services at b.LUXE and our new talent is a big part of achieving that goal!

2022 was also a HUGE year with the OFFICIAL launch of our b.LUXE BEAUTY BRANDS. Our first product, BEFORE Oil, was previewed last year before its final packaging to rave reviews! b.LUXE BEFORE OIL is a preventative, pre-shampoo, treatment that's designed to be your first line of defense against hair damage. It's made with organic sunflower and prickly pear oil and our powerhouse ingredient - broccoli seed oil, an essential element that protects like nothing you've ever used before!

Our BEFORE Oil is featured in this year's holiday gift offer.

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The Holiday Hygge box includes our luxurious and rejuvenating BEFORE Oil, a super absorbent, eco-friendly hair wrap made from natural bamboo and organic cotton, a scalp massaging brush and a wide-toothed, static-free comb.

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By year's end, we'll also be introducing two new products to our beauty brand:

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## **Agricultural Commission future unknown**

## Lack of participation will affect Farm Day

By Theresa Knapp

The fate of Holliston's Agricultural Commission is up in the air as members say participation from the town's 20-plus agricultural businesses is low, almost non-existent.

AgComm Chairperson Carrie Marsh Loscocco and member Cherie Hafford met with the Select Board on Oct. 11 to discuss the future of the commission. Both women are stepping down.

Hafford told the board, "The one takeaway I'd love to leave

you all with is that the AgComm wants to serve the agricultural community but if there's no feedback, there's no engagement, there's no feeling of 'What do you need? What do you want? How do we help? What's the way that we can be supportive?' - it's pretty tough to set an agenda or move forward or maintain enthusiasm."

Select Board member John Cronin said, "Holliston's been a farming community for about 300 years, it's only had an Ag-Comm for about 15 [or] 17 years, and I'm starting to wonder if the farmers in our community really want this." He suggested the town send a letter to the town's agricultural businesses directly and ask if they want an Agricultural Commission and ask what they can do to make it a success. "There's nothing worse than a volunteer feeling worthless and, at this point, I wouldn't want anybody else to go through something like that."

Loscocco said the committee previously distributed a survey but received little response. Town Administrator Travis Ahern said he would draft a letter to be sent to the businesses to gauge their interest.

Holliston is a Right-to-Farm community and the AgComm provides resources to residents regarding farming, being a good AgComm neighbor, and protecting farmland. They also orchestrate Farm Day, a day attended by residents of Holliston and neighboring towns.

Hafford said the AgComm has devolved into event plan-

# The town's Agricultural Commission bylaw (Article XXXVIX) states:

"This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Holliston by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies."

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ning, grant writing, and marketing, which are not the roles or purpose of the committee. "Somehow there has to be a reconnection, a re-engagement of the agricultural businesses in Holliston with the AgComm."

Loscocca added, "I was constantly emailing, phone calls, knocking on people's doors, and at a certain point, if no one responds or if there's no interest, you stop knocking."

Both Loscocca and Hafford said they would be pleased to continue on the commission, and help promote "agri-tourism," if they could get buy-in.

Board member Tina Hein said, "The big question is what is the board's next step?...The bylaw is very specific and it's very strong and positive and, for me, it defines the community that I live in. I think it's a very accurate description of what Holliston values."

The board thanked the Ag-Comm members for their work and Ahern will share with them the draft letter to businesses.

For more information, visit https://hollistonagcom.org/where you can also find a list of the town's agricultural businesses.



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## Turning a Kid's Room Into a Teen's Room



John Szolomayer

### **REAL ESTATE INSIGHTS**

Time flies. One day, you are giving birth to your child, and the next time you blink, your baby has grown up right before your very eyes. But how do you know when it is time to trade the kidlike theme of his or her bedroom for something far more suitable for someone entering their teen years?

It all starts with asking your child whether they are ready to upgrade their childhood bedroom. From there, you can start making changes and creating a bedroom that is fit for a teen, as long as you have your child's permission. Keep reading for a few tips on how to transform a kid's playful bedroom into a teenager's cool hangout space.

Get their input - The first step in making a successful conversion from a child's room to a teen's room is to ask for input directly from your kid. As your child gets older, he or she will prefer to have far more autonomy over their belongings, including their room. Plus, being involved in decisions about their own lives will help them become more self-assured and vocal about what they want in life.

It's highly likely you made all the interior design decisions for them as a child, but now that they are getting older, it's important to let them be involved in the process of putting together their more mature, teenage-inspired room. Doing so will allow them to express where they are now and give them a sense of freedom and growth.

**Upgrade the décor** - After consulting your child and getting a feel for what he or she envi-

sions for the room, you can start removing anything that has a far-too-youthful vibe for a teenager. Change the art, switch up the color scheme and replace furnishings that are no longer a good fit for your child's age range, such as a juvenile-looking lamp or toys made for children.

But don't feel like you have to throw out everything that no longer suits your child's needs. Instead of donating or recycling anything you plan to remove from your child's room, consider repurposing the items instead. For example, certain furniture pieces can be converted into something more suitable for an older child. Sometimes, all it takes is a little bit of paint and imagination.

Create a study space - As your child enters high school and makes the transition to a teenager, he or she will start to take on more academic responsibilities, especially as they reach the age when it's time for college preparation. By creating a study space for your child, you'll be providing them with a mindset that is conducive to studying and

doing well in school — and setting them up for success. You can think of it as being similar to designing a work-from-home space because that's basically what a teen's room is! Make sure your child's new room is equipped with an area for writing, reading and using a computer.

Add plenty of storage - There may not be a single parent out there who doesn't get frustrated every now and again by the mess in their teen's room. Luckily, there are ways to combat the disarray. The best way to mitigate this is by providing enough storage in your child's room, which will make it easier for them to return their belongings to their

proper places. A great option in terms of storage space is a closet organizing system for your teen's clothes. Think about installing shelves for their books or board games. Use closed storage for anything your child might want to keep out of sight. The list of storage ideas goes on and on, but it all comes down to helping your child stay organized.

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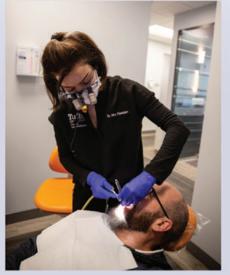




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## **Charles River Chorale Rebuilds After COVID**

By Grace Allen

No doubt about it, the pandemic decimated community choruses. But a local group, the Charles River Chorale, is looking towards the future and actively recruiting new members, banking on the hope that COVID is finally in the rearview mirror.

Anne McKee has been singing with the Charles River Chorale for close to a decade. The Norfolk resident, an at-large board member for the organization, says prospective members don't have to be professional singers or even have performed with a chorus in the past to join.

"If you enjoy any kind of music, singing in a group is just fun," she said. "It's different than singing alone. The beauty of music is when you put voices together, because the sound that comes out is so joyous. And when we're together and singing, any stress goes out the window."

The group is under the direction of Holliston resident Ashley F. Nelson-Oneschuk, a music professional in her 7th year with the Charles River Chorale. She is also the choral director for Medway High School.

Nelson-Oneschuk says the pandemic put a lot of things in perspective for music educators.

"More than ever I am focused

on cultivating a joyful community first, with excellent musical experiences as the vessel to achieve this," she said.

During the height of the pandemic, the Charles River Chorale met virtually. Through Zoom sessions, group members individually recorded themselves singing and then that music was combined electronically into full choral renderings for several virtual concerts. Not everyone was comfortable with the togetherbut-apart way of performing, however, and membership de-

"The group that remained after the proverbial waters had receded represented what I felt was the heart and soul of the group—in musicality but more so in passion and dedication," explained Nelson-Oneschuk.

Wrentham resident Brenda Trapani is entering her eighth season with the Charles River Chorale. She sang in high school choir and later participated in musical theatre. After a span of years without participating in any music groups, she decided to join the Charles River Chorale with a friend. Trapani says director Nelson-Oneschuk has cultivated an atmosphere of enthusiasm and a desire to improve among members.



"She's a great leader, great teacher, and very patient," said Trapani. "She instills in you a desire to practice your music in between rehearsals. She teaches breathing techniques which then help you to carry notes for longer. She's an excellent choir director."

Bob Archibald is the new chairperson for the Charles River Chorale. The Franklin resident joined in 2019 and says he was "smitten" with singing in a chorus again for the first time since high school. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Archibald is confident in the future of the organization.

"I am immensely proud of Ashley, Greg Quilop (our outgoing chair), our Board, and all of our members for leading us through these past few years," he said in an email. "My role as the incoming chairperson is to guide us through a rebuilding process that is already well underway. We look forward to welcoming back those who could not participate during the last few years. We have a wonderful group of singers who enjoy each other and love Ashley's approach in guiding us to be our best."

This past May, the remaining chorus members came together on stage for the first time in 2.5 years for a performance themed "Hope, Joy, and Friendship Move us Forward." Rehearsals were conducted with safety in mind, said McKee, who noted that Nelson-Oneschuk employs COVID safety practices determined by the CDC and the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Charles River Chorale members hail from several area communities, and they range in age from high school students to octogenarians. The group typically holds winter and spring concerts, with the next concert scheduled for Sunday, December 4 at 2

p.m. at Medway High School.

As the chorus is set to mark almost four decades of making music, the organization is poised to recover from the last few challenging seasons and emerge stronger than ever. Music, after all, can connect and bring people together, but most of us would agree that it's much better in person.

"This coming year is set to be a rebirth," said Nelson-Oneschuk. "We are thrilled to welcome back many former members ready to return, as well as many new faces whose choirs did not survive the pandemic, and others who want to find a new community and musical opportunity."

The Charles River Chorale rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Millis. Membership dues for the nonprofit organization support operating costs. There are no dues for high school students, and scholarships based on need are available. There is also a separate children's choir for children in Grades 2 through 6.

For more information about the organization and the upcoming open rehearsals, visit https:// www.charlesriverchorale.com. Sponsorships and advertising opportunities are available.

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## **Holliston Senior Center News and Events**

## **3 Great Ways to Meet Someone New & Learn Something New!**

1. "Select Chat" \*\*Date Change in Sept, see Calendar\*\* First Friday every month from 9:30am 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!

2. "Veterans Coffee Hour"

Third Thursday every month from 9:30am to 10:30am

MetroWest Director of Veterans Services, Sarah Bateman, will be hosting a Coffee Hour where you can ask questions, learn about new programs and share stories. All are welcome!

3. "Coffee with the Holliston Police"

> First Tuesday of the month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Sergeant Remkus and Officer Ciavarra are here to answer your questions and fill you in on the current happenings around town! Please bring a topic you would like to discuss.

Call the Senior Center to sign up for any of these activities at 508-429-0622.

### **Colorings**

Mondays, 9:30-11:00 am Join us for relaxing adult coloring. This is a great way to unwind. All supplies are provided.

#### **Game Day**

Mondays, 1:30-4:00 pm Join us for a fun time playing cribbage, dominoes and more! No experience required.

## **Monthly Breakfast**

Second Tuesday of the Month 9:00 am

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Start your day with a smile and a hot cup of coffee while enjoying classic breakfast favorites. You must sign up 2 business days in advance by calling the Center.

#### **Writers' Group**

First Tuesday of the Month 10:00 am—12:00 pm Instructor: Lois Hosmer

All pieces are welcome. Enjoy a morning of listening, writing, and camaraderie. Hope to see you there.

## **Monthly Programs**

#### Watercolor

Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm (\$4 Donation Requested) Instructor: Brenda Goldman, BFA Each week, paint along with your instructor, Brenda, as she guides you through your watercolor painting experience. Experience live demonstrations and lots of individual instruction. Bringing your own supplies recommended.

### **Friday Crafters**

Fridays 9:30-12:00 pm Open to all types of sewing, knitting and crafts! Our craft group is happy to help you with your personal projects. They will also teach you a new craft project once a month. A great time to chat and learn from each other.

#### **Book Club**

Second Friday of the Month 1:30 pm

Join for great books and thought-provoking conversation! Books are listed on the next page. The Holliston Public Library can assist with getting books and can be reached at 508-429-0617. New members are always wel-

#### **Tune Timers Band**

Fridays, 1:00-4:00 pm Come to the Center every Friday to listen to the Tune Timers Band. There is plenty of room for dancing and singing. A fun-filled afternoon is guaranteed.

#### **Veterans Coffee Hour**

Third Thursday at 9:30 am MetroWest Director of Veterans Services, Sarah Bateman, will be hosting a Coffee Hour the 3rd Thursday every month at the Senior Center. All are welcome!

# **Ahern to remain Town Administrator through 2026**

## Travis Ahern was awarded another threeyear contract, effective July 1

By Theresa Knapp

At its meeting on Oct. 3, the Holliston Select Board unanimously voted to offer another three-year contract to current Town Administrator Travis Ahern. The contract will take effect July 1, 2023.

Ahern, who started in the role in July 2020, thanked the board and the town for the new con-

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tract. "I think it signals a strong message to staff that I'm here for longer as we continue to build this team and make improvements," he said.

Regarding negotiations, Select Board Chair Ben Sparrell said, "We sat down with Travis and heard about where he was coming from, and then we talked

to labor counsel and worked out a few kinks, and we came to an agreement with Travis to sign him for a contract for another three years...We're really grateful to have him here."

"This was a very easy deci-

sion," said Select Board member Tina Hein. "He is doing an excellent job. We are lucky to have had him for the time that we have, and are very much grateful that we will continue to have him for another three-year contract."

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## **Fall 2022 Elections information**

person or vote on Election Day.

#### **Vote by Mail**

All registered voters qualify to vote by mail in the fall 2022 elections. Prior to the election, a post card application will be mailed to ALL registered voters, at their mailing address:

APPLY EARLY to allow ample time for processing your application and for the postal services to deliver your ballot to you.

Applications can be returned by pre-paid postage or placed in the drop box near the side entrance Town Hall (703 Washington St).

A signature is required in order to process your application. Questions can be directed to townclerk@holliston.k12.ma.us

### **Track Your Application** and Ballot

Voters who have applied for a vote by mail ballot may track the status of their application as well as when their ballot was returned to the Town Clerk. Please note that we anticipate a large volume of applications, and request that you allow at least 1 week before checking the status of your application and allow a minimum of 10 days to receive your ballot from the status date of mailing. Inquiries should be sent to townclerk@holliston.k12.ma.us

### Vote by mail, vote early in Return of Vote By Mail **Ballots**

Mailed Ballots include a postage pre-paid return envelope that is addressed to the Town Clerk's Office. You may return your ballot by mail (please see deadlines below) or hand deliver your ballot by placing it in the drop box outside of the side entrance at Town Hall (deadline is close of polls on Election Day).

Ballots can NOT be returned to the polling location on Election Day - they must be returned to the ballot drop box located outside at the side entrance of Town Hall (703 Washington St). Your returned ballot on Election Day will be processed and brought to the polls to be cast by the Town Clerk's staff.

Voters who receive a vote by mail ballot but have not returned it prior to Election Day may appear to vote in person and cast a ballot on Election Day. Any voter that has returned a vote by mail ballot (or voted early in person) is not permitted to appear to vote in person on Election Day.

## **Deadlines for ballots to** be returned and counted

- November Election -
- Ballots returned in the drop box must be received by 8PM on Nov. 8th.

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY LOCATION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE
State Election	Nov. 8, 2022	High School	7 AM - 8 PM	Nov. 1st - 5PM

· Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Nov. 8 AND received by the Town Clerk by 5PM on Nov. 12th.

Please note that US Postal delivery services are not consistent and can range from 3 to 11 days. We recommend voters return their ballots in the drop box outside of Town Hall by 8PM on Election Day to ensure it is

## **Vote Early in Person**

Early Voting in person will be available for the fall 2022 elec-

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## **State Election Early Vot**ing in Person

Dates: Oct. 22nd -Nov. 4th

Town Hall-Location: 703 Washington Street - Select Board Meeting Room

Day	Date	Hours
Tuesday	11/1	8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday	11/2	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	11/3	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	11/4	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

## **Vote on Election Day-**What you need to know before you go

All Elections are held at the Holliston High School Gym -370 Hollis Street, Holliston, MA

## Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Bring an ID - in some cases voters will be required to show an ID

Unenrolled (commonly known as Independent) voters will need to choose which primary ballot type they want to vote on). Voters who are registered in a particular party (Democrat, Republican) MUST take that party ballot type - verify your party enrollment or change your party enrollment

## **Electioneering During Early Voting in Person**

No poster, card, handbill, placard, picture or circular intended to influence the action of the voter shall be posted, exhibited, circulated or distributed within one hundred and fifty feet (150') of the building entrance door to Town Hall.

## **FAQ Early Voting by mail** or in person:

If I applied for a vote by mail ballot can I appear to vote in person at an early voting site or at the polls on Election Day?

YES - If your vote by mail ballot has not been received back to the Town Clerk's Office, you may still appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day or at an early voting site. These voters will be required to complete additional paperwork and will need to show an ID. Should your mail in ballot be received after you voted early in person or at the polls on Election Day that ballot will be rejected and will not be counted.

NO - If a vote by mail ballot has already been received back by the Town Clerk's Office.

A returned vote by mail ballot is considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, early in person or in person at the polls on Election Day.

If I vote early in person can I appear to vote in person at the polls on Election Day?

 $\ensuremath{\text{NO}}$  - If you appeared to vote early in person your ballot will be considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, or in person at the polls on Election Day. Voting in Person at the Polls after submitting an early ballot is prohibited as outlined in 950 CMR 47.19.

#### When & how is an early voter's ballot (by mail or in person) cast?

All vote by mail and early voting in person ballots will be opened and or fed through the tabulators at the polls on Election Day. These ballots will be kept secured, locked, and unexamined until the polls are closed on Election Day.

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# **History-Mystery Rallye Wraps Up 2022 Charity Drive**

"Your participation in our History-Mystery Rallye made the weekend and our charity raffle campaign a huge success again this year!" Those were the words raffle co-chairman Tom Anguish expressed to the people gathered together after St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council hosted a fun-filled road rallye which ran throughout Holliston on a beautiful Sunday, October 9th afternoon.

The council's Paul Saulnier put together a road rallye which pitted teams of drivers and navigators following one of five different sets of instructions on a hunt throughout the town finding historical signs and other interesting markers. This was not a speed event, but rather one which required strictly following the directions on their maps. Everyone had a lot of fun, which was evidenced by the fact that almost all of the prize money won by the five top teams was returned to the council to be added to their charitable do-



nations. Now that's a tribute to what the council's efforts are trying to achieve!

While the rallye winners were being determined, Grand Knight Al Scaramella coordinated the drawing for the council's 14th Annual Charity Raffle. This year's campaign raised \$20,000 which, along with their very successful Golf Tournament held in June, combined for a total







of \$29,000 for charity in 2022. This year's campaigns will benefit pantry shelves, Homes for Our Troops, Tunnels To Towers, the Holliston Senior Center, the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation





for Autism, the Holliston Historical Society, and other smaller charitable donations. The raffle winners were Stan Smith, Sherri Wales, Jamie Feeney, St. Anthony's Franciscan Monastery (someone purchased tickets for them), and Tunnels To Towers (someone purchased tickets for the charitable organization).

This year's fundraising will bring the council's 14 years of charitable donations to about \$285,000. Tom Anguish thanked everyone who contributed to the great success again this year. That extends to the knights who put in countless hours selling the tickets and especially to all those who supported the campaign by purchasing tickets. Al Scaramella simply said that "The end is not in sight. We'll keep going until the charities don't need help any longer."





# Recycling Center to be open Sundays through January

The Holliston Recycling Center will be open on Sundays in November, December, and January, except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

At the Select Board meeting on Sept. 27, Town Administrator Travis Ahern said the additional hours will help residents dispose of leaves and brush in November, and cardboard after the holidays.

According to its webpage, the Marshall Street Recycling Area accepts:

- Leaf and yard waste
- Metals
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Electronic Waste (see website for details)
- Textiles (see website for details)

For more information, visit https://bit.ly/3ThW4Kz.





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## **Promises Kept**

By Sean Sullivan

For many families struggling under the threat or reality of homelessness, Covid arrived as a pandemic within a pandemic. The housing crisis had been spreading for years across America and beyond, a pathogen spawned in part by an inadequate quantity of homes and their commodification.

Family Promise Metrowest is a nonprofit whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness - an organization that has been buffeted too these past few years by the pandemic within a pandemic. The Massachusetts chapter was founded in 2008, just one of many across the country.

Formerly, Family Promise Metrowest worked closely with religious congregations to house families struggling with homelessness. The group had established relationships with these various congregations throughout the region, and the latter would lend out their schools as havens to house families in need.

One shortcoming to that system was that a given family could only remain housed at a congregation for a week at a time. A family would store their belongings at the Family Promise Day Center in Natick, where they could shower and bathe, prepare for work and school.

Evenings, that family would then go to congregations where they would have a home-cooked dinner, time to connect, and place to sleep. Come morning, the routine would repeat at the Day Center. They were then moved to a new congregation, where the process would begin again.

Imagine all the trials and travel of the work and school week, and then add atop that the stresses and uncertainties of living under a new roof - every seven days. Though use of the







congregation space was a free and most welcome resource, this rotating model was less than ideal for families treading water, struggling to reach a stable shore.

Then came Covid, and the congregation model was jettisoned virtually on a dime. As was commonplace in those heady and uncertain days of 2020, congregations were reluctant to welcome more people near their pandemic "pod," for risk of ex-

posing their flock to the virus.

Family Promise turned in-

Family Promise turned instead to housing families in local hotels - a costly alternative, but one made more viable via pandemic-assistance programs provided then by government.

Then more recently, the Natick chapter of Family Promise lost its executive director. She stepped away near the start of summer to pursue other goals, and the organization was left to







deal with a much more localized challenge amid the global crisis brought on by Covid.

"We had a whole lot of things hit us all at once," said Amanda Elkin. "So it was a lot of fresh starts for us in June."

She had been serving as Communications Director for Family Promise Metrowest's Natick chapter, and took on the job as interim Executive Director while the organization seeks a full-time staff member to fill the spot.

Yet among the many silver linings large and small to be found among the lingering dark cloud that is Covid, there was this. The pandemic gave Family Promise a perch to glean a new perspective.

For many workers broadly, that new perspective proved they could do their jobs from home. It meant the daily sentence of round-trip commutes were commuted, and they could repurpose that time toward far more fruitful and fulfilling pursuits. They

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# **Sports**

# **Volleyball Team's Goals Stress Grassroots Approach**

## New Holliston Coach Has Franklin High Pedigree

By KEN HAMWEY Staff Sports Writer

The Holliston High girls volleyball team and its first-year coach set some very interesting goals at the start of the season — objectives that did not specifically mention playoff hopes or tournament seedings.

Bob Scumaci, who was hired a week before pre-season practice began in August, didn't have much time to settle into his role, but he and his players quickly formulated what their priorities were for the 2022 campaign. Their list was a grassroots approach to competing.

"We came up with seven goals," said Scumaci, who coached Franklin High's freshman girls to a 15-0 record last year. "We emphasized playing as a team, playing with humility, integrity and respect for our opponents, embracing challenges, improving throughout the season, advancing the players' knowledge of the game, working hard every day, and winning more matches than last year."

At Local Town Pages deadline, the Panthers, who play in the challenging Tri Valley League's Large Division, had a 3-8 record but could still be in line for a playoff berth because of the tourney process that gives weight to strength of schedule and margin of victory/defeat.

"We won't reach the goal to surpass last year's regular season win total of 11 but the girls play hard every game," said Scumaci, who's coaching experience has been as a club team assistant/volunteer and his one year at Franklin.

The Panthers' team strengths, however, have played a role in achieving many of their goals. "Our strengths are a good volleyball IQ, technical skills, athleticism, a strong work ethic, depth and experience," Scumaci noted. "We've got depth because our players are willing to be versatile and to assume responsibility and we've got experience because all of the girls have played at the club level."



Bob Scumaci coached the Franklin High freshman girls volleyball team to a 15-0 record last year.

Holliston's captains — seniors Mia Quinzani (middle hitter) and Lauren Neville (setter) and junior Annie Vallatini (middle hitter) — possess most of the strengths listed by Scumaci. And, they all lead by example and by being communicative.

"Mia is an excellent hitter and blocker," Scumaci said. "And, she's the hardest worker on the team. She relies on effort and strives every day to do everything the right way. Lauren sets the ball with grace and finesse. She's an instinctive player whose serving is excellent and she gets lots of assists. Annie is versatile, able to play any position. A smart player, she competes with character and is always willing to help in any way."

Three juniors who play key roles are Vanessa DeSimone (libero), Lucie Barre (outside hitter) and Emelia Weiseth (setter, right-side hitter).

"Vanessa is fearless," Scumaci offered. "She's willing to jump over a table to get to a ball. She plays with great effort and determination. Lucie is a hard hitter who aims to excel every day. She's an excellent blocker and hitter. Emelia is versatile. She's a smart player who hits hard and relies on excellent instincts."

Two other juniors who contribute consistently are Brooke Reiss (libero) and Ava Darling (middle, right-side hitter).



The Holliston High girls volleyball team competes intensely, focusing on some key attributes.

"Brooke is always trying to improve," Scumaci said. "A hardworker, she's a good passer and serves consistently. Ava is one of the best athletes on the team. An intelligent player, she's very effective hitting and blocking."

Sophomore Veronika Stasevich has carved out a role as an outside hitter. "Veronika does her job in a humble way," Scumaci noted. "She hits hard, is a great server and her passing is phenomenal."

Four reserves who no doubt will be prime contributors in the future are juniors Julia Quatromoni (outside, right-side hitter) and Isabelle Glenn-Smith (middle, outside hitter) and sophomores Ashley Rokus (middle hitter) and Aila Montvila (setter, right-side hitter).

"These players are essential to the success of our team," Scumaci emphasized. "They've got ability, they work hard in practice and they'll be ready when needed."

The 63-year-old Scumaci is a native of Yonkers, N.Y., where he played football and baseball at Roseville High School. An accounting major at Fordham University in New York, he worked as the chief financial officer for Sepracor of Marlboro, a pharmaceutical company. Now retired and living in Hopkinton,

he's married and the father of two sons and a daughter.

"I coached and studied volleyball at the club level when my daughter played," he said. "After my first year at Franklin last season, I decided to get involved at the varsity level. I wanted to implement strategies, drill techniques and be a decision-maker."

The decisions Scumaci made as coach of Franklin's freshmen resulted in a 15-0 record. And, his style and approach at Holliston have made his transition to varsity status enjoyable for him and his team. "It's important to mention my assistants," he said. "Beth Smith is our freshman coach and Joel Bernstein works

with the jayvees. Both are outstanding and are assets for the program."

Scumaci has a down-to-earth philosophy of coaching. "As long as the girls are playing hard, working as a team and being respectful, I'll always be pleased," he said. "If those things are occurring, then winning usually is the by-product."

Scumaci also is pleased when his players learn valuable life lessons while competing. "Sports can teach players the value of a strong work ethic, how to win with humility, how to be good teammates and how to be resilient when dealing with challenges," he noted.

Holliston's volleyball program should have a positive future with Bob Scumaci at the helm. One key administrator, Holliston Athletic Director Matt Baker, thinks so.

"It was great to hire a coach from Franklin that has one of the top programs in the state," Baker emphasized. "Bob is a student of the game and has a tremendous amount of knowledge, which enabled him to hit the ground running.

"We've been very competitive the last few seasons and the volleyball program is going to continue its upward trend with Bob in charge. Our teams have made the tournament three years in a row and last year won its first two tourney games. I would expect the team to be in the hunt for another berth after playing in the competitive TVL, one of the best leagues in the state."



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could be more closely connected to family and community.

For Family Promise, that pandemic pause offered a step off the treadmill also, a view of the big picture and a vision of ways the program might be changed for the better. The organization had known the rotating congregation model entailed added burdens for families already struggling under the weight of circumstances; Family Promise had been debating ways to change that model for some time.

Yet Covid offered the organization some breathing space, the opportunity to develop a 5-year strategic plan to map the Family Promise vision and future. A more stable, static model was agreed upon, one where families would be housed exclusively at the Day Center, while all stakeholders worked toward the attainment of more permanent housing solutions.

In addition, the Day center was renovated this year, a physical upgrade to aptly complement the organization's new philoso-

phy and programs. The Day Center can now temporarily house up to three families while staff work with them to transition into homes of their own.

And within that new model and renovated Day Center, families also were afforded more breathing room. Stability begets stability, and the inverse also holds true. Faced with all the up and downs, the uncertainties that come with homelessness - trying to get a leg up in such situations is daunting at best. Like trying to build a birdhouse while riding a rollercoaster.

"It's been awesome," said Elkin. "They can spend time and energy focused on their goals."

That's also where another recent Family Promise innovation has proved invaluable. By focusing on keeping families in their homes, The Life program seeks to short circuit the downward trends that can lead to homelessness, stop the crisis before it happens. That, says the organization, is far less disruptive to families, easier and cheaper than getting them back into housing once they've lost it.

A major component of Family Promise programs has always been coaching. Staff and volunteers act as an advocate and source of accountability, working closely with them to budget, search for jobs, attain educational credentials, and much more.

And that coaching dynamic has been a major part of the Life program's success. Family Promise works with families at risk of losing a home or apartment, sometimes acting as liaison between tenant and landlord to prevent that end.

The far greater portion of Family Promise funding comes from donations, said Carole Brodrick. She is Director of Development of Family Promise's Natick chapter. The organization relies on grants and community fundraising events, such as the Walk to End Homelessness.

"We really have to do a lot of fundraising on our own," she said. "Families are struggling. We're really educating the community to see how we can come together and help."

## **Holliston SEPAC Gives Back**

The third annual Holliston SEPAC Gives Back is happening now!

#### What is it?

An annual grant for families of children that receive special education or support services through Holliston Public schools. Holliston Public School staff who provide these services may also apply.

#### How does it work?

Parents or caregivers of Holliston Public School students receiving special education or support services can apply for grant money based on a specific need or item that student may need. Holliston Public School staff providing these services can also apply for grant money for a specific item for a classroom or for a student. Grants can range from \$25-\$200 per family or classroom. Examples include weighted blanket, stability ball, sensory swing, adaptive equipment etc.

#### How do I apply?

Please send an email to Hollistonsepac@gmail.com with the following information:

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- Contact information (name, email and position in the school system)
- · What item or items would be purchased with this grant money and how would it benefit a student/classroom or what need will it fulfill in relation to special education.
- The approximate cost of the item or items

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## **Road repairs** continue on Route 16/126

## Neighbors experiencing issues should contact Town Administrator

By Theresa Knapp

At the meeting of the Holliston Select Board on Sept. 27, Holliston Town Administrator Travis Ahern reported there is a "broad schedule" on the town website for the Department of Transportation project on Route 16/126.

Ahern said the sidewalk work had begun and was affecting traffic in the area. He said, "We do not control the schedule, it is not our project, it is a stateowned roadway, and it is DOT's project." The sidewalk work was taking place during the day and "the majority of work outside that section of the project is to be done at night which will obviously not impact commuting."

Any neighbors experiencing any issues with the project, should contact the Town Administrator's office.

Ahern said the next phase of work relates to "castings and looping of traffic areas and then, beyond that, they have a tentative start date, of paving as of Oct 16, [which] additionally will be done during the night" (after

According to the website, after the paving is completed,

- Highland Street crosswalk; Washington Street crosswalk at Highland Street
- Oak Street/Summer Street (Rt. 126) through island at
- · East of Cross Street area (based on sight distance)
- Marked Tree Road area

Ahern noted that "Unfortunately, they do think that the signalization of those crosswalks may have to wait an additional period of time because they are going to use a different funding source for it but I don't have a

Board member Tina Hein asked that the town continue to communicate to the state that, "Where the crosswalks and sidewalks are tied to a town priority of Complete Streets...I would just ask that we continue to communicate out that we are focused on seeing our Complete Streets projects advanced through this

formation, visit https://bit. ly/3TAcWMk

## the following crosswalks will be

Summer Street

final timeline on that."

work with DOT." For updates and more in-

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# Real Estate Corner



**669 Central Street in Holliston recently sold for \$620,000.** *Image credit: www.zillow.com* 



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Date	Holliston	Amount
10/17/2022	6 Deer Run Road	\$1.20 mil
10/17/2022	736 Washington Street	\$870,000
10/14/2022	414 Underwood Street	\$780,000
10/14/2022	20 Norfolk Street	\$445,000
10/07/2022	19 Katie Way	\$1.38 mil
10/06/2022	746 Highland Street	\$1.25 mil
10/06/2022	43 Winthrop Street	\$725,000
10/05/2022	201 Gorwin Drive	\$440,000
10/03/2022	126 Marilyn Street	\$605,000
09/30/2022	83 Mohawk Path	\$1.29 mil
09/29/2022	59 Stonybrook Drive	\$812,000
09/23/2022	44 Bittersweet Circle, #32	\$835,000
09/23/2022	10 Pine Oak Street	\$950,000
09/22/2022	511 Washington Street	\$580,000
09/21/2022	13 Regency Drive	\$270,000
09/21/2022	669 Central Street	\$620,000
09/20/2022	541 Norfolk Street	\$525,000
09/20/2022	4 Roberta Circle	\$475,000
09/19/2022	9 Fiske Pond Road	\$1.12 mil
09/19/2022	201 Willowgate Rise	\$862,000

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