

## A Tale of Two Houses

BY SEAN SULLIVAN

“At its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.”

So said William Murtagh, our country’s first Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. Spurred by keen interest in history and architecture, he was a keeper of the flame of national treasures, and kindled a country’s interest in its past and preserving it.

That legacy continues in projects large and small, among them the Robert Jenison House. Natick resident Melissa Sullivan is a local realtor, and has taken on the task of selling the old house. She’s also a member of the town’s Historic District Commission.

It’s still possible to take a photo of the Jenison house, and convince a viewer of the picture that it might have been taken a century ago. Looking through the lens, one can find angles to excise the far-more modern dwellings and details that have cropped up in centuries since its foundation was set.

Such is the sprawling landscape on three sides, save for



where the house abuts Frost Street. On that thoroughfare, it’s address #1. The house was built around 1738 on a massive plot of land, purchased then from Native Americans who’d long called it their home.

Colonial missionary John Eliot is said to have been against the sale, and to have registered his opposition on the reverse side of the bill. Undoubtedly he knew which party was getting the better bargain.

Sullivan appeared in the distance, making her way across the lawn toward the old house last month in weather that could have been mistaken for September’s. And while the purpose that day was to show the home, it was

more an effort to sell history.

Her own home is located quite close, within walking distance, on neighboring acreage that was formerly part of the original 200-acre Jenison house. Nestled in the corner of the property is a small structure that might well have housed tools wielded toward the property’s upkeep.

But long ago, the two-room hut had been converted into a meeting place for local men. In today’s parlance, it might well be called a man cave. Back then, said Sullivan, the hut hosted card games and other manner of meetings. Its watchful windows still overlook the vast lawn, as if on watch for uninvited guests.

The main house dwarfs the meeting hut, seeming to keep watch over the smaller structure in turn.

“Somehow, the house has withstood the test of time,” said Sullivan of the residence.

For humanity’s part, such a statement can be heard as humble. It seems to suggest the house got lucky, had dodged these

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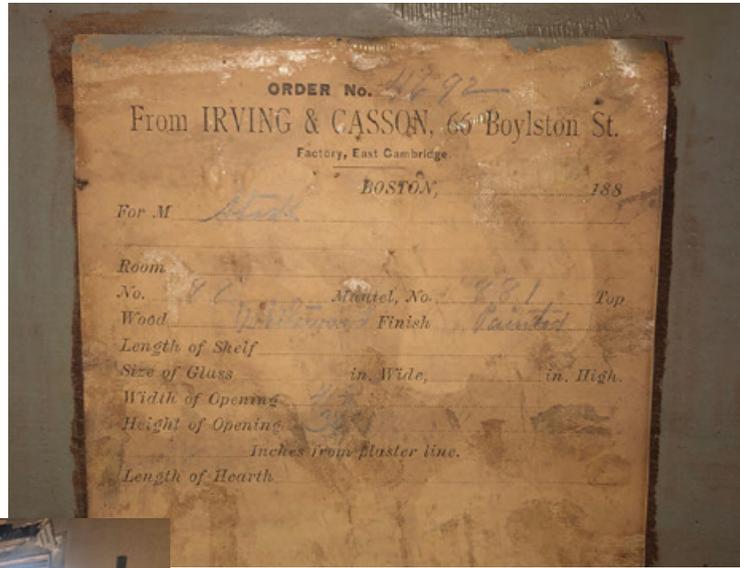
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storms, those floods and fires over its dozens of decades. Maybe so. But its colonial builders had a hand in the house's destiny, as surely as did every family that sheltered beneath its beams. They tended fireplaces carefully, kept shingles in good repair, preserved the old wood with fresh paint.

Houses are like people in that way, brought into being, raised by others, built of frail and sturdy



one's vulnerable insides from the elements, years of wear and tear. From hardship.

It's a lottery of sorts, where winning means finding yourself among more people with caring hands and hearts. And those caretakers can be found in the community outside the house's walls as well.

"It just has an amazing history," said Sullivan. "It was one of the original homes in Natick."

Walking through its halls and



stuff—through no choice of their own. So it's indeed a certain species of luck to be built strong, to have the right people living among your rooms. They protect

Photos from the John Moran house

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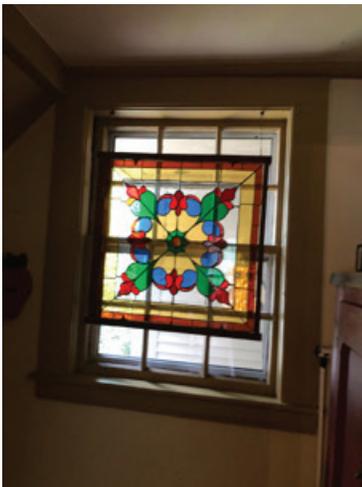
rooms is like meandering through a century lost to living memory. The faces of portraits stare from framed canvases, painted in an era when it was still unfashionable to smile for the artist.

Antique appointments are everywhere, rooms decorated with items crafted when the terms functional, durable and decorative were not mutually exclusive. An ancient loom is the conversation-piece of one bedroom, its wooden wheel dominating the space like a penny-farthing bicycle turned upside-down for repair. Leaves of small, folding side tables hang at rest from hinges, but at the ready to be raised should the need for more work-space arise.

The sprawl of its lawn sparsely populated with trees, daylight finds its way inside the old rooms, imbuing them with enough light to warm the mood and work by.

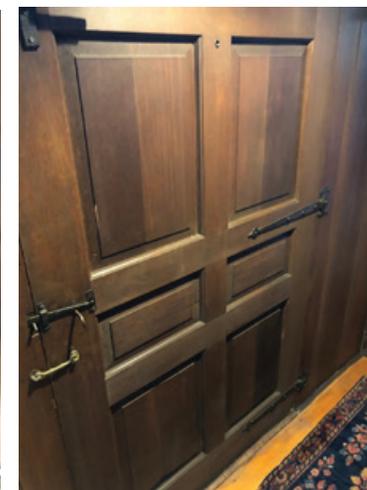
“It has just so much history,” said Sullivan. “It almost looks like a museum.”

As part of preserving that history, owners of the house must come before Natick’s Historic District Commission for approval



**Photos from the Robert Jenison house**

before making changes to the structure. It was added to the National Register of Historical Places in 1978, and its four main rooms are inspected annually to ensure their authenticity and integrity has been maintained.



It’s jarring to get lost in the history of the old house, and around the next corner be confronted by the trappings of modernity. It must feel like the set of a period-piece film, being immersed in its storytelling, its era, only to be yanked back to the world of cell phones and social media when the director calls cut.

An ancient hearth still lives in the kitchen, but now shares space with a modern refrigerator and stovetop, seeming to stare sideways and agog at the new inventions and conventions. Amid the wooden bones and boulders of

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the Jenison House foundation, a tank-less water heater now fulfills the role of technology far past its prime. And of course, electricity has eclipsed candlelight and oil lamps in illuminating the home's innards.

The current owner and seller also sits on the local historical commission, said Sullivan. To own such a house, she said, is to assume above and beyond the median concerns of home maintenance and repair. One takes on the responsibility of cultural caretaker as well, the maintenance of history.

"It's a very niche property," she said. "He's done such a good job on this house."

A few miles away, Natick's John Moran has been concerned these recent months with his own corner of conservation. He is overseeing the rehabilitation of a Wayland house, one which nearly straddles the town's border with Natick.

Moran's project is more a story

of preservation via renovation. Unlike the historic Robert Jenison House, the Wayland home was recently acquired in a state of disrepair, requiring much TLC to bring it back to life. Built in the late 1800s, the house is a spring chicken (about half the age) of its distant Frost Street neighbor.

Purchasing the home, Moran reached out to historical authorities to ensure his renovations wouldn't run afoul of any preservationist protections. Finding he was in the clear, project rehab began in earnest.

Autumn passersby might have seen Moran at work in recent months, he and his crew busy deconstructing the old home.

Bricks that once comprised its chimneys still retain their rich, ruddy complexion. They're now arrayed horizontally, repurposed to pave a path leading up to the front door. Standing on newly-laid boards of a half-finished front porch, Moran pointed to a pile of the bricks on a grassless lawn during a day in waning October.

In the cellar, a collection of old doors lay stacked against its stone foundation like so many picture

frames – each a portal opening up to scenes long since faded. Those doors will soon open and close upon new tableaux. Moran said he plans to reuse them in the newly-renovated house, a nod of nostalgia amid the new. Having to buy fewer doors is also a welcome perk in preserving part of the past.

Walking through the bones of the old house, its inner framing and walls were stripped of sheathing and wall coverings. Daylight beamed in through windows (or their empty frames) as if trying to fill a vacuum, compensate for the dim of dark-aged wood all around. These bright spots attracted the eye, though giving in to the temptation hit like emerging from a movie theater into the bright light of day.

Newly excised also from the house's infrastructure were several dozen cast-iron radiators, the kind that might hiss and click as hot water meanders through their metal ribs. The antique workhorses stood disconnected and idle among the old wood, as just-retired laborers might, a lifetime of work now behind them and an undefined future ahead.

"I hate to throw anything away," said Moran.

Still, some things had to go. Every bygone era brought also its share of baggage - asbestos insulation an infamous case in point. The hazardous material required professional help to remove it, so in came the crew, covered head-to-toe in protective white suits. Wooden shingles had also been installed over the years, and were now rotted, ripe for replacement.

Keeping the old doors company back down in the basement were two mantelpieces, both awaiting their next assignments. While the bulk of their renovation went on above, Moran was looking into how to rehabilitate the wooden fixtures.

How many fires had been kindled, tea and coffee brewed in those fireplaces, Christmas stockings hung from the hearth's over-looking shelf? The mantelpieces that framed those fires featured ornate woodwork, decorative flourishes like the frosted fringes of a wedding cake.

An original bill of sale was still affixed on the backside of the fixtures, courtesy of Irving & Casson. The renowned Cambridge-based furniture manufacturer was founded in 1874, specializing in interior design and woodwork.

Tearing out the old and unusable portions of the house took

about three months, said Moran. The waste from that process filled about a half dozen 30-foot-long dumpsters.

Along with the salvageable fixtures and materials, energy will be conserved as well. Hard-foam insulation was chosen to keep the house's inside cozy, and Moran received a \$10,000 credit for converting from gas to electricity.

"You'll be able to heat it with a match," he said. Moran has also been a member of "Keep Natick Beautiful," a nonprofit whose mission is made clear in its moniker.

The erstwhile owners, he said, were offered above-market rate for the house by a neighboring commercial rental company. The plan was, ostensibly, to raze the old house and pave its lot for patrons of shops in the small retail plaza. Yet the homeowners declined the offer, choosing instead to sell to Moran. In that way, the neighborhood's residential character was preserved.

"The neighbors were delighted. I'm sure they felt the same way I did – that we don't need another parking lot."

"I'm all into preserving history," added Moran, who hopes to put the newly-renovated house on the market this spring. "It'd be awful to have a wrecking ball go to it. Maybe it will be here another 100 years."

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# Family-run Affordable Junk Removal takes the stress out of cleanups

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Whether it's one old fridge in the garage or an entire home of unwanted goods, the team at Affordable Junk Removal offers a cost-efficient, stress-free approach to waste management. "You don't lift a finger," says owner Jason Schadler, who started the company along with his wife Christine in 2005.

The business offers same-day service for both residential and commercial clients across eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. In addition to junk removal, the company rents 15-yard dumpsters.

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more accessible than national competitors. "I answer my phone 24 hours a day," he says. "I was on vacation in Italy and Portugal, and I was still answering my phone on the beach. When you call us, you get me — not an automated machine!"

Schadler says the company has an environmentally friendly approach to disposal in which it recycles items when possible, properly disposes of non-recyclables and resells many items at the Schadlers' secondhand store, Resellables. "We opened that store in Bellingham because we hated to see things thrown away," Schadler says. "We have four kids and sustainability is extremely important to us."

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk removal on nights and weekends when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers invested back into the company with new equipment and techniques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have any tarps. I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp.'"

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in getting the business off the ground. "She handled the back-end while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at



EMC," he says. "Fast forward 17 years, and we both work full time managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place, The Corner Market in Holliston."

In addition to delivering an in-demand service to the community, Schadler is appreciative that Affordable Junk Removal has helped provide a work-life balance that suits his family. "It allows me to be able to do what I like doing and spend time with my kids," he says. "I'm home to see my babies play softball and do all that stuff. We are also able to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Natick in particular, the Schadlers say they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area. Christine was born in Natick,

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and Jason grew up next door in Framingham and spent much of his youth in Natick. "We also enjoy bringing our little girls to the mall there," Christine says. "Our 8-year-old calls it 'the best mall in the whole world.'"

One of the best parts of his job, Schadler says, is meeting and getting to know new people and developing relationships with returning customers. "We are really grateful for the repeat business and the chance to form connections with residents across the MetroWest area," he says.

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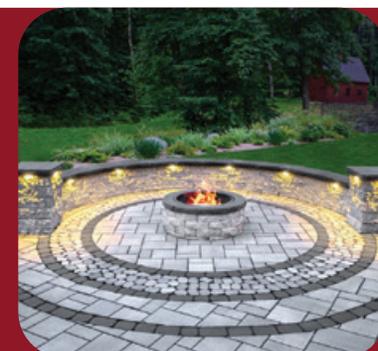
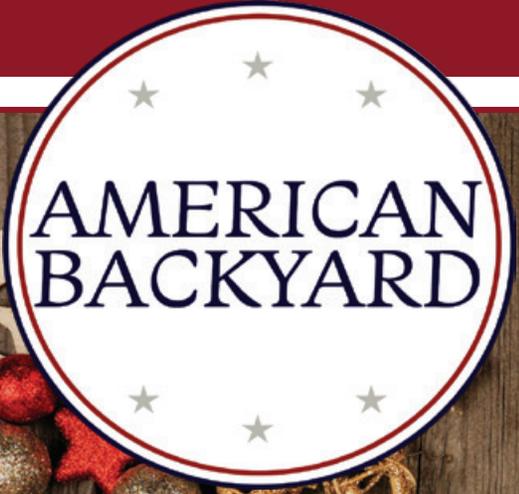
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project in 2017-19 or refinancing your mortgage and/or auto loans in 2020-21. More recently, how about deleveraging variable debt, establishing access to equity, raising emergency funds availability, modeling for variables such as inflation on expenses as well as remaining true to your risk tolerance.

Sure, it's easy to bemoan things that didn't go as planned with investments, like bonds not playing their role portfolio stability in 2022. But this too shall pass as Fed pivots away from their feverishly raising of interest rates next year. Can the same be said next year about an opportunity to lock in your mortgage under 3% or get your remodel done at 30-40% less?

There's still some good improvements you can do by year-end, if appropriate.

**Roth Conversion.** Have sizable Traditional IRAs? Think taxes are going up? You believe your holdings will rebound? With a strong handle on your sources of income and capital gains for 2022, consider modeling tax lia-

bility of different amounts converted to a Roth IRA.

Remember, unlike a few years ago, you can no longer undo a conversion via "recharacterization", so what's done is done.

**Tax-Loss Harvesting.** Sell investments for large gains earlier in the year? Sitting on sizable unrealized losses? Consider selling to realize tax-losses that can offset current year gains or be carried forward against future year gains as well as write off up to \$3,000 against ordinary income.

Recall the IRS wash-sale rule prohibits selling an investment for a loss and replacing it with the same or a "substantially identical" investment across all household portfolios 30 days before or after the sale. So if you are going to sell and buy back, verify it's clean 30 days prior and then wait 31 days.

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bonus? Can forgo a paycheck or two? Act quickly as plans require a pay cycle for updates to take effect.

And if you're late to impact 2022, then see how long you go with higher contributions to front load towards 2023 contributions limits of \$22,500 (\$30,000 if 50 or older).

**Still waiting for perfect, instead of executing on the good?** Ok, there's this 30-year old "genius" that founded a crypto exchange in the Bahamas and issued their own coin for trading. In 3 years, he's worth \$25 billion and his firm's Marketing/PR includes Tom Brady, Stephen Curry, MLB, NBA, plus TV personalities call him a modern-day J.P. Morgan and has clout as 2nd largest US political donor in 2022.

Perfect, right?

Please note the sarcasm, and put the work in towards the good.

May you and those closest to you enjoy a happy and safe holiday season.

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While 2022 has been a challenging investment environment, it has been a fantastic year to see the benefits of executing financial plans over the past few years.

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their students and families an opportunity to contribute and make a difference.

The school chose Family Promise Metrowest as a recipient of a community service drive, inviting families to donate items needed for a Thanksgiving dinner for a family served by Family Promise Metrowest. Students brought in stuffing, cranberry sauce, pie crust, pumpkin, mashed potatoes, and much more, along with a gift card to purchase a turkey. To add



a personal touch to the project, students decorated the boxes to deliver the items.

“Tobin has long made a commitment to including community service in our work with children. While young children are notoriously self-focused, they are also strongly influenced by the adults around them. Providing ways that they can actively help others and working alongside them, we are both setting an example and starting a conversation that gets them thinking empathetically about those in our community and around the world,” said Lori Davis, Asst. Executive Director of Tobin’s Natick Campus. “We are always on the lookout for ways that we can include our students, families, and teachers in community service activities. When COVID hit, so many organizations limited donations to funds only. Three years ago, we were so excited that Family Promise Metrowest would allow us to create and package Thanksgiving feasts for some of the families they serve. It’s our privilege to continue to support the wonderful work done by Family Promise Metrowest as they work to combat homelessness in our area.”

In a world filled with challenges of late, the generosity and kindness that the children and families at The Tobin School showed in their Thanksgiving collection is heartwarming, helping families facing housing insecurity know that the community cares about them. Program Director Stephanie Di Dio was thrilled to accept the boxes when they arrived. “The boxes were so thoughtfully created. You can see and feel love in each one. What a wonderful gift to share from one family to another. Thank you Tobin School community!”

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## Adult Programs

Tuesday, Nov 15 @ 6pm -- A History of Plants & People -- Master Gardener Gretel Anspach will discuss significant agricultural changes in the last

century and look at the future of the science based on the choices we are making today. Zoom program; please register on the BFL website.

Weds, Nov 30 @ 7pm -- Q&A with filmmaker Ben-Alex Dupris, producer of the award-winning documentary Inhabitants: Indigenous Perspectives on Restoring our World. Zoom program; please register on the BFL website to view the film and to join the Q&A. The film will be available to view from Nov 20th through Dec 3rd.

Tuesday, Dec 13 @ 6pm -- Jewelry Making: create your own stretch beaded bracelets; in-person program; all materials provided. Register at the BFL website.

Adult Book & Film Clubs  
 Mystery Book Club - first Thursday of the month @ 1pm on Zoom

Nov 3rd: Drive your plow over the bones of the dead by Olga Tokarczuk

Dec 1st: The woman in the library by Sulari Gentill

History Book Club - second Thursday of the month @

11am on Zoom

Nov 10th: The secret history of food: strange but true stories about the origins of everything we eat by Matt Siegel

Dec 8th: Facing the mountain: a true story of Japanese American heroes in World War II by Daniel James Brown

Environmental Book Club - third Tuesday of the month @ 7pm on Zoom

Nov 15th: An immense world: how animal senses reveal the hidden realms around us by Ed Yong

Dec 20th: Embrace fearlessly the burning world: essays by Barry Lopez

Tuesday Night Book Club - fourth Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm, both Zoom & in person

Nov 22nd: The flight attendant by Chris Bohjalian

Dec 27th: Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

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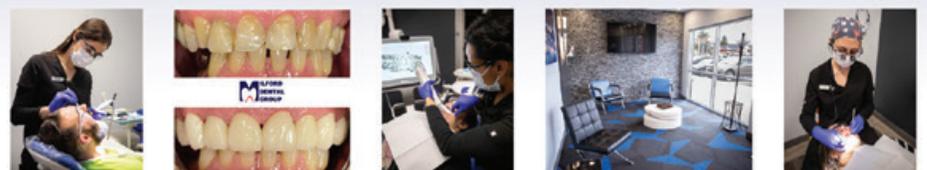
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In just one week in November, the group distributed 2,115 pairs of underwear to kids facing financial hardship, displacement, and homelessness. That's a full week's worth of underwear for over 300 children!

Early in November, Gardengate Academy hosted an underwear drive. The school collected 560 pairs of underwear. The Gardengate kiddos even colored "thank you" undies to their parents for donating. This drive pro-

vided 80 kids with a week's worth of new underwear!

Cocotree Kids also attended the Halloween party hosted by Natick Recreation and Parks. Volunteers passed out candy, read Creepy Pair of Underwear, and had kids make their own pair

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# MetroWest Subaru announces partnership with Family Promise Metrowest for the 2022 "Share the Love" Campaign

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MetroWest Subaru on Worcester Road in Natick has selected Family Promise Metrowest as its partner for its 2022 Share the Love Campaign.

The mission of Family Promise Metrowest (FPM) is to transform the lives of families with children that are facing homelessness by mobilizing a diverse

the region. "The MetroWest Subaru team is excited to be partnered with Family Promise Metrowest for the Share the Love sales event this year. Let's all share the love this November and December!" said VJ Donnelly, General Manager of MetroWest Subaru.

Here's how the partnership

works: For every new Subaru purchased at the Natick dealership between November 16 and January 2, buyers can designate Family Promise Metrowest as their local charity of choice to receive a \$250 donation, funded by Subaru of America. In addition, \$50 per vehicle purchase and \$5 per service job performed at MetroWest Subaru during this time frame will also be donated

to FPM. These donations will go directly to funding programs and services that support families facing housing instability.

Over the last 14 years through this Share the Love event, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than \$227 million to four national charities and over 1,700 hometown charities.

MetroWest Subaru is located

at 948 Worcester Road, Natick. Visit [www.metrowestsubaru.com](http://www.metrowestsubaru.com) for more information on their vehicles and services. To learn more about Family Promise Metrowest and how to become involved or donate, please visit [www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org) or email [carole@familypromisemetrowest.org](mailto:carole@familypromisemetrowest.org)

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## Firefighters Deliver Baby On Mass Turnpike

On Sept. 30, at approximately 12:40am, the Natick Fire Department responded to the Mass Turnpike service plaza for a reported female in labor.

On arrival the crews were able

Last month the Frost family visited the fire station to introduce their daughter to the first responders who helped!

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to help the Frost family welcome their newest member into the world!

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# Natick Resident Participated In Jimmy Fund Walk

Natick resident, Leo Gleason, participated in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai in honor of his family, sister, wife, and himself. He is dedicated to fundraising for cancer research because the disease has significantly

impacted his life, including his diagnosis.

In 2000, Leo began participating in the Jimmy Fund Walk. This will be his 17th Walk this year. He will join Walk Hero, Ellie Levine, to walk the Boston Marathon course and raise funds for cancer research.

Leo expresses excitement about walking to Dana-Farber, looking up to the walkway and seeing the young patients holding signs and thanking the walkers.

Every walk, Gleason looks forward to the camaraderie and chance to meet new people and

hear about their experiences. “The walk is a fantastic outpouring of people walking for the same reason, to cure cancer,” he said. He is inspired by everyone’s shared dedication to the cause.

Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). All routes finish at the Copley Square Finish Line. Walkers can also participate

The 2022 Jimmy Fund Walk took place on Sunday, Oct. 2, and raised funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Whether participating for themselves, loved ones, neighbors, or co-workers, each walker shares a common purpose: to defy cancer

and support breakthroughs that will benefit cancer patients around the world.

This year, participants will return to the Boston Marathon course after two years of walking virtually. Participants choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from

virtually by “walking their way” from wherever they are most comfortable—whether that be in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home.

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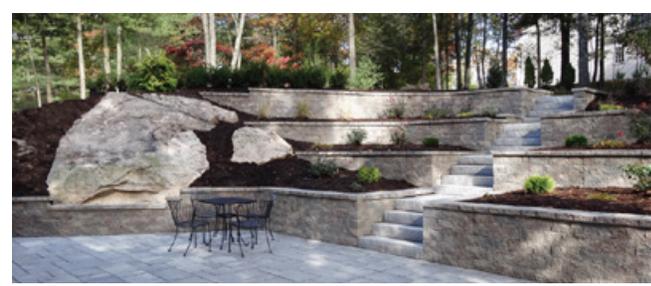


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# Sports

## Natick High's Lagan Is No Stranger To ACL Injuries

### Tri-captain Makes Impact At Point Guard

BY KEN HAMWEY  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

One of Maggie Lagan's goals for Natick High's girls basketball team this season is to maintain good health — for her and her teammates.

The senior point guard obviously wants the Redhawks to qualify for the tournament and experience a deep playoff run, but making health a priority is understandable. Especially when she talks about a plethora of ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) surgeries that she and family members have had to endure.

Lagan suffered a torn ACL in her left knee in a game against Newton North halfway through her sophomore season. Her sister Emma, who also was a Natick point guard, was sidelined during her career when she tore her ACL twice. Lagan's brother (Robert) also suffered an ACL tear when he played on the Redhawks' varsity, forcing him to miss most of his senior season.

The family's ACL history doesn't end with Lagan and her siblings. Her father (Daniel) tore an ACL and a meniscus ligament a few years after his college days at St. Michael's in Vermont.

"It must be in the genes," Lagan said. "It's quite a coincidence. My rehab was 9-10 months of physical therapy, strength and conditioning drills and working out on my own. My parents emphasized caution. They experienced three ACL rehabs with my sister and brother and they wanted me to be totally healthy for my junior season of basketball."

A starter as a sophomore before being sidelined, the 5-foot-6 Lagan returned for her junior year and played a key role in guiding the Redhawks to a 14-6 record and a playoff berth.

"With seven senior returning, my team goals are not only to qualify for the playoffs, but also to go further in the tourney," she emphasized. "Losing to Framingham last season in the second round was disappointing because we all worked hard and we knew we had potential. This year we're

got talent and experience and it's time to live up to our potential."

The Redhawks will be at Framingham for their opener on Dec. 13.

A native of Natick, Lagan's personal objectives, besides good health for her and her teammates, are "to improve daily, be more of an offensive threat and to be the best captain I can be."

Lagan's statistics last year won't knock anyone's socks off, primarily because she's a pass-first point guard. She averaged 3.5 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals. Her coach, Dan Hinnenkamp, doesn't worry about her numbers, instead raving about her strengths and her team-first approach.

"Maggie plays because of her high basketball IQ and her impact," he said. "She's got great court vision, is very coachable, she's instinctive and is quick and fast. She's capable leading our fast break and her defensive instincts are through the roof. I'm comfortable when the ball's in her hands."

The 18-year-old Lagan, who started playing basketball as a seven-year-old, enjoys the responsibility at point guard. "There's lots of options," she said. "I can pass, shoot or drive. You're never locked into one role. I like being in control of where the ball is going and I rely on court vision to make a key pass."

Honored to be a captain, Lagan will approach that role by being supportive and leading by example. "I want to connect with my teammates on and off the court," she said. "I'll help anyone and I'll strive to make our team chemistry great."

Lagan says her best game so far came against Needham in a three-point loss last year. "It was a back-and-forth game," she said. "I had seven points, four steals and played a good defensive game. It hurt to lose but that game gave us motivation to finish at 14-6."

Rating her selection as a captain a thrill, Lagan also points to Natick's victory over Wachusett in the tourney when she was a freshman. "I didn't play much



Maggie Lagan's team-first approach, her high basketball IQ and her impact at point guard make her a key part of Natick High's nucleus.

Maggie Lagan is vice president of the National Honor Society and has a 4.5 GPA.

that year but I did get to play two minutes in the tourney," she recalled. "We won by 10 but to play in such an exciting atmosphere was very memorable."

Lagan has a high regard for Natick's other two senior captains.

"Madi Forman is our center and Ally Burke plays guard or forward," Lagan noted. "Both are great leaders and both are vital on offense and defense. Madi is a terrific rebounder and blocker and Ally can rebound and play solid defense."

Lagan is also appreciative of her coach.

Coach Hinnenkamp is a wonderful motivator who pushes us to reach our potential," she emphasized. "He's respected and he's understanding and kind. His practices can be fun but they're also challenging. I like competing for him."

Lagan is as comfortable in

ident of the National Honor Society and has a 4.5 GPA. Still undecided on her major and where she'll attend college, Holy Cross and Boston College are two possibilities.

Lagan played varsity soccer for two years and will continue with track next spring. She also enjoyed participating in unified basketball.

"I rely on an athletic philosophy of working hard, being

competitive and enjoying whatever sport I'm playing," she said. "If those things are occurring, then winning usually follows. And, some life lessons I've learned in sports are how to overcome adversity, how to be a leader and a team-first player, how to communicate and how to manage your time."

Calling her parents (Daniel and Maryanne) role models for stressing a strong work ethic and for their support and encouragement, Lagan is optimistic that Natick's talent, experience and team chemistry will be key components for success in the playoffs.

Maggie Lagan is also acutely aware that good health is another key ingredient.



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## Recent Home Sales

Date	Natick	Amount
11/14/2022	28 Village Hill Lane	\$349,000
11/09/2022	5 Oakridge Avenue	\$550,000
11/09/2022	29 Barnesdale Road	\$795,000
11/08/2022	1 Quince Street	\$595,000
11/07/2022	19 Hunters Lane	\$1.92 mil
11/04/2022	10 Concord Street #1	\$525,000
11/04/2022	20 Saint Thomas Avenue	\$900,000
11/04/2022	30 Beverly Road	\$860,000
11/03/2022	56 Rockland Street	\$875,000
11/03/2022	20 South Avenue #102	\$715,000
10/31/2022	22 Homeward Lane	\$569,000
10/31/2022	9 Manor Avenue	\$1.02 mil
10/31/2022	40 Nouvelle Way #T634	\$639,000
10/31/2022	40 Nouvelle Way #N249	\$675,000
10/28/2022	24 Terrane Avenue	\$1.36 mil
10/28/2022	104 North Avenue	\$670,000
10/28/2022	19 Speen Street	\$1.25 mil
10/28/2022	2 Village Hill Lane #9	\$260,000
10/28/2022	8 Wild Meadow Lane	\$1.77 mil
10/28/2022	40 Nouvelle Way #N543	\$995,000
10/27/2022	15 Wethersfield Road	\$901,000
10/27/2022	19 Nimitz Circle	\$800,000
10/25/2022	31 Pearl Street	\$580,000
10/25/2022	5 Post Oak Lane #21	\$266,000
10/21/2022	37 Brookdale Road	\$685,000
10/20/2022	1 Village Rock Lane #1	\$320,000

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19 Speen Street in Natick recently sold for \$1.25 million. Image credit: www.zillow.com



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