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# Council concedes on most budget matters

*DaSilva's draft operational outline for Fiscal Year 2023-24 stays basically intact*

BY MIKE REGO

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Things got a little heated and, in sports parlance, chippy during a public hearing held by the Council Tuesday night, October 10, on the city's proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 operational budget.

At first, the Council took the perfunctory action of "tabling" Mayor Bob DaSilva's draft proposal so as to formally make changes to the operating outline.

In the end, after some alterations, the Council approved an appropriation of \$218,914,964 to run the city and schools over the next fiscal calendar beginning on November 1.

The body trimmed \$311,647 from the mayor's initial \$219-plus million submission with the intention to either cut the FY23-23 levy by half a percent (\$500,000) or to provide the School Department with more funds.

When the former didn't pan out and there wasn't enough support for the latter, the Council, at the suggestion of DaSilva, reallocated those savings back into the budget, earmarking it all into a line item to pay down the debt service on the construction projects at Martin Middle School and Waddington Elementary School.

Much of the build-up to the substantive conversation Tuesday was centered on something that didn't happen: the potential elimination of the mayor's chief of staff/director of administration position held by Napoleon Gonsalves. Ultimately, the Council did not take up the matter, leaving the role and the \$111,469 compensation package in place.

In an opening statement on the status of his chief of staff as well as proposed cuts to the Capital budget, the mayor said, "I implore you to reconsider a lot of changes that you made," adding, "Quite frankly some of the changes are disturbing" and "would set us back."

Following comments made by several members of the administration and a couple of residents on his behalf, Gonsalves, who worked with DaSilva previously when both were Pawtucket police officers, addressed his situation.

He called the Council's choice to possibly eliminate his position a "knee jerk decision," adding later he was "not a politician...I'm a truther...I speak plainly and to the point."

He concluded by saying the potential elimination of his role "smells of 'old school' politics," and that the Council seemed to be "setting up him (the mayor) for failure, which means failure for the City of East Providence."

Ward 4 Council Rick Lawson was the first of the members to respond, saying the proposed



PHOTOS BY JULIE FURTADO

The Council's public hearing Tuesday night, Oct. 10, at City Hall on the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget drew a reasonable amount of interest from residents and employees in the administration of Mayor Bob DaSilva. The Council ultimately made few changes to the plan.

changes were not meant to be taken personally. He referenced the switches in Capital spending, saying he and his colleagues were supporting schools, pointing to the need to replace a boiler at Myron Francis Elementary.

Ward 1 Councilor Frank Rego, who was the sponsor of the Gonsalves' line item removal, echoed Lawson's remarks, saying none of the decisions were personal, but financial.

On the topic of Capital reallocations, Ward 2 Councilor Anna Sousa said what the Council was attempting to do with the changes was assist the School Department.

"A lot of the things we're doing here is to better the city, better departments," Sousa said, adding about the budget process as a whole it was the Council that set the how much was available, but it was up to the administration to use the monies as it saw fit to operate the city on a daily basis.

At-Large member and Council President Bob Rodericks, as he has throughout the budget season, broke with the majority of his colleagues to say he was basically against the amendments they had made. His most significant observation was that many of the cuts proposed by his colleagues were not mentioned throughout the process, only at the final meeting the week prior.

During the actual discussion of the Council amendments, the body eventually made only a small amount of changes to the mayor's draft submission.

The reallocated of note was earmarking \$150,328 for additional full-time dispatchers in the Public Safety Communications division from the department's overtime budget. And reductions of consequence saw the trimming of \$327,347 from the Solicitor's Department for "miscellaneous" spending and "outside services."

The Council also reversed an operations decision it indicated it would take the week prior at a workshop. The body decided against removing a position from the Planning Department for \$114,446 (salary and benefits).

On the Capital side, the Council initially proposed reallocating \$307,000 from city expenditures to the School Department, with \$28,000 left to spare. The body then once again redirected funds, this time back to the city side an earmark of \$90,000 for the purchase of a plow truck while rescinding the same amount previously set aside for schools for a front-loading truck and a mail



Napoleon Gonsalves

courier van. In addition, the Council added back \$25,000 for an equipment trailer for DPW, leaving \$3,000 unencumbered.

The body also formally approved Capital allocations for the following school projects: Riverside Middle School cafeteria/gym divider, \$35,000; Francis Elementary HVAC, \$130,000; and Orlo Elementary Playground Fence, \$52,000.

One carry-over cut from the workshops that did pass was removing entirely a \$750,000 expenditure from Police detail salaries. That money is part of the bid figure submitted by contractors hired to complete projects.

A final public hearing on the FY23-24 budget is set for Tuesday night, Oct. 17, at 6:30 in the Council chamber at City Hall.

Per City Charter, the mayor has 10 days to veto the budget following official approval. The Council can then override said veto with a "super majority" 4-1 vote of the members.

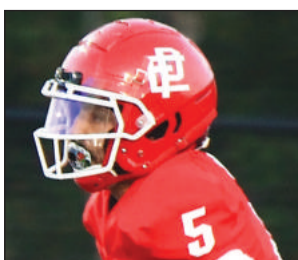


Mayor Bob DaSilva

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## LIBRARY NEWS

## October events at the Fuller Creative Learning Center

The Fuller Creative Learning Center, 260 Dover Ave., continues its schedule of programs and workshops. The schedule for October includes: Adults/Young Adults — Block of the Month Quilting (continued) - 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays 6-7:30 p.m.; Charity Sewing - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 2-3:30 p.m.; All Abilities Art - Wednesday, Oct. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (registration required); Coffee & Paint - Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10-11am; Meatless Meals Cooking Demo (Vegan Hermits) - Thursday, Oct. 19, 6-7 p.m.; Adult Paint Night w/ John Irwin - Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6-7 p.m. (registration required); Documentary: The YouTube Effect - Wednesday, Sep 27 10-11 a.m.; Folk Art Fusion - Thursday, Oct. 5 6-7 p.m.; Pumpkin Carving - Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6-7:30 p.m.; Kent Heights Halloween Costume Parade! - Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5 p.m.; Children/Teenagers — Themed Learning for Preschoolers - Mondays in October (except Oct. 9), 10:30-11:15am; Pumpkin Treat Cooking Series - Wednesdays, Oct. 11-25, 3:45-4:30 p.m.; Winter Gardening - Monday, Oct. 23, 3:45-4:30 p.m.; Petrifying Pastels - Monday, Oct. 30, 3:45-4:30 p.m.; Kent Heights Halloween Costume Parade! - Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5 p.m.; Virtual Reality - By appointment; All Ages — Drop-in Tech (WiFi, Computers, Sewing Machines, Virtual Reality Headsets, 3D Printer Pens, Recording Studio) or by appointment; More information on these events can be found on the East Providence; Library website or our Facebook page. You may also contact the Fuller; Creative Center at fullercreativelearning@gmail.com for more information or to regis-

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## Activities for teens, tweens at East Providence Public Libraries

The following are the monthly activities for teens and tweens offered at the East Providence Public Libraries: Community Service Tuesdays: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 17, & 24 (no Halloween session) from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Weaver Library. During this 2-hour block of time East Providence Middle and High School students will help with a variety of crafty activities. Please plan to stay for at least one full hour on the days you attend; DIY Mummy Jar Lantern: Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6-7 p.m. at Weaver Library. We provide everything you need to make your own mummy jar candle lantern! This program is for Middle School students. No registration needed; Horror Makeup Workshop: Thursday, Oct. 12, 6-7 p.m. at the Fuller Creative Learning Center. Learn from makeup expert Judy DePerla and master your Halloween makeup! This program is for teens and adults. Registration is required; Costume Troubleshooting: Monday, Oct. 16, 3:45 p.m. at the Fuller Creative Learning Center. Having trouble figuring out how to make that amazing costume idea a reality? We can help! This program is for all ages. No registration needed; Clay Monster Making: Monday, Oct. 23, 6-7 p.m. at Riverside Branch Library. Use air dry clay to create your own wacky monsters just in time for Halloween! This program is for Middle School students. No registration needed; Pumpkin Carving: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Fuller Creative Learning Center. Bring your own pumpkin to Fuller where we will have stencils, tools, and an expert to assist you! This program is for all ages. Registration is

## Friends of the East Providence Public Library Fall Book Saturday runs this weekend

Tired of rummaging through assorted books stacked on tables at your typical book sale? Then come to the Fall Book Sale sponsored by The Friends of the East Providence Public Library, Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, October 15 from 1-5 p.m. The semi-annual book sale is organized and displayed on easily accessible, upright book cases. Books are sorted in more than 50 categories. You will think you are walking into a book store. The difference is the prices are better. Proceeds will benefit library programs, including museum passes and special concerts and events. Thousands of items are included in the sale, most priced at \$1 for hard cover and soft cover books and 50¢ for children's books. A special selection of collectibles, which will be offered at the sale, is listed on the library website, under the Friends of the Library. Included are first edition and author-signed books, history, Rhode Island history, classics and interesting finds. Bookshelves are continuously restocked throughout the weekend, so visit more than once to see a wide variety of books. A "Taste of Fall" raffle, featuring more than \$750 in prizes, will also be held, with the drawing scheduled for Sunday. Pay by cash or check only. Questions? Call the library at 401-434-2453.

required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register for these programs and others visit <https://www.eastprovidencelibrary.org>.

## Monthly kids offerings at the East Providence Libraries

The following are the monthly children's activities at the East Providence Libraries: Fun for Toddlers & Preschoolers: Join us for stories, songs, dancing and playing on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Weaver Library: Oct. 11 - Rhythm Room - interactive percussion class, Oct. 18 - World Music with Chaia May, Oct. 25 - Halloween Storytime - costumes are encouraged; Preschool Development Activities Mondays in October, 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Fuller Creative Learning Center, Ages 3-5. Drop by for learning, socializing and fun; Baby/Toddler Play Group, Fridays, October 20 and 27 - 9:30-11 a.m. at Riverside Branch Library, Ages 0-3. Curtain

Call Reader's Theatre: Tuesdays, October 17, November 21, 3:45 at Weaver Library, Grades 2-5. Reader's Theater is a form of drama where kids use short scripts or an adapted picture book, along with props and costumes, to practice and put on a play. Kids will improve reading skills and interact with stories in a creative new way! No memorization needed. This month we will be performing Aladdin; Winter Gardening & Hydroponics: Monday, October 23, 3:45 at Fuller Creative Learning Center, All ages. Learn about prepping a garden for winter and all about our hydroponics; Crafternoon: Tuesdays, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, 3:45 at Weaver Library, All ages. Use recycled materials to create original art; Petrifying Pastels: Monday, October 30, 3:45 at Fuller Creative Learning Center, Grades K-5. Make a spooky masterpiece in pastels. For more information, please go to our Calendar of Events at <https://www.eastprovidencelibrary.org>.

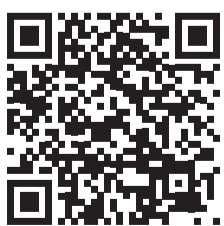


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# EPHS band, cheer, 'Herd' in action..fall 2023



PHOTOS BY MIKE REGO

The "spirit" of East Providence High School was on full display at last week's football game against Mt. Pleasant, including (top and bottom left) the EPHS cheerleaders perform at halftime, "Joe Townie" and "The Herd" (top right) rep the student body and the EPHS "Pride of East Providence" marching band play the National Anthem before the contest. View more photos the performances and the game action in Sports at eastbayri.com.

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# Council denies Cumberland Farms' request for Newport Ave. store

Also previously approached body to operate 24 hours upon opening location in the fall of 2022

BY MIKE REGO

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For the second time in a year's time, a second set of City Councilors voted unanimously to deny a application the Cumberland Farms convenience store located at the new "Newport Center" at Newport Avenue and New Road to open 24 hours.

Instead, the store's daily hours of operation will remain 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. The final tally was 4-0 in a vote taken at the Council's October 3 gathering. Ward 4 Councilor Rick Lawson was ill and absent from the proceedings.

Nicholas Hemond, a partner the Providence firm DarrowEverett LLC, represented Cumberland Farms at the meeting. He reminded the Council it was almost exactly a year to the day, October 4, 2022, that the convenience franchise had approached the previous incarnation of the body to seek a license to operate around the clock.

Hemond said the interior and exterior layouts of the chains latest stores makes them a "very bright place." He added Cumberland Farms "certainly don't tolerate loitering...It's not good for their business." He continued, store clerks are "charged" with making sure customers are "moving, not lingering."

The counselor said the request to open 24-7 was literally about convenience, making the operation convenient for patrons. Hemond said it's meant to allow people who have forget to get a loaf of bread or their child's school lunch to have access to the goods at any time.

He added, "It's for that. It's for the first responders, the hospital workers, nursing home workers, people that get off late. It's not for vagrants and loiterers."

Hemond said over half of the Cumberland Farms 48 locations in the surrounding area are open 24 hours, including one in East Providence at Wampanoag Trail and Pawtucket Avenue. He also said there have been few if any incidents involving law enforcement in



The Cumberland Farms convenience store location on Newport Avenue in the Rumford section of the city.

the year since the Newport Avenue location opened.

Hemond concluded, "My hope is to work together to work towards the 24-hour license. We're happy to do it incrementally if that is something that is more palatable, but I'm hoping it's something we can advance towards."

Last year, each of the then-Council members expressed their opposition prior to the vote and after several residents of the area spoke against the proposal in-person while a number of others submitted letters to be read into the record.

At-Large Council Bob Rodericks, now the body president, said at that time an operation the scale of Cumberland Farms did not "need" to be open 24 hours, adding he did not "think it's good" for the New Road neighborhood, specifically, and the area in Rumford from the split at Newport and Pawtucket Avenues north to the border of the City of Pawtucket overall.

Rodericks quoted the words from one of the submitted letters, saying "while I welcome Cumberland Farms as a neighbor I don't welcome the 24 hour request."

Rodericks backed off slightly from that position last week, saying now he was amenable to the store potentially opening up an hour earlier at 5 a.m. daily.

Noting not everyone works a traditional 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule., Rodericks said, "There's a need for this...not everybody works in office, not everybody works in a school...The world is up and about at 5 a.m."

Current Ward 1 Councilor Frank Rego, in whose district the Newport Ave. store is located, led the Council's opposition to the application, saying it's the most phone calls received on any issue so far in this term that began in January of 2023.

"From the 70 phone calls I've received and 25-plus emails, the people don't want it," said Rego, adding, "These people live there every day...I am going on record that I will be voting no on any extending of hours."

Rego also referred to the troubled Rumford Motor Inn also on Newport Avenue, which has long been the bane of neighbors and police.

He said the possibility of cross-over patronage between the establishments was reason enough not to support the application.

Susan Derouin, a resident of Coyle Avenue which runs parallel to Newport Avenue and runs into the development at New Road, spoke on behalf of area residents. She claimed speeding has increased as has the presence of larger trucks, trash and noise. She said if the Cumberland Farms were to open 24 hours "each of those will increase exponentially."

Derouin, who said she also spoke in opposition at last year's meeting, continued, "And I don't like the 5 a.m. because I think it's way of sneaking in the 24 hours...I don't want it. I've talked to my neighbors and they don't want it. And I don't think another year will make a difference."

Both Ward 3 rep Frank Fogarty and Ward 2's Anna Sousa, the only other incumbent like Rodericks still on the body from last term, were opposed to the application. Sousa said while she supports business in general "it's hard for people to judge when it's not in your backyard." She did, though, encourage the parties to continue to communicate on any potential changes in the future.



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# Sowams region could potentially become nationally recognized area

*The Sowams Heritage Area Project plans two public discussions on topic*

To The Post



**ABOVE:** Sowams Heritage Area Project coordinator Dr. David Weed (far left); **BELOW:** A QR code to register for the public meetings.

A program of the National Park Service, National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are living, working, landscapes, which are designated by Congress to honor the important role of a region in our country's development and celebrate its contributions to American history and culture. Through dynamic public-private partnerships, NHAs provide a way to recognize, share, and conserve a region's significant history and outstanding qualities. The participants will discuss why Sowams is important to our nation's origin story, learn about the benefits of the National Heritage Area program, and share their perspectives on how they can collaborate as a regional coalition to advance the communities.

"It will take many voices to tell the story of Sowams," Weed said. "We want to hear yours!" Led by a regional coalition of town planners, tourism entities, historical societies, environmentalists, Tribal leaders, and other volunteers, the Sowams Heritage Area Project is undertaking an initiative to develop a National Heritage Area (NHA) in Sowams, the ancestral homeland of the Massasoit Ousamequin who welcomed the Pilgrims in 1621. NHAs protect and promote a region's history, heritage and culture and use those assets to advance local economies through tourism, recreation and community development. For more information, visit <https://sowams.org>.



The Sowams Heritage Area Project invites members of the community to participate in conversations to discuss the significance of Sowams, the ancestral homeland of the Massasoit Ousamequin who welcomed the Pilgrims in 1621, and the feasibility of designating the region as a National Heritage Area.

The conversation will be held twice: Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. at the First Christian Congregational Church, 1113 Grand Army of the Republic Hwy, in Swansea and Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. at Hope and Main, 691 Main St., in Warren. The community conversations are free. The public is invited to reserve a seat at the Tuesday event or Wednesday event.

Sowams is the setting of one of America's origin stories, the critical alliance that established 50 years of peace between the Indigenous Tribes that had fished, farmed and hunted the region for millennia and the English settlers arriving on the Mayflower. Sowams is also ground zero for the fracturing of that alliance during the devastating King Philip's War. The legacy of those events and the way in which people have valued and used the eastern shore of Narragansett Bay has shaped the complex history of the region from prehistory to the present.

"The Sowams Project is not just about what happened here in the 17th Century," said Project Coordinator, Dr. David S. Weed. "It's also about what happened on this landscape over the last 400 years, and how our heritage informs our lives today and can shape our future as a community."

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# Opinion

## COMMENTARY

# Photos, flashpoints and other reminders of past pleasures

BY MIKE FINK

It runs from Waterman to Taunton, and my family's "Wayside" furniture business never left its corners, first on Waterman and thence on Taunton.

I can remember when "Moe", my father's nickname, first determined to open his own store: he brought and opened wide the ledgers and books and sprawled them on the dining room table, along with a map guide of East Providence in order to figure out how to deliver purchases from his little green open truck.

My job as a toddler was to pull out the rat or mouse traps and my mother's task was to craft miniature models for window displays to lure in admiring customers. (She might break a necklace and turn it into a make-believe chandelier to complete the enticement.)

Well, the years and decades flew by like a great migration and eventually I grew up and married and my talented and lovely mother passed away and I drove to James Street where my father still maintained a small office and a diminished domain to sell a few items.

"Guess what, Dad", I started in, to announce that we were expecting our first child.

I still hoard one single snapshot of my late dad smiling with a relaxed grin as he beheld my first born daughter, Emily, who now has three daughters. One of them seems to have inherited genetically something of her grandmother's talent for draw-

ing.

Now, I wasn't always intimate with my father. He sometimes disapproved of my friends and on one major such occasion I moved out, into my East Providence dentist's house, until my mother said, incredibly, "I feel like a woman who has been asked for a divorce."

I was so pleased with her devotion that I moved back, and stayed to take care of my beloved mother during her final illness.

I here produce a picture of "Moe" on an East Bay motorboat...and a summertime portrait of my mom, "Betty," before the onset of her final illness (See picture).

I remained for nearly a decade to help my dad with the house according to the instructions my mother had taught me in her last days during which she also dictated a love letter to my dad!

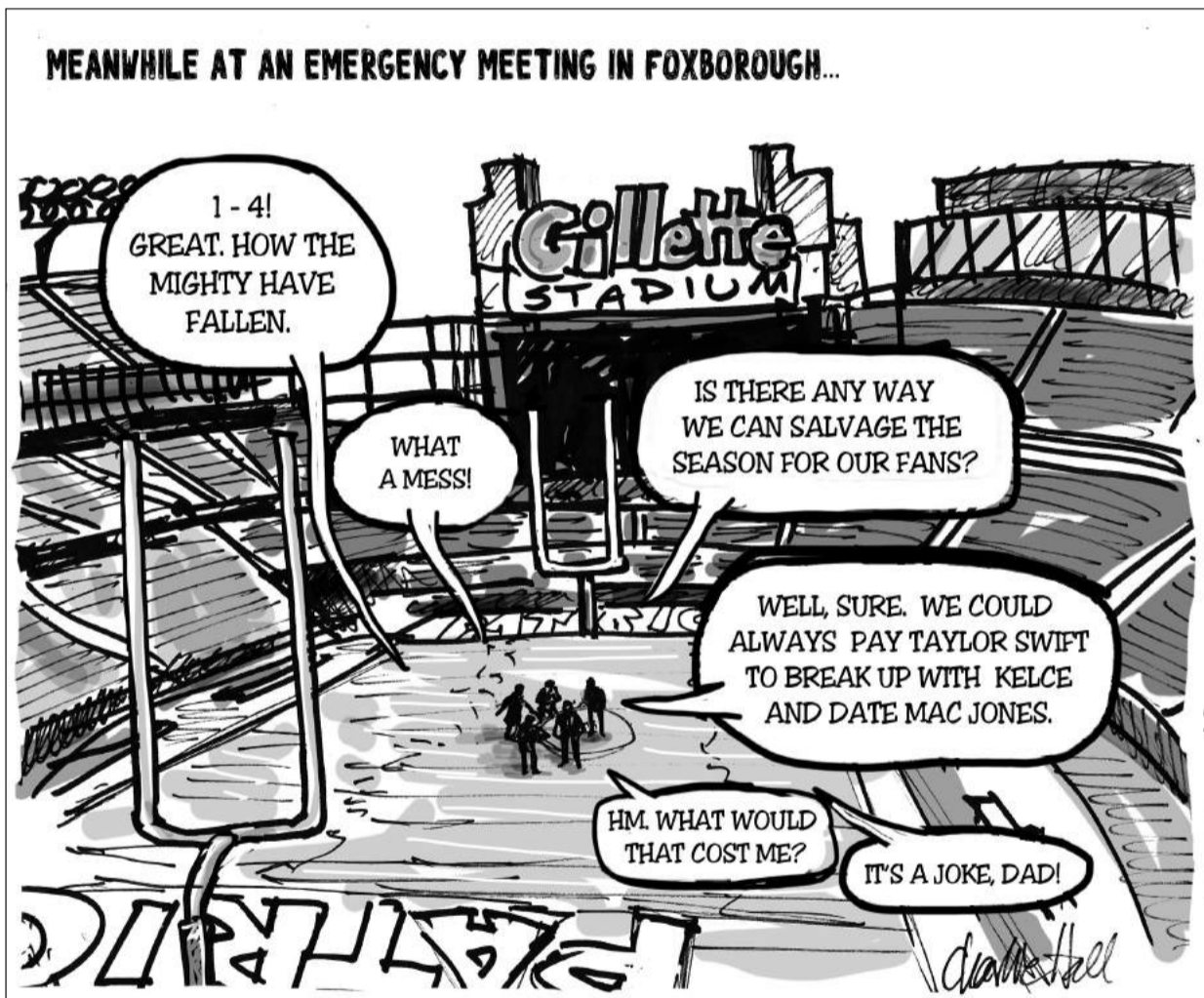
I keep, cherish, hoard, such remnants of the chapters of our ever-changing family histories. In the words from a collection of the Harvard Classics leftover from my boyhood library bookshelves, a phrase from one of the Aesop's Fables concludes: "Ah, what memories cling 'round reminders of past pleasures."

— Fink was a professor of film studies at the Rhode Island School of Design for over 60 years. His commentaries, which often link to his life-long association with the East Bay area and East Providence in particular, appear regularly in *The Post*.

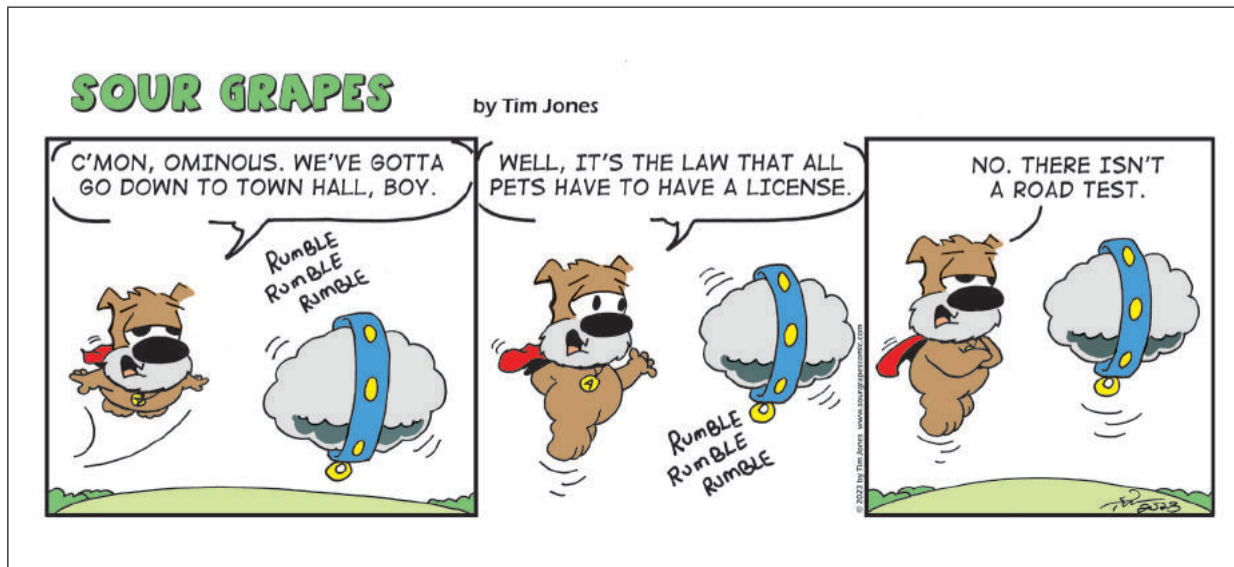


The author's father and mother.

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# East Providence's Lawson could be next State Senate Majority Whip

*Ruggerio announces changes pending election to replace deceased Goodwin*

To The Post

PROVIDENCE – East Providence State Senator Valarie J. Lawson has been tapped by body president Dominick J. Ruggerio to become the next Democratic majority whip in the upper chamber.

Ruggerio made the announcement on Thursday, Oct 5, in anticipation of leadership and staffing changes to be made official following the special election for Senate District 1 on November 7 to replace recently deceased colleague Maryellen Goodwin.

Goodwin, a Democrat who represented District 1 in Providence, passed away in April following a battle with cancer.

Lawson (D-Dist. 14) currently serves as Deputy Majority Leader; Vice Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Rules, Government Ethics & Oversight; Secretary of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services; and Secretary of the Senate Committee on Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs.

Lawson was first elected to the Senate in 2018 in the stead of retired predecessor Dan Da Ponte. Lawson is a city native. She's is long-time teacher in the district and also serves as president of the Rhode Island

chapter of the National Education Association, the start arm of the teachers' union.

"Senator Lawson is already a valued member of our leadership team, providing counsel on matters ranging from politics to policy. She has earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues in the Senate. While no one can replace our beloved Maryellen Goodwin, I know that Val Lawson will make an exceptional Majority Whip," said Ruggerio.

Anticipating the election of his current Chief of Staff Jacob Bissailon to the vacant Senate District 1, Ruggerio also announced transition plans for within his office. John E. Fleming, the current Secretary of the Senate, will be named Chief of Staff at the appropriate time and Deputy Chief of Staff Michael DeAngelis will also take on expanded duties.

"Of course, there is an election between now and then – but I have great confidence that Jake will be successful in his campaign. I know that all of us who have had the privilege of working with Jake rec-

ognize and appreciate his dedication to our state, his tremendous intellect, and his tireless work ethic. These same qualities will serve the people of District 1 well," said Ruggerio.

He continued, "After the election, when Jake steps down from his role as Chief of Staff to take on his new duties as a state senator, John Fleming will be named the Senate's next Chief of Staff. I am very grateful to Jake for all he has given of himself to the Senate and to Rhode Island, and I have every confidence that John will provide admirable leadership in his new capacity as Chief of Staff."

Fleming is currently Secretary of the Senate and Deputy Chief of Staff. He previously served as a legislative analyst for the General Assembly; as Deputy Secretary of State and Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis; and as Chief of Staff to North Providence Mayor Mollis. He studied Political Science at the University of Rhode Island.

"I have tremendous confidence in each of these individuals – and in all the Senators and Senate staff members – to provide the guidance and leadership we need as the Senate continues its work to improve our state," Ruggerio added. "Together, this Senate will continue to lead the way to a stronger, more prosperous state."



Sen. Valarie Lawson

## GOP Powell candidate criticizes moves as premature

Republican candidate Niyoka Powell, the opponent of Democrat Jacob Bissailon for the vacant Rhode Island State Senate District 1 in the November 7 special election, responded to Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio's announcement of a personnel shuffle in anticipation of an imagined election victory by his current chief of staff, her opponent.

The special election is to fill the vacancy left by the death of Maryellen Goodwin earlier this year. Goodwin served in the Rhode Island Senate for 36 years, since 1987.

In part, the statement read, "This is the outrageous entitlement typical of the Democrat machine that dominates Rhode Island politics. My opponent's campaign has been colored by such arrogance from the start. The sad fact is, the Democrat establishment thinks it owns this seat. But it doesn't. This seat belongs to the people. And the people deserve an election, not a coronation."

"The Democrat establishment, its candidate, and its media allies don't want folks looking seriously at this race. They know that I shatter their stereotype about Republicans. I'm a young Black immigrant, a nurse, a working mother. And I'm prepared to advance the interests of the people, not the elite."



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## Townies drop another D-II football outing late

*Kilties score game-winning TD with 20 seconds left, similar to EP's loss the previous week*

BY MIKE REGO

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For the second time in less than a week, the East Providence High School football team suffered a gut-wrenching late loss at home in front of a large throng of fans, the latest a 24-19 setback to Mt. Pleasant in the gloaming Thursday evening, Oct. 5, at Townie Stadium.

The locals were coming off a 27-22 defeat to Cranston West in their homecoming contest six nights earlier, the visiting Falcons scoring the game-winning touchdown with 30 seconds remaining in the contest.

Last week, the visiting Kilties notched what was the winning score with even less time left, just 20 ticks showing on the clock with a completion from quarterback Adonai Lopez to end David Degraff Rodriguez.

The loss was the third in a row for the Townies since a league-opening win over St. Raphael and dropped them to 1-3 in the Division II-A standings. Mt. Pleasant leveled its II-A mark at 2-1. The Kilties defeated East Greenwich in their previous league outing.

East Providence was playing its second of two Thursday night games at the behest of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League due to a shortage of officials to cover a full slate of games during the usual Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

It's likely the moist, heavy air played a roll in the contest, which was mired by turnovers, especially in the second half as the ball and field became more and more slick.

October 5 began with a heavy fog covering the city in the morning. By the afternoon, the sun was out and the breezes were warm, but by the 6 p.m. start time things were beginning to turn soupy again.

And the Townies' return of the opening kickoff was maybe just an ominous sign of things to come.

The Kilties strip-tackled the EP runner, recovering the ball at the Townie's 32. Things, though, seemed to turn back immediately in the hosts' favor when Isaac Fox intercepted a Mt. Pleasant pass in the back of the EP endzone, bringing it out to the 21. But the Townies were flagged for a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and their drive started at their own six.

No matter, senior fullback Steven Clark Jr. ripped off a couple of long runs, taking the ball deep into Mt. Pleasant territory at the Kilties' 25. On the very next play, Fox took a counter handoff from quarterback Jacob Duarte, then raced down the right side for the touchdown and a 6-0 EPHS lead.

Justin Jardine split the uprights for the point-after kick, but Mt. Pleasant was flagged for offsides. The Townies opted to try for two from inside the two, but Duarte was stuffed on a keeper short of the goal line and the score remained 6-0.

The teams then traded possessions as the game moved into the second quarter. The Townies stopped Mt. Pleasant's ensuing drive by forcing a fumble, recovered by EP's



East Providence High School's Lucas Santa Cruz (right) breaks away from the would-be tackles of a couple of Mt. Pleasant defenders and with offensive lineman Machar Francis attempting to block en route to a 35-yard touchdown run for the Townies. The visiting Kilties would eventually edge the locals on a late touchdown. View more photos of the EPHS football team in Sports at eastbayri.com.

Grant Peoples. The hosts' drive stalled and the ball was turned over on downs. The Kilties, in turn, did the same, giving the Townies the ball at their own 32.

Clark again ripped off a long gain, moving the ball to the Mt. Pleasant 35. And as happened previously, on the next play Lucas Santa Cruz took care of the rest.

It was a bit of an adventure for the junior. Santa Cruz broke the attempted tackles of a couple Kiltie defenders, nearly slipped and touched a knee on the moist artificial turf and almost went to ground after bumping into teammate Machar Francis blocking for him down field. But he maintained his balance and went the bulk of the way untouched into the endzone. The Townies again tried for two and the run attempt came up shy once more, leaving the score 12-0 locals.

The Kilties began their next possession with 5:25 to go in the half and, like one did earlier, it ended with another fumble recovered by the Townies' Aithan Vasquez. EP went three-and-out near midfield. Jardine,

punting for Cam Evora injured earlier in the game and unable to return, then pinned Mt. Pleasant deep at its own 12 with a fine kick.

The guests didn't let their last opportunity of the half go to waste, driving 88 yards for a touchdown with 32 seconds left on the clock. The Kilties made their way into EP territory following a pair of hard runs by a Benjamin Soe, then capped the drive with a touchdown pass from Lopez to Stylez Negron. Soe carried in for two to make it 12-8 Townies at intermission.

Out of the break, the sides traded turnovers, a second interception for EP's Fox and a Townie fumble. Mt. Pleasant turned the ball over on downs next, the hosts gave it right back by putting the ball on the ground again. The visitors recovered at the EP 36 and the Kilties soon converted for another touchdown and two to go ahead 16-12 as the third quarter expired.

East Providence's offense couldn't get going to begin the final period, leading to another Jardine punt to the Mt. Pleasant 28.

The Kilties were in the giving spirit once more, fumbling and leading to a scoop-and-score TD by the Townies' Franklin Carela Lopez just under two minutes into the fourth. Jardine's second PAT was good and remained on the board, putting the hosts back on top 19-16.

Neither side mustered a drive over their next two possessions. EP punted the ball back to the visitors with 2:46 showing and the ball at their own 10.

To the agony of the Townies, the Kilties once again drove the near length of the field for the eventual game-winning TD with only 20 seconds left. The drive included a chain-moving 4-and-13 conversion by the visitors with 90 seconds to go as well as a recovery advanced by lineman of a Lopez fumble deeper into the EP.

East Providence remains at home for a third game in a row when the locals host East Greenwich in a II-A league contest Friday night, Oct. 13, at Townie Stadium. Game time is 6 o'clock.



JULIE FURTADO

East Providence High School wrestling team alum Skylah Chakouian controls a male opponent during one of her matches for the Townies in the 2018-19 season.

# Interscholastic League adds girls wrestling weight classes for 2023-24 season

*Galligan anticipates more female participation at EPHS is likely*

**BY MIKE REGO**

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In an announcement made Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 4, the Rhode Island Interscholastic League said the organization for the first time will be sponsoring separate weight divisions for females during the upcoming 2023-24 high school wrestling season.

Beginning this winter female wrestling will be formally integrated into the existing dual meet regular season schedules of schools as well as tournaments, including the state competition held each February and the regional championships to follow in March.

The 2024 State Championship Meet will have 12 weight classes exclusive to females with a chance to earn entrance into the 59th New England Championship beginning on Friday, March 1, at the Providence Career & Technical Academy, the same site of the state event.

Prep for the winter schedule officially begins with the start of practice on Monday, Nov. 27.

Hall of Fame East Providence High School head coach Tom Galligan said he was pleased with the move. A former president of the Rhode Island Wrestling Coaches Association, he viewed integrating the girls' classes into the upcoming season as "a work in progress."

Girls have long participated in the boys' wrestling classes, including several over the years representing EPHS. Last winter, then sophomore Ciara Nunes was part of the program. Also of note recently, alumna Logan Farnsworth and Skylah Chakouian each scored points for the Townies during dual meets and other in-season competitions.

Chakouian, in fact, has continued on to have an outstanding career wrestling amongst females as a member of the Elmira (NY) College team. Now a junior, the 2021 EPHS grad was a 2022 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championships All-American while wrestling at 155 pounds for the Soaring Eagles.

"Over the course of the years I've always had girls participating, but especially over the last eight years or so I've have a lot of girls on the team," said Galligan who is about to begin his 31st season the Townies head coach.

Galligan is expecting Nunes and at least one other freshman to start off the season with the program, though he's also heard of more females par-

ticipating since he let members of the team know it was likely girls would have their own divisions starting this winter.

"A few other kids have already reached out. I don't know if it's just word of mouth, but more girls already seem interested," said Galligan. "So they're excited. It should be interesting, a lot of fun."

According to the RIIL as of this calendar year 37 states have sanctioned girls wrestling as an official high school sport. Citing a surveys conducted by the National Federation of State High Schools' Athletics female participation in the sport over the last two decades has risen from 4,975 in 2005 to 7,351 in 2010, then tripled to 21,124 by 2018-19 and has since jumped to 49,127 in 2022-23, which marks a whopping 233% increase during the latest four-year time period.

In Rhode Island, the number of female wrestlers competing with their respective schools' coed teams has grown significantly over the last decade, from eight in 2014 to 68 last winter. The USA Wrestling Girls High School Development Committee noted the five other high school state associations in New England have experienced a similar climb in participation numbers since 2014.

Galligan said the uptick of female participation in Massachusetts, specifically, drove the change in the region, but that it was only a matter of time because of the sport's growth at the top levels.

"In every state you're starting to see more and more girls wrestling," Galligan said. "It's also getting bigger in college and it's been in the Olympics for years now, and the worlds each year (United World Wrestling championships, the international oversight body). There's a lot more interest than there used to be."

Galligan said he anticipates a surge in participation locally now that the Interscholastic League is formalizing the sport for females.

"I think more girls will want to try it," Galligan said of females wrestling at the high school level. "I think sometimes in the past they've been a little reluctant to compete with the guys all the time. Now there's a prize at the end of the rainbow, something for them to work for having their own thing to aim for."

"I think it will keep them in the room (training) and working hard. But that's not something I've had to worry about with the girls who wrestled for me. They're not girls. They're wrestlers. So I think the changes are great. I think they're fantastic."

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# Unbeaten EPHS continues to set the pace in D-III girls' tennis

*Townies batter Bengals in finals rematch; ease past contender Cranston East*

BY MIKE REGO

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## Bay View notes

East Providence lost four seniors from its group of 10 regulars off its 2022 side that fell to the eventual unbeaten league champion Bengals in the third and final set of the final match at Slater Park in Pawtucket just about 11 months ago to the day.

The procession down the graduation aisle was felt even more by Bay View, which returned only one starter from the team that went 17-0 and beat the Townies twice last fall, including the dramatic victory for the D-III title.

Last week, however, the Townies left little doubt who was going to be the winners. At Nos. 3 and 4 singles, Megha Tennetti and Caroline Haggerty were both brisk 6-1, 6-0 winners over their respective Bay View opponents Angelina Maldonado and Lila Nascimento.

Just as quickly, EP's second singles pair of Tianna Brierly-Maggie Robinson bageled the Bengals' duo of Theodora Minca and Rebecca Miller to make it 3-0 hosts in the overall match. The Townies' top doubles pairing of Isabella Hurley and Madison Luu needed a bit more time than their mates to defeat Bay View's Bernadette Pama and Madeline Medeiros 1-and-2, but the point was enough to secure the team triumph.

"We truly do not just care about what the individual player is doing. Tennis is kind of an individual sport, but it is a team sport us," Haggerty, East Providence's senior captain, said of the Townies' approach in recent years.

She continued, "We genuinely put in so much effort and work. We don't have a feeder program. We're not a private school, but we have the determination, the team behind us. And

even though we lost like half our lineup from last year, we've built this program on players. We built this program on community. I think that's what makes us who we are.

"Tennis doesn't end when the last match is played. We're always working. We're always getting our reps in. This isn't just a fall sport for us. We just always keep working."

The most competitive matches were at the top of the singles ladder where EP's No. 1 Hope Moran edged the lone returning starter for the Bengals, senior Natalia Annicelli, in two tight sets 6-4 and 7-6 (7-4) while the Townies' two Lena Shanty was a 4-and-4 winner over her Bay View counterpart Lily Goodwin.

The EP No. 3 doubles team of Rylee Thurber and Ava Domingues closed out the overall shutout with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Bay View's Arfa Haseeb and Zara Jean.

## Cranston East notes

The only negative to come from East Providence's near shutout of the Thunderbolts was the first loss of the season suffered by Shanty, who dropped her outing at two singles by the scores of 6-2 and 6-4 to East's Thora Corcoran. Shanty became the last of the Townie regulars at singles to suffer a defeat, the senior's individual record fell to 9-1.

Moran (7-6, 3-6, 6-4) needed three sets to earn her win over the 'Bolts' Helena Fisher at one singles while at



East Providence High School's Ava Domingues hits a forehand during her match for the Townies with partner Rylee Thurber at No. 3 doubles against Bay View. View more photos in Sports at eastbayri.com.

three dubs the team of Thurber-Domingues (6-3, 4-6, 10-6 super-breaker) also went the distance.

Tennetti was a 0-and-2 winner at three singles and Haggerty won her match at four 1-and-6 (7-4). The top two EPHS tandems of Hurley and Luu (1-and-0) and Brierly-Robinson (0-and-1) also cruised to victories.

The Townies have yet to drop a point in doubles so far, going 10-0 all together.

The pairings have been the same except for one match when Hurley subbed in for an absent Haggerty in singles two weeks ago against Shea, also winning that match by the scores

of 6-1 and 6-1.

Brierly and Thurber moved up a spot in the lineup to combine with Luu and Robinson, respectively, while Isabella Periquito teamed with Domingues at No. 3.

## Central notes

All three of the usual EPHS doubles teams and Tennetti in singles bageled their opponents from Central Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 10, winning 6-0 and 6-0.

Moran won her match at one singles, 1-and-2, while Shanty won 0-and-1 at two and Haggerty by the reverse score at four.

# Townies stay perfect in girls' volleyball

*EPHS boys' soccer ends recent losing skid*

Post Staff

12. Both contests begin at 6:30 p.m.

## Boys' soccer

The EPHS boys' soccer team ended a four-game recent Division I losing streak with a 4-2 victory on the road in Bristol over Mt. Hope to close last week. Nathan Capelo had a hat-trick (three goals) for the Townies while Marcio Cardoso netted his first goal of the season.

East Providence was coming off a 3-1 setback to North Kingstown earlier last week. The Townies saw their record move to 4-4-1 and with 13 points in the D-I table, all but assuring themselves of a spot in the upcoming state championship playoffs.

## Girls' soccer

The EPHS girls' soccer club couldn't build off a recent tie in Division II action, the Townies dropping their next few league games including a 2-1 loss at Coventry and a 1-0 setback against visiting Burrillville. Brennyng Alves accounted for the lone East Providence goal in the two outings. The Townies fell to 0-6-1 in the league standings.

The East Providence High School girls' volleyball team has been tested a bit more in recent outings, but the Townies remained unbeaten and atop the Division II ranks as of midweek following a 3-1 victory over host Pilgrim in Warwick Tuesday night, Oct. 10.

East Providence upped its league mark to 11-0 with the 25-11, 23-25, 25-15 and 25-6 over the Patriots, who fell to 2-9 with the setback.

The Townies were coming off a similar 3-1 away win last week over Middletown and came away with a 3-1 win. Teagan Abatiello paced the locals with eight kills and two blocks.

With five matches remaining on its regular season schedule, East Providence held a game lead on both Cumberland and Mt. Hope. The locals have already beaten the latter Huskies. The Townies are set to travel to Cumberland to face the Clippers on Monday, Oct. 9. EPHS has a home match prior against Ponaganset on Thursday, Oct.

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**Hope Church readies 'Christmas on the Trail' Mini-Bazaar**

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**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE APPROPRIATING \$218,914,964 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2024**

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| Property Taxes             | 111,933,737           | 114,818,503           |
| School State Aid           | 39,579,496            | 40,661,557            |
| City State Aid             | 21,313,209            | 24,050,091            |
| City Revenue               | 10,255,820            | 10,287,116            |
| School Grants/Other        | 1,200,000             | 1,200,000             |
| <b>Total General Fund</b>  | <b>\$ 184,282,262</b> | <b>\$ 191,017,267</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL FUNDS</b>       | <b>\$ 3,531,725</b>   | <b>\$ 1,826,854</b>   |
| <b>UTILITY FUNDS</b>       | <b>2022-2023</b>      | <b>2023-2024</b>      |
| <b>REVENUES</b>            |                       |                       |
| Water Division             | 10,668,264            | 11,939,039            |
| Wastewater Division        | 14,126,843            | 14,131,804            |
| <b>Total Utility Funds</b> | <b>\$ 24,795,107</b>  | <b>\$ 26,070,843</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>      | <b>\$ 212,609,094</b> | <b>\$ 218,914,964</b> |

**SECTION II.** To defray the expenses of the City of East Providence for the fiscal year commencing November 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2024, the sum of money, or so much thereof as are authorized by law indicated in the accompanying schedule, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes, and in the amounts expressed therein, provided that payments thereunder shall be subject to the provisions of the City Charter of the City of East Providence and also subject to the provisions of said City Charter relative to the manner and form of expenditures of money set forth in said Charter from the City Treasury.

**SECTION III.** All monies appropriated are to be expended by the various departments in the manner and form approved by the Director of Finance.

**SECTION IV.** The payment to the School Fund of the following estimated receipts, included in the appropriation of \$96,865,038 for the support of the public schools for the City of East Providence fiscal year 2023-2024, shall be increased or decreased to conform to the actual amounts received from such sources during the fiscal year 2023-2024 except the appropriation of property tax.

| <b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REVENUES</b> | <b>FY 2023</b>       | <b>FY 2024</b>       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Appropriation of Property Taxes   | 53,090,950           | 55,003,481           |
| State Sources/Other               | 40,779,496           | 41,861,557           |
| <b>Totals</b>                     | <b>\$ 93,870,446</b> | <b>\$ 96,865,038</b> |

**SECTION V.** The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 which begins November 1, 2023 and ends October 31, 2024 as prepared and submitted by the Mayor and amended by the City Council, and to implement the recommendations as set forth in the Mayor's Budget Message by the approval of said recommendations as contained herein, or by other ordinances or resolutions of the Council of the City of East Providence; all in accordance with the provisions of said Article.

**SECTION VI.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.  
Adopted:

Attest:  
City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island

**Explanation of Proposed Council Changes**

As a result of the public hearing on October 10, 2023, the City Council made the following amendments to the Mayor's FY 2024 budget.

An addition of \$311,647 line item 58522 to Debt Service Department 905.

A transfer of \$150,328.00 from 51201 Overtime Public Safety Communications to 51110 Regular Salaries.

The Council also made the following reductions:

A reduction of \$175,000 900 Legal Services miscellaneous line item 53402.

A reduction of \$152,347 from 900 Other Professional Services line item 53403.

Decrease of Capital of \$3,000.

As submitted 10/10/2023

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Girl Scouts plan Teddy Bear Tea Party for October 14**

East Providence Girl Scouts are holding a Fall Teddy Bear Tea on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the East Providence Scout House located at 351 Willett Ave. in Riverside. All girls in Kindergarten through the Third grade are invited to attend and learn about being a Girl Scout. Girls are welcome to bring their favorite "stuffy." During the tea (which includes snacks and beverages), East Providence Girl Scouts and Troop Leaders will share some of their experiences as a Girl Scout. To ensure that there are enough supplies and snacks for everyone, please RSVP that your daughter will be attending by sending an email to [laura.j.crowe@gmail.com](mailto:laura.j.crowe@gmail.com). Be sure to include the girl's name, her age, grade in school, the school she attends, and any allergies that she may have. Send any questions that you may have to Laura at the same email address. Note: An adult is asked to stay with each child so that Girl Scout leaders can speak with them regarding available troops, volunteering and the benefits of being a Girl Scout. Registration will be available too.

**EP Heritage Arts presents 'Battle Of The Bands'**

The East Providence Heritage Arts organization presents a "Battle Of The Bands" on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 7-9 p.m. at the Elmasian Auditorium located within East Providence High School, 2000 Pawtucket Ave. Five bands out of the dozens of applications received have been selected by the board as finalists to compete for the first place prize of \$500 plus studio recording time at Soundscape Studios in nearby Attleboro, Mass. Second place prize is \$300. The five finalists are: Beyond Gravity, an alternative rock band based in East Providence; Downtown Johnny whose main genre is pop/rock, also from the city; Psyche, a rock band hailing from North Scituate; Renegade Cartel (rock/hard rock) from Peabody Mass.; and Street Survivors RI an East Providence-based Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band. Admission is \$10 p/person at the door. Come on out and cheer on your favorite musicians! Don't miss out on this fun evening and help support live music! Lots of door prizes too!! For info, please call 401-435-7511 or email [info@epheritagearts.org](mailto:info@epheritagearts.org).

**Rumford Lions Club holds Sixth Annual Harvest Dinner**

The Sixth Annual Rumford Lions Club Harvest Dinner will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Santa Maria Club, 846 Broadway, East Providence. The dinner menu will begin at 5 with minestrone soup, followed by the main course of roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, rolls, and coffee. This will be topped off with apple crisp for desert. A cash bar will also be available to diners. The public is again invited to join us this year. There is seating for just 200 diners. While we offer tickets at the door, once the 200 seats are sold, we cannot admit any more guests. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per adult and \$10 per child under 10 years old. Where else can you get a meal like this at this price without having to leave a tip? There will also be a raffle table at the meal location. The net proceeds of the dinner will be used to support community needs and projects in East Providence, donations to the RI Lions Children's Cancer Fund and the RI Lions Sight Foundation. For advance tickets, please call Bill Simpson at 401-438-0623 or Bill Kelly at 401-714-1287.

**Seekonk KofC seek vendors for craft fair**

The Seekonk Knights of Columbus will host its third annual charity craft fair on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at 532 Arcade Ave., Seekonk. The Knights are seeking vendors for the event. Last year was a sellout. So don't delay. Outdoor lots are \$25 each and measure 15 ft x 30 ft which will accommodate a vendor's vehicle and pop-up canopy. Indoor table spaces are \$25 each and include an 8 ft table with setup and breakdown assistance. PayPal remittance is available. Please contact the K of C as soon as possible at 508.336.7952 to reserve your space. For more information, visit us on Facebook. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 22.

**Rec Department updates trips schedule**

The East Providence Recreation Department has updated its schedule of trips for 2023 as follows: Day trips — October 28, Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y.; November 8, North Shore Music Theatre/Danversport Yacht Club "Elvis, A Musical Revolution." A second bus has been added for this trip; November 29, Newport Playhouse "Miracle on South Division Street; December, TBA, The Nut Cracker at The Vets Auditorium; Upcoming PPAC shows: October 22, Mrs. Doubtfire; December 28, Moulin Rouge Show, Shuttle dinner at Davenport Restaurant/Trolley ride to theatre; February 11, 2024, To Kill a Mockingbird, starring Richard Thomas (John Boy) Show; March 17, 2024, Frozen; April 28, 2024, Company Show Shuttle. Reservations and deposit are now being accepted for all shows and trips by calling Deborah Rochford at 401-437-1577 or 401-435-7511.

**AARP Safe Driving Course takes place at Evergreen**

Evergreen Nursing and Rehabilitation, located at One Evergreen Drive, hosts an AARP Safe Driving Course Breakfast for those 50 and over on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 a.m. This event offers a unique opportunity to enjoy a sumptuous buffet breakfast while delving into essential safety skills and strategies applicable to everyday road situations. Participants will be introduced to defensive driving techniques designed to navigate aggressive drivers, understand local traffic laws, and master traffic rules. Additionally, attendees will receive valuable insights into vehicle maintenance, ensuring their cars are in optimal condition before hitting the road. There will be NO TESTS involved. Attendees are encouraged to reach out to their insurance companies, as completion of the course might qualify them for potential discounts on their insurance premiums. Due to limited seating, registration is mandatory for this event. The AARP Safe Driving Course Breakfast is

FREE of charge for individuals possessing a Medicare Supplement/Medigap Plan insured by AARP United Healthcare. Participants are kindly requested to present their membership cards to the instructor upon arrival. For AARP members, the course fee is set at \$20 while non-members will be charged \$25. To secure a spot, interested individuals are advised to mail their registration checks (payable to AARP) to Julie Fox, Evergreen Nursing House Health Center, One Evergreen Drive, East Providence, RI, 02914 by Wednesday, Nov. 8. For any inquiries or further information, please do not hesitate to contact Fox at 401-438-3250.

**Jules Hope Chest runs annual Reindeer Raffle fundraiser**

Jules Hope Chest, a non-profit organization that was established to provide the extra hope and enhancement of items and programs that are truly essentials of childhood located at 505 Waterman Ave., runs its annual Reindeer Raffle fundraiser that provides daily winners throughout the 25 Days of Christmas. Tickets are on sale now and are \$5 each or a booklet of 6 for \$20. Purchase your tickets and be entered into our Annual Reindeer Raffle a great opportunity to win some money during the holiday season while helping our non-profit organization raise money to make holiday magic happen for local deserving families. Daily drawings take place December 1-25 after 3:30pm on Facebook live. Get your tickets while supplies last. Daily prize is \$25. Special \$50 prizes will be drawn on December 12 and 25. For more information on how to enter this fun holiday reindeer raffle please call 401-216-8677 or reach out to our team members or stop by our office to purchase your ticket today.

**Parkinson's support group gathers at Evergreen**

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association announced Evergreen Nursing and Rehabilitation located at One Evergreen Drive is an official host site for a Parkinson's Disease support group the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Individuals living with Parkinson's Disease and their care partners are welcome to attend. Attendees will have the opportunity to share personal experiences, coping strategies and gain support to live their best lives with Parkinson's. Evergreen's in-house LSVT BIG certified clinicians are co-facilitators for the group. In addition, specialists in fields related to living with Parkinson's Disease and movement disorders will offer presentations. There is no fee associated with this group, no attendance obligation and parking is free. For more information regarding the Parkinson's Disease support group, contact: Kristin Pires, OTR/L, Evergreen's Director of Rehab at [Kristin\\_Pires@lcca.com](mailto:Kristin_Pires@lcca.com) or 401-438-3250 X1120.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

**Continued Business**

**1. WAYNE A. FORTIN**, seeks dimensional relief to expand a third-floor living area, without complying with the minimum front-yard setback off of Worcester Avenue, front-yard setback off of Cove Street, in addition to exceeding the maximum number of stories, as well as expanding and relocating an existing accessory garage without complying with the minimum front-yard setback off of Cove Street, in addition to exceeding the maximum accessory height requirement, for property located at 160 WORCESTER AVENUE, being MAP 413, BLOCK 4, PARCEL 7, in a RESIDENTIAL 3 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance(s) - Petition No. 6959)

**New Business**

**2. CRAIG and ELIZABETH O'ROURKE**, seek permission to construct several second-floor additions, without complying with the minimum front and both side-yard setback requirements, for property located at 22 CATLIN AVENUE, being MAP 403, BLOCK 19, PARCEL 3, in a RESIDENTIAL 3 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance(s) - Petition No. 6963)

[Previously approved in 2020, but expired before exercising variance.]

**3. 22 MANNING DRIVE, LLC / ANTONIO PIMENTEL**, seek permission to retain an accessory canopy and outdoor rear-yard kitchen area, without complying with the minimum accessory setback requirements, in addition to exceeding the maximum building and impervious lot coverage requirements, for property located at 22 MANNING DRIVE, being MAP 409, BLOCK 8, PARCEL 8, in a RESIDENTIAL 3 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance(s) - Petition No. 6964)

**4. COSMO PROPERTIES, LLC**, seeks dimensional relief to permit a two-lot subdivision, which fails to meet the minimum lot area and lot depth requirements, in addition to excessive usage of the lot frontage for off-street parking purposes, in regard to both proposed parcels, for property located at 126 SOUTH ROSE STREET, being MAP 307, BLOCK 6, PARCEL(S) 32 and 33, in a RESIDENTIAL 4 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance(s) - Petition No. 6965)

**5. MAG VENTURES, LTD.**, seeks permission to eliminate a condition of approval required pursuant to ZBR Petition No. 6644, issued 23 November 2016, requiring the property be surrounded with parking wheel stops and concrete barriers to prevent vehicles from entering the surrounding roadway, for property located at 415 TAUNTON AVENUE, being MAP 306, BLOCK 9, PARCEL(S) 5, 5.1, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12, in a COMMERCIAL 4 DISTRICT. (Dimensional Variance - Petition No. 6966)

**6. EXXON MOBIL OIL CORPORATION and 2/3 REALTY LLC, ATTN: DAVID B. MURPHY, JR.**, seek permission to subdivide a parcel into two (2) distinct and separate parcels via a Minor Subdivision, resulting in designated Parcel 'B' failing to comply with the minimum lot width

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

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

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

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

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

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

EDWARD PIMENTEL, AICP  
ZONING OFFICER / CLERK

"INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST CALL 435-7500 OR 431-1633 (V/TDD), FORTYEIGHT (48) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING DATE."

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE INTOXICATING BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City Council of the City of East Providence, being the Licensing Board in said City, that applications for license to sell intoxicating beverages under the provisions of Title 3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, have been made as follows:

#### CLASS A (RETAILER)

Barrington Liquors, Inc.  
Dba Phil Gasbarro Liquors  
618 Warren Avenue

Broadway Wine & Spirits, Inc.  
dba Liquor Plus  
1015 South Broadway

Lintop, LLC  
Dba Clift's Liquors  
191 Willett Avenue

Cozy Corporation  
dba Brookfield Liquors  
470 North Broadway

Marvic Enterprises, Inc.  
dba Jordan's Liquors  
199 Taunton Avenue

McGreens Fine Wine & Spirits,  
Inc.  
1086 Willett Avenue

Riverside Liquors, Inc.  
225 Bullocks Point Avenue

Town Liquor Co., Inc.  
dba Town Wine & Spirits  
179 Newport Avenue

#### B-FULL PRIVILEGE (VICTUALING)

Francesca's 2, INC'  
Dba: Francesca's  
525 N Broadway

Dragon of Riverside, LLC  
Dba: Dragon of Riverside  
181 Willett Ave

Jeon, II Sun  
dba Sun & Moon Korean  
Restaurant  
95 Warren Avenue

Luna's Café, LLC  
Dba Rhody Hen Café  
615 Waterman Ave

Baja Fresh Grill III, LLC  
Dba Baja Fresh Grill 3  
75 Highland Ave

The Incred-A Bowl Food  
Company  
Dba Incred-A-Bowl  
1075 S. Broadway

Cigar World, LLC  
Dba Toro's Cigar Bar  
899 Warren Ave

Taconeando Mexican Style  
181 Willett Ave

Mina's Café II  
Dba Mina's Café  
315 Waterman Ave

Sun & Moon Korean Restaurant,  
INC.  
Dba Sun & Moon  
95 Warren Ave

Rosa's Tavern, LTD.  
Dba Rosa's  
182 Anthony St

Honey Bird  
Dba Honey Bird Kitchen &  
Cocktails  
230 Massasoit Ave

141 Corp.  
dba Uncle Tony's Pizza & Pasta  
260 Newport Avenue

Avenue N Restaurant Group, LLC  
dba Avenue N  
20 Newman Avenue

Rhody Restaurant Group  
dba The Local  
478 Waterman Avenue

Café Praca  
Dba Café Zara  
132 Taunton Ave

Cape Verdean Progressive Center  
329 Grosvenor Avenue

Centre Court Inc., The  
dba The Loft  
55 Hospital Road

Chelo's of East Providence, Inc.  
911 Warren Avenue

Chelo's of Newport Avenue, Inc.  
45D Newport Avenue

Davenport's Bar & Grill, Inc.  
dba Davenport's Restaurant  
1925 Pawtucket Avenue

DL Enterprises, Inc.  
dba Field House Pub  
305 Lyon Avenue

DMC Properties, LLC  
Dba BLACK DUCK TAVERN  
31 Warren Avenue

East Providence House of Pizza,  
LLC  
187 Willett Avenue

East Providence Yacht Club, Inc.  
9 Pier Road

El Azteca Mexican Restaurant,  
LLC  
dba El Azteca Mexican Restaurant  
335 Newport Avenue

EBISU Group Corp  
Dba EBISU Restaurant  
250 Warren Avenue

Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet, Inc.  
58 Newport Avenue

Holy Ghost Beneficial  
Brotherhood of Rhode Island  
51 North Phillips Street

Holy Ghost Brotherhood of  
Charity  
59 Brihtridge Avenue

Ichigo Ichi, LLC  
dba Ichigo Ichie  
5 Catamore Boulevard

Lane Foods Company, LLC  
dba Gregg's Restaurant  
1940 Pawtucket Avenue

Lee's Restaurant and Lounge, Inc.  
dba Lees Restaurant and Lounge  
376 Bullocks Point Avenue

Berta's Restaurant Tapas& Bar,Inc  
dba Berta's Red Bridge Tavern  
22 Waterman Avenue

The Burrito Bowl, LLC  
Dba, Burrito Bowl  
809 Broadway

Magallan, INC  
Dba El Mariachi  
736 N. Broadway

MBA Enterprises, LLC  
Dba Bajas  
430 Newport Ave

Lucky's American Bar & Grille, Inc.  
1175 Warren Avenue

Milho, Albertino R.  
dba Madeira Restaurant  
288-290 Warren Avenue

Nulevel Entertainment, LLC  
dba Comedy Connection  
39 Warren Avenue

Good Ventures Holdings, INC  
Dba Midici Italian Kitchen  
75 Highland Ave

Kailyn Zoe Inc  
Dba Our Place II  
664 Bullocks Pt Ave

P&G Bowling, Inc.  
dba East Providence Lanes  
80 Newport Avenue

Paiva's Restaurant Corp.  
dba O'Dinis Restaurant & Tavern  
579 Warren Avenue

380 Diner, LLC  
Dba Pazi's Place  
380 Taunton Ave

Pepper Dining, Inc.  
dba Chili's Grill & Bar  
50 Highland Avenue

Portuguese American Athletic  
Club  
281 Warren Avenue

Proud Mary's, LLC  
Dba Union Burrito  
326 Bullocks Pt Ave

PEHARVEY, LLC  
dba Skeff's East Providence  
507 North Broadway

Riviera Inn Dining and Banquet  
Company  
580 North Broadway

TTLE Restaurant, INC.  
dba Town Pizza & Family  
Restaurant  
949 Willett Avenue

Stevie DS Bar & Grille, LLC  
dba Stevie D's Riverside Tavern  
24 Monroe Avenue

SON OF ITALY,II  
Dba SONS OF ITALY

The 133 Club,Inc  
dba The 133 Club  
29 Warren Avenue

Tasquinha Restaurant, Inc.  
dba Tasquinha Restaurant  
218 Warren Avenue

Tropical Ilhas, Inc.  
472 Waterman Avenue

Contenders Sports Bar  
535 N Broadway

Scentique  
136 Taunton Avenue

#### C (SALOON)

Quattrucci, Carl & Arthur  
dba Monforte's Bar  
493 Waterman Avenue

Myrtlebank, LLC  
Dba Myrtle  
132-134 Waterman Avenue

#### D (CLUB)

Holy Rosary Band Society  
32 Taunton Ave

New Agawam, LLC  
15 Roger Williams Avenue

Columbus Club of Barrington  
1 Viola Avenue

Columbus Club of East  
Providence  
3200 Pawtucket Avenue

East Providence Athletic Club  
118 Mauran Avenue

East Providence Lodge of Elks  
2337  
60 Berkeley Street

Holy Ghost Brotherhood Mariense  
846 Broadway

Holy Rosary Band Society  
328 Taunton Ave

Riverside Post Holding Co., Inc.  
830 Willett Avenue

Riverside Sportsmans Association  
1 Sportsman Drive  
Squantum Association  
Squantum Club  
947 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Teofilo Braga Club  
26 Teofilo Braga Way

Trinity Brotherhood  
146 Sutton Avenue

Wannamoisett Country Club  
96 Hoyt Avenue

#### B-LIMITED (VICTUALING)

Boston House of Pizza, Inc.  
540-542 Taunton Avenue

Chen, Yun Yan  
dba Mei Sing Chinese Restaurant  
2827 Pawtucket Avenue

Farnsworth Café, LLC  
dba Farnsworth Café  
302 Willett Avenue

380 Diner, LLC  
Dba Pazi Place  
378-380 Taunton Avenue

Yama Fuji 2  
1080 Willett Ave

## OBITUARY

### Timothy John Healey

#### *Beloved brother, uncle, friend*

Timothy John Healey, a longtime resident of East Providence and the oldest child of Paul and Nancy Healey's 10 children, died of complications from Alzheimer's disease October 7, 2023, at HopeHealth Hular Hospice Center in Providence. He was 64.

Born on May 25, 1959, in Boston, Tim grew up in the Rumford section of East Providence. He had Down syndrome.

He was a lifelong parishioner at St. Margaret's Church, where he received all the sacraments and participated in Mass enthusiastically. He gave bear hugs at the sign of peace and had a knack for singing the hymns louder and longer than any other congregant. He always looked forward to the post-Mass run to Dunkin for chocolate-frosted donuts and coffee.

Taught in the special education program of the East Providence School District until he was 18, Tim joined the adult ed program of The Arc of Blackstone Valley in 1977. He did industrial piece work for many years in an Arc workshop called Blackstone Valley Industries. As his siblings left for college, Tim remained at home, proud of his status as a breadwinner. When asked how work was going, he'd say, "Making the money."

For many years after that, he worked at the Garden at Daggett Farm in Pawtucket. It was an organization begun by a horticultural therapist who at the time worked for The Arc. At Daggett Farm, Tim was a familiar face to all who visited and he loved white spider mums, which resembled his favorite fidget toy, the Koosh ball. The Arc of Blackstone Valley enriched Tim's life beyond words.

For 31 years, he lived in group homes in Riverside and Pawtucket with roommates who became his second family: David, Eddy, and Charlie. Together they completed chores, prepared dinner, and spent countless hours listening to music, watching TV, riding in the van on day trips, and enjoying dinner out (the "meatmoaf" at Gregg's was a favorite) and coffee and ice cream runs. They pressed each other's buttons and loved and protected each other fiercely. When Tim would go out with family on weekends, Eddy would always ask, "Are you taking Timmy home?" Tim's longtime roommate and foxhole friend, Charlie, in his wheelchair, visited Tim at hospice. Charlie held Tim's hand saying, "OK, Buddy."

Tim's family will always appreciate the caregivers, group home managers, medical staff, case managers, and agency leaders of The Arc, who helped him live a full life over the past 45 years, treating him as if he were their own son or brother. Doctors' appointments, clothes shopping, haircuts, transportation, assistance with the activities of daily life; they did it all. The words "thank you" - for the Arc staff's decades of superior care and advocacy - simply don't suffice.

Tim was predeceased by parents he adored and who adored him: Paul J. M. Healey MD, who he called "Big Guy" and who died in 2011, and Nancy J. Ogg Healey, termed "Cutie Pie," who died in 2009. Both parents actively championed for equal rights for individuals with developmental disabilities. They started a golf tournament, the Blackstone Valley Open, to raise funds for The Arc of Blackstone Valley. Typically, Tim was a greeter at this event. His sister, Jennifer, served on The Arc's board of directors from 2009 to 2012 and has served as chairperson of the agency's Human Rights Committee since 2012.

Tim is survived by younger siblings Patrick J. Healey MD of Seattle, Wash.; Mary-Kathryn and her husband John C. Lynch of Seekonk; Michael J. Healey and his wife Amy of Provi-



dence; Maura J. Healey of Rumford; Marthe-Anne and her husband Kevin P. Monagle of Rumford; Jennifer C. Healey-Kirby and her husband William F. Kirby of Rumford; Ellen H. and her husband Timothy B. Sullivan of Attleboro; P. Daniel Healey and his wife Jennifer of Havertown, Pa.; and Meghan H. and her husband Toby Collie of Scottsdale, Ariz. A legion of 28 loving and attentive nieces and nephews includes Aidan and Ciaran Healey; Keenan (Shannon), Owen (Spencer), Teresa, Daniel, and Grace Lynch; Sydney, Spencer, Samuel, and Mick Healey; Timothy, Claire, Ellen, and Brendan Rogers; Anne (Andrew), Jack (Bethany), and Michael Monagle and Mary Cassini (Joseph); Paul and Patrick Brennan; Jeremiah, Luke, Ryan, and Molly Sullivan; and Onora, Maeve, and Sean Healey. Great nieces and nephews include Caroline, Catherine, Peter, and Anna Lynch and Bryn and Graeme Lynch.

Also, Tim is survived by his godmother and aunt, Patricia Read, his uncle, Eugene Healey MD, and aunt, Pauline Healey, and his aunt, Tonia Teresa Healey, along with many beloved first cousins. The family thanks Tim's countless friends for their extraordinary love, concern, and generosity of spirit throughout his life.

Tim was a Special Olympian who competed in swimming, but didn't like to leave the pool after his race. He loved to swim and could hold his breath underwater the entire length of a pool. His back-flops off the diving board after a three-count were legendary. Before he loved Pepsi, which he called "Blue Bottle," Tim loved "Red Can" - Coke. His switch in brand loyalty around 20 years ago still mystifies. Growing up, he loved to hurl Hippity-Hops down the hill to the beach in Touisset. He loved playing the keep-the-balloon-in-the-air game.

He loved "Mary Poppins," "The Sound of Music," and The Beach Boys' greatest hits. He loved bowling; no one ever rolled a bowling ball down a lane slower. He loved franks and beans, which he called "hotdogs, beans, and franks." He loved sitting on the picnic table in the summertime listening to his AM radio. He really loved plain M&M's. More than anything else, he loved mischief.

The wake was held Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Manning-Heffern-O'Neill Funeral Home, 220 Cottage St., Pawtucket. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Margaret Church, 1098 Pawtucket Ave., Rumford, with burial to follow at Mount St. Mary Cemetery, 661 Prospect St., Pawtucket. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to The Arc of Blackstone Valley, 500 Prospect St., Wing A, Pawtucket, RI, 02860 (401-727-0150). Visit www.Oneillfuneralhomes.com for online condolences.

Said application will be in order for a hearing thereon at a meeting of said City Council to be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, Rhode Island, at which time and place all remonstrates may make their objections.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired, or needing other special services, must call 435-7500 or 431-1633 (v/tdd) forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting date.

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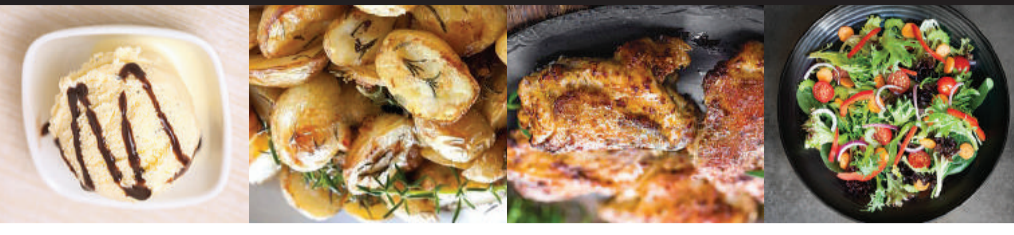
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## A better garden, drip by drip

*Blithewold's garden team installed a new irrigation system that is good for the plants, good for the wallet, good for the earth*

**BY SCOTT PICKERING**

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The folks at Blithewold Mansion Gardens and Arboretum know a thing or two about gardening. After all, they manage half a dozen gardens, along with one of the most spectacular and diverse living landscapes in the Northeast.

But they learned something new this year that they're excited about – and it's something home gardeners could learn from, too.

They installed a drip irrigation system in their vegetable garden, which is tucked among a series of gardens at the north edge of the Bristol property. When deployed properly, drip irrigation systems can consume far less water, with less wasted water, than sprinklers, hoses and other traditional means of watering.

"This is the best system for the health of the plant," said Betsy Ekholm, Gardens and Greenhouse manager. "When they get wet, and the water sits on them, and it gets hot, plants can develop all sorts of foliar diseases. They can attract insects — insects that we would not necessarily want to be all over our plants. We love the insects and pollinators, but not when they're there to cause tons and tons of damage. So the drip irrigation is the best way to go for the all-encompassing health of the plant, for the roots and shoots and flowers."

Said Ollie Bingham, a 2023 University of Rhode Island graduate and summer intern who helped lead the design and installation of the drip irrigation system: "It's an elegant solution."

### A simple design, a simple solution

Blithewold's drip irrigation system relies on one feeder supply of water connected to an on/off valve. That connects to what is called the "manifold," a long line of flexible tubing that loops around the outer circumference of the garden. Shooting off from the manifold are small plastic sleeves known as "tape."

All of the materials are purchased together as a kit, and the tape is pre-perforated with small slits for the water to seep through. When the water is turned on, the manifold fills, then the tapes all fill, and the water begins dripping into the ground.

"Drip irrigation, in general, you want to leave on for quite a long time, because it is a very slow drip and it comes down basically like a pyramid into the soil," Ekholm said. "You want the plants to grow deep roots to get to that bottom water, so you have to leave it on for at least three or four to maybe six hours, depending on how hot it is."

Because the water is dripping directly into the soil, it is less likely to be evaporated by the sun or drain off to someplace unintended. "There's no runoff. Because the drip is at such a small rate, it'll always sink into the ground before it has a chance to run off anywhere it's not supposed to be," Bingham said.

Although the summer intern had experience with irrigation systems through his work at a nursery in Kingston, R.I., each system is designed uniquely for the space. At Blithewold, he and horticulturist Julia Callahan



Blithewold Gardens and Greenhouse Manager Betsy Ekholm (right) talks about their vegetable gardens, which grew with a new irrigation system this year, thanks in part to intern Ollie Bingham (left).



The gardens team at Blithewold this summer includes (left to right) Julia Callahan, intern Ollie Bingham, manager Betsy Ekholm and Becca Christ.

spent a short time mapping out a plan before actually piecing together the materials.

"It's very doable for anyone at home. It's just 20 minutes or so of forethought, planning out where the lines are actually going to go, and then it's just a matter of doing it," Bingham said.

### Sustainable practices

Because they devote their lives to the health and well-being of living things, Ekholm and her crew care deeply about the environment and how humans impact it. They would love for more gardeners and homeowners to adopt environmentally safe, sustainable practices — including water conservation.

"If you've got established beds, and there's been a couple of hot days, your plants are fine," Ekholm said. "You don't need to give them a tiny bit of water, because it's just going to evaporate. If you're putting a little bit of water in just that top layer of soil, the plants are going to make roots there, because that's where the water is. You're not going to stabilize that plant long term and give it a better chance of good health. So when we do drip irrigation, we're doing deep soaking. Drip irrigation is going to do a really good job of encouraging those plants to send their roots way down. So when we have a few hot days, they're not suffering, because they've got a great food system."

Blithewold's vegetable garden is divided into quadrants, each with a different identity. One quadrant is devoted to leafy greens, another to legumes, another to root vegetables, and the last one to fruits. Each spring, the garden team will rotate the quadrants. That's because different plants take different things out of the soil, so by rotating their location, the soil will constantly be regenerated and rejuvenated.

Most of the food grown within the garden goes directly to the kitchen at Blithewold, which is steadily introducing new sustainability initiatives every year. The kitchen is now composting its food scraps and sharing them with an outside vendor. Several of the vehicles and some of the power equipment in the Blithewold sheds are now fully electric. They've also added a water bottle refilling station.

It's all intended to set an example for the outside world — simple investments can have big impacts.

# Farmers' market celebrates all things garlic this Sunday

Tiverton market is hosting its inaugural 'Garlic Roast,' with garlic-themed foods and creations

The Tiverton Farmers' Market is hosting the season's harvest and all things garlic with its first "Garlic Roast" this Sunday, Oct. 15. The market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors will have a chance to see and eat everything garlic — from fresh garlic bulbs for

eating and planting, to garlic infused specialty items, such as handmade sausage and pepper marmalade sandwiches, empanadas, pizzas, garlic focaccia breads, garlic honey, sauces, jerky, prepared meals highlighting garlic and more. Vendors will be infusing garlic into unique foods and sharing them.

Spoon and Board is stirring up a farm-to-table roasted garlic sausage special, with locally sourced pork from Gnarly Vines Farm, roasted garlic from The Neighborhood Farm and savory garlic bread from The Cheese Wheel Village.

The Cheese Wheel Village will have fresh homemade baguettes smothered with roasted garlic, garlic butter and fresh grated parmesan, as well as an assortment of garlic cheeses, garlic butters, garlic bread, garlic cashews, and maybe some garlicky meats, too.

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Brightside Seafood is offering an oyster special deal. Get 6 oysters and a custom shucking

knife for 15\$ or 12 oysters and a shucking knife for 25\$.

All-day happenings include garlic information and questions with The Neighborhood Farm, a Garlic Giveaway Basket from the Tiverton Farmers Market (sign up at the market table) and a Kids Art & Crafts Table offered by Tiverton Celebrates Volunteers.

There will also be live music with Virginia James. The market takes place at Tiverton Town Farm Recreation Area, 3588 Main Road.

Find more information at: [www.tivertonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.tivertonfarmersmarket.com).

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## Cider Social and craft marketplace

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WHAT: Annual Cider Social  
 WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m.  
 WHERE: Wilbor House Museum, 548 West Main Road, Little Compton

Farm food truck, Snooky's Cookies, Wilbor House tours, yard arts by John the Botanist, and a yard sale and craft marketplace.



## Harvest Festival on Sunday at Glen Park

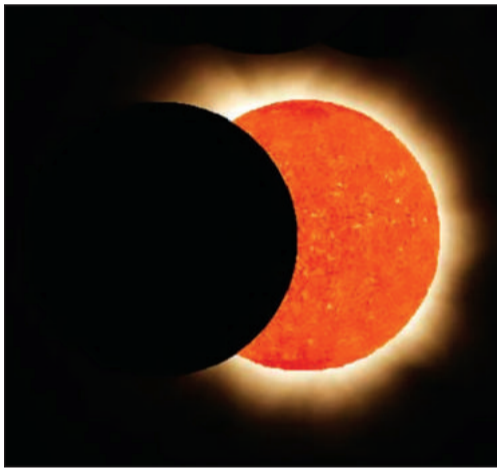
The Portsmouth Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Harvest Festival with live music by The 40 (bring a lawn chair), a bounce house, face painting, Circuit games with candy prizes, a chalk art contest, concessions, and shopping with vendors. Raindate is

WHAT: Harvest Festival  
 WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 15, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: Glen Park, Glen Road, Portsmouth  
 COST: Admission is free

Sunday, Oct. 22.

## Solar eclipse viewing on Town Hall lawn

A partial solar eclipse of the sun begins at 12:16 p.m. on Saturday. Astronomers will have an array of safe specially filtered telescopes set up. In addition to seeing the eclipse, it will be possible to view sun spots on the roiling surface of the sun, and solar flares extending far into space. The free event is jointly sponsored by the Astronomical Society of Southern New England and Barrington Recreation Department. The event is weather dependent.



WHAT: Solar eclipse viewing  
 WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14, noon to 2:30 p.m.  
 WHERE: Barrington Town Hall front lawn, 281 County Road  
 MORE INFO: CAUTION: Viewing the sun with the naked eye or through a regular telescope will result in blindness.

### The Tides\*

|                    | HiAM        | HiPM        | LoAM  | LoPM  | Sunrise | Sunset |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| Wednesday, Oct. 11 | 6:36 (4.0)  | 6:56 (3.9)  | 11:58 | —     | 6:51    | 6:12   |
| Thursday, Oct. 12  | 7:14 (4.2)  | 7:29 (4.0)  | 12:25 | 12:38 | 6:52    | 6:11   |
| Friday, Oct. 13    | 7:48 (4.4)  | 8:01 (4.1)  | 12:54 | 1:17  | 6:53    | 6:09   |
| Saturday, Oct. 14  | 8:21 (4.6)  | 8:35 (4.1)  | 1:24  | 1:56  | 6:54    | 6:07   |
| Sunday, Oct. 15    | 8:55 (4.7)  | 9:11 (4.1)  | 1:55  | 2:34  | 6:55    | 6:06   |
| Monday, Oct. 16    | 9:30 (4.7)  | 9:50 (4.0)  | 2:27  | 3:12  | 6:56    | 6:04   |
| Tuesday, Oct. 17   | 10:09 (4.6) | 10:33 (3.8) | 3:01  | 3:48  | 6:58    | 6:03   |
| Wednesday, Oct. 18 | 10:52 (4.5) | 11:22 (3.7) | 3:37  | 4:26  | 6:59    | 6:01   |
| Thursday, Oct. 19  | 11:43 (4.4) | —           | 4:16  | 5:08  | 7:00    | 6:00   |

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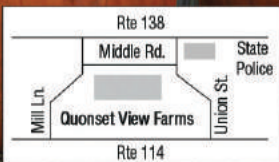
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A view of the gleaming kitchen.



A view of the large, open living area, with floor-to-ceiling windows.



A view of one of the bedrooms, with vaulted ceiling and private deck.

New to the market in Barrington is a dazzling contemporary home with panoramic vistas of Narragansett Bay and Allin's Cove. It resides in the town's sought-after Alfred Drowne neighborhood.

Facing west, the home includes automatic lights, full-length glass windows and exceptional styling. The sleek design begins on the ground floor with a foyer, storage room and mudroom,

plus access to the integral single and tandem garages.

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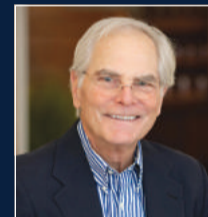
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| <b>PORTSMOUTH</b> |                           |           |              |      |       |           |              |             |              |
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|--|--|--|--|
| <b>BARRINGTON</b>  |  |  |  |
| 126 Anoka Ave<br>1 Half Mile Rd<br>129 Rumstick Rd<br>206 Rumstick Rd<br>8 Houghton St<br>20 Freemont Ave  | Ryan Abelman and Chelsey Ciardelli<br>Cece Colorado Prop LLC<br>In Rhode LLC<br>William and Kayleigh Fischer<br>Houghton R.T. and James Belliveau<br>Michael and Sherrie Bassignani  | Theodore and Elizabeth Fredman<br>Nathaniel and Wen Freedman<br>William and Kayleigh Fischer<br>C S and Laura Carlisle<br>Jeffrey Schles and Sara Catanzaro<br>Michael Baker and Tracey Pereira-Baker  | \$655,000<br>\$930,000<br>\$1,850,000<br>\$2,725,000<br>\$879,900<br>\$4,290,000   |
| <b>BRISTOL</b>   |  |  |  |
| 291 High St<br>70 Griswold Ave<br>43 Academy Ave<br>45 Viking Dr<br>56 Roosevelt Dr  | Kenneth Snyder<br>Mcentee-Laflamee F.T. and Roderick Butlin<br>Jeffrey and Dawn Holden<br>Ilsi and Richard Nathan<br>Gregory and Holly Oliver  | Gary Watros and Beverly Larson<br>Roderick and Robert Butlin<br>Bernard and Bernadeette Medeiros<br>Keith Andrade<br>Kristin Allain  | \$1,045,000<br>\$1,050,000<br>\$615,000<br>\$755,000<br>\$600,051  |
| <b>EAST PROVIDENCE</b>   |  |  |  |
| 21 Bicknell Ave<br>66 Orlo Ave<br>30 Dorr Ave<br>47 Potter St<br>35 Woodbine St<br>40 Anthony St<br>44 Oak Ave<br>72 Cushman Ave<br>96 Burnside Ave<br>11 Bellevue Blvd<br>93 Pine Crest Dr<br>20 Barrington Ct<br>60 Village Grn S #7<br>48 Bristol Ave | Kristen Couto and Marcus Micheletti<br>Barry Dejasu and Monica Barcelos<br>Rmac TSeries 2016-Ctt and U.S. Bank<br>Wayne and Jesse Lema<br>Andrew and Shannon McWilliams<br>Anthony and Marie Barionnette<br>Kayla Gillis<br>Gjb Realty Inc.<br>Michael Rodrigues and Katie Kane<br>Daniel and Lynn Almstrom<br>Janet Rodriguez<br>Joseph and Cynthia Saunders<br>Susan Ferreira<br>Rhode Island Custom Bldrs | Daniel O'Neil<br>Matthew and Natash Farias<br>Rmac T Series 2016-Ctt and U.S. Bank<br>Wayne M. Lema<br>Samuel McCarthy and Tanis Caine<br>Nuno and Samantha Branco<br>Andres F. Laverde<br>Ralph Marciano and Janice Abatiello<br>Alessandro Guani<br>Molly J. Tierney<br>Lucille J. Coutu<br>Charles H. Saunders R.E.T.<br>Logan Fontes<br>RI Property Wire LLC | \$400,000<br>\$362,232<br>\$268,587<br>\$209,000<br>\$530,000<br>\$375,000<br>\$378,000<br>\$315,000<br>\$350,000<br>\$410,000<br>\$295,000<br>\$342,000<br>\$282,000<br>\$125,000 |
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