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Good morning, Waltham

This week we are launching our weekly [Public Safety Watch](#) column, listing noteworthy incidents recorded by the Waltham Police and Fire departments. While we're at it, we want to give a shout out to our team of freelance reporters and volunteers who attend City Council, School Committee and other government meetings. They dig into the facts behind all types of concerns voiced by Waltham residents. And they bring you the good news, such as the thrilling story of the Waltham High School boys basketball team playing at the legendary TD Garden this past weekend.

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Photo: First snow in Bishops forest, by David Rosen, Waltham Times contributing photographer.

Housing



[Affordable housing lottery open for upcoming units on Pond Street.](#) The six-story Alexan Waltham will have a clubhouse, a pool, a fitness center, a dog park and on-site parking. The development has 210 units, 53 of which are designated affordable rentals.



[El Concejo Municipal finaliza nueva zonificación para cumplir con la Ley de Comunidades de la MBTA.](#) La nueva zonificación aprobada por el Concejo Municipal abre la posibilidad de construir hasta 4,002 nuevas unidades de vivienda multifamiliar .





[Five-story Main Street apartment building requests ZBA permit.](#) Willow Bridge plans to have 369 rental units, including 93 affordable units at 80% area median income (AMI).

City government



[Information on running for an elected office in Waltham available for aspiring candidates.](#) Nine ward seats and six at-large seats on the City Council are up for election, as well as three of the six seats on the School Committee. Here is information for those interested in running.



[Interest in Community Development Block Grant application process grows.](#) Six people attended last Thursday's Zoom meeting and another six attendees were at the in-person session later that day.

Public safety



[Public Safety Watch: Police arrest two on gun charges.](#) With this issue, The Waltham Times launches its weekly public safety blotter reporting on police and fire incidents.



[Residents concerned about crashes on Adams Street.](#) “It seems to be a daily occurrence that I’m seeing bad accidents,” Janine Boudrot, a Waltham resident, wrote in a post on the Waltham, MA Residents Facebook group.

Sports

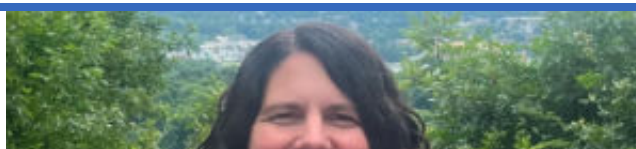


[Waltham High boys basketball team enjoys chance to play at TD Garden.](#) “That was awesome,” senior Matt McDonald said. “Playing at the Garden was a great privilege to have. It was so good.”



[Bentley University hockey looks to keep momentum rolling after big win over Maine.](#) The Falcons notched a huge 4-2 victory, the first time they have ever knocked off a top-five team in program history.

Schools





Superintendent on medical leave, School Committee appoints stand-in. “I will be receiving treatment for breast cancer, and I will be going out on medical leave starting next Wednesday, Jan. 15, for surgery,” Mendonsa told the committee at its Wednesday night meeting.

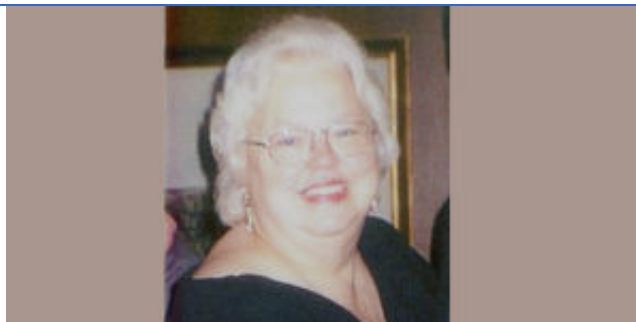


School Committee hears highlights from academic departments. The leaders of the two departments – history/social studies and world languages – shared highlights and accomplishments of the programs.

Community



Channel 781 v. WCAC: Judge strikes down motion to dismiss. This came just weeks after the judge, Patti B. Saris, had asked the two sides to work toward a settlement agreement. Saris denied WCAC's motion to dismiss after the two parties reported that they could not reach a settlement agreement.



Lifelong resident, dedicated citizen Gloria Champion dies. Champion is remembered as “a key figure in protecting the open space and environment in Waltham,” according to a tribute posted on the website

of the Waltham Land Trust.



[Friendly felines seek forever homes](#). Ron Weasley is playful, courageous and incredibly loyal. Villanelle is a sweet and beautiful kitty who has raised a litter and now deserves a home of her own.

Events calendar

January 13 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Waltham City Council's First Meeting Of The New Year, Waltham City Hall

January 16 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Public information session: Affordable housing lottery, Zoom

January 16 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Living in the Dark: An evening tour of the Gore mansion, Gore Place

January 17 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Family Fun Night, Waltham Community and Cultural Center

January 19 @ 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Growing Up in the Gore Family: Class and conflict in Revolutionary Boston, Gore Place

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