

# Could you be the match Kayla St. Pierre needs?

## Young nurse in search of a living kidney donor

By ALLIE HASTINGS

**NORTH READING** — Kayla St. Pierre, a resident of North Reading and 2007 graduate of NRHS, has endured more medical complications than most people will ever experience in their lives, yet she continues to remain optimistic about the possibilities of her future and the kidney transplant she is hoping to receive.

At the mere age of 10, Kayla contracted bacterial meningitis, which eventually led to the loss of both her legs below the knee, most of her fingers, and the function of her kidneys. After experiencing kidney failure at age 12, Kayla was fortunate enough to receive a kidney transplant from her adoptive father, Tony LoRe, which allowed her to live a normal and healthy life for upwards of 17 years. Back in May of 2019, however, the transplant started to fail, so Kayla is now back on the grueling treatment of dialysis.

Kayla currently goes to the clinic three days a week to receive dialysis treatment – a process that is time-consuming and exhausting in and of itself. Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, she could fall asleep during her four-hour treatments knowing that her adoptive mother, Heather LoRe, would be there to watch over her, but the pandemic has drastically changed the landscape of the medical field, causing visitation rules to become stricter.

“Normally in the hospital I stay with her, but because of COVID, she’s spent so many nights in the hospital alone, and she hasn’t ever had to do that before,” explained Heather.

In Kayla’s own words, “Dialysis is a treatment, not a cure,” as a lot of potential complications – like blood infections and blood clots – can develop over time, the longer an individual undergoes this treatment. If too much fluid is removed, patients on dialysis can



**KAYLA ST. PIERRE (center) and her adoptive parents, Heather and Tony LoRe. Tony donated a kidney to Kayla when she was 12. It kept her healthy for 17 years but she is now in need of a second transplant.** (Courtesy Photo)


experience seizures or become ill extremely fast if not attended to, which is why it has been extra difficult for Kayla to attend these dialysis appointments by herself.

Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has further set back Kayla’s ability to receive a new kidney transplant, as hospitals have been overrun with COVID patients since the onset of the pandemic. While she has received the COVID vaccine and a booster shot, and advocates for others to get theirs as well, Kayla still lives with caution, as she is immunosuppressed and cannot afford to take a step backwards on her journey to recovery.

### The donor process

The average life expectancy of a person on dialysis is five to 10 years, which is why Kayla and her family are actively seeking help from a kidney donor. Unfortunately, her situation is not all that uncommon; there are currently

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## Masonic Lodge Pumpkin Fest, scholarship drive October 16

**NORTH READING** — The North Reading Masonic Lodge, 283 Park Street, is hosting a joint open house and scholarship fundraising Pumpkin Fest event on Saturday, October 16 from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

The Masons will be giving away pumpkins of all sizes (for a small donation of your choice) to those who attend. A pumpkin coloring station will be set up for the children too. We will also be serving apple cider and donuts.

The North Reading Masonic Temple Association will also be raffling away gifts cards to local restaurants worth over \$100, with a grand prize restaurant card worth over \$200.

All the proceeds from this event will go toward the Masonic Scholarship Fund to enable the North Reading Masonic Lodge to award two \$500 scholarships to two academically talented graduating seniors from North Reading High School’s Class of 2022.

Please come and join us, and bring your family and friends!

# New Northeast Metro Tech receives voter support

By ALLIE HASTINGS

**NORTH READING** — Members of the Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee, and attendees at the Oct. 4 Town Meeting unanimously voted to approve the authorization of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District construction project.

Listed as Article 16 in the Town Meeting warrant, this plan outlined the \$317,422,620 borrowing for the construction of a new school building at the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School site in Wakefield, located at 100 Hemlock Drive.

School Committee members and administrators from Northeast Metro Tech in attendance at Town Meeting expressed their gratitude for the unanimous vote, as their educational

facility is 50 years old and needs to be renovated in order to provide adequate resources for teachers and students in the 21st century. North Reading and Stoneham were the first two members of the 12-member communities in the district to approve the funding needed to enable the designing, engineering, constructing, and equipping of the new vocational school and related athletic facilities as both towns held Town Meetings on Oct. 4.

Given that these plans have been 15 years in the making, Northeast Metro Tech’s School Committee and its School Building Committee are overjoyed to see their efforts come to fruition. Vice Chairman Judy Dymnt described feeling absolutely overwhelmed by the unanimous vote in

favor of the project.

“Words can’t express how we felt,” she told the Transcript the day after the vote.

Dymnt served as a Cosmetology teacher at Northeast Metro Tech for

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NORTH READING — Have you heard the latest buzz? Sharing your must-go-to North Reading event or virtual meeting with our readers is easy. Email details to: NRTranscript@RCN.com. Deadline: Mon. at 5 p.m.

Virtual meetings: Agendas of public boards are posted 48 hours in advance on town website under "calendar tab" (www.northreadingma.gov). An extension of COVID emergency rules enabled virtual meetings without violating the Open Meeting Law. Boards may choose to hold virtual, in-person or a combination through early next year. Check online meeting calendar for applicable links, passcodes, and phone numbers for virtual options.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

• **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** virtual meeting, 7 p.m., Public hearings: 167 North St., home occ: consulting; 86 Main St., special permit, landscaping/tree business, storage of wood, equipment, Fitz Eagle; 4 Brian Way, home occ: consultant for modular buildings; 340 Main St., special permit, construction/landscaping business.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

• **Order of Eastern Star Electronic, Appliance and Bicycle Recycling Day**, Masonic Temple, 283 Park St., 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. (recycle cell phones, keyboards, cables, car batteries and bikes for free; other items have a fee based on size, type). Questions? Call Kim Bauer, 978-979-0378.

• **Pumpkin Festival and Masonic Open House**, noon to 4 p.m., 283 Park St. Donations for pumpkins benefit scholarship fund, coloring/ decorating table for the kids, cider and donuts, gift card raffle.

• **COVID-19 and Flu Clinic**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Town Hall gym, 235

North St. Ages 3+ eligible for flu vaccine. Ages 12+ eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. 3rd dose mRNA boosters for immunocompromised residents at least 28 days after 2nd dose. Pre-register: [appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180061935?schedule=northreadingfluclinic](https://appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180061935?schedule=northreadingfluclinic)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

• **Community Planning Commission (CPC) virtual meeting**, 7:30 p.m. Log-in information on town website (northreadingma.gov). Public hearings 8 p.m.: Site Plan Review, Bark & Roll at 72 Main St. and Definitive Subdivision, Crestview Estates (39 Chestnut & 9 Flint Sts.).

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

• **Masquers Haunted Playground at Batchelder School grounds**, 5:30-9 p.m., family fun for all! Wear your Halloween costumes! Food, games, skits, singing, costumed characters, free shuttle bus from NRHS parking lot.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

• **Trunk or Treat at Union Congregational Church** open to entire community, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 148 Haverhill St. Wear your Halloween costume!

• **The O'Leary Senior Center** "in-town" transportation offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for residents 60+. Call 24 hours in advance to reserve a seat: 978-664-5600.

• **Flint Memorial Library**, 147 Park St. School year hours now in effect: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All patrons currently required to wear masks inside building. Remote order and contactless pick-up of materials still available; call 978-664-4942.

## Duck, duck, goose!



**THE SLOAN SISTERS (from left), Quinn, 4, and 2-year-old twins Halle and Emme head straight for the duck pond to look for the prize-winning ducks with red bellies at Town Day. (Maureen Doherty Photo)**

## Historical Society pot luck dinner, meeting

NORTH READING — The public is welcome to attend the pot luck dinner and monthly members' meeting of the North Reading Historical and Antiquarian Society. The next dinner will be held tonight,

Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. There will be good company, conversation and refreshments. Bring your favorite dish to share.

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the Union Con-

gregational Church, 148 Haverhill St.

For more information, call Ginny Mills at 978-857-6138, or email her at [vlmills132@gmail.com](mailto:vlmills132@gmail.com).

## Kris Kringle Fair to be held outdoors at UUCR Oct. 23

READING — Don't miss this year's Kris Kringle Fair! Because it will be fully outdoors on the church lawns, it is being held earlier than usual this year, on Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual fundraiser for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading is always a crowd-pleaser.

This year the fair will include toys

and kids books, attic treasures, baked goods, raffle items — including a stunning handmade patchwork quilt — Country Store, Equal Exchange Coffee and Chocolate, and many handmade treasures at the Boutique. Shoppers will be entertained with live musical performances by talented UUCR musicians.

There will also be online sales, both fixed price and auction items, through BidBeacon.

Go to <https://app.bidbeacon.com/invite/#6YTCAS> to shop for jewelry, bid on silent auction items, and additional opportunities to purchase raffle tickets, coffee and chocolate or boutique items through 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 30. Online purchases will be available for pick up between 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday, November 7. The winner does not need to be present to win.

Enjoy seeing friends and neighbors while you search for bargains and find perfect choices for Christmas presents at the Kris Kringle Fair. Please follow church policy to keep all of us safe and wear a mask and maintain social distance while on the church campus at 239 Woburn St., Reading. Learn more at <https://uureading.org/donate/kris-kringle-fair/>.

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# Memorial walk honors mother's memory and supports compassionate hospice care



**THE 5K FUNDRAISING walk organized by Marlena Fitts of North Reading in memory of her mother, Marlene Cerulli, has raised \$3,365 to date via a GoFundMe campaign at <https://gofund.me/63f7bf7e>. (Courtesy Photo)**

NORTH READING — As Marlene Cerulli's long battle with breast cancer neared its end last summer, her family turned to Merrimack Valley Hospice and its partnership with York Hospital Hospice to keep the longtime Melrose resident comfortable while surrounded by family in her favorite place: her beach house at York, Maine.

"Seeing a loved one suffering is one of the hardest things to endure," said her daughter, Marlena Fitts of North Reading. "Merrimack Valley Hospice provided the med-

ical equipment, knowledge, care and — most of all — patience and kindness that made such an awful experience as peaceful and humane as it could be."

"I am who I am today because of my mother's love and care, and Merrimack Valley Hospice helped us provide that love and critical care for our mom at home when her needs extended beyond our ability," added Cerulli's older daughter, Rina Cerulli of Lowell. "We are so grateful, and we would not have wanted her final days to

have been any other way."

To give back to Merrimack Valley Hospice while honoring the one-year anniversary of Cerulli's death at age 81 on August 22, 2020, Fitts organized a 5K charity walk in her hometown of North Reading. The event, which took place on Saturday, October 2, has raised \$3,365 to date from 41 donors via a GoFundMe campaign at <https://gofund.me/63f7bf7e>.

Donations will be accepted toward a \$7,500 goal through the end of the year, with all funds benefiting subsidized patient care, durable medical goods, art supplies for a children's bereavement group and other free bereavement services open to any community member who is grieving a loss — regardless of whether their loved one received care from Merrimack Valley Hospice.

Fitts was inspired to organize the fundraising walk to gain closure and do something positive after all the stresses of the past year, when the COVID-19 pandemic caused societal economic and social upheaval on top of her family's grief over losing their matriarch. She said their gratitude at fulfilling Cerulli's wish to remain pain-free in familiar surroundings, rather than hospitalized, made Merrimack Valley Hospice the family's "clear" charity of choice.

"My mom had a wonderful life until the end," Fitts said. "I wanted to give back in some way to all the



**MARLENE CERULLI with her daughter, Marlena Fitts of North Reading, at a family wedding in July 2020. Cerulli succumbed to her long battle with breast cancer the following month. (Courtesy Photo)**



**MARLENA FITTS' fundraising walk to benefit Merrimack Valley Hospice kicked off on Saturday, October 2, with approximately 30 supporters completing a 5K loop that began and ended at her home in North Reading. (Courtesy Photo)**

people that helped that happen."

The fundraising walk kicked off at 11 a.m., with approximately 30 supporters walking a 5K loop that began and ended at Fitts's home. The event concluded with a short speech about her mother and the benefits of hospice, followed by a celebration with music and food that lasted late into the evening.

"It was such a great day. My mom always knew how to have a good time and enjoy life, so it's what she would have wanted," Fitts said. "I'm so grateful and humbled by the generosity in her honor, especially from friends and extended family members I haven't seen in years. Everyone joined together to rise above what has been happening in the world and move forward in such a positive way. I want to thank them all for contributing to this cause that means so much to me and my family."

Cerulli is lovingly remembered as an incredibly strong woman who ensured that her four chil-

dren were college-educated and always had everything they needed. That included supplementing the income of her husband, postal worker Victor Cerulli Sr., by driving a nursery school bus and building a real estate corporation.

A talented cook who gladly opened her heart and home to extended family and friends, Cerulli created many fond memories involving travel adventures, game nights, summers at Short Sands Beach in York and Christmas holidays spent caroling, baking sugar cookies and warming up with hot cocoa.

"To paraphrase one of her favorite musicians, Frank Sinatra, my mom did it her way," Fitts said. "Her presence will remain in our hearts and minds forever."

To learn more about the hospice, palliative and comfort care services available through Merrimack Valley Hospice, call 978-552-4510 or visit [www.MerrimackValleyHospice.org](http://www.MerrimackValleyHospice.org).

## The Haunted Playground returns Oct. 23

NORTH READING — North Reading Masquers is proud to present The Haunted Playground on Saturday, October 23 from 5:30-9 p.m. outside at the Batchelder Elementary School playground.

This family-friendly event will feature entertainment from local a cappella groups, a magician, storytellers, dancers, a haunted maze, character greetings, a scavenger hunt, face painting, horse drawn carriage rides and professional carnival games provided by WNConcessions.

Come for dinner. Food is generously provided by local restaurants such as the Horseshoe

Grille, Harrow's, Kitty's, The Lobster Claw, Cal's Creamery, Hill Orchard Farms, Kayem, Andrea's and more.

Parking is available in the upper lot of North Reading High School. There will be a shuttle to bring you to the event. Masks must be worn on the shuttle and in the restrooms. No fake weapons or pets are allowed.

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<http://masquers.weebly.com/haunted-playground.html>

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# Views

## Learn the sounds of fire safety

Fire Chief Don Stats and the North Reading Fire Department urge all residents to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” and to follow these basic tips to help protect their loved ones, as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

The NFPA has been educating the public for over 90 years about simple but important ways people can keep themselves and those they live with safe from the ravages of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

“Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” focuses on beeps, chirps and other noises coming from your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms, and how knowing what these sounds mean could save your life.

Chief Stats urges everyone to recognize these common sounds to help you and your family better understand smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means “smoke or fire.” Your immediate response should be: “Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.” Remember, every second counts, so make sure you have pre-arranged a family meeting place outdoors that every member of the household is aware of.

- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed immediately.

- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

The North Reading Fire Department also recommends that smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

The NFPA offers the following tips for those who are deaf or hard of hearing:

- Purchase smoke and CO alarms that include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds.

- Pillow shakers or bed shakers can also be purchased and linked to smoke and CO alarms to awaken people from their sleep. These work by shaking the pillow or bed when the alarm sounds.

The use of a low-frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.

To learn more life-saving tips, visit: [nfpa.org/fpw](https://nfpa.org/fpw).



## Around the Schoolyard

By Dr. Catherine O'Connell, North Reading Middle School Principal

### A full array of extracurricular, intervention, enrichment and civic activities at NRMS

It's hard to believe we have already been in school for nearly one month. The start of the school year at the Middle School has been great and we are looking forward to a fantastic year. It is wonderful to have all of our students back in person. Seeing the students move about in the hallways filling the school with their energy and enthusiasm has been truly heartwarming.

I am excited to share some of the highlights from the start of school. Many of our extra-curricular clubs have already started meeting. It's not too late to join a club. The Middle School offers a wide variety of after school clubs and activities. To see a complete list of our clubs please visit our website <https://www.familyid.com/north-reading-middle-school-activities>.

Our musical has also started practicing. The musical this year is “The Descendants.” We know

it will be great. Teachers and students have also been very busy in the classroom.

In mid-October we will begin implementing an intervention program designed to help ensure that all of our students reach their potential in the classroom. Using data from the i-Ready Math and Reading diagnostic tests, the 2021 MCAS scores, and teacher recommendations, we are working to identify students in need of an academic intervention in the areas of math, reading, science, executive functioning or work completion. These interventions will occur once a week on Wednesday mornings from mid-October through the end of December. If students do not require academic intervention they will be placed into an enrichment block focused on the curriculum standards from science, social studies, world language or computer

science.

The daily schedule will be modified on these days to allow these intervention and enrichment blocks to occur. We are hopeful that these intervention blocks will provide students the extra support they need to reach their academic potential.

Looking ahead, we will hold our annual Veterans' Day assembly in November. This year, our assembly will be virtual, but it will still be a great opportunity for our students to get a better understanding of what it means to be a veteran and why we honor veterans on this special day.

As the calendar moves into December, we will work with our band and chorus directors to find a safe way to share our winter concert with families. Stay tuned for more updates from the Middle School as the year progresses. As always, thank you for your support of our schools.



## Letters to the Editor

### Assistance needed to resettle Afghan refugee family of four

Dear Editor:

I am on a committee that is preparing to welcome and help resettle a refugee family from Afghanistan called Reading POWIR (People Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees).

They are a family of four with two adult children. They just escaped in mid-August and are now awaiting transport to Massachusetts. They had to leave so suddenly that they had nothing but the clothes they were wearing and two of four cell phones. That's all. They need everything. They left behind a modern home,

a full life, friends and even one daughter, her husband and their baby. The good news is that they have a daughter who has been living in the Boston area for eight years, who is married with a new baby.

We have been extraordinarily blessed to find a two-bedroom condo for them, and now need to completely furnish and supply it with all the necessities, from toiletries to furniture to food. We have been able to provide them with refurbished laptops which means we even need funds to get them internet services, as well as

pay for utilities, until they can get on their feet and find work.

Included below are links to our Sign-Up Genius list of items needed, including household items, clothing and shoes (some items may be gently used; others must be new) plus our website and our Facebook page.

This weekend, we will have drop-off locations and times on Saturday and Sunday at two Reading churches to accept any of the items for which you signed up to donate (please do not bring

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### Italian Americans promoted Columbus Day to fight oppression

Dear Editor:

This past Monday was Columbus Day when all Americans had the opportunity to celebrate and recognize the discovery of America and how it benefited in the birth of the United States.

I am a second-generation Italian immigrant who is proud to be a full-fledged American. In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue to discover America for Europe and opened the door for the greatest exodus

towards freedom that continues to this day.

My Nanny could not speak English and my Father could not speak Italian. Italians were determined to become Americans and leave their troubles of the past and bring the good they have to offer to this new world called America. In this sense Italians were no different than immigrants who have come before and after.

Initially, Italians were not well

received. They were considered the lowest of the low. Probably not taught in the North Reading School's is that the largest mass lynching of immigrants in U.S. history occurred in New Orleans in 1891 when 11 Italians were hung till their death while thousands cheered.

To fight this oppression, Italian Americans promoted Columbus Day. Statues of Columbus are

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# LOOKING BACK

*In the pages of the Transcript*

**60 years ago this week**  
**October 12, 1961**

**Nighttime burglary:** Thieves looted the Atlantic Food Mart for the second time within a year. They netted \$3,000 worth of merchandise between closing time Saturday night and Sunday morning by cutting a hole in the roof and lowering themselves down onto a refrigerator chest. The roofing material had been carefully replaced in an effort to conceal the break. Reported taken were 756 cartons of cigarettes, over \$1,000 worth of meat, two cases of German wine, a clock-radio, a phonograph, a quantity of razor blades, a stamp machine and several butcher knives.

During a routine check of the building, Officer Floyd Downs spotted an open window and notified police headquarters. After the hole in the roof was discovered, a fingerprint expert was called in from the State Police barracks in Topsfield. State Trooper MacDonald from Andover assisted Sgt. Ellsworth Crosswell in the investigation, which continues. Police theorize that three or more were involved. On Jan. 12, 1961, a similar break by a lone thief who used a sled to transport merchandise between the store and his car resulted in the theft of \$3,400 worth of cigarettes and watches.

**Dancing for bleachers:** Tired of standing? A dance will be held at the Hillview Country Club on Friday, Oct. 27 to raise money to buy bleachers for the football field. We have been advised by Physical Education Director Lester E. Levey that if the affair is a success there will be seats by the Thanksgiving Day game against Lynnfield! The goal is to raise \$2,000 and the bleachers will seat 500 persons. Tickets for \$2 per couple may be purchased at the door. Sections of the bleachers will be movable to enable their use at the baseball field come spring. North Reading is the only town in the area that is completely without seating capacity of some sort. Let's support the bleacher fund drive, and be seated.

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**50 years ago this week**  
**October 14, 1971**

**Honored for service:** U.S. Army veteran Stephen Conrad was honored for his service in Vietnam at a recent meeting of the Lions Club presided over by Chairman Charles V. Statuti and 1st Vice President Paul Stephens.

**Special stork sighting:** Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Slep of North Stonington, Conn., announce the birth of a son, Kevin Charles, on September 14. He weighed five pounds. The baby's mother is the former Virginia McNeil. Grandparent honors are shared by Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McNeil of 63 Mount Vernon Street and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Slep of Bangor, Maine. The new baby's brother is Brian, age 2.

**Student art:** Exploring Indian art is the basis for Mrs. Susan Johnson's fourth- and fifth-grade art classes at the Marea J. Murphy School. First in a series of Indian-related projects is clay work. The students are very enthusiastic and showed a wonderful creative spirit. They used Mexican pottery and once the pieces were dry, colorful designs were applied with a mixture of powdered tempera paint and varnish.

**40 years ago this week**  
**October 8, 1981**

**Plane crash:** Two men escaped uninjured when their single-engine plane crash landed Sunday afternoon in the parking lot at the rear of Zayre's, about 100 feet from Route 28. The pilot of the Cessna Skyhawk, James J. Williams, 23, of Burlington, and his passenger, Scott J. Rummell, 23, of Reading, were shaken up but uninjured and were standing outside the plane when police arrived at the crash shortly before 3 p.m. They were transported in the ambulance to the Regional Health Center in Wilmington.

The pilot told police they had taken off from Hanscom AFB in Bedford and had traveled about 15 miles heading in a northerly direction when he attempted a common flight maneuver at about 2,200 feet called "approach to landing stall" in which the pilot shuts the engine off during flight and restarts it. The nose dropped and the speed slowed, as expected, but he could not get the engine restarted. Approaching the Zayre's parking lot from the west, he tried to make an emergency landing, made a loop around the area and came in for the landing heading east. The plane hit the ground about 300 feet from the highway and slid on its nose. Its left wing was sheered off by a utility pole and the plane bounced over log barriers then tipped on its side, breaking the windshield and damaging the right wing.

Rummel told police that during the engine failure, "Williams never panicked...He just followed the checklist... and then panicked when it was over." In addition to local police and fire, State Police, Air Force representatives and the FAA responded to the scene. The crash remains under investigation.

**30 years ago this week**  
**October 10, 1991**

**No pay for Selectmen:** Action under Article 3 at Town Meeting was clear and emphatic: No pay for Selectmen. A proposal by Selectman William Bellino to amend the charter to pay a \$2,500 salary to Selectmen sank without a trace, 154 opposed, 4 in favor. Bellino indicated from the outset that he knew the suggestion stood little chance of passage, but he thought it was at least worthy of discussion. "It was suggested to me to let someone else sponsor this, that it is political suicide. But I don't operate that way... I have no problem if this is voted down and considered by a charter commission," Bellino said. Criticism came from those who felt it was discriminatory against the School Committee and CPC as well as those who felt it was a bad idea in tough financial times. John Pasquale

presented research that many towns in the area pay their Selectmen, but others don't. Lynnfield pays \$700 per year and \$850 to the chairman; Stoneham pays \$1,000; North Andover pays \$2,000 to members and \$2,300 to the chairmen while Reading and Wilmington Selectmen serve without pay.

**Marching Hornets win first:** The North Reading Marching Hornets earned another first place win at their second competition of the season Oct. 6 at Methuen H.S. where they met with two of their toughest competitors, Deering and Portsmouth high schools. They received 63.4 points for a bronze medal plus awards for best drum major, best percussion and best color guard in Division 1. Despite their recent success, they must make much progress in preparation for the NESBA Finals on Nov. 3. NRHS and Triton are co-hosting a competition at home Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. The Music Boosters hope the turn-out will be as great as the competition was here two years ago.

**20 years ago this week**  
**October 11, 2001**

**United We Stand:** The recent community renewal walk and BBQ organized by the Ipswich River Road Runners Club, was a tremendous success as hundreds of participants raised over \$7,000 to benefit the World Trade Center Relief Fund, with more funds still arriving. IRRRC President Moira Moran said the BBQ was a smashing success, feeding over 500 people and the runners club also raffled off 37 prizes and gift certificates to raise money. A total of 350 walkers completed the route. Bagpiper Didi Row played for the walkers when they reached the top of the common where the NRRFD's ladder truck was affixed with a large American flag. The National Anthem was sung by Boston Bruins game time singer Rene Rancourt and Mario's donated all of the food.

**Preserving an ancient art:** "It keeps me out of trouble," quips octogenarian Eleanor Puglia of her oriental rug making. Since picking up the ancient art about 15 years ago she has made rugs for each of her four children and 10 grandchildren. Her next goal is to create rugs for her two great-grandchildren. She uses a needle, not a hook, to create the colorful patterns and cuts each loop of yarn by hand by carefully passing a knitting needle through the loops and pulling it taut before cutting using special scissors. The yarns are heirloom quality French wool paterna, which is very fine and soft to the touch. The backing for the rugs is made of monk's cloth, a special type of cotton. Her rugs "should last 100 years," she added. The rugs are representative of her Middle Eastern heritage. Her parents immigrated to the U.S. from Damascus, Syria, shortly after they married in 1903 and settled in Boston where her father sold rugs and dry goods. Mrs. Puglia served two terms on the town's School Committee from 1960 to 1965, and was twice elected chairman in 1961 and 1962.

-Compiled by Maureen Doherty, editor

# Two beautiful calico sisters up for adoption at Kitty Connection



CLEO



CALIE

MEDFORD — Pets end up homeless for several reasons, but among the most heartbreaking stories are those of cats and dogs who outlive their owners and suddenly find themselves orphans.


Kitty Connection, a no-kill animal rescue organization based in Medford and providing adoptions throughout Greater Boston and the North and South Shores, encounters this situation too often. Cats can live up to 20 years, so adopters should give careful thought to changes that might occur over that time frame. Kitty Connection urges older would-be adopters to take in older pets rather than kittens and puppies – unless there is a solid plan in place for someone to take care of pets that might get left behind. These feline sisters currently up for adoption are a case in point.

**Calie and Cleo**

These beautiful calico sisters lost their home when their owner passed away. Just 2 years old,

they are happy that they still have each other. They are a closely bonded pair that need an adopter who will keep them together. Calie and Cleo are very friendly and affectionate, and love being held and having someone brush their colorful soft fur. These sisters are homebodies, not fond of car trips and pet carriers, but will quickly settle into any home that's willing to give them love, attention and the opportunity to stay best pals. Please consider adopting and keeping this lovely sister act together.

Like all Kitty Connection adoptees, Calie and Cleo are spayed and have had rabies and distemper vaccines. They have tested negative for the Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency viruses. If you're interested in adopting them or any other available cat or dog, please visit our website ([www.kittyconnection.net](http://www.kittyconnection.net)) and send a completed pre-adoption application to [kc@kittyconnection.net](mailto:kc@kittyconnection.net).



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And we really should not have to explicitly state this because we have always believed that in a free society people are responsible for their own opinions, but some people prefer to hear it spelled out: The opinions expressed by the authors of all letters to the editor in this newspaper are solely representative of their own thoughts, feelings and opinions; they are not those of the editorial staff or the publisher.

The newspaper also reserves the right to edit letters for brevity and clarity, so try to make your

point concisely. Letters are accepted on a space-available basis.

The deadline is noon on Tuesdays for publication in that week's Transcript. Earlier submissions are always welcome because we're here all week, not just on Tuesdays.

The preferred method of receiving letters is via email at nrtranscript@rcn.com. An email confirming receipt of your letter will be sent to you from us. For those without email access, mail typed and signed letters to: North Reading Transcript, 26 Albion St., Wakefield MA 01880. A daytime phone number for verification purposes only should accompany letters to the editor sent by U.S. Mail.

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rooted in anti-racism, of which all minorities can get behind. Christopher Columbus was not a slave owner, he did not start the slave trade, nor did he order mass killings of indigenous peoples.

You could say Columbus was the first dreamer to land on American soil.

Columbus Day is an opportunity to build upon a legacy that will honor all who are part of the American Dream. We should use this day to deepen and widen the discussion of America's proud multi-cultural heritage.

This day is more than the accomplishment of one man.

Columbus Day should be appreciated for what it is, an awakening to a new beginning.

My grandparents, on both sides, adhered to former President Teddy Roosevelt's philosophy on becoming an American when he said (I am paraphrasing):

Immigrants who come to Ameri-

## Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes contributions made by largest minority group in the U.S.

By HEIDI CANDELARIO

NORTH READING — From September 15 to October 15 every year, Americans celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month was created to honor the multitude of contributions to America's history and culture by individuals of Caribbean, Central American, Mexican, South American and Spanish descent. Implicit in the recognition of this month is the idea that Hispanic heritage and American heritage are intrinsically intertwined. National Hispanic Heritage month is meant to be an inclusive, celebratory month that commemorates the many significant ways Latino and Hispanic

communities have shaped America throughout history.

What is now known as National Hispanic Heritage Month originally started as National Hispanic Heritage Week. National Hispanic Heritage Week was enacted into Public Law 90-498 on September 17, 1968, by Congress, during President Lyndon Johnson's presidential term. National Hispanic Heritage Week was designated the week of September 15.

National Hispanic Heritage Week was expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month during President Ronald Reagan's presidential term. It was enacted into Public Law 100-402 on August 17, 1988, by Congress. Thus, National Hispanic Heritage Month expanded from a seven-day time period to a 31-day time period now celebrated from September 15 through October 15.

The start of National Hispanic Heritage month on September 15 is intentional. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua all celebrate their national independence days on September 15. Mexico celebrates its national independence day on September 16. Chile celebrates its national independence day on September 18 and Belize celebrates its national independence day on September 21.

According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau data, individuals of Hispanic or Latino origin are the largest minority group in the United States. According to the same census data, there are approximately 62 million individuals of Hispanic or Latino origin living in the United States. The U.S. Census Bureau data also indicates that growth in the Latino or Hispanic populations of the United States account for more than half (51.1%) of the total U.S. population growth between 2010 and 2020.

The terms Hispanic, Latino(a), and Latinx each hold unique meanings and are used differently by people

for identification purposes. The government and other entities may use these terms interchangeably, as is often seen on census data and other forms. However, the terms Hispanic, Latino(a) and Latinx, are in fact different terms and hold important meaning to those who choose to use them, when they self-identify. The different meanings of these terms are influenced by history, language, country of origin, culture, gender and nationality. The complexities of the meanings of these terms are too great to expound upon in this particular article. However, I strongly encourage all community members to look up these terms and learn a little bit about Hispanic and Latino history in the United States.

There are many Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations and educational exhibits taking place across the United States right now. Hopefully, our community members can take advantage of some of these wonderful enrichment opportunities. There are many in-person and virtual events listed at the following website: <https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov>. This web portal is a collaborative project of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and U.S. National Archives and Records Administration.

*This article was written by Heidi Candelario on behalf of the North Reading Human Rights Group.*

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ca in good faith, become an American and assimilate themselves to us, they shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such person because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. This is predicated upon the individual becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American. There can be no divided allegiance. Any person who says they are an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag. We have room for but one language and that is the English language, and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is to the American people.

I will add to his comment that we sing but one national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Happy Columbus Day to all Americans!

Thank you.

Jeffrey Yull

P.S.: This is what the North Reading Republican Town Committee represents. To become a member, send an email to: [jyull.nrrtc@verizon.net](mailto:jyull.nrrtc@verizon.net).

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random items; just check off the list the specific item or items you are donating).

• **Saturday, Oct. 16** from 10 a.m. to noon, Reading Unitarian Universalist Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading (corner of Woburn and Summer Ave.; driveway and parking lot located on Summer Ave. side of building).

• **Sunday, Oct. 17** from 1:30 to 4 p.m., St. Agnes Church, 186 Woburn St., Reading. (Parking lot entrance is to the right of the church building; follow the driveway down and to the left of the parish's community hall.)

You can help us immediately with a donation of any amount to assist the family. You may do

so online through the Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading, at [www.goodshepherdreading.org](http://www.goodshepherdreading.org), where you will find a donation link that allows you to specify "refugee support."

Or, go through Go Fund Me (which does take a percentage out) at [www.gofund.me/ab2a9361](http://www.gofund.me/ab2a9361)

If you are "old school," you may mail a check to: Reading POWIR, Box 255, Reading, MA 01867; make the check payable to the "Church of the Good Shepherd" with "Afghan family" in the memo.

Please know that all proceeds will go to support the family.

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# Reading woman loses \$34K in 'boyfriend' scam

NORTH READING — A Reading woman lost \$34,000 in an online "boyfriend" scam on Saturday, Oct. 2.

She told police at 9:54 a.m. that she was the victim of check fraud. According to police, the woman was in an online relationship and deposited a \$17,000 check into her alleged boyfriend's account. She also sent \$17,000 worth of Bitcoins and Apple cards to him.

"We are working on it, however, Bitcoin is not traceable," stated Police Lt./Detective Thomas Romeo in an email sent to the Transcript. "Obviously, these online relationships are a scam tactic used by thieves. We recommend under no circumstances should anyone send Bitcoin or pre-paid card information to anyone, even if it's someone that they think they know. Online relationships are now becoming prevalent, and scammers sometimes will create trust with the victim over a period of months or years before striking. The bottom line is don't trust anyone when it comes to online relationships as well as never send cash or Bitcoin to anyone who has sent you a check to deposit because 99.9 percent of the time these checks are forged."

A Winter Street resident informed police at 4:08 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 that several items, including prescription medication, were stolen from her apartment.

The woman also said an unauthorized individual made purchases with credit and debit cards in her name. Police are currently investigating the thefts.

A Deerfield Place resident told police at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 that she was targeted in the ongoing

gift card scam. According to police, she sold shoes to a California woman for \$200 on Facebook Marketplace. The California woman later contacted her and claimed that she overpaid PayPal \$200 and requested that she be reimbursed the \$200 by having the local woman purchase four Google Play cards that equaled the same amount. Realizing that it was a scam, the local woman notified PayPal, Facebook, Google and her bank about the attempted fraud.

Police also responded to the following calls:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

A police officer helped a Swan Pond resident who got locked out of the house get back in at 3:53 a.m.

Police were informed at 9:45 a.m. that a Eugley Park East resident lost a Honda key fob.

A Pomeroy Road resident told police at 10:45 a.m. that she lost a gold necklace at the Batchelder School.

Police were notified at noon that a Reading woman was targeted in a bank fraud attempt. She said someone from out-of-state tried cashing checks from an old bank account that is no longer being used. She told police that her business did not lose any money.

Police issued a citation to a Greenbriar Estates man at 2:42 p.m. for allegedly failing to stop for a school bus by the Horseshoe Grille, 226 Main St.

A caller told police at 8:04 p.m. that the exhaust from an older pickup truck was making excessive noise in the Hemlock Road area. An officer spoke with the truck's owner about the complaint.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

An Elm Street resident informed police at 12:01 a.m. that a suspicious pickup truck was doing "burnouts" in

the Teresa's Prime parking lot, 20 Elm St. An officer spoke with the driver, who admitted to driving in the lot.

Police received a well-being check request at 10:56 a.m. after an Andover woman saw a young child walking on North Street with no shoes. A police officer spoke with the child's parents, who confirmed that child had gone outside to ring the doorbell.

A caller informed police at 11:35 a.m. that an elderly man walking with a cane on Park Street near the Wilmington line might need assistance. The man told the officer that he was okay and did not need any help.

While conducting patrols along Main Street at 3:06 p.m., a police officer came across a motor vehicle accident in the 7-Eleven parking lot. There were no injuries but one vehicle was towed.

Police assisted with a paperwork exchange after a minor motor vehicle accident was reported in the Teradyne parking lot, 600 Riverpark Dr., at 5:15 p.m.

A juvenile Canada goose was reported on the Youth Softball field on Barbary Road behind the Little School at 5:29 p.m. The bird flew away when the responding officer approached it.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

Police went to Erwin Road after a caller told police at 10:19 a.m. about hearing a loud bang in the area. An electrical transformer had failed and RMLD was able to repair it quickly.

An Edgewood Apartments tenant informed police at 10:30 p.m. that water was leaking into their apartment and they were unable to reach the development's maintenance department. The leak was addressed.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

An erratic motor vehicle was reported on Mid Iron Drive at 12:16 a.m. The car was gone when police arrived.

Police investigated a report of a stolen Microsoft Surface Tablet from Firestone on Main Street at 11:18 a.m. According to police, the store had five tablets and one was missing. Firestone's manager told police he was unable to track the missing tablet. He wanted the theft logged for replacement purposes.

A caller told police there was a disabled car on Main Street by Joe Fish at 4:25 p.m. An officer helped the motorist push the vehicle into the restaurant's parking lot and it was later towed away.

Danvers Police informed North Reading Police at 7:28 p.m. that a local man's pickup truck was allegedly involved in a hit-and-run accident in that community. Local police spoke with the man about the accident, and he called Danvers Police to discuss the situation with them as well.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1**

Police responded to a report of a disabled motor vehicle at the intersection of Park and Main streets at 4:32 p.m. The vehicle was moved.

A Beverly man came into the police station at 4:59 p.m. to report a motor

vehicle accident that occurred at the Park Street and Shay Lane intersection.

Police went to the intersection of Haverhill and Chestnut streets at 5:02 p.m. after receiving a report that a table fell out of the back of a truck and was in the middle of the road. The table was gone when police arrived.

A caller informed police at 8:34 p.m. that two small dogs were running around the Kings Row and Adrian Drive area. The dogs were reunited with their owner.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2**

Police went to the Shore Road and Travelled Way area at 3:45 a.m. after a caller reported two men were ar-

guing outside and allegedly heard a sound that could have been a gunshot or a firecracker. Police were unable to locate any men in the area, but there was a small gathering at a nearby house that was not the cause of any noise issues.

A caller told police at 8:40 a.m. that

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## Fire Dept. Log



NORTH READING — During the week of Sunday, Oct. 3 through Saturday, Oct. 9, the North Reading Fire Department responded to 50 calls.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3**

12:23 p.m., 8 Shasta Dr., smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional; 3:45 p.m., 55 Spruce Rd., EMS call, transport person basic life support (BLS).

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

10:42 a.m., 265 Main St., Stop & Shop Plaza, alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional; 11:26 a.m., 3 Wagon Dr., EMS call, assist occupant; 12:02 p.m., 44 Main St., Unit 17, EMS call, transport person advance life support (ALS); 12:10 p.m., 22 Northridge Dr., EMS call, transport person ALS; 1:46 p.m., 1 Summit Dr., Unit 34, Reading, EMS call, transport person ALS; 2:09 p.m., 265 Main St., Stop & Shop Plaza, alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional; 4:36 p.m., 52 Pearl St., Reading, EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 7:27 p.m., 25 Martin Rd., Reading, EMS call, assistance.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

9:11 a.m., 300 Riverpark Dr., alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional; 9:37 a.m., 400 Riverpark Dr., false alarm or false call, other; 12:23 p.m., 76 Main St., General Mail Facility, EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 1:49 p.m., Concord St. at Fordham Rd., motor vehicle accident; 2:22 p.m., 212 Main St., alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional; 2:49 p.m., 219 Swan Pond Rd., EMS call, transport person ALS; 5:24 p.m., 6 Washington St., alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional; 8:38 p.m., 55 Concord St., EMS call, transport person BLS.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6**

3:55 a.m., 31 Anthony Rd., carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO; 9:43 a.m., New/Chestnut St., motor vehicle accident, obtained patient refusal; 10:05 a.m., 1 Sullivan Rd., dispatched and canceled en route;

10:09 a.m., 233 Park St., building fire; 11:41 a.m., 18 Whittier Rd., dispatched and canceled en route; 1:30 p.m., 152 Park St., lock-out; 2:48 p.m., 7 Leland Rd., EMS call, transport person BLS; 3:07 p.m., 18 Main St., lock out.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

5:53 a.m., 2 Hayward Farms Lane, good intent call, other; 7:30 a.m., 4 Mid Iron Dr., EMS call, transport person BLS; 8:36 a.m., 0 Strawberry Ln., EMS call; 11:05 a.m., 22 Haverhill St., public service assistance, other; 12:47 p.m., 20 Olde Coach Rd., public service assistance, other; 3:13 p.m., 11 Darrell Dr., EMS call, transport person ALS; 9:06 p.m., 6 Greenbriar Dr., EMS call, transport person ALS; 9:08 p.m., 384 Park St., EMS call, transport person ALS.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**

8:59 a.m., 7 Abbott Rd., smoke detector activation due to malfunction; 11:25 a.m., 7 Main St., EMS call, provide ALS; 12:01 p.m., 303 Main St., alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional; 12:50 p.m., 298 Haverhill St., EMS call, provide ALS; 3:55 p.m., 280 Main St., smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional; 6:58 p.m., 12 Oscar's Way, EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 7:37 p.m., 93 River St., Middleton, smoke scare, odor of smoke; 9:52 p.m., 152 Park St., EMS call, transport person BLS.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

7:01 a.m., 134 North St., Royal Meadowview, EMS call, transport person BLS; 8:54 a.m., 1100 Main St., Reading, EMS call, transport person BLS; 10:19 a.m., 166 Chestnut St., DPW garage, EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 1:42 p.m., 134 North St., Royal Meadowview, EMS call, transport person BLS; 3:01 p.m., 300 Haverhill St., dispatched and canceled en route; 5:48 p.m., 26 Adam St., EMS call, obtained patient refusal; 11:05 p.m., 249 Elm St., EMS call, obtained patient refusal.

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# Hornet football stays perfect with big win over Triton



**THE DEFENSE** locked up the Vikings on Friday night on their way to a 48-7 win. Pictured forcing a fumble from left to right is Dan Oliveira, Teddy Suny and Anthony Pino. (Courtesy Photo)

**By DAN ZIMMERMAN**  
 BYFIELD — As the North Reading Hornets arrive at mid-season, armed with an unblemished 5-0 mark and a bundle of remarkable achievements, it's difficult to fathom that this program has room for improvement. But after Friday night's 48-7 dismantling of Triton Regional, the mindset is that the record has reset and the road ahead promises to be more demanding.

"It's not enough yet," replied senior wide receiver John Jennings, when asked how the team felt about their success to this juncture. "We came out tonight after one of our best weeks of practice and I think that's what led to this great game tonight. But we have goals still to reach. After a brief celebration, we're back to 0-0."  
 North Reading has now outscored opponents by a margin of 204-49



**THE OFFENSIVE** line, including Casey O'Connor (72) and Owen Delano (76) and Sam Morelli (52) had a terrific game leading the charge against Triton. (Courtesy Photo)

due, in part, to the efforts of dynamic athletes like Ryan McCullough, who was sidelined with a shoulder a week earlier but returned no worse for wear and put up a 56-yard TD reception in the opening minutes against Triton.

The Hornets second possession also resulted in points as QB Alex Carucci rifled a 3-yarder to Devin Tran who put his team in front, 12-0, following a pair of failed 2-point conversion tries.

As the first quarter came to a close on a cool, crisp night in Newbury, Will Batten finished off yet another brief series, racing 49-yards for a 19-0 North Reading lead. The promising sophomore tailback slipped through a breach in the line and was gone, untouched by a defender.

"I need to give all the credit to our coaching staff and of course, the offensive line," said Batten, who added a 46-yard TD in the third and now has a half-dozen scores on the season. "They were making big holes to run through all night."

Leading by three scores in the second frame, Carucci made it five with back-to-back TD throws to Jennings, who was literally given a free pass by the Triton secondary. With 10:13 left in the half, Jennings hauled in a short lateral and turned downfield, shaking off ineffective hand tackles for 70-yards and the score. On the next series, Carucci combined with Jennings for a 57-yarder and a 32-0 Hornet lead.

"On a number of throws tonight, I needed a lot of time in the pock-

et and the offensive line did an unbelievable job," said Carucci, who completed 8-of-10 for 274-yards and four TDs. "Contrary to popular belief, I am a little bit of a mobile quarterback but I don't have to run very often this year because the pocket is consistently solid."

"Credit to the offensive line for giving Carucci all that time to throw," agreed North Reading head coach Ed Blum, who is now 3-0 in the Cape Ann League. "As far as his effort, he just keeps getting better. He is a student of the game, has a great football IQ, and does the job making his reads. As a first-year starter, he's very mature but also humble."

While the Hornets were well on their way to another win by halftime, Triton was running in quicksand. The Vikings ground game, facing an inspired defense led by Anthony Pino, Sam Morelli, and especially, Teddy Suny, compiled a paltry 59-yards on 19 tries. Senior QB Max Ciaramitaro connected on 9 attempts but most of his throws were hurried and for short yardage. Save for a late TD against reserves, Triton's best forward progress on 8 possessions reached no further than the North Reading 45.

In all but two possessions, North Reading came away with points in some form or another. With seconds remaining before the intermission, for instance, Blum and his staff signaled for a Matt Guidebeck field goal

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## Varsity sports schedule

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
 Field Hockey: vs. Malden, 4:30 p.m.  
 Volleyball: vs. Newburyport, 5:30 p.m.  
 Girls' Soccer: at Malden Catholic, 6 p.m.


**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
 Football: at Amesbury, 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
 Field Hockey: at Lynnfield, 4:15 p.m.  
 Volleyball: at Medford, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
 Boys' Soccer: at Lynnfield, 4:15 p.m.  
 Girls' Soccer: vs. Lynnfield, 4:45 p.m.  
 Volleyball: vs. Ipswich, 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
 Cross Country: vs. Ipswich, 4 p.m.

## 10-under par day on the links



**THE SECOND-PLACE** foursome of (l-r): Dave Lee, Scott Ellis, Kevin Brennan and Tim Haynes scored 10 under par at the 36th annual Jimmy Fund Horseshoe Grille Golf Tournament, just one stroke behind the winning team of Kevin Bridges, John Bridges, Kyle Donovan and Matt Pisapia. This year's tournament was record-setting as over \$50,000 was raised to fight cancer. (Kathi Lee Photo)

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# Boys' soccer beats H-W and AP

NORTH READING — The NRHS boys' soccer team continued their strong season over the last two weeks.

After a close 1-0 loss to Newburyport on Sept. 27, the Hornets beat Hamilton-Wenham 4-2 on Sept. 30 and Austin Prep 2-1 on Oct. 2.

North Reading pushed their league winning streak to four games with victories over Triton (6-0) on Oct. 4, Manchester-Essex (3-2) on Oct. 8 and Georgetown (2-1) on Oct. 12. Recaps from those three games will appear in next week's issue. North Reading will get a week to prepare for a huge matchup on the road against Lynnfield on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 4:15 p.m.

## Edged by Clippers

Newburyport came into the game undefeated for the season and the Hornets came in with a three-game winning streak. The Hornets had some great early chances in this game pitting the two pre-season favorites in the CAL. The best chance came less than 10 minutes into the game when senior forward Alex Carpenter was fouled in the penalty area. Unfortunately, the Hornets were unable to convert on the penalty kick and the game remained scoreless.

The whole game was a hard fought contest that featured physical play from both teams. The physical play led to a Newburyport player receiving two yellow cards in the first half forcing Newburyport to play a man down for the rest of the game.

Despite the numerical disadvantage, the Clippers came out firing in the second half, taking advantage of the numerous offensive opportunities afforded them through their "throw-in specialist" who was able to turn every throw-in into a scoring chance. Just two minutes into the second half, one of those long throws earned the Clippers a corner kick that wasn't cleared cleanly and the loose ball went to an open Newburyport



**KIERAN GORGENYI punches away a Newburyport cross. The junior keeper played well in a great battle between two of the league's best teams.** (Nancy Carpenter Photo)



**ROBERT CORVINO scored one of North Reading's four goals in their win over Hamilton-Wenham.** (Nancy Carpenter Photo)

player who put the ball in the back of the net.

The Hornets regained their balance and controlled the rest of the game and were able to create some strong scoring chances including a partial breakaway for junior forward Josh Stanieich that was foiled by the Newburyport goalkeeper who made a tremendous save. The final chance came from junior Liam Rodger who rifled a left footed shot from 25 yards out that beat the goalkeeper but hit the crossbar and was cleared away.

## Conquer Generals

The Hornets wanted to get back to their winning ways against Hamilton-Wenham on Sept. 30 and they started the game quickly. In

the 6th minute, Stanieich crossed the ball from the left wing to the far post where freshman Max Gulino controlled the cross and placed a left footed shot inside the right post for his first varsity goal.

Seventeen minutes later, the green and gold struck again. This time it was junior forward Rob Corvino who beat the keeper to a Jason Emerson pass and calmly circled both the H-W goalkeeper and a defender to coolly pass the ball into a wide open net.

Five minutes after that, Stanieich scored his first goal since coming back from injury when he slotted a shot inside the left post off a pass from Carpenter. The Hornets took the 3-0 lead into halftime.

Twelve minutes into the second half, Hamilton-Wenham committed a handling offense in their own penalty area giving NR its second penalty kick attempt in two games. This time junior defender Nathan Miller stepped up to take the kick and he made no mistake drilling his kick into the top right corner of the goal.

The Generals scored two goals in the last eight minutes of the game to cut the lead to two, but they would get no closer.

## Beat Austin Prep

The Hornets went to Austin Prep in Reading on Saturday for a non-league night game.

The Hornets scored first off of a corner kick. Josh Stanieich took the corner from the left side and senior midfielder Kiernan Schulz headed it home from eight yards out. The Hornets played a solid rest of the half defensively led by goalkeeper Kieran Gorgenyi and defender Cody Cannalunga and took the 1-0 lead into the half.

The second half started out with a bang and a goal for Austin Prep against the run of play when a clearance attempt came to a Cou-

gar midfielder 30 yards from goal. The Austin Prep attacker made no mistake as he rifled a one-timed half volley into the top right corner of the goal.

The game stayed tied until the 68th minute when Stanieich hit a cross from the right wing to the far post where Liam Rodger arrived just in time and rocketed a left footed bomb of the inside of the right post and into the goal for the game winner.

That moved the North Reading record to 5-2-1 on the season.

"Two good wins to close out the week and get things back on track after the loss to Newburyport," said head coach Mark Bisognano. "The team is playing well and I think we are improving as the season goes along, which is a great sign. Hopefully, we will be playing our best soccer as we get closer to the playoffs."

## Girls' soccer goes 3-1-1 during important 5-game stretch

NORTH READING — The NRHS girls' soccer team earned some valuable point over the last two weeks, improving their season record to 5-1-5 overall and 4-1-5 in CAL play.

Starting on Sept. 27, North Reading tied Newburyport 0-0. They fell to Hamilton-Wenham 1-0 on Sept. 30 before beating Triton 4-0 on Oct. 4. The Hornets cruised past Whittier Tech 6-0 on Oct. 6 and beat Manchester-Essex 2-0 on Friday. The team outscored their opponents 12-1 during this five-game stretch.

North Reading tied Georgetown 2-2 on Tuesday (stats not available at press time). They travel to Malden Catholic on Thursday at 6 p.m. before a huge matchup at home on Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. against rival Lynnfield.

## Tie Clippers

At home on Sept. 27, North Reading and Newburyport played to a scoreless draw. Maggie Schulz had four saves while Jackie Magner had two.

## Fall to Generals

Hamilton-Wenham won another very close game on Sept. 30 at NRHS. Schulz had eight saves while Magner had two.

## Top Triton

The Hornets soundly defeated the Vikings on the road, taking a 2-0 lead at halftime before adding two more in the second half.

North Reading got goals from four different players.

Maggie Fortin got the Hornets on the board just 3:45 into the game.

Maddie DiNapoli made it 2-0 in the 30th minute assisted by Sammie Magner.

Magner picked up her second assist in the second minute of the second half when she found Ellie Janasiewicz who finished to give the Hornets a 3-0 lead.

Just four minutes later, Tiara Lamont buried one on a direct kick to put the exclamation mark on a big win.

Magner had three saves on the day while Schulz added one.

## Crush Whittier

The Hornets kept the momentum of their Triton victory going



**TIARA LAMONT had two goals against Whittier Tech, a goal against Triton and an assist against Man.-Essex.** (File Photo)

when they cruised past Whittier Tech 6-0 at home on Oct. 6. Three Hornets had two-goal games: Lamont, DiNapoli and Lauren Boudoya.

The score was just 1-0 at the break before the Hornets broke the game open in the second.

Lamont scored the first half goal six minutes in, assisted by Janasiewicz.

Maddie DiNapoli scored two goals in a row early in the second to push the lead to 3-0. Her first was unassisted and her second was assisted by Alyssa Demetri.

Lamont's second goal came 10 minutes into the second half assisted by Jenna DiNapoli.

Boudoya scored both her goals soon after that, her first assisted by Sophia Barker and her second assisted by Bella Cannalunga.

## Shut out M-E 2-0

North Reading made it three shutouts in a row with a 2-0 road victory over Manchester-Essex on Friday afternoon.

The road Hornets scored one in the first half and one in the second half.

Cannalunga got NR the lead in the first half 25 minutes in.

Magner scored an early second half goal on a corner kick assisted by Lamont and the defense did the rest.

## TICKETS AVAILABLE OCT 15<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Social

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**Congratulations Hornets!**




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**Hornets of the Week**

**C**ongratulations to the Hornets of the Week: Karleigh Budny and Tiara LaMont. Karleigh, a junior on the varsity field hockey team, played solid defense all game in North Reading's 3-2 victory over Georgetown. Tiara, a junior midfielder on the varsity girls' soccer team, had three goals and an assist in North Reading's three victories last week vs Triton, Manchester Essex and Whittier Tech. Congratulations to Karleigh, Tiara and to all your teammates!



### FOOTBALL Continued from Page 9

try. The junior placekicker, who had earlier been inconsistent with PATs, booted a 40-yarder with room to spare. The Hornets, it seemed, could do no wrong.  
 North Reading tacked on a pair of rushing TDs in the third to assume a 48-0 lead. Craig Rubino polished off a 9-play, 63-yard series with a 3-yarder and Batten was in for his second of the night, from the 46, with seconds left in the quarter.

While the officials wound the clock for the final frame, Triton snapped the game-long shutout with a 34-yard TD rush from Jayden Torres.  
 “I would say this was our best week of practice,” said Blum. “The kids did it the right way and I’m pleased that the execution showed up on Friday night. Certainly, some of the guys you mentioned – McCullough, Jennings, Rubino, Batten – they’re players who other guys look

to for leadership. And guys like Devin Tran and Aldo Vittozzi came up with important catches. But obviously, there are a few little things we have to clean up. Amesbury beat us up last year and represents a new set of challenges. We need to be prepared to face adversity.”  
 North Reading travels to face 3-1 Amesbury on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

## Critical blood shortage continues: 10,000 units needed per week

**MEDFORD** — The American Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood and platelet shortage that has caused the blood supply to drop to the lowest post-summer level in at least six years.  
 With less than a day’s supply of certain blood types in recent weeks, the Red Cross asks donors of all blood types – especially Type O – to make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible to ensure patients can receive the lifesaving transfusions. Appointments can be made by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).  
 Fall is typically a time when the blood supply rebounds from summer blood shortages, but a surge in COVID-19 cases across the U.S. due to the Delta variant has contributed to the lowest donor turnout of the year. To shore up inventory, the Red Cross must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week this month to meet hospital and patient needs.  
**October incentives**  
 All those who come to donate in October will receive a link by email to claim a free Zaxby’s Signature Sandwich reward or get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice. Plus, all those who come to give Oct. 11-31 will receive a bonus \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.  
 25% of blood supply needed by cancer patients  
 During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Red Cross is reminding donors of the importance of blood to those undergoing cancer treatment. According to the National Cancer Institute, roughly 1.9 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. this year, and more than 281,000 of those individuals will have breast cancer.

Patients with breast cancer and other cancers may need blood products on a regular basis during chemotherapy, surgery or treatment for complications. In fact, nearly 25% of the blood supply is used by cancer patients.  
**Blood drive safety**  
 Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.  
**Upcoming blood drives**  
**North Reading**  
 • 10/26: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., International Family Church, 99 Concord Street  
**Reading**  
 • 10/27: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Good Samaritan Lodge, AF & AM, 110 Haven Street  
**Andover**  
 • 10/20: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel, 6 Dundee Park  
 • 10/25: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Free Christian Church, 31 Elm Street  
**North Andover**  
 • 10/26: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., North Andover Masonic Lodge, 19 Johnson St  
**Wilmington**  
 • 10/21: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 112 Middlesex Ave. Wakefield  
 • 10/29: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church, One Church Street  
**Woburn**  
 • 10/16: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Woburn Moose, 4 Federal Street  
 • 10/22: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Woburn Senior Center, 144 School Street  
 • 10/29: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Gymja Warrior, 10 U, Gill Street  
**Melrose**  
 • 10/18: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., VFW, 428 Main Street

**Danvers**  
 • 10/16 & 10/17 : 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Drive  
 • 10/18 to 10/21: 1 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Drive  
 • 10/22 to 10/24: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Drive  
 • 10/25: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Hilton DoubleTree Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road  
 • 10/25 to 10/28: 1 p.m. - 6:15 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Drive  
 • 10/29 to 10/31: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Danvers Blood Donation Center, 99 Rosewood Drive  
**Lynn**  
 • 10/19: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 177 Lynnfield Street  
 • 10/21: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Demakes Family Y, 40 Neptune Boulevard  
**Saugus**  
 • 10/25: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Fox Hill Yacht Club, 114 Ballard St  
**Burlington**  
 • 10/19 & 10/26: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Burlington American Legion Post, 162 Winn St.  
**Malden**  
 • 10/16: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Malden Church of the Nazarene, 529 Eastern Avenue  
**Medford**  
 • 10/17: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lawrence Memorial Hospital, 170 Governors Avenue  
 • 10/19: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Medford-Malden Elks Lodge #915, Elks Hall - 19 Washington Street  
**Somerville**  
 • 10/19: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., VFW Post 529 - Somerville, 351 Summer Street  
**Cambridge**  
 • 10/18 & 10/21: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Cambridge Masonic Lodge, 1950 Mass. Ave.  
 • 10/21: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Church of

# Denning returns to stage in “Drinking Habits”

READING — North Reading native Pamela Denning is back where she belongs: performing onstage for the first time since 1999 as Sister Philamena in the comedy “Drinking Habits” by Tom Smith at Colonial Chorus Players in Reading through Oct. 17.

Retired from a 40-year acting career that took her across the country doing summer stock, dinner theater, and professional theater with companies such as the Paper Mill Playhouse under director Susan Stroman, Pam has spent the last two decades directing, doing costume design, and running a rental business. She also joined the Union Congregational Church choir and Senior Echoes chorus in North Reading.

But quarantine hit hard and was very isolating, especially with so few creative outlets available. “I was depressed as a result of COVID and certain things that had happened in my life,” Pam readily admits. “I needed something to get me off my lounge chair.”

Pam credits longtime friend John Pease, also of North Reading, with convincing her to return to Colo-



**SISTER PHILAMENA (Pamela Denning, center) attempts to hide her wine-making escapades from Mother Superior (Sharon Buccuzzo Beeler, left) and investigative reporter Sally Andrews (Heather Hamilton) in Colonial Chorus Players’ production of “Drinking Habits.” (Courtesy Photo)**

nia Chorus Players, where she had made her community theater debut in 1977. “He thought it would lift my spirits,” she recalled.

In May she auditioned for CCP’s production of “Drinking Habits”—the company’s first in-person show since February 2020—and won

the role of Sister Philamena, one of the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing. “It’s been fabulous,” Pam said. “I’m much better. I think it’s because of

the cast, because they’re so uptempo and upbeat.”

“Drinking Habits” is set at a small convent that’s threatened with closure, with two innovative nuns desperately trying to keep the doors open by secretly making and selling wine. In addition to Pam, the ensemble cast features Sharon Buccuzzo Beeler, Jack Croughwell, Bryan Deroo, Beth Enos, Heather Hamilton, Marty Mason, and John Pease directed by Andrew Rhodes.

Audience members are required to wear masks during performances regardless of vaccination status. The cast is fully vaccinated and masks have been worn during rehearsals with the intention of performing without masks during the show. Refreshments will not be served during this production so audience members can remain masked at all times.

**Remaining performances:** Friday, Oct. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$18 for students and seniors. The Old Hose House is located at 1249 Main Street in Reading. To purchase tickets, visit [www.ccp1961.org](http://www.ccp1961.org).

## CPC agenda Oct. 19

The Community Planning Commission (CPC) will hold its next virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.

**Meeting ID:** 985 430 0926. **Audio only, call:** 1-301-715-8592.

**Video link:** go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9854300926>. (Link on town website under “calendar tab”)

Meeting materials available at: [northreadingma.gov/community-planning/pages/meeting-materials](http://northreadingma.gov/community-planning/pages/meeting-materials)

### Business:

- 72 Main Street/Bark & Roll Site Plan Review P.H., 8 p.m.
- Crestview Estates (39 Chestnut & 9 Flint Sts.) - Definitive Sub-division, cont. P.H.: 8 p.m.

### Other Business - Old & New

- Zoning Board of Appeals comments
- Planning Administrator updates

## Vaccine and flu clinics Oct. 16, 30

NORTH READING — The town of North Reading Health Department is hosting influenza and COVID-19 vaccination and booster clinics during the month of October.

Clinic dates are subject to change due to vaccine availability and are scheduled for the following dates at North Reading Town Hall, 235 North St.:

- Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Flu vaccine will be available for those ages 3 and up while COVID-19 vaccines will be available for those ages 12 and up.

Third-dose COVID vaccines will be available for immunocompromised residents at least 28 days after their last dose of an mRNA vaccine.

Pfizer and Moderna third-dose boosters will be available at the clinic pending FDA/CDC guidance and eligibility at the time of clinic.

To register, go to the following link: [appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180061935?schedule=northreadingfluandcovidclinics](http://appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2180061935?schedule=northreadingfluandcovidclinics).

After registering you will receive an email with a link to the consent form for vaccination. Please fill out, print and bring the form to the clinic for your vaccination.

For children under the age of 18, a parent does not need to be present but the child must bring a consent form signed by a parent/guardian to receive a vaccine.

Please bring your medical insurance and COVID-19 vaccination cards to the clinic. COVID vaccines are free for all regardless of insurance coverage.

Flu vaccines are covered at no

charge by most insurance. To determine eligibility to receive a flu shot at no charge insurance cards must be presented at the time of the clinic.

Uninsured/underinsured residents can get the flu vaccine at a discounted rate of \$47 for regular vaccine and \$80 for the high dose/adjuvanted vaccine for those age 65 or older.

North Reading residents may also get an influenza, COVID-19 and COVID-19 booster shots at the following North Reading pharmacies:

- CVS Pharmacy, 18 Main St.
- Walmart, 72 Main St.
- Walgreens, 158 Main St.

All registration forms will be available at all clinic sites and online at the following link: <https://vaxinaterx.com/forms>.

## Last call for Chess Hero, a virtual program by NR Parks and Rec.

NORTH READING — Last call for this great virtual program from the North Reading Parks and Recreation, Chess Hero, that is starting tonight.

### Chess Hero

**Ages:** 7-13

**Dates:** Thursdays, 10/14 – 12/16

**Time:** 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$170 / 8 weeks

**Location:** Virtual

Taught by USCF Expert and Class A rated coaches with more than 20 years of experience in teaching and playing competitive chess! Lesson time will be set up to cover a different aspect of the game every week or two and based first and foremost around problem solving. Problem solving is the best way to study as this is



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the main skill you need as a chess player. Some of the other areas we will cover during the course are opening principles of the game, middle game planning, and positional play. For more information please visit <https://northreadingma.myrec.com>.

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Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 65 Binney Street

- 10/21: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Harvard University, 52 Oxford Street
- 10/22: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Harvard University, 52 Oxford Street
- 10/23: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Reservoir Church, 170 Rindge Ave
- 10/29: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., CambridgeSide, 100 CambridgeSide Place

### Save time during donation

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass. With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. Follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass).

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification required at check-

in. Individuals who are 17 in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Sickle cell screening

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood.

Blood transfusion is an essential

treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease. Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

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# Affordable housing proposals by CPC paused by TM action

By MAUREEN DOHERTY

**NORTH READING** —The aspirations by the Community Planning Commission (CPC) to convey some parcels of town-owned land for development of a few affordable homes was paused by three separate actions taken by Town Meeting October 4.

Articles 13 and 15 were voted to be passed over and Article 14 failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority. The Select Board was unanimous in its recommendations to pass over all three articles while the Finance Committee was unanimous in recommending passage of the three articles, with Chairwoman Abby Hurlbut stating that the FinCom members believe it was about time the town developed some affordable housing units.

Town Planner Danielle McKnight explained that through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, development proposals would be sought from entities committed to building modest homes that would be sold to qualified buyers whose incomes are 60% of the area median and which would be deed restricted in perpetuity to buyers in that income bracket. This means that when the homes are sold they would not be sold at the then-market rate but at the 60% affordable rate to enable another family to benefit from living in the community and building some equity as a homeowner. It would also guarantee that the housing units remained on the town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) to be counted toward the town's 10% minimum threshold of affordable housing that gives community's safe harbor from unfriendly Chapter 40B proposals.

After Edgewood Apartments had been built in the mid 2000s, when all 406 units were counted toward the town's 10% inventory, the town had exceeded that threshold. But with continued building of market rate homes and a slowing in the building of affordable rate units, the town's inventory had slipped to 9.6% after the 2010 census, making it about 22 units short, and opening the door for the 20 Elm St. application which has been opposed by the town before the Housing Appeals Committee for over two years.

That affordable housing gap is expected to widen to about 50 units once the 2020 U.S. census results become official, McKnight stated.

Under the CPC proposal, the town would retain the right to reject any proposals made, in the same manner in which the RFP process worked when the Select Board sought to develop the second half of the J.T. Berry property off Lowell Road and eventually accepted the Pulte Homes proposals, which at the time was for 450 age-restricted 55-plus condominiums (but which has since been increased with the addition of fifth floors proposed on some buildings to be built at that site).

McKnight further explained that the proposals made by the CPC are possible because back in April of 2008, Town Meeting enacted an Affordable Housing Overlay District (AHOD) under Section 200, Article XXI of the town's Zoning Bylaw. Under the AHOD, 23 town-owned

properties scattered throughout residential neighborhoods were rezoned for this purpose.

All 23 properties were also highlighted in the town's Housing Production Plan as sites identified for affordable housing. The town's HPP was approved by the state in 2018. To date, none of these parcels have been developed for their intended purpose.

The intent is not to develop these lots under the state's Chapter 40B law. The lots developed under the AHOD would be built more than likely by nonprofit entities. Earlier this year, Habitat for Humanity inquired with the CPC about the possibility of developing a few homes in town and these were the parcels they expressed interest in. This is a group that uses a lot of volunteer labor to build modest homes. However, since the RFP process would be open to anyone it was premature for the Habitat group to make a proposal before the CPC or Town Meeting.

In preparation for Town Meeting, the CPC was required to hold a public hearing in advance on all three articles, which was done in a virtual Zoom meeting on Sept. 16. That meeting drew a lot of interest from the abutting neighborhoods and as a result of the feedback received from the neighbors, site visits were held at all three locations on Sept. 30 led by McKnight and Town Engineer John Klipfel.

McKnight and the CPC also scaled back the proposals in the motions made on Town Meeting floor to reflect the restrictions members of the public sought to limit the amount of development that could be done at each site.

Of the three sites, 57 Haverhill St. provoked the most interest and opposition based on the proximity of the site to large areas of surrounding wetlands that abut the Heritage Way and some Chestnut Street properties in the rear. Other opposition raised related to the dangerousness of the two intersections near where this parcel sits — Chestnut and Haverhill streets

— which is currently under study by the town for potential traffic control improvements, including traffic lights, and Haverhill Street at New Street.

The town acquired this parcel in a land swap with the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) several decades ago. It was once the site of the town's electrical substation and the cement pad where that substation was located still exists close to Haverhill Street. The town outgrew the capacity provided by that substation and RMLD was going to acquire a home on Haverhill Street, near the New England Power high tension wires not far from the Reading town line, to build a much larger — and unsightly — substation. To avoid such an eyesore, the town convinced RMLD that the best course of action was to swap land behind the DPW garage at the rear of 166 Chestnut Street with RMLD where its "new" substation still exists, and the town was given 57 Haverhill St. Because it was a land swap, only a simple majority would be needed to approve this article. The other parcels were acquired through tax title taking and would need a two-thirds majority.

Those opposed to the project at 57 Haverhill St. stated that they were not opposed to the concept of affordable housing there but they were concerned with the potential for adverse affects on the wetlands and potential water in their yards and basements. Several homes on Heritage Way have water in their yards from the wetlands while others who have never had water fear getting it. Others were concerned about the addition of frequent turning movements into and out of the site on Haverhill Street in an area known for significant accidents.

McKnight explained that under the AHOD zoning, by right a developer could build one- or two-family homes on the site and with a special permit, up to eight units. However, based on the public feedback received they agreed to limit development to one or two homes and also convey the wetlands to the

Conservation Commission, which has expressed an interest in obtaining them. This lot is 231,449 square feet and has 275 feet of frontage on Haverhill Street, an accepted public way. Much of it is wooded uplands or wetlands, with the exception of the area that was cleared for the former substation.

7 Saint Theresa Street is a wooded 57,768 square foot lot with 160 feet of frontage located on a paved unaccepted street off Rte. 28. The lot is located behind a large brick multi-unit apartment building that fronts on Rte. 28 and is across the street from one single-family house. There are several other homes to its rear on Elma/Wilma roads. The Select Board had questioned whether this parcel could be used for the town's proposed sewer project now under study, given its proximity to the state road, if the topography allowed such a use. McKnight stated that they would seek the authority to convey only the portion of the lot that was needed to meet the minimum lot requirements for a home, thus enabling the town to retain all or some of the remaining land for some other municipal use.

44 and 46 Oakdale Road was the smallest of three and the least controversial. It is a long, narrow wooded lot, one being 17,255 square feet and the other a small triangular portion at 3,590 square feet to be combined into one lot of 20,845 square feet. It has 355 feet of frontage on Oakdale Road, a portion of which is partially paved/improved with a brand new fire hydrant and it is a private way. There is a lot across the street that is for sale at market rate with more wetlands than this lot. The wetlands review of 44-46 Oakdale would include evaluation of those wetlands. A lot such as this would lend itself to a small three-bedroom home about 1,200 to 1,500 square feet. Its development as an affordable lot had the full support of the immediate abutting neighbors.

Given the vast gap in the opinions expressed on what to do with these parcels between the Select Board and the CPC/FinCom, at the end of the debate, Rita Mullin suggested that all parties hold a meeting together to hash out their different visions for the future uses and conveyance of these town-owned parcels.

## LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF NORTH READING



### TREASURER'S OFFICE

Below is a notice of the names of persons/companies appearing to be owners of checks issued by the Town of North Reading which have not been cashed and may be deemed abandoned.

PAYEE	ORIG CHECK NUMBER	AMOUNT	ISSUE DATE
Park Place Condominiums	116733	\$1,484.56	2/14/2020
Emkay Inc Trust	117709	\$149.97	4/10/2020
Sue Ann Chaisson	118620	\$160.00	5/29/2020
Nelia Jennings	118942	\$100.00	6/5/2020
David W. Jackson, Trustee 43 Main Street Trust	119117	\$250.00	6/12/2020
Brooke Rogers	119174	\$160.00	6/12/2020
Christina Wiater	119185	\$100.00	6/12/2020
Christina Wiater	119186	\$500.00	6/12/2020
Kevin Gazda	119279	\$160.00	6/12/2020
Nicole Toothaker	119352	\$100.00	6/12/2020
Dawson & Brett Wilson	119467	\$1987.34	6/12/2020
Dalton & Finegold LLP	119496	\$864.17	6/19/2020
Law Office of Jerrett M. Scarpaci	119523	\$735.76	6/19/2020
Claudia Gandini & David Wright	119581	\$100.00	6/19/2020
Edina & Michael Maloney	119589	\$100.00	6/19/2020
Gia Voltera & Richard Saulnier	119606	\$100.00	6/19/2020
Law Office of Jessica Clark PC	119782	\$3,153.44	6/19/2020
NEIWPC NE Interstate Water Pollution Control Co.	120330	\$105.00	7/10/2020
Madison Koury	121495	\$500.00	9/18/2020
Peter Nelson	121594	\$295.00	9/25/2020
Kassidy Sullivan	PR 101696	\$186.59	2/28/2020
Charles Vallas	PR 102108	\$608.70	5/29/2020
Suzanne Callanen	PR 102857	\$223.11	12/11/2020

In addition to the list above, there are additional unclaimed checks, please see the Town of North Reading website [northreadingma.gov](http://northreadingma.gov) under Treasurer/Collector Department-Unclaimed Checks to view the full list.

If you wish to make a claim for any of the above, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 978-357-5219. A written form will have to be completed and acceptable identification provided before any claim will be processed.

10-14-2021, 10-21-2021 NR

#### NOVEMBER IS VETERANS and MILITARY FAMILIES APPRECIATION MONTH

Dear Veteran Supporter,

This year we are looking to honor Veterans and Military Families for the month of November. We are currently compiling a listing of businesses and eateries that would like to honor our military for their service by way of a discount from local businesses in North Reading.

If you would like to take part and help us to honor our Veterans and Military Families for the month of November please fill out the attached and mail it back to this office by the end of October 2021. Or email form to [nrvets@northreadingma.gov](mailto:nrvets@northreadingma.gov). Veterans and their families will show proof of their service through their VA Hospital Card or discharge in order to receive the discount.

Your business will in turn be recognized through the local paper and Veterans Website.

Respectfully,

*Susan Magnor*

Susan Magnor  
Veterans Director and NR Veterans Events Committee

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS GREAT CAUSE HONORING OUR  
VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

NAME OF BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON/TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DISCOUNT TO BE GIVEN: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Religious Services

## Parish of Christ Church

ANDOVER — The Parish of Christ Church is a welcoming 185-year-old Episcopal church located at 33 Central St. in Andover. During the pandemic, please check our website at [www.christchurchandover.org](http://www.christchurchandover.org) for the most up-to-date information about our services.

We say, "All are welcome at God's table!"

We offer the service of Holy Eucharist every Sunday during our live-streamed 10 a.m. service on YouTube. To sign on go to: <https://bit.ly/2IOcr10> The live-stream

begins by 9:50 a.m. to allow time for viewers to connect. The organ prelude begins at 9:55 a.m., and the service begins immediately following the prelude. The service is also available to view later. Visit our website to obtain the weekly service leaflet.

Christ Church Children's Center offers many flexible options for parents of preschoolers. The Andover Thrift Shop, located at 10 Park St. in downtown Andover, is a ministry of Christ Church that is open to the public.

## Congregation Beth Israel

ANDOVER— Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) of the Merrimack Valley, located at 6 Dundee Park, Suite 301, Andover, is holding an Open House prior to the High Holy Days whenever it works for you. Your safety is important to us, so schedule a personalized in-person (safety precautions in place) or virtual visit at your convenience.

Rabbi Howard Mandell; Cantorial Soloist Mindy Harris; in-house musicians Bashert and Kol Nidre, cellist.

Contact Amy for more information and to schedule a visit: [amy@bethisraelmv.org](mailto:amy@bethisraelmv.org) or call 978-474-0540.

Shabbat Morning Services are held weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursday

Night Minyan is held every other week at 6:30 p.m. All services and social/educational events are currently being held virtually via Zoom.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive to be hosted by Congregation Beth Israel will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Save time by scheduling your appointment to give blood or platelets in advance via any of the following methods: using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

## Temple Emmanuel

WAKEFIELD — Rabbi Greg Hersh serves members of Temple Emmanuel of Wakefield, 120 Chestnut Street, a Jewish Reconstructionist Synagogue. Current information is available on the website: [www.WakefieldTemple.org](http://www.WakefieldTemple.org); by phone: 781-245-1886; or by email [info@WakefieldTemple.org](mailto:info@WakefieldTemple.org).

**Virtual programs:** Contact the temple to obtain the Zoom sign-in information for those programs and services being held via Zoom. Questions can be sent to Rabbi Greg Hersh or President Evan Pressman at 781-245-1886 or [info@WakefieldTemple.org](mailto:info@WakefieldTemple.org). Staying aware and vigilant with our health and well-being is para-

mount as we get through this together.

**COVID-19:** After the state of emergency is lifted, weekly Shabbat celebrations will be held on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The first and third Saturdays of the month include with Torah services; second Saturday is a Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Greg; fourth Saturday is a prayer-free alternative with Rabbi Greg.

**Hebrew School:** The temple's Hebrew School runs September to June. Classes with Rabbi Greg. Contact the temple for more information.

## Trinity Evangelical Church

NORTH READING — Trinity Evangelical Church is located at 105 Haverhill St., 978-664-2416; [info@trinitynr.org](mailto:info@trinitynr.org); [www.TrinityNR.org](http://www.TrinityNR.org).

**Trinity Sunday Worship Service:** Join us this Sunday, October 17 as we continue our sermon series, "Filled with God- The Gift of the Holy Spirit." Watch live at 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. or anytime later

on our Facebook page, YouTube channel or through our website, [TrinityNR.org](http://TrinityNR.org).

We also offer an in-person service at Trinity at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. each Sunday. All children's and youth activities will take place at the 10:45 a.m. service time. For more information, please email [info@TrinityNR.org](mailto:info@TrinityNR.org) or call 978-664-2416.

## Havurat Shalom

ANDOVER — Havurat Shalom is an open and welcoming Reconstructionist Jewish community congregation and a member of Welcoming Faiths of the Merrimack Valley. The Rabbi is Karen Landry, Temple President is Ben Kellman, the Chazzan is David Hastings, and the Musical Director Elliott Jacobowitz.

Havurat Shalom is a community of families committed to providing a Jewish identity and education for its members in a manner that is relevant to contemporary lives. It is an

inclusive community regardless of marital status, race, national origin, gender identity, economic condition, disability or sexual orientation and offers an environment that welcomes families of mixed heritage.

Families who have been, or are members of any other Jewish congregation, or have not recently or, in fact, ever, practiced Judaism in a structured way are also welcome. Havurat Shalom is a diverse and vibrant congregation focused on the spiritual and cultural development of its members.

Please refer to the website for updates at [www.havuratshalom.org](http://www.havuratshalom.org) or by email: [info@havuratshalom.org](mailto:info@havuratshalom.org) or by phone: 978-494-2042 for more information.

The temple offers Tot Shabbat and has active Tzedakah and Social Justice Committees. For membership information contact us at [info@havuratshalom.org](mailto:info@havuratshalom.org). For Hebrew School information contact Dena O'Neil at [denasjoy@hotmail.com](mailto:denasjoy@hotmail.com). For Sisterhood information, contact Gail Ellis at [gailellis49@comcast.net](mailto:gailellis49@comcast.net).

## Union Congregational Church

READING — The First Baptist Church of Reading is located at 45 Woburn St., 781-944-3876. Email: [office@fbcreading.org](mailto:office@fbcreading.org). The Lead Pastor is Pastor Joseph Young. Rev. Lorrie Comeford is the associate pastor, Mr. Noah Thomas is the youth director and Mrs. Jessica Binns is the children's director. Our worship director is Dr. Kellie Tropeano.

**Sunday worship:** Live Stream Worship – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; In-person worship – Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Facebook: [fbcreading.org](https://www.facebook.com/fbcreading.org) and YouTube: [fbcreading.org/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-creading.org).

Sign up Thursday through Saturday on our website at [fbcreading.org](http://fbcreading.org) or call the church office at 781-944-3876, press 1, and leave a message with your name, phone

number and the number of attendees from your immediate family. Church office email: [office@fbcreading.org](mailto:office@fbcreading.org).

Check our website for more information and what we have to offer virtually for our Children's Ministry, Youth Group, GriefShare, Hymn Sing, Small Group Bible Studies, Prayer meetings and more.

## St. Theresa Church

NORTH READING – St. Theresa Church, 63 Winter St., Route 62. Pastor: Bishop Mark O'Connell; Parochial Vicar Rev. Agustin Anda Gomez; Deacon: Tam Tran; Pastoral Associate: Mary Ann Thomas. Office telephone: 978-664-3412 or visit [www.sttheresanreading.org](http://www.sttheresanreading.org).

**Mass information:** Join us for Mass on our Facebook page, 4 p.m., Saturdays (live) or you can watch during your usual Mass time, or any convenient time. The

4 p.m. Mass will be recorded and available to watch after 6 p.m. that day on our website live-stream video page. You do not need a Facebook account to view the live Mass. Visit our website for step-by-step instructions on how to view the Mass: [www.sttheresanreading.org](http://www.sttheresanreading.org).

**Daily Mass** (Monday-Saturday): 9 a.m., held in the Parish Hall during construction. Live-streaming of daily Mass will not be avail-

able during construction of the new HVAC system in the church. Currently, the church is not open from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. for private prayer due to the HVAC project.

**Weekend Mass:** Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. No sign-up required to attend Mass. Weekend Mass seating is first-come/first-served.

**Sacrament of Confession:** Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## International Family Church

NORTH READING — International Family Church (IFC), located at 99 Concord St. in North Reading, holds three Sunday services at 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Led by Pastor Jonathan Del-Turco, IFC ministers to the entire family.

For more information on virtual church services during the COVID-19 pandemic please visit [www.intfamilychurch.com](http://www.intfamilychurch.com), call 978-276-6400 or email us at [info@intfamilychurch.com](mailto:info@intfamilychurch.com).

IFC is a community of people joined together with God and each other in a journey of discovery. Life is a team event. Our team is made stronger by our differences: we

are a multi-cultural, cross-generational, economically diverse family doing life together. Everyone belongs. Each week, it's our top priority that everyone feel welcomed, connected and loved.

IFC has something uniquely designed for everyone in your family. Kids World reaches our VIP attendees ages nursery through fifth grade with age-appropriate, engaging and fun classrooms and material.

Legacy Youth Center equips and empowers teenagers, covering all the current issues in methods relevant and effective for this next generation. IFC's Young Adults Group connects college and ca-

reer-age individuals through exciting social events and powerful times of prayer and Bible study. Our Young at Heart ministry services the honored senior citizens of our congregation.

In addition to weekly services and regular family events, IFC has over 70 life groups throughout the Greater Boston area. Whatever your age, stage of life or interests, there's something for you. Check out our directory at [intfamilychurch.com/lifegroups](http://intfamilychurch.com/lifegroups).

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive to be hosted by the International Family Church will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Save time by scheduling your appointment to give blood or platelets in advance via any of the following methods: using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

## Grace Chapel

WILMINGTON — Grace Chapel of Wilmington is located at 128 West St. and is a non-denominational, multicultural church. The church is open weekly for in-per-

son services every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. We also have an outdoor space set up for those who aren't yet ready to attend service indoors.

## Messiah Lutheran Church

LYNNFIELD — Messiah Lutheran Church, 708 Lowell Street, Lynnfield (corner of Lowell and Chestnut streets) is currently open for in-person worship Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Worship services will also be streamed live on Facebook. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/Messiah-Lutheran-Church.

**Worship times:** Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., Sunday evening devotion on Facebook Live at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer time at 7:01 p.m. on Facebook Live.

Call 781-334-4111 or contact pastor@mlcspirit.org for more information.

## Martins Pond Union Baptist Church

NORTH READING – Martins Pond Union Baptist Church is a small, family-centered church located at the corner of Main Street (Rte. 28) and 4 Cogswell Road. Pastor Kevin Mickel.

Sunday services begin with an Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. followed by our Worship Service at

10:30 a.m. We may be reached by telephone at 978-664-4926. Everyone welcome.

**COVID-19 update:** In an effort to encourage social distancing to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, please call in advance of any visits to the church.

## Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church

WAKEFIELD — The Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church is located at 273 Vernon St., Wakefield and the pastor is Rev. Glenn M. Mortimer.

Each Sunday, Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. during which we offer Sunday School for infants and toddlers through high school students. Pastor Mortimer, and his wife Elizabeth are trained musicians who incorporate their music into special church services for all to enjoy. Following the service, we enjoy Fellowship at our Coffee and Conversation time.

For more information, call 781-245-1359; email: WLUMC273@gmail.com; or visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/methodistchurch-wakefield.

## Abundant Life Church

WILMINGTON – Abundant Life Church, a member of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC), is located at 173 Church St., Route 62, 978-658-8584. Pastor Ron Grimley. Visit www.ablfechurch.org or mail info@ablfechurch.org for further information.

## Aldersgate Church

NORTH READING — Aldersgate United Methodist Church is located at 235 Park St., Rte. 62, 978-664-2951 or www.aldersgateumcncr.org. The Pastor is Rachel Fisher. Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. September through June. Aldersgate is part of the Welcoming Faiths Network, which welcomes and fully includes the LGBTQ community.

**Mission Statement:** We are a community in pursuit of a deeper relationship with God in Christ through the ministries of warm fellowship, joyful worship, faith-filled discipleship, compassionate missions and enthusiastic outreach.

**Joys and concerns prayer requests:** Please submit by Satur-

day at noon or any time by emailing aumcprays@gmail.com.

**Sunday Worship** – 8 a.m. emails will provide all links to worship, etc.; 10:30 a.m. online via the Facebook live-stream from the Aldersgate Facebook page. You are welcome to experience the broadcast from your home or live in person following all local and state guidelines. Your RSVP helps us keep required attendance records and ensure building occupancy.

**Recurring events:**

- Sundays 10:30 a.m.: Worship at the church and online
- Mondays and Wednesdays: 7 p.m.: Encouragement on FB live with Pastor Rachel and Sam

- Mondays 8 p.m.: Virtual Connection Team 3 (Adam)

- Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.: Virtual Connection Team 4 (Shirley)

- Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.: Virtual Connection Team 2 (Beth)

Committee Meetings – via conference call or video/Zoom call on the church's new Zoom account.

**Coffee Hour** – 11:30 a.m.: Sunday Coffee Hour via video call or telephone. The Meeting ID number is # 417 295 695. To phone-in dial 1-646-558-8656. When prompted enter Meeting ID: 417 295 695 followed by the pound sign (#). We'll "go around the circle" to update how we are doing.

## First Baptist of Reading

READING — The First Baptist Church of Reading is located at 45 Woburn St., 781-944-3876. Email: office@fbcreading.org. The Lead Pastor is Pastor Joseph Young. Rev. Lorrie Comeford is the associate pastor, Mr. Noah Thomas is the youth director and Mrs. Jessica Binns is the children's director. Our worship director is Dr. Kellie Tropeano.

**Sunday worship:** Live Stream Worship – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; In-person worship – Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Facebook: fbcreading.org/facebook and YouTube: fbcreading.org/youtube.

Sign up Thursday through Saturday on our website at fbcreading.org or call the church office at 781-944-3876, press 1, and leave a message with your name, phone

number and the number of attendees from your immediate family. Church office email: office@fbcreading.org.

Check our website for more information and what we have to offer virtually for our Children's Ministry, Youth Group, GriefShare, Hymn Sing, Small Group Bible Studies, Prayer meetings and more.

## Church of the Good Shepherd

READING — Church of the Good Shepherd is a warm, welcoming, multi-generational Episcopal Church located at 95 Woburn Street in Reading. All are welcome to worship.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are live-streaming our Sunday Eucharist on Facebook at 10 a.m.: www.facebook.com/cgsreading/live/. The Sunday Bulletin is available on our parish website: www.Good-ShepherdReading.org.

For those who do not have Facebook or have trouble finding the live

video on Sundays, you can go to our website and watch it there. Our Sunday service is also aired on RCTV and NORCAM. You can find the broadcast on the following channels: RCTV Studio (Reading): Comcast Channel 9, Verizon Channel 31, NORCAM (North Reading): Comcast Channel 8, Verizon Channel 26 and WCTV (Wilmington): Comcast Channel 99, Verizon Channel 39.

As we move through these uncertain times, it is important to remember that the Lord walks with us to protect us and lead us forward,

despite the challenges we face. It is essential that each of us take time every day to pray and ask for God's help. We are a strong community and will get through this together! Let us continue to pray for one another.

In service of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. Brian Raiche; Rector; Jane Farrar, Senior Warden; and Bob Newton Junior Warden. Contact: phone: 781-944-1572, website: www.goodshepherdreading.org, email: office@goodshepherdreading.org.

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading

READING — The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading is located at 239 Woburn St., Reading. Rev. Hank Peirce, Minister. The church office can be reached at 781-944-0494 or visit the church website at www.uureading.org for more information.

All services will premiere at 10 a.m. on Sundays on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/UUChurchofReadingMA>

Please visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter for other events and fellowship opportunities.

Our Church is a welcoming

place to nurture and explore individual spirituality, build a committed and loving community, and

heal the world. All are welcome. Come, nurture your spirit.

## A splash of pizzazz



**PAULINE'S TRENDY TOTES offer the "Vera Bradley look" for a lot less money. Pauline Viens is a North Reading resident who sold her pretty bags at Wakefield's Festival by the Lake recently. (Gail Lowe Photo)**

## North Reading Transcript

email us at nrtranscript@rcn.com

### TOWN OF NORTH READING



### COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the North Reading Community Planning Commission will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 8:00 PM on the application of Thomas FitzPatrick/Fitz Eagle 86 Main St. LLC for a Site Plan Review for the property located at 86 Main Street, North Reading, MA. 01864 (Map 24, Parcel2). You may participate in this hearing online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9854300926>; by phone: + 1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID: 985 430 0926; or by one tap mobile: +19292056099, 9854300926# US (New York), Meeting ID: 985 430 0926.

This hearing will also be broadcast live by NORCAM on their local Government Access Channels (Channel 22 on Comcast and 24 on Verizon) and on their streaming channel online: <http://norcam.org/vod.htm>.

Comments to be considered at the hearing may be sent by mail to the CPC, 235 North Street, North Reading MA 01864, or email to [planning@northreadingma.gov](mailto:planning@northreadingma.gov), while the hearing remains open. The requirement for public participation ends at the close of the Public Hearing.

A COPY OF THIS PLAN MAY BE VIEWED BY VISITING THE COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION WEBSITE: <https://www.northreadingma.gov/community-planning/pages/projects-under-review>.

Advised October 14, 2021  
October 21, 2021

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# Obituaries

## Ernest J. Brandano

**A man who had a love for simple pleasures and lived life to the fullest**

MELROSE — It is with deepest sorrow we announce that Ernest (Ernie) J. Brandano, son of the late Florence (DeNapoli) and Albert Brandano of Melrose, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 20, 2021 at his home in Melrose. Ernie was our beloved husband, father, brother, family member and dear friend.



Ernie is survived by his loving wife Patricia (Tricia) (Hurley) and his three children: Jacqueline (Jack), 19; Katelyn (Katie), 17; and Daniel, 13. He was a much beloved sibling to Stephen Brandano, his wife Nancy, Patricia Brandano and Christine McKinnon and her husband, Matthew. Ernie was also a wonderful, fun-loving Uncle to his many nieces and nephews. He was happiest when surrounded by family.

Ernie was a graduate of Melrose High School and continued on to college at UMass Amherst where he met his true love, Tricia. They married in June of 1997 and built a beau-

tiful life in Melrose. He was employed for many years with AT&T and was respected and loved by all his work peers.

Ernie was always a fundamental part of each family function and hangouts. He took on many projects around the house, but by far his backyard was his pride and oasis. He was more creative than people gave him credit for. He would draw laughs and evoke meaningful discussions.

Ernie was a great cook and grill-er, loved Boston sports and was a huge Tom Brady fan. He enjoyed

doing things around the house and had the important role of “computer fix-it guy” at home. A lover of movies and television, he was always enthusiastic to talk about whatever he was currently watching. His absence has left a hole that cannot be repaired.

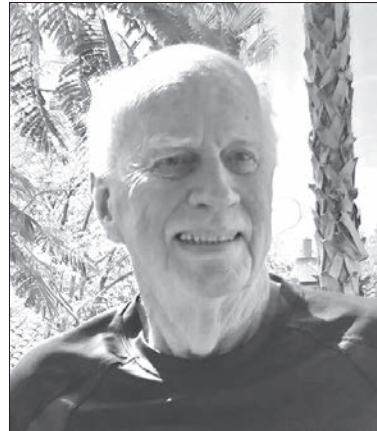
Ernie also loved island living in his younger years; Lake Winnisquam vacations, Florida trips, Wingersheek sunsets and sitting by the pool with a scotch and cigar at night... occasionally while playing his guitar.

The funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Gately Funeral Home at 79 West Foster Street, Melrose. There was a private service on Friday, September 24, 2021 for family and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Ernie’s children’s college fund. An account has been set up at Citizens Bank under Stephen Brandano- Ernest Brandano Children’s College Fund, 876 Main St., Malden, MA 02148.

## William Paul Heffernan, 81

**Enjoyed traveling, woodworking and digital photography**



WAKEFIELD — William Paul Heffernan, 81, of Wakefield, formerly of Somerville and Medford, passed away on October 11, 2021 after a long illness.

Paul is survived by his spouse of 57 years, the former Eileen Hoolley of Arlington; three sons: Tom and his wife, Alisa, of San Diego; Dave and his wife, Marianne, of Wakefield; and Bob and his wife, Amanda, of North Reading. Paul was “Papa” to seven wonderful and loving grandchildren: Katie, Amy, Fiona, Haven, Erin, Brian and Hudson. He was preceded in death by his sister Jeane and brother-in-law Peter Beisheim. He is also survived by two sisters: Elizabeth Beisheim of Norton; and Mary Cashins and her husband, Bob, of Reading; and Jerry Sykora, of Marietta, Georgia, plus numerous nieces and nephews, and a special niece, Peggy Kelly and her husband, David, along with their two daughters, Lauren Kelly Chartier and Lindsey Kelly.

The son of William “Doc” and Margaret “Peg,” Heffernan, Paul was a graduate of St. Clement High School, The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and the Uni-

versity of Rhode Island. As a Commissioned Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service, Paul enjoyed a distinguished career of 25 years, rising through the ranks to Director Grade 0-6, Captain. During his varied career assignments in health-related research, Paul developed and published microbiological methods of assessing shellfish quality in Rhode Island, conducted toxicology research of water contaminants in Cincinnati, and while on detail to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Boston, was the recipient of the EPA Gold Medal for exceptional service and innovation in fostering the goals of the USEPA. Paul has published numerous articles and research in scientific and trade journals. Since his retirement from the Service in 1986, Paul had been the proprietor of a consulting service to state and local government agencies, schools, and public and commercial entities and a training provider in matters pertaining to asbestos identification and control.

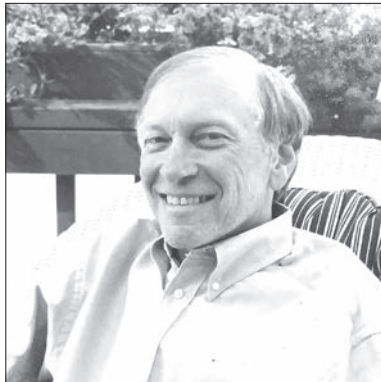
Paul loved and enjoyed his grandchildren, traveling and vacationing with Eileen, woodworking and digital photography.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church, 173 Albion St., Wakefield on Saturday, October 16 at 10 a.m. Visitation for relatives and friends at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield, will be held on Friday, October 15 from 4-7 p.m. Interment, Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wakefield Food Pantry, PO Box 1624, Wakefield, MA 01880.

## Leslie Silvern, 80

EXETER, N.H. — Leslie Esach “Doc” Silvern passed away on Saturday, October 2, 2021, at the age of 80 in Exeter, N.H. He died peacefully after being surrounded by loved ones in his final days.



Doc was born in Manhattan, New York on December 27, 1940 to father, Dr. Louis Silvern and mother, Henrietta Silvern. Though born in the city, his happiest childhood memories were those spent outdoors, on his family’s farm in Highland, N.Y., where he moved when he was 13. Doc was a brilliant electrical engineering graduate of Clarkson University who went on to travel the world selling and marketing high-tech products,

before running his own business as a service engineer. He was a proud Rotarian and active, cherished member of all the communities of which he was a part.

During college, Doc met his beloved wife of 60 years, Marga-

ret Reilly Silvern. Together they raised two children, Suzanne and Mark, in Lynnfield where they were active members of the community for more than 30 years. Doc was the proud grandfather of Suzanne’s children, Nathan, Samuel, and Grace and Mark, and his wife Anne’s children, Emma and Tabitha, whom he adored and shared endless, fond and beautiful memories with.

Doc’s love for simple pleasures brought him to seek joy in being outside skiing at Sugarloaf Mountain, fishing, golfing, working in the yard, feeding the birds, and caring for the many dogs he had the honor of loving in his life. He lived every day to the fullest and touched the life of everyone he met. Anyone who knew him, even for a little while, will forever love him dearly.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to 3 Dogs Rescue in Berwick, Maine (PO Box 228, Berwick, ME 03901, www.3dogsrescue.com) in honor of his life.

## Halloween luncheon drive-thru for seniors

NORTH READING — A Halloween Luncheon drive-thru will be held on Thursday, October 28 for North Reading’s senior citizens!

Reservations are due by Monday, October 25. Please call the Senior Center now at 978-664-5600 and plan to join us in celebrating a festive Halloween with a “Grab & Go” luncheon featuring Ryer’s Homemade Beef Stew!



The drive-thru event will run from noon to 1 p.m. You will enter the O’Leary Senior Center parking lot from the Bow Street side and stay in your vehicle. Our costumed staff will greet you with a masked smile and your reserved “grab & go” lunch provided by Ryer’s Deli with a treats bag for dessert, all for a \$5 donation. You will then exit onto Haverhill Street with your treat bag.

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NORTH READING — The North Reading Veterans Department and Veterans Event Committee is thrilled to be hosting its 11th Annual Veterans Dinner Social on Veterans Day – Thursday, November 11 – from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Tewksbury Country Club.

Tickets to this event are free on a first-come, first-served basis to honor all veterans, warriors and military families. No walk-ins can be accommodated.

“The event has always been open

to North Reading veterans and veterans of surrounding towns. Each ticket will be assigned with a name. If someone is driving a veteran they will also have a ticket,” explained Veterans’ Director Susan Magner.

Tickets are available from Oct. 15 to Oct. 31. “Once the tickets are gone I will then move requests to a waiting list,” she said.

Since this year marks the 20th year of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), Magner added that they are

extending a special invitation to all veterans of this era to attend.

The event includes guest speakers, DJ music, light appetizers, plated meal, dessert, coffee/tea, door prizes and cash bar.

Back by popular demand will be a demonstration by the Marine Corps JROTC Cadets whose precision and professionalism always leave the audience in awe. They are under the direction of Sgt. Major Oswald, USMC, and Capt. Castinetti, USN.

“We offer our gratitude to the Tewksbury Country Club for sponsoring this event and providing meals to honor our heroes and military families,” Magner said.

For tickets, call NR Veterans Dept. at 978-357-5211 or send an email to nrjets@northreadingma.gov.

The North Reading Veterans Dept. and Veterans Event Comm. is respectfully requesting businesses

who wish to honor veterans and military families by way of a discount for their goods or services through the month of November to contact them.

To participate in the veterans discount program, contact the North Reading Veterans Dept. via email at nrjets@northreadingma.gov or telephone 978-357-5211 to be added to their list which and distributed to local veterans and their families.

## Deadline for Cultural Council grants

NORTH READING — The North Reading Cultural Council has \$7,200 in funds available to award to North Reading-based arts, humanities, and science projects through a competitive grant application process in FY22.

The NRCC funds projects that expand access to cultural activities and events

in the community with funds received from its annual grant provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts via the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

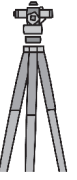
The deadline to apply for FY22 grant funding is tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 15 through an online application process available at: [https://masscul-](https://masscul)

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The Transcript featured a detailed story on the application process in our Oct. 7 edition. Residents with questions on the application process may reach out to the NRCC via email at: [nrculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:nrculturalcouncil@gmail.com).

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