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# Who watches the watchers? City to consider first-ever rules on surveillance technology

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Flock camera at Hammond and Main. Image from Waltham Reddit and Facebook.

Waltham's Law Department will present a draft ordinance regulating the use of surveillance technologies to City Council's Ordinances and Rules Committee this Monday, March 2.

This legislation was prompted by a contract between the Waltham Police Department and national surveillance technology company Flock Safety. The WPD [entered into a two-year contract with Flock](#) in June 2025 to deploy 16 traffic cameras around Waltham. The department purchased the cameras using funding it had seized through court proceedings — money it can use without City Council approval — and the purchase was not announced publicly.

City Council started looking into the contract in October after concerned constituents reached out to their ward councilors about the traffic cameras. Ward 9 Councilor Robert G. Logan in December [requested the Law Department draft an ordinance](#) to broadly regulate the use of surveillance technology in the city.

Logan specified that such legislation should require city departments to get approval from City Council to use any new surveillance technology; that departments

should be required to create guidelines on use of and access to information they obtain from the technology and publish annual reports on its use; and that the city ban the use of facial recognition tools for surveillance.

The committee originally requested a draft of this ordinance for Jan. 20. The committee later extended the deadline to its meeting this week on March 2.

## Public criticism and security concerns in other communities

Flock Safety is one of multiple license plate reader companies that have been entering the law enforcement technology scene in recent years.

Flock partners with law enforcement organizations and private landowners to install traffic cameras that can capture passing cars' license plates, offering agencies access to a nationwide network of data shared by its clients to [help track vehicles and investigate crimes](#). It also provides AI-powered recording and analysis technologies that listen for gunshot sounds and allow users to search for individual vehicles and people.

The company has experienced “explosive” growth over the last few years, according to [a September profile in Forbes](#). At the same time, it has also received negative press, especially [in the past year](#), for cases where local cameras were [accessed by federal agencies such as Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#), [misused by individual officers](#) and, in one case spotlighted by the Electronic Frontier Foundation, used to [track a woman after she had an abortion](#).

Massachusetts protects residents' data through legislation such as [the Shield Law](#), which prevents sharing sensitive data concerning abortion and reproductive rights. However, Flock has [violated local laws protecting resident data](#) when the company allowed U.S. Customs and Border Protection access to its cameras in Illinois, as the Illinois Secretary of State found in August.

At the time, Flock said it would [remove access to Illinois data](#) for any agencies found to be violating the state's privacy laws, and committed to implementing tools to make it easier to audit searches in its database.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts has [raised concerns](#) that many of Flock's local contracts allow the company to share data with other departments elsewhere in the country, even when a local department has opted out of sharing data collected by its cameras.

At least 30 cities have [cancelled their contracts with Flock](#) since the start of 2025, many citing privacy issues. Cambridge [paused its use of Flock cameras](#) in October over concerns about data sharing, and in January Watertown decided to [cancel an upcoming contract with Flock](#) after [community pushback](#).

The company has also been cited for potential data vulnerabilities by security researchers. In December, 404 Media reported that unencrypted footage from some of the company's newer cameras [could be accessed over the internet](#).

The company told 404 Media that this leak was due to "a limited misconfiguration on a very small number of devices," which it has since fixed.

### **Flock's reception in Waltham**

Flock cameras have been controversial in Waltham since they [first came up for discussion by City Council](#) in October. City councilors have discussed the cameras both as a tool for law enforcement and as a technology that could pose privacy risks to residents.

Multiple councilors have stated that they've received significant public feedback on the topic. "It's a bit unusual to get three to five emails a week about one subject and to have so many residents following this so closely," said Councilor-at-Large Colleen Bradley-MacArthur in December.

At a November meeting, Logan [brought a 90-page list of law enforcement departments across the country](#) that had requested WPD Flock data since the cameras were installed. Since then, the WPD has [adopted its own surveillance technology policy](#) and restricted its sharing of data to other Massachusetts municipalities similarly bound by the state's data privacy laws.

The WPD declined to offer any additional comment for this story, and no city councilors responded to questions about whether they're still receiving constituent comments about Flock cameras in time for publication.

The cameras have appeared in 40 posts on the Waltham community on the social media site Reddit over the past five months. A few responses have expressed some support for their use in law enforcement, but the vast majority of comments have expressed frustration over their deployment in the city.

"Cambridge got rid of them, Watertown got rid of them. Why is Waltham doubling down?" asked a commenter with the username Microkebab on [a February post](#) about reported security vulnerabilities in Flock camera feeds.

# The week ahead: Waltham Public Schools invites parents to district conference, solicits parent feedback

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Waltham Public Schools Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa has invited parents to the district's seventh annual [Parenting Awareness Conference](#) on Saturday, Mar. 7.

WHS Chief Family and Community Engagement Officer Raymond Porch said the conference will focus on safety and special education. It will be held at the Waltham High School and will include workshops, resource tables and opportunities for parents to provide feedback on their children's experiences at school.

Parents and caregivers will also have the opportunity on Monday evening to weigh in on a controversial reduction in WHS students' curriculum hours, according to [a Facebook post from](#) School Committee member Debbie Coleman. The School Committee has been [discussing this policy at its meetings over the past month](#).

## City Council committees, 3/2

This week, the City Council's Ordinances and Rules Committee was slated to review draft ordinances from the Law Department concerning the city's [surveillance technology use](#) and [dog grooming businesses](#); the [mixed-use zoning overlay districts](#) it has been discussing [since December](#); and a request for a special permit [for a hotel at 220 Moody St.](#)

The Finance Committee will meet to discuss budgeting items for the school district, as well as requests from the Mayor's Office including traffic improvement funding, new equipment for city offices and funds [to plan the restoration of the Farwell Street Bridge](#).

The Committee of the Whole will meet at 8 p.m. and the Licences and Franchises committee will meet immediately before it to discuss a special permit application for a temporary dock on the Charles River and a used car sales license renewal.

## Bay Colony zoning meeting

Real estate company BXP Inc., which has petitioned the City Council for zoning amendments to allow it to build housing on two properties in western Waltham, plans to hold a neighborhood meeting to discuss Bay Colony, a [mixed-use development it has proposed on Winter Street](#).

The meeting was postponed from last week due to the snow, and is now scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 3, at 1000 Winter St.

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The ZBA is a five-person board charged with reviewing new and existing buildings that might violate the city's [zoning code](#). The board has the power to grant project-specific variances to the code, overrule judgments made by the building inspector and grant specific types of special permits.

This week it will hear the case of a private landowner who is petitioning the board to allow a single-story addition to their house that would cause their house to cover more of the property than city zoning permits.

The board will also discuss a time extension for its 2022 decision to grant a variance for [a lab space project at 460 Totten Pond Road](#) and will meet in executive session about [an ongoing legal case](#) over its decision to uphold a series of cease-and-desist letters from Building Inspector Brian Bower classifying nine houses rented to groups of students as "lodging houses."

The board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 3, at the Arthur Clark Government Center.

## **Parks-Recreation Board**

The Parks-Recreation Board is an eight-person board that oversees the city's public recreational spaces and programming. This week, it plans to elect the board's chairperson and vice chairperson positions and schedule meetings for 2026–27.

It will meet on Wednesday, Mar. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the Waltham Recreation Department at 510 Moody St.

## **Board of Survey and Planning**

The Board of Survey and Planning regulates public and private ways and makes decisions on the status and boundaries of lots in the city.

This week, it will revisit [a public hearing on the repair and repaving of Fir Avenue](#).

The board will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 4, in the auditorium of the Clark Government Center.

## **School Committee**

The Waltham School Committee, an elected six-member committee chaired by Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy, makes policy and oversight decisions for the Waltham Public Schools.

The committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 4, in the James J. Cannon Lecture Hall at 617 Lexington St.

The committee this week will discuss WHS's [Program of Studies](#) and hear an update from the school's quiz bowl team.

## **Waltham Cultural Council**

The Waltham Cultural Council is a part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council [local council program](#). It allocates funds for arts, sciences and humanities [projects and events](#) focusing on Waltham's cultural diversity and local history.

The WCC will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Mar. 5 via Zoom.

# Waltham High's show choir shines at Somerset competition

June Kinoshita

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Waltham High School's Music Unlimited show choir was first runner up in the Mixed Division Tier 1 at the Somerset Berkley New England Show Choir Classic 2026 this Saturday, Feb. 28.

Judges awarded Music Unlimited a gold medal as well as best choreography, best band and the judges award for commitment to character. Waltham's Hanz Louis was named best soloist.

# Camellia Days are here

June Kinoshita

March 1, 2026



Seeking an antidote to all the snow and ice? A wonderful way to escape winter is to visit the Lyman Estate's storied greenhouses and admire its famed camellias.

This is their peak bloom time. Luminous white, rosy pink and deep crimson, the blossoms glow amid glossy dark green foliage against a wall of centuries-old bricks.

The estate's camellia plants harken back to Boston's heyday as a camellia center in the early 1800s. Relatives of tea plants, camellias were collected from mountainsides in China, Japan and Korea and

transported aboard trading ships. Brahmin families cultivated the plants, which were prized for their ability to bloom in winter.

The Lyman Estate's Camellia House was built around 1820. It is part of a complex that also houses orchids, bougainvillea, citrus trees, succulents and other exotics. The buildings are among the oldest surviving greenhouses in the United States.

Camellia Days run through March 24. The greenhouses, at 85 Lyman St., are open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. [Visit the website for details.](#)

# WHS freshman Molly Whittier lit up the scoreboard for girls hockey team this season

Liam O'Brien

March 1, 2026



Waltham High freshman Molly Whittier. Photo by Joseph Sharkey.

For most hockey players, netting 100 points over the course of an entire high school career would be a significant achievement.

Waltham High freshman Molly Whittier has already eclipsed this milestone, doing so on Dec. 20. Remarkably, she has three years of high school hockey

remaining after this season concludes.

After receiving the nod to play with the Hawks varsity club in seventh grade, Whittier has been a force to be reckoned with on offense. This winter, she was a key cog in [Waltham's resurgence](#) since the turn of the new year.

“There was definitely hype around Molly’s skill level when she came in as a seventh grader,” second-year head coach Christopher Watson said. “This year, when we put her on the same line with Meredith Guden and Ryanne O’Connor, they built a rapport that really stood out. The team started just to play and not grip the stick too tight.”

Upon Whittier’s return from missing four games due to injury in early January, the Hawks rallied in the second half of the year with six wins in seven games. Whittier seemed to dominate the stat sheet in each game.

“Molly really bought into playing with her line mates and gelled with them, forechecking hard. Obviously, she can outskate anyone when she puts her mind to it. She really picked it up as the season moved on,” Watson said.

WHS revved its engines with a 5-2 win over Wayland-Weston/Newton South on Jan. 28 with Whittier netting two goals. She followed that up with a hat trick in a 6-0 victory over Cambridge Rindge & Latin, two goals in a shutout of Shawsheen/Bedford/Lowell, a goal in a 7-0 triumph over Concord-Carlisle, another score in a romp over Central Catholic, and a pair of tallies in a 3-0 win against Belmont.

Whittier also showed her playoff resilience on Feb. 26, contributing a key assist in a 3-2 overtime squeaker over favorite Hingham in the MIAA Division 1 State Tournament Round of 32. The playoffs and season ended for Whittier and the Hawks on Saturday against a strong Reading team, 3-2, with Whittier adding two assists in that game as well. It’s a safe bet that more records will be set before she graduates.

# Hawks' late-season surge leads to stellar state tournament run

Joseph Sharkey

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A Waltham forward controls the puck while skating through traffic against Central Catholic during Senior Night play.

Just a month ago, the Waltham High School varsity girls hockey team was fighting to keep its postseason hopes alive. Sitting at 6–7–1 in late January, the Hawks needed a strong finish to earn a Division 1 state tournament berth

— and they delivered in thrilling fashion.

Waltham closed out the regular season with six wins in its final seven games, including five shutouts, to finish 11–8—

1. That late surge not only secured a spot in the MIAA tournament but also gave the team a surge of confidence that carried into playoff action.

That momentum paid off last Friday at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham, where the 26th-seeded Hawks stunned No. 7 Hingham — the defending Division 1 state champions — with a 3–2 overtime victory. [Freshman Molly Whittier](#) contributed a key assist. Senior standout Sophia LaFauci reached her 100th career point in the win, and Taylor Losier sealed the upset with the game-winning goal in sudden death overtime. It was a signature moment in a season defined by heart and grit.

The Hawks' postseason run continued into the Round of 16 on Saturday, Feb. 28, where they faced off against powerhouse Reading. In another back-and-forth battle, Waltham pushed the game into overtime once again before falling 3–2. Ava Anderson and LaFauci each found the back of the net, while goaltender Miyana Bahl turned aside 26 shots to keep the Hawks in contention until the final whistle.

Though their season ended in heartbreaking fashion, the Hawks left the ice proud of their resilience and growth. The team celebrated a remarkable turnaround and honored its senior leaders — Brenna Roche (#5), Ava Anderson (#7), Sophia LaFauci (#9), Ryanne O'Connor (#10), Juliana Fry (#14), and Miyana Bahl (#30) — for their lasting contributions to Waltham's hockey program.

# Public safety report: Facebook Marketplace scam costs resident \$1,200

Cyd Abnet

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A Waltham resident was sold a non-functioning iPhone on Facebook Marketplace. Canva stock image.

A Facebook Marketplace scam involving a seemingly legitimate iPhone cost a Waltham resident \$1,200 this week.

On Feb. 19, police responded to a residence on Main Street where a man alleged he had been the target of a scam. He intended to purchase an iPhone from a seller off of Facebook Marketplace. The man met up with the seller

and paid \$1,200 cash for the phone. Once he arrived home and began using the device, he noticed it wasn't functioning properly. Upon bringing the phone to an Apple store location, the man was informed that it wasn't a legitimate iPhone. Police are investigating this incident.

A summary of other police activity from Feb. 17 to Feb. 25 is as follows:

On Feb. 17 at 10:01 a.m., police responded to Panera Bread at 1030 Main St. Someone had called to report a vehicle with a swastika painted on its hood. Police could not locate a vehicle in the area that matched that description.

On Feb. 18 at 6:15 p.m., police responded to reports of lewd behavior on Clocktower Drive. Two women and two men were allegedly engaging in sexual acts while being filmed by a third man at a tennis court in the area. Police were called back to the location at 7:32 p.m. for a similar incident. Both times, police checked the area but didn't locate anyone.

On Feb. 18 at 7:22 p.m., police responded to reports of a scam at a residence on Angleside Road. A woman at the residence said she had been approached via Whatsapp to participate in a 'stock market mentorship' with the scammer as the teacher. She was told that she would need to deposit money into the scammer's account to participate in the program. Eventually, the woman decided that she wanted to withdraw her money but was told she needed to pay a \$6,500 'profit tax' before she could do so. At this point, she realized it was a scam. The incident is under investigation.

On Feb. 20 at 12:38 p.m., police responded to a larceny at the AT&T store on Main Street. The suspect was in the middle of completing a purchase with a staff member when a customer came in. The staff member became distracted by the customer, during which the suspect reached over the counter, took the phone he was in the middle of purchasing and left. The phone has not been recovered.

56 cars were towed due to the snow emergency on Feb. 22 and 23. No notable police activity took place on Feb. 21, Feb. 24 or Feb. 25.

All information was obtained from spokespeople with the Waltham Police department, [the publicly available police blotter](#) and police reports available at Waltham District Court.

# Proposed new sidewalk at Bentley University presented to Conservation Commission

Cyd Abnet

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A proposed walkway would connect Linden Street to Bentley University's soccer field (above). Courtesy photo.

A proposal for a 5-foot-wide sidewalk connecting Linden Street to the adjacent Bentley University soccer field complex was presented to the Conservation Commission on Thursday. Bentley's Director of Planning and Construction Jon Nattinville served as the university's representative during the meeting. Commissioner

Bill Doyle is the civil engineer for the project and therefore recused himself from any decisions regarding the plans.

Nattinville explained that due to the construction of the rail trail, the curbing and roadway in the specified area was in disrepair. The plans involve repaving the road itself, installation of electrical and telecommunication conduits, installation of granite curbing and making a nearby water retention basin larger.

Commissioner Frank Fitzgerald asked about specifics on the retention basin expansion. Nattinville said that the material removed to expand the basin would be moved offsite and may be able to be reused in future construction projects at the university. Additionally, Commissioner Gerard Dufromont asked that Nattinville look into putting some flowering bushes nearby the sidewalk to make the area more aesthetically pleasing.

Due to the fact that the application doesn't have a DEP file number yet, the commission voted to continue discussion about the plans at their March 12 meeting.

In other business, the commission:

- Voted to allow Algonquin Gas Transmission LLC to relocate nearly 2,000 feet of natural gas piping on Tower Road. The piping will connect to the existing Algonquin Meter Station in that area.
- Decided to continue the discussion of site improvements at the Waltham Watch Factory apartment complex per the applicant's request. The project plans are currently awaiting comments from the city engineering department.
- Voted to allow the repaving of the parking lot at 130 Second Ave. along with the installation of bioretention swales and rain gardens to catch run-off water from the pavement.
- Discussed a preliminary plan for managing the forest at Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate. Money from a 2021 Community Preservation Commission grant is being used to fund the planning and execution of the forest management project. The commissioners decided to consult with former commission chair Phil Moser to decide next steps, as he was involved in creating the plans.
- Elected Doyle as Commission Chair and commissioner Lisa Limonciello as Commission Vice Chair. Dufromont will remain secretary. The CPC delegate position was passed on from Doyle to Fitzgerald, who will serve as the liaison between the two commissions.

# Waltham's Julia Kern reflects on 'really cool' Olympic experience

Greg Levinsky

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Julie Kern posing with the Olympic rings. Courtesy photo.

A dozen-plus familiar faces greeted Julia Kern all four times she finished a race at the 2026 Milano Cortina Winter Olympic Games, a welcome contrast to the absence of fans at her COVID-impacted Olympic debut four years ago.

The 2015 Waltham High School graduate hurdled the fence upon finishing, finding her support circle first, then seeing young skiers from her old club and her Team USA peers' circles.

“Being able to connect with them right after those special moments was really cool,” Kern said.

Kern, 28, represented the United States across four events at the Tesero Cross-Country Skiing Stadium in Tesero, Val di Fiemme, Italy.

Here are Kern's event dates, event titles and finishes:



*Julia Kern's hometown fans. Courtesy photo.*

- Feb. 7, 20 km skiathlon, 24th place
- Feb. 10, sprint skate, 6th place
- Feb. 14, 4x7.5 km relay, Team USA finished 5th overall with Kern racing the first leg
- Feb. 18, team sprint with Wakefield resident Jessie Diggins, 5th place

Kern qualified for every event and declined two to save her energy for the relay and team sprint, events she felt had more medal potential.

“I had any opportunity I wanted to race,” she said.

Four years ago Kern competed in two events at the Beijing Winter Olympic Games—sprint freestyle, in which she placed 18th, and skiathlon, in which she placed 53rd. She improved her final standing in the latter event by nearly 30 spots at this year's Olympics.

Not only did Kern improve her performance, she enjoyed the experience much more. COVID-19 restrictions limited social interactions at the 2022 Beijing Games, robbing athletes of the full Olympic experience. At the Milano Cortina Games, Kern was able to spend ample time mingling with fellow Olympians and hanging out with her loved ones. The weather cooperated, leaving time for leisurely walks with the people who matter.

“It meant everything,” Kern said. “My parents had just as much, if not more, fun than I did ... It was just

really special to share those moments with the people who put so much in to support me and helped me get there and have an Olympic experience as well.”

After attending the closing ceremonies, Kern went right back to the World Cup circuit, staying up for 36 hours after the final day due to travel needs. She spoke to the Waltham Times from Sweden, where she raced this weekend, and then she will compete in Finland and Norway before finishing in Lake Placid, New York for the finals.

It’s not an easy transition.

“It’s like a race hangover without any of the alcohol,” Kern said. “You have this buildup for four years to this big moment, and The Olympics are physically [and] emotionally exhausting. You put everything into it.”

The French Alps region will host the next Winter Games in 2030. Kern hopes to be there.

“Body’s got to cooperate,” she said. “It’s got to be fun. You’ve got to qualify, but right now it’s definitely in the cards.”



*Julie Kern (third from left) with friends and family at the Winter Olympics. Courtesy photo.*

# New Main Street eatery features authentic Mexican cuisine

Steve Milmore

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*Monarca Taqueria Waltham owners Ramiro and Raquel Marin. Photo by Steve Milmore.*

Former Waltham residents Ramiro and Raquel Marin are the proud owners of a new Mexican restaurant across from Waltham Common.

Monarca Taqueria at 663 Main St. is now open for lunch and dinner and offers such options as traditional Mexican soups, tacos, burritos, quesadillas, bowls, seafood and ceviche along with margaritas and other beverages.

Its space is the former location of The Elephant Walk and Gustazo, the latter of which moved to Moody Street in 2022.

All food at Monarca Taqueria Waltham is prepared on-site and cooked from scratch using fresh ingredients — and the word is getting around. Since the grand opening on Feb. 7, Monarca Taqueria has had several rave reviews posted on social media sites including Google and Yelp. Some diners even come two and three times a week to try different items on the menu, the owners said.

All food at Monarca Taqueria Waltham is



*Bar area at Monarca Taqueria Waltham. Photo by Steve Milmore.*

“Atmosphere was on point from the moment I arrived. Food did not take long to arrive and was delicious. Seriously, the best Birria in Waltham,” said Dom R. in one review.

“I have to say my wife and I loved it! We got tacos. The steak tacos were outstanding and the steak had so much flavor,” said Darren412 in another.

The Marins lived in Waltham for more than 25 years and now reside in Milford where they opened their first Monarca location four years ago.

“We love the community. My kids were brought up here, and they all went to Waltham schools,” Ramiro Marin said. “We’re just glad to be back and get such a warm welcome.”

# Bentley women's hoops clinches NE10 regular season title

Steve Milmore

February 27, 2026



For the third straight season, Bentley women's basketball has won the regular season title and claimed the top seed in the Northeast 10 Conference Women's Basketball Championship.

The Falcons beat Southern New Hampshire 77-59 on Feb. 25 to take the title. It's the program's 28th regular season conference title.

With the win, Bentley gets a bye in the first round of the NE10 Championship and will host a semifinal game on Thurs., March 5.

Bentley (21-3, 17-1 NE10) enters the postseason on a seven-game winning streak. The Falcons look for their fifth consecutive NE10 Championship title under head coach C White.

# Lieutenant Richard Couture retires from Waltham Police

June Kinoshita

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Lieutenant Richard Couture retires after 40 years of service to the Waltham Police Department. Courtesy WPD.

# U.S. District Court judge hears Channel 781 lawsuit against WCAC; no decision made

Cyd Abnet

February 27, 2026

A [hearing](#) for the lawsuit on Thursday morning between plaintiff Channel 781 News and defendant Waltham Community Access Corporation concluded with no decision from the judge.

Both parties presented their arguments to Judge Patti B. Saris at U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Saris will decide whether to make a ruling herself, call a summary judgment or set a jury trial. If she decides a summary judgment is appropriate, Saris can rule in favor of either party.

The inciting incident of the lawsuit occurred in September 2023, when WCAC reported three instances of copyright infringement to YouTube regarding clips filmed by WCAC of public city meetings used in Channel 781 News videos. YouTube operates on a “three-strikes- and-you’re-out” policy, so the Channel 781 News YouTube channel was removed from the platform. As a result, Channel 781 lost access to its collection of 216 videos and nearly 300 followers and was forced to make a new YouTube channel just days before Waltham’s mayoral primary. The original account was eventually restored, but the videos with infringement claims aren’t on the channel.



*WCAC van on the common.*

Channel 781 News sued WCAC, alleging that WCAC had no grounds to claim copyright infringement and that Channel 781 News’s use of the clips was covered under the fair use doctrine in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Channel 781 News is seeking monetary compensation for the damage caused by WCAC to its organization. WCAC filed a motion to [dismiss the lawsuit](#) in Jan. 2025, which was ultimately struck down.

Jeffrey Pyle, legal counsel for WCAC, explained to the judge that the channel’s

news director Chris Wangler had an “objective, good faith belief” that using clips from WCAC’s City Council meeting broadcast violated the fair use doctrine. According to Pyle, Wangler researched the doctrine online, exchanged emails with Channel 781 News members regarding the clips and watched a YouTube instructional video about it as well. Due to the length of the clips used as well as the fact that the clips were directly taken from the broadcast without alteration, Pyle said he and his client believe that it is illegal use.

Mitch Stoltz, director of IP legislation at the Electronic Frontier Foundation and legal counsel for Channel 781 News, argued that because the clips were from a public meeting and weren’t used for commercial gain, Channel 781 News had followed the fair use doctrine guidelines. When asked by Saris why the channel didn’t ask for permission to use the clips in the first place, Stoltz shared that Channel 781 News not only thought that using the clips was legal, but it also felt that WCAC saw it as a competitor and wouldn’t agree to the use.

The hearing follows nearly two years of legal proceedings during which mediation was unsuccessful. A written decision from Saris on the motion for a summary judgment is expected within the next six months.

# Residents demand explanation for Mayor's new time limit for Waltham Common events

Lea Zaharoni

February 27, 2026

Since Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy imposed [an administrative order last month](#) limiting the length of Waltham Common events to four hours, residents and organizers have questioned the legitimacy of the new rule and whether the mayor's reasoning holds up.

The mayor's [Jan. 15 notice](#) referenced "noise, neighborhood complaints, wear-and-tear, public safety concerns and the number of applicants asking to use the Common" as reasons to cut down the durations of events on the common. However, concerned citizens have investigated the specifics of these complaints and come up empty-handed.



*A crowd gathered by the bandstand on Waltham Common. Photo by Ray Chow.*

Waltham resident Kate Fontes submitted a public records request to the city's Law Department for noise complaints, police reports, repair invoices and permit applications from 2023 to 2025 and received more than 3,000 files.

However, Fontes was unable to find "citizen complaints,

police incident reports, enforcement actions or other documentation substantiating claims of noise, public safety issues or related concerns cited as justification for the policy," according to her Feb. 2 correspondence with the mayor's office.

"I am strongly opposed to elected officials unilaterally making decisions about public spaces that affect public use. It is troubling that there was no public input, no grandfathering of existing uses, and that the narrative became 'this is a done deal' with no recourse," Fontes said.

## City charter puts the mayor in charge

The Waltham city charter gives the mayor the executive power to make such decisions.

"Oversight of the Common falls within the Mayor's administrative authority," said Ward 7 Councilor Paul Katz in a Feb. 24 email to The Times. "The Council does not have a formal role in setting those policies, and we were not (nor were we required to be) consulted prior to the recent decision."

Executive actions such as this can take effect immediately and do not require prior approval by the City Council. Waltham operates under [Plan B](#) of its city charter, [laid out](#) by Massachusetts state law. Plan B is [often referred to](#) as a "strong mayor" system. In this kind of charter, the mayor is the executive arm, while the city council is the

legislative arm – keepers of checks and balances but in situations like these are observers of executive action. The cities of Newton and Boston use the same structure.

As Fontes waits for the mayor or other city officials to produce tangible reasoning for the time limit, she has requested that the City Council place the new rule on a meeting agenda for public discussion. Under Waltham's city charter, the council can request information from the mayor, pass a nonbinding resolution expressing its view and even attempt legislative action. What it cannot do is veto an administrative action.

Additionally, according to City Council members, the mayor holds administrative authority over the common. Ward 3 Councilor Bill Hanley told The Waltham Times in a Feb. 24 email, “The city charter gives the mayor the right to administer and permit use of the common. I understand some people disagree with that, but it is what we have to work with at this time.”

The mayor’s jurisdiction over permits to use the common wouldn’t be out of the ordinary, but attorney and Waltham resident Jessica Scherer said unilateral control over anything that happens on the common is less routine.

“That strikes me as odd,” she said in a Feb. 26 interview. “It didn’t pass my smell test in terms of what I know about basic separation of powers and checks and balances. Legislatures make law, executives enforce law. Assuming she has unilateral decision making power over the common, the restriction itself is unconstitutional.”

Moreover, Scherer said the time limit rule does not address the issue of noise complaints. As Scherer put it, “There’s also no connection between four hours and ‘wear-and-tear.’” She added that the common is not located in a residential area, and that the noise complaints contained in the public records request were actually in connection with the recent anti-ICE and No Kings protests.

### **‘Plundered by Time Pirates!!!’**

In the meantime, community organizers have felt the blowback from these new restrictions. The Watch City Steampunk Festival has made [several statements](#) on its Facebook page regarding the new time limits, telling followers and vendors, “Rest assured that we will look ahead to other options for 2027.”



*Performers at the 2024 Watch City Steampunk Festival. Courtesy of Hayley Lebert Photography.*

Melissa Honig, lead organizer for the Steampunk Festival, said in a Feb. 25 email, “We’re also in search of other events happening in Waltham on May 9th that people can attend after our event is over. We’re hoping that these ‘extra hours’ will give people even more reasons to come to Waltham.”

Its Facebook page says something similar, although with Steampunk flair, declaring, “Calamity! Catastrophe! Oh, Citizens of Watch

City, our dear Watch City Steampunk Festival has been plundered by Time Pirates!!!”

Hanley said in a Feb. 24 email, “I’m hopeful we can come to a compromise and the city can still provide and fund bathrooms, permitting and trash removal.” Councilor Katz agreed, stating, “I hope that organizations that host events on the common are able to continue doing so in a way that maintains that balance, and that any concerns can be addressed constructively.”

However, unease persists among citizens. “It irks me as an attorney to see any government overstep,” said Scherer. “It’s gonna hurt the city culturally and financially.”

“[The common is] our land, we pay the money to upkeep it, we pay the police officers who patrol it,” she continued. There’s nothing about that space that doesn’t belong to the public. If this were to go to court, the common would be entitled to the highest amount of protection.”

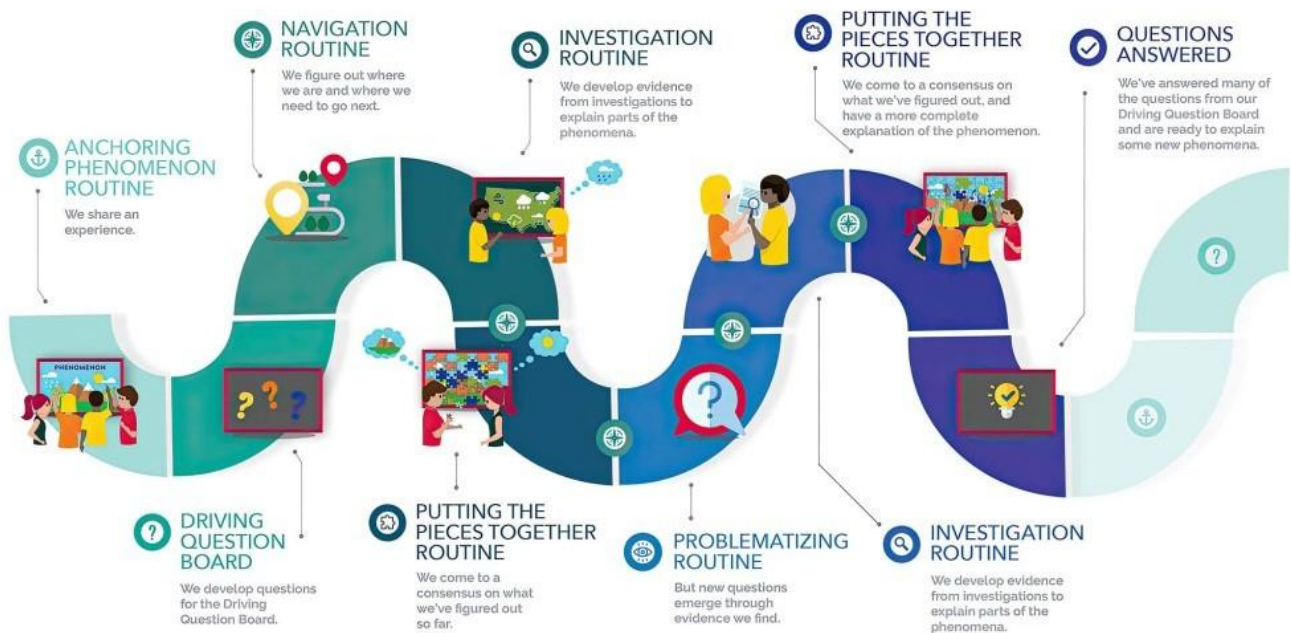
# New science curriculum approved for Waltham middle schools

Lea Zaharoni

February 27, 2026

The School Committee approved Assistant Superintendent Shannon Conley’s proposed new curriculum for middle school science classes, which will align more closely with [Next Generation Science Standards guidelines](#).

After a multiyear inclusive effort in collaboration with the MA Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education and IMplementMA, Conley and the science teachers at Waltham’s public middle schools have chosen the OpenSciEd curriculum as their new foundation.



*OpenSciEd illustration of its instructional approach. Courtesy of OpenSciEd.*

Both McDevitt and Kennedy Middle Schools will adopt the curriculum gradually over a three-year phased rollout. OpenSciEd focuses on “phenomena-based” learning rather than rote memorization. It utilizes open educational resources and has teachers act as facilitators as students explore new concepts.

Previously, the two middle schools had used a combination of legacy and supplemental resources which didn’t align with NGSS guidelines. Continuity between grade levels was also a concern. With the district’s subscription to STEMscopes, another set of online science and math curricula, coming to an end this spring, the opportunity for redirection presented itself.

OpenSciEd curriculum will launch in middle schools this spring and the implementation phase will begin in the fall. Teachers will have three years before they’re responsible for all six units of an annual OpenSciEd program. Conley elaborated on the extended rollout period, telling the committee, “We want teachers to hone their skills rather than move at a rapid pace. We also want students really understanding the why and the how and not just those immediate facts.”

Conley credited the science teachers of McDevitt and Kennedy, especially Matthew Burns, for their focused efforts in the search for a new curriculum. OpenSciEd is [praised](#) for its use of storylines, and has been partnered with Massachusetts since 2018 and [field tested](#) in more than 250 K-12 schools.

# ZBA delays Main Street multifamily parking case over unclear legal questions

Artie Kronenfeld

February 27, 2026

The Zoning Board of Appeals agreed with an applicant at its Feb. 24 meeting to put off a decision in a case about parking at a mixed-use development on Main Street.

Waltham business owner Paul Yu owns a 150-year-old building at 719–732 Main St. and has proposed turning its top floors into housing.



719-723 Main St. property. Google Street View.

According to papers that Yu submitted to the board, the building is currently in distressed condition, but he is actively restoring it. He said that he plans to keep the ground floor for commercial use and turn the space above from “underutilized” office space into seven residential apartments.

The building itself takes much of the lot’s footprint and therefore only has two parking spaces on site, which Yu said was a result of its original 19th-century design. To build

seven residential units in the Business C zoning district where the lot lies, Yu would be required to provide nine parking spaces for residents; Yu asked the ZBA to waive the requirement for all but the current two parking spots.

In documents he submitted to the ZBA, Yu asked for both the parking waiver and a special permit to build seven units at the site, which is more than the number of units he’s allowed to construct by right.

ZBA chair John Sergi said at the board’s Tuesday meeting that Yu is allowed to build three units of housing at the site by right, but stressed to Yu that the ZBA did not have the authority to grant a permit for the additional units.

Yu clarified that he was planning to go to the City Council to seek that special permit, saying he previously talked to the Building Department and Ward 6 Councilor Sean T. Durkee about the process and was told he needed to seek the parking variance from the ZBA first.

In an email to The Waltham Times, Durkee confirmed that, as he understood it, anyone petitioning the City Council for a special permit had to first seek out necessary variances from the ZBA.

Sergi and ZBA member Matthew Deveaux expressed hesitation about granting the parking variance for procedural reasons.

Deveaux said that he would not be willing to make a decision on the variance before knowing whether the City Council would grant the special permit for seven units. “If we said, ‘Okay, yeah, we’ll give you the parking variance,’ that’s kind of like us saying that we think you should have a different use for the building. We cannot do that,” he said.

The board also expressed confusion about the building’s parking requirements. Yu said that according to the city’s parking requirements for the Business C district — outlined in [section 5.23 of the city’s zoning code](#) — he would be expected to build nine spaces for the residential units and no additional spaces for the ground-floor commercial space, since it measures less than 20,000 square feet.

Sergi appeared skeptical about this part of the code: “I thought it was four [spaces]. I don’t think it’s zero. So I think you need to do a little bit of research on that to show us,” he said.

Both Sergi and Deveaux told Yu they would like him to engage legal counsel before returning to the ZBA and more clearly prove what hardship the additional parking requirements would incur. “It needs to be more in-depth for us to not muddy the waters before you go to council,” Deveaux said.

ZBA member Mark Hickernell said he supported Yu’s case, but underscored that recommendation. “I’m satisfied with your presentation. For a variance, you need four votes, and, judging from what I’ve heard, you probably don’t have that. So I think you should consider getting legal representation and coming with a presentation that convinces at least four of the board,” he said.

Yu asked to pause the case and to return to the board at a later date, and the board agreed to revisit it on March 24.

### **Background on the development**

Yu previously submitted a traffic analysis that argued the effect of the reduced parking would not be overly detrimental to the neighborhood. He wrote in documents he submitted to the board that he would not be able to construct the units without this variance. “To strictly enforce modern parking ratios on this unique historic lot would be to effectively mandate the destruction of a landmark, as the site cannot physically accommodate both the building and the required stalls,” he said.

He also asserted in his submission to the board that he had received “strong neighborhood support” for the project. The board did not request any public testimony about the project.

Durkee, the ward councilor for 719–732 Main St., wrote to The Waltham Times that he “looked forward” to work to revitalize Main Street buildings.

“Paul will be improving the inside and beautifying the outside of 719-723 Main St. As long as people moving in know they have to provide their own parking, I love the mixed used concept at that address and will not oppose intensity of use or the parking variances being requested,” he wrote.

## **Fire department and high school join forces to spread word about fire safety**

Cyd Abnet

February 25, 2026



The Waltham Fire Department partnered with the Waltham High School TV studio program this month to create a new fire safety program for WCAC. This ongoing series, called “Fire Safety Watch,” will air once a month during WCAC’s weekly news program. Segments will center around fire safety and prevention. The Council on Aging and Waltham Senior Center will partner with the program for topics such as fire safety and other life safety tips for seniors.

Students in the tv studio program serve as writers and producers for the program. Students will also have the opportunity to co-host alongside members of the Waltham Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau and the Student Awareness of Fire Education Team.

This month’s program will feature tips on how to eliminate slip, trip and fall hazards both inside and outside the home. Those interested can view “Fire Safety Watch” via WCAC or through WFD’s [website](#).

# School Committee hears from concerned students and parents on proposed new Schedule

Lea Zaharoni

February 26, 2026



Waltham's School Committee met before a packed lecture hall on Feb. 25 as students, parents and teachers gathered to give their unanimously critical input on a new proposed schedule which would reduce high schoolers' course loads from 40 to 35 weekly hours.

The change has been in the works since last spring, put forth by a scheduling committee made up of teachers and administrators. The

new schedule would eliminate the eighth period, thus increasing the amount of time students spend in their seven other periods. Although their aim is to increase learning time and subsequently MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) test scores, attendees argued that the loss of an elective period would have a significant negative impact on student life and development.

Approximately 10 students and parents spoke before the committee, outlining their concerns. All the speakers praised the robust education made available at Waltham Public Schools, mentioning the Career and Technical Education Program, the arts and music electives and the Biomedical Science Pathway.

Under the new schedule, students would be forced to choose between these opportunities and Advanced Placement classes, which comprise a more traditional college track. It could also potentially eliminate the Hawk Block, which is a group work period for students to meet with one another and with their teachers.

Students expressed that the extensive electives and career programs offered at Waltham schools give them an edge in the college application process. They also provide a break for students during stressful days in challenging academic classes and offer a chance to develop their personal interests beyond traditional subjects.

Parents said the electives provide their children with invaluable opportunities to grow as people and build confidence. One mother spoke about her son's decision to choose his cosmetology CTE program over an AP class, and expressed disappointment that he was forced to choose rather than have the opportunity to take both classes.

Many parents who spoke were themselves graduates of Waltham public schools, and said that the electives they took as students laid the foundation for their personal and professional competence as adults. Several praised the Music Unlimited program, and said their children may not have the opportunity to participate in all the classes available to them.

Several speakers also said the schedule was especially exclusionary toward students enrolled in English Language Learner classes. Those students would have to give up even more opportunities to explore, because their ELL programs take up valuable credits.

Overall, parents' criticism of the new schedule was rooted in gratitude for the school's diverse curriculum and fears that students would not be able to fully utilize it. One father of three WPS students told the Committee, "To not take advantage of those CTE programs... It seems nuts. It seems like shooting ourselves in the foot."

An additional public forum will be held on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. in person at Waltham High School. A virtual session will follow at 7 p.m. Community members will have another chance at this forum to express their opinions to the Committee before a vote is taken.

# WHS wrestling team caps winning season with tourney bids

Steve Milmore

February 27, 2026



Waltham High School varsity wrestling ended its season last week with an impressive 7-5 dual-meet record in the Dual Country League, competing against top local teams such as Newton South, Wayland and Westford Academy.

“It’s Waltham’s first winning record in a long time. I’m proud of our wrestlers who all worked so hard this season,” head wrestling coach John Brokish said.

The WHS team featured two seniors who ended the season with more than 100 wins. James Agostino (120 wins) and Michael Ayanyan (109 wins) broke the century mark after wrestling for all four years at the high school.

After the regular season, the WHS team participated in the Sectional Tournament at Malden High School on Feb. 14 and had a great showing. Eight out of 13 WHS wrestlers either placed or won medals at the event.

Of the eight, five qualified for the Division State Tournament, a high-level championship event where top wrestlers compete for titles and qualification to a higher, all-state level. The were Joseph Ayanyan, Michael Ayanyan, Matthew Hovsepian, James Agostino and Tai Vetrone. Hamza Yousaf and Stephen Mutebi from WHS were named as alternates.

The State tourney was held on Feb. 21 at North Andover High School in front of a packed crowd of contestants, coaches and fans from across Massachusetts.

Senior Matthew Hovsepian, who placed second at the Sectionals, was injured before the event and had to sit out. However, each of the other four WHS wrestlers won at least one match, ending a 0-12 three-year losing streak at States. Tai Vetrone placed seventh and James Agostino placed eight at the meet.

Earlier in the year, the WHS team took second place at the Sharon Lombardo Tournament in Rhode Island and fifth place at the Essex High School Classic in Vermont, a multi-state tournament.

“We took a few trophies home this year, and we placed higher in every tournament we attended since 2023,” Coach Brokish said.

# Bentley clinches first regular season Atlantic Hockey title

Steve Milmore

February 27, 2026



The Falcons are the #1 seed in the upcoming Atlantic Hockey playoffs that start March 3 and will have home-ice advantage throughout the postseason.

Bentley scored all four of its goals in the second period by Stephen Castagna, Chase Davis, Arlo Merritt and Jake Black.

AHA Commissioner Michelle Morgan presents league trophy to Bentley Falcons (left to right) Ryan Upson, Kellan Hjartarson, Stephen Castagna and Arlo Merritt. Picture courtesy of Bentley University.

They led 4-2 at the end of the second period and throughout almost all of the third period until RIT scored an extra-attacker goal with 49 seconds remaining. Bentley was able to run out the clock to secure the victory.

The Falcons improved to 18-9-5 overall and 16-4-4 in Atlantic Hockey.

# Former Meta COO Sheryl Sandberg to give 2026 commencement address at Brandeis

Waltham News Team

February 25, 2026



Brandeis University announced that Sheryl Sandberg, former chief operating officer of social media giant Meta, will deliver the undergraduate address at its [75th Commencement](#) exercises on Sunday, May 17.

Sandberg is the founder and chair of the [Sandberg Goldberg Bernthal Family Foundation](#), a nonprofit organization launched in 2013 that focuses on creating a more equal and resilient world through leadership, education and community initiatives.

Most recently, Sandberg narrated the 2024 documentary film “Screams Before Silence” that chronicled the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attack in Israel. She is the author of three books including the bestseller “Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead.”



Author Isabel Wilkerson, who received the National Book Critics Circle Award for her 2010 work “The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Greatest Migration,” will deliver the graduate commencement address.

Wilkerson’s book “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” was named by the New York Times as Nonfiction Book of the Year in 2020. In 1994, she became the first African American woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for journalism while working as the Chicago bureau chief for the New York Times. She has taught at Princeton University, Emory University and Boston University.

In addition to hosting Sandberg and Wilkerson, Brandeis will confer [four additional honorary degrees](#) as part of its Commencement ceremonies:

- Former MIT President and higher education leader, L. Rafael Reif.
- Philanthropist and former executive, Toshizo Watanabe ’73.
- Attorney, philanthropist and former Brandeis trustee and chair, Meyer Koplow ’72, P’02, P’05.
- Private consultant and former Brandeis trustee and chair, Larry Kanarek ’76.

“We are thrilled to honor these six individuals for their outstanding contributions to society and the world,” Brandeis President Arthur Levine said. “Their work is inspiring to all of us. And we celebrate each one of them, and their accomplishments, as part of our 75th Commencement ceremony.”

The undergraduate ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. at the [Gosman Sports and Convocation Center](#). The graduate ceremony, also at Gosman, will be held at 3 p.m.

Brandeis University, located at 415 South St., is a private research university with a focus on undergraduate liberal arts education and a global reach.

# Excise tax bills are in the mail. Payment due March 23

Waltham News Team

February 26, 2026

The City of Waltham Treasurer's Office announced that 2026 motor vehicle excise tax bills were mailed Feb. 20 and are due by the end of business on March 23. Taxpayers who do not receive a bill should contact the Treasurer's Office at 781-314-3250 to request a copy. Payments can be made online through the city's website at [city.waltham.ma.us](http://city.waltham.ma.us). Residents with questions about abatements for cars that have been sold or are no longer owned, or about assessment values, should contact the Assessor's Office at 781-314-3200.

City officials advise taxpayers to allow enough time for mailed payments to arrive before the March 23 deadline. Each year's excise bill carries a new bill number, and both the current bill and plate numbers must be included with payment. Unpaid bills may result in the Registry of Motor Vehicles marking the taxpayer's license and registration for non-renewal.

## City Council gives final approval for Fernald loans, wishes luck to WHS hockey teams

Artie Kronenfeld

February 25, 2026

The City Council gave final approval to two loans previously requested by Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy, totaling approximately \$1.7 million, to contract design services for projects at the former Fernald State School property. These loans will pay for the design of a new [Department of Public Works headquarters](#) on the property and [a pool at the site's Howe Building](#).

The council also unanimously approved a number of funding items from last week's Finance Committee, as well as an amendment to its own budgeting timeline and a state lease of city lands for a flood station. It voted to allocate an additional \$5000 to buy a new city Zamboni it approved [earlier this month](#); Ward 7 Councilor Paul Katz told the council that the Recreation Department originally asked for this higher amount, but that the mayor had submitted the funding request to the City Council with a typo.

Ward 1 Councilor Anthony LaFauci clarified that the [neighborhood meeting](#) that real estate company BXP Inc. planned to hold for abutters of [its proposed development](#) on Winter Street was postponed to next week because of the snow.

LaFauci also encouraged residents to show their support for the Waltham High School boys' and girls' varsity [hockey teams](#), who are playing in the first games of their state playoffs at Weymouth and Hingham this week, respectively.

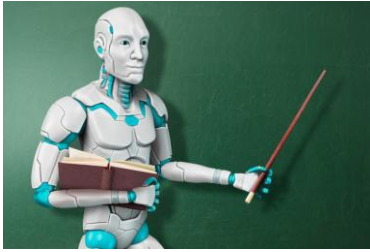
Additionally, the City Council referred the following items to committee:

- A request of \$275,000 to fund engineering studies to replace the deteriorating Farwell Street Bridge. (Finance)
- A request of \$9,500 for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on Trapelo Road. (Finance)
- A School Department funding request for \$564,581 in salary funding for the School Department in response to recent contract renegotiations. (Finance)
- Requests from the Wires and Engineering Departments totalling \$13,520.93 for new copy and scanning machines. (Finance)
- An annual permit for local business Charles River Canoe & Kayak to create a temporary dock on the Charles River over the summer. (Licenses and Franchises)
- A used car sales license renewal for JJJ Auto Retailers at 196 High St. (Licenses and Franchises)

# Teaching in the Age of AI: Probability and Proof

Alison Shea

February 25, 2026



There is a growing debate about how schools should respond to student use of AI. There is a collective need to figure out not if but how AI fits into education in 2026. Many districts are taking the approach of banning its use. In some cases detection tools are being used to identify and punish students for “using AI.” Before we rush to firm conclusions, it is important to pause and examine what these tools actually do and how they impact students and schools.

AI detection tools do not identify authorship. They compare patterns. These systems are trained on samples of AI writing, and AI writing itself was trained on large amounts of human writing. In other words, both are drawing from patterns that originated with people. When a detector flags a piece of writing, it is not proving who wrote it. It is saying the text resembles writing it has seen before. Sometimes those guesses match who actually wrote the text, and sometimes they do not, because these tools generate estimates rather than evidence.

AI detectors are not verifiable truth machines, particularly at this stage of their development. They rely on probabilistic pattern matching, not direct evidence. That means they calculate likelihood, not certainty. Their outputs are inference, not proof. This distinction matters.

We are at a moment when it is especially risky to confuse inference with evidence, particularly when the consequences can permanently affect students in a world where mistakes are increasingly public and difficult to undo. If an accusation cannot withstand basic scrutiny or due process, including the standards typically expected in disciplinary or legal settings, we should carefully reconsider how and why those judgments are being made.

Most people would agree that submitting AI-generated work as one’s own is wrong. Plagiarism is plagiarism, with or without AI. At the same time, using AI to brainstorm, explore ideas, clarify thinking or improve expression is not cheating. In principle it is no different from using a dictionary, spell-check or other widely accepted learning tools.

If schools are concerned about students using AI inappropriately, the answer is not unreliable detection followed by punishment. The answer is education. AI is already embedded in the systems used to assign, monitor, track and evaluate students. Pretending it should not also be taught as a learning tool is neither realistic nor helpful. And it ignores history.

We have encountered moments like this before.

Typewriters, where penmanship was once used to confirm authorship. Calculators, which were once a job title before becoming a device that allowed more complex problems to take center stage rather than simple arithmetic. Computers and spell-check, which triggered similar fears before expectations were realigned around what students were actually meant to learn and how that learning could best be assessed.

Each time the real work was not control but instruction: teaching people how to use powerful new tools responsibly. In each case those tools ultimately became standard and expected.

AI is not inherently safe or unsafe. Like any powerful tool, it can be used responsibly or carelessly. What matters is how we frame and teach its use. If we spend valuable instructional time on detection strategies that are unlikely to hold up under scrutiny, we risk losing time that could instead be used to teach students how to use this technology ethically and effectively.

As we plan for the future of learning, safety should remain the guiding principle. In the long run we can rely on wisdom from the past and remember: safety doesn’t cost, it pays.

# From Camp Ted to Pigeon Hill: Tracing the roots of Waltham Scouting

Steve Milmore

February 25, 2026

Pigeon Hill today is one of Waltham's wealthiest neighborhoods with its large homes and tasteful landscaping, but 50 years ago it was a semi-wild woodland where boy scouts honed their outdoor skills such as fire building, compass use and map reading.



Robert Logan, president of the Waltham Friends of Scouting Inc. Photo by Steve Milmore

That was one of the findings at Sunday's Waltham Museum event "Trails, Tents and Traditions: Boy Scouting in Waltham with Robert Logan," a look back at the history of scouting and its impact on generations of youth and the community.

Logan, a lifelong resident of Waltham, current Ward 9 city councilor and president of the Waltham City Council, is a volunteer scout leader and president of the Waltham Friends of Scouting Inc.

He joined the scouts at age 11 and has stayed involved with the organization for more than 50 years. It's clear that Logan is passionate about the kids, his shared experiences, and Boy Scout history and heritage.

"Scouting got its start in England as a way to teach young men basic skills like physical fitness and initiative," Logan said. "That was lacking at the time and needed to be addressed."

## From England to New England

Boy Scout membership card from 1952. Photo courtesy of Sean Durkee.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell, a lieutenant general in the British military, is widely known as the founder of the Boy Scouts. In 1907 he established an experimental camp where he brought together a small group of boys and took them hiking, climbing and camping. A year later he published "Scouting for Boys," a book that encouraged fitness and learning through outdoor challenges.

"It was a way to improve the poor physical condition of British youth, and it worked," Logan said.

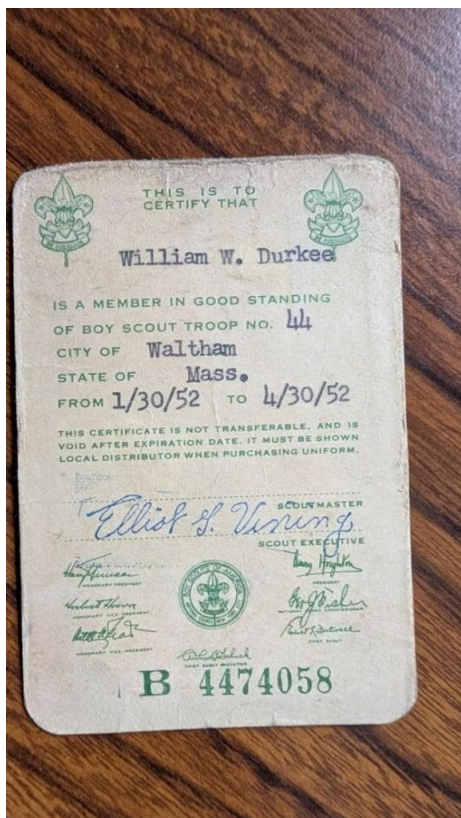
Scouting was an instant hit in England, and it didn't take long for it to catch on in the United States.

Waltham's roots in scouting can be traced back to the early 1920s, when the Waltham Council was formed. It was a small, city-based group that supported scouts with training and resources.

Over the years the council expanded to include Watertown, Concord and Wellesley and later folded into the Minuteman

Council, which served scouting in the Route 128 area of Massachusetts. The groups merged and became the Boston Minuteman Council in 1993.

Waltham scouts raise flag at camp opening. Photo courtesy of Robert Logan.





For years Waltham had its own campsite for scouts — Camp Ted. It was a local camping property where troops held outings and training weekends until the 1970s. Located in what is now the Pigeon Hill area, it was named after Waltham landowner Theodore Storer.

In his presentation Logan showed off patches, merit badges, uniforms and camping equipment from his early days of Waltham scouting up to current gear in use. Over the years improvements such as lightweight cookware, compact propane stoves and solar charges have led to safer, faster cooking, he said.

## Scouting thrives in Waltham



Current patch of BSA Troop 250

Today, there are two active Cub Scout packs in the city (248 and 250), along with Scouts BSA Troop 250. The goal remains the same — to offer an exciting, fun program for the city’s youth based on learning core scouting and leadership skills. Scouts go camping at least once a month, often to Cannon Mountain and Lonesome Lake in New Hampshire, with activities ranging from backpacking to snowshoeing to shooting sports.

Recently, two scouts in BSA Troop 250 earned Eagle Scout, which is the highest rank. Twins Ameya and Atharva Mahajan achieved this goal by attaining 21 merit badges, serving in leadership positions and completing a service project.

“Scouting is youth-led, and we value this principle in everything we do,” Logan said. A dedicated group of adult volunteers ensures that activities are fun and safe while the youth leadership runs the programs they’ve developed.

According to [World Scouting](#), more than 500 million young people and adults have taken part in scouting since its inception over a century ago. Waltham was a part of that history right from the start.

To find out more about Waltham scouting, visit the BSA Troop 250 [website](#) or email [rlogan@troop250.com](mailto:rlogan@troop250.com).

# Little hands, big lessons: Kids craft and celebrate Black History Month at library

Julie M. Cohen

February 25, 2026



With her mom Simone proudly looking on, Amara Matthews sat in the Waltham Public Library’s Lecture Hall making a necklace from a paper plate – an impressive feat for a two-year-old. Amara’s family, including her brother Omari, 7, was visiting the library on Feb. 18, for a Black History Month event aimed at entertaining and educating kids.

“I thought it was cool,” said Omari Matthews while working on his own necklace.

The crafting activity was offered by the nonprofit group Africano Waltham and proved that “You can create something from anything,” said the organization’s managing director Dorothy Mugabi.

Members of Waltham High School’s Black Student Union also participated, bringing children and teens together. “I love seeing the connection between the big kids and little kids,” said children’s librarian Jennifer Costa.

By aiming the activities at younger children, they “educate more students on how important the month is,” said 18-year-old Thanthar San, a member of the BSU. “These events are welcoming to anyone.”

## Africano Diamonds kick off the show



The program started off with an energetic and joyful show put on by members of Africano Diamonds, a dance and music group made up of children and adult members of Africano Waltham.

After watching a traditional African drumming performance, young audience members seated on the floor were mesmerized by the moves of the red-skirted performers dancing in circles around them.

When the show was finished, BSU members read a picture book to the children before another interactive event with Africano Waltham and the craft activity.

Praising the impressive turnout, BSU member Nahla Mutebi Campbell, 15, said she enjoyed working with younger children.

“This is a good way to get a lot of kids involved,” she said.

Black History Month events help children “be aware of what happened in the country that you live in,” said San.

## More information

BSU is also scheduled to be at a food fair called “Beauty in Blackness: Food & Fun!/¡Comida y diversión!” this Thursday, Feb. 26, from 4-5 p.m. at the Waltham Public Library’s Lecture Hall. Given the recent blizzard, please check for schedule updates and more information on library activities at the [WPL website’s events calendar](#).

# Elizabeth “Betty” Giusti, 1940–2026, ‘loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother’

Milestones

March 2, 2026



Elizabeth Ann “Betty” (Davis) Giusti of Hudson, Massachusetts, formerly of Waltham, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, Feb. 25, 2026, at Blaire House of Worcester after a courageous battle with dementia. She was 85 years old.

Born on Nov. 8, 1940, in Waltham, Betty was the beloved daughter of the late Charles William Davis and Alice (Schools) Davis, and the devoted wife of the late John Giusti. She was raised in Waltham and spent most of her life there before later residing in Hudson.

Betty dedicated more than 30 years of service to Chateau of Waltham and gave 17 years of devoted service to the Waltham Council on Aging Meals on Wheels Program, where her kindness, generosity and unwavering commitment touched countless lives throughout the community.

Above all else, Betty was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She cherished her grandchildren deeply and treasured every moment spent with them. Her warmth, quiet strength, and unconditional love for her family will forever remain her greatest legacy.

Betty is survived by her sons, John Giusti of Brockton, Robert Giusti and his wife Cindy of Brentwood, New Hampshire, Brian Giusti and his wife Stella of Waltham, Steven Giusti and his wife Kimberly of Franklin, New Hampshire and Scott Giusti and his wife Julie of Hudson; her daughter, Lynne (Giusti) Doucette of Worcester; her sisters, Janice Laffin of Framingham, Judy Sumner of Waltham and Linda Frost of Waltham; 14 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her siblings Ronald Davis, Sandra Gregorio, Charles William “Billy” Davis and Jack Davis.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services in celebration of Betty’s life at the Mary Catherine Chapel of Brasco & Sons Memorial, 773 Moody Street, Waltham, on Saturday morning, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. At 12 p.m., her children and grandchildren will honor her by sharing their favorite stories and cherished memories. Burial will follow at Mt. Feake Cemetery, 203 Prospect Street, Waltham.

# Garry Noyes, 1937–2026, Air Force veteran and “dedicated family man”

Milestones

February 23, 2026



Garry L. Noyes, of Waltham, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026. He was 88.

Born on Nov. 12, 1937, in Topsfield, Maine, Garry was a son of the late Verne and Gladys (Bean) Noyes. His mother passed away at a young age, and he was raised by his father and stepmother, Lumina Noyes, in Maine, and educated at Harmony High School. Where he was a multi-sport athlete excelling in baseball and basketball.

Garry proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, which included eighteen months stationed in Guam. After returning home, he joined the Air Force reserves and served an additional 19 years during which he was activated for Operation Desert Shield during the first Gulf War.

Garry’s career in the automotive and trucking industries started at a young age. He began working for Pierce Oil at age 15, later drove trucks for Glen Johnson Construction, and advanced to roles at Taylor & Lloyd Co. in the parts department, eventually becoming department manager until his retirement in 2015. He was hardworking, led by example, and was always the first to offer help and the last to ask for it.

A dedicated family man, Garry married Waltham Native, Betty-Ann Doyle, on June 7, 1964, in Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church, and the pair made Waltham their home together, where they would raise their family.

The family had a lively and welcoming home. Growing up, it was a place where the kids’ friends would come over and lovingly refer to Garry and Betty-Ann as “Dad” and “Mom.” Garry was the unofficial neighborhood maintenance supervisor with all the help he offered neighbors over the years. Never one to sit still and always ready to lend a hand or tackle the next project, even his hobbies would be considered work by most, including building roofs, decks and gutters. He was a jack of all trades and would lend his abilities out to anyone who needed it. The family also made many happy memories on summer vacations to the beach in Kennebunk when the kids were young. Garry loved his dogs, Brandy, Dakota and Missy, and his cars, especially the 1955 Ford Crown Victoria he painstakingly and meticulously restored. Garry had also been a member of the Lexington Masonic Lodge as well as the Center Lodge #34 in Rutland, Vermont.

In addition to his beloved wife, Elizabeth Ann (Doyle) Noyes of Waltham, Garry leaves his children, Michael D. Noyes (Jeanne) of Waltham, Kathy M. Hillebrand (John) of Mansfield and Sandy L. Cowan (Scott) of Nashua, NH; his grandchildren Korry and Rebecca Noyes; his sister Gladys M. Curtis (Kenneth) of Pittsfield, Vermont; and many nieces and nephews.

Garry was predeceased by his brother, Norris Noyes, and sisters, Norma Welch, Ina Noyes, Laverne Griffin, Barbara Rhodes and Earlene Sherman.

Family and friends will honor and remember Garry’s life by gathering for an evening wake at The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and again on Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Mary’s Church, Waltham, where his funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Mount Feake Cemetery, Waltham.

# Marilyn Torres, 1972–2026, loving wife and mother

Milestones

February 27, 2026



Marilyn Torres, of Waltham, passed away unexpectedly in the comfort of her home on Friday, Feb. 20, 2026. She was 54. Born to Ramon and Julia M. Torres on Feb. 2, 1972, in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Marilyn was a loving wife, mother, daughter and sister, and was known for her friendly, generous and giving spirit. She had a special gift in the kitchen and was a great cook and extraordinary baker, especially when it came to creating beautiful wedding cakes. Marilyn was truly the life of every party, one could always say the celebration didn't truly begin until she arrived.

True to her love of all things Tweety Bird, she adored and spoiled her cat, Tweety, with affection and gentle conversation. Whether relaxing at home after a long day or enjoying quiet moments in the evening, Tweety was always by her side, a constant source of joy and comfort in her life.

Predeceased by her beloved husband, Jesus M. Tirado. Marilyn is survived by her daughters, Teresa McNeil of Boston and Jessica Martinez and her family of Salem; her six grandchildren, Marcus, Luis, Brian, Cayden, Zoe and Emery; her devoted parents, Ramon and Julia M. Torres; her loving siblings whom she shared a special bond, Evelyn Torres, Ramon Torres, Jose Torres, Manuel Malave, Margarita Ramirez and Julio Malave; numerous nieces and nephews; her beloved cat, Tweety; and other relatives and dear friends.

At the family's request, services for Marilyn will be private.

# Pierre William Baptiste, 1976–2026, loving husband and father

Milestones

February 27, 2026



Pierre William Baptiste, of Waltham, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026. He was 49. Born in Pétion-Ville, Haiti, to Henri Bernard Baptiste and the late JouJou William.

A loving husband, father, son, cousin and dear friend, Pierre cherished the simple joys of life. He especially enjoyed the comfort of being at home, unwinding after a long day with good music and a relaxing drink, embracing his quiet moments of peace and reflection. A chef by trade, Pierre found great fulfillment in preparing meals for family gatherings and holidays, where his warmth and generosity were always felt around the table. He dedicated nearly two decades of service as a chef at Northeastern University, where his talent and work ethic were deeply appreciated.

Pierre was predeceased by his beloved mother, JouJou William. He is lovingly survived by his devoted wife, Darline LaRose Baptiste; his cherished children and grandchildren Mejeen, Daphne, Diana and Sterlie; his dear father, Henri Bernard Baptiste; and his brothers and sisters. Pierre will also be remembered by many extended family members and friends whose lives he touched through his kindness and willingness to help anyone in need.

Family and friends were respectfully invited to gather and remember Pierre on Saturday, Feb. 28, followed by burial at Mt. Feake Cemetery, Waltham.

# Calendar

March 4-18

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| <p>WED<br/><b>4</b></p> | <p>March 4 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm 📍</p> <p><b>Parks-Recreation Board meeting</b></p> <p><b>Waltham Community and Cultural Center</b> 510 Moody Street, Waltham, MA</p> <p>The Parks-Recreation Board meets monthly, excluding July and August. Public agenda and additional information can be found here.</p> <p>Free</p>   | <p>THU<br/><b>5</b></p> | <p>March 5 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 📍</p> <p><b>Minutemen Toastmasters of Waltham</b></p> <p><b>Zoom</b></p> <p>Gain confidence as a public speaker. Our club, within Toastmasters International, works on improving communication and leadership skills in a supportive environment. We meet twice a month, first and third [...]</p>   |
| <p>SAT<br/><b>4</b></p> | <p>April 4 @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Tapas brunch at Solea: Celebrating 9 years of Friends Beyond Boston</b></p> <p><b>Solea Restaurant &amp; Tapas Bar</b> 388 Moody Street, Waltham</p> <p>This April marks nine years of Friends Beyond Boston – Waltham Social and we're celebrating that milestone by gathering at Solea, one of Moody Street's longtime favorites, known for its [...]</p> <p>\$45</p>   | <p>FRI<br/><b>6</b></p> | <p>March 6 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>2026 Annual Regional High School Exhibit: Waltham High School Reception</b></p> <p><b>Lexington Arts &amp; Crafts Society</b> 7130 Waltham St, Lexington, MA</p> <p>The 30th Annual Regional High School Exhibit is ongoing February 10 to March 15 at the LexArt Gallery, Tuesday to Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A reception for the [...]</p>      |
| <p>WED<br/><b>4</b></p> | <p>Mar 4. @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Mill Talk: How to Fuel an Industrial Revolution —Coal and the Energy Economy of Boston, 1820-1970</b></p> <p><b>Charles River Museum of Industry &amp; Innovation</b> 154 Moody Street, Waltham, United States</p> <p>Coal was the main fuel for industry, utilities and domestic life in metropolitan Boston between roughly 1820 and 1970, including the core years of the Industrial Revolutions. During this period, coal accounted for the majority of Boston's energy supply and provided energy to Boston's homes, factories, foundries, power plants, shipyards and other operations. Coal also [...]</p> <p>Free</p> | <p>FRI<br/><b>6</b></p> | <p>Mar 6. @ 6:15 pm - 9:45 pm</p> <p><b>Morris and Edith Hollender annual Tish</b></p> <p>Shabbat Service at 6:15 p.m., followed by Shabbat dinner at 7:30 p.m. and Tish at 8:30 p.m. Join Temple Beth Israel for our annual Tish: Shabbes in Upper Remedy honoring [...]</p>   |
| <p>WED<br/><b>4</b></p> | <p>Mar 4. @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p> <p><b>In Conversation: Judy Chicago [Virtual Program]</b></p> <p><b>Rose Art Museum</b> 415 South Street, Waltham, MA, United States</p> <p>The Rose Art Museum is honored to host Judy Chicago for a special conversation with Catherine Morris, Senior Curator for the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art at the Brooklyn Museum. Together, they will explore Chicago's groundbreaking "Birth Project" (1980–1985), a series that reimagines childbirth as a powerful, sacred, and creative act. Produced in [...]</p> <p>Free</p>  | <p>SAT<br/><b>7</b></p> | <p>March 7 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Waltham Democratic Caucus</b></p> <p><b>Northeast Elementary School</b> 70 Putney Lane, Waltham, MA</p> <p>The Waltham Democratic City Committee announces details for this year's Waltham Democratic Caucus. Open to the public. Caucuses are held each year to nominate delegates to the Annual MassDems State [...]</p>                             |
| <p>WED<br/><b>4</b></p> | <p>Mar 4. @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📍 <b>School Committee meeting</b></p> <p><b>School Committee meeting</b></p> <p><b>617 Lexington St</b> 617 Lexington St, Waltham, MA</p> <p>The School Committee typically meets twice per month (once each in July and August) on Wednesday evenings. Check the School Committee web site to confirm meeting dates and times. Unless specifically noted, all regular meetings of the Waltham School Committee begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the Cannon Lecture Hall at 617 Lexington [...]</p>   | <p>SAT<br/><b>7</b></p> | <p>Mar 7. @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm</p> <p><b>Evolution of the Game of Baseball in the 19th Century</b></p> <p><b>The Waltham Museum</b> 25 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA</p> <p>Join us as we continue our Social Series with "Evolution of the Game of Baseball in the 19th Century" with baseball historian Brian Sheehy, the History Department Coordinator at North [...]</p> <p>Free</p>          |
| <p>THU<br/><b>5</b></p> | <p>March 5 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📍 <b>Waltham Cultural Council meeting</b></p> <p><b>Waltham Cultural Council meeting</b></p> <p><b>Zoom</b></p> <p>The Waltham Cultural Council is a part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council's local council program. It allocates funds for arts, sciences and humanities projects and events which focus on Waltham's cultural [...]</p>  | <p>SUN<br/><b>8</b></p> | <p>Mar 8. @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am</p> <p><b>Coffee Social at the Café</b></p> <p><b>Cafe On The Common</b> Waltham</p> <p>Looking to meet new people over a great cup of coffee? Join us at Café on the Common in Waltham for a relaxed, conversational coffee social. The café's cozy atmosphere [...]</p> <p>Free</p>  |
|                         |   | <p>SUN<br/><b>8</b></p> | <p>Mar 8. @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm</p> <p><b>Traditional Folk and Celtic Duo: Bob and Jen Strom with Emily Peterson on concertina</b></p> <p><b>The Waltham Museum</b> 25 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA</p> <p>Join us as we continue our Social Series with Traditional Folk and Celtic Duo: Bob and Jen Strom with Emily Peterson on concertina. Bob and Jen will sing a blend [...]</p> <p>Free</p> |
|                         |   | <p>SUN<br/><b>8</b></p> | <p>Mar 8. @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p> <p><b>Kharis Chamber Players present a Chamber Music Concert</b></p> <p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 95 Deerfield Ave., Westwood, MA</p> <p>Please join the Kharis Chamber Players, with Natacha Rist and friends, for an afternoon of chamber music. "Les Voix Humaines: The Clarinet, the Viola, and the Human Voice" is a [...]</p>                    |

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| <p>SUN<br/><b>8</b></p>  | <p>March 8 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p> <p><b>Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra “All-American Concert”</b></p> <p><b>Waltham Government Center</b> 119 School Street, Waltham, MA, United States</p> <p>The Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States with a very exciting concert featuring American composers! Tickets can only be purchased online here. Adults: \$28.50. Children ages 5-17 accompanied by an adult: Free.</p> <p>\$28.50</p> | <p>THU<br/><b>12</b></p> <p>March 12 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</p> <p><b>Waltham Partnership for Youth’s 11th annual Trivia for a Cause</b></p> <p><b>American Legion Nonantum Post 440</b> 295 California St, Newton, MA</p> <p>Join us for Waltham Partnership for Youth's 11th annual Trivia for a Cause. Enjoy a competitive night out with your friends and colleagues, while supporting vital youth programming in Waltham. [...]</p>           |
| <p>MON<br/><b>9</b></p>  | <p>Mar 9. @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm</p> <p><b>Introduction to the Jewish Bookshelf — Feminist Theologians</b></p> <p><b>Temple Beth Israel</b> 25 Harvard Street, Waltham, MA</p> <p>You want to learn more about Judaism, but where do you start? We are known as The People of the Book, so it's a great idea to get to know [...]</p> <p>Free</p>   | <p>THU<br/><b>12</b></p> <p>Mar 12. @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm</p> <p><b>Conservation Commission meeting</b></p> <p><b>Zoom</b></p> <p>The Conservation Commission typically meets twice each month on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Meetings are usually held remotely via Zoom and are open to the public. Visit the commission's web [...]</p>   |
| <p>MON<br/><b>9</b></p>  | <p>Mar 9. @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm</p> <p><b>Historical Commission meeting</b></p> <p><b>Zoom</b></p> <p>The Waltham Historical Commission meets monthly, year-round. Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. To appear before the WHC or to submit correspondence [...]</p>  | <p>THU<br/><b>12</b></p> <p>Mar 12. @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm</p> <p><b>2nd Shift Concert: Ward Hayden &amp; Greg Hall</b></p> <p><b>Charles River Museum of Industry &amp; Innovation</b> 154 Moody Street, Waltham, United States</p> <p>Two-fifths of the multi-award-winning band Ward Hayden and the Outliers prove that it's not the numbers that count, but the music. Ward Hayden has fronted his band The Outliers for [...]</p> <p>\$25</p> |
| <p>MON<br/><b>9</b></p>  | <p>Mar 9. @ 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm</p> <p><b>Waltham City Council meeting</b></p> <p><b>Waltham City Hall</b> 610 Main St., Waltham, MA, United States</p> <p>Waltham City Council normally meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, except during July and August. If a meeting falls on a Monday holiday, Council instead meets [...]</p>   | <p>SAT<br/><b>14</b></p> <p>March 14 @ 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm</p> <p><b>Breezers Ball Pre-Spring Fling</b></p> <p><b>Charles River Museum of Industry &amp; Innovation</b> 154 Moody Street, Waltham, United States</p> <p>The 10th Anniversary Breezers Ball—a special "Thank You" to Waltham—will be a wonderful party to celebrate and thank Waltham for being such a great place to live and to work. [...]</p> <p>\$60</p>                     |
| <p>TUE<br/><b>10</b></p> | <p>March 10 @ 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>National Grid — Customer assistance event</b></p> <p><b>McDevitt Middle School</b> 75 Church Street, Waltham, MA</p> <p>Meet with assistance program experts and connect with the resources your family needs, all under one roof, all in one day. Our advocates will be on-site to help you explore options [...]</p> <p>Free</p>   | <p>SAT<br/><b>14</b></p> <p>Mar 14. @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p> <p><b>Healing Spices: An Ayurvedic spice and tea workshop</b></p> <p><b>Waltham Fields Community Farm</b> 240 Beaver St, Waltham, MA, United States</p> <p>Gather at Waltham Fields Community Farm in the crisp March air for a sensory and educational journey into the world of Ayurvedic spices and healing spice teas with Ayurvedic practitioner [...]</p> <p>\$60</p>        |
| <p>WED<br/><b>11</b></p> | <p>Mar 11. @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm</p> <p><b>Ranked Choice Waltham launch meeting</b></p> <p><b>First Parish Church</b> 50 Church St, Waltham, MA</p> <p>Waltham deserves elections where winners earn broad support, and every voter can cast their vote in line with their values without "wasting" it. This launch event is the start of [...]</p> <p>Free</p>  | <p>SAT<br/><b>14</b></p> <p>Mar 14. @ 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm</p> <p><b>Third Annual Badass St. Patrick’s Day Party Fundraiser</b></p> <p><b>American Legion Post 440</b> 295 California Street, Newton, MA</p> <p>The Waltham Badass Warriors are joining together to host the 3rd Annual Badass Fundraiser to raise money for families while they go through cancer treatment. We need your help to [...]</p> <p>\$30</p>                          |
| <p>WED<br/><b>11</b></p> | <p>Mar 11. @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Mill Talk: Chelsea Clock Company—146 Years of Boston Clockmaking</b></p> <p><b>Charles River Museum of Industry &amp; Innovation</b> 154 Moody Street, Waltham, United States</p> <p>The clockmaking tradition carried out by Chelsea Clock Company traces its roots back to the founding of the Harvard Clock Company in 1880 by Joseph Eastman. This talk will trace [...]</p> <p>Free</p>  | <p>WED<br/><b>18</b></p> <p>March 18 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am</p> <p><b>Managing mental health symptoms in a neurological population</b></p> <p><b>Waltham YMCA</b> 725 Lexington St, Waltham, MA</p> <p>This talk will discuss the overlap between neurologic disorders and mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety. It will explore common presentations of these mental health symptoms in neurological [...]</p> <p>Free</p>   |