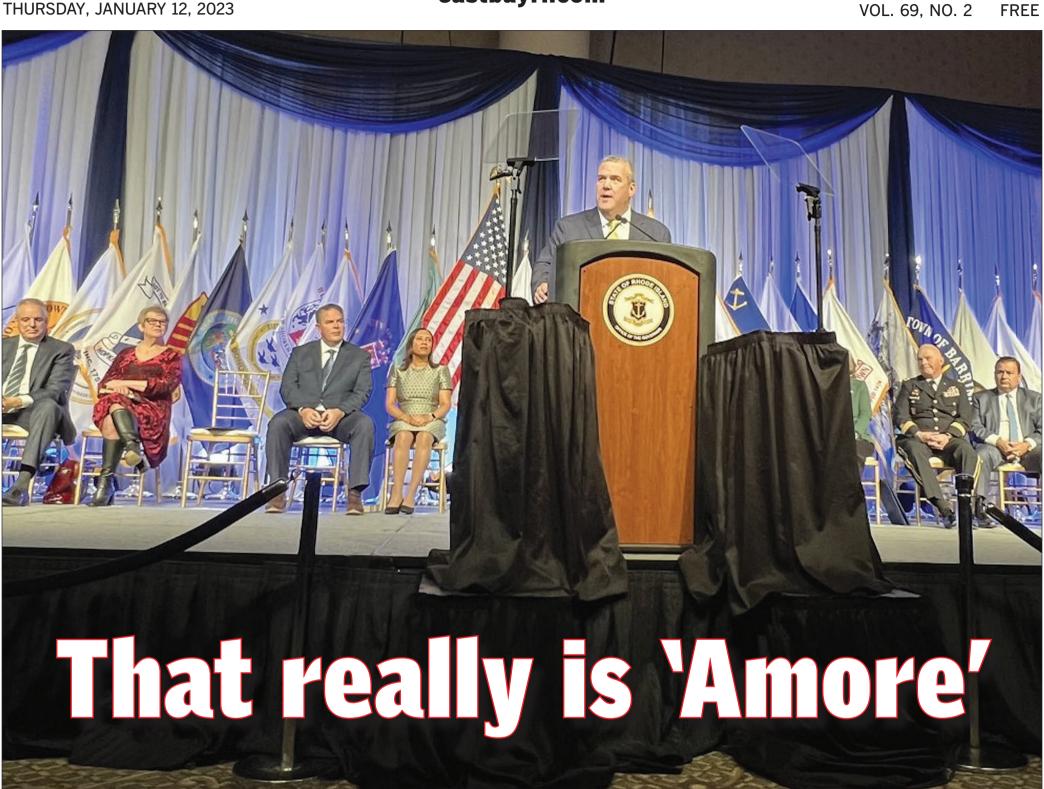
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City native, long-time East Providence School District educator and administrator and former State Representative Gregg Amore gives his inaugural address following his swearing in as Rhode Island's 30th Secretary of State at the Rhode Island Convention Center on January 3, 2023.





## City native takes oath as Secretary of State

Former district educator, State Rep reflects on past achievements, speaks of future aims

#### **BY MIKE REGO**

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Gregg Amore had a very busy inauguration day, January 3, the city native beginning last Tuesday with his own oath of office ceremony at the convention center in Providence to become Rhode Island's 30th Secretary of State beside the coterie of other state officers followed by his presiding over several other similar municipal swearing-in events, including right here in East Providence, in his new role.

For Amore, a Democrat, his resounding victory over Republican opponent Pat Cortellessa for the vacant Secretary of State seat (59.5%-40.3%; 208,981-141,457) last November was the latest in a string of electoral wins for the former East

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## **OATH:** City native Amore is sworn in as Rhode Island's 30th Secretary of State

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Providence educator and coach.

He began his pursuit of the seat left open by his term-limited predecessor Nellie Gorbea with a similarly one-sided win in the Democratic Primary race last September over Stephanie Beaute, 64.3%-35.7% (65,276-36,283).

Amore, whose closest election was his initial outing (a narrow win against Tim Chapman for the Democratic nomination during the primary earlier that cycle), was first voted into elected office as the State Representative from District 65, East Providence in November 2012. Setting the tone for future endeavors, he easily defeated Joe Botelho 67.4%-32.2% (3,898-1,862) at the general.

Amore subsequently ran four times unopposed for re-election in the district comprising Kent Heights and portions of Riverside, winning his last two-year term in the lower chamber in 2020.

Of particular note from his hometown, Amore becomes the first city native to win statewide office since Paul Tavares was elected General Treasurer in 1998. Tavares was likewise term limited, winning again in 2002 and serving until 2006.

At the East Providence inaugural held in the high school auditorium last Tuesday evening, Amore quipped that his retirement as a school department employee only took full effect the previous day and he was already back in his long-time place of work the very

Amore was an EPHS faculty member in the Social Studies/History Department for a quarter of century before stepping away from that post to become the district's athletic director some six years ago. While a teacher he also served a spell as the high school's Young Democratic Club advisor as well as being the head varsity hockey and baseball coach for the Townies.

Upon taking office as the new Secretary of State last week, Amore responded to the following series of questions posed to him by

**The Post:** Separately, what are some reflections on your career in education and in the House...what are you most proud of...what were the most fulfilling aspects of each?

Amore: "I really enjoyed engaging with students, challenging them, making them think and exposing them to our nation's history in a way that they had not experienced before. I tried to make it a human endeavor, relate the history and the issues to their experiences and do so with humor and passion. For the most part I think the fact that when former students see me, or others who know me, they comment on how much they enjoyed my class, that is really the most rewarding aspect of the job. I have a treasure trove of notes from students that really confirm that I chose the right profession. I guess the culmination of that was being nominated by a student as the Rhode Island Daughters of the American Revolution as the Rhode Island History Teacher of the Year and then winning the statewide award.

"As far as my time in the House is concerned, I think my work on the school construction incentive package that led to the construction of the new East Providence High School is the thing I feel best about. I was fortunate to have held the chairmanship of the House Finance subcommittee on Education at the time of the proposal and it was labor of love to work with my legislative colleagues, the treasurer and the governor to get that program over the finish line. I feel good about it every time I drive by the new high school. I am also proud of the work I did on the CCRI Promise legislation, creating the English Language Learner Categorical Fund, providing funding to retain and recruit teachers of color and moving toward a common statewide curriculum. On issues other than education I am really proud of the bills I championed and sponsored that worked to make life better for struggling Rhode Islanders: oral chemotherapy parity, chronic pain patients, the victims and survivors of domestic violence, the victims of gun violence, disabled Rhode Islanders in the workplace, those who were wrongly convicted and incarcerated."

**The Post:** On the campaign, what was is like to run statewide for the first time? What did you learn from it?

**Amore:** "A statewide campaign is grueling in many ways but also extremely rewarding. We visited every city and town during the campaign, with the exception of New Shoreham. I knocked on doors in every region of the state (pretty rare for a statewide candidate to knock doors at all). I tried to be the Bruce Springsteen of candidates (legendary 3 hour shows) in that I would try to fit as many events in to a single day as possible. I had so many conversations and learned so much from many different Rhode Islanders and that was the great benefit of that schedule. The worst part of the process, by far, is the constant need to raise money...ask for campaign donations. It is very expensive to pay for television, radio, social media ads and very expensive to do a statewide mailer. It is the first time I had ever engaged paid staff and not done all of my own speech writing or press releases. It was also a real benefit to launch a campaign as a relatively well known East Providence candidate. Our city gets out to vote and to know that if I worked hard I could get close to 70% of that big vote total was a huge confidence boost."

(Note: Amore defeated Beaute in E.P. in the primary 75.9%-24.1%; 4,719-1,499 and Cortellessa in city in the general, 71.5%-28.4%; 11,255-4,470.)

The Post: As a history/government teacher, and considering the election denial climate, does the Secretary of State position hold a greater meaning to you? Might you understand it better than most?

Amore: "Because of my background as an ducator and a civics and government teach-



East Providence native Gregg Amore takes his oath office as the new Secretary of State from Gov. Dan McKee surrounded by daughter Tess, wife Lee and daughter Meg at the Rhode Island Convention Center on January 3, 2023.

er, I think I am uniquely positioned to be a messenger as to how are elections work, how well they work and how non-partisan and patriotic the people who run elections are. It is my goal to beef up the civic education division of the department of state and to get into communities and have this discussion. Despite the narrative, the United States and Rhode Island are conducting the fairest, freest, most scrutinized, most audited and most accurate elections in the nation's history. I am going to do my part to make sure that continues to be the case but to also make sure people know it."

The Post: Any thoughts on being the first "Townie" to hold statewide office in nearly 20 years...a generation really?

**Amore:** "I am extremely proud to be the first Townie to hold statewide office in over 20 years and I know that I would not be Secretary of State without the people of East Providence. The support I have received from my fellow Townies is overwhelming and in turn I feel a great responsibility to make East Providence proud. This city helped raise me and my experiences here have allowed me to be an effective educator and policy maker. I like to think of East Providence as a microcosm of the state with a strong working class population, suburban professional population, robust immigrant population and a place of great diversity. This informs who I am and allows me to see the world through the lens of the people who live here. I should point out that the No. 3 ranking member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives is also from East Providence so we can now claim the No. 3 position in both the House and of the general officers."

The Post: What are your aims, goals for *your first term?* 

Amore: "Our team has put forth a pretty full agenda for the next four years. I would like to see us codify protocols to avoid the testing issues we had with some voting machines in the last primary. I hope to get that done

quickly. I hope to engage Rhode Islanders in an effort to build the Rhode Island State Archives, History Museum and Learning Center. (Right now we lease a small space to display and store our archival material.) We are an original 13 colony and state yet we are an outlier among states who have impressive archives and museums that celebrate their state's history, preserve their irreplaceable historic documents and draw tens of thousands of students, scholars and tourists every

"I will be advocating for a constitutional amendment that would allow for, at the very least, a larger window for voter registration (right now the constitution limits registrations to 30 days out) and, at most, some form of same day voter registration that twentytwo other states have already enacted (we also have it for presidential ballots).

"I will be pushing for implementation of state of the art signature verification technology for mail ballots. I hope to have a bill that I have sponsored in years past to become law that would allow any 17 year old who will be eligible to vote in the November general election to be able to cast a vote in the primary election so they are part of the entire process. I hope we can move our primary date up as we are one of the last states in the country to hold our primaries. This creates too short of a window to prepare ballots for the general election and get our overseas ballots out to our military personnel and other Rhode Islanders living overseas. We get it done now but it is on a frenetic pace that can result in error. This will become a real issue if we have a litigated statewide election or a statewide recount that would further delay this process.

"I have already talked about the robust civic education program we hope to implement and we will be awarding a Rhode Island Civics Teacher of the Year Award in May."

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## False start: All 'red light' cameras are not yet operational

City officials say three of the cameras were inadvertently turned on New Year's Day, but have now been turned back off

#### **BY MIKE REGO**

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The controversial program of installing "red light" cameras at 10 busy intersections around East Providence received some "accidental" publicity earlier this month, though it has yet still to have been formally implemented.

A report by WPRI TV highlighted the plan, noting correctly a handful of cameras had been turned on in recent days.

However, according to local officials, the cameras were not supposed to be operational and they have been turned off for the moment until proper signage is put into place. The signage is a requirement by law for cameras to be installed.

The announcement of the program and the installation of the equipment actually began last year, though the formal rollout remains at least a few weeks away, according to East Providence Police Department Public Information Officer Lt. Michael Rapoza.

Reached for comment following the WPRI report, Rapoza, in consultation with EPPD Chief Chris Francesconi, said of the eight additional cameras three of them went "live" on January 1.

"They were accidentally turned on and started issuing warnings, but were turned off," Rapoza explained of the red light cameras. "The roadway signage warning passengers about the cameras were not in place as required by Rhode Island statute."

The program was recommended by the office of Mayor Bob DaSilva and approved in late 2021 by the Council that just concluded its session upon a mid-December 2022 meeting.

Not to be confused with the speed cameras placed in front of several schools around the city, the red light cameras are supposed to catch motorists running through the stop signals at among the busiest places in East

The speed cameras were installed by December 2021. The EPPD began issuing tickets when classes resumed following the holiday break and after a 30-day warning period in January of last year.

Rapoza said the red light cameras will eventually follow a similar schedule of implementation as was done with the school zone speed cameras. Warnings will be issued to violators for the first 30 days before tickets are sent out.

To date, the city has received fines approaching \$3 million from citations issued at the seven speed cameras placed in school zones. The program, which was a campaign issue last fall, continues to be a talking point among residents and motorists a year into existence.

Coinciding with the WPRI report, Rapoza said one of the cameras inadvertently turned on was at the entrance of the complex where the station's studio is located at Highland Avenue and Catamore Boulevard.

Two of the 10 cameras have long been in service, those being at the intersections of Broadway at Grovesnor Avenue and North Broadway at Roger Williams Avenue. They were installed with the correct signage and citations began to be issued in the spring

Said Rapoza, "The only red light cameras that are operational are the two on Broadway and North Broadway. The chief is reporting that the remainder of the red light cameras will be operational as soon as the signs are up."

The Highway Division of the East Providence Public Works Department in conjunction with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation continue the process of installing the neon green/yellow notification signs.

The seven other locations not mentioned where red light cameras are also being installed are: Pawtucket Avenue and Warren Avenue: Pawtucket Avenue and Taunton Avenue; Broadway and Warren Avenue; Pawtucket Avenue and Veterans Memorial Parkway; Newport Avenue and Ferris Avenue; Wampanoag Trail and Mink Street; and Taunton Avenue and Purchase Street.

Rapoza added, "The hope is that the signage will be up in the next week or so. Once that happens, the cameras will go into the warning stage for 30 days."

## City man faces multiple sexual assault, domestic violence charges

Grand jury returns indictment on Taylor for numerous acts

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The office of Attorney General Peter Neronha on Thursday, Jan. 5, reported out the results a recently seated grand jury,

which returned an indictment on East Providence resident Christopher Taylor.

On January 5, 2022, the Providence County Grand Jury returned an indictment charged Taylor, 33, with three counts of first-degree sexual assault, two counts of domestic strangulation, and one count of domestic violation of a No Contact Order.

The alleged acts occurred in the city of East Providence on diverse dates between June 1, 2022, and July 17, 2022. The East Providence Police Department conducted the investigation.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on January 25 in Providence County Superior Court.

It should be noted an indictment, information, or complaint is merely an allegation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

According to EPPD Public Information Officer Lt. Michael Rapoza, the adult victim in the case is known to Taylor. EPPD Detective Cheri Almeida (now retired) investigated the case.

Although no longer on the job full time, Rapoza said Almeida "has continued to support the victim and assist with future investigations and court proceedings."

Rapoza added, "Sexual assault cases can be extremely sensitive and we try to protect the victim as much as possible."



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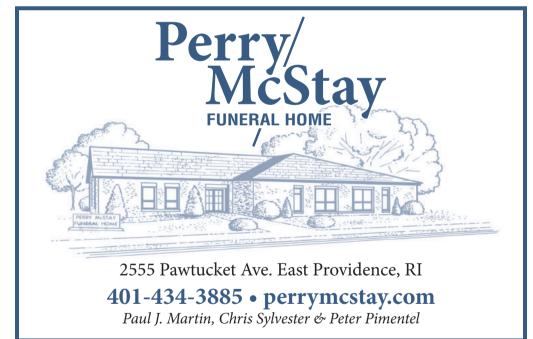
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## Perry leaves education to become new city HR head

Current Riverside Middle School principal, former teacher takes role in DaSilva administration

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City native and long-time school district employee Rob Perry is making a municipal switch, leaving his position as principal at Riverside Middle School to become the new Human Resources director for the city.

Mayor Bob DaSilva made the announcement of Perry's appointment in a press release Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 10.

Perry will be responsible for management training, recruitment, performance evaluation systems as well as contract negotiations. He will be responsible for addressing the Administration's goals to update the city's policies and procedures, IT infrastructure in HR and create a robust employee training

program to train employees on supervisory and other skills.

"Mr. Perry's more than 15 years in a leader-

ship role as an administrator, principal and IT expert with vast experience in dealing with policies, procedures and education will be invaluable to the position of Human Resources director," DaSilva said. "Mr. Perry's unique set of skills, education, and background will be a great fit for our team and the City of East Providence."



Rob Perry

Perry has for the last four-plus terms been principal at RMS. According to the mayor's release, "he has increased parent engagement, took a leading role in hiring teachers and staff, led a number district-wide curricu-

lum efforts, and founded the RMS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society."

Perry will remain in his role as principal at Riverside Middle School until January 30, then take on his new role with the city in early February.

Perry served as assistant principal with a stint as an interim principal at Edward R. Middle School. Prior to entering administration, he was a Latin teacher at East Providence, Barrington and Attleboro High Schools and adjunct lecturer at the University of Rhode Island.

"Having worked with families in East Providence over three decades, I understand the priorities of the people of our city and their expectations of government," Perry said. "I am really looking forward to helping to build on the same enthusiasm that Mayor DaSilva has brought to East Providence over the past four years. It is an exciting time to work in East Providence."

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# Friends of Townie Athletics brick sale continues

The Friends of Townie Athletics Organization booster group is restarting its "Leave Your Mark, Pave the Way" commemorative brick sale at the new East Providence High School for a limited time. A small number of bricks in two areas at the entrance of the building remain available for purchase.

The bricks come in two sizes. Purchasers have the choice of a 4"x8" brick (with inscription only) 3 lines of text, and 20 characters per line without a graphic logo for a cost of \$125. The 4"x8" brick with one of the chosen graphic logos with 3 lines of text and 16 characters costs \$150. A larger option is available with the purchase of an 8"x8" brick (with inscription only) 5 lines of text, and 20 characters per line without a graphic logo for a cost of \$225. The 8"x8" brick with 5 lines of text and a graphic logo costs \$250.

Along with the purchase of a Commemorative Brick, purchasers may also buy a mini replica of their brick which may be used as a paper weight or displayed as memorabilia. The cost of the mini brick is \$30

All monies raised will be used to support student-athletes throughout the East Providence School District.

Anyone interested in purchasing a commemorative brick may do so at www.4everbricks.com/donors/FTA or requesting an order form at friendsoft-ownieathleticsorg@gmail.com.

## Providence Country Day announces first trimester honor roll

The Providence Country Day School in city recently announced the honor roll of students from the first trimester of the 2022-23 term.

#### **High Honors**

Class of 2030: Maja Kocic, Amara Lulla, Sean Masse, Sennett Nixon, Peter Priebe

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# Opinion

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Forbes Street exit/entrance needs a new review

#### To the editor:

Why do residents and visitors using Forbes St. to enter the East Shore Expressway and go westerly have to travel into Barrington miles away to turn around?

One, poor engineering, two, no empirical evidence that a reasonable and prudent speed and turn just above the entrance would be dangerous given all the wide space of island almost directly across from the old Leonardo farm.

There should be an east to west cut-off a few hundred yards up

from the entrance.

There is plenty of room for the cut-off, and our newly elected representatives, especially those representing Riverside, should get on the ball to the state Transportation Committees and get it studied for substantial empirical evidence of accidents that justify the miles to travel to turn westerly.

Traffic Engineering should be based upon facts not emotions.

#### Richard A. Ferreira

Riverside Capt. EPPD (ret)

## Traffic ameras are just another way to make money

#### To the editor:

Red light cameras, speed zone cameras...Why doesn't the city just put cameras throughout the whole city?

They just keep adding more and more.

Do they really have to on nine hours a day in school zones? Are there kids running around the school zones at 1 p.m. in the afternoon? Is it really saving lives or making more money for the city?

I think the latter.

Next, they will be putting them in the bathrooms in the city buildings and fine you for using too much toilet paper.

Any way to make money.

Edward White Riverside

## Speaker McCarthy is Joe Hardy

#### To the editor:

There has been much speculation on what concessions were made by Rep. Kevin McCarthy to the holdouts preventing his becoming house speaker.

Based on the strong moral fortitude and integrity he showed after the January 6 insurrection, rumors are rampant that his parents, wife and children will be toiling as domestics for those same twenty nay sayers for the next two years.

Joe Hardy lives!

**Gerry Griffin** Rumford

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Editor's Note:

Lincoln Almond, who served as the 72nd Governor of Rhode Island from 1995-2003, passed away on January 2, 2023.

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## January events at the Fuller Learning Center

The Fuller Creative Learning Center continues its schedule of programs and workshops. The schedule for January 2023 includes: Adults/ Young Adults — Charity Sewing -Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2-3:30 p.m. (registration required); How to Volunteer -Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2-4 p.m. or Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6-8 p.m. (registration required); Air Fryer 101 - Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6-7 p.m. (registration required); Coffee and Paint -Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10-11 a.m. (reqistration required); Paint Night -Tuesday, Jan. 31 6-7:30pm (registration required); Children/Teenagers -

Baby/Toddler Play and Development Group - Fridays, Jan. 13, 20, & 27, 9:30-11 a.m. (registration required); Pre-K Learning Activities - Mondays, Jan. 23, & 30, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; Rep licator G Demo - Monday, Jan. 23, 3:30-4:30pm (registration required); Garage Band Demo - Monday, Jan. 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (registration required); All Ages — Eggs All Ways - Wednesday, Jan. 18, 10-10:45 a.m. (registration required); Stop Motion Animation - Wednesdays, Jan. 18, & 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (registration required); Drop-in Tech (WiFi, Computers, Sewing Machines, Recording Studio) or by appointment. More information on these events can be found on the East Providence Library website or our Facebook page. You

may also contact the Fuller Creative Center at fullercreativelearning@gmail.com for more information or to register.

## January Book Club offering is 'Other Birds'

The January 2023 Book Club at the East Providence Public Library will be reading "Other Birds" by Sara Addison Allen. Stop by to pick up a copy or download the title from eZone. The club meets virtually on Monday, Jan. 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Zoom or in-person on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 11 a.m.-noon at Weaver Library. Register at 401-434-2453 or www.eastprovidencelibrary.org on our calendar of events.

# There's no better way to warm up than with some homemade pizza!

#### BY JOANNE PERELLA

Now that we have turned the page on 2022, the dark days of January show little promise, other than those New Year's resolutions that have, most likely, been broken by now.

Times like these call for comfort food. With the Super bowl looming on the horizon, what better way to warm our hearts and souls than homemade pizza, my favorite food!

I have an easy and economical way to make pizza: I buy the dough at a local bakery. I have made my own pizza dough and impatiently waited for it to rise. But honestly, there is not much difference between homemade and bakery dough. In fact, I prefer the bakery dough.

If you agree with me, I am sharing my quick pizza recipe using ingredients that can easily be swapped out according to personal preferences. Sometimes in order to satisfy everyone, I make half the pizza with veggies and the other half with meat.

Of course, the amount and types of toppings such as tomato and cheese can be increased or decreased depending on your taste. Some people love white pizza and eliminate tomatoes completely substituting cooked broccoli, spinach and increasing the garlic. And others love a full pizza with onions, peppers, and anchovies. One pound of dough makes a large pizza that usually feeds four, but I usually make two pizzas at once and use up the whole can of tomatoes. This recipe freezes well.

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 lb. bread dough
- 1 28 oz. can of Čontadina crushed toma-
- 1 pkg sliced sharp provolone cheese
- 1 large package of shredded mozzarella
- 1 pkg pepperoni slices
- 1 small can of sliced olives
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, chopped very fine
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Hot pepper flakes (optional) ½ tsp dried oregano
- 2 to 3 TBSP olive oil (approximately)
- DIRECTIONS:
  Place dough in a half cookie sheet na

Place dough in a half cookie sheet pan, oil it lightly and spread out as much as you can without tearing it. Place in a warm



spot for about 1 to 2 hours to rise, covered by a piece of lightly greased plastic wrap and a warm towel (to prevent sticking). Spread the dough out to fill the sheet pan, if it still does not fill the pan, let rise a bit longer. Tip: I sometimes put the dough in an unheated oven where it will rise faster. Once the well-oiled dough is spread out in the pan you are ready to prepare it for baking.

Cover the dough with several slices of provolone cheese, then spoon on tomato sauce, covering well but leaving about ½" border for the crust. (You will not use the whole can of tomatoes for one pizza.) Top with your favorite toppings - I usually use pepperoni and sliced olives. Sprinkle chopped garlic over the top, along with salt, pepper, oregano and pepper flakes if desired.

Finish by topping everything with shredded mozzarella, and drizzle olive oil over the pizza.

Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for about 25 to 30 minutes, turning the pizza pan halfway through, and sliding a large spatula under and around the pizza to prevent it from sticking. Times will vary according to your oven, but pizza is done when crust is browned and cheese is bubbling on top.

Enjoy!

— Perella, a self-described "foodie," is a Riverside resident who "loves to cook and share recipes." Her culinary submissions appear occasionally in The Post.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Notice: January 12, 2023

Name of Responsible Entity: City of East Providence

Address: 145 Taunton Ave., Fast Providence, BI 02914

Phone Number: 401-654-4273

**Project Description:** The City of East Providence is providing \$154,000 of their 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support the development of up to 150 affordable rental units on three contiguous parcels located at 350 Taunton Ave. East Providence, RI. The total project cost is estimated to be \$50 million from multiple sources for funding amounts that are currently not committed.

Two lots are vacant and one has an existing building that will be renovated to accommodate affordable rental units along with supportive public service space on the first floor. A vacant parcel will be a parking lot and the other vacant lot will be the location of a newly constructed 4 story building with affordable rental units.

Four nonprofit public service agencies have entered a Memorandum of Agreement with each other for this development and for the provision of public services. The project will have a mix of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units.

A Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental assessments were completed that determined that there were no environmental hazards present and that the project posed no risk to human health.

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of East Providence.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about January 30, 2023 the City of East Providence will submit a request to the HUD Boston regional office for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as 350 Taunton Ave. Affordable Housing Development for the purpose of creating up to 150 affordable rental units, estimated to cost \$50 million.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of East Providence has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at East Providence City Hall, Community Development, room 309 or at the Weaver library located at 41 Grove Ave. E., Providence and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Community Development Office. All comments received by January 30, 2023 will be considered by the City of East Providence prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The city of East Providence certifies to the HUD Boston Massachusetts regional office that Roberto DaSilva in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's Boston Massachusetts regional office's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of East Providence to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD Massachusetts will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of East Providence's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of East Providence;(b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD's Boston Massachusetts regional office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to HUD/Boston Massachusetts administration office at cpd\_covid-19oee-bos@hud.gov Potential objectors should contact HUD/Massachusetts to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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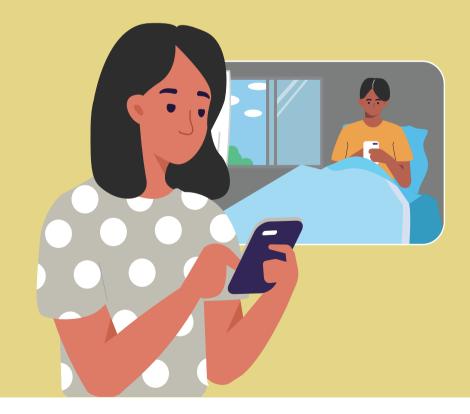


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# Sports

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East Providence High School's Dylan Slavick clears the bar during the high jump portion of the Townies' Metropolitan Division boys' indoor track and field meet held January 4 at the Providence Career and Tech Center Fieldhouse. Slavick is one of the Townies expected to vie for a place at states later this winter. View more photos of the meet at eastbayri.com.

## EPHS track athletes eye top placements at states

Phillip, Ruddock are expected to be among the best sprinters in Rhode Island this winter

#### **BY MIKE REGO**

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The East Providence High School indoor track and field teams began their 2022-23 seasons in earnest last week upon their return to classes following the holiday recess.

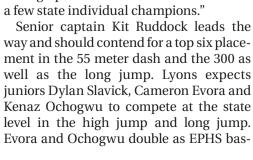
In a division that includes traditional track powers LaSalle, Classical and Barrington, the EPHS boys' club has consistently held its own over the years under the guidance of long-time head coach Bob Lvons.

The EPHS girls continue to show well under veteran coach Mike Almeida and in the Sullivan Division, named in the honor of the late girls' sports advocate, Interscholastic League administrator and former teacher in city Alice Sullivan.

#### More boys' notes

The Townies finished fourth out of 10 teams behind the rival Rams, the Purple and neighboring Eagles in last year's boys' Metropolitan Division dual meet standings. LaSalle eventually took home the division, Class A and state championship titles in '21-22.

"The Metropolitan Division in my opinion is the toughest in the state," said Lyons, who counts 38 athletes on his roster to begin the winter. "The team's realistic expectation is to have a winning regular season record during the dual meet portion of our season, while finishing in the top five at both the Metropolitan Division and Class A championship meets. Regarding the state meet, the ultimate goal as it always is, is to win a state championship, the realistic goal this year is to score double digit points at the state meet and have



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RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

East Providence High School's Will Anthony (left) and Roger Beaudet run the 3,000 meters during the January 4 Metropolitan Division boys' indoor track and field meet.

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## **STATES:** East Providence High School indoor tracksters state 2022-23 seasons

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ketball players.

Lyons said the Townies' 4x200 meter relay team, usually a strong point of the squad, "is a work in progress," but should qualify for the state meet as well. Ruddock, Evora, David Vieira, Slavick, Ochogwu are joined by sophomores Kwamahn Gilliard, Lucas Santa Cruz, Brian Rutkowski and Zekiah Hopper as well as freshmen Roger Beaudet and Julius Cortez are all in the

#### LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Review will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island, on Wednesday evening, 1 February 2023, at 6:00 P.M. The following applications for Special Use Permit (s) and Variance(s) will be heard in accordance with State Law and Zoning Ordinance.

#### **New Business**

- 1. MULBERRY PLACE LLC, seeks permission to construct an addition onto a single-family residence, without complying with the minimum side-yard setback requirement, as well as exceeding the maximum number of stories requirement, for property located at 297 TERRACE AVENUE, being MAP 413, BLOCK 8, PARCEL 2, in a RESIDENTIAL 3 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance(s) Petition No. 6928)
- 2. S&D REALTY, seeks permission to convert a three-unit apartment facility to a prohibited four-unit apartment facility, by introducing a fourth one-bedroom unit, for property located at 9 11 OXFORD STREET, being MAP 306, BLOCK 12, PARCEL 7, in a RESIDENTIAL 4 DISTRICT. (Use Variance Petition No. 6929)
- **3A.** BENTHOUSE LLC, seeks permission to rehabilitate two (2) pre-existing single-family residences on a singular parcel, otherwise identified as an expansion of a pre-existing legal nonconforming land use, for property located at 22 24 RIVER STREET, being MAP 312, BLOCK 67, PARCEL 1, in a RESIDENTIAL 4 DISTRICT. (Special Use Permit Petition No. 6930)
- **3B.** BENTHOUSE LLC, seeks permission to rehabilitate two (2) pre-existing single-family residences on a singular parcel, without complying with minimum front-yard setback requirements, exceeding maximum impervious lot coverage requirement, and failing to provide sufficient off-street parking, for property located at 22 24 RIVER STREET, being MAP 312, BLOCK 67, PARCEL 1, in a RESIDENTIAL 4 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance(s) Petition No. 6931)

HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL PRIOR TO THE MEETING?

APPLICATION/DOCUMENTS: As part of the above detailed petitions, the applicants have submitted materials which are public record. If you would like to receive a copy of the materials submitted to view before the hearing, please contacting the Zoning Office at (401) 435-7722, Ext. 1.

You can also directly access all petition materials by following the below instructions:

In the web browser, type 'www.eastprovidenceri. gov'. Next, select the category entitled 'Public Notices'. Next, in the 'Filter Bar' located under the heading 'Filter by Board, Commission or Committee' scroll down to 'Zoning Board of Review' and select the adjacent button entitled 'Apply'. Next, select the hearing date (which should be the first available), and the entire agenda will then be presented. Scroll down to the bottom of the agenda, and you will have access to all petition files in PDF form.

HOW CAN I SUBMIT DOCUMENTS IN FAVOR / AGAINST THIS APPLICATION?

If you desire to submit documents, expert opinions, or other like material either in favor of or in opposition to the applications, you can do so by email to epimentel@eastprovidenceri.gov, or by regular mail by mailing to Ed Pimentel, Zoning Officer, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914 by 27 January 2023.

EDWARD PIMENTEL, AICP ZONING OFFICER / CLERK

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mix for the four spots on the relay.

Vieira, Rutkowski and sophomore Nolan Travassos vie in the 55 meter hurdles. Senior Emmanuel Kanger leads a group of inexperienced throwers while sophomore Will Anthony paces a young contingent of distance runners.

"I'm excited about this team because we have many newcomers to the sport of track and field who also plan on competing during the outdoor season in the spring," said Lyons, who welcomes back trusted throwing coach Debbie Bellamy as an assistant coach this season.

"I'm also hopeful we can put together competitive relay teams in the 4x400 and 4x800 meter relays and qualify them for the state meet," he added. "With so many new individuals on the team, we're still trying to put the kids in the best possible events to compete. I look forward to coaching these young men and seeing them progress throughout the season."

#### More girls' notes

The Townies shared sixth place in the girls' regular season with a 5-6 dual meet record last winter. Neighboring Bay View went undefeated at 11-0 and also claimed the Sullivan championship meet crown.

Almeida said the Townies' 4x200 relay team consisting of sophomores Nazarae Phillip, Kandace Daniel and Samantha Clarke along with junior Giselle Raphael should be a top six team with a chance to win the event at states.

Individually, Phillip made known her intention to be one of the best sprinters around by winning the 55 meter dash at the annual Rhode Island Track Coaches Association Invitational in mid-December. The performance qualified her for indoor nationals later in the winter.

Phillip posted the fastest time in state so far this season in defeating West Warwick

Townies' indoor tracksters return to duals after holiday break

The East Providence High School indoor track and field teams returned to their respective regular season dual meet seasons last week following the holiday recess.

#### Boys' notes

The EPHS boys' indoor track and field team had a pair of Metropolitan Division meets over the last week at the Providence Career and Tech Academy Fieldhouse, including one Monday night, Jan. 9, with Barrington and Juanita Sanchez. The neighboring Eagles beat the Townies 83-26, but E.P. defeated the Cavaliers 90-11. Barrington also beat Sanchez 99-10.

EPHS senior Kit Ruddock ran to a pair of personal bests in the 55 and 300 meter races, winning the latter outright against the rest of the Metro competitors as well as over foes from Barrington and Sanchez, specifically, with a time of 37.27 seconds. He also finished second overall on the evening and first the dual meet with a 6.68 in the dash. Moses Brown senior Salter Arms won the 55 in 6.61. In addition, Ruddock won the long jump in East Providence's duals and was sixth overall on the night with a distance of 18 feet, 9.5 inches. The Townies' Dylan Slavick also bettered the entire division to win the high jump outright for the night and E.P.'s duals with a height of 6 feet. Also of note, East Providence's Daniel Rocha was sixth overall and second in the duals with a toss of 37 feet in shot put. He had the same results in the weight throw with a toss of 44'11."

January 4, the Townies also split a Metro meet with LaSalle and Moses Brown, losing to Rams 91-18, but beating the Quakers 60-48. LaSalle beat MB as well, 89-19.

Ruddock ran second overall and in the dual with a time of 6.7 in the dash. LaSalle's Jared Gibbons won the 55 in 6.65. Following the same pattern, Ruddock won the 300 outright with a time of 37.76. MB's Salter was second at 38.07. Of note as well, The Townies' Emmanuel Kanger won the weight throw in the dual and was seventh overall with a toss of 40'6.5."

#### Girls' notes

The EPHS girls' indoor track team went 1-2 in a Sullivan Division dual meet last week at the Providence Career and Tech Center Fieldhouse, losing to Moses Brown, 57-10, and Exeter-West Greenwich, 60-13, but edging Johnston, 34-32.

Kandace Daniel offered up the most noteworthy performances for the Townies. The junior was third in the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.97 seconds. Her sister, freshman Kendra, ran fifth at 8.11. Johnston's Taylor Powell won the dash with a time of 7.82. Kandace also was second in the 300 meters, clocking a time of 46.88. Skylar Maxwell of Moses Brown won the event in 44.57. Kendra was seventh with a 49.12. EPHS sophomore Adriana Perry was ninth in 50.21.

rival, fellow sophomore and reigning freshman dash state champ Xenia Raye by running a 7.47 to the latter's 7.49. Almeida said the Townies' sophomore should also be a factor in the 300.

Mates Daniel, Clarke and Raphael, the coach continued, should be threats to place at states in the 55, 300 and 600. Clark and Raphael are joined on a talented 4x4 relay team by senior Gladys Barrera and junior Angelina Tavares. Barrera runs the 600 individually and is also a member of the 4x8 relay. Tavares jumps, long and

high, as well.

Almeida said freshman Kendra Daniels "shows promise" in the sprints and may eventually earn a spot one of the relays while sophomores Kathryn Patalano and Magaret Robinson lead the Townies in the distance events in the 3,000, 1,500 and 1,000. The coach said the team is still seeking throwers to round out the squad.

"Hopefully all the momentum we gain indoors will continue for the outdoor season," Almeida said, with an eye towards the spring campaign.





## EPHS swim teams find new homes in D-IV

Lack of numbers leave Townies rebuilding in a different league

#### **BY MIKE REGO**

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Things are trending in the right direction for the East Providence High School swimming teams under the direction of second year head coach Bob Hassan, though the Townies are treading water a bit in terms of numbers as they try to navigate the opposition in their new home, Division IV.

The EPHS boys, though posting solid results in recent years in Division III, have only eight competitors on the roster in 2022-23. The girls, who have struggled a bit more lately, have the same total.

"Again, this is a rebuilding year. The numbers are bigger than last year, especially on the girls' side. I'm excited that we have eight girls on the team. Three came out with no experience whatsoever and they're already doing well. The future, particularly the girls, is bright with the numbers coming up from the Tidal Waves," said Hassan, referring the Boys & Girls Club team he also coaches.

Hassan is in his 11th year with the Waves, was a high school school coach previously for nearly a decade at nearby Dighton-Rehoboth and has also coached the Bayside YMCA club teams.

Of both teams, Hassan added, "My thing has always been about working hard, improving with each meet and always trying your best. If you do that, it's all I can ask for

"I feel extremely excited about the future of the girls' team. We have a lot of kids coming up through the Tidal Waves and other area clubs. I'm slightly concerned about the guys' team. I don't see many coming up through the ranks. But that's a trend we've been seeing at the youth level for a while now.

"But we're in the building process. We're getting notoriety. People are finding out we run a good program. The word is getting out there. We have some experienced swimmers and some brand new swimmers who want to be a part of that. We're just going to continue to work hard and see where that takes us."

The boys are coming off a .500 season during D-III dual meets a year ago, posting a 3-3 record. The Townies were fourth in the division championship meet, scoring 269 points. Wheeler won divisions with 384 points.

The girls, meanwhile, are already ahead of last winter's pace, having won a dual meet after going 0-7 a year ago in D-III. The EPHS girls were last out of eight teams in the division meet with just 85 points.

"The girls have already won a meet, and I'm thinking we could maybe go .500, 3-3, and that would be great consider last year



**ABOVE**: East Providence High School's Cassie Dulude swims the butterfly in the girls' portion of the Townies' recent dual meet with Blackstone Valley Prep; **BELOW**: Kevin Bettencourt swims the boys' breaststroke for the Townies later in the meet. View more photos at eastbayri.com.

we didn't win a meet. And we also didn't score very many points. This year we're scoring more points and won a meet, so I'm very happy with that," Hassan said.

Both teams were 1-1 in the early going of the '22-23 season, following losses to visiting Blackstone Valley Prep Friday afternoon, Jan. 6, at the E.P. Boys & Girls Club in their return to the pool following the Christmas break.

#### More boys' notes

The boys had a close meet with Blackstone Valley Prep, which was a bit surprising. I didn't think we could keep it that close because we didn't have our full team. Three kids were out with illness," Hassan said about the Townies' 40-37 loss last week. "We could have potentially won that meet if everyone was healthy and swam well."

Senior London Coogan is the boys' team captain. He swims relays along with the 100 meter butterfly. Junior Nick Capobianco and sophomore Kevin Bettencourt are the top performers on the squad, able to swim all four strokes: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and fly. Junior Ryan Branch, a freestyler, joins the aforementioned trio in relays.

Capobianco was the lone Townie to qualify for states in 2022. He swam the 100 backstroke and the 200 individual medley. Capobianco, Branch and Bettencourt also swam three legs of the 200 free relay to make it to states a year ago.

The four other members of the team — junior Marco Cordeiro, sophomore Gavin Hanley and freshmen Mason Adams and Slate Vandal — are in varying stages of learning strokes.

#### More girls' notes

Junior Ines Benedouda leads the returnees to the girls' squad. Last winter, she paced the Townies in the D-III championship meet, swimming fourth in the 100 breaststroke and fifth in the 200

"She's a great swimmer. She does all the strokes. Whatever we



need her in, I can put her there. She works very hard," Hassan said of Benedouda.

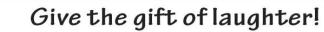
The only member of the team with any real high school experience and its lone senior is captain Emma LeDuc. She swims the free, back and breast. Junior Seleny Arevalo is in her second year and has shown continued improvement as she swims the back and frees.

Maggie Robinson is the team's only sophomore. She is a two-sport athlete in all three seasons. Besides swim in the winter she runs indoor track. In the fall, Robinson contributed to the EPHS girls' tennis team that finished as the Division III runner-up and she ran cross country, too.

Hassan said Robinson is doing "extremely well. She's almost up to the other kids in the free and back. She's working really hard and with some endurance we'll put her in the 100 fly."

Freshman Cassie Dulude is a promising newcomer who learned from Hassan through the Tidal Waves system and can swim all strokes. Hassan said classmate Katherine Skillern is just coming back to the sport, but learned the basics of the sport as a youngster and is showing to be a quick study.

Two other freshmen new to the team are Aalina Amoros and Jayla DeGraca, the former joined the team after learning of it at open house last year as an eighth grader in middle school and the latter because she had a friend on the squad.





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## EPHS-Mt. Hope hockey co-op hits a rut in return from break

Wrestlers Amaral, Phillips win tourney titles; boys' hoops responds with a victory

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The East Providence-Mt. Hope High School, East Bay Huskies, cooperative hockey squad dropped its latest Division II outing played Wednesday night, Jan. 4, a 10-3 decision to Portsmouth High at the Portsmouth Abbey rink.

The loss left the Huskies, taking the nickname of host school Mt. Hope, with a 0-4-0 record in the early going of the league season.

Three Mt. Hope players accounted for the team's tallies. Oliver Browne, from Ben Browne, got his side on the board with his first goal of the year near the beginning of the second period. The Patriots led 5-0 through the opening stanza.

After Portsmouth potted the next three goals to take an 8-1 lead, Jackson Harney, from Ben Browne again, got one back for Mt. Hope-EPHS late in the second. Harney then added sixth of the year early in the third off an Oliver Browne helper.

#### Boys' hoops

The East Providence High School boys' basketball team rebounded from a 65-52 loss earlier in the week to perennial power Bishop Hendricken with a resounding 84-48 victory over visiting Cranston East to close out their week of Division I regular season play.

The Townies saw their record improve to 3-3 in D-I contests with the one-sided win over the Thunderbolts. East Providence book-ended the game by decisively outscoring the visitors 21-8 in the opening quarter and 20-4 in the fourth. In between, the Townies built a 44-28 at intermission and 64-44 at the end of three.

Xavier Hazard had 18 points to lead the locals. Trey Rezendes had 15, Jayden Caldwell 10 and Will Winfield eight while Kenaz Ochogwu and Kemerie Dublin had six each.

The Townies got off to a similarly good start in their joust with the Hawks last Tuesday night, Jan. 3, in city, holding a 19-10 lead after the opening eight minutes.

Things took a turn for the worse, though, in the second quarter and the locals could not recover. Hendricken held EPHS to just a pair of points, winning the period 28-2 and taking a 38-21 lead to intermission.

The Townies would have a chance or two to cut their deficit below double figures in the second half, but couldn't quite muster enough of a response to make the game competitive the rest of the way.

Rezendes paced EPHS with 15 points. Hazard had 10 while Dublin had six.

#### Wrestling

Two Townies won their weight classes helping the EPHS wrestling team to a second place overall finish at the 2023 Brendan Grant Tournament hosted by Belmont (Mass.) High Saturday, Jan.

Robbie Amaral, at 182 pounds, and Charlie Phillips, at 138, took the gold medal in their divisions. Amaral was a 5-1 winner over Douglas Alyward of Triton (Mass.). Phillips defeated Cyrus Jones of Sharon (Mass.) by a major decision score of 10-1.

Two more Townies finished second. Martin Moniz suffered a major decision loss to Miles Darling of Essex (Mass.) at 120. Matthew Marlow was the runner-up at 132, losing late in finale to Sharon's Nick Varvak.

Also of note for the locals, Brady DeRoy finished third at 106, winning the his consolation round match by pin at 43 seconds of the first period. In addition, Simon Palombo (145), Jordan Carl (195), Jacob Francis (170) and Machar Francis (285) finished fourth.

#### Girls' hoops

The EPHS girls' basketball team remained winless in Division I action, closing out last week with a 52-40 loss to visiting Juanita Sanchez at the Ramos Gym Friday, Ian 6

The Cavaliers, with whom the Townies battled last winter for first



JULIE FURTADO

Defenseman Ryan Jancef (right), of East Providence, helps East Bay Huskies co-op teammate and goalie Kayden Carney defend the net from a Portsmouth shot during a recent Division II outing. View more East Providence-Mt. Hope, East Bay Huskies, photos at eastbayri.com.

place in the D-II regular season standings, took control of the contest in the first quarter. Sanchez led 13-8 at one and then built a commanding 28-13 by intermission. East Providence made things a bit interesting in the third quarter, outscoring the visitors 13-6, but the Cavs answered with a

Mya Lambert led the locals with 13 points. Harmonie McDowell added 10 and Estrella D'Ambra nine

21-14 fourth period to close out

The Townies dropped to 0-6 in

league play. Sanchez improved to 4-1 at the time.

#### **Swimming**

The EPHS swim teams returned to their 2022-23 Division IV regular season schedules in earnest last week following the holiday recess, dropping both outings to visiting Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy at the East Providence Boys & Girls Club Friday, Jan. 6. The boys fell by a 40-37 score while the girls lost 45-31. Each team saw their records move to 1-1 on the still young season.

London Coogan, Kevin Bettencourt and Nick Capobianco accounted for the individual victories for the Townies in the boys' meet. Coogan won the 50 freestyle in 29.02 seconds. Bettencourt claimed the 100 free in 1:02.51. And Capobianco took the 100 backstroke in 1:04.35. Ryan Branch later joined the aforementioned trio on East Providence's winning 400 free relay team, which concluded the meet with a victorious time of 4:20.23.

Ines Benadouda was the lone EPHS swimmer to win multiple events on the day, claiming the girls' 100 back (1:14.14) and the 100 free (1:05.66). Seleny Arevalo chipped in the other win for the locals, taking the 50 free in 35.42. The pair also teamed with Emma LeDuc and Cassie Dulude to win the meet-ending 400 free relay in 5:28.19.

Of note as well, with only three swimmers of both genders vying in the event, BVP's Katie Chiapetta beat a pair of boys in a combined 200 meter individual medley swim. The sophomore clocked a time of 2:20.87 to easily best the times of each of her male competitors, 2:22.24 being the better of the two. Chiapetta said doesn't often swim against boys so it's likely the first time she's beaten a male in a high school meet though she has on numerous occasions clocked the best time in the 200 IM when compared to other male swimmers.

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## Rotary Club announces scholarship timeline

The Rotary Club of East Providence, RI /Seekonk announces the deadline for its annual scholarship program for 2023. Each year, the Rotary Club awards \$1,000 scholarship each to three graduating seniors from the following schools: East Providence High School, East Providence Career & Technical Center and Seekonk High School. Deadline for the application is March 8. Interested students should obtain the official application form from their school guidance counselor. The student would complete the application form and return it to their guidance counselor directly on or before the deadline. The Rotary Club's Educational Trust Scholarship Committee then selects the recipients from a pool of the most deserving applicants submitted by each school's guidance department. Chartered in 1946, the Rotary Club of East Providence, RI/ Seekonk, MA is a local club of Rotary International, based in Chicago, IL. Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. For more information, contact Stephen J. Propatier (Chair of the Scholarship Committee) at 508-336-9007 or write PO Box 14303, East Providence, RI, 02914 or visit http://www.epseekonkrotary.org.

## Weekly meat and lobster raffle benefits RMS PTSA

Saturday meat and lobster raffles to benefit the Riverside Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association take place each week at the Broadway Merrill located at 5353 North Broadway. Tickets are sold six for \$5. Raffles begin each week at 2 p.m. All proceeds, 100%, go to the RMS PTSA.

#### DPW seasonal 'Chip-A-Tree' program continues

The East Providence Department of Public Works "Chip-A-Tree" program has started. The chips will be used as mulch for City projects. Residents have the option of dropping off trees or curbside collection now through January 20. Drop-off locations include: Agawam Field, Hull St. Playground, Pierce Field, Central Ave Playground, Silver Spring Playground, Kent Field, Riverside Rec Field, Grassy Plain Park, Sabin Point Park, Carousel Parking Lot. Curbside collection takes place throughout the week. Place trees at the curb for collection. Please remove all ornaments, lights and stands. Tree only...No wreaths, garlands, roping or artificial trees. Trees will be collected by city work crews and chipped. Trees are not collected with weekly trash pickup. For questions or more information, please contact DPW Program Coordinator Donna McMahon at 401-435-7701

## Rec Department updates trips schedule

The East Providence Recreation Department has updated its slate of trips for 2023. The schedule includes the following Providence Performance Arts Center shows: February 26, Come from Away; March 11. The Simon & Garfunkel Story; March 26, Hadestown; April 23, Six; April 26, Beetlejuice. Other trips include: February 9, "Menopause the Musical" at the VETS Auditorium with dinner at Davenport's and trolley ride to theatre. Reservations are now being accepted for all trips by calling Deborah Rochford at 437-1577 or 435-7511.

## Rotary plans 'Dollars for Scholars' fundraiser

The Rotary Club of East Providence/Seekonk will host a "Dollars for Scholars" comedy fundraiser on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Cape Verdean Social Club located at 329 Grosvenor Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show will begin at 7. All proceeds will benefit the Rotary club's annual scholarship program for local students from East Providence High School, St. Mary's Academy-Bay View and Seekonk High School pursuing higher education. The 18-plus event will feature performances by several of New England's top local comedians provided by Funny4Funds. Other fundraising opportunities for the Club's educational cause include proceeds from raffle prizes, 50/50 drawing and items to be auctioned. The cost of admission is \$20 per person. Cash bar will be available for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own snacks. For tickets, to donate, or to sponsor the event, please visit the Dollars for Scholars Comedy Night link at funny4funds.com/events or contact Lori DiPersio at (401) 578-5317 or ldipersio24@gmail.com.

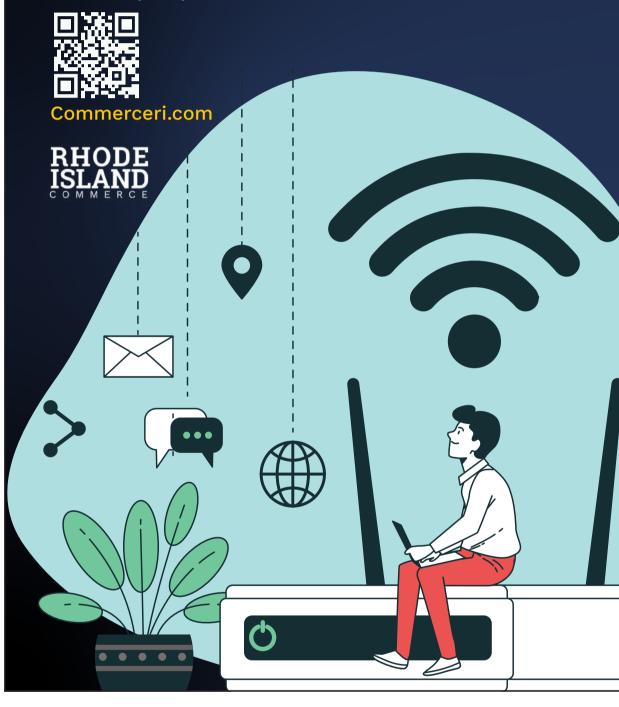
## Chorus of E.P. holds open sing rehearsals

The Chorus of East Providence will hold open sing rehearsals on Tuesdays, January 17 and 24, from 7 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in the lower hall of St. Martha's Church 2595 Pawtucket Ave., East Providence. These rehearsals are open to anyone interested in joining the chorus. No auditions are necessary, just a love of singing and a willingness to commit to weekly rehearsals. Dues for the spring session are \$75 and cover the cost of music. The Chorus performs two concerts each year, one in May and one in December. For more information visit the Chorus' website at: http://chorusofep.org.

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#### **RELIGION NEWS**

#### **Newman Congregational** sets next racial justice book talk, movie

The next Newman Congregational Church racial justice book discussion series installments take place using the Zoom platform on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. over three consecutive weeks. The January discussion of a "Letter to a Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on January 16 and 23. Also in January, in-person showing of Netflix's "Amend: The Fight for America" hosted by Will Smith. We will watch Season 1 Episode 1 at Newman Congregational Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15. Find how to register below or walk-ins are welcome! Interested in participating? Visit our website to register at newmanucc.org/ministries/racial-justice. Newman Congregational Church is located at 100 Newman Ave., Rumford. For more information, contact the Church Office at 401-434-4742 X10.

#### **Haven Church seeks** musicians, offers free lessons

Haven United Methodist Church. 200 Taunton Ave., is recruiting young adult classical instrument performers and singers with rehearsals and performances planned from January through May. In addition, the church's free music school resumes with lessons on January 21. If you are interested in either program call 401-438-4911 or email havenumchurch@yahoo.

#### **First Baptist Church** continues sermon series

The First Baptist Church, 1400 Pawtucket Ave, Rumford, has started a new Sunday sermon series at 10 a.m., "Win the Day." Too many people delay, downsize, or shrug off their dreams just because they don't know where to start, but playing it safe doesn't account for the massive cost of a life not fully lived. Win the Day is the jump start you need to go after God-sized goals, one day a time. Come listen to Seven powerful habits that can help you turn yesterday's regrets and tomorrow's anxieties into fuel for a better day. If you want to change your life, start by changing your story. What a great way to begin the New Year. For more information call 401-434-4407 or 508-642-3972, email detour17@yahoo.com or visit fbcep.

#### **Haven Methodist offers** volunteer opportunities

Haven United Methodist Church. 200 Taunton Ave., offers volunteer opportunities, The church is a Certifying Organization that has been granted authority to give out the President's Volunteer Service Award to volunteers assisting with programs at Haven UMC. Currently, we are looking for violinists to assist the teacher of the Free Music School

#### **OBITUARY**

### **Eugene S. Clauss**

Eugene S. Clauss, 94, of Riverside, R.I., passed away on December 20, 2022. Please visit www. smithmason.com for Mr. Clauss's full obituary



and leave online condolences.

with young violin students in regard to form, technique, and method. The Haven Chamber Orchestra participants will be eligible for volunteer hours as well. Also, the Thrift Store is looking for people interested in helping out on Saturdays to run the store. If you are interested in any of the above, contact the Haven UMC office at 401-438-4911 or havenumchurch@yahoo.com.

#### **Bread of Life Food Pantry** resumes indoor distribution

Since the onset of the COVID-19

pandemic in March 2020, the Bread of Life Food Pantry has been operating as an outdoor distribution in the parking lot of Newman Congregational Church. However, the Pantry has resumed its indoor distribution. The Pantry is located at Newman Congregational Church, 100 Newman Avenue, and is open twice each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. Modifications to the indoor distribution as it was carried out before COVID will be made to create less crowding in the various Pantry spaces and to shorten the time that it takes for guests to complete the process. Masks will be required as there will be situations where physical distancing is not possible and the vaccination/ health status of volunteers and guests cannot always be known. Volunteers who are able to lift bags weighing up to 15 pounds are especially needed to assist guests in carrying their groceries to their cars or to the bus stop. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please visit the Pantry's website at EPBreadofLife.org or call the Pantry at 401-434-4742. The Bread of Life Food Pantry is a collaborative ecumenical effort of five East Providence churches: Bethany Church of the Nazarene, Church of the Epiphany, Evangelical Covenant Church of Riverside, Newman Congregational Church and St. Margaret Church. Through August. the Pantry is operating as a drivethrough distribution in the church parking lot. The Pantry welcomes all those in need of food assistance. For more information about the Bread of Life Food Pantry, visit the Pantry's website at EPBreadOfLife. org: email the Pantry at EastProv-BreadOfLife@gmail.com or call 401-434-4742.

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Rhode Island and Massachusetts each offer significant additional needsbased resources that may help with State Medicaid to provide additional medical cost coverage, Medicare Premium Payment programs to help pay Part B premium, and additional monthly benefits such as Over the Counter goods from pharmacies and lower prescription costs.

Unexpected prescription costs can be shocking. We will review your medications and their costs under various plans to help your decision. If the retail cost of your medications (not the co-pay) exceeds, \$4,660 in 2023, you will be in the coverage gap or donut hole until your out of pocket cost exceeds \$7,400. We can provide tools and strategies to keep your costs as low as possible to mitigate donut hole co-pays.

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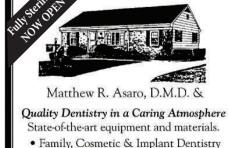


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**Recycling carts that have** plastic bags or other unacceptable items will not be collected and per city ordinance, may be imposed a \$50 fine.

Recycling is collected biweekly.

Place only these items in your recycling cart loose not in bags: 1) paper, cardboard (flattened) and cartons, 2) metal cans, lids and foil, 3) glass bottles and jars, and 4) plastic

That is it-No other items! Absolutely no Trash! No plastic bags, bags of bags, or recycling inside of bags! For full recycling guidelines visit: rirrc.org/mixed-recycling.

**<u>Trash</u>** is collected weekly.

Accumulation of material or waste on the ground will result in a fine of \$50 per day the violation exists for first violation. Only trash produced by residents at their home should be in trash carts. Additional carts maybe purchased if needed. No trash shall be placed out for collection before 3 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled collection. Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$50 per day.

Other large items that do not fit in trash cart such as furniture or other bulky items, mattresses and appliances need to be scheduled and are collected by appointment please see the Large/Bulky Item Collection section.

#### **Large Item Collection Picked up by Appointment**

**Appliances** are collected the second Saturday of each month. A \$25 recycling sticker must be purchased at the Public Works Office at 60 Commercial Way by 10 a.m. on the preceding

Includes washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, hot water tanks, air conditioners, gas grills, etc. These items may also be dropped off free of charge at the DPW Complex (please place in scrap metal area).

Bulky Items are collected every Friday by appointment only please call 401-435-7701. Includes furniture and rugs/ carpeting that are cut to 4' lengths and rolled and tied. Place items on the curb on the night before collection. Consider donating furniture to local organizations or RI Donation Exchange at 401-831-

Mattresses & Box Springs are collected curbside or via drop off on scheduled Saturdays (see reverse for dates): Curbside by appointment: call 401-435-7701. There is a fee of \$25 per piece, with a limit of two pieces or one set, per household. Free Drop Off Events are held once or twice per month at the DPW complex, weather permitting, from March to December.

#### What do I do with...?

The following items are not collected curbside nor accepted at the city's self-service drop off. Options are listed below.

Tires: Most local tire businesses charge a

**Construction Debris and Fencing: Residents** are responsible for the disposal of all materials associated with home construction, dem-

Construction debris can be taken to the RI Re- source Recovery in Johnston (rirrc.org / 942-1430) or call private collector for disposal — fees apply.

Paint: Visit www.paintcare.org for convenient drop off loca- tions for latex and oilbased paints and stains. Empty latex cans or hardened latex paint can go into the trash cart (NOT recycling cart) - leave the lids off to show that the paint is hardened. See the Household Hazardous Waste section be-low for other options.

Clothing & Textiles: Drop off clean, dry and odorless textiles to one of the East Providence-sponsored Kiducaton/Upcycle collection boxes located at: Agawam Field, Fuller Creative Learn- ing Center, Community Center and Walgreens on Warren Avenue. You can also donate them to other local charitable organizations

Household Hazardous Waste: is anything labeled with a skull and crossbones, or words like 'toxic', 'poison', 'flammable', 'combustible', etc. Examples include paint, pes-ticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, cleaners, mercury devices, gasoline and polishes.

RI Resource Recovery hosts free Eco-Depot events for properly disposing of household hazardous waste from RI residents. The City will co-host an Eco-Depot event on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the DPW Complex, 60 Commercial Way. Appointments are required by visiting rirrc.org/ ecodepot or by calling 942-1430 ext. 3241. The full event schedule and other examples are listed on the Eco-Depot website.

Self-service drop off for special/bulky items: **DPW Complex at 60 Commercial Way** Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Electronic Equipment:** TVs, radios, computer and audio components, small appliances such as toasters, blenders, hair- dryers and anything with a plug are accept- ed in the containers located to the right of the gate (pictured left)

Motor Oil & Filters: Uncontaminated used motor oil can be deposited in the oil igloo. Oil filters can be left in the de-signed barrels.

Antifreeze: Place in the blue "antifreeze only"

Auto Batteries: Leave near the Oil Igloo.

Cooking Oil: Used vegetable cooking oil can be deposited into the blue collection container pro- vided by Newport Biodiesel. The cooking oil is pro-cessed into biodiesel at their Rhode Island facility.

Cardboard: Flattened cardboard can be dropped off in the "cardboard only" dump-

Propane Tanks: All sizes ranging from small camping tanks to grill tanks.

Scrap Metals: Anything primarily made of metal, big and small, such as: metal hangers, pots, pans, cookie sheets, chains, file cabinets, microwaves, bikes, poles, and metal furniture. Some appliances are accepted.

**Books:** Drop off into the designated collection

Rigid Plastic: garbage cans, laundry baskets, milk crates, storage bins/lids, lawn furniture, etc. No PVC or vinyl.

Only items listed above can dropped off at the DPW Complex. If other items are left, it is considered illegal dumping.

#### **Curbside Collection Information & Policies**

Yard Waste is collected in paper yard waste bags or barrels labeled with "yard waste" labels. These free labels are available at City Hall Engineering Office and the DPW Office, M-F. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Yard waste is collected April through December, weather permitting.

Holiday Delays: If your regular collection day falls on or after a holiday (in green on reverse), collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. This ap-plies to trash as well as recycling and yard waste during the scheduled collection weeks.

Weather Delays: Collection delays due to winter storm events or other unexpected events will be posted on the city's website, social media platforms, TV, and on the office voice mail message: 401-435-7701.

NO RECYCLING CART, NO TRASH PICKUP! If your recy-cling cart is not out on a recycling collection week, your trash will not be

Questions please call: 401-435-7701

#### **Holiday and Recycling Collection Calendar 2023**

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**Christmas Trees** Curbside pickup begins January 9-20th City crews will collect Holiday Delay\*:

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February 20, Presidents Day

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March 2023

First Day of Spring: March 20

April 2023 Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat 19 20

**Yard Waste** collection begins, week of April 3! **Earth Day** 

is April 22. Help keep East Prov-idence clean and green. Volunteer for Earth Day cleanups by calling DPW or visiting eastprovidenceri.gov

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Holiday Delay\*: May 29, Memorial Day

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Flag Day: June 14

First day of Please remember to use trash and recycle carts At City parks, playgrounds and events this Summer.



Holiday Delay\*: July 4, Independence

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Holiday Delay\*: August 14, Victory Day

Eco-Depot Household Hazardous Waste drop-off appointment at rirrc.org

Holiday Delay\*:

November 23, Thanksgiving



Holiday Delay\*: September 4, Labor Day

First day of Fall:



December 11-15: Last week for Yard waste

**Christmas Trees** playground/park after the 25th.

Holiday Delay\*: December 25 Christmas Day

The first week and last weeks of yard waste collection. Yard waste will be collected April 3-December 15, 2023.



Recycling collection days

\*Holiday: No trash, recycling or yard waste

collection—one day delay remainder of the

Holiday Delay\*: October 9, Columbus Day

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Mattress + box spring pickup and drop off days. Call for a pickup appointment \$25 each piece. Drop off free only on Saturday's marked in yellow,

at 60 Commerciál Way from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m

# East Bay Life

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MARKET INSIGHTS

# Nothing but up

What a difference five years made in the East Bay real estate market, where every price increased in every category *in every community* 

ast Bay real estate values increased exponentially during ■ the past five years. The increases were similar to what happened in the rest of New England and nationally, but like politics, all real estate markets are local.



**GABLINSKE** 

Taking a closer look at the East Bay, including Bristol County and Newport County (excluding Jamestown) there were some similarities in the local towns, with some surprises. As seen in the chart that accompanies this story, which compares the year 2018 with

2022, one similarity is that each town's residential real estate sector, including single-family, 2-4 family and condominiums, gained in value, which is not always the case.

Many times, one market segment may go up and another may go down, but not in these last five years. In this era, in every community, all three sectors gained in value, as seen in comparisons of median prices. The median reflects the midpoint between the highest and lowest sale price and is not subject to the gyrations of the average, which can swing wildly with just a few sales at the very top or bottom of the sales prices.

#### Little Compton is the new #1

Little Compton recaptured the title of having the highest single-family prices in 2022, at \$875,000, taking it back from Newport, which had led all the communities in 2018. Its rural character, minimum two-acre zoning, privacy, wide open vistas of the Sakonnet River and the Atlantic Ocean as well as rocky coastline create a real estate market that attracts the affluent for ownership of second homes

A review of Little Compton's tax book reveals that many of the tax bills are sent to addresses from out of state, including Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, the mid-west and beyond.

#### Big increases in Newport

Newport is a worldwide tourist destination, the playground of the rich and famous, and it enjoys a worldwide seller/ buyers' marketplace. It had the secondhighest median price in 2022, which is not unexpected. Even after the 2008 real estate price crash, Newport had the least real estate value losses in the East Bay.

During the past five years, the singlefamily median price increased 43%, 2-4 family median increased 65% and condominium median price increased 76%.

#### **Aquidneck Island boom**

Middletown and Portsmouth are sister



An analysis of real estate sales in eight different East Bay communities shows that median prices have risen dramatically in every category (single-family, multi-family and condominiums) in every community in the past five years. Increases range from 20% to 100%.

communities with Newport on Aquidneck required. Island and showed outsized real estate value increases. There are two reasons for this confluence in values. One is Newport's outsized attraction to a larger geographical market and inversely its limited geographical area and few remaining vacant land parcels. Therefore, its real estate demand is trickling off in the adjacent towns of Middletown and Portsmouth.

The second is that all three communities make up an island, offering more waterfront miles and waterview real estate than the rest of the East Bay.

Middletown had the highest percentage increase in price of the eight East Bay communities, at a whopping 80% increase in single-family home values. Middletown and Portsmouth also have an abundance of vacant land, which is attracting owners who want newly constructed homes, which in the past few vears have soared in costs due to the Covid 19 induced supply chain issues which have driven construction prices through the roof.

It is not untypical for the average high quality architecturally designed home to cost somewhere around \$350 per-squarefoot for the construction costs alone, not including land, septic system or well if

#### The 'affordable' communities

Tiverton and Warren have the least expensive real estate values in the East Bay, if you can consider more than \$400,000 "least expensive"! Both were in the upper \$200,000 range five years ago, and now both showed single-family median prices above \$400,000. Yikes!

With these kinds of numbers, it's no wonder Rhode Island has a housing affordability problem and growing homeless population.

#### **Empty-nesters to Bristol**

Bristol continues to attract a large and growing number of Barrington residents whose children have moved out of the nest to college and therefore no longer require the excellent school system that Barrington offers. They are drawn to the historic downtown charm and Bristol Harbor amenities of very good restaurant offerings. Single-family homes in Bristol increased 67%, to a median of \$500,000 in

There was a house sale in Bristol in 2022 that set the local Bristol real estate community a buzz. A property on Everett

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#### TALKING POLITICS

## Remembering **Almond fondly** at a time of Republican turmoil

**TORY OF THE WEEK:** History does not repeat itself, but it rhymes, or so the saying goes. That spurred thoughts on two different events this week.

In D.C., U.S. House Republicans were



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unable to elect a speaker through an extended series of votes, the first time this happened in 100 years. Closer to home, former GOP Gov. Lincoln Almond, who epitomized political moderation after first winning office in 1994, died at age 86. Almond was a first-ballot Rhode Island Hall of

Famer - the first URI grad to serve as governor, an incorruptible and tough-minded prosecutor, someone who loved the state, moved the ball on economic development, had a winning laugh and didn't take himself too seriously. (As one former aide, Joe Larisa, tweeted, Almond was more comfortable at Gregg's than the Capital Grille.)

Although Don Carcieri went on to succeed Almond as governor in 2003, setting the stage for 16 years of uninterrupted GOP rule in Rhode Island, Republicans have been locked out of the state's top job since, while struggling for relevance. That's why it's worth remembering that Newt Gingrich's self-styled revolution also unfolded in 1994, based in significant part on demonizing political opponents, creating a harbinger of our current moment.

In Washington, House Republicans are in disarray. And in Rhode Island, the GOP was without a gubernatorial candidate last year until settling on Ashley Kalus, whose appeal – despite being energetic (and having the wealth to spend \$5 million on her run) — was limited by how she had spent little previous time in the state.

ALMOND UNSUNG: Gov. Almond developed an impressive record during his tenure, and he had the fortune of serving during a good economy, from 1995 to 2003. On the other hand, like almost everyone else on the planet, he lacked the charisma of Vincent Albert "Buddy" Cianci Jr., who occupied an outsized place in Rhode Islanders' consciousness during Almond's tenure.

In fact, even in the run-up to the Plunder Dome trial that resulted in a federal prison sentence for Cianci, the Providence mayor's approval rating was almost 30 points higher than Almond's.

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## MARKET: Housing prices soar everywhere, some places more than others

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Street, which is located at the bottom of the Fatima Drive neighborhood and sits along the Kickemuit River, sold for a whopping \$1,675,000 after only two days on the market. It has 2,200 square feet, four bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a dock. It has no garages and sits on a 6,000-square-foot lot

As they say, they don't make any more waterfront land, and waterfront property values have increased exponentially in the past few years.

#### Barrington now has condos

Barrington single-family prices are the



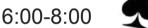
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Another interesting phenomenon in Barrington is there is finally a condominium market. Until recently only a couple of condominiums existed in Barrington. There are also a couple of PUD developments, but both of these have similar values as most of Barrington, whereas many condo developments in the East Bay and State of Rhode Island offer lower pricing for residents.

What changed more recently, starting in 2010 and a new phase in 2020, is the Bay Spring Crossing Condo Complex located off of Washington Street near Haines Park. Fourteen of these single-level units sold in 2022, ranging in price from \$247,000 to \$400,000, with a median price of \$365,000, which is 87% lower than the Barrington single-family median of \$680,000. Barrington needs more of these types of housing options for residents.

#### So what's next ...?

So, what's in store for real estate values in 2023 in the East Bay? As a real estate appraiser and consultant, I get asked that by a lot by people, like I have some kind of crystal ball into the next war, flu epidemic, disruptive technology, or direct line to the Federal Reserve. My answer is, "who knows?"

The real estate market is far more complex and subject to local, regional, national, and international monetary, governmental, and business forces for me to have a clue.

I do know that the Federal Reserve's strategy of increasing interest rates to dampen inflation is impacting mortgage rates, which have basically more than doubled since March of 2022. The increased rates have stopped the overzealous buyers from bidding above asking price, which became the norm in 2021 and early 2022.

The number of days on the market is increasing now, but we are still not near to a balanced market where there is an equal

**Change in Median Sale Prices - 2018 to 2022 BRISTOL** 2018 2022 % Increase Gain Single Family \$300,000 \$500,000 \$200,000 67% \$167,500 \$362,500 2-4 Family \$530,000 46% Condominium \$308,000 \$431,750 \$123,750 40% WARREN 2018 2022 Gain % Increase Single Family \$300,000 \$409,950 \$109,950 36% 2-4 Family \$235,000 \$461,000 \$226,000 96% Condominium \$180,250 \$275,000 \$94,750 53% BARRINGTON 2018 2022 Gain % Increase \$680,000 Single Family \$475,000 \$205,000 43% 2-4 Family \$322,250 \$537,500 \$215,250 67% Condominium \$0 \$365,000 \$365,000 0% **PORTSMOUTH** 2018 2022 % Increase Gain Single Family \$377,000 \$640,000 \$263,000 70% \$275,000 \$745,000 \$470,000 171% 2-4 Family Condominium \$489,450 \$510,000 \$20,550 4% 2022 **MIDDLETOWN** 2018 Gain % Increase Single Family \$375,000 \$675,000 \$300,000 80% 2-4 Family \$363,750 \$732,500 \$368,750 101% Condominium \$392,000 \$522,500 \$130,500 33% **NEWPORT** 2018 2022 Gain % Increase \$563,250 Single Family \$807,750 \$244,500 43% 2-4 Family \$565,000 \$931,500 \$366,500 65% \$317.500 \$560,000 Condominium \$242,500 76% **TIVERTON** 2018 2022 % Increase Gain Single Family \$282,500 \$425,000 \$142,500 50% \$252,500 \$452,000 \$199,500 79% 2-4 Family \$107,950 Condominium \$507,500 \$615,450 21% LITTLE COMPTON 2018 2022 Gain % Increase Single Family \$520,000 \$875,000 \$355,000 68% 2-4 Family \$0 \$0 \$0 0% Condominium \$0 \$0 \$0 0%

Shown above are the changes in median sales prices from 2018 to 2022 in each community and each category of housing. The greatest percentage increase was in Middletown single-family homes, which increased 80%. Also of note, Little Compton surpassed Newport for the highest single-family home prices in the region (as measured by median sales prices). Single-family home prices increased 50% or more in most communities, including Middletown, Portsmouth, Bristol, Little Compton and Tiverton. The small amount of data, such as for the Portsmouth and Middletown 2-4 family category, may skew percentages larger or smaller than would be seen if more data was available.

number of buyers and sellers.

There is a lot of money out there from people who were able to take advantage of the stock market in the past few years and are paying cash to buy a home. There is also a growing trend of investors who are buying single-family homes for investment purposes and not for home ownership.

There is also a new phenomenon in the real estate market, which typically is always over or under supplied, but seldom in balance. The number of buyers and demand for housing is still unrelenting, due to pent-up demand from years of under-purchasing of real estate. Until that abates, real estate values will continue to increase, albeit at a slower rate.

So, if I were a betting man, which I typically am not, I would bet East Bay real estate values will continue to increase,

albeit at a more moderate level. That also means that affordable housing and homeless housing policies will require more and more government intervention so that regular folks don't get priced out of the market and have nowhere to raise their families.

Lastly, and this is a personal political message to the powers to be, until the government can figure out how to balance those haves with the have-nots, the American dream of homeownership will unfortunately be no more — that will be a problem for the haves in the short and long run!

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## **DONNIS:** Is this the week when Republican centrists became extinct?

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As Brian C. Jones wrote in a 2002 classic, "Linc: better than you think," in the Providence Phoenix: "Lincoln Almond's status as the un-politician of Rhode Island politics certainly hasn't helped his public standing. Although intelligent and genial in one-on-one conversation, the 65-yearold governor is one of the worst orators in Rhode Island history, speaking in a molasses-like monotone that has his listeners glued to their watches. Almond moves his 6-foot-6-inch frame in such a shuffling way that just his exit from the [Statehouse] in time for supper stokes rumors that the governor is not only dull, but lazy. [And] the governor often seems to have a tin ear when it comes to the symbols, and sometimes the substance, of politics.

REMEMBRANCE: Tributes flowed for Almond, including this one from U.S. Rep. David Cicilline: "Lincoln Almond was a dedicated public servant and principled leader at the federal, state, and local levels. As Governor, his focus on the needs of the working class led to expanded child health benefits, key economic development – particularly of Quonset Point, and job creation to help all Rhode Islanders get ahead. Today, we mourn the loss of a true public servant and thank him for his contributions to our state. My thoughts and prayers are with all his loved ones as they grieve his loss."

This remembrance is particularly gracious since Almond, during his long run as Rhode Island's U.S. attorney, tried jailing Cicilline's father, John F. "Jack" Cicilline, who was known for representing organized crime figures. In 1985, a U.S. District Court jury acquitted the elder Cicilline of obstruction of justice and conspiring to have a witness give false testimony for mobster Frank "Bobo" Marrapese.

It says something about Almond that, as the ProJo reported at the time, he approached Cicilline and shook his hand after the verdict.

MCKEE'S MOMENT: Gov. Dan McKee had a three-part message during his inaugural ceremony Tuesday, held at the RI Convention Center (a good thing, as it turned out, due to steady rain). He celebrated the importance of family, in part by giving a shout-out to his now-famous mom, Willa, and recalling lessons taught by his late father.

McKee cited three goals for his administration: raising the income of Rhode Islanders, boosting students' performance to Massachusetts-level by 2030, and making the state healthier, with less chronic illness and better health outcomes. The governor also called on citizens to be part of moving the Ocean State forward, although he didn't elaborate beyond asking people to stay on the sunny side of life.

"We want to look for the best in this state," McKee said. "We want to look for the best in our fellow Rhode Islanders. And sometimes, looking for the best and seeing the best in what's around us is half the battle. One thing is clear to me as I look out into this room today: we have a tremendous opportunity to build a new Rhode Island."

NOW AND THEN: During his inaugural remarks, second-term Attorney General Peter Neronha renewed his call for long-term thinking on Rhode Island's hospital landscape. It's a crucial issue, he said, since if the financial challenges in the local healthcare industry are not resolved, the hospitals that Rhode Islanders rely on could cease to exist. This has been something of a mantra for Neronha, considering his past calls in interviews for the state

to move past a transaction-by-transaction approach on hospitals.

The prosecutor also noted his mother's observation that his term-limited status imposes a looming finality on his time as AG. Yet it's never too early to start thinking about 2026, so speculation is already brewing about whether Neronha – who is known for relishing his prosecutorial work – may pursue a governor run down the

**THE REAL WORLD:** Due to the impasse in the U.S. House, Second District U.S. Rep-elect Seth Magaziner has yet to be sworn in. Here's an excerpt from an interview we had last week: "I do worry that if this small group of radicals is able to succeed in mucking up a speaker vote, that they will try to do the same thing over the next two years on a lot of other issues, that they'll come after Social Security or Medicare, that they'll come after abortion rights, and try to hold the House hostage in service of an extreme agenda, which is not what Rhode Islanders want and not what most Americans want. So it's concerning."

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE: Rhode Island has struggled for years to address its housing crisis. (As I reported in December 2021, millions meant to address the situation remained unspent at that time, and an earlier Carcieri-era attempt to raise the focus on housing fell short.) Now, after lawmakers last year approved spending \$250 million on an array of programs, implementation is dragging, raising questions about Josh Saal's tenure as housing czar.

Growing impatience could be seen in this opening day salvo from Speaker Joe Shekarchi: "Our lack of affordable housing has been exposed in recent months. There can be no doubt – we have a housing crisis and a homelessness crisis. As long as there are people without safe and permanent housing, our work is not done."

RI SENATE: State Sen. Ryan Pearson (D-Cumberland), 34, was elected by his peers in November as majority leader, the number two post in the chamber. This makes Pearson well positioned to one day succeed the dean of the Senate, Dominick Ruggerio, as Senate president. Pearson joined me for a Political Roundtable interview this week. A few highlights:

Why revisiting the education funding formula is not a peripheral issue, given the generally poor returns for massive spending on public schools: "[T]he formula has, you know, been around for over a decade, I think a little over 12 years. And we haven't meaningfully adjusted it for the times and what's changed. And while we spend a lot, we don't spend a lot in every community per student, and so the statewide number can be deceiving. And we spend a lot more in some communities than we do the others."

On potentially unwinding the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 17 years after it was touted as a better way to do things: "I think we want to look at a blank canvas and see what's really going to allow us to meet the healthcare goals for Rhode Islanders."

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Pearson declined to confirm that Sens. Louis DiPalma (D-Middletown) and Dawn Euer (D-Newport) are poised to get the nod as the new respective chairs of Senate Finance and Senate Judiciary.

On potentially revising healthcare reimbursement rates: "One of the things that we don't like to talk about is that when the state doesn't invest in Medicaid, that

doesn't mean that those residents aren't showing up for health care. And that doesn't mean that those costs aren't being borne. All it does is it actually creates a hidden tax in private health insurance premiums. So by the state investing and paying providers what they should be paid for Medicaid, it will relieve private healthcare costs, provide better services to Rhode Islanders and also better stabilize the hospital systems."

RI HOUSE: Speaker Shekarchi (D-Warwick) won his second term as speaker this week with 64 votes. Eight of nine Republicans voted for GOP Leader Mike Chippendale of Foster. Reps. Enrique Sanchez (D-Providence), Brianna Henries (D-East Providence) and Jennifer Stewart (D-Pawtucket) abstained ... the local chapter of DSA said it was considering expelling Rep. David Morales (D-Providence) after he voted for Shekarchi. That was reminiscent of how the RI Political Cooperative ejected Rep. Brandon Potter (D-Cranston) after he backed Shekarchi at a 2020 caucus ... House Whip Katherine Kazarian (D-East Providence) introduced a bill to extend abortion coverage for women on Medicaid and the state employee health plan.

**TAKES OF THE WEEK:** Various views from a mix of Rhode Islanders.

State Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D-Pawtucket) on why she decided to abstain from the House vote for Speaker Shekarchi: "As a new representative, abstention was a difficult decision. In the last two years, there have been successes that finally happened after many years of struggle, like new gun regulations and driver's licenses for undocumented Rhode Islanders. I thought about the voters who shared with me their worries about remaining in their apartments due to rising rents that outpace their wages and their skepticism that the system could be responsive to their concerns.

"Ultimately, I abstained because of the conversations I had with my neighbors who were disappointed that issues they cared about, like the Equality in Abortion Coverage Act and Percentage Income Payment Plan to help low-income Rhode Islanders access more affordable utilities, failed to move out of committee, whereas a plastic burning bill, despite later being pulled, was slated for a floor vote. Nonetheless, as I begin my term, I am optimistic about continued movement to pass more legislation that helps the people in my district and working-class Rhode Islanders."

Entrepreneur, community leader and ProJo alum Alisha Pina: "Most research affirms it takes 21 days to change a habit, and about two months (66 days) before a new behavior becomes automatic. Leaders claimed equity was a priority well before the murder of George Floyd Jr. on May 25, 2020 — two years and seven months ago. Reversing decades of well-known institutional racism isn't like adding a glass of water to your morning routine, so maybe it is an unfair comparison, but we must address with action and community input the many equity gaps plaguing our Rhode Island cities and towns. So if you are a leader, new or returning, and equity wasn't mentioned in your inauguration speech or listed as 2023 priority, please recalibrate."

RI Senate GOP Leader Jessica de la Cruz of North Smithfield:

"Today it's fashionable to criticize and deconstruct our past, but my recent time in Israel reaffirmed why we must remember and even celebrate our history. Israel has preserved its identity as a people through its rich traditions. More recently, Israelis excavated and preserved countless historical sites and memorialized the horrors of the Holocaust. Through it all, Israel has remained incredibly resilient, and its people are forging a stronger and brighter future because of it.

"Rhode Island has its share of problems that other state leaders and I have spent countless hours working to address. But we also have a unique heritage of which we can be proud. We were founded on the idea of religious liberty -- that an individual is entirely free to worship according to their conscience. That idea has found its way into America's Constitution as the First Amendment.

"Our unique idea has attracted Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and others from around the world who have added their own experiences to Rhode Island's. However you chose to celebrate your holidays, I hope we can all choose to celebrate our heritage."

Public affairs consultant and former political staffer Cara Cromwell: "Observers of politics will disagree about the exact week when the Republican centrist became extinct, but I could make a strong case for this one. The split screen of American politics showed Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker making the so-called 'lone walk' (accompanied by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and their spouses) and leaving office as the most popular governor in the country, while Congressman Kevin McCarthy repeatedly placated his rightwing colleagues in a desperate effort to become speaker. "As that battle raged on in DC and set the tone for this Congress, it would appear that the GOP has taken the final step towards being more 'right' than

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## Possible discharge of nuclear wastewater into Cape Cod Bay

t press time the Cape Cod Salties Sports Fishing Club plans to hold a community forum on the possible discharge of nuclear wastewater from the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant into Cape



Cod Bay. The forum is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Yarmouth Senior Center, West Yarmouth, Mass. The forum will be followed by an effort to engage anglers and fishing associations to sign on to a position letter opposing the possible discharge.

In a letter to Gov. Maura Healy, P. Jonathan Ungerland II, president of the Cape Cod Salties, said, "As you're likely aware, Holtec International, the current operator of the Plymouth Nuclear Plant (and overseer of its decommissioning) has openly and publicly discussed the potential release of radioactively contaminated wastewater into Cape Cod Bay. This is totally unacceptable to our club of concerned and informed members, on many levels.'

Ungerland said, "Our guest speaker at the forum, Diane Turco of Cape Downwinders, will provide important updates and pertinent educational content on the issue. For information and a primer on the Holtec issue, visit https://www.capedownwinders.info/about-4-1."

Representatives from regional fishing associations that would be affected by such a discharge, including leaders from the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Associaton as well as residents and political representatives, were expected to attend the form.



Peter Jenkins, owner of The Saltwater Edge, Middletown, is co-sponsoring a ten-week online seminar series on striped bass fishing with Surfcaster's Journal.

#### **Putting the brakes on Holtec**

A Dec. 14 article in www.WickedLocal. com by David Smith reported that in a December letter, James Chow, deputy director of the EPA Region 1's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, said any moves to release water before a new permit is issued would subject the company (Holtec) to fines and possible criminal charges.

He also told the company it needed to provide 90 days written notice to the agency if it planned any such discharges.

"Advance notification would allow EPA to take all appropriate action to ensure

that federal law is being duly observed," the letter said. "To be clear, this notification/reporting obligation should not be interpreted by Holtec as authorizing such discharges.'

For additional information and follow up actions anglers and fishing organizations can take, contact Jonathan Ungerland, president of the Cape Cod Salties Sports Fishing Club at pjungerland@gmail.com.

#### **Surf scenarios seminar series**

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For freshwater licensing information and a list of trout stocked ponds in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/naturalresources-bureau/fish-wildlife/freshwater-fishing/freshwater-fishing-faqs; and in Massachusetts visit www.mass.gov/ freshwater-fishing-information.

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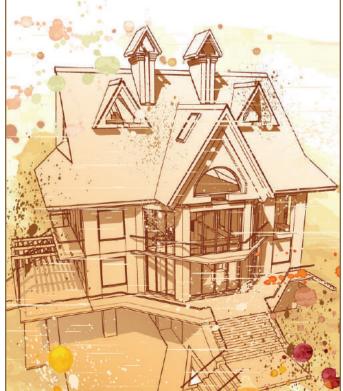
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