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Larger-than-life painting dedicated to Spencer, official dog of the 126th Boston Marathon

Cancer returned, owners hope dog can attend in April

BY THERESA KNAPP

Spencer, the beloved official dog of the 126th Boston Mar-

athon, now has a larger-than-life sized painting in his honor. Spencer, who turned 13 in

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Caira shortlisted for superintendent's position

BY PATRICIA ROY

Michael A. Caira Jr., Ashland Schools Assistant Superintendent Of Curriculum, instruction and assessment, has announced that he is one of four finalists for the position of school superintendent in Lincoln.

As a press time, Caira had a day-long interview scheduled for Jan. 23, with Lincoln school administrators and town officials. A parents and community forum will be held from 6-7 p.m.

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Michael Caira (right) at the Ashland Schools professional development day held on Jan. 17. Courtesy photo

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July, had been fighting cancer off and on in recent years and owner Richard Powers of Holliston says the cancer has returned and it is terminal.

“We learned in the fall that Spencer’s cancer had returned and we wanted to create something to immortalize him, and have something to inspire at the Marathon this year to mark the 10-year anniversary of the tragedy,” says Powers, referring to the marathon bombings of 2013.

Spencer, and his now 10-year-old sister Penny, both Golden Retriever therapy dogs, rose to fame during the coronavirus pandemic when Powers was posting near-daily “pupdates” on his “Spencer & Penny” Facebook page @Spencerpows and other local town pages. The pupdates continue today.

Spencer has been cheering on Boston Marathon runners at his post in Ashland since 2015. The rendering entitled “Celebrating Spencer” depicts the pup in the center of the frame wearing a Boston Marathon medallion around his neck and holding a pole in his mouth. On the left side of the pole is a flag with a heart on it and on the right side hangs a “We Are Boston Strong” flag.

The painting is 5 feet wide and 5.5 feet tall and hangs in Powers’ home though he plans to loan it out during the week of the marathon “to be displayed to continue to inspire and give hope to runners and attendees.”

Powers commissioned the painting from artist Tom Mosser Design based in Pittsburgh. It took about two months to complete and was unveiled in January at Boston’s Fairmont Copley Plaza where Spencer is the hotel’s “honorary canine ambassador.”

A video of the ceremony can be found on Holliston Cable Access at <https://bit.ly/3ZSbysu>

Powers hopes Spencer can attend this year’s marathon in April, where he and Penny typically greet thousands of runners, but it would be a short visit.

“It is our hope he will be with us but, even if he is with us, he would not be able to attend in his traditional role, it would be too much for him,” says Powers. “But we would love to bring him for a quick moment so could feel the energy one more time.”

In the meantime, Powers reports his “angel on earth” has been “comfortable and relatively active.”

“Sadly, he’s terminal and there is nothing more we can do with any treatment. We are just managing his care and comfort. His days have been mostly good so far but we are monitoring him very closely as we know it can change very quickly.”

As for his owners, Powers says, “We are taking it day by day. Anyone who has lost a dog understands that he is not just a dog, he is a family member and they know the emotional roller coaster we are experiencing. Every day is a gift with him. He is an amazing dog and has beaten the odds so many times, and we are thankful for the extra time we have had.”

Powers thanks everyone who has supported Spencer over the years. They have raised more than \$4,000 for canine cancer research and he encourages others to donate to the cause at <https://bit.ly/2InCwzJ>.



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on that day and will be available as a Zoom webinar.

The position Caira is applying for oversees schools from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, a “unique structure that matches my skill set,” he said in a letter to Ashland parents and school community.

“I am eager to draw from my experiences to face new opportunities and challenges that present themselves if I am afforded the chance to serve as the superintendent of the Lincoln Public Schools,” he said.

Caira’s candidacy was put forward by a Lincoln superintendent search committee with guidance from the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at UMass Boston which assists municipalities in managing governance including hiring.

Caira has been assistant superintendent since 2020. He was attracted to the Lincoln position because of its dedication to anti-racist education and its stress on the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion, he said.

“I share this commitment and during my time as assistant superintendent in Ashland, we have made tremendous strides as a district in the area of anti-racist education and equity-driven practices,” he said.

This included using outside consultants to offer training for district leaders, high school and middle school staff. An equity audit was also completed.

While serving as the principal of the David Mindess School and Henry Warren School from 2012-2020, Caira was part of an assessment of educational programming and the group discovered that the dual programming model was inequitable, he said.

“Students with disabilities, English learners, low-income students and minority students were disproportionately represented in one of our programs. We made necessary changes to our programming to ensure this was no longer the case,” he explained.

As principal of the Henry Warren Elementary School, Caira served as the chairperson of the Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force which led to tuition-free all day kindergarten beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

The two schools comprised over 600 students and 90 staff members in a K-second and third-fifth grade school facility. While there, he served as a member of the district technology committee, safety committee and English Language Arts program.

And of course, the pandemic figured heavily into his career.

Caira termed the challenges of helping to develop a remote learning model that addressed consistent learning for social studies and science instruction as “immense.” He cites staff collaboration and creative programming as the key to its success.

Teachers and support staff learned to adapt to the pandemic’s changing circumstances over the past few years, he said.

“One of my proudest achievements revolves around my works as a member of the Mindess School Building Committee,” he said. “While I served as the principal of the Mindess School I was charged with authoring the educational program, which is an integral component of the project.”

He enjoyed the collaboration with teachers, parents and fellow administrators and is pleased to report the building committee’s work was praised by the Mass.

School Building Authority. The new school will open in the fall of 2023.

Prior to his employment in Ashland, Caira was assistant principal of an elementary school in North Middlesex Regional school district and as a special education coordinator and a dean of students in Leominster.

He has also attained state and local educational grants.

Caira’s education credentials include a doctorate of Education, Educational Leadership from Boston College, a Master’s in Education, Elementary Education from Fitchburg State University and a Bachelor of Arts in English with a concentration in Elementary Education from Assumption College.

Caira stressed his commitment to the town throughout the interview process and beyond, if called for.

“I am fully committed to the Ashland public schools during this process and will communicate with the community as I learn more,” he wrote. “Ashland is an amazing place to work, learn and live and I am lucky to serve this community.”

The other three finalists for the superintendent’s position are Annette Doyle, principal of Peter Noyes Elementary School, Sudbury; Frank (Parry) Graham, assistant superintendent Wayland Public Schools and Jessica Rose, assistant superintendent Lincoln Public Schools.

The interview process is due to be completed in February.

Town Meeting and Town Election

All voting is held at the Ashland High School, 65 East Union St. The next scheduled Annual Town Meeting is Wednesday May 3, at 7PM in the High School Auditorium.

The next scheduled election is the May 16 Annual Town Election. Polls will be open from 7am-8pm.

Please remember to visit our website at www.AshlandMass.com for frequent updates. We try to keep you informed as rules and or regulations change.

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Office seats available for the May 16, Annual Town Election are listed on the town's website at ashlandmass.com under Town Clerk – Elections. Please contact the Town Clerk's office for further information.

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Planning Board - 5-year term - 1 seat on ballot
Term expires 2028



Students Receive Superintendent Awards

Each year Superintendent of Schools Jim Adams gets to honor three current Ashland High School seniors for their dedication to academics and leadership and who consistently embody the core values of the district and high school. The award recipients are selected with help from the AHS leadership team and counseling department. They look for students who not only excel in a specific academic area but also demonstrate a high level of involvement and contribution to the school community.

Superintendent Adams was pleased to award the following recipients for the 2022-23 school year with this distinction.

Public Library and through her church's Youth Ministry. Jenny has been admitted to Syracuse University for the fall to major in Film Production and Business Administration.

National School Development Council Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning

Christopher Bialzik

Leader, analytical, respectful and focused describes Christopher Bialzik. Christopher sets an example of integrity and respect among his peers and is a powerful role model. He is a National Merit Commended student and Rensselaer Medal Award recipient who takes advantage of all opportunities presented to him and goes beyond expectations in all he does. He has earned his Eagle Scout designation within the Boy Scouts and exemplifies all the scouts represent in character and civic responsibility. Christopher is a youth baseball umpire and coach and values his contribution to mentoring young players. He is active on the AHS varsity baseball team and junior varsity golf team while volunteering his time readily for community service. Christopher has been admitted to Northeastern University to study BioEngineering.

April Wang

Since freshman year, April Wang has challenged herself with the most rigorous course load possible and now ranks in

the top 5% of her class. She is one of the most conscientious, diligent and optimistic students at AHS, and many teachers wish they could duplicate her motivation and intrinsic curiosity in all their students. April is thoroughly involved in the AHS community through her work in student council, as editor-in-chief for the yearbook, robotics club member, the School Committee Advisory Council and volleyball, to name a few. April has recently been accepted into Cornell University's freshman class of 2027, where she hopes to major in engineering, which allows her to continue what she loves, creating tangible products through design and creativity.

"Our district is honored to have such a diverse and well-rounded group of distinguished students," said Superintendent Adams. "I could not be more proud of their accomplishments, and I wish them the best as they take the next step in their education."

The district offers its deepest congratulations and respect to these three outstanding students for a job well done.

About Ashland Public Schools

Ashland Public Schools is a forward-thinking district located in Ashland, Mass., serving nearly 3,000 pre-K through grade 12 students in five schools. For news, updates and announcements, follow Ashland Public Schools @ AshlandClockers on Twitter or visit ashland.k12.ma.us.

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Ashland's Hidden Gem - Sha'arei Shalom

BY LINDA CHUSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

An aspect of Sha'arei Shalom that makes it unique also means it's less visible to the community: the congregation holds its services in public buildings rather than in a permanent synagogue. "Because there is no physical location with a sign, many locals don't even know we're here," explained Rabbi Eric Gurvis. "People are pleasantly surprised to find out about us at community events like the annual Hanukkah Lighting," which many residents have enjoyed participating in with Sha'arei Shalom for years.

Friday evening Shabbat services are held in the Ashland Community Center, its excellent Hebrew School conducts lessons at the Ashland Middle School, and High Holidays are celebrated at the High School. The lack of a permanent facility is intentional: constructing and maintaining a synagogue adds a significant expense that can make membership unaffordable and exclusionary. This choice reflects the congregation's values: member driven, welcoming, affordable, and supportive of a diverse constituency.

Founded nearly thirty years ago, the congregation has endured because of its special approach. Longtime member Jennifer Gordon said, "At this point, the public facilities are part of our congregation's fabric and feel like home to the family that is Sha'arei Shalom." Gurvis has been with the congregation for four years; previously, he served for over thirty years at more traditional congregations with synagogues. When he discovered the hidden gem that is Sha'arei Shalom, its values drew him to become the spiritual leader. Like many members, Gurvis is not an Ashland resident; congregants come from many MetroWest communities including Hollis-



ton, Hopkinton, Southborough, Framingham, Sherborn, and of course, Ashland.

While Sha'arei Shalom, which translates to "Gates of Peace," incorporates traditional Jewish values, it's also flexible, such as intentionally adapting to the busy lives members lead. "Shabbat is typically held every other Friday rather than weekly, and in February, there's just one service to accommodate the school vacation week schedule," shared Carolyn Fertig, the congregation's president. She added "We are also known for embracing people from any background, including interfaith families, individuals, and seniors."

"It's a fairly intimate congregation, with one benefit being that Rabbi Gurvis and the students really know each other," adds Gordon. "Our size also means whenever there's a need for people to help out with an event, everyone jumps right in." Gurvis says that with fewer members, the congregation can more readily pivot, as was helpful during the COVID pandemic. Nonetheless, Sha'arei Shalom is still seeing some of the effects from that time. Members were not able to be as active in community events as had been typical and participation with the public is still being reestablished. For example, in February 2020, Gurvis led a well-attended community discussion about rising antisemitism at the town's public library, but nothing similar could be done for the past few years.



Sha'arei Shalom Hebrew School students, teachers, and parents along with Rabbi Eric Gurvis visited the New England Holocaust Memorial in Boston.

Excursions, like taking students to Boston's Holocaust Memorial were curtailed, but are resuming. "We're looking forward to returning to Ashland Day and more direct community engagement, like when our students led services for seniors in elderly housing," said Gordon.

"Sha'arei Shalom is welcoming to new members," says Gurvis. "For anyone looking to explore a different way of practicing, we invite you to attend a service and get a sense of us, visit the Hebrew School, and talk with some existing members. We are celebrating Purim on Sunday March 19 with a festive carnival at the Middle School, which is a great opportunity for anyone from the public to meet us." Fertig adds, "Rabbi Gurvis and the congregation are very approachable. Even as the congregation has grown and will continue to, Sha'arei Shalom is committed to maintaining our values, most importantly providing a warm environment for all."

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A Heat Pump – Is It the Right Choice for You?



John Szolomayer

REAL ESTATE INSIGHTS

Fortunately, when it comes to heating and cooling your home there are many options on the market, and with so many choices, it can be hard to know which one is right for you. Your home's heating and cooling choices do not have to be difficult or expensive. Years ago people thought of heat pumps

as being most useful in the southern states. However, they have become more common in a wider variety of places, including colder climates like ours. Many homeowners now in Massachusetts have chosen heat pumps as their preferred year-round home comfort system.

If it is time to replace your home's air conditioning system, you have many choices. Two of the most popular types of AC systems are ductless mini-split systems and central air conditioning systems. Both have their own advantages and drawbacks, so how do you know which one is right for your home?

A Comparison of Ductless Mini-split vs Central Air Conditioners

Central air units are typically less expensive upfront but may not be as energy-efficient in the long run. On the other hand, mini-splits are typically the most expensive to purchase

and install, but they can be very efficient and effective. Mini-splits tend to be less expensive to operate because they don't lose as much energy through ductwork. They do not require ductwork to distribute the cool air. Instead, they use a series of small, whisper-quiet blowers that deliver conditioned air directly to different areas of your home. What type is cheaper to run depends on a number of factors, including the size of your home, and your personal preferences. A ductless mini-split system might be the more cost-effective option if you live in a small home, have multiple rooms to cool, and live in a climate with extreme temperatures like we have.

A central air system might be your best bet if you have a large home. Ultimately, the best way to decide which option is right for you is to speak with a qualified HVAC installer who can help you assess your specific needs.

Should I Replace My Central Air with a Mini-Split?

If your central air conditioner is an older model, it may be time to consider replacing it with a ductless mini-split which takes up less space in your home, and is generally more energy efficient than central air systems. A mini-split system will consist of an outdoor unit connected to one or more indoor units. The indoor unit can be placed anywhere and allows you to cool specific rooms you use most often rather than cooling your entire home. As a

result, you can save money on your energy bills by only cooling the rooms you are using. Ductless mini-splits can also heat and cool multiple rooms at different temperatures, which central air cannot do.

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Board of Health

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The clinic has vaccinated more than 237 children so far and is available to the following municipalities: Ashland, Framingham, Hopkinton, Hudson,

Maynard, Milford, Millis and Natick. Our Community Health Worker is also available during clinics to translate (for Portuguese speakers) if needed, and to connect clients with resources. Please call: 508-733-3005 (for the Public Health Nurse) or 978-875-5384 (for Community Health Worker) if you would like your child to attend the next clinic.

Greater Ashland Lions Club

Have a Happy St. Valentine's Day!

We thank all who donated to this year's Coats for Kids and Adults drive! 170 coats were generously donated.

A Winter Wonderland afternoon of fun is being planned on February 26th for kids up to 12 years old at the VFW, 311 Pleasant Street, from 12-2pm. Children are free; adults are \$5 each. This is not a drop-off event.

Come and enjoy a delicious St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the VFW, 311 Pleasant Street, on March 17th at 6pm. Tickets are \$25/person and on sale soon.

Mark your calendars for another Quiz / Trivia Night! Form a team (8 people maximum) for this friendly trivia competition and win a Cash Prize. Held on April 14th at 6:30pm at the VFW, 311 Pleasant Street. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffles, Dessert Table, and a Cash Bar. Contact Lion Ro at 508-881-4743 or Lion Nicole at 781-718-6478 for tickets (\$20/per person).

Do you have any used eyeglasses hanging around? We'll take them! Please bring them to the Police Station (located

on Main Street), Market Basket (Pond Street / Rte.126), the VFW (at 311 Pleasant Street), or the Town Hall (Main Street).

Wanting to get involved in the community? We're a low-pressure group of service-oriented folks always looking for new members. If you'd like to learn more about the Lions and our club, please contact Lion Alexis at cvarnie@hotmail.com.

For more club information, please check us out on Facebook: Greater Ashland Lions Club. #weserve #kindnessmatters.

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Ashland Lions Club February Update

Welcome New Members!

Ashland Lions welcomes its newest members Lion Chris Frederick and Lion Cissy Seeto to the club! If you're interested in becoming a member of the Ashland Lions, please reach out to us via email at membership@ashlandlions.org for details.

Ashland Lions Meat Raffles

Ashland Lions will continue its tradition of meat raffles at TJs Food and Spirits in Ashland. Come join the fun on Saturday, Feb. 4, 12-4pm. Early bird tickets before 12:30pm. As always there will be great food, fun people and great meat to choose from. For more dates and times, check out our Facebook page. See you there!

Senior Breakfasts

Seniors, why not join us and other members of the community for breakfast? Senior Breakfasts are on the first Thursday of each month, held at the Ashland

Senior Center, 162 West Union St. in Ashland. This event runs through May.

Eyeglasses and Cellphone Collection

Eyeglasses and cellphone collection is a year-round project with collection of used prescription and nonprescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. Since September, we have collected over 800 pairs of eyeglasses!

Collection boxes are located at:

- Ashland Post Office
- Ashland Senior Center
- Old train station - Ashland
- Moody Optical - Ashland
- Middlesex Bank - Ashland
- Fayville, MA Post Office
- Studio Optics - Framingham
- Southborough Senior Center
- Southboro Post Office on Rt.85
- TJ's Food and Spirits
- The Residence at Valley Farm



Some lucky meat raffle entrants won some high-quality cuts of meat.

Congrats to our Youth Speech Contest winners!

The Ashland Lions and Greater Ashland Lions held their annual combined club-level Youth Speech Competition on Nov. 17. The contest was open to all students grades 9-12 provided they were sponsored by a Mass Lions Club or Leos Club. Judges not familiar with the contestants were selected to score each contestant on delivery, effectiveness and the content of their speech. This year's topic was "Environmental Crisis: Fact or Fiction?", and each contestant had to pre-

pare and present a speech 5-8 minutes long on the topic. All the contestants did an excellent job. Our first-place winner this year was sophomore Ragav Iyer, and first runner up was freshman Hasini Reddy. Since the contest was sponsored by both Lions Clubs in Ashland, the top two contestants both moved on to the Region/Zone competition to compete at the next level, held on Saturday, Jan. 14. Mr. Iyer and Ms. Reddy should be very proud of their accomplishments. Special thanks to our judges, timekeeper, scorekeepers, text reader and other volunteers who made

this event possible. Due to the contest rules, we were unable to share these results until now.

Stay up-to-date on Lions happenings

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

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Simple Recycling Returns

Simple Recycling provides residents with a free, convenient way to dispose of unwanted clothing and other household goods. Although collection was suspended during the pandemic. It resumes with a few key differences:

- Residents no longer have to wait for their scheduled recycle day to put their unwanted clothing and household goods out for pickup.
- Pickups must be scheduled online at www.SimpleRecycling.com or call 866-835-5068. A reminder email will be sent the day before the scheduled pickup.
- Residents no longer need to use the dedicated pink Simple Recycling bags for collection. Items must be placed in any waterproof bag(s) or box(es), clearly marked Simple Recycling.

With pickup no longer tied to a resident's recycling day, the placement of items for pickup has changed as well. Clearly marked waterproof bag(s) or box(es) can be placed on the front porch or in front of the garage door by 7:30 a.m. on the scheduled pickup day.

Residents can set out items such as clothing, shoes, accessories, and other household discards such as kitchenware, tools, toys, and books or other small household goods in working condition.

If you have any questions please contact David Miller at 508-532-7943 or dmiller@ashlandmass.com.

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Your Money, Your Independence

Secure Act 2: Electric Boogaloo?



Glenn Brown

Sometimes it's best to not have a sequel.

Still, Congress delivered us one with "Secure Act 2.0" in December.

The original Secure Act was released three years ago. It began with 417-3 House vote in May 2019, advanced by the Senate cramming into the 2020 budget and concluded with Congress cheerleading the delay of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) by 18 months to age 72 and providing greater access to 401(k) for part-time employees.

Those are good things, but hidden in plain sight was the dismal plot - the death of 'stretch' IRA and creation of the 10-Year Rule, which included liquidating inherited non-spousal (children) Roth IRAs.

See Congress had wanted to speed up tax revenues. What better way than forcing a 25 year old, regardless of financial situation, to liquidate mom or dad's inherited IRA or Roth IRA by age 35 instead of during their retirement years.

How does this help secure retirement for future generations? Or benefit hardworking Americans who sacrificed, saved, planned and proactively paid taxes years, in some cases, decades sooner than needed?

So, with this precedent, how does their latest Secure Act 2.0 look?

In a word: better.

Here are some early awards:

Most Widespread Impact - RMDs from retirement accounts increase to age 73 from 72 beginning January 1, 2023. It will increase to age 75 in 2033. That said, just because you can delay doesn't mean you avoid being required to take greater amounts later. In fact, it can accelerate and put some into

higher tax brackets without planning.

Most Significant Benefit - Roth, Roth, and more Roth. These changes all appear to be good news for those seeking planning opportunities.

Creation of SEP Roth IRAs and SIMPLE Roth IRAs as well as employer contributions (aka 401(k) match) will be permitted to deposit matching and/or nonelective contributions to employees' designated Roth accounts. There is a caveat, the match would be included in the employee's income in the year of the contribution. Ditto for amounts deposited into SEP Roth IRAs and SIMPLE Roth IRAs. Still, great to have choice.

Surprising 2024 Newcomer - In 2024, "high wage earners" will be required to use Roth option for catch-up contributions to 401(k), 403(b), and 457(b) plans, but not for IRAs.

What's Congress's definition of a high wage earner here?

\$1,000,000?

\$400,000?

Nope, here it's \$145,000.

A caveat if you're self-employed individual (sole proprietors and partners) it is specific language of wages (which you don't earn), thus it appears

can still make pre-tax catch-up contributions if income from self-employment is over \$145,000.

Future Star - After 15 years of a 529 plan being opened, unused assets can be rolled over to a Roth IRA for the beneficiary (child). Now, it is subject to annual Roth contribution limits and an aggregate lifetime limit of \$35,000. Still, this is a great idea, as you can help a young adult grow a Roth IRA, while they use funds for other savings or pay off liabilities.

Closing Credits - Secure Act 2.0 has dozens for nuances and benefits for student loans, emergency savings in DC plans, automatic enrollment, annuity options, qualified charitable distributions, solo 401Ks, surviving

spouse benefits and more. Best to consult your Certified Financial Planner to learn more.

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going to landfill but can also cut down on your cost for trash pick up. Currently the cost for a small Ashland trash bag is \$1.05 each and the cost for a large Ashland trash bag is \$1.80 each. If you are using more than two large bags a week, bringing in a compost service or backyard compost will lead to savings. The more residents that sign up the more the rate will be reduced.

How it works:

Put all of your kitchen scraps in a counter top bin. They accept all produce scraps, dairy, meat, paper towels, napkins, bones, pet food, pet waste, cotton balls, fireplace and stove ash, and much more. When your bin gets full put it into the larger curbside bin. This will be collected like trash and recycling once a week.

Cost:

The current cost of a weekly composting pick up service is \$69.99 for 6 months. This breaks down to \$2.96 a week. In adding this service to your weekly waste pick up you are not only reducing food waste

Why composting is important:

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Annual Town Census 2023 – Free-Throw Competition

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO RETURN YOUR FORM!

The Annual Town Census Forms were mailed to each household in the Town of Ashland in early January. Each form has a special barcode printed on the form just for your address. It is mandatory to complete the census form and the process is very easy. Simply make any changes, sign the form and return it to the Town Clerk's office as soon as possible. Be sure to list everyone in the household including children. If you do not return

your Census Form, you risk being made inactive on the voting list per Massachusetts General Law.

This is a reminder that the Census form does not register you to vote nor does it change your name. You must re-register to vote under your new name for the changes to be made. If for some reason you do not receive your census form, please visit the Town Clerk's office and they will be happy to assist you.

The Knights Of Columbus free-throw championship competition will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Hopkinton High School after the Hopkinton/Ashland varsity boys basketball game. The game starts at 7pm and registration will begin in the High School Gym at 7:30pm. Please go to: bishopricekoc.org/events for more information and to obtain a registration form. Forms will also be available on the day of the contest. All boys and girls ages 9-14 can participate regardless of disabilities!

The Knights of Columbus free-throw competition is an annual event sponsored by the Ash-

land/Hopkinton Council (Bishop Rice council #4822) The event is open to all boys and girls aged 9 to 14 in the local communities. Trophies will be presented to first and second place winners and a medal is awarded to the third-place winner in each age category. The event brings the youth of the community together for a friendly competition and all can participate regardless of disabilities.

Since 1972 The Knights of Columbus have sponsored a basketball free-throw competition for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The Knights of Columbus, founded in 1882, is an

Organization of Roman Catholic men whose charter is to support both their parishes and communities. Based upon the founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus provide numerous services to their local communities. The Bishop Rice Council #4822 conducts numerous charity events in support of the parishes of St. John the Evangelist in Hopkinton and Saint Cecilia's in Ashland.

For more information contact: Joe Altman, 508-380-0163. joealtman@verizon.net

DPW Reminders

Please Remember to Recycle Old Mattresses

Mattresses and textiles are not allowed in the trash.

State rules require mattresses and textiles be kept out of the trash so they can be recycled or

donated for reuse.

In order to comply, the Town of Ashland has changed the way they collect mattresses and textiles.

Waste management no longer picks up old mattresses and box springs.

Here is what you should do with your old mattress and box spring:

- You can donate mattresses in good condition (we recommend a quick google search to find donation sites).
- If you are buying new, you can check with the retailer to see if they will recycle your old one.

- You can recycle it by utilizing the drop off times at the Department of Public Works, (DPW) at 20 Ponderosa Road on the first Saturday of every month between the hours of 9am-noon or every Friday between 6:30am-2:30pm.

Please note that proof of Ashland residency and participation in the town's contracted curbside solid waste removal program are required for mattress/box spring disposal.

If you have any questions, contact David Miller at 508-532-7943 or dmiller@ashlandmass.com.

Ashland Business Association News

From the President, Adam Sachs: "The ABA is dedicated to increasing visibility and profitability for its members and advocating for a healthy business environment within the town of Ashland. We have expanded our outreach of networking with surrounding business associations and chambers.

"As a member of the ABA, your business will be promoted, and you will be regarded as an involved, local community asset."

There are many ways you benefit from being a member of the ABA including:

- Regional Connections – Partnerships, like the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce, extend your business' reach

- ABA Member Promotion and Milestone Opportunities
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
- Listing in the ABA Online Directory which enhances your searchability
- Professional Education with programs such as the recent, "Understanding the New Retirement Legislation".
- Networking Opportunities
- Participate and/or give to the ABA to Give Back to the Community. The ABA supports The Ashland Emergency Fund, Ashland High School Reality Fair, Internship Opportunities, ABA Scholarships and more

- Advocacy
- Promotion of ABA Members' events

In ABA Board News, William Gath, of Realty Executives Boston West, was recently appointed as the newest Board Member of the ABA. Many know Bill from his many years as a successful Real Estate Agent and was one of the founders of the ABA. The Board welcomes Bill and looks forward to working together in 2023 to increase the visibility of the ABA and offer increased value and benefits to its members.

A big thank you to board member Paul Netopski. Not only has Paul made wonderful impact on the board, he has been extremely generous contributor to our scholarship fund.

Regarding programming, the ABA plans to present many interesting and educational programs in 2023! These include, "A Vision for Ashland", a panel of speakers with information regarding the future of Ashland - projects currently underway as well as future endeavors; a Regional

Chamber/ABA Evening of Networking; Route 126 Celebration; the Regional Chamber/ABA Annual Barbeque at the YMCA; a Networking Event at 126 Storage; a repeat of the spectacularly successful Movie Night at The Corner Spot; Comedy Night; An Evening of Thanks/Holiday Party; The Holiday Stroll, in partnership with the Town of Ashland; and several other Educational Events! Information about these events is in the final planning stages and the full 2023 Calendar of Events will be available soon!

The first 2023 event, a Virtual Education Session entitled "Understanding the New Retirement Legislation", was held on January 31 and speaker Adam Sachs shared valuable and timely information on retirement strategies and new issues that everyone needs to know.

Membership in the ABA is more valuable than ever! Member services have been increased and the ABA is constantly looking for new ways to support the membership. Programming is



Bill Gath
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meaningful due to its educational content and the networking opportunities that allow members to meet and form relationships creating mutually beneficial business alliances with other members. If you are interested in information about how the ABA could be of benefit to your and your business, please reach out via the Ashland Business Association web page and a Board Member will contact you to answer your inquiry.

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Galentine's Day - February 13th

BY GINA WOELFEL

February 13th is National Galentine's Day! Ok, ok...not officially, but UNOFFICIALLY, Galentine's Day is celebrated on February 13th, the day before Valentine's Day.

February is the month of love and Galentine's Day fits right in! We shower our significant others with gifts and cards on the 14th, but 24 hours earlier is all about our equally important relationships: our girlfriends! Galentine's Day brings together the ladies in our lives we love and lean on the most - our ride or die BFF's (you know who you are...)

You may recall that last year's Beauty Beat focussed on self-care. Well, we've made the executive decision that hanging with your besties is the best self-care there is!

We were actually inspired to write a Galentine's Day Beauty Beat when two best friends recently booked a facial day together at our b.LUXE studio. Estheticians, Colleen and Monique took such great care to pamper and beautify these two lovelies, the smiles on their faces said it all. They'd thoroughly enjoyed a day of self-care made all the more amazing by doing it together.

This holiday is the perfect opportunity to indulge in the YOU-time you need with the people who always have your back, the people who keep you laughing and who never let you down. Whether you're single or in a relationship, the best things in life are better with friends, and isn't that worth celebrating?

As much as we'd love to, not all of us are in the position to book a crazy girls trip to Paris (sorry SJP) or even a weekend away, but there are many fun and unique ways to celebrate your friendship that, with a little planning, can be almost as fabulous as Paris!

Here are a few ideas for you and your queens to kick up your heels and celebrate!

- Mimosas and pancakes - Have all the toppings and break out the crystal!
- Slumber party - Tell the gents they need to scoot and queue up your favorite films.
- Plan the perfect hike - Map out a new and exciting route and pack a lunch of your favorite munchies to snack at the summit.
- Zoom Happy Hour - No time to go out? Put the kids to bed and dial in!
- Friends Facial Day - Well, of course this is a b.LUXE favorite!! Our spa loves when friends book together! Facials are so great, why not bring a friend?? Tandem facials are a double shot of fun and leave you feeling like you're taking care of yourself, as well as your bestie!

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Now, of course we haven't forgotten about you, February 14th! Our gift cards are always available for easy purchase online and are the perfect way to say Happy Valentine's Day to all your special someone's. You all know how much your wives, mothers and significant other's LOVE them! So, grab your honey the gift they really want. Hint! Hint!

We hope Galentine's/Valentine's Day finds you celebrating with all the people and things that you love and wish you a joy-filled February filled with love, light and magic! (And pancakes and mimosas...)

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Community Center News

Senior Community Center Survey:

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Senior Center Programs & Activities:

Join us for a fun filled February to beat the Winter Blues!

EVERY Monday @ noon Join us for a delicious Lunch! sign up by Thursday before!

Mon, Wed & Fridays @ 9:30 - Exercise with Joni!

Tuesdays @ 1 - Chair Yoga

Wednesdays @ 10:30 - Blood Pressure Clinics

Wednesdays @ 12:30 - Movies with Popcorn

Thursdays @ noon - Line Dancing with Lisa!

Thursdays @ 12:30 - Cribbage

Thursdays @ 1 - Mindful Meditation

Feb 1st & 15th @1:30 - Parkinson's Boxing

Feb 2nd 2 9:00- FREE Breakfast hosted by the Lions

Feb 6th at 12:30 Home Safety Awareness with our NEW Deputy Chief, Lyn Moraghan

Feb 7th & 21st - BINGO

Feb 8th @ 1:30 - Parkinson's Support Group

Feb 9th & 23rd @ 9 - Sewing Class - Clothes making. Bring your fabric and patterns and learn how to make clothes with Tobi Hoffman

Feb 10th: 10-12 - 20 min Legal Advice with Arthur Bergeron

Feb 13 - Lunch with Music by Howie Newman

Feb 15th @ 10:00 - Town Manager Coffee Hour with Michael Herbert

Feb 16th 5-7 PM - Valentines Dinner with Music - Limited space available sign up now!

Feb 16th @ 10 - Hearing aid cleaning with Hopkinton Audiology

Feb 28th @ 11 - Some Forgotten Black Women of the Civil Rights Movement presentation by Professor Donna Halper

Call for More Information at 508-881-0140

Message from the Ashland Fire Department

Outside Burning began Jan. 15.

Residents are required to go to the Ashland Fire Department Website www.ashlandfire.com to obtain a permit. This permit will be valid for the entire burning season. Each subsequent time a resident wishes to burn, they must activate their permit on that day on the website. There is no fee for this permit. Burning Season ends on May 1.

Burning will begin at 10 am and fires must be extinguished completely by 4 pm.

Fires must be at least 75 Ft. away from any dwellings and there must be a water source readily available. There must be an adult present with the

fire at all times.

Permits are for BRUSH ONLY!

Burning of: Construction Materials, Leaves, Paper Products, Sawn Lumber, Stumps are prohibited.

Burning for land clearing is prohibited. Burning commercially is prohibited.

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There is no burning allowed on the 3rd Monday of April due to the Boston Marathon. The Duty Officer, The Fire Chief, or District Fire Warden may restrict outside burning due to weather or air quality conditions.

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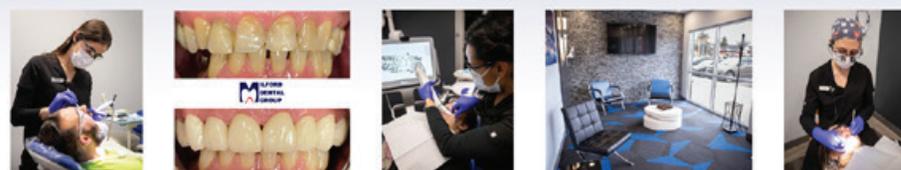
Dr. Beigi completed his undergraduate studies in California and earned his doctorate from Tufts University, School of Dental Medicine. He completed his residency at the New England Medical Center. He is certified in Invisalign, implant dentistry, and oral sedation. He focuses on oral surgery, root canal treatment, and gum surgeries. Dr. Beigi, too, is an FBI-trained forensic dentist.

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Sports

Jack Rossi Looking To Carry His Team To The Garden

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Ashland High School goalie Jack Rossi is hoping he can lead the Clockers hockey team all the way to the Boston Garden to have a shot at capturing a Division 4 State Championship.

Last winter Ashland qualified for the tournament, but were sent home in the Round of 16.

Rossi and his teammates are hoping to avenge that loss this season.

“This season I feel that I am ready to have a good year and would like to be named to the Tri-Valley All Star team and possibly put up an MVP season,” the senior captain said. “While the individual awards would be great, most importantly I want to get the team to the Garden while having the best season that we can possibly have.”

Rossi recalled his mom was iffy about him playing ice hockey and when some friends asked him to try out with them she was on a business trip to California, his dad let him go to the tryouts. Things worked out in his favor as he made the Framingham Youth team as a right winger, but one year later he was switching positions for the better.

“The following year our team didn’t have a goalie, so I stepped up and took control of the position,” Rossi said. “As a right winger I really never liked coming off the ice; as a goalie I don’t have to and as a baseball catcher I was familiar with the glove.”

After playing in Framingham, he moved over to the Minuteman



Flames out of Marlborough, in the fifth grade and was there right up until high school.

Rossi was lucky to have won the Championship his first season with the Flames and would love to bring that feeling back with the Clockers capturing a championship.

As a freshman he found himself as the varsity back-up while playing in all the junior varsity games. During that freshman

campaign he did get to start his first varsity game during a tournament where he posted a shut-out for the win. Covid made things difficult during his sophomore year, so he just continued to work out and perfect his game for the following season.

Last winter Rossi found himself starting 22 games, helping get Ashland to the Sweet 16 of the Division 4 State Tournament, where they lost to Assabet Valley 5-3.

According to Ashland Coach Mike Roman, the then-junior earned his way as the varsity starter that season and had himself a good year with a goals against average in the low 3 range.

“Jack was ready to take over the position when the season began last year,” Roman said. “He worked extremely hard during the off-season and attending some goaltending clinics. He wanted to come into the season focused and ready to do well. I expect him to continue to be that solid positional goaltender once again this season.”



Despite putting up good numbers and having a rather successful season last winter, Rossi feels that he could have played better.

“It was great making the tournament for the first time and playing in front of the entire school and town is something that I will always remember,” he said. “There was a lot of disappointment in not getting to the Garden last year, but it is definitely a priority this year.”

Preparing for his senior season, Rossi found himself on the ice five or six days a week during this past off-season. The captain began renting ice in early July right up until the beginning of the season.

Playing in the TVL Ashland finds themselves skating against a lot of higher divisional teams throughout the season, making it that much tougher on the Clockers to pick up wins. However with their hard work and the new strength of schedule rules they should once again be able to qualify for the Division 4 State Tournament and hopefully get past the Round of 16, where they faltered last season.

“I am looking to keep the pucks out of the net while keeping Ashland in the games so that we can pick up some wins. Rossi believes that if the Clockers can get their offense going then the sky’s the limit this winter.

“I love being a leader and that vocal guy in the locker room,” he said. “I want to provide what my captains did for me: to be a good teammate, have them look up to me in the way I play the game and to answer any questions that they might have.”

As Rossi and his Ashland teammates are working toward that ultimate goal of winning a State Championship this season, the senior captain will get to continue playing hockey next year at Bridgton Academy, a prep school in Maine. At Bridgton he will get the opportunity to play some of the top contenders in the Northeast as well as in Canada, but while that is on the horizon, Rossi is looking to stay focused this season.



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Children's Room:

Mom's Club - Little Crafters
*infants thru age 5
Fourth Monday of the month @ 10:15am

Monday Afternoon Story and Craft
*For Ages 4-7
Mondays @ 4:30pm

YMCA Play, Learn, and Grow Group
*Ages 0 to 5
Every Tuesday at 11am

PJ Story Time with Ryan
*Ages 3 and Up
Tuesdays @ 6pm

(Hybrid) Lapsit for Infants and Toddlers

Wednesdays @ 10:30-11am

Read to a Dog:
*For kids reading on their own (walk-in, sign up for 15 minute increments):
"Knives and Machete"

Every Other Thursday @ 6-7pm

Friday Afternoon Story and Craft
*For Ages 4-7
Fridays @ 4pm
Crafty Saturdays
Saturdays from 10am-3pm
Stop in anytime for a different craft every Saturday!

Teen Room:

Saturday Video Games
1st Saturday @ 1:30pm

Afterschool Video Games
3rd Friday @ 3:30pm

Teen Crafts
4th Saturday @ 2pm

Adults:

Book Clubs:

Virtual - Environmental Book Club
1st Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Hybrid - Romance Book Club
1st Thursday @ 6:30pm

Mystery Book Club
2nd Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Cookbook Club
2nd Saturday @ 12pm

Bio/Memoir Book Club
3rd Wednesday @ 11am

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

Front Street Readers
4th Tuesday @ 6:30pm

Other Adult Programs:

Nature Photography with Steve McGrath
Field Session - 1st Saturday of the month @ 10am

Virtual Discussion/Critique Session - 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7pm

Virtual - Friday Night Film Discussion
2nd and 4th Friday @ 7pm

Card Making with Jan Poppendieck
2nd Monday @ 6:30pm

Art for Adults with Nancy Atkinson
2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm

Half-Past Crafts
3rd Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Great Decisions Discussion Group
3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm

Write Your Stories: A Writing Workshop
3rd Friday @ 10:30am

Dinner and a Book
4th Wednesday @ 6pm

Knitting:
Mondays @ 6pm
Saturdays @ 2pm

Beginners ELL at the Hopkinton Library
In person - every other Thursday @ 2pm
Virtual - every other Thursday @ 2pm

Advanced ELL at the Hopkinton Library
In person - every other Friday @ 11am
Virtual - every other Friday @ 11am

Friends of the Ashland Public Library Book Sales and Donation Days

The Friends of the Ashland Public Library Book Sales and donation days have moved to the FIRST Saturday of the month

for 2023. Our next Mini Book Sale will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Ashland Public Library, 66

Front St. Donations of gently used books and DVDs will be accepted in the library parking lot where Friends will be available

to assist donors with larger donations. Book donations may also be brought to the bin located just inside the parking lot entry door

any time the library is open.

If you are unable to make it to the February Mini Book Sale, the Corner Book Sale, located on the main floor of the library near the fireplace is open for shopping all library hours. The collection is frequently replenished with fresh selections for adults and kids and features some of our most recent titles. Payment is welcome in cash, check, or Venmo.

When you come in to shop or donate books, remember to bring in the Friends postcard everyone in Ashland received in the mail in December. The postcard coupon may be redeemed for a FREE book at any of our 2023 book sales!

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