



Cheers to 40 years at S.S. Dion

Keeping a focus on family and flexing with the times, a Bristol landmark turns 40

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You don't get to stay in business — especially the notoriously unpredictable restaurant business — without giving the people what they want. For 40 years, that is exactly what Steve and Sue Dion have done with S.S. Dion, which opened for business exactly 40 years ago, on June 8, 1983.

They have seen a lot of changes over the years.

The longtime restaurateurs both started their careers in Warren, where Steve served as Maitre'd at the late great Jed Hanley's Fore'N Aft ("since before I was old enough to drink"), and Sue worked at TavVino.

"When we first met I was in the jewelry industry, I worked for a company in Attleboro in sales," said Steve. "I'd grown increasingly tired of it, and the company was kind of on a down slide. So when we got

married we decided we'd do our own thing."

With Steve tracing his family's Bristol roots back over a century, and Sue's family (Servant) with long-time Warren roots, they knew they wanted to stay local. "This is just a good place to live and work and play," said Steve. It took some time, but they found their 520 Thames St. home, the site of the former Heritage restaurant. With help from Sue's family of builders, they upgraded the space and launched in June of 1983 with a menu that was mindful of their customers' wallets.

"It was different back then," said Sue. "There weren't as many restaurants."

"When we first opened in 1983 the economy was in a recession, and so we had an aim of having a check average about \$10 to \$12 per person, including a drink," said Steve. "We developed the menu with that in mind."

"There were a lot of sandwiches," said Sue. In addition to the dramati-



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

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Steve and Sue Dion, left and right, with their son, Nic, are celebrating 40 years at S.S. Dion.

Town to chop trees to battle invasive beetle

In response to invasive larvae, trees from Ferry Road to Michael Drive coming down in June

Beginning this month, the Town of Bristol, in partnership with Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) and Rhode Island Energy, will participate in an Emerald Ash Borer remediation program.

The Emerald Ash Borer is a larvae that has slowly made its way to the northeast since its discovery in the United States in 2002. The larvae infests Ash trees causing the tree to wither and die. Once weakened, the trees can pose a public safety hazard.

Currently, 66 trees have been identified as a 'severe threat', 'moderate threat', or 'slight threat' due to their condition. These are located on Ferry Road, Hope Street and Michael Drive.

Under the partnership agreement, the identified trees will be removed by a professional tree service under the direction of

Rhode Island Energy at no cost to the Town of Bristol. The logs from the trees located on Town roads will be placed at the site where it is cut and Bristol's Department of Public Works crews will collect the wood and temporarily store it at one of the town's facilities. The wood will then be hauled away by RIDOT. Wood from trees removed on state roads will be collected by RIDOT maintenance crews.

Once the infected trees have been removed, the town will remove the stumps and replace the trees.

Work will begin on Ferry Road in the beginning of June.

The project leaders have planned to complete the project as quickly as possible so as not to interfere with the Town's Fourth of July activities. Residents are asked for their patience and precautions as some of the work may impede travel along Ferry Road, Hope Street and in the Michael Drive neighborhood.



The Emerald Ash Borer has been weakening Ash trees in Bristol. There have been 66 trees in town identified from a slight to severe threat to public health due to their deteriorating condition.



Fire Memorial Sunday

The annual Bristol Firemen's Memorial and parade will occur on Sunday

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The 'Golden Rule' to visit on Tuesday

Spreading a message of peace, historic peacemaking vessel will make Bristol a port of call

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The *Golden Rule*, a 34-foot wooden ketch and the first boat to engage in environmental direct action in the world, will be docking at Rockwell Park this Tuesday, June 13, at 11 a.m. A national project of Veterans for Peace, the *Golden Rule* is currently sailing up the Eastern Seaboard, spreading its message of hope for a world free of nuclear weapons and a peaceful, sustainable future for all.

"It's got a really fascinating history," said Nancy Hood, founding mother of East Bay Citizens for Peace (EBCP), who learned that the boat was coming to Providence and arranged for the detour to Bristol. St. Michael's Church is co-sponsoring the visit along with EBCP.

The *Golden Rule* was the very first of the environmental and peace vessels to go to sea. In 1958, a crew of Quaker anti-nuclear weapons activists set sail in an attempt to interrupt U.S. atmospheric testing of

nuclear weapons in the Marshall Islands. They ran into a series of hardships and never made it. The crew was arrested and jailed in Honolulu, but according to the Veterans for Peace, "their example helped to ignite a storm of worldwide public outrage against nuclear weapons that resulted in the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963, and which has continued down to the present in the many organizations still working to abolish weapons of mass destruction."

Eventually, the *Golden Rule* sunk off the coast of California; it was raised and restored by Veterans for Peace, and relaunched in 2015.

"It's a very cool and creative way to bring attention to an issue that a lot of people have become blind to," said Hood.

The welcoming ceremony, beginning at 11 a.m., will take place at Rockwell Park or in the Bristol Maritime Center in the event of rain, followed by a community potluck at St. Michael's Parish Hall. There will be remarks, music, and a proclamation of welcome, as well as an opportunity to meet the crew and board the boat. A community potluck and presentation by Project Manager Helen Jaccard will follow at 12:30.



The Golden Rule in the waters off Hawaii.

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A legacy restored at Walley Street Beach

Rhode Island's longest-tenured member of the phone company now has a bench worthy of her

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Family members, friends, and two members of a volunteer telecommunications alumni charitable group gathered at Walley Street Beach on Tuesday afternoon to re-dedicate a memorial bench in honor of Marie Sullivan, a woman who retired in 1978 as the longest-tenured telephone company employee in the state with 47 years of service with the New England Telephone Co.

John Sullivan, Marie's son, organized the heartfelt ceremony along with his wife, Christine, which was initiated after the original bench that was dedicated in honor of Marie after her retirement had fallen into disrepair. Marie Sullivan passed away on April 4, 2009, but over 14 years later, her family legacy was clearly alive and well, judging from the number of family members who showed up to commemorate the occasion. Among them was Sullivan's cousin, one of Bristol's most famous 109-year-old residents, Genevieve Marszalek.

The new metal bench, with a



ETHAN HARTLEY

Front row, l-r: Nancy Jacques, Christine Sullivan, Terry Bailey, John Sullivan, Rosemary Fernon, Peter Celone, Tina Celone, Ann Marie Souza-Zaino. Back row, l-r: Tim Shaw, Arthur Quilty, Mary Quilty, Sam Celone, Ann Marie Capelli-Vanner, Ann Teixeira, Steve Mascena, Maryann Federico, Richard Federico, Stephen Gancz, and Michael Celone gathered for the re-dedication of a bench in honor of Marie Sullivan.

plaque that implores visitors to "linger and enjoy the view", was installed thanks to help from the Bristol Parks and Recreation Department and a volunteer group of former telephone company employees known as The

Pioneers. Two representatives from The Pioneers drove up from Syracuse, N.Y. (where the nearest branch of their group resides), to take part in the ceremony.

"We were thrilled to be able to help with this," said Terry Bailey, Vice President of the Pioneer's Northeast region. "Marie had quite a bit of service."

The Pioneers raised the money to purchase and help install the bench. The group is involved with several charitable endeavors throughout the United States and Canada, including educational outreach, making sandwiches for homeless shelters, and overseeing letter writing programs for active duty soldiers and retired veterans. The group had its first meeting in 1911, with Alexander Graham Bell as a charter member. Although the number of telecommunications employees has dwindled, their dedication to supporting retired members was on full display on Tuesday.

"She was an operator, and that's where me and Rosemary [a fellow Pioneer who attended] started," Bailey said. "The networking in the telephone industry, it's not the same today, but it was just phenomenal. It was like a family. Some of my very dearest friends are from work, and I think it was the same way for Marie."



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POLICE REPORT

Two arrests and the mystery (or not) of the stolen bench

Monday, May 29

A dog attack on another dog was reported on Chilton Street at 10:45 a.m.

A man who was wearing all black and was reportedly acting disorderly was dispersed from the area of Wood Street at 11:23 p.m.

A brush fire was reported in the Stop & Shop parking lot at 11:38 a.m. on Metacom Avenue. It was extinguished.

Friday June 2
A rescue was requested for someone acting aggressively at the Rhode Island Veterans Home at 3:11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 30

A caller on Bradford Street reported at 1:13 p.m. that a cleaning crew had possibly stolen an item from a local business. The officer reported the item was subsequently returned to its rightful owner.

A deceased opossum was reported on San Juan Drive at 9:05 a.m.

Chickens were reported in the roadway on Wood Street at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Honorio Sam, 45, of 59 Claras St., Providence, was arrested on a warrant at 7:00 a.m. on Wood Street. He was turned over to the Providence Police Department.

Saturday, June 3
An issue with a natural gas fireplace brought out fire personnel to Fox Hill Avenue at 12:18 p.m. They got the situation under control without issue.

A deceased opossum was reported on Franklin Street at 7:30 a.m.

Lindsay Goldstein, 34, of 8 Bay View Avenue, Apt. #2, Bristol, was arrested on a warrant at 4:10 p.m. on Bay View Avenue. She was charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of simple assault and/or battery. She was transported to the ACI.

Fraud was reported on River Street at 12:18 p.m.

A juvenile was accused of damaging the window on a car near Hopeworth and Metacom Avenues at 4:38 p.m.

Sunday, June 4
An officer extinguished a paint can that was observed to be on fire in the middle of the road on Sweeney Lane at 1:45 a.m.

Thursday, June 1

A jogger was transported back to Bristol after being reported running over the Mt. Hope Bridge at 5:39 a.m.

A bench was reportedly stolen from out front of East Bay Comics on Hope Street at 9:40 a.m. It was apparently located at a property adjacent to that location.

Items were reportedly stolen from a business on Francis Street at 7:18 a.m.

A man who was reportedly yelling out loudly on Hope Street was dispersed at 9:31 p.m.

Bristol Firemen’s Memorial is this Sunday

The Bristol Firemen’s Memorial will occur on Sunday, June 11, starting with a mass at 11:30 a.m. at Saint Mary’s Church, where the Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band will perform Amazing Grace.

The participants will then gather at Church and High Streets at 1 p.m. to begin the parade, marching north on High Street to Franklin Street, to Hope Street, to Church Street, and then west on Church Street, culminating at Firefighter Park where the Memorial services will ensue.

Wreaths will be laid by the Hydraulion, Dreadnaught, Defiance, Ever Ready, Division of EMS and the Ladies Auxiliary, and speeches will be heard from a guest speaker and local officials.

The ceremony will also include

this year’s Victoria “Vicki” Van Voast Memorial Award, which is issued to someone who exemplifies the true meaning and spirit of volunteerism and community involvement. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the event.

This year’s General Chairman is David Benevides, of Defiance Co. First Vice Chairman is James Russo, of Ever Ready; 2nd Vice Chairman is Richard Resenhausen, EMS; 3rd Vice Chairman is Robert Martin, of Hydraulion; 4th Vice Chairman is Richard Sanford, of Dreadnaught. Secretary/Treasurer is Paul Vollaro, and the Chaplin is Robert Holt.

Firefighters salute wreaths during the memorial commemoration event last year.



Creative writers present works in progress tonight

Public reading and moderated discussion concludes Linden Place Writers’ Residency

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Eight creative writers have spent a month working in the mansion and on the grounds of Linden Place, and now the public has an opportunity to get a glimpse into their works-in-progress at a unique, free community reading and moderated discussion on Thursday, June 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

For the writers, the experience began with an application process that judged each proposal with a set of criteria that included social impact, creativity, merit of writing, and a statement of intent about how their proposed works would include Linden Place. Expert judges included Poet and Pushcart Nominee Jennifer Lighty, writer and Black History scholar Adam McNeil, and award-winning author Padma Venkatraman.

One of the residents, Gail Burton, is working on a choreopoem about 19th century black female resisters and emancipators. A choreopoem is a form of dramatic expression that combines poetry, dance, music, and song, a sort of theatrical historical fiction. For Burton, it’s a form that lends itself well to subject matter about which much is known, which some historical details remain illusive. Because of the theatrical nature of her project, Burton expects it will be in devel-



A reading from last year’s residency, held on the steps of the Linden Place Conservatory

opment for another couple of years. She had high praise for the residency, and the fact that the structure as a day residency provided the opportunity for writers to participate in a way that was effectively integrated into

their existing lives and obligations.

“Leigh [Medeiros, the Residency’s director] is so accessible and her experience working with writers and her desire to share resources and make the mansion more

accessible to people with all different voices and perspectives was so valuable,” said Burton.

The works being read from include a speculative fiction short story that sees Linden Place as an NFT up for auction in a future reality by Galen Auer; poems about Linden Place’s history from the perspective of the linden trees on the property by Cassandra Bousquet; a set of short stories that put a paranormal spin on Linden Place’s history by Candace Breen; speculative nonfiction about Samuel P. Colt’s connection to the firearms industry by Teresa DeFlitch; creative nonfiction that explores viewpoints on holding wedding celebrations at sites of enslavement by Susan Resnick; sestina poems that give voice to Black, queer, enslaved, and other people who have been erased from the museum’s history by Erin Vachon; and an excerpt from a queer, gothic fantasy novel set at the turn of the 20th century in a manor based on Linden Place by Loren Walker.

The audience will meet on the front lawn of the property and then travel around the exterior of the mansion to various pit stops where each writer will read from their works. The last stop will be the ballroom where the audience will sit for a short, moderated discussion with the writers. In lieu of heavy rain, the whole event will take place in the ballroom.

For more information visit LindenPlace.org/Writers-Residency.

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

Best practices in government

A year ago, no one could have imagined that the Barrington School Committee would quickly become the model for openness in government.

For much of the past five years, that board was mired in controversy. In a series of one highly contentious issue after another, it agitated parents and alienated faculty. Many of its meetings turned nasty, with the angry and perturbed lining up to vent, question or cajole.

Half a year later, so much has changed. Under new leadership, things have quieted down, and its meetings are entirely different. The board today operates as well as any local board could, following many of the best practices for government in 2023.

Many of the practices were in place before last fall's election, but others have been added since. Today the Barrington School Committee sends email reminders of its meetings to everyone in the community, with a link to its agenda. The agenda itself includes links to backup materials, like reports, memos and presentations.

They live-stream their meetings, and the public is welcome to join the public comment sessions via Zoom. According to an audit by the Rhode Island ACLU (see East Bay Life section), Barrington and Portsmouth are the only school committees in the state allowing this level of access. Importantly, Barrington anchored the timing of its public comment session, so visitors don't have to guess when they might be allowed to speak — they can plan on 6:30 p.m. the night of the meeting.

Finally, Barrington posts and archives the recordings of its meetings. Everything is there for see, logged into an historical record.

Many of the local boards in this community and others are doing some of the things mentioned above, but few are doing all. The Portsmouth Town Council and Middletown Town Council are two of the few. Along with the Barrington School Committee, they are setting an example of how government today can be open, flexible and accommodating to the people it serves.

Under the duress of a pandemic and with advances in technology, government learned it can open itself to the public in a multitude of ways. Using the tools of virtual communication, it can allow busy parents to follow and join the decision-making process without sacrificing four hours to sit in a public chamber on a crowded week night. It can allow those recovering from a surgery, or those temporarily or permanently disabled, to be part of the process from the comfort of their home. It can allow those without means, those with no car, to feel part of their community, to be better-informed citizens.

The local boards and commissions not following these best practices should audit themselves and ask why not, and what more they could do. Let the Barrington School Committee be a role model. They made their meetings more open and more flexible, and as a result, they made their meetings better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fasten our seatbelts on the Robin Rug thrill ride

To the editor:

Bette Davis, in her star performance of "All About Eve,; famously said, *"Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night."*

I wish it had said, *"bumpy ride,"* because this is what our little town of Bristol is about to embark on.

The Robin Rug project is full steam ahead. Tonight, June 8 , at 7 p.m., will be a deep dive into the Master Plan from the Brady Sullivan Team and Bristol's Planning Board.

Our downtown is filled with small businesses who are just coming out of a very dark past few years; it can be difficult to easily get in and out of our town to visit these businesses. Though 300 potential new residents (and their pets and visitors) will eventually be an economic asset, their cars and the resulting traffic as they are dropped into this tiny historic corner will require a deeper level of thoughtfulness. Our town leaders must work collaboratively with the neighborhood residents who have lived there for generations.

As a 31-year resident and a 25-year business owner, I am looking forward to the positives of this project. The overall plans look detailed, thorough, and as conscientious of a project this size in a

postage stamp of a neighborhood could be. The parking lot, (except for an omission of an extra row of requested arborvitaes) looks good; drainage, lighting and landscaping all seem reasonable. The powers that be who work on our side of the town, even though they don't live in the neighborhood, are doing their due diligence to make sure that the outcome isn't as bumpy.

This is not a total love fest, though.

We must do what we can to control what we can. The construction and traffic flow are of great concern to the nearby neighborhood residents. It is going to be noisy, messy, and impactful. The ins and outs of the parking lot, the loading zones and construction areas still need more detailed attention.

It is natural to compare this project to Stone Harbor. There is a difference, however, between condominium ownership versus apartment rental.

Stone Harbor includes only owner-occupied residences. Robin Rug will be apartment leases, creating more frequent moves in and out, along with an 6,500 additional square feet of retail space. Take a walk by Stone Harbor at night during the winter months and it is mostly dark. Summer-only occupa-

tion for condominium ownership seems more likely than it does for apartment rentals.

There will be only one entrance and exit for the underground parking at the bottom of Constitution Street, with an electric garage door potentially going up and down more than 100 times a day. The traffic alone should make Elks Club members revisit how they will get in and out of their parking lot, especially after a couple of cocktails, let alone the pedestrian traffic and the new bicycle routes whose markings magically appeared last week.

The noise, the racing up and down on Thames Street, the flying around the corners of Thames and Constitution and Thames and Church, the right and left turns from Constitution to Hope along with this new bike route, are about to create a tornado of activity in a town that already struggles with a swirling traffic extravaganza.

Please attend the meeting tonight to hear what is going on; it makes a difference when people attend.

Collaboration from the Brady Sullivan Team will go a long way to extend an olive branch to what has been a quiet and joyful place to live.

I hope to see you tonight.

Alayne White
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Setting the record straight on bike path comment

To the editor:

I am writing to set the record straight regarding a comment in Speakout entitled "Someone will be killed or hurt" that was published in the June 1, 2023 edition of the Phoenix.

The caller states: "We already had one little child killed. Remember that? Because people weren't stopping. Bicycles don't stop when

they're crossing streets. The cars are responsible for stopping."

When that unfortunate accident occurred in July of 2018 at the intersection of Poppasquash Road and the East Bay Bike Path, there were no stop signs in either direction for traffic on Poppasquash Road. However, stop signs were posted in both directions of the bike path.

Today there are stop signs for traffic

on Poppasquash Road. There are also stop signs for those using the bike path at most, if not all, street crossings between Bristol and Providence, although in my experience they are rarely obeyed. Perhaps the caller is correct: "Bicycles don't stop when they're crossing streets," but if they don't, they are ignoring the stop signs.

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Let us know about events before they happen

A newspaper should be a forum for the entire spectrum of the community. Accordingly, the Bristol Phoenix offers a call-in line called Speak Out for your comments.

Printed comments will usually address public issues and public officials. Calls about private individuals and businesses are discouraged. (Not all calls will be published.) Comments will be edit-

ed for accuracy, space, grammar, and/or taste. Names and addresses are preferred but not required.

More previews please

"Hi. We agree with Mr. Sanford about the lack of coverage of Bristol events, especially the Memorial Day parade. We would appreciate more preview or notice of Bristol events before they occur. Another example, on Friday there

appeared to be a police escort and runners carrying a torch along Hope Street. We're assuming it was for the Special Olympics. If there had been notice, perhaps more Bristolians would have gathered to applaud them. I know we would have. A suggestion might be a brief column of Bristol happenings, just highlighting things happening throughout the week in Bristol. Thank you."

Bristol Phoenix.

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Bristol police officer Mike Vieira high fives Rockwell students while running the torch run with Police Chief Kevin Lynch and other officers on their way to Warren and Barrington

Cops carry the torch for a cause

On Friday, June 2, local law enforcement officers across the state came together for The Law Enforcement Torch Run, the largest grassroots fundraising program benefiting Special Olympics. The East Bay leg began at the Bristol Police station, headed south on Metacom Avenue and West on State Street, turning north on Hope Street and following route 114 to East Providence.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1981 when six police officers from Wichita, Kan. carried a torch into a high school after their chief saw an urgent need to raise funds for and increase awareness of the Special Olympics. After three years of successful runs in Kansas, the International Association of Chiefs of Police endorsed Special Olympics as its official charity through the Torch Run. Today, all 50 states and over 40 countries have their own versions of the Torch Run, with more than 100,000 law enforcement members participating.



Police Chief Kevin Lynch (middle) and police officer Mike Vieira high five Colt Andrews students while running the torch run on Friday morning.



Bristol resident finishes third in the state

Joseph Earley finished third while scoring 146, +4 over two days at Cranston Country Club at the Rhode Island state high school golf championship tournament, held May 30 and 31. LaSalle earned its second consecutive state championship. Earley, a senior, finished the season third in scoring statewide while earning first team All-State.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's okay to make things better

To the editor:

Mr. Lint [author of the letter ‘The good old days weren't always good,’ which published last week] seems to think the kids of today should just toughen up, because previous generations had problems also.

I am reminded of the words of La Rochefoucauld. "We all have strength enough to endure the misfortunes of others".

Tom Padwa
67 King St.

Photos of events, people, etc.
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PHOTOS BY MANNY CORREIRA

LEFT: Rosa Soares was busy putting the finishing touches on some freshly made malassadas during the weekend's festivities. **RIGHT:** Although it was a bit chilly Saturday evening, the Bolo de Leite parade drew a large crowd.

Weather didn't dampen St. Elizabeth's Feast

Serving as Mordormos for the third time, the Teixeiras's love for their church only grows.

BY MANUEL C. 'MANNY' CORREIRA
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For Mordormos Jose and Dolores Teixeira, serving as chief marshals of the St. Elizabeth Church's prestigious United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity Feast this past weekend was as good as it gets.

"This feast has been very special to both of us," said Mr. Teixeira, who along with his wife,

has now had the honor of serving as mordormo three times. "We love this church and everything it stands for."

The weather was unseasonably cool over the course of the three-day event, but that didn't stop all those who attended from thoroughly enjoying themselves. The schedule of events included a livestock auction on May 27, and mordormos Mass on May 28 and the official opening of the feast on Friday, June 2, with live entertainment by D.J. Underground and Pro-Mix.

On Saturday, the Bolo de Leite parade took place starting at Guiteras School and following

a route that included High Street, Franklin Street and Wood Street, ending at St. Elizabeth Church. Following the parade were festivities with Marc Dennis and auction of gifts.

Naturally, one of the biggest hits of the celebration is the great Portuguese and American food served up all three days, including the now famous malassadas, which usually sell out in no time flat.

On Sunday morning, a solemn procession took place down Bay View Avenue to Wood Street and St. Elizabeth Church for a Mass and crowning ceremony. Directly after Mass, traditional Holy Ghost soup was served to all.

Music by DJ Underwood followed with a special performance by Eduardo Jorge Pereira with an auction of gifts.

Fernando Brum, president of the United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity Committee, along with his members, did another superb job of making this event such a great success.

This year's feast was also the first under St. Elizabeth's Church pastor Vander S. Martins, who officially arrived at this parish last August.

"My wife and I have been parishioners here for the past 56 years and we both love this church," Mr. Teixeira said. "We both had a great time throughout the course of the celebration."

Mrs. Teixeira agreed that no one does it better. "They do such a great job every year," she beamed. "We have a big church family. Everyone wants to help out. It's an exciting time for all of us."



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It was an historic event for Mordormos Dolores and Jose Teixeira, who served as chief marshals of the St. Elizabeth Church United Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity Feast for a third time.



PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

LEFT: Margaret Swanson waters her section of the garden. **RIGHT:** Garden co-coordinators Linda Heroux and Rick Hunter cut the ribbon at the dedication of the Tom's Grove Memorial garden on Wednesday, May 31.

Welcome to Tom's Grove

Tom's Grove Memorial Garden, an organic vegetable and flower garden at the Benjamin Church complex, was officially dedicated at a sunny reception and ribbon-cutting on Wednesday, May 31. The garden is named for the late Thomas Andrade, and was built in collaboration with the RWU Community Partnerships Center (CPC). It includes a sitting area for quiet reflection and two accessible beds for gardeners with disabilities.

"So many people say it takes a village to raise a child," said Linda Heroux, who led the project along with Rick Hunter. "Well, it takes a village to make a garden too." Heroux thanked everyone for their help, including RWU student athletes and the Housing Authority maintenance team, while looking forward to the next phase which will include a garden shed and perhaps a pavilion. "We couldn't have done it without your inspiration," she said, "and we are looking forward to phase two and bigger things to come."

Mt. Hope construction students build Gaga pit for Hugh Cole

Students partaking in the Construction CTE program at Mt. Hope High School helped collaborate to create an exciting gift to Hugh Cole youngsters enamored with one of the nation's latest gaming crazes — building a "Gaga Pit" for the school's use during an outing last Wednesday, May 31.

"Many students across grade levels and state are playing this fun new game of Gaga Ball. It's a fast pace group game where a students tries to roll a ball to hit the feet of another," said Hugh Cole teacher Tracy Earl. "This is where the pit comes in. Its octagonal sides project the ball in various directions, making it a truly fun game. We were very lucky to have a nearby school install one recently, and they shared their designs. In conjunction with the Mt. Hope construction teachers and staff, and with PTO funds, the project was accepted. It will be a recess game available for all to play...This collaboration is to be treasured and commended for teaching life skills."



PHOTOS BY JULIE FURTADO



Mt. Hope construction students gather around as a group of Hugh Cole fifth graders, demonstrate how to play "Gaga Ball."

Michael Thibault (left) and Tyler Gow make sure the walls are level after installing a "Gaga Pit" at Hugh Cole Elementary School, Wednesday.

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History at the push of a button

Colt Andrews 5th graders put on a show last Friday as they decorated the front lawn of Colt decked out in their 17th- and 18th-century best. Each student prepared a rigorous report on a historical figure of

their choice, and stood still at the ready for passersby to “push” a button on their costume, which would prompt them to deliver the report and share the story of their life.



Stella Viswanath points to where her historical figure, Alexander Hamilton, signed his name on the Declaration of Independence. She said she had seen the 'Hamilton' musical at least four times, and had memorized some of the songs.



PHOTOS BY ETHAN HARTLEY

Ben Campbell portrays Benjamin Franklin, complete with a desk and a quill pen to enable him to perform his important duties as a Founding Father.



Erika Massey portrayed Pocahontas, a member of the Powhatan people who became famous following her kidnapping to English colonists in 1613.



Bella Castigliego portrayed Molly Pitcher, who not only helped assist soldiers during the Revolutionary War by providing them water, but also fought in the war herself.

Barrington & Bristol Warren Regional School Districts Textbooks for Non-Public School Students

Barrington, Bristol & Warren residents with students attending non-public schools are to return all textbooks to the East Bay Educational Collaborative at 317 Market St, Warren, RI on June 13,14&15, 2023 between 8-1. A \$5 per book late fee for books returned after June 30, 2023 will be assessed.

Requests for textbooks in math, science, history, language arts & foreign language is done online only and must be received by June 30, 2023. Contact carmen.delgado@ebecri.org to make an appointment.

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Jaxson Jorge portrays Samuel Adams, who helped organize the Sons of Liberty rebellion group that was instrumental in the beginning of the American Revolution.



Emma Gray portrays Abigail Adams, former First Lady of the United States and credited as one of the most important female figures in the founding of the country.

ANNIVERSARY: Throughout ups and downs, the Dions have stuck with what worked

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cally different menu, Steve admits they were probably underselling the location. “But we wanted customers, and so we kept it as reasonable as possible,” he said. “And right away from day one we had business.”

Since then they have cycled through more than a few other economic downturns, from 1992, which birthed the long-running dinner for two with a bottle of wine special. Originally it was less than \$25, though it approached \$50 before they cancelled it post-pandemic due to rising costs. Challenges in 2008 and 2020 also had their impact, but the S.S. Dion sailed on.

All the while, they have adjusted with the times while remaining a consistently dependable place to get a great meal. The result is an establishment that is a perennial favorite with 40-year regulars as well newcomers discovering the Dion’s old standbys and eclectic specials for the first time.

Today, Steve and Sue are surrounded by family. Their son, Nic, works shoulder to shoulder with Sue in the kitchen, while daughters Mandy and Aly have other day jobs, but help out behind the bar seasonally and when needed.

In the past several years, Steve has stepped back, but not down. “They allow me to do a few jobs, and I’m gone by three o’clock,” he said. “It’s nice to have something to do and still be making a contribution.”

For Nic, it’s full-time and then some. Even when the restaurant closes for their annual spring and fall vacations, more often than not he’s working on renovations and improvements to the property — most recently, exterior work and landscaping as well as improvements to the dining room.

With Nic in the kitchen, there has been a renewed focus on scratch-made breads and pastas. On this early afternoon visit, just a couple of hours before the evening service, rolls are coming out of the oven by the dozens and warm focaccia sits on the counter, waiting to be piled into breadbaskets. One thing that has never changed at S.S. Dion? The fish. It’s always been considered a great place to get a great piece of fresh fish.

“One of your goals has always been buying local,” Nic said to Sue. “She has a reputation around the area for all those delicacy items, like soft shell crab and shad roe,” added Steve. “She’s the first one they call.”

“People weren’t talking about farm to table in

“People weren’t talking about farm to table in 1983...We were doing it since before it was cool.”

■ NIC DION



RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Sue and Nic Dion, mother and son, work shoulder to shoulder in the S.S. Dion kitchen, with fresh-from-the-oven everything rolls and focaccia in preparation for the evening service on Tuesday, June 6.

1983,” said Nic. “We were doing it since before it was cool.”

To celebrate Thursday, the Dion family is hosting a throwback party with family, friends, longtime and former staff, and regulars, where they will be serving menu favorites from years past and long-time bartender Jocko Safford will be performing with his Brothers All Band, an Allman Brothers tribute band. (Sorry, if you don’t already have tickets, it’s sold out).

It will be a wonderful reunion for many of the people who have considered the S.S. Dion “home” over the years, including families with more than one generation who have worked at the restaurant. How have they managed to maintain such strong connections in a business known for turnover? According to Steve, it’s not complicated.

“You treat people with respect, and make sure when they walk through the door, they’re happy to be here,” he said.

So what does the future hold for the Dion family? Not surprisingly, they are staying the course.

For some time, Sue imagined stepping back after 40 years, but now that mark has been reached, she’s looking to 50.

“I enjoy seeing the changes,” said Sue. “That’s

why I have another 10 years.”

Steve and Sue are also glad that, whenever they do decide to retire, their legacy will be in such capable hands. “I’m so proud of my son,” said Steve of Nic. “He’s doing a wonderful job. The future is here, and we’re going to let the future happen.”



This photo, taken in celebration of the S.S. Dion’s 35th anniversary five years ago, includes the whole Dion family: (l-r): Nic, Steve, Sue, Mandy, and Aly.

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Huskies blank West Warwick in playoff opener

Mt. Hope will play Ponaganset in second round

**PHOTOS AND STORY BY
RICHARD W. DIONNE, JR.**

Reily Amaral threw a two-hit shutout as the Mt. Hope softball team beat West Warwick 6-0 in the opening round of the Division II playoffs at the high school on Thursday evening. The third seeded Huskies improved their record to 13-3 and move on to play at second seed Ponaganset in the second round of the winner's bracket on Tuesday afternoon (after press deadline).

"It's just the beginning of the playoffs, but I really think that we are going to have a good ride to RIC," said Amaral after the game. "If we play our game, we can beat anyone in this division."

Head coach Craig Giarrusso was also happy after the win.

"Great start to the playoffs. I couldn't be prouder of the way that we played. We look like the team that started the season winning 9 of 10," he said.

The Huskies senior ace was nasty, striking out 14, with no walks and allowing just 2 hits in seven innings of work. The sound of Amaral's heater popping into catcher Ava Waddell's glove was daunting as the Wizards made their way to the plate. Coach Giarrusso called several different types of pitches while sitting on a bucket in the dugout and Amaral on the pitcher's mound, threw them all to perfection in a brilliant outing.

"Coach had me throwing a lot of curve balls and a lot of rise balls," Amaral said. "We worked away and up. The fastball has had a lot movement lately."

This season Amaral has been working with athletic trainer Kristina Keddie to keep her right arm healthy heading into playoffs.

"I feel really good," Amaral said. "I feel like I have been taking really good care of it. Our games have been more spread out this season. The day after it's sore, but it's not been a problem."

"Reily is a competitor. She's well rested and she's pitching well," said Giarrusso.

The Huskies defensive played errorless behind Amaral making seven fly ball outs. Perhaps the best was a snatch made by centerfielder Elsa White, who ranged back for a long fly ball hit to the left-centerfield gap. The junior leapt and caught the ball, then crashed into the high-walled fence.

"I didn't realize that the fence was so close," said a humble White after the game. "I knew it was going way past me, so I ran back as fast as I could. I caught the ball then hit the fence. It wasn't pretty."

The Huskies meat of the order, Amaral, Sydney Crowell and freshman Ava Waddell powered the Huskies offense, collecting 4 hits, driving in 4 runs and scoring 3 runs.

The Huskies senior ace singled and drove in White (2 for 4 with 1 run scored) and Sydney Crowell, both who reached via an error in the first inning, to give Mt. Hope a quick 2-0 lead.

Mt. Hope struck for two more runs in the bottom of the third inning. Crowell slammed a double to right field to lead off. Then Waddell (2 for 4) belted a triple down the left field line. The ball one hopped into the fence and Crowell easily scored from second base to the delight of the fans. The freshman sped around the bases, landing on third base and high-fived Coach Giarrusso after giving Mt. Hope a 3-0 lead. Amaral smacked a grounder up the middle to score Waddell for a 4-0 lead.

The Huskies scored two more in the fourth inning. Senior Kylie Rolando reached base on another Wizards' error. Julia Allen walked to give Mt. Hope runners at first and second. Crowell then smashed a deep fly ball to right field. Coach Giarrusso ushered Rolando to third base after the catch for a Wizards' out and she scored on a throwing error to give Mt. Hope a 5-0 lead. Waddell then hammered a double to the left-center field gap, plating Crowell, to give Mt. Hope a commanding 6-0 lead.

More strike outs

Meanwhile, Amaral was dealing strikeouts. The ace struck out 6 of 10 batters in the last three innings. After allowing a one out single in the final inning, Amaral whiffed Wizards', Allie Iannotti and Tianna-Lee Keovongvichit to end the game.



Shortstop Julia Allen scoops up a throw by catcher Ava Waddell on a West Warwick steal of second base.



Huskies ace Reily Amaral winds up to make a pitch during their 6-0 shutout win over West Warwick on Thursday.

Deal, Jackson and Silva medal at state track meet

Jessica Deal, Thea Jackson and Lola Silva medaled as the young Mt. Hope girls track team competed during the state track meet at Conley Stadium in Providence on a wintery spring day with heavy winds and some rainfall on Saturday afternoon.

"We had so many state qualifiers this year, I am blown away," said head coach Renae Cicchinelli. "I am very proud of them and all of their huge accomplishments this season. I'm am excited to see what the future holds for these very talented, competitive and humble athletes."

Deal placed fourth in the state in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10 minutes, 26.32 seconds. Deal also ran the 4x800-meter relay with freshmen teammates Chloe Carreiro, Ryan Coffey and sophomore Lucy O'Brien. The Huskies placed 12th in the state with a time of 11:02.35.

Jackson placed fifth in the state in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 2.75 inches, fifth in the state in the

triple-jump with a leap of 34 feet, 8.50 inches and seventh in the state in the 100-meter run with a time of 13.20 seconds. She also competed in the 4x100-meter with teammates juniors Hannah Rezendes and Kali Rocha and senior Karsyn Medeiros. The Huskies placed ninth in the state with a time of 52.39 seconds.

Jackson is set to compete in the New Balance Nationals in two weeks, according to Cicchinelli.

Sophomore Lola Silva placed sixth in the state in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.89 seconds. Silva also placed seventh in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 2.75 inches.

Rocha placed 15th in the triple jump with a leap of 30 feet, 5.50 inches and Lucy O'Brien placed 16th in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 5:41.05.

Jessica Deal runs a leg of the 4x800-meter relay during the state track meet on Saturday.



AT THE LIBRARY

Let's Talk: Caregiving Matters

On Tuesdays, a series of programs is offered to inform, support and connect current and future caregivers in the community. The next is Tuesday, June 13, at 3 p.m. There will be a book discussion on "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom and "Can We Talk About Something More Pleasant" by Roz Chast. They offer different perspectives on caregiving along with some humor. Read one, both or just come to listen.

The series is led by nurse practitioner and end-of-life doula Bonnie Evans and is sponsored by the Friends of the Rogers Free Library.

Tech Tutors

Tech help is available on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. at the main floor quiet study in the library.

Roger Williams University volunteers and library staff will help you with any questions you have regarding computers, mobile devices or eReaders.

No registration required. You must bring your own device or use the library's public computers.

There are no stupid questions, only unanswered ones.

Flag Day reading

If it weren't for the Declaration of Independence, there would be no Fourth of July holiday. The Rev. Henry Wight initiated the reading of that document in 1786 in front of the then Bristol Town Hall.

In collaboration with the Bristol Fourth of July Committee, Rogers Free Library is bringing back this tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence together on Wednesday, June 14, at 5:15 p.m. at the Bristol Town Common. Stay after the reading to witness the kickoff to the annual Fourth of July celebration.

Chess Club

On Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m., adults and teens can find challenging players to play chess with. All levels are welcome. They take chess seriously, but have fun!

Bike talk Wednesday

Learn about bike safety and basic bike maintenance (how to check tire pressure, properly oil a chain, fix a flat tire and more...) with mechanic Tom Nyzio on Wednesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. Register on the website.

Tom Nyzio has worked in the bicycle industry for 12 years. He is a USA Cycling certified race mechanic, the head mechanic at Bristol Bikes and a volunteer mechanic on the charity event Braking Aids Ride and taught classes at the nonprofit community bike shop Recycle-A-Bike.

Book chat on Wednesday

On Wednesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m., there will be an informal meeting to chat about a book (or two) you have recently read and would like to recommend to others.

There's no assigned reading. Simply come prepared to summarize your book selection and explain why you would recommend it. It can be fiction or nonfiction. Register on the website.

Teen Advisory Board

Join the new Teen Advisory Board at the library on Monday, June 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Meet with Youth Services Librarian Sarah to help plan programs for you, your friends, and the teens of Bristol.

Tell Sarah what you want for programs, and she will make it happen. Suggest books, video games, manga and more that you want to see in the library.

Ocean state of mind exhibit

What do you think about when you see the sea? Come see artists express their visions of seacoasts and ships, sand and sky, and creatures great and small through July 20 in the community gallery on the lower level of the library.

In partnership with the Bristol Art Museum. Juried by Elizabeth O'Connell.

Rogers Free Library at 525 Hope St. is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 253-6948 or visit www.rogersfreelibrary.org for more information.

HAPPENINGS AT THE BRISTOL RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A variety of activities are offered by the Bristol Recreation Department on Asylum Road. Registration is required on their app. All payments, registration and full schedules of fitness classes can be found on the app.

Call the Quinta-Gamelin Community Center on Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 253-1611 with questions.

Fitness program insurance discounts for seniors are available through Silver & Fit, Silver Sneakers and Renew Active. Call Mary Ann Quinn for more details.

Teacher volunteers sought

The center is looking for volunteers/instructors to teach mahjong, bridge and t'ai chi. If you are interested in teaching any of these workshops, contact Mary Ann Quinn at mquinn@bristolri.gov or call 253-1611.

Summer camp registration

Bristol Parks & Recreation summer camp registration is open to Bristol residents ages 6 to 14. It is \$300 for the first child and a \$250 sibling rate is available. Busing and lunch are included. The deadline is June 2 or until full. Register at <https://www.bristolri.gov/departments/parks-recreation/summer-camp>.

Pottery workshop for kids

An adorable owl pottery workshop for kids ages 9 to 16 is on Saturdays, June 10 and 17, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. It is \$35 per person.

Tech Talk for seniors

Tech Talk this month is on Thursday, June 15, at 9 a.m. Need help with email, your smart phone,

your tablet or laptop? They can help for free. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

Summer knitting circle

A weekly summer knitting circle (all levels) is on Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Sign up ahead (preferred) or drop in. Call 253-1611 for details.

Mental health training

Mental health awareness training is on Tuesday, June 27, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the community center. The program will help caregivers and older adults better understand mental health. Gain knowledge, skills and resources.

East Bay Regional Coalition provides the training at no cost for the East Bay. Receive a \$25 gift card to Stop & Shop or Shaw's for attending. Call 253-1611 for registration information.

Teen Art Portfolio

Teen Art Portfolio with RISD alum Lauren Anjeti is on Saturdays, July 8 to Aug. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the community center.

Prepare for college applications, scholarship applications, etc. For students in grades 8 to 12. It is \$225 for all six sessions.

Trips to see shows at PPAC

Trips to see shows at the Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC) are planned. The bus departs at 5:15 p.m. for all shows with transportation:

- "Funny Girl" on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. It is \$70 with transportation.
- "Mrs. Doubtfire" on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. It is \$50 with transportation.
- "Book of Mormon" on Wednesday,

day, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. It is \$55 with transportation.

- "Moulin Rouge" on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 7 p.m. It is \$65. No transportation.

Bowling for seniors

Bowling for Bristol seniors is at Dudek Bowling Alley in Warren on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Let them know you're with Bristol Parks & Recreation and get three games and shoe rental for \$4.

Free play days

Cards, mahjong and board games are every Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m.

On Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m., play Hi-Lo-Jack and cribbage. Coffee and light refreshments.

Fitness classes

There are in-person and Zoom fitness classes available. Download the Bristol Parks & Recreation app to view types of classes and schedules and to register and pay. Or, stop by and pick up a paper schedule each month.

There is free zumba for middle and high-schoolers.

Yoga classes

Many yoga classes are being offered. Download the Bristol Parks & Recreation app to view schedules, register and pay.

Beach yoga is on Saturdays at 9 a.m. at Bristol Town Beach. It is \$5 per person.

Seasonal jobs available

Seasonal job applications are now being accepted at www.bristolri.gov/government/jobs/ for summer camp counselors, lifeguards, weekend managers, maintenance crew and gate attendants.

Talk reaffirming the Declaration of Independence

How the progressive view has led to the problems with government that we face today will be the subject of an address by Mackubin Owens, Ph.D., on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at VFW Post 237, 850 Hope St.

Hosted by Bristol County Concerned Citizens (BCCC), the event is free and open to the public.

Owens is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. The title of his address is "Do We Still 'Hold These Truths'?: The Eternal Meaning of the Declaration of Independence."

In a close scrutiny of the thinking behind our country's foundation as a republican form of government, Owens underscores the importance of reaffirming the founders' original intention in crafting the Declaration of Independence.

"But the founders' view ... is today largely ignored, if not demeaned, the result of the revolution in political

thought effected by progressives in the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries," he said.

Previously editor of "Orbis: FPRI's Journal of World Affairs," Owens was dean of academic affairs and professor at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C., professor of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, editor-in-chief of the quarterly defense journal "Strategic Review," and adjunct professor of international relations at Boston University.

He is the author of numerous books on Abraham Lincoln, U.S. military and foreign policy. He is co-editor of the textbook, "Strategy and Force Planning," now in its fourth edition. He is a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal, GoLocal-Prov and numerous publications.

He is a Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, was awarded the Silver Star medal and retired as a colonel in 1994.

BCCC is a local organization that advocates for traditional values and common sense, and includes members from the Republican, Democratic, Independent, Libertarian and unaffiliated parties.

New fees for passes to Town Beach

The Bristol Town Beach booth is open weekends only through June 18, then daily from June 19 through Labor Day. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Passes can be purchased at the Town Beach booth only during the dates and times above.

New fees this season are —

Season passes: Free for Bristol residents and retired/active military.

Weekday daily passes: \$20; \$10 Bristol residents.

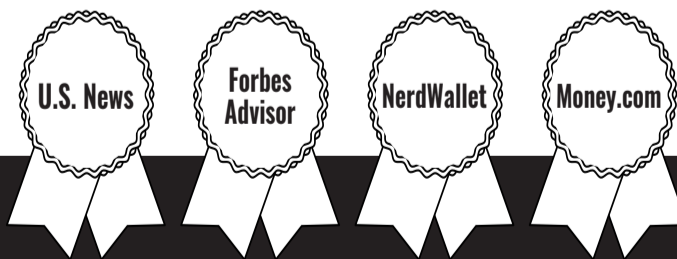
Weekend/holiday daily passes: \$30; \$15 Bristol residents.

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Photography exhibit at Bristol Art Museum

The Bristol Art Museum is presenting “Proof: A regional photography exhibit spotlighting human relationships” through July 8 at the museum, 10 Wardwell St. The juror is award-winning fine art photographer and educator Jan Armor.

Hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays to Sundays.

An artists’ reception and awards will be on Monday, June 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.

A lecture and presentation by featured artist Amy Lovera, “Attempting to Document That Which Can Not Be Recorded,” is on Thursday, June 15, at 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

General admission to view the exhibit is \$5; free for students and

members.

Tickets for the reception are available at the door or in advance on Eventbrite. They are \$5; free for students and members and exhibiting artists and one guest.

Historical society’s exhibit celebrates vets

The Bristol Historical & Preservation Society has a special exhibit, “Bristol Veterans and the Evolution of Military Funerary Rites,” at the society at 48 Court St. The society is open Wednesdays to Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The challenges of military service are well known. But, this exhibit illuminates what happens to veterans who make the ultimate sacrifice and how the practices of caring for our military dead have changed along-

side changing tactics of war. The exhibit chronicles the origins of traditions like playing “Taps” at a funeral and demystifies the stages of military headstone design.

The exhibit also profiles the stories of seven local veterans).

The exhibit is in place throughout 2023.

An accessible entrance is at the rear of the building (park at the rear of the lot to the east of the building on Court Street and follow the concrete path).

Call 253-7223 or visit www.bhpsri.org for more information.

‘Bristol & The Slave Trade’ walking tours

Linden Place Museum will host “Bristol & The Slave Trade” walking tours focused specifically on Bris-

tol’s DeWolf family and their involvement in the transatlantic slave trade on select Thursdays this summer.

The DeWolf family, Bristol’s premier family in the 18th and early 19th centuries, was one of the largest traders of slaves in New England.

The guided tours begin at Linden Place, the Federal-style mansion built by architect Russell Warren for George DeWolf, and continues through the center of historic Bristol and down to the waterfront pointing out significant sites tied to Bristol’s lengthy and profitable involvement in the slave trade.

Tours are at 1:30 p.m. on June 8 and 29; July 6, 13 and 27; Aug. 10 and 24, and Sept. 7.

The tour is \$20, \$15 for Linden Place members, and includes a complimentary self-guided tour of Linden Place mansion. Reservations are required and each tour is limited to 15. For reservations, call 253-0390.

New exhibit at The Graham Gallery

The Graham Gallery of Contemporary Fine Art is at 412A Thames St. is featuring “Whimsical Reflections” by artist Kathleen M. Tirrell through July 11. For more information, call 293-0657.

Monthly bingo is at VFW Post 237

A monthly bingo is open to the public on Thursday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at VFW Post 237, 850 Hope St.

Flower arranging, shrubs for the garden and more

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum is hosting a variety of events this spring at the mansion at 101 Ferry Road.

Space is limited. Registration is required for all events. For details and to register, visit www.blithewold.org. Watch here for updates each week.

- Flower arranging with Terry Converse is on Thursday, June 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. Learn how to create a beautiful flower arrangement using a simple vase and locally sourced flowers. Converse will guide the group using fundamental design principles. Limited to 12, it is \$85; \$75 for members.

- “Shrubs for the Garden” with Reed Pugh is on Sunday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Woody shrubs are the glue that holds a garden together. Walk through the gardens to identify shrubs and discuss how to incorporate and combine them in the garden, along with pruning and care, and unusual plants. It is \$35; \$25 members.

- Nature drawing with Joanne Murrman is on Thursdays through June 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. Use the gardens for inspiration to draw. Each class is \$40; \$30 members, with a multi-class discount. See the website for techniques and topics each week.

- “A Morning of Classical Piano with Daniel Adam Maltz” is on Sunday, June 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. Expe-

rience a musical concert like a classical-era concertgoer, in a grand home on a period instrument. Hear a 1790 Viennese fortepiano while learning about classical-era keyboard instruments and performance techniques. Breakfast treats and mimosas will be served. Limited to 50. Tickets are \$60; \$50 for members.

- The kitchen serves a warm weather menu for breakfast, lunch and tea on Fridays to Sundays through Oct 15 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. See the website for menu items and reservations.

Linden Place writers to read from their work

After spending the month of April working on the grounds of Linden Place, eight creative writers will present their works-in-progress at a free community reading and moderated discussion on Thursday, June 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The audience will meet on the front lawn of the property and then travel around the exterior of the mansion to various pit stops, where each writer will read from their work. The last stop will be the ballroom where the audience will sit for a short, moderated discussion with the writers. If there is heavy rain, the whole event will take place in the ballroom.

The writers were chosen by a panel of expert judges — poet and Pushcart nominee Jennifer Lighty, writer and Black History scholar Adam McNeil, and award-winning author Padma Venkatraman. They were judged with a set of criteria that included social impact, creativity, merit of writing, and a statement of intent about how their proposed works would include Linden Place.

Following the readings and discussion, there will be an after-party fund-raiser in the museum with nibbles and drinks provided by local restaurants from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets for the after-party are \$20 at LindenPlace.org.

For more information, visit LindenPlace.org/Writers-Residency.

Queen of Hearts drawing is on Thursdays

A Queen of Hearts drawing is held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 237, Hope Street. It’s \$1 a ticket.

Historical society offers downtown walking tours

The Bristol Historical & Preservation Society are offering another summer season of walking tours. Tours are on most Fridays and Saturdays and depart from different locations. The society museum is at 48 Court St.

The walking tours are open to the public and cost \$15; \$10 for society members. Visit www.bhpsri.org.

Coming up on Fridays, June 9 to 30, at 1:30 p.m., get “Out and About in Bristol.” Meet at the corner of Hope and Court streets. Looking for a “greatest hits” history tour? Join historian and lifelong Bristolian Rei Battcher for a tour of Bristol’s most

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THE FOURTH OF JULY ROUNDUP

Flag Day will officially kick off this year's Fourth festivities on Wednesday

The annual Bristol Fourth of July celebration is barely a month away. Events are heating up with the official kick off on Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14.

Watch here each week for updates or visit www.fourthofjulybristol.com.

Orange Crate Derby will roll on Sunday

Bayview Avenue will once again be the site for the 73rd annual Fourth of July Orange Crate Derby on Sunday, June 11. Bristol residents 7 to 14 years old will be competing.

Trophies will be awarded to the top four finishers. All participants will receive something to acknowledge their participation.

Flag Day ceremonies

Flag Day ceremonies will officially kick off the celebration on Wednesday, June 14, at 6 p.m. on the town common at State and High streets. June 14 commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued officially

established June 14 as Flag Day.

Fourth of July Ball

The Fourth of July Ball is on Friday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Herreshoff Marine Museum, 1 Burnside St. Cocktails, grand march, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$150 each. Get them on the website.

Old-Fashioned Days

Old-Fashioned Days is on Saturday, June 17, at 11:30 a.m. on the town common, State and High streets. Kids of all ages are invited for old-fashioned games. Prizes.

Vintage baseball game

A vintage baseball game is on Saturday, June 17, at 11:30 a.m. on the town common, State and High streets. Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket and watch the Providence Grays vs. Lisbon Tunnelmen. It is free and open to all. Hot dogs, soda and water.

Block dance party

A block dance party is on Saturday, June 17, at 6 p.m. on the basketball court at the town common, Wood Street. There's singing and dancing with DJ Sean Palumbo, line

dancing, zumba and a 50/50 raffle. Part of the Family Fun Day.

Fourth of July Foot Races

The 36th annual Fourth of July Foot Races are on Wednesday, June 21. The races are open to all Bristol residents. Registration will begin at 5:15 p.m. in front of the Bristol Statehouse on High Street. The races will start promptly at 6 p.m.

The 1-mile race is for boys and girls from 3 to 12 years old. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in the 3- to 6-year-old age group and the 7- to 9-year-old age group. The top boy and girl finishers in the 10- to 12-year-old age group will be awarded trophies.

The 2-mile race has no age restriction. Trophies will be given to the top two male and female finishers.

All participants in the 1-mile race will be offered tickets to the carnival. Refreshments will be provided.

Longest Traveled Contest open

The Longest Traveled Contest determines the Bristolian who has traveled from the most distant point to return to Bristol for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

Applicants must have resided in



The Orange Crate Derby will see cars racing down Bayview Avenue on Sunday afternoon.

Bristol for a minimum of five years (does not have to be consecutive) and cannot be a current resident. Residence is subject to verification by the committee. In case of a tie, the application submitted the earliest will prevail.

A United States flag, which has flown over the capitol in Washing-

ton, D.C., will be presented to the winner at Patriotic Exercises on Tuesday, July 4.

Get an application on the website at www.fourthofjulybristol.com/longest-traveled. The deadline for receipt of application is 5 p.m. on Friday, June 23. Questions should be directed to Judy Squires at 253-7885.

SENIORS

Open house at Franklin Court on June 12 to 15

An open house is on Monday to Thursday, June 12 to 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Franklin Court Assisted Living, 180 Franklin St.

For other dates and times, call 253-3679, option 3, for an appointment.

Visit www.FCALRI.com to see the many amenities and services they offer.

Vets' assistance and a cookout on Flag Day

The Benjamin Church Senior Center, 1020 Hope St., is offering lunch and activities. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information, call the office at 253-8458.

Veterans' assistance with Steve Skuba is on Monday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call the senior center at 253-8458 to schedule an appointment.

Medicaid benefits assistance is on Tuesday, June 13, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Help is available to answer questions. Be sure you continue to qualify for benefits.

A Flag Day kickoff to summer fun lunch celebration is on Wednesday, June 14, at 11:30 a.m. The cookout is sponsored by Reliable Pest Control. Wear your red, white and blue. Call the senior center and reserve a seat.

Attorney Paul Silva will be at the senior center with free legal advice on Wednesday, June 14, from noon to 1 p.m. Topics are wills, power of attorney, and end-of-life planning. Call the center to schedule an appointment.

A Father's Day lunch celebration is on Friday, June 16, 11:30 a.m. On the menu is Portuguese kale soup, chicken cacciatore, roasted potato, green beans, roll and fruit, or a ham and cheese on rye. The suggested donation is \$3. Call the center at least two days in advance to reserve a seat.

A Mystery Ride is on Thursday, June 15, at 4 p.m. The cost is \$2 with dinner on your own. Stop by the office and reserve a seat. Space is limited.

A trip to Foxwoods Casino is on Tuesday, June 20, for \$35 per person. Depart 8:30 a.m., return at about 5:30 p.m. For reservations, call Donna at 253-8458.

Hot lunches are at 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Call the office two days in advance and reserve a seat. The meals are a suggested donation of \$3.

An outreach counselor from SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is at the senior center once a month. Call the office for an appointment.

Ongoing

A Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor provides assistance with health insurance options, Medicare issues, prescription and Medicaid assistance. Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Play cards on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Meals on Wheels continue to be distributed from the senior center. (They also are looking for drivers. See the story in Around Town).

Transportation is offered at 9 a.m. for groceries on Tuesdays (community shopping) and Thursdays (Bristol Housing Authority residents). It is offered for medical appointments on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call the center to reserve a seat. The bus is for members only.

Free wellness classes

Wellness classes to socialize and get exercise are free. For questions, call Donna at 253-8458.

Strength & Balance with Jessica is on Mondays at 11:15 a.m. at the Franklin Court community room, 150 Franklin St.

Zumba Gold with Jessica is at Franklin Court on Mondays from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.

Chair yoga with Kate is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Colt State Park for the summer months. Register at shriyoga.org if you can.



The annual British Motorcars Festival is on Friday and Saturday. A parade on Friday is from Colt State Park to Independence Park, followed by a street party.

British motorcars to cruise through town on Friday; show on Saturday

BMCNE will present the annual British Motorcars Festival on Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10.

Classic British motorcars from around New England will congregate at Colt State Park, Asylum Road, with a parade of cars on Friday at 5 p.m. from there to Independence Park on Thames Street, followed by a street party until 9 p.m. with live music, food trucks and a beer tent.

On Saturday, the car show, with over 40 classes, is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Colt State Park, Asylum

Road. Public parking and admission is free. There will be food and beverage concessions.

Vote for your favorite car. Return ballots to the BMCNE tent by 1 p.m. so your vote counts. The awards presentation is at 2 p.m.

Note: Dogs are not allowed at Independence Park or at the Colt State Park show field.

Online registration for cars is closed. So, register at the event. Show field registration is \$40.

For more information, visit britishmotorcarsinbristol.com.

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interesting monuments.

And, on Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m., it’s “Hidden in Plain Sight: Brackets and Hoods.” Meet at the society museum. Join Rei Battcher for a close look at several houses that sport unusual features. This tour’s focus will be on brackets and hoods. See Bristol’s buildings as you’ve never seen them before. This is a Pozzi Center offering.

Also on June 10, at 5 p.m., meet at the gates on Sherry Avenue for a tour of Juniper Hill Cemetery. Join arborist and cemetery histori-an Chris Fletcher for a meander through the winding lanes of Juniper Hill’s National Regis-ter cemetery landscape, which is significant for its mid-19th century ornamental design.

Coggeshall Farm open on Saturdays for tours

Through June 25, the Coggeshall Farm Museum at 1 Colt Drive is open on Saturdays with tours at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. and on Sundays for self-guided exploration. On Saturdays, all guests are welcome to remain on site until 4 p.m.

Explore, meet and greet sheep (and lambs), pigs and chickens, and learn about late 18th-century life on a saltmarsh farm.

“BBQ & Tools” is on Saturday, June 17, and included with regular admission. The Gnarly Vines Farm food truck will have a Brazilian barbecue menu available for purchase. Cos-tumed historians will demonstrate the skills of the time including coopering and metalwork in the blacksmith shop. Guests can view some of the historic tools from the Bornstein collec-tion at the museum and leave the event with their own historic tools poster. There will also be free samples of (non-alcoholic) beers, cour-tesy of Athletic Brewing Co.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NO. 2023-10

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 16
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BRISTOL TOWN CODE

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 16 of the Ordinances of the Town of Bristol be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 16 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC

ARTICLE V. - STOPPING, STANDING AND
PARKING

Sec. 16-146. - Parking time limited in designated places

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless specified otherwise, except Sundays and legal holidays, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to park the same for any one consec-utive period of time longer than specified, within or upon any of the following areas, districts or streets or parts thereof:

(3) One-half hour:
Bradford Street, one space in front of 173 Bradford Street (currently known as Café Central).

The Town Council will be in session in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on June 21, 2023. If remon-strance in the meantime, a petition bearing the valid signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified voters must be filed with the Town Clerk requesting a Public Hearing, such hearing must be held before final action may be taken on said ordinance

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

June 8, 2023



Mt .Hope High School DECA team competes at nationals

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is an association of marketing students that encourages the development of business and leadership skills. At Mt. Hope High School this year, 26 students competed at the R.I. DECA Career Development Conference. Of those, 17 placed in the top three of their events, with 11 students earning an invitation to compete with over 18,000 students in April at the DECA International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Fla. Of the 11 students who qualified, eight represented R.I. DECA and competed at the conference, including Reyn Ferris, Olivia Labonte, Madison Charest, Sydney DiChiappari, Bridget Wil-liams, Emma Serbst, Claudia Green and Amelia Piper. Pictured with the students are (back, center) Maureen Gauthier, DECA advisor for Mt. Hope, and Paul LaFleur, president of the Bristol Rotary Club, who delivered a donation to help the team get to Orlando. At the far left is Christina Vieira, a Bristol Rotarian who participated in DECA when she was a student at Mt. Hope.

Go to coggeshallfarm.org and choose an arrival time. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 4 to 17, and free for children under 4 and members.

Tap-In celebrating 40th with open house

Tap-In (Touch a Person in Need) is celebrat-ing its 40th anniversary of serving the East Bay community with an open house on Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tap-In, 281 County Road, Barrington.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
NO. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 16
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BRISTOL TOWN CODE

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of Bristol, Rhode Island, that Chapter 16 of the Ordinances of the Town of Bristol be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 16 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC

ARTICLE IX. – RESIDENTIAL PARKING

Sec. 16-343. – Residential parking zone.

(b) Those streets included within the residential parking zone are limited to two-hour parking, with the exception of:

(1) The downtown parking zone which is limited to one hour; and State Street between Hope Street and Thames Street, which is limited to one hour between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except Sundays and legal holidays; and

(2) The streets listed in section 16-345.

This ordinance shall take place upon its passage.

The Town Council will be in session in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, on June 21, 2023. If remon-strance in the meantime, a petition bearing the valid signatures of at least twenty (20) qualified voters must be filed with the Town Clerk requesting a Public Hearing, such hearing must be held before final action may be taken on said ordinance

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

June 8, 2023

Come see how Tap-In is helping the com-munity. Refreshments will be served. Bring your children, visit the library and enjoy the playground.

Farmers’ market is outdoors on Saturdays

The Mount Hope Farm Farmers’ Market at 250 Metacom Ave. is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the south pasture. Dogs are not allowed. Bring your reusable bags and use credit cards whenever possible.

Thanks to a grant from Farm Fresh Rhode Island, SNAP and EBT purchases can be dou-bled at the market; you can stop by the market table for details.

Pre-ordering is possible online from many of the vendors. For details, a list of this week’s vendors and safety procedures, visit www.mounthopefarm.org/community-programs/farmers-market.

Vigil for peace and justice is each month

A vigil for peace and justice is held on the second Saturday of each month, June 10, from 11 a.m. to noon in front of the Bristol post office, Hope Street.

It is sponsored by East Bay Citizens for Peace. All are welcome. For more information, email info@eastbaycitizens4peace.org or visit www.eastbaycitizens4peace.org.

Karaoke is at the VFW on Saturdays

Karaoke with DJ Larry is every Saturday at 8 p.m. at VFW Post 237, Hope Street.

Weekly volunteer days are at Coggeshall

Do you have a passion for gardening and animals? Coggeshall Farm invites you to weekly volunteer days on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

No experience is necessary. Volunteer whether you’re an experienced gardener or just looking for a way to spend time outdoors and give back to your community. Help with gardening tasks such as planting, weeding and harvesting, and assist in caring for the chick-ens, sheep, cows and pigs. Learn new skills and work alongside the staff.

If interested, simply show up at times above. Contact LMctigue@osv.org for more informa-tion.

Guided tree walk at Mount Hope Farm

Join the Bristol Land Conservation Trust for a tree walk on Tuesday, June 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Farm, 250 Metacom Ave. The guided walk is with well-known arborist Matt “Twig” Largess - Voice of the For-est.

Matt is a seasoned arborist, who owns his own business Largess Forestry in North Kings-town, but also travels the eastern seaboard in search of champion trees in old growth forests. On this walk, focus on the significant trees of Mount Hope Farm, many of which are native to the U.S.

Thanks to the farm staff, Matt Largess and volunteers, the farm is a designated arbore-tum. Learn what makes a healthy tree, their role in nature, and some of the common threats.

Meet at the barn at 5:30 p.m., wear comfort-able walking shoes and bring a camera. Light refreshments afterwards.

There is a \$15 charge, maximum \$25 for families, and members are free. Parking in the main parking area below the barn.

The raindate is Wednesday, June 14. Ques-tions? Call Ray Payson at 225-4903.

Outreach ministry offers a food pantry

The outreach ministry of St. Elizabeth’s Church, the Friends of St. Elizabeth, has a food pantry stocked with nonperishable food items. The pantry is in the former school building at 10 Monroe Ave. and is open on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m., weather permitting.

It is open to Bristol and Warren residents only and ID is required. Call the rectory at 253-8366 with any questions.

East Bay Food Pantry & Thrift Shop is open

The East Bay Food Pantry provides food assistance free of charge to anyone in need in the East Bay (Newport through East Provi-dence).

The food pantry provides about a week’s

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worth of groceries at each visit, including dairy, meat, fresh produce and non-perishables.

Guests can choose their own food on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pre-packed food pantry bags can be picked up Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Online ordering is available for pick up either day through the website, eastbayfood-pantry.org. Just click on the orange “Order Food” button at the top and fill out the online form.

Families with children can receive supplementary food through their Food4Kids program every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Additional fresh produce is available weekly on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the Fresh Food Friday program.

Those who need food but cannot get to the food pantry can have a friend or relative pick up their food or call 396-9490 to schedule a delivery.

The East Bay Food Pantry Thrift Shop is open to the public, and proceeds provide critical funding to support the food pantry. The thrift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

To make a monetary donation to support the food pantry, visit https://eastbayfoodpantry.org/donate-to-ebfp or mail a check to East Bay Food Pantry, 532 Wood St., Bristol, RI 02809.

Join Bristol Rotary Club for lunch (or just join)

The Bristol Rotary Club meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 12:15 p.m. at the DeWolf Tavern (second floor). Lunch is \$20.

The agenda features interesting speakers and activities of the club’s charitable founda-

tion.

Email jdelabry@gmail.com to reserve a place, no later than 24 hours before.

“Help Us Help Others” (bristolrotaryclub.com).

Music at Sunset is at Blithewold on Wednesdays

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum, 101 Ferry Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 7 to Sept. 6. Spread out a blanket and unpack your picnic basket while enjoying the sunset over Narragansett Bay, all while savoring a variety of musical performances.

Music can be heard all the way down to the water, so no matter how many people attend, there is plenty of room to spread out and relax on the 10 acres of lawn (33 acres of gardens and grounds).

And, R.I. Cruisin Cocktails serves non-alcoholic as well as drinks with a kick inspired by the gardens.

On the schedule

- June 14: The DMB Project
 - June 21: Atwater-Donnelly Trio
 - June 28: Bay Swing
 - July 12: The Ravers
 - July 19: Colby James & The Ramblers
 - July 26: Turas with Irish and Celtic music
 - Aug. 2: The Whelks
 - Aug. 9: The Cajun Hobos
 - Aug. 16: Cold Chocolate
 - Aug. 23: Colby James & The Ramblers
 - Aug. 30: TBA
 - Sept. 6: The Oh Nos: Beatles tribute band
- Tickets are sold online only. Pricing is by the carload (with discounts or those who bike or walk). Registration is required online at www.blithewold.org. See more details and band descriptions online.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL
ADOPTED ORDINANCE
NO. 2023-08

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 16
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BRISTOL TOWN CODE

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Bristol Town Council held on Wednesday evening, May 31, 2023, the following ordinance was adopted

CHAPTER 16
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE II
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Sec. 16-45 – Informal procedure for payment of parking fines.

(c) *Schedule of violations.* The following violations may be handled administratively through the method described in this section; provided, however, that this list is not exclusive and jurisdiction may be conferred on the municipal court with regard to other violations consistent with the Rhode Island General Laws, and this Code:

Parking Violations Schedule

(1) Overtime Parking/Overtime Residential Parking in violation of Sec. 16-343 **\$20.00**

(27) Overnight parking on Church Street dock (Sec. 16-151(D))..... \$25.00

(28) Parking boats and trailers in violation of Sec. 15-158..... \$25.00

(29) Overnight parking in violation of Sec. 16-142 **\$25.00**

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

June 8, 2023

Spring events planned at Mount Hope Farm

A variety of events are offered this spring at Mount Hope Farm, 250 Metacom Ave. For details on events below, prices and registration information, visit www.mounthopefarm.org.

- Summer yoga with Bristol Yoga Studio is on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the gardens. Classes are led by Mary Proietta, a hatha yoga practitioner. Classes are for all levels.
 - An evening with Dante Bellini and Gene Valicenti is on Thursday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the barn. See a film screening of “Gene Valicenti from Trenchcoat to Top of the Charts” with the producer and director of the documentary, Dante Bellini.
- A Q&A follows the film. See the website for tickets.
- Registration is open for Camp Wetu. There are seven weeks of fun-filled (and educational) camp for children ages 5 to 12 from June 26 to Aug. 18. Just 20 kids per week, so learn more and sign up on the website.
 - The walking trails are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day at the farm. Enjoy the beauty of the farm and surrounding lands.

Indoor yard sale and food court on June 10

The Benjamin Church Resident Association at 1014 Hope St. will hold an indoor yard sale and food court on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop and have lunch with them.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL
ADOPTED ORDINANCE
NO. 2023-07

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 16
OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BRISTOL TOWN CODE

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Bristol Town Council held on Wednesday evening, May 31, 2023, the following ordinance was adopted

CHAPTER 16
MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ARTICLE V
STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Sec. 16-148. - Handicapped Accessible Disability parking.

(a) No person, other than an ambulatory handicapped disabled person as defined by RIGL 1956, § 31-28-7, shall park a vehicle in a parking space designated for the handicapped Accessible Disability. All handicapped Accessible Disability parking areas shall be designated by suitable and conspicuous signs and are tow-away zones.

(b) Handicapped Accessible Disability parking restrictions adopted by the town council shall not be printed in this Code, but shall be kept on file in the town clerk's office. The town clerk shall maintain a list of all handicapped Accessible Disability parking restrictions approved by the town council.

(c) All amendments to the list of handicapped Accessible Disability parking restrictions shall be made by resolution of the town council; provided however, that no such resolution shall be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced but shall, rather, be referred to a subsequent regular or special meeting at least seven days thereafter for a vote.

(d) All areas designated as handicapped Accessible Disability parking spaces pursuant to this chapter as of the date of enactment of this section shall remain in full force and effect and be filed with the town clerk's office.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

By Order of the Town Council
Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

June 8, 2023

Tickets available for 4th parade picnic at Linden Place

On Tuesday, July 4, Linden Place Mansion will host its annual Fourth of July Parade Picnic, a tradition for over 30 years.

Enjoy bleacher-style seating, tables and chairs under the shade of the Linden trees, a continental breakfast and picnic lunch, come and go access, restroom facilities and plenty of elbow room.

Tour the mansion, stroll the gardens and enjoy the day. Tickets are \$100; \$90 for Linden Place members, and include breakfast and lunch. Call 253-0390, visit www.lindenplace.org or email info@lindenplace.org.

Artists, vendors and crafters sought for fair

The Bristol Historical & Preservation Society's annual Flea & Fair will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, on the Bristol Town Common. The society is looking for vendors to set up at the “fair” portion of the event — antique, book and flea market dealers, as well as crafters, artisans, woodworkers, artists, vendors of specialty items (soaps, candles, spices, etc.) and those looking to rid their garages and attics of treasures.

A 10x10-foot space is \$30. If interested, contact Dan Manchester at 829-9340 or at 125dannym@gmail.com.

Money raised aids BH&PS in furthering

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
BRISTOL TOWN HALL - 10 COURT STREET,
BRISTOL RHODE ISLAND

Written comments may be submitted to the Historic District Commission via regular mail addressed to: Historic District Commission, Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol RI 02809 or via email to: ntoth@bristolri.gov

Application packets can be found online at https://www.bristolri.gov/government/commissions/historic-district-commission/

The Commission will discuss all items and act on each item

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2023
3. Application Reviews

Continued from Previous Month

1. #23-063: 417 Hope Street, George and Jill Milne: Major renovations including new gutters, window refurbishment/installation, skylights, Columns at portico, parking lot expansion, rear deck work, bulkhead removal, rear entrance lighting, Hope Street portico lighting, dormers, roofing replacement, exterior trim, western chimney, entry doors, exterior brick work.

2. #23-032: 15 Burton Street, Thomas & Lee Dawson: Demonstrate architectural element samples to commission for approval, i.e. HardiePlank on addition

New Applications

3. #23-080 – 675 Hope Street, Lori Bosi & Linda Baude: Installation of 12'x 21'pool in rear of property, installation of skirt material, landscaping around pool

4. #23-085 – 348 High Street, Todd Jarem: Replace non-historic "picture" windows with (x4) double hung 6 over 6 windows/ 2 on each side of front door, Install reproduction gutters of fiberglass w/ wrapped corners as original, Rebuild brick stoop/stairs on front of house to original

4. Concept Review
5. Monitor Reports & Project Updates
6. HDC Coordinator Reports & Project Updates
7. HDC Coordinator Approvals
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROBATE COURT OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL, RI
NOTICE OF MATTERS PENDING
AND FOR HEARING IN SAID COURT

The Court will be in session at the Town Hall, 10 Court Street, on the dates specified in notices below at 9:15 AM, for hearing said matters:

BISBANO, SR., RALPH, estate.

Ralph Bisbano, Jr. of Swansea, Massachusetts, has qualified as administrator and has appointed Karen A. Alegria, Esq. of 904 Broadway, East Providence, as his agent in Rhode Island; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning June 8, 2022. June 8, 15, and 22, 2023

CIMMINO, JR., ROBERT JOHN, a.k.a. Robert J. Cimmino, Jr., estate.

Kelly J. Cimmino of Franklin, Massachusetts, has qualified as administratrix and has appointed Cheryl L. Shaw of 14 Imperial Place, Providence, as her agent in Rhode Island; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning June 8, 2022. June 8, 15, and 22, 2023

HAWKINS, ROBERT F., a.k.a. Robert Francis Hawkins, estate.

Stephen M. Hawkins of Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, has qualified as executor and has appointed Maryanne Bevans, Esq of 797 Bald Hill Road, Warwick, as his agent in Rhode Island; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within-the time required by law beginning June 8, 2022. June 8, 15, and 22, 2023

Richard B. Abilheira, Probate Judge
Melissa Cordeiro, Probate Clerk

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk’s office at 253-7000, 72 hours prior to said meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF BRISTOL
INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. 1016

Sealed Bids will be received until 12 noon on June 21, 2023, for the following:

**Renovations to The Walley School
BID #1016
(*extension of bid 1011)**

BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 12 NOON AT THE BRISTOL TOWN HALL, 10 COURT STREET ON JUNE 21, 2023, FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2023.

The Town of Bristol is requesting sealed bids for **Renovations to The Walley School**, in accordance with all terms and specifications contained herein, and is subject to HUD final agreement approvals.

Specifications may be obtained, and bids MUST be filed at the Office of the Town Clerk, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809. Specifications are available for download at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/rhode-island/bristolri> by registering and/or logging in as a vendor. Bids (one original marked “MASTER” and two copies) must be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be clearly marked on the outside, “**Bid #1016-Renovations to The Walley School**” and addressed to the Town Clerk’s Office, Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, RI 02809. Sealed bids will be received until 12 noon on June 21, 2023.

Open Houses for contractors to view the building will be held on June 6th and June 9th from 10 AM until 12 PM.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk’s Office (401) 253-7000 three business days prior to the bid opening.

The Town reserves all rights to reject any and all bids, or any part thereof, or to go on the open market when it is deemed in the best interest of the Town.

MELISSA CORDEIRO
TOWN CLERK

June 1 & 8, 2023

**Bid 1011 was canceled and revised to bid 1016 to allow for a bid opening extension date.*

OBITUARIES

David A. Silvia

“Life is better with rock ‘n roll”

David A. Silvia, 67, formerly of Bristol, passed away on May 25, 2023, at the Veterans Medical Center in Providence.



Born in Providence, R.I., he was the son of the late Arthur and Lucy (Nastri) Silvia. He is survived by his daughters, Melissa Almeida of Waterbury, Conn., and Erica Rosa of Swansea, Mass.; grandchildren: Corey Almeida, Jordan Almeida, Maquil Almeida, and Daishell Almeida. He was the brother of Kathy Silvia of Cumberland and the late Carl Silvia.

CSP students earn high scores at state festival

On May 20, Community String Project students participated in the R.I. Music Educators Solo & Ensemble Festival at Ponaganset High School. The festival is open to Rhode Island students, elementary through high school, looking for an opportunity to receive feedback on a musical performance and a rating from a professional adjudicator.

The CSP students who received “Superior” and “Excellent” ratings are Djuna Marcoux-

Mr. Silvia was a graduate of Bristol High School and served in the Coast Guard for 14 years. He was employed as a truck driver for MS Carriers before retiring and was a former volunteer for the Bristol Fire Department. David was the type of person who would give the shirt off his back for anyone who needed it. David enjoyed spending his time going to rock concerts and traveling the road. He also loved spending time with his family and friends. He was always an advocate for those who could not advocate for themselves.

Family and friends were invited to attend a graveside service June 6 at St. Mary’s Cemetery, followed by an additional service at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery. Arrangements were with the George C. Lima Funeral Home. www.limafh.com

Send us your college graduation notices

If you want to let Bristol know you (or your child) are graduating, now is the time to get the information to the Bristol Phoenix.

Some colleges and universities do not include parents’ names, honors received or employment plans, and most do not include photographs.

Due to the large volume of notices we receive, the Bristol Phoenix can only print a graduation notice once. So, submit additional information or a photograph as soon as possible. We need digital photos e-mailed as a high-resolution jpg or tif and sent as an

attachment. Or, we accept glossy photographs (not those with a matte finish).

We will begin running the notices on June 22 as space permits, and will print all the students from a particular university or college together (so, please be patient).

Mail any material to Community News, P.O. Box 90, Bristol 02809, or email it to Lynda Rego at lrego@eastbaymediagroup.com. Include a phone number.

For more information, call 253-6000, ext. 107.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF BRISTOL
10 COURT STREET, BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT PHASE II STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORTS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4) AND FROM INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY AT ELIGIBLE FACILITIES OPERATED BY REGULATED SMALL MS4S.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RIR040018

Pursuant to the requirements established in the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharge from Small MS4s and from Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s (General Permit), the Town of Bristol has submitted an application package, including a Notice of Intent and Storm Water Management Program Plan (SWMPP) to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) for authorization of the storm water discharges from the Town of Bristol MS4. In accordance with Part I.V.E of the General Permit, the operator must annually evaluate the compliance of the SWMPP with the conditions of the permit, as well as the appropriateness of the selected Best Management Practices (BMP) and efforts towards achieving the Measurable Goals. An annual report prepared in accordance with Part I.V.G of the General Permit must be prepared for each year after the permit is issued.

Notice is hereby given of the intent to receive public comment and, if necessary, to hold a public hearing on the Town of Bristol Phase II Storm Water Annual Reports for Permit Year 17 through Permit Year 19 (2020 through 2022).

Interested parties may submit comments on the draft Annual Reports by the close of the public notice period at 4:00 p.m. on June 30, 2023. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. If, during the public comment period, significant comments are received concerning the draft Annual Reports, the Town of Bristol will provide a written response to comments to all persons that submitted comments and all members of the public that request a copy of the response. The response will include a final Annual Report and identify what changes have been made, if any. In accordance with the General Permit, if, during the public comment period, the Town receives a request from 25 people, a government agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than 25 members, the Town will hold a public meeting to discuss the draft Annual Reports including the progress of the program, evaluation of the selected BMPs and Measurable Goals, and any necessary changes to the Annual Reports and/or SWMPP.

Copies of the Phase II Storm Water Annual Reports may be obtained at no cost by visiting the Town’s website at <https://www.bristolri.gov/departments/community-development/soil-erosion-stormwater-management/> or by contacting the Department of Community Development as noted below:

Town of Bristol, Department of Community Development
235 High Street, 1st Floor
Bristol, RI 02809
(401) 253-7000 x128

The administrative record containing all documents is on file and may be inspected at the Department of Community Development between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Edward M. Tanner
Principal Planner

ACHIEVEMENTS

MATTHEW PARELLA of Bristol graduated from Portsmouth Abbey School on Sunday, May 28.

LIAM BARRY of Bristol graduated from Portsmouth Abbey School on Sunday, May 28.

BROOKE McGREEVY of Bristol was named to the spring semester provost’s list at Troy University.

JAXON TAMULAITES of Bristol was named to the spring semester dean’s list at Springfield College where he is majoring in

psychology.

GRACE STEPHENSON of Bristol was named to the spring semester dean’s list at Lasell University.

OLIVIA VEZINA of Bristol, a member of the Class of 2024 at Stonehill College, was named to the spring dean’s list.

GAVEN D. DAUPLAISE of Bristol, a second-year aerospace engineering student at Iowa State University, was named to the spring semester dean’s list.

AROUND TOWN

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their mission of preserving Bristol’s past, supporting programs for adults and children, hosting guest speakers, maintaining the headquarters on Court Street, and providing the community with a view of Bristol’s past and future.

Domestic violence support services offered

The Women’s Resource Center has free and confidential domestic violence support ser-

vices every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 624 Main St., Warren. Just drop in.

Or, call the 24-hour hotline at 800/494-8100.

Meals are available; volunteer drivers sought

Each weekday, Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island provides a nutritious meal, well-being check and social visit to 1,500 homebound seniors statewide.

For more information about the meal program or how to volunteer to deliver meals, visit www.rimeals.org or call 351-6700.

— *Focus on Business* —

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Also, Dr. Asaro performs surgeries such as simple extractions, surgical and wisdom teeth extractions, and periodontal treatments. He plans for one appointment to be set aside every day for emergency situations and gives his cell phone number to all his patients. He can suggest a payment plan program, "Care Credit", for patients who don't have access to dental insurance. For those who apply for at his office, 90% are approved within minutes!

He also understands the need to ease children, fragile, or elderly patients gradually into the dental setting. He

suggests a child's first appointment be an introduction to his staff, dental office and equipment with "a ride" in the dental chair! For an elderly patient or those with anxiety problems, he can offer advice and gentle understanding.

Dr. Asaro is a lifelong Barrington resident and supporter of the local schools, Little League, and the Bermuda Sailing Races. He grew up in Barrington, attending local schools, and graduated from Temple University in 1986. He played in Little League as a child and sponsors the local Little League "The Extractor Team" yearly. His daughter attends the Barrington Middle School, and his wife is an educator at URI. In the summer, Dr. Asaro loves to sail and recently completed his 12th Bermuda Race.

Dr. Asaro is proud of his flexibility and practice of suggesting a range of solutions for dental problems. He is ready to consult with you to begin your treatment plan. Hours for appointments are Monday and Tuesday, 8-5, an evening offering from 10-7 on Thursday, and Friday 8-3. You can also preview his services by visiting his website at <https://rismilemaker.com>, or read positive reviews online from his satisfied patients.

Why wait? You deserve the best. Contact Dr. Asaro to schedule your consultation today!



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How open is your government?

A minority of local bodies are following the ACLU's recommended best practices for good government in 2023

BY SCOTT PICKERING

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In the early days of Covid, everything changed. From mild adaptations to radical reinventions, schools, restaurants, retailers and medical facilities all changed.

Government did too.

The immediate shift away from public gatherings put all levels of government into a state of flux. Unable to meet in person, and certainly not with an audience, they quickly reconvened online. Zoom became the dominant host of all things government, as town councils, school committees, zoning boards and more all continued “virtually,” barely skipping a beat.

There were bumps along the way, with an array of Zoom “bombers” and embarrassingly open mics, not to mention the stumbling spectacle of people learning for the first time how to turn their cameras on or off, or aim it somewhere other than their foreheads or private parts. Plus, everyone got to see what vases the school committee chairwoman had in her hutch, and which lounge chair the town councilor preferred while fighting to stay awake during a long discussion.

“It has fundamentally changed how we operate as a committee, because everything is happening in the way it should be, in front of the committee.”

PATRICK MCCRANN,

BARRINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

All these virtual meetings were made possible by state executive orders overriding standard operating procedures codified in state law, which requires that public bodies meet in person, in public. The executive orders have expired, and Rhode Island government agencies are now operating under the same law that was in place pre-Covid. They have no obligation to continue with any of the pandemic-induced adaptations — but many are.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Rhode Island recently completed an audit of the current practices of all city or town councils and all school committees in the Ocean State. They assessed four key areas of what they consider to be good government practices in 2023:

1. Does the public body post the backup materials, such as consultant reports, memos, presentations, etc., that accompany its agenda?

2. Are they livestreaming their meetings, so people can watch from home or elsewhere?

3. Are they allowing the public to actually participate in the meeting remotely, for example commenting during a public forum while watching from home?



Barrington School Committee Chairman Patrick McCrann (left) makes a point during a meeting last month, with fellow committee members Dr. Megan Douglas and Amanda Regino Base (right) looking on. Theirs is the only school committee in Rhode Island that is currently posting backup materials along with its agendas, live-streaming its meetings, allowing remote participation during the meetings and posting and archiving the recordings. McCrann said the new format has actually made their role easier, and their meetings better.

4. Are they posting and archiving their meetings, so people can watch them after they've happened?

Few local government bodies are doing all four. On the municipal side, nine out of 39 cities and towns are posting their materials ahead of time, livestreaming their meetings, letting the public join virtually, and archiving footage of the meetings. In the East Bay, only Portsmouth and Middletown are doing all of the above.

A perfect score in Barrington

On the school side, only one school committee in the state is doing all four of the best practices — Barrington. Many groups are livestreaming and posting their meeting footage, but the Barrington School Committee is

“This is the evolution, in my opinion, of how government should be run.”

KEVIN AGUIAR,

PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

one of only two in Rhode Island allowing remote participation (Portsmouth is the other), and it is the only one also posting its backup materials before the meeting (Portsmouth is not). Watching via Zoom, Barrington parents, taxpayers and others can view all the backup reports and memos while the meeting is taking place, click in to the Zoom feed, join the public comment portion of the meeting,

and then continue on with their evenings.

They have those options because of a deliberate choice made by leadership and members of the Barrington School Committee, which seems to have had surprising consequences.

“Before November, we would get 10 to 20 emails a week. Since November, I've received 20 emails total from the public,” said Patrick McCrann, chairman of the committee. McCrann became chairman in November, after he and two newly elected board members formed a new majority and immediately began making small changes to how the committee operates. Barrington now emails to its entire community notices of every public

GOVERNMENT: Most local boards are not allowing remote participation from the public

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meeting, with a link to the agenda. The agenda itself has links to the backup materials. They include the live-streaming and Zoom links. And the committee placed its Public Comment session at the lead of every meeting, giving the public certainty of when they will have a chance to speak.

“It has fundamentally changed how we operate as a committee, because everything is happening in the way it should be, in front of the committee,” McCrann said.

The changes are deliberate, part of a philosophy aimed at being accommodating to the public. “There are a healthy percentage of people in our community who cannot attend meetings when we hold meetings,” McCrann said. “We moved public comment to the beginning of our agenda, so you know there is always a public comment at 6:30 p.m. You know you can show up at 6:30, or you can log in at 6:30, and you can say your peace.”

McCrann strongly believes that making things easier for the public has made things easier for the committee. “Giving people the space to talk is actually disarming,” he said. “And the public comment we get now is better. People know exactly what we’re talking about — it’s so much better.”

He said volunteering on the school committee has become easier since the changes.

“Before the election, we had tons of contentious issues. We got lots of emails. I spent a couple hours a week answering emails ... Now, I actually got to the point where I thought I had done something to my email. I thought it wasn’t working. It’s just not the same energy,” McCrann said. “This has been a massive positive for me.”

Commenting from home

To be clear, none of the government bodies are required by law to do any of the four activities assessed in the ACLU study. If they are doing so, they are choosing to do so.

Yet most of the groups, including the majority in the East Bay, are following three of the identified best practices. The most common exception is “remote participation.” Whether because of the fresh scars from disruptive Zoomers, a technology barrier, or a philosophical choice, only 13 of the 73 government bodies in the ACLU study, or 18 percent, are allowing people to join the conversation from home.

The Portsmouth Town Council is one of them. Its chairman, Kevin Aguiar, said he and his colleagues believe it’s the best form of gov-

MUNICIPALITY	PACKET ONLINE	LIVESTREAM	REMOTE PARTICIPATION	VIDEO ARCHIVED	SCORE
COUNCILS					
Portsmouth Town Council	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Middletown Town Council	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
East Providence City Council	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Bristol Town Council	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Warren Town Council	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Little Compton Town Council	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Barrington Town Council	Y	N	N	Y	2
Tiverton Town Council	N	Y	N	Y	2
Westport Town Council	N	Y*	N	Y	2
SCHOOL COMMITTEES					
Barrington School Committee	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Bristol-Warren School Committee	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Little Compton School Committee	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Portsmouth School Committee	N	Y	Y	Y	3
Tiverton School Committee	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Westport School Committee	Y	Y*	N	Y	3
East Providence School Committee	N	Y	N	Y	2
Middletown School Committee	Y**	N	N	N	1

* Meetings are broadcast on local cable access TV.
** Supporting documents are not available at the school website but can be found through the Town Council website after some searching.

The ACLU of Rhode Island audited every town or city council and every school committee in Rhode Island to see how they are handling public meetings in 2023. The study reveals whether the government body is (left to right) making its backup materials available to the public at the time of the meeting, live-streaming its meetings, allowing remote participation in the meetings and archiving and posting the recordings of the meetings. A few are doing all four, such as the Portsmouth Town Council and Barrington School Committee. East Bay Media Group added the Westport bodies to this study.

ernment today. “This is the evolution, in my opinion, of how government should be run,” Aguiar said.

He believes that remote participation (Portsmouth uses Zoom) creates the greatest flexibility for the public. “It opens up opportunities for citizens who couldn’t physically be at town hall, or for people who can’t be there in the room for three hours when they’re really interested in only 10 or 15 minutes of the meeting,” Aguiar said.

He acknowledges the potential negatives of allowing people to sit home in their pajamas, or on the couch with a second glass of wine, and join the public discussions of the top administrative body in town. Of the potential for disruptive speakers, Aguiar said: “You just have to deal with it. It’s going to happen. But having said that, it really hasn’t been an issue for us. I can’t think of any incidents where a remote participant got far off topic or off track.”

Aguiar touted one other advantage that is

unique to Portsmouth. Because the municipality includes residents living year-round on Prudence Island, livestreaming and remote participation create great new opportunities for the public. Instead of hopping on a boat to attend their council meetings, Prudence residents can click a mouse and join within seconds.

Resistance to remote access

The Bristol Town Council is one of many that is doing all-of-the-above good government strategies except remote participation. To join the discussion, a resident must still go to Town Hall and wait in the audience to be called upon. Call him “old school,” but council Chairman Nathan Calouro believes there are intangible benefits to in-person communication. “I don’t know the exact percentage cited in research studies,” Calouro said, “but let’s say that 80% of human communication is through body language.” The way someone positions their body, their facial expressions, their hand gestures — all deliver information during spoken communication.

“You do not get those things through a remote format. You miss the body movements, the visual cues, that we’re all not able to see when someone is remote ... I think those are invaluable,” Calouro said.

Cautious to point out that he was expressing only his own opinions, not necessarily those of his colleagues, Calouro also said he has experienced the negative sides of remote participation. “Everyone has been part of a meeting when a verbal grenade has been thrown that probably would not have been part of the meeting if that speaker was there with you in-person,” he said. “I think people feel more emboldened when they’re at home, or when they have their camera off ... and maybe they express an opinion that they might not if they were in public.”

Calouro made sure to say that he and his fellow councilors are as welcoming to the public as they can be in their current format. “I can’t think of a time when we haven’t allowed the public to speak. We are open. We are engaging,” he said. In Bristol, they just believe that participation should be in-person. “You miss so much when it’s online.”

A few miles away, in Portsmouth, they seem committed to the new format.

“Remote participation gives them the flexibility to attend a meeting that they wouldn’t otherwise attend,” said council president Aguiar. “They can multitask and pay attention when they want to ... I think it’s the right thing to do, to allow for greater participation from citizens.”

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Advocating for change in government

While auditing the current practices of 73 local government agencies in Rhode Island, the ACLU also issued recommendations for best practices in 2023. They advocate that all government bodies, such as town councils and school committees, take the necessary steps to, at the very least:

- Post meeting materials before the actual meeting;
- Livestream their meetings;
- Post and archive the recordings.

The ACLU also urges that these bodies allow remote participation for the public, and if they lack the technology for remote participation, to invest as necessary, possi-

bly with the state's assistance.

Following are excerpts from the ACLU report:

"As a result of the open meetings lessons spurred by the pandemic, more parents were able to monitor school board meetings without having to find childcare; elderly residents could watch evening town council meetings without having to drive in the dark; and harried individuals with two jobs often had an opportunity to watch an important governmental meeting on their own schedule. Major public bodies that have not continued with those opportunities for remote public involvement should

do so ...

"There is simply no reason for any city or town council or school committee to fail to livestream their meetings, record them for future reference, and provide links to agenda item documents online. We urge every city and town council and every school committee to begin doing so if they are not already. There is no need to wait for the passage of a law to take these actions in the interests of transparency and accountability ...

"Access to the democratic process should no longer hinge on a person's physical mobility or their ability to afford a car, get

time off work, or find a childcare provider. If municipal councils and school committees positively address the access issues analyzed in this report, they will be taking important steps in further promoting the Open Meetings Act's goal of having 'public business be performed in an open and public manner.' "

A bill introduced to the Rhode Island Senate this year would codify many of these recommended best practices, making them the legal standard for public meetings in the state, but that bill has not been voted out of committee and there is no matching bill in the House of Representatives.

Mackubin Owens to speak on reaffirming the Declaration of Independence

How the progressive view has led to problems with government today will be the subject of an address by Mackubin Owens on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post #237 (850 Hope St.) in Bristol. The event is free and open to the public.

Hosted by the Bristol County Concerned Citizens, Dr. Owens is a senior fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. The title of his address is "Do We Still 'Hold These Truths'?: The Eternal Meaning of the Declaration of Independence."

In a close scrutiny of the thinking behind our country's foundation as a republican form of government, Dr. Owens underscores the importance of reaffirming the founders' original intention in crafting the Declaration of Independence.

In a republican form of government, the power is held by the people through their elected representatives within the confines of the Constitution and with strict adherence to the rule of law.

Dr. Owens notes that President Abraham Lincoln also recognized the importance of preserving this republican form of government. "He contended that this was the real thing to be preserved, because only republican government is capable of protecting the rights and liberties of the people," Dr. Owens said.

"But the founders' view — as well as that of Lincoln — is today largely ignored, if not demeaned," Dr. Owens said, "the result of the revolution in political thought effected by progressives in the latter part of the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries."

"Progressives have effectively replaced liberty with 'efficiency' and the concept of 'rights' with prescriptive entitlements," he said.

Dr. Owens said his address is especially significant this time of year. "What do Americans celebrate on the Fourth of July?" he asked.



Mackubin Owens

"The anniversary of declaring our independence from Great Britain, of course, but there is something deeper, the Constitution as the means for implementing a republic based on the equality and consent of a self-governing people."

Previously editor of "Orbis: FPRI's Journal of World Affairs," Dr. Owens was dean of academic affairs and professor at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, D.C., professor of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, editor-in-chief of the quarterly defense journal Strategic Review and adjunct professor of international relations at Boston University.

Dr. Owens is the author of numerous books on Abraham Lincoln, U.S. military and foreign policy. He is co-editor of the textbook, "Strategy and Force Planning," now in its fourth edition. He is a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal and GoLocalProv.

Dr. Owens is also a Marine Corps veteran of

Vietnam, where as an infantry platoon and company commander in 1968-1969, he was wounded twice and awarded the Silver Star medal. He retired as a Colonel in 1994.

He earned his Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Dallas, a Master of Arts in Economics from Oklahoma University, and his BA from

the University of California at Santa Barbara. He has taught at the University of Rhode Island, the University of Dallas, Catholic University, Ashland University of Ohio, and the Marine Corps' School of Advanced Warfighting (SAW).

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BOOK REVIEW

A woman of science who was overshadowed and overlooked

‘Her Hidden Genius’
By Marie Benedict

Once again, novelist Marie Benedict focuses her narrative on a brilliant, but overlooked woman, as she did in her earlier novels, “The Other Einstein,” about Albert’s wife Mileva, and “The Only Woman in the Room,” about film star Heddy Lamera. Both of those books portrayed extremely capable scientists who were overshadowed by male counterparts.

In this book, the subject is Rosalind Franklin, another female researcher who worked to discover the very nature of our DNA. As with the other two, Benedict conducted intense historical research to unearth the significant role Franklin played in the scientific world. In choosing molecular biology as a career, Rosalind ran into conflict with her father, a wealthy Jewish philanthropist who believed women should use their talents for the betterment of mankind through charity, good works, and a suitable marriage, rather than a salaried position.

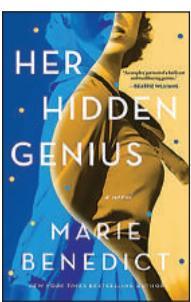
She further antagonized him by declaring

she did not believe in God or the afterlife, but in science. Moreover, in her chosen field of research, she encountered blatant misogyny as a woman in a man’s world. At Cambridge she was the only woman in a laboratory full of aloof men.

In 1947, after commenting at a meeting at the Royal Institution in London where she was booed by two scientists who yelled “women should know their place,” she relocated to Paris to study x-ray crystallography. Although holding the opinion that marriage and motherhood were incompatible with a career, she fell in love with her mentor, Jacques Mering, who omitted telling her that he was married.

Upon this shocking disappointment, she returned to England in 1951 to work at King’s College on a fellowship. Her work was to unlock the question of how DNA can store vast quantities of genetic information and then transmit and create more genetic information. The purpose of her research was to find out how life itself replicates in endless, observable permutations.

In this British lab she was able to make more progress than other scientists there had been capable of and learned there were two forms of DNA, a revolutionary finding. However, the assistant director there, Maurice



Wilkins, stole her preliminary data and presented them as his own at a conference.

It was Rosalind who discovered there were two distinct forms of DNA, an A and a B form that had the structure of helices. She personally made the correct calculations, which were usurped.

While she, more than anyone else, was responsible for this world-changing, invaluable contribution to humanity, fellow scientists James Watson, Francis Crick, and Maurice Wilkins were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962 for papers and findings based on Rosalind’s research. In the end she actually gave her life literally to science, as she succumbed at age 36 to the cumulative damage of exposure to radiation.

The author first became intrigued with Rosalind’s story and her role in the discovery of DNA by the publication of Anne Sayer’s “Rosalind Franklin and DNA.” In “Her Hidden Genius,” the author attempts to give Rosalind her due for her incredible discoveries.

As in her earlier historical novels, author

Marie Benedict highlights a brilliant woman and celebrates her innovative methods and achievements in an extremely competitive and male dominated field.

Although replete with scientific terms and data – such as isomorphous replacement, the Ehrenberg-Spear tube, and electromagnetic beam – which may be difficult for the layman to understand, the book provides insight into the rivalry existing in the scientific community to be the first to discover some breakthrough.

At the end of her life, Franklin had begun research to unlock the secrets of RNA, along with the hidden workings of the tobacco mosaic virus. It has taken years for Franklin to become a legend in her field, partly because she was cast in a negative light for her perceived lack of femininity, her refusal to act as a subordinate to Wilkins, in addition to Watson’s portrayal of her as hostile, unattractive, obstinate, and narrow-minded.

After careful investigation, the author was determined to correct these inaccurate stereotypes created by biased competitors who were bitter at being bested by a female.

Donna Bruno is a prizewinning author and poet recently recognized with four awards by National League of American Pen Women.

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WHAT: Talk on native plants
WHEN: Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Barrington Public Library’s Salem Family Auditorium, 281 County Road
COST: Free and open to the public; but, reserve a seat at <https://www.blct.org/event/uli-lorimer>. A virtual option is available.

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Block Island Tournament grows with partner tackle shops

“The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament doubled the number of participants with tackle shop partners last year and added a fly fishing shore and boat division,” said Capt. Chris Willi of Block Island Fish Works, a bait & tackle shop/charter fishing business on Block Island.



Capt. Dave MONTI

This year the Tournament starts Saturday, July 22, at 5:30 a.m. and ends Sunday, July 23, at noon. There will be an ‘After Party’ at Capt. Nick’s Rock & Roll Bar, Block Island on Sunday, July 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. with a brief Tournament awards ceremony.

“This is a length only (catch & release optional) Tournament. When registering, online participants download our Tournament app on their smartphone. When they want to make a Tournament entry they take a photo of their catch up against the Tournament supplied ruler and send their entry into the Tournament electronically,” said Capt. Willi.

Where’s the bite

Striped bass and bluefish: Fishing for striped bass and bluefish in Narragansett Bay has been very good but often times anglers are having to hunt for them. Tim Rounds of Idaho caught a 38” striped bass last week just off Popasquash Point, Bristol.

On Tuesday, we caught keeper bass (28” to less than 31”) and large bluefish north of Conimicut Point using light tackle with tube & worm with Bob Donald of North Kingstown catching bass to 33” Thursday.

Dave Henault of Ocean State Bait & Tackle said, “The striped bass and bluefish bite continues to be great north of Conimicut Light,

all the way up to Providence, as this past week there has been an influx of pogies.”

“I landed nine very nice size striped bass at Narrow River last week and dropped three others. Most of the bass were in the 18” to 20” range. Four bass on my hot pink fly and then changed to my brown one the rest of the time,” said Ed Lombardo, fly fishing expert and guide.

Mike Swain of Coventry, a large bass fishing expert, said, “We caught our largest bass of the season this weekend live lining a pogie in the upper reaches of the Providence River. The striped bass was 30 pounds.”

East End Eddie Doherty, Cape Cod Canal fishing expert and author said, “There was a four-hour bite west of the Bourne Bridge that produced eight striped bass last week for Blackstone’s Mike Deryck, two in the mid-20-pound range and one that was well over 30, all on a large Green Mac Savage.”

Declan O’Donnell of Breachway Bait & Tackle, Charlestown said, “The bass bite out front around the island and up in the bay has been great this past week, with some aggressive surface feeding going on at times. The bass are chasing sand eels, bunker, and squid. There has also been good action for bass back in the salt ponds, and there has been a few small hatches this week. Bass in the salt ponds have been pretty finicky, but customers are still able to get some by switching to smaller profile baits or throwing eels in the evening. There are still some big bluefish around, especially around Point Judith and the Breachways.”

Scup, black sea bass and summer flounder Angler Dariusz Kolodziejczak said, “Last week outside the center wall of Point Judith I caught a 10.17-pound summer flounder

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Angler Bob Donald of North Kingstown caught bass to 33” trolling tube & worm north of Conimicut Light. An influx of pogies enhanced the striper bite last week.

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ABOVE: Mike Swain of Coventry, an expert large striped bass angler, caught and released this 30-pound striper last weekend in the upper Providence River, using a live Atlantic menhaden (pogie) as bait. LEFT: The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament will include fluke, black sea bass, striped bass, bluefish, boat, shore, fly fishing, youth, team and wind farm photo contest divisions.

Anglers are finding it easier to find fluke, scup, black sea bass

From **FACING PAGE**

(fluke). The big fluke hit my buck tail tipped with gulp.”

“Fluke fishing is hit or miss, but definitely picking up. Some anglers doing very well and others still struggling to find the fish. The best reports for fluke seem to be coming from 40-plus feet of water. Scup are starting to show up in better numbers and there were reports of a few black sea bass caught last week,” said Declan O’Donnell of Breachway

Bait & Tackle.

Neil Hayes of Quaker Lane said, “Anglers are starting to catch scup, keeper black sea bass and the fluke bite continues to improve both in the Bay particularly around the bridges, in front of Wickford and off our coastal shores.”

Dave Monti holds a captain’s master license and charter fishing license. Forward fishing news and photos to dmontifish@verizon.net or visit www.noflukefishing.com.

The Tides*	HiAM	HiPM	LoAM	LoPM	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday, June 7	11:24 (5.0)	11:48 (5.0)	4:40	4:26	5:10	8:18
Thursday, June 8	—	12:21 (4.3)	5:30	5:22	5:09	8:18
Friday, June 9	12:46 (4.8)	1:20 (4.4)	6:28	6:31	5:09	8:19
Saturday, June 10	1:43 (4.5)	2:18 (4.5)	7:38	8:17	5:09	8:20
Sunday, June 11	2:40 (4.3)	3:16 (4.6)	8:43	9:51	5:09	8:20
Monday, June 12	3:39 (4.1)	4:16 (4.7)	9:35	10:55	5:09	8:21
Tuesday, June 13	4:40 (3.9)	5:17 (4.8)	10:18	11:47	5:09	8:21
Wednesday, June 14	5:41 (3.9)	6:13 (4.9)	10:57	—	5:09	8:22
Thursday, June 15	6:36 (3.9)	7:04 (4.9)	12:33	11:35	5:09	8:22

New Moon June 18 — Full Moon July 3

* Information is based on tides in Bristol Harbor.



Annual Antique Car Show

The Little Compton Republican Town Committee will host the third annual Antique Car Show on Sunday. There will be food, drinks and September Surprise Raffle Calendars for purchase, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts. This year, a silent auction, antique tractors and heavy equipment have been added. The raindate is Sunday, June 25.

WHAT: Annual Antique Car Show
WHEN: Sunday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Veterans Field, 15 Meeting House Lane
COST: Suggested admission is non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Little Compton Food Bank.

Images that amuse and inspire reflection

An exhibit featuring artist Carl Keitner and guest artists Polly Seip and Chryssa Udvardy is at the Imago Gallery. Inspired by Man Ray, who was reported to say he wanted “to make images that could amuse, inspire reflection not arouse admiration for any technical excellence,” Keitner set about to make images with Lili, his step-granddaughter, at an auto graveyard in Bristol.

WHAT: Group art exhibit
WHEN: June 8 to July 16; opening reception Saturday, June 10, from 5 to 8 p.m.
WHERE: Imago Gallery, 36 Market St., Warren
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TALKING POLITICS

RIPEC sends a strong warning about state spending

STORY OF THE WEEK: It has been clear for a while that the sugar high of consecutive budget surpluses in Rhode Island – a rare occurrence in a state usually dogged by perennial deficits -- is headed to a crash. Now, the business-



Ian DONNIS

backed Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council has put its imprimatur on that view with a report issued just days before a House Finance Committee vote on the spending plan. In part, RIPEC found that Gov. Dan McKee's proposed \$13.8 billion budget for 2023-24 represents a significant increase over where total spending (\$9.5B) and state general revenue (\$3.9B) spending were just five years ago. "Policymakers have had a relatively easy time managing expenditures, but the state is now entering a period in which pandemic-related federal funding will be running out and state general revenue growth will be considerably more constrained," warned RIPEC President/CEO Michael DiBiase. "Policymakers will need to avoid unsustainable spending commitments and be prepared to curtail the level of spending growth."

Revenue growth is projected to climb through FY28 at 2.5%, one point behind the trendline from 2014-2018 and considerably less than the 6.6% growth from FY19 through FY23. RIPEC's recommendations on how to respond include bolstering the rainy-day fund, improving the business climate, paying close attention to transportation funding, and focusing on health and human services delivery "since spending demands in this area likely will present the most challenging issue for the FY 2025 budget."

CD1: Of the 16 or so Democrats running for the seat vacated by David Cicilline, Don Carlson may have the broadest range of experience. He's been a trial lawyer, a congressional legislative director, a renewable energy investor, a volunteer EMT, an instructor in leadership and he's worked on Wall Street. But Carlson's name-recognition, at least for now, pales in comparison to some of the better-known candidates in CD1. Carlson tells me he will likely start airing TV commercials later this month and he plans on spending close to \$1 million during his campaign. Here are some excerpts (edited for length) from my Political Roundtable interview with Carlson, a 62-year-old Jamestown resident.

HOW WILL HE SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM THE PACK: "I think Rhode Island needs a new economic engine. And I think that engine can be offshore wind, and I think that's right in front of us, implementing a strategy to try to put Rhode Island really at the center of the renewable energy revolution, and

especially in offshore wind would be a big part of it, I think that'll get a lot of attention. And I think people get excited about the idea of really good high-paying, high-skilled jobs created right here in Rhode Island."

WHAT RI NEEDS TO DO DIFFERENTLY TO CAPITALIZE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY: Policy-wise, I think we need to really understand what resources are available through the new legislation, the Infrastructure Act, the Chips Act and the Inflation Reduction Act at the federal level. That's where a congressman can really play a key role in figuring out, how do we leverage those dollars? The other thing, I think, is to leverage the power of the private sector. Too often we just say this should be a government solution. And government's going to solve this problem. I think that we can harness the creativity and the innovative power of the private sector. That is how our system works. And I think it's really important for Rhode Islanders to understand that there are business opportunities here and it's okay for people to come in, in a for-profit context, in the private sector, and to develop new businesses that will provide really good, high-paying, long-term, high-skilled jobs for Rhode Island citizens."

ROCKY PAST: Lacking the money to hire a Statehouse lobbyist? You can still buy a piece of leftover marble from the stash used by a Worcester firm (!) to construct RI's Capitol back in the 1890s. The marble was discovered in Providence's Valley neighborhood, buried beneath the new home of Farm Fresh RI. The nonprofit, which promotes sustainable agriculture, is staging a sale of the rediscovered to benefit its efforts, June 9-11.

HOUSING: Over time, support has shifted the view that it's better and more cost-effective to provide permanent housing for the unhoused than to respond with shelters and emergency housing. My colleague Olivia Ebertz reports on one local nonprofit, Amos House, which has acquired 375 units through a landlord incentive program, most of them since Albert Schiavone, a landlord and businessman himself, started on the case for Amos House last year. Still, while the initiative is making a difference, it's a Band-Aid and some say the public sector should remain the main force in addressing homelessness.

HOSPITALS: Attorney General Peter Neronha and the state Health Department, the two agencies that oversee hospital conversions, have found that an initial submission by the Centurion Foundation and Prospect Medical Holdings, for Centurion's proposed acquisition of ChaterCARE, does not meet the requirements of RI's Hospital Conversion Act. In a statement this week, the two departments say the application will be reviewed once it is considered complete. ChaterCARE's best-known holdings are Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in North Providence. Back in 2021, Neronha signed off on the ownership change involving Prospect Medical Holdings only after it agreed to provide \$80 million in escrow that the AG called necessary to ensure the future of the two hospitals.

COMING & GOING: Best wishes to Matt Fidel, comms director for U.S. Rep. Seth Magaziner, as he heads off to Harvard Law School. Fidel will be succeeded by Hawaiian native James Kwon, most recently a staffer with U.S. Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA).

TAKES OF THE WEEK: various views from a mix of Rhode Islanders
RI Senate GOP Leader JESSICA DE LA CRUZ of North Smithfield: "In the 2021-2022 legislative session, the Senate witnessed a remarkable shift in the Senate Oversight Committee's approach towards the executive branch and quasi-public agencies. This depart-

ture from its previously lackluster performance is a testament to serving the people of Rhode Island better and achieving greater reforms. It may seem unusual for a party with a supermajority to conduct oversight on the executive branch who they've largely supported, but it was both proper and just to ensure genuine accountability for all Rhode Islanders. Some may argue that oversight does not bring about significant changes, but I strongly disagree. I attribute saving Zambarano Hospital to the diligent oversight carried out by Senate Oversight. Change comes about by holding those in power accountable for their actions and inactions. Good government can only come from strong and vigorous oversight. I remain hopeful that we will soon witness a return to meaningful oversight hearings even after the legislature adjourns in the next few weeks."

Consultant LIANA CASSAR, a former state rep from Barrington: "As Pride Month kicks off this week, we're seeing rainbows everywhere. The public awareness and embracing of LGBTQIA rights and experiences is heartwarming, especially in light of the anti-trans legislation and rhetoric that is creating a dangerous and hostile environment for many people, disregarding the basic principles of a democratic society. While RI has managed to avoid succumbing to the wave of hateful and harmful anti-trans legislation, that's not enough to assure that LGBTQIA people have safety and economic stability. Research shows that LGBTQIA people, especially people of color, face stigma and discrimination that contributes to higher rates of poverty and higher rates of homelessness than their straight and cisgender counterparts."

"This Pride Month, let's celebrate Pride while also making a commitment to addressing the barriers facing our LGBTQIA neighbors, family members and friends, especially our trans youth, so that we can create the conditions for thriving and assure them that RI is not only a safe place for them to live, but a community that will help them thrive, starting with safe and stable housing."

ROBERT A. WALSH JR., former executive director of the National Education Association Rhode Island: "Occasionally, I ponder how I would approach some of the significant votes in Congress. This week, of course, the big vote, and the last significant vote of outgoing Congressman David Cicilline, was on the debt ceiling. I often describe myself in presidential politics as a 'fall in love in the primary, fall in line in the general election' Democrat. In many ways that same logic applies to votes of this significance. Fight hard for the best legislation possible and then recognize the greater good (or the lesser of two evils.)"

"I suspect I would very much have wanted to vote 'no' but out of respect for the rest of our small delegation and the work and negotiating skill of President Biden, I likely would've voted 'yes.' To be fair, I don't know if that answer would've been the same when I ran for Congress half a lifetime ago. And, of course, congratulations to David Cicilline for a lifetime of public service as he embarks on his new adventure."

CORTNEY NICOLATO, president/CEO of the United Way of Rhode Island: "Without innovation, there is no change, and to create positive, transformative change requires listening and learning, and taking inventory of our own actions and systems. Less than 30 months ago, United Way said we would commit \$100 million over five years to build racial equity in Rhode Island and we have not strayed. With our latest \$10 million in community investments, contributions toward that goal top \$70 million. But how these resources are dispersed and, as a result, what they allow for can be the real game-changer for our state. Overhauling our grants program removed barriers to funding and enables our nonprofits the flexibility to be more innovative with their mission-driven

work, which will lead to the progress, movement, and impact Rhode Island needs. "Nonprofits are businesses for social good and yet have had to live by a scarcity mentality born from restrictions placed by funders and others. The time is now to be bold and innovative. This is how to create real change, and this is what we'll continue to do for the greater good of our state. Join us."

JASON ROIAS, campaign manager in CD1 for state Sen. Ana Quezada: "In Providence, the sexiest label a political candidate can apply to oneself is being a 'product of Providence Public Schools.' As graduation season quickly approaches, when students are eager to change the trajectory of their families' lives, I feel it's appropriate to delve deeper into the crown jewel of PPSD: Classical High School. A drum that I have been beating even before I graduated from Hope HS is the equity around the entrance exam. The exam administered by Classical poses a sink or swim challenge for our 12/13-year-olds transitioning from middle school, serving either as a moment of opportunity or inequality. Classical stands apart from other schools by offering Latin, a robust Advanced Placement (AP) program, and an exciting travel program known as 'Classical Travels!' However, even if a student passes the entrance exam, his or her enrollment at Classical is not guaranteed. This means that despite their qualifications, some students may still not have the opportunity to walk through those purple doors in September."

"So, what's my beef? It's time for the school board to seriously consider removing the entrance exam requirement at Classical High School or to establish a gifted program in each high school for academically inclined students (like the one at Nathanael Greene Middle School) This change would engender greater equity, inclusivity, and diversity within our educational system, ensuring that every student has a fair opportunity to excel and succeed."

WORKING: A growing number of states, including Massachusetts, are contemplating proposals to institute a four-day work week. Supporters say pilot efforts have demonstrated positive results, including making it easier for some employers to attract workers. Still, the 40-hour work week is deeply ingrained in American culture, so it's unlikely to fade away quickly.

THE LONG RUN: According to MIT Technology Review, Rhode Island is getting some consideration as a longevity state: "a state that prioritizes doing something about aging." The story reports that Nathan Cheng, who leads the Longevity Biotech Fellowship and spoke at a recent conference in Montenegro, "has his sights set on Rhode Island. It's close to Boston, a well-established biotech hub. And it has a small population. If enough people who believed in his moral philosophy moved there, they could have enough voting power to influence mayoral and state elections, he said. 'Five to ten thousand people — that's all we need,' he told the attendees."

KICKER: Technologists have for years kicked around the concept known as "the Singularity" – the time when artificial intelligence exceeds human intelligence, with potentially disastrous results for the flesh-and-blood crowd. Now, with the rapid growth of AI, these dystopian thoughts are not just the stuff of sci-fi movies. Some scoff at the worst-case scenario, pointing to how AI might be most widely used to imitate art or for personalized shopping. There's an upside, too, with significant potential in medical research, for example. For now, the Air Force is saying someone mis-spoke while describing how, during a test, an AI-enabled drone attacked its human operator.

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A large, two-story white house with a wrap-around porch and a balcony, surrounded by lush greenery and trees. The house features a prominent front porch with a gabled roof and a balcony on the upper floor. The exterior is clad in white horizontal siding. The house is set on a well-manicured lawn with various shrubs and trees, including a large tree on the right side of the frame. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

A modern kitchen featuring dark wood cabinetry with crown molding. The countertop is a light-colored material. A stainless steel range hood is positioned above a gas cooktop and a built-in oven. To the right of the cooktop is a microwave. Further right is a sink with a chrome faucet and a window above it. A stainless steel dishwasher is integrated into the lower cabinets. A large glass door on the right side of the kitchen opens to a patio area with a stone fire pit and greenery. The floor is made of light-colored wood, and a patterned rug is partially visible in the foreground.

A large, bright living room with a fireplace, patterned armchairs, a wooden coffee table, and a view into a dining area. The room features light-colored walls, a white fireplace mantel with a framed picture and decorative items, and a dark fireplace opening. Two patterned armchairs and a wooden coffee table are in the foreground. The room opens up to a dining area with a wooden table and chairs, and a large potted plant is visible in the background. The floor is made of light-colored wood.

A bright, vaulted interior space, likely a sunroom or conservatory, featuring large glass doors on the left, a central wooden table, and two windows on the right. The room has a high ceiling with exposed wooden beams and track lighting. A patterned rug covers the floor, and two black chairs are positioned near the windows.

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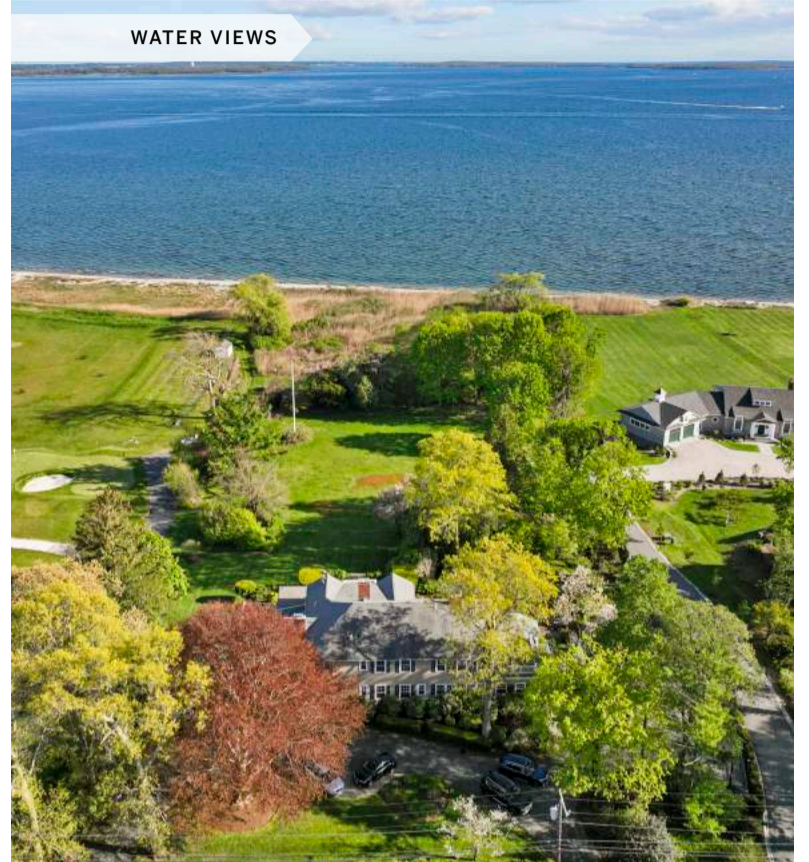
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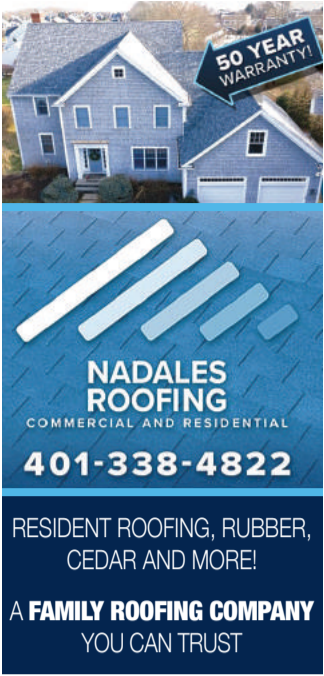
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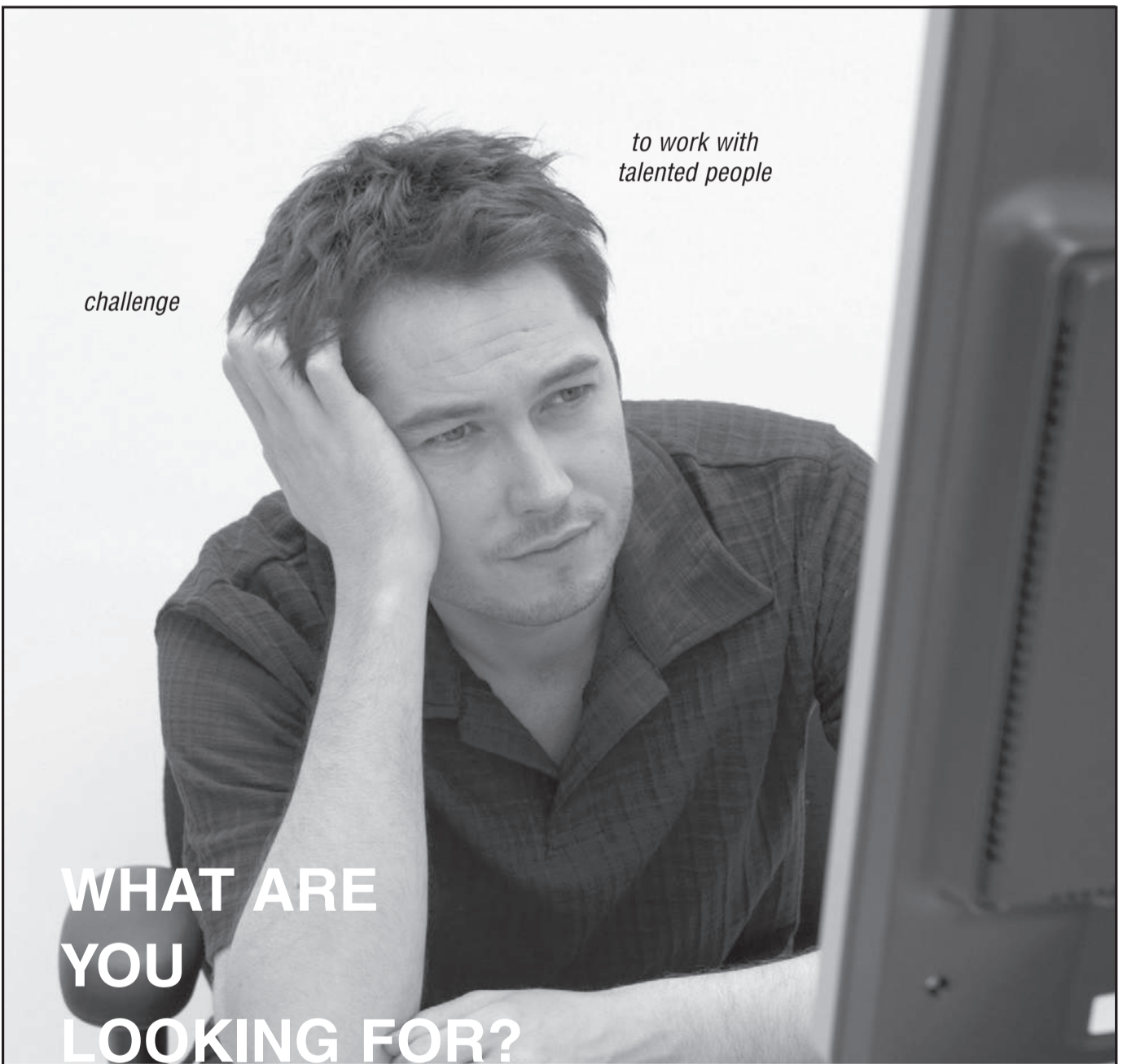
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