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Good morning, Waltham!

Experience the magic of the holiday season in Waltham with the help of our news coverage. The city is abuzz with festive events and live concerts that bring our community together. Support local entrepreneurs and nonprofits while shopping for that perfect gift. Celebrate the city's young people as they organize a [beloved four-decade-old tradition](#) of gathering gifts and bringing joy to hundreds of families. And don't forget to catch up on the latest happenings by reading this week's stories from The Waltham Times. Discover

what's new in our vibrant city and stay connected with your neighbors.

A few days ago, we received [media coverage](#) of our own: "...on a Saturday afternoon last month, something unusual happened against the backdrop of so many newspaper deaths. In the halls of an old factory in Waltham, a packed crowd witnessed one being born." You are one of the people who make the rebirth of local news possible. We exist thanks to your readership and generosity. [Please consider making a year-end gift](#) so we can continue to serve you and celebrate this city that we love.

Photo: Waltham High School's Student Santa celebration from 2019



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City government



[West End traffic study public meeting](#). The city and residents are considering proposals to reduce the volume of traffic cutting through West End neighborhoods. BSC Group, a traffic consultancy hired by the city to study traffic issues in the West End, presented its findings to 40-plus residents and city officials on Dec. 12.





[City Council voices concerns over future National Grid construction.](#) National Grid alerted the board to two major construction projects it has planned. One project will take place around Second Avenue and the other is in the South Street area.



[City Council in brief.](#) Local business owner LaDonna Jackson petitions for a secondhand dealer license. The council heard a resolution on the processes to obtain a special permit modification from the ZBA and appointed Robert J. Waters to serve as planning director for a three-year term.



[La Comisión de Conservación aprueba prórroga para hotel propuesto en Moody Street.](#) La Comisión de Conservación votó a favor de extender el plazo para la solicitud de Michael Colomba, quien propone construir un hotel de cinco pisos en el 210 de Moody Street, durante una reunión pública el 5 de diciembre.

Community



[Waltham-based Opportunities for Inclusion mourns sudden death of its CEO.](#) "Gabe worked diligently to expand access to meaningful and innovative supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities."



[Long-loved Waltham band to play Gore Place on the 18th.](#) Continuing a long-standing tradition, the Moody Street String Band will help ring in the holidays with its annual winter concert of Celtic, traditional and seasonal songs on Wednesday at Gore Place.

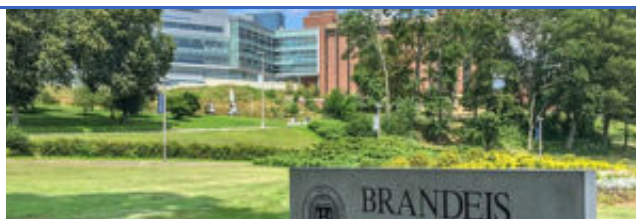


[Clever and quirky charmer.](#) Dax has flourished in a calm, attentive foster home and is looking forward to sharing his unique charm with his forever person. He's a fast learner and has an impressive range of skills, from high-fives to 360-degree turns.

Schools and universities



[Young Hawks enter season with defensive-minded approach.](#) The Hawks enter the year dedicated to instilling some tenacious defensive principles after graduating nine seniors from last winter's squad.





[Brandeis announces program offering full tuition for families earning \\$75K or less a year.](#) “The Brandeis Commitment aligns with what Brandeis has been about since its founding – enabling talented students from all backgrounds to obtain a top-tier education,” said [Interim President Arthur Levine '70.](#)



[Brandeis seeks to build new 650-bed dorm.](#) The university plans to start construction on the five-story residence in May 2025, aiming to have the dorm ready for occupancy in January 2027. Waltham residents and neighbors of peppered presenters with questions and concerns.

Holiday spirit



[Beloved Waltham student charity project enters 41st year.](#) The project now has a new home with the opening of the city’s new high school building, and with it a new name – Hawks for the Holidays – but at 41 years old the goals and spirit remain the same.



[Giving back for the holidays, part 2.](#) Waltham’s many nonprofit organizations work year-round to improve the lives of our neighbors. And they welcome volunteers to help them in their missions.



[Holiday gift ideas part 2](#). Why head to the mall when there are lots of unique options for gift-giving here in Waltham? To that end, the team here at The Times has been gathering ideas. We published our first list last week and are adding to it this week.

Events calendar

December 16 @ 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Public Hearing – MBTA Communities Act, Waltham City Hall

December 17 @ 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Waltham Land Trust — Bistro 781 Give Back Night, Bistro 781

December 18 @ 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Music for the Holly Days, Gore Place

December 19 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. A Festive Evening with the Sheffield Chamber Players, Lyman Estate

December 20 @ 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm. The Tarbox Ramblers Holiday Barn-Burner, Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation

December 21 @ 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm. 2nd Shift Concert: Joy Clark, Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation

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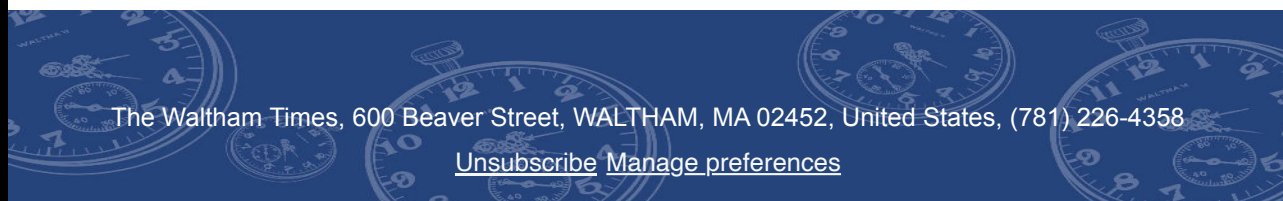
[Download the volunteer interest form \(pdf\)](#). Specific skills we are seeking:

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Journalism; writing, editing, proof-reading
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Help with events & outreach

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