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# Watch Factory Lofts proposes 140-unit expansion in underused parking lot

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This expansion will add to the existing 163 units of housing, 170,000 square feet of office space and restaurant at the site that have been developed over the past 15 years.

Berkeley Investments first floated the idea of an expansion in 2022, when it held a community outreach meeting about the potential construction of a new lab space. It returned to the community in 2024 with another proposal — a residential addition to be built on the site of a small parking lot on the site’s southern edge that sees very little traffic.



According to a traffic study commissioned by the developer in 2024, the site’s current parking way overserves its residents. The study found that the site’s six parking lots were only using about 40% of their capacity at times of peak occupancy. The parking deck that Berkeley is proposing to replace with these new apartments saw an occupancy of only approximately 8% at its peak hours.

Esther Chung Byun, a representative of the developer, said its design has “changed substantially” since the 2024 abutter meeting to incorporate larger setbacks and make changes to the site’s landscaping.

The project has already received approval from a few city bodies. At a meeting of the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust on March 17 of last year, the body permitted the housing complex to make a \$4,199,104 donation to the city’s affordable housing fund instead of providing any units priced to be affordable to a family making the area median income.

This donation is equivalent to 20% of its projected development costs, which the developer estimated at approximately \$21 million dollars. This fulfills the city’s affordable zoning requirements, which would otherwise require the development to [provide a certain number of units](#) at prices affordable to families making 80% or less of the area median income; the previously constructed Watch Factory lots included 17 of these affordable units.

The project went to the Traffic Commission last November, which [approved its traffic study for the site](#) without implementing any of its recommended suggestions. The Historical Commission reviewed the project this month and found the site was historically significant but the expansion would not interfere with its significance. The Conservation Commission also reviewed the project this month for its potential impact on the Charles River and signed off on the plans.

The project will appear for the first time in front of the ZBA this Tuesday to seek out variances for the size of its setbacks, its commercial area, its snow storage area and its parking spaces, as well as its ability to serve alcohol near a residential area. This is its next step before going to the City Council to obtain a special permit for its final design.

# The week ahead: Packed ZBA meeting to address Totten Pond, Watch Factory housing

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The Zoning Board of Appeals this week will hear from the developer of a potential apartment building at 455 Totten Pond Road on how to solve sewer and sidewalk capacity programs around the proposed development.

The board has been considering the project [since March 2025](#). It anticipated closing the public hearing last month, before a potential sewer capacity issue on a Totten Pond Road sewer line threw a wrench in the works.

At its last meeting, the city's legal team [asked the developer](#) to propose a cost-splitting strategy with [another proposed development in the neighborhood](#) to replace the sewer line, put in sidewalks along Totten Pond Road for new pedestrians, and increase the number of units in the building priced for low-income residents.

This meeting will also see the introduction of a [proposed 140-unit addition](#) to the Watch Factory Lofts apartment complex on a site parking lot that is currently mostly vacant.

Below is a chronological rundown of other city meetings scheduled this week. Note that Waltham's City Council is not scheduled to meet again until April 6.

## Zoning Board of Appeals

The ZBA has the power to grant project-specific variances to the city's [zoning code](#), overrule judgments made by the building inspector and grant specific types of special permits, including the comprehensive residential permits outlined by the state's Chapter 40B statute.

This week, it will also hear the new case of a private lot owner to build a two-story home with below-average setbacks on South Street.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Mar. 31 at the Arthur Clark Government Center.

## Ambulance Committee

The Ambulance Service Review Committee is a committee made up of leadership from Waltham's emergency response department, Wires Department, City Council and local hospitals, as well as other unaffiliated community members.

It is responsible for reviewing the effectiveness of ambulance service in the city, formally addressing complaints about ambulance services, and evaluating and discussing first-aid-related community education programs.

The committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

## 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 petition from a resident to repave a portion of the private way Fir Avenue. The plan has [drawn objections](#) from residents over communications and the potential impacts of the project. [In March](#), the board postponed further discussion of the project to this month's meeting.

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

# Alex Green wins prestigious National Book Critics Award for Walter E. Fernald biography

Steve Milmore

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Waltham author Alex Green has won the prestigious National Book Critics Circle Award for Biography for his book “A Perfect Turmoil: Walter E. Fernald and the Struggle to Care for America’s Disabled.”

The NBCC Awards are among the most respected literary prizes in the U.S., honoring outstanding books in categories such as fiction, nonfiction, poetry and biography. Judged by professional critics, they’re known for recognizing the most thoughtful and influential literary works.



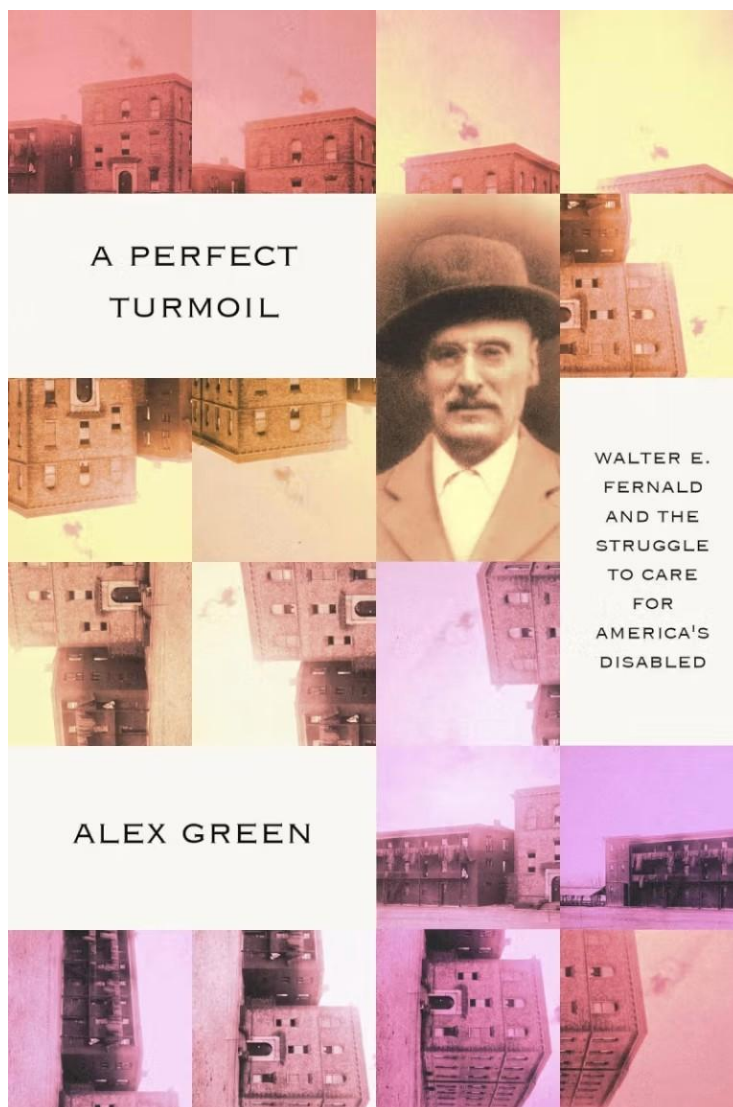
“I’m very grateful for the award,” Green said. “To get this national recognition for my book and 10 years of work is pretty special.”

Green’s book is a historical biography that examines the life and legacy of Walter E. Fernald, a pioneering but controversial figure in the care and education of people with disabilities. Fernald shaped the lives of people far beyond Waltham, but the story of the man himself has largely been omitted from the history books.

NBCC co-vice president and awards and biography chair Iris Jamahl Dunkle said Green’s “well researched biography brings back a story that had been hidden in the archives for a century,” telling the story of a doctor “who transformed our understanding of disabilities in ways that continue to influence our views today. But as Green reveals, Fernald was a complex character whose legacy is both inspiring and troubling.”

Green spent more than a decade [researching and writing his book](#). He found and reviewed more than 250,000 original documents tied to the Walter E. Fernald State School and interviewed former patients, employees and politicians involved in its history.

As part of a broader effort around the book, Green has pushed [to change legislation](#) and serves as the vice-chair of the Special Commission on State Institutions, which is the world’s first disability-led human rights commission on institutionalization.



# Two thousand show up for 'No Kings' protest in Waltham

Joseph Sharkey

March 30, 2026

A large crowd from Waltham and surrounding communities gathered on the corner of Main and Moody streets on Saturday, March 28, waving signs and American flags to protest policies of the Trump administration. “We hand-counted 2,028 participants yesterday, which is within striking distance of 3.5% of Waltham’s population,” said Elizabeth Hoeffcker, a local organizer.

The protest was one of around 3,300 rallies involving an estimated 8 million attendees across all 50 states, making it potentially the largest single-day demonstration in U.S. history, say organizers.



“People were expressing anger that our government, funded with our tax dollars, is waging a campaign of harm and violence on our own communities here in the US and on Iranians, with whom we have no quarrel,” Hoeffcker said. “People called out the war in Iran for being illegal, waged without the consent of Congress or the consent of the American people, and done in a way that makes us all less safe, rather than more safe. There were also a lot of signs calling out the staggering, blatant corruption of the Trump administration and the way Trump and his people flagrantly flout the law and the Constitution. Attendees wanted the world to know that we do not support this Government’s actions abroad, nor do we support its lawlessness and undermining of democracy at home.”



# Music, energy and talent shine at Waltham show choir festival

Steve Milmore

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Saturday's Eastern Show Choir Festival at Waltham High School was a huge success and a clear celebration of talent, teamwork and musical passion.

Hosted by the [Waltham Choral Parents Association](#), the all-day event is the longest-running show choir competition of its kind in New England. All proceeds directly support Waltham show choirs, who performed as host ensembles at the show but did not compete for awards.



“We had an amazing day.

Excellent turnout from the community and a highly successful fundraising event for Waltham show choirs,” said Jade Longstaff, WCPA board member. “Even Mayor McCarthy attended and sat in her reserved seat.”

Waltham High School student Hanz Louis performs with Music Unlimited delivering a standout solo. Photo by Joseph Sharkey.

More than 20 choir groups from across the region and out of state lit up the stage with Broadway-style singing and high-energy choreography. Each group brought its own unique style, and the audience of family, friends and music lovers — more than 700 in total — responded by cheering them on, creating an atmosphere that felt both competitive and supportive.

The competition kicked off at 8:00 a.m. and quickly transformed the WHS auditorium into a hub of music and movement. Representing a range of schools and communities from Natick, Mass., to Marysville, Ohio, the groups delivered outstanding performances that reflected months of preparation.

Behind the scenes the festival's success was driven by dedicated organizers, tech crews, and volunteers who kept everything running smoothly. In particular, show choir directors Alyssa and Tom Cincotta handled key logistics such as travel arrangements for the judges, hotel reservations and on-site food to ensure a successful event.

A standout moment during the day came from Waltham's own Music Express, whose high-energy set combined a sweet storyline with great harmonies that showcased the group's range and talent.

Music Unlimited from Waltham closed the festival with a powerful 20- minute, high-energy performance that brought the crowd to its feet and earned a well-deserved standing ovation.

Show choir awards were presented in four divisions: junior, treble/bass, small mixed and large mixed. See [here](#) for a complete list of award winners.

# WHS lacrosse dominates Boston Latin in season opener

Joseph Sharkey

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Waltham defeated Boston Latin School 17-3 in season opener. Photo by Patrick Brasco.

The Waltham High School boys lacrosse team opened its season with a dominant 17-3 win over Boston Latin School on Thursday night.

The Hawks controlled the game from the opening faceoff with a fast-paced offense and strong ball movement leading to consistent scoring throughout the night. Defensively, Waltham limited Boston Latin to just three goals, showing discipline and communication across the field.



The win builds on momentum from last season when Waltham earned a spot in the MIAA Division 1 State Tournament. With that experience behind them, the Hawks appear confident and prepared as they begin the new season.

Waltham's strong performance on both ends of the field highlights a team looking to take the next step after last year's postseason appearance.

## Hawks weekly sports roundup

Steve Milmore

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Stay up to date with all the action from WHS athletics. This week's schedule includes upcoming games across all sports, so plan ahead and come and support your Hawks!

### Wednesday, April 1

- Boys JV Volleyball vs. Somerville, 4:00 p.m. (Somerville High School)
- Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Somerville, 5:30 p.m. (Somerville High School)
- Girls Varsity Softball vs. Winchester, 4:15 p.m. (Winchester High School)
- Girls JV Softball vs. Winchester, 4:15, p.m. (Ginn Field in Winchester)
- Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Medford, 4:30 p.m. (Medford High School)
- Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Medford, 4:30 p.m. (Medford High School)

### Thursday, April 2

- Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Somerville, 4:00 p.m. (Brandeis University)
- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Brookline, 4:30 p.m. (Yetten Baseball Field)
- Boys JV Baseball vs. Brookline, 4:30 p.m. (Nippar Maher Park)

### Friday, April 3

- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Chelmsford, 4:00 p.m. (Ayotte Field Chelmsford)
- Boys JV Baseball vs. Chelmsford, 4:00 p.m. (Chelmsford High School)



# Falcons fight to the finish in NCAA tournament loss to Michigan

Steve Milmore

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Bentley forward Owen Goodbrand battles for position. Photo courtesy of Bentley University.

Bentley's NCAA tourney bid and hockey season came to an end Friday night.

The Michigan Wolverines defeated the Falcons 5-1 in the regional semifinal in Albany, N.Y. Michigan, a No. 1 seed, entered the game as a heavy favorite against Bentley.



The Falcons were making their second appearance in the national tournament after winning a second consecutive Atlantic Hockey championship on March 21.

Michigan took control early, scoring twice in the first period. Bentley fought back and outshot the Wolverines 13-8 in the second period but were on the wrong end of two late goals to give Michigan a 4-0 lead after 40 minutes.

The third period saw Michigan score a fifth goal at the 7:50 mark to take a 5-0 lead. Bentley battled right to the end with Falcons defenseman David Helledy scoring his sixth goal of the season with 27 seconds left, assisted by Ryan Upson and Jack Dalton. The final shots-on-goal tally was 29-25 in favor of Michigan.

It was a memorable 2025–2026 season for Bentley with an impressive 23-12-5 final tally, which ties the program's single-season record for wins set last year.

With the 5-1 win, the Wolverines advanced to the regional final on Sunday against Minnesota Duluth.

# Inclusion is key at Waltham Passover Seder

Julie M. Cohen

March 30, 2026

Dipping a bit of parsley into salt water, Claire Blumstein and her tablemates listened as Rabbi Allison Berry led a Passover Seder on March 22 at Jewish Family & Children's Service in Waltham. Part of the Jewish holiday of Passover, the Seder celebrates God freeing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt as described in the Book of Exodus in the Bible.

This particular Seder welcomed adults with disabilities or mental health challenges. It has been hosted by the Waltham nonprofit JF&CS for the past two decades. The guests were served a free kosher meal and participated in an adapted service.



“It’s a chance to come to an inclusive event ... [and] socialize with others without the usual social barriers,” said Blumstein, a person with autism. “It’s important for me” to feel a sense of community, she said.

Like other attendees, Blumstein said she has enjoyed participating in JF&CS events through the Community Housing Access and Independence Disability Services program.

At another packed table in the large room, Lynn Sekulow, who has learning disabilities, happily socialized with her tablemates and read along with a specially adapted Haggadah, the written guide to the Passover Seder.

There was a Seder plate in the center of each table during the Jewish Family & Children's Service's (JF&CS) Passover Seder on March 22. Each food symbolizes part of the Exodus story. Photo by Julie M. Cohen.

The traditional Haggadah includes four questions, so participants can learn the Passover story:

- On all other nights we eat chametz (anything made of wheat, barley, rye, oats or spelt that's allowed to ferment) and matzah. Tonight, why do we eat only matzah?
- On all other nights we eat any kind of herbs. Tonight, why do we eat the bitter herbs?
- On all other nights we do not dip even once. Tonight, why do we dip the greens twice?
- On all other nights we eat sitting or reclining. Tonight, why do we all recline?

Waltham resident Howard Trachtman, a long-time participant in JF&CS programs, helped create four additional questions in the 1990s for a version of Haggadah dedicated to “those living with mental health challenges.” The purpose is to emphasize people's “strengths rather than just their mental health challenges,” he said. The questions ask:

- What is keeping us from achieving our goals in life? Is it ourselves, other people, or the systems in place?
- How can this Seder help us and heal us?
- How can we take care of ourselves and maintain a positive quality of life?
- Why don't we tell the story of our deliverance every night, not just on Passover?

Trachtman, who has a psychiatric disability, has been attending the program's Seder for decades. “I like meeting new people and seeing old friends,” he said. When asked if he'd encourage others to attend, he smiled and said, “Check it out.”

## Bringing community together

“Being part of joyful experiences is really something we are valuing now,” said Maggie Brazin, JF&CS volunteer engagement coordinator. Looking out at the full tables, she estimated there were 60 to 70 attendees. That number did not include the many volunteers who ran the event.

Coco Trentalancia, a Brandeis junior, decided to volunteer after hearing about the Seder through Hillel, where she is vice president. “Passover is always a special time for me,” she said, as she helped set up, clean up and read part of the Haggadah aloud.

“It’s a welcoming space where everyone is able to show up as they are,” said Sara Freedman, senior director of CHAI Disability Services. She said that if some participants feel overwhelmed and need to step out, move around or interrupt, “that’s OK. That’s just part of our community.” Freedman emphasized there is no stigma or judgment at JF&CS events.

Celebrating her first Passover Seder with the nonprofit, Rabbi Berry praised the many volunteers and the long-running event. “It matters,” she said. “It’s about dignity. Everyone should have a holiday celebration.”

After the Seder concluded, many people came up to speak with her. Some sought her advice. Others just wanted to say goodbye with a smile.

“For some people, this is a big day out,” said Berry.

Sharon resident Andy Goldberg, who has learning disabilities, has been attending the Seder for many years. He echoed the rabbi’s words by saying, “Without this, I’d be home. ... It’s like family here.”

For more information on JF&CS CHAI Disability Services, [visit their website](#).



Arielle Boloker, the Jewish life facilitator at Jewish Family & Children’s Service (JF&CS), listened as participant Howard Trachtman spoke during the organization’s Passover Seder on March 22 at the nonprofit’s Waltham office. Photo by Julie M. Cohen.

# How to get rid of mattresses in Waltham

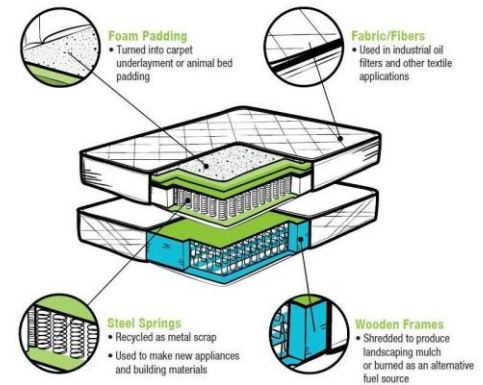
Betty Barrer

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Spring cleaning can mean dusting, reorganizing drawers or, on a larger scale, buying a new bed. But how should one get rid of old mattresses? They are too big to put in regular trash, and the city no longer picks up mattresses and boxsprings as trash.

Since 2022, Massachusetts has banned mattresses and boxsprings from disposal or transport for disposal. Instead, they need to be recycled as part of the commonwealth's statewide Master Plan to reduce overall waste and disposal 30 percent by 2030.

Fortunately, mattresses and box springs can be recycled. In Waltham, up to 95% of their components are broken down for recycling, according to Bradley Ellis, Waltham's recycling coordinator.



## How to recycle mattresses in Waltham

Many components of a mattress can be recycled. Many retailers collect old mattresses for recycling when delivering a new one, although they may charge a small fee. Don't forget to ask about this when buying a new mattress. If the retailer does not offer this option, the city can help, especially if the house or a building has six or fewer units.

Waltham has contracted with Green Mattress Co. to pick up mattresses and box springs for recycling. Call the Waltham Recycling Department at 781-314-3390 to schedule a pickup date.

A household can recycle up to six mattress and box spring units in a single calendar year. The company will refuse a mattress if it contains banned materials or is infested with bugs. If a mattress has bedbugs, contact the Waltham recycling coordinator at 781-314-3391 for more information.

## Rules for the pickup

Mattresses and box springs must be kept dry. They must be placed outside only on the day of the appointment for recycling. They should be left curbside with the house number visible (that is, not behind gates, on porches, or in backyards). Leaning the mattress against poles, trees, and front walls is best, but it cannot block walkways or driveways. Mattress bags and tarps are okay to use, but the driver must be able to identify it as a mattress. If the pickup requires leaving mattresses in a location where the driver cannot see the house number and mattress at the same time, the resident should make that clear when scheduling the pickup.

## For people in apartment or condo complexes with seven or more units

Mattress and box spring collection must be organized through the building management or the condo complex, or through a private recycling company. If the building management doesn't do this, residents have several disposal options, some of which require a fee.

- Donate the mattress to a charity. The mattress must meet the standards of the charity (age, condition). The online [Beyond the Bin directory](#) suggests companies that pick up mattresses in good condition for donation.
- List it for free on websites like Facebook or Craigslist.
- Call a private mattress recycling company, such as [Recycling Works MA](#), 888-254-5525, [Mattress Disposal Plus](#), 877-708-8329, or private disposal companies such as [Green Team Junk](#), 508-244-0450 and [1-800 Got Junk](#).

The city has more information on its [website](#). Massachusetts also offers information on its websites about [mattress disposal and recycling](#) and the statewide [waste disposal bans](#).

# Public safety report: Kids cause concern, calls from residents

Cyd Abnet

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Three unrelated incidents involving juveniles garnered Waltham police attention last week.

On March 19 at 8:52 p.m., police were called to 200 Trapelo Road. On-site security reported that a group of kids had jumped over the fence onto the property. Police could not locate the group. The city plans to implement security improvements within the coming months intended to reduce the number of trespassing incidents and hold trespassers accountable, according to Parks-Recreation Board chairperson Jerry Walker. The city wants to keep the details of the improvements from the public to ensure security, he added.

On March 20 at 6:54 p.m., police responded to the commuter rail tracks adjacent to Parsons Avenue. A caller reported seeing a group of kids playing on the train tracks. Police could not locate the group.

On March 22 at 4:01 p.m., police responded to an abandoned house at 59 Farnum Road. A caller stated that there was a group of children attempting to enter the house. Police were able to locate the group. Both the children and the parents were spoken to about the incident, and no charges were filed.

A summary of additional police activity from March 19 to March 22 is as follows:

On March 19 at 1:06 p.m., police responded to reports of a sick raccoon at Waltham Fields Community Farm. The raccoon left the area before police arrived on scene.

On March 19 at 7:41 p.m., police responded to the area of 99 Moody St. A caller reported seeing a suspicious woman who was possibly homeless. Officers spoke to the woman and discovered she was just waiting for the commuter rail.

On March 20 at 12:46 p.m., police responded to reports of a drone flying overhead at the Walgreens Drug Store on Weston Street. Officers searched but were unable to locate the drone.

On March 20 at 4:55 p.m., police responded to the area of 675 Main St. Upon arrival, officers discovered a man who had taken it upon himself to direct traffic. The man will be summonsed to court for disorderly conduct.

On March 20 at 8:20 p.m., police responded to reports of a package theft from a residence on Central Street. After investigation, police were able to identify a suspect who received a summons for the incident.

On March 21 at 1:54 a.m., police responded to the overnight shelter at 20 Felton St. Upon arrival, police were able to identify a suspect who was attempting to break into the shelter. The suspect received a summons for breaking and entering.

On March 21 at 10:03 a.m., police responded to the intersection of Old Lexington Road and Trapelo Road. A vehicle had made contact with a speed radar sign. One person was transported from the scene to a local hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

On March 21 at 10:18 a.m., police responded to reports of an idling vehicle at Planet Fitness on Clematis Avenue. Police spoke to the person inside the vehicle, who was taking a nap before going to the gym.

On March 22 at 1:31 a.m., police responded to reports of a break-in at Hannaford's Supermarket. A drunk man was trying to gain entry to the store. Police placed him into protective custody.

On March 22 at 1:57 p.m., police responded to the area of 100 Beaver St. A vehicle was travelling illegally on the Rail Trail and in the process had struck a guardrail. The operator of the vehicle received a citation for negligent operation of a motor vehicle and illegal operation of a motor vehicle.

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

# Series of award-winning international films starts today at West Newton Cinema

Waltham News Team

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Belgian actress Cecile de France stars in the film “Colors of Time.”

The West Newton Cinema is hosting the [Belmont World Film’s 24th International Film Series](#), “Thicker Than Water” this spring. The series explores the ties that bind — and sometimes limit us — through an intimate and far-reaching collection of stories about families in all their complexity. Across cultures and continents, these films ask what we inherit, what we carry, and what we owe one another. The screenings will be followed by discussions led by filmmakers and expert speakers.



The series unfolds over eight consecutive Mondays at 7 p.m. starting March 30. After a two-week break, the series returns June 1–15 with three additional remarkable films in recognition of World Refugee Awareness Month and Pride Month. The West Newton Cinema is located at 1296 Washington St. in West Newton.

All of the selections were official entries at the world’s major film festivals, with several receiving top honors. The films span four continents and feature ten different languages, including Arabic, Armenian, Greek, Darija, Dutch, French, Greek, Greenlandic, Quechua, Spanish, and Ukrainian, reflecting the many voices and vantage points that shape our shared human story.

Last year five screenings sold out, so audience members are encouraged to reserve tickets early. Belmont World Film members and “passport” holders (which provides admission to eight films for up to two people per screening) may exchange tickets free of charge — a good reason to renew or to become a member.

## The films

Opening night on Monday, March 30, features the East Coast premiere of “Colors of Time,” a charmer by acclaimed director Cédric Klapisch (“The Spanish Apartment,” “Someone Somewhere”) about art and ancestry that goes back and forth in time from 1895 Belle Epoque Paris to the present. In 1895, an 18-year-old woman travels to Paris in search of her mother. Her descendants — all strangers — try to piece together her fascinating history after they inherit her country home that has been closed since 1944. The (French) star-studded cast includes Cecile de France, Sara Giradeau and Vincent Macaigne, as well as cameos by Olivier Gourmet as Claude Monet and Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu as Sarah Bernhardt. The screening is preceded by an optional reception at the theater from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. featuring a menu from Normandy, where the film is set.

- April 6: “Case 137” (France; New England premiere). A criminal case takes a personal turn, when a police officer in the internal affairs unit in Paris is assigned to a case involving a young man who has been severely wounded during a tense and chaotic demonstration in Paris. Nominated for the Palme d’or at the Cannes Film Festival and the director of “The Night of the 12th,” which swept the Cesar Awards in 2023.
- April 13: “The Condor Daughter” (Bolivia, Uruguay, Peru; East Coast premiere). A young woman lives in the community of Totorani, high in the Bolivian Andes. Her adoptive mother has dutifully taught her the ancient ways of midwifery, including the tender Quechua songs that are believed to help safely usher newborns into the world. While she

loves, respects and is expected to continue this tradition, she dreams of discovering the wider world and longs to become a folkloric music star in the city.

- April 20: "In the Land of Arto" (Armenia, France; East Coast premiere). Camille Cottin ("Call My Agent," "House of Gucci") stars as a wife who travels to Armenia to legalize her husband's death, only to learn that he lied about his military service, fought in the war and usurped his identity, and that his former friends consider him a deserter.
- April 27: "The Incredible Snow Woman" (France, Greenland; East Coast premiere). A 46-year-old Arctic explorer known as "The Incredible Snow Woman" unexpectedly returns to her childhood home in the Jura mountains to reunite with her brothers. Unable to face her own mortality, she returns to Greenland one last time in this impassioned comedy-drama.
- May 4: "Hold onto Me" (Cyprus, East Coast premiere). It's summer, and 11-year-old Iris is running wild through the streets with her older friend Danae when she learns her estranged father, Aris ("Dogtooth" star Christos Passalis), is back in town for his own father's funeral. Determined to become reacquainted with him, Iris tracks him down to a dilapidated shipyard, where he's been keeping to himself. What begins as a stubborn attempt to reconnect slowly unfolds into a fragile bond. Audience Award winner at the 2026 Sundance Film Festival.
- May 11: "Six Days in Spring" (France, North American premiere). On a whim, a single mother who is determined to give her twin boys a spring vacation after her original plans collapse — trespasses at her former in-laws' luxury villa on the Riviera, a place she once called home. Joined by the twins' soccer coach, secretly her boyfriend, they cautiously savor six sun-drenched days. Directed by Joachim Lafosse, ("The White Knights," BWF 2015), the film simmers with an ever-so-slight tension beneath its radiant setting.
- May 18: "Porte Bagage" (Netherlands, East Coast premiere). A Dutch family of Moroccan descent embarks on a road trip to honor their father's wish to return to Morocco and spend his final days at his ancestral home. Along the way, old tensions resurface and loyalties are tested in a closely observed family dramedy about the emotional baggage we all carry as family members — that's sometimes strapped to the roof of the car. Preceded by an optional reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. featuring Moroccan cuisine.
- Films shown in June as part of Pride and World Refugee Awareness Month
- June 1: "Enzo" (France, East Coast premiere). In this riveting drama set along the breathtaking South of France, a 16-year-old boy defies his bourgeois family's expectations by starting a masonry apprenticeship. There he meets a charismatic Ukrainian colleague who shakes up his world. Premiered at the Director's Fortnight at the Cannes Film Festival, and written and partially directed by Laurent Cantet ("The Workshop," BWF 2018), who died before being able to finish.
- June 8: "Lost World" (Japan, France, Malaysia, Germany). In the hope of reuniting with their scattered family, four-year-old Shafi and his nine-year-old sister Somira leave a Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh on a perilous journey to reach Malaysia. The first-ever Rohingya-language film and features an all-Rohingya cast. Winner of the Special Jury Prize at the Venice International Film Festival.
- June 15: "Promised Sky" (Poland, New England premiere). Three women from Côte d'Ivoire, living together in Tunisia without legal status, take in a young girl who washes ashore after a shipwreck. As this fragile, makeshift family begins to take shape, mounting pressures force each woman to confront where she belongs, and what she's willing to risk. Premiered in Un Certain Regard at the Cannes Film Festival..
- Funding is provided by Spark Newton in partnership with The City of Newton in conjunction with the Linda Plaut Festival of the Arts. The Belmont LGBTQ+ Alliance is a community partner.

# Heart of champions: Waltham U12 girls win it all

Steve Milmore

March 27, 2026



*Waltham U12 girls are Massachusetts State Champions. Photo courtesy of Jim Stone.*

Two years ago, the Waltham U12 girls hockey team made a run at the state tourney and reached the championship game only to lose in the seventh round of a sudden death shootout.

Last weekend, they left no doubt that they have the right stuff. The Waltham U12 girls outscored opponents 27-5 in five games to win the 2025-2026 Massachusetts State Championship in Falmouth.

The team dominated the weekend against Charlestown, Melrose, Danvers and Hanover, and then capped it off with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Westwood in the championship game.

Waltham Goalie Bryn Cedorchuk made several big-time saves during the final game including a breakaway with less than four minutes left. Lucia Bella scored two goals to lead the way to a 2-1 victory — and redemption.

“Every one of our girls worked together, contributing in different aspects to secure all the wins over the weekend. The girls played hard and never stopped. The best part of this team is that all these girls are just having fun playing the game and smiling,” said coach Jim Stone.

Waltham’s U12 champions are Lucia Bella, Bryn Cedorchuk, Jillian Gardner, Keira Stone, Lexi Rock, Bryn Ferguson, Juliana Wszolek, Emerson Tomczyk, Ashleigh Philpott, Alex Arone and Maggie Buckley.

This marks the first-ever girls state championship in Waltham Youth Hockey history, an impressive and well-deserved milestone for the program.

# ZBA emphasizes need for mitigation funds, affordable units in Winter Street development

Artie Kronenfeld

March 27, 2026



A plan to create 323 new units of housing [at 245-265 Winter Street](#) still has hurdles to clear before moving on from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The project's developer, Maple Multi-Family Land East Coast, first proposed this plan to the board [last July](#) through [Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B](#), a law that allows developers to build housing in nonresidential zones if they provide affordable housing at a level the state determines is necessary for the community. The development would be built on the site of two vacant office buildings.

The project has received some [pushback from abutters](#). It also has received letters of support from neighbors [on the buildings' north side](#) after the developer agreed to change building plans to incorporate larger setbacks, a privacy fence and preservation of existing vegetation.

Mark Baranski, a representative of the developer, told ZBA members that to his knowledge his team had responded to all outstanding requests from city officials and was "anxious to move forward" with the project.

Assistant City Solicitor Michelle Learned said city officials have asked for another opportunity to respond to the project's most recent changes, adding that there were a couple of unresolved issues.

This project and another [nearby apartment building proposed for 455 Totten Pond Road](#) have both faced resistance from the city because they would be located in commercial districts without much residential infrastructure and would potentially create new municipal costs.

Learned said the board had asked the lawyers of both projects to present a plan for splitting the cost of some of the board's infrastructure requests: a sidewalk that would go westward down Totten Pond Road, another sidewalk going east to the Wyman Street bus stop and [capacity improvements to a local sewer pipe](#).

Baranski said the Winter Street project's team had not yet discussed the sewer request, so he would have to address it at a later time. He added that the developer was committed to putting in the

westward Totten Pond Road sidewalk, saying that he had gathered from previous board meetings that “sidewalks are the priority” for the city.

He estimated the sidewalk would cost his team about \$1 million. That would take up a significant part of the project’s mitigation budget, which he said would fall somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million.

The board also asked whether the Winter Street building would include units priced for low-income residents, which it has required [in previous Chapter 40B developments](#). Baranski said 11 to 13 of the building’s units would be priced to be affordable to families making 60% of the area median income.

As a result of the costs for mitigation requested by the city, Baranski said, “our ability to give more 60% [AMI] units doesn’t exist.”

“What we’re looking for is guidance in how to ladle the money,” Baranski told the board. “There isn’t an infinite budget. The project has to be financed.”

Although board members said pedestrian safety was important to them, some took issue with the idea that sidewalks were the city’s top priority, emphasizing that they were looking for the project to include higher levels of affordable housing and additional mitigation funds, too.

Learned said the city’s mitigation requests were made to directly address the influx of new residents the project would bring to the area and the insufficiency of local infrastructure such as sidewalks and sewer capacity to support it

The board agreed to extend the deadline for a final decision on the project to May 31 and hear updates on the project — and potentially close its public hearing — on April 14.

### **Additionally, the ZBA:**

- Delayed voting on the case of Paul Yu, owner of a building at 719–723 Main St. Yu wants to turn the building into a mixed commercial-residential building with seven units of housing and has requested that the board allow him a variance for reduced parking because of the limited size of the lot. Yu told the board that he’s engaging legal counsel and finding precedents the board had requested at its last hearing on the case. Board members agreed to grant him a continuance and revisit the case on April 14.
- Granted an extension to a permit granted in 2022 for construction at a private home at 89 Vernon St. The petitioner sent a letter explaining that construction was almost finished, and the board approved a three-month extension to complete all required inspections.

# Assault on city councilor among trio of recent restaurant incidents

Cyd Abnet

March 27, 2026

*Joey LaCava.  
Courtesy WCAC Facebook page.*

An assault on a city councilor is among three incidents that required police attention at Waltham restaurants in the last month.

Ward 5 City Councilor and Shopper's Cafe co-owner Joey LaCava appeared before the License Commission Wednesday night to address an incident that took place at the restaurant.



On the evening of Feb. 28, police were called to Shopper's Cafe where LaCava was serving as the manager on duty. According to the police report, a man had walked up to the bar and started blowing smoke on other patrons. When LaCava asked the man to leave, the man "sucker punched" him in the face, according to the police report.

With the assistance of another employee, LaCava escorted the man to the door, where the man struck LaCava again in the back of the head.

After leaving, the man ran down Moody Street. Eventually police were able to take him into custody. The man was charged with assault and battery as well as resisting arrest. He was originally in the restaurant with a group that had ordered five drinks among them. When the group left and then the incident occurred, there were 2.5 drinks left unconsumed at the table.

The commissioners concluded that since the authorities had been called, and the man did not appear to have been overserved, no report would be filed with the License Department.

Additionally, the commission discussed two other recent incidents at Waltham restaurants.

The first took place on Feb. 28 at Guanachapi's Restaurant, where a 20-year-old man punched another man in the face, breaking his jaw, because he thought the man had touched his girlfriend. According to the police report, the man who began the altercation was not intoxicated. He was arrested and charged with assault and battery with serious bodily injury. The License Commission determined not to file an incident report to the License Department.

The second incident took place on March 8 at The Chateau. According to the police report, a man who had consumed alcohol before entering the restaurant and then consumed half of a bottle of red wine while dining began yelling at his children and his mother. The man was taken into protective custody by police, and a family member came to retrieve the children and their grandmother. The License Commission determined not to file an incident report to the License Department.

# Korean barbecue restaurant set to open on Main Street

Cyd Abnet

March 26, 2026

The License Commission approved a request for a new common victualler license and a new manager license for a Korean barbecue restaurant set to open in Waltham in May.

The restaurant, called Yakiniku Waltham, will be located at 863-867 Main St. Tables in the restaurant will have a burner in the middle for patrons to cook all-you-can-eat meat, vegetables and other food items. This is a common offering in most Korean barbecue restaurants. The establishment will also have sushi and ramen menus.



The restaurant is not pursuing a liquor license at this time but indicated it may do so in the future. In other business, the License Commission:

- Approved a request from Bentley University for several one-day all-alcohol permits to be used for graduation-related events in March, April and May.
- Approved a request for a one-day beer and wine permit for Waltham Fields Community Farm’s Sprout 2026 fundraiser at the Lyman Estate on April 17.
- Approved a request for a one-day beer and wine permit for a Mastroberardino wine tasting seminar hosted by Dion’s on April 22.
- Approved a one-day all alcohol permit request for a prewedding cocktail event that will be held at the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation in April.
- Approved a request for a Waltham Farmers’ Market special license permit for Blisspoint Meadery. This will be the meadery’s third year at the Waltham Farmers’ Market.
- Approved a one-day entertainment permit request for a spring concert event for students only at Brandeis University.
- Approved a request for a change of officers/directors/LLC managers for MB Spirits at 120 Market Place Drive. This request is in response to upper management changes at Demoulas Super Markets Inc.
- Dismissed a request by the owners of Easy Convenience & Deli, Moody Spa, Village Market and Veronica’s to extend liquor sales hours on Sunday. Before Jan. 1 of this year, liquor sales were allowed until 11 p.m. on Sundays. Now the cutoff is 8 p.m. According to the owners of these establishments, the reduction in hours has resulted in a large loss of business. The commissioners decided that the argument had “no merit” and therefore dismissed it.

# City Council in brief: Changes to sidewalk snow removal ordinances

Artie Kronenfeld

March 25, 2026



The Waltham City Council is considering changing how the city ensures clear walking paths after big snowstorms.

Ward 8 Councilor Cathyann Harris at Monday’s council meeting introduced a resolution to amend city ordinances on snow removal, in response to [snowstorms this year which “exceeded our capacity.”](#)

“We had an epic winter this year,” she said. “What we need to do is learn from it.”

The city’s current snow removal ordinances require property owners to clear snow on the sidewalks in front of their house if they have three or more dwelling units. Owners of industrial properties, properties in business, commercial or industrial districts, and properties in the Hope Avenue Redevelopment and Riverfront Overlay districts are also required to remove snow from their sidewalks. The city’s regulations do not apply to residents in one- and two-family houses.

Harris proposed that the city’s ordinance include regulations for owners to clear sidewalks in front of one- and two-family homes, carving out exceptions for residents physically unable to move snow. Councilor-at-Large Emma Tzioumis said she is coordinating with the Council on Aging and youth groups to create a program to pair older residents with youth who could shovel their sidewalks.

The resolution also includes a provision to potentially make the Consolidated Public Works Department responsible for clearing sidewalks in downtown Main Street and Moody Street, asking the department to evaluate what resources it would need to better clear streets and sidewalks.

Ward 6 Councilor Sean T. Durkee emphasized the importance of making sure the DPW had sufficient and properly resourced employees to address snow challenges. “If you pass an ordinance with no resources or enforcement value it really doesn’t address anything,” he said.

The City Council referred this to its Ordinances and Rules Committee for further discussion.

### **Additionally, the City Council:**

- Announced that details of the city’s annual Arbor Day tree planting would be announced on city social media in advance of the event.
- Congratulated the Bentley Falcons on [making it to the NCAA Division 1 Men’s Hockey Championship](#), where they’ll play against Michigan this Friday.
- On the Licenses and Franchises Committee’s recommendation, gave final approval of 23 license renewals for lodging houses around the city.
- On the Finance Committee’s recommendation, accepted donations of Waltham memorabilia and a donation to restore the Stonehurst piano, accepted a state grant for the Council on Aging, and approved funds for repairing the Veterans Memorial softball fields, out-of-district special education costs and heating work at Government Center.
- On the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, approved [a draft budget for the City Council’s upcoming fiscal year](#) to send to Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy. At the request of Ward 1 Councilor Anthony LaFauci, the council added a \$15,000 line item to fund television screens for the council chambers to improve accessibility.
- Opened a public hearing for utilities work by Eversource to extend a power line through the sidewalk to an expansion of the ExtraSpace storage facility at 195 Bear Hill Road. Eversource representative Joanne Callender assured LaFauci that the company would replace the sidewalk as necessary. The request was sent to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
- Spotlit Waltham author Yasmin Azad’s recently published memoir, “Stay, Daughter: A Story of Muslim Girlhood.” Councilor-at-Large Colleen Bradley-MacArthur encouraged councilors to read the book or other texts that challenged their perspectives for Women’s History Month this March and requested that the city donate a copy of the book to the City Hall Museum Room.
- Recognized April 9 as Local News Day and heard a presentation from Waltham Times editor and Board of Directors Chair June Kinoshita about the national initiative.
- Referred a series of requests from McCarthy to the council’s committees. A request to rename Northeast Elementary School after [former superintendent John J. Daddona](#) went to the Licenses and Franchises Committee; a preliminary plan for the year’s Community Development Block Grant went to the Economic and Community Development Committee; a \$10.5 million loan authorization for the project management of the [ongoing police station redesign](#) went to the Long-Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee; and funding requests for the police medical budget, disability services commission and telecommunicator emergency response services went to the Finance Committee.
- Referred one request to renew a secondhand dealers’ license and one request to renew a lodging house license to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
- Referred requests of time extensions to begin construction on three special permits the city granted in 2025 to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
- Requested that Waltham Public Schools Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa appear before the Committee of the Whole to report on non-budgetary matters surrounding Waltham schools in advance of the upcoming fiscal year’s budgetary hearings.
- Voted 13-1 to go into executive session to discuss updates to a real estate matter previously discussed [in January](#). Councilor-at-Large Carlos A. Vidal voted against the request.

# Waltham City Council proclaims April 9 as Local News Day

Waltham News Team

March 25, 2026

The Waltham City Council has approved a resolution designating April 9, 2026, as Local News Day in the City of Waltham, underscoring the vital role that trusted local journalism plays in keeping residents informed and engaged. Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy also issued a mayoral proclamation recognizing Local News Day and honoring the efforts of residents who founded The Waltham Times, an independent, nonprofit news publication launched in 2024 to revive local news coverage.

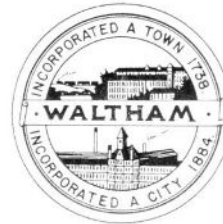
The resolution was submitted by City Council President Robert G. Logan, and the City Council adopted the resolution at its meeting on Monday, March 23. The measure notes that local news organizations provide “verified, independent reporting” that helps residents make everyday decisions about schools, public safety, health care, small businesses, elections and community events. It further states that access to trusted local news “strengthens civic participation, supports transparency and accountability in government and fosters a culture of informed citizenship.”

The resolution recognizes Local News Day as a national day of action for “residents to learn about, engage with, and support the newsrooms that serve them” and together “celebrate the value of local news and information through community events, public recognitions and visible acts of support.”

“Local journalists serve as essential members of our community — attending public meetings, covering emergencies, highlighting community achievements and telling the stories that reflect who we are,” the resolution declares.

On April 9, The Waltham Times plans to join news organizations across the country in marking Local News Day by inviting residents to learn more about the newsroom, subscribe to its newsletters and support its nonprofit mission.

## City of Waltham Massachusetts



### Official Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, strong communities depend on strong local news and information to keep residents informed, connected, and prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, local news organizations provide verified, independent reporting that helps residents make everyday decisions about schools, public safety, health care, small businesses, elections, and community events; and

**WHEREAS**, access to trusted local news and information strengthens civic participation, supports transparency and accountability in government, and fosters a culture of informed citizenship; and

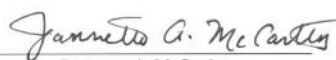
**WHEREAS**, local journalists serve as essential members of our community – attending public meetings, covering emergencies, highlighting community achievements, and telling the stories that reflect who we are; and

**WHEREAS**, Local News Day is a national day of action connecting people with local, independent, and trusted news sources in their own communities, and encouraging residents to learn about, engage with, and support the newsrooms that serve them; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in Local News Day provides an opportunity for residents, institutions, and local governments to celebrate the value of local news and information through community events, public recognitions, and visible acts of support;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jeannette A. McCarthy, Mayor of Waltham, Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2026, as **LOCAL NEWS DAY** in Waltham and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of trusted local news and information and to engage with the local news organizations that serve our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Waltham to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

By:   
Jeannette A. McCarthy  
Mayor

# Black bear sighting in Waltham neighborhood

Cyd Abnet

March 25, 2026

Household camera footage captured sight of a black bear visiting a Waltham resident's porch.



The footage, from March 17 and posted by [Wes O'Connor on Facebook](#), shows the bear making its way onto the porch of a Goldencrest Avenue house and poking around items atop an outdoor table.

The bear was likely looking for a free meal, said Dave Wattles, a black bear and furbearer biologist with the state Divisions of Fisheries and Wildlife.

“Bears have learned very quickly that there’s food sources in backyards,” said Wattles, noting that food sources such as garbage and bird feeders make an easier meal for a bear than trying to find something to eat in the woods, especially during winter months.

Black bears are not naturally aggressive and are able to safely coexist with people. However, while no one has been injured in Massachusetts by a black bear in recent history, Wattles advises residents to give bears space. He also advises making noise so that the bear isn’t surprised when it encounters a human.

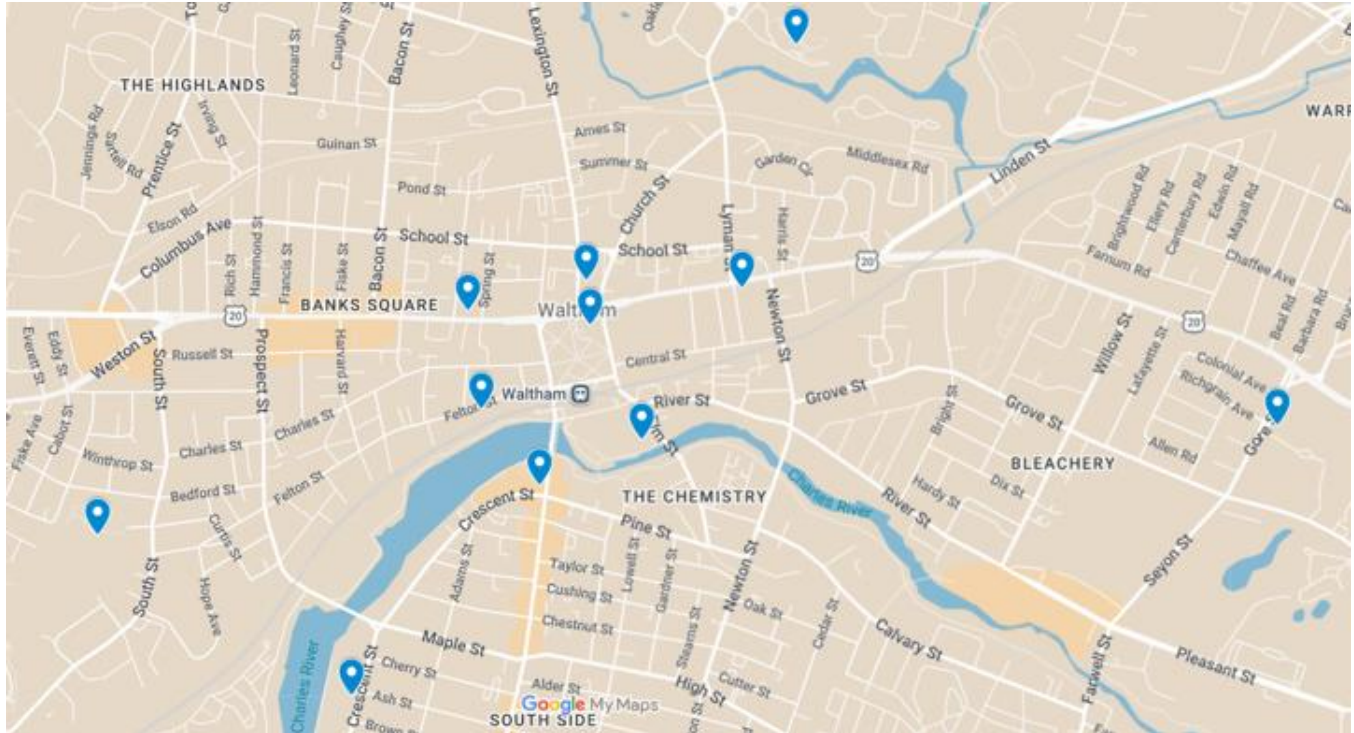
Wattles said residents should take down bird feeders and properly secure trash so as not to draw bears to their yards. Those who keep backyard livestock such as chickens should install an electric fence to keep bears out. “You can’t build a chicken coop that a bear can’t break into,” Wattles said.

Wattles noted that the footage from Waltham hasn’t been authenticated, noting that MassWildlife has received no other reports of black bears in the Greater Boston area. The owners of the footage could not be reached for comment.

# Banners across Waltham celebrate the city's innovators

William Holder

March 25, 2026



Innovators have thrived in Waltham since the nation's founding, and the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation is celebrating that history with a dozen banners in various city locations.

The banners feature brief biographies of significant innovators as well as accompanying graphics. Some names will sound familiar to many Waltham residents — Paul Moody, Charles Metz and Francis Cabot Lowell, for instance.

Others may be less familiar, such as Marshal Walter “Major” Taylor, a record-breaking Black bicyclist racing in the late 1800s.

The banners have been placed at locations including Gore Place, City Hall, the Lyman Estate, the Waltham Public Library, the Waltham Museum, the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation and elsewhere, according to Stephen Guerriero, director of education at CRMII.

*Museum education director Steven Guerriero (left) and Patrick O'Brien of the Council on Aging.*

*Photos courtesy of the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation.*



The project is titled “250 Years of Revolutionary Industrial Innovation” and was developed by Maya Colman, a former education intern at CRMII, Guerriero said. A Tufts University graduate student at the time, she selected the individuals to be featured and researched their histories.

The project is part of the state's 250th celebration and is funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Massachusetts Office of Tourism and Travel.

The banners may be [viewed online](#), and an interactive map shows their locations. Promotions are planned on Boston public radio stations.

### **The innovators featured include:**

- Michael Brewster Folsom — teacher, scholar, and industrial historian who was the driving force behind the creation of the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation
- Paul Moody — who perfected the power loom, which allowed the Boston Manufacturing Co. to become the first fully integrated factory in the world
- Charles Metz — producer of innovative bikes, automobiles and motorcycles in Waltham
- The Apollo 11 Weavers — a group of women who had worked at Waltham Watch Co. and helped build the guidance computer that directed Apollo 11 to the moon
- Marshall Walter “Major” Taylor — a famous cyclist who made waves during the 1890s bicycle craze using Waltham-made bikes
- Francis Cabot Lowell — creator of The Boston Manufacturing Co., the first fully integrated factory in the world, which helped the U.S. gain economic independence from Britain
- Charles Vander Woerd — inventor of the automatic screw machine, which greatly increased the speed at which watches could be made in Waltham
- Jodi Rosenbaum — founder and CEO of More Than Words, a nonprofit that empowers youth who are court-involved, in foster care, out-of-school and/or experiencing homelessness to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business
- Isaac Ebenezer Markham — an employee of the Boston Manufacturing Co. who wrote a letter that serves as the only known record of the 1821 strike at the company, the first industrialized labor strike in the history of the United States
- Katherine (Kittie) Knox — a biracial woman who defied gender norms as an accomplished cyclist and in 1895 raced at Waltham's famed velodrome, though she was relegated to the “costume contest” category, where she won first place.
- Mary Hannah Dudley Melvin — a brilliant machine analyst and “mill girl” who became the highest paid employee on the payroll of the Boston Manufacturing Co.
- Students and Leaders of the Charles River Collaboratory — Waltham High School and Middle School students who represent the next generation of innovators at this youth-led innovation space headquartered at CRMII in partnership with the Boston College Lynch School of Education and Department of Engineering.

Asked if he has a favorite innovator, Guerriero named Mary Melvin at the Boston Manufacturing Co. “It’s possible that she was the first woman to be in charge of a mill room in America,” he said. “She was absolutely the most important employee.”

“She was able to see through the course of her life what she started working on in Waltham become this behemoth of New England’s industrial revolution, and we have no primary source material about her. It’s amazing,” he said.

# Future stylists get to work as WHS salon opens for business

Steve Milmore

March 25, 2026

WHS Class of 2027 will be the first to graduate from the Cosmetology program. Photo courtesy of Yolanda Crowell.

Waltham High School had a very successful soft launch of its new salon last Friday, so its hair studio is now open for business.

Demand for appointments is already strong: The cosmetology department received more than 40 emails requesting services in just a few hours from a single social media post about the launch. “We have 19 students in the class, and they were fully booked. It was a fantastic opening,” said Yolanda Crowell, Waltham High cosmetology teacher.



The salon is run as part of the high school’s career and technical education program and allows students to work in a real salon environment. The idea is to give students hands-on, real-world experience so it feels like they’re working in an actual beauty business.

“Working in the salon is part of our three-year-long cosmetology course. At the end of it, students accrue 1,000 hours of experience, which makes them eligible to take the Massachusetts cosmetology exam. So they can be licensed and then go right into the field,” said WHS cosmetology teacher Jackie Powers.

The space itself is highly specialized. In addition to styling chairs and mirrors, it includes wash stations, drying areas, manicure tables and esthetics equipment for skincare training.

The program also includes classroom instruction to learn anatomy, chemistry of hair products and safety regulations so students can balance hands-on work with academic knowledge.

Right now the salon is open once a week during school hours. Services are limited (no chemical treatments yet) until students log enough hours, but over time it will expand into a full-service, student-run salon. The services the salon provides now include haircuts, express keratin treatments, gel manicures, eyebrow waxing, and wash and blow dry.

The WHS cosmetology lab is part of the school’s overall push to combine academics with career training so students can graduate with not just a diploma, but with real-life skills leading to a career, too.

The automotive technology shop is already open for business for Waltham residents and school district employees. Students learn how to diagnose, repair and maintain automobiles while offering minor repairs such as brake work, oil changes and cosmetic fixes to the public.

A new, student-run public restaurant is next up, with plans to serve lunch to the community. Located within the culinary arts department, it features a professional-grade kitchen with viewing windows, allowing students to gain hands-on service and cooking experience.

To request a salon appointment at WHS, residents can email [salon@walthampublicschools.org](mailto:salon@walthampublicschools.org) or call 781-614-3925. All services will be performed by WHS cosmetology students under instructor supervision.

# Show choir spectacle to bring 750 singers and dancers to Waltham High this weekend

June Kinoshita

March 25, 2026



Get ready for pure musical mayhem to sweep over Waltham High School this weekend. Waltham’s award-winning show choir program is hosting the Eastern Show Choir Festival on Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Hosted by the Waltham Choral Parents Association, it’s the longest-running show choir competition of its kind in New England. This year 22 groups will light up the WHS stage with Broadway-style singing, high-energy choreography and sequins galore. As the host ensembles, Waltham’s Music Unlimited and Music Express will perform but will not compete for awards.

It’s a massive production. “We take over the entire school,” said Jade Longstaff, a WCPA board member. “As soon as school ends on Friday, crews will move in to get the spaces ready. On Saturday there will be food trucks. We expect 750 students along with their parents and coaches.” Some 20 local companies are sponsoring the event. “All the food we sell is donated,” Longstaff said. The WCPA hopes to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000 — a third of the program’s annual budget.

Show choir directors Alyssa and Tom Cincotta “handle so many logistics” to ensure the day runs like clockwork, Longstaff said. Travel arrangements for the judges, hotel reservations, providing food on site — the list goes on. “The WCPA does so much to make sure it’s a fun day.”

Longstaff said around 20 parents have spent the past three months crocheting “plushigrams,” adorable stuffed mascots for parents to buy and give to their kids. This year’s plushigrams align with the show choir themes of water and fire.

Music Express is scheduled to perform at 12:15 p.m. Music Unlimited takes the stage toward the end of the evening at 9:15 p.m. The festival marks the final performance of the groups’ 2026 competition sets. Tickets are \$20 for half-day admission and \$30 for a full day. Tickets can be purchased in advance [online](#) or at the door. Cash and cards are accepted.

“We have a seat reserved for the mayor,” Longstaff said. “She’s a huge fan.” More information visit the [Waltham Choral Parents Association website](#).

# Waltham Partnership for Youth seeks local employers for summer internship program

Waltham News Team

March 24, 2026



*Image from the Waltham Partnership for Youth website.*

Waltham Partnership for Youth is inviting local employers to host high school interns this summer through its annual paid internship program.

Each year the nonprofit places between 80 and 100 students with businesses and organizations in and around Waltham. The 2026 program runs from June 29 to Aug. 8, with interns working between 15 and 37.5 hours per week, depending on employer needs.

Employers are asked to offer at least 15 hours of work per week for six weeks, pay a minimum of \$15 per hour and provide supervision and mentorship. WPY supports employers throughout the process, including recruiting and screening candidates, coordinating placements and checking in over the summer.

“Hosting a WPY intern offers employers the opportunity to give back to the Waltham community while investing in the future workforce,” the organization said in a statement.

Amanda Walsh of the Waltham YMCA said her organization has hired several former interns. “It is a great opportunity for us to train in the moment, get a feel for how they work as people, and learn their strengths and weaknesses,” Walsh said.

Priya Patel, a Waltham High School junior who interned last summer at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, said the experience deepened her interest in health care. “I got to experience what it’s like to work in a hospital environment and see behind the scenes of patient care,” she said.

Interested employers are encouraged to contact WPY by April 9 to learn more or to host an intern this summer. WPY is a Waltham-based nonprofit that works to close the opportunity gap by connecting youth and families to education, career pathways, and community resources. The organization serves more than 800 students annually. More information is available at [walthampartnershipforyouth.org](http://walthampartnershipforyouth.org).

# Leonard Lapenta, 1930–2026, loving husband, father and grandfather

Milestones

March 30, 2026

Leonard J. “Lenny” Lapenta, of Waltham, died Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Lahey Hospital in Burlington. He was 95.

Lenny was born in Boston on Nov. 16, 1930, the son of the late Philip and Amy (Fortucci) Lapenta, and was raised in Brighton. After graduating from Boston Technical High School he joined the U.S. Army and served with an engineering battalion in Germany.

After his discharge from the service he went to work for his Uncle Tony at his auto repair shop in Brighton, eventually taking over the operation until his retirement. Lenny had the ability to fix almost anything and was relied upon by family, friends and his customers who considered him a close friend.

Following his May 1955 marriage to West Roxbury native Patricia M. Murphy at Saint John Chrysostom Church in West Roxbury, the couple lived in Brighton before moving to Waltham five years later.

Lenny and Pat were long time members of Saint Jude Parish in Waltham where they were very active in church and school affairs. She and Lenny took up skiing at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire and grew to love the sport. As often they could the family spent time at their home in North Woodstock, New Hampshire where winters were spent at Loon Mountain and summers were spent exploring the beauty and attractions in the White Mountains.

In retirement Lenny also worked for a number of years at Loon Mountain and as often as he could played a round of golf at Jack-O-Lantern Golf Club in Woodstock, New Hampshire. He also enjoyed fishing and looked forward to spending time on his boat off the coast of Rockport.

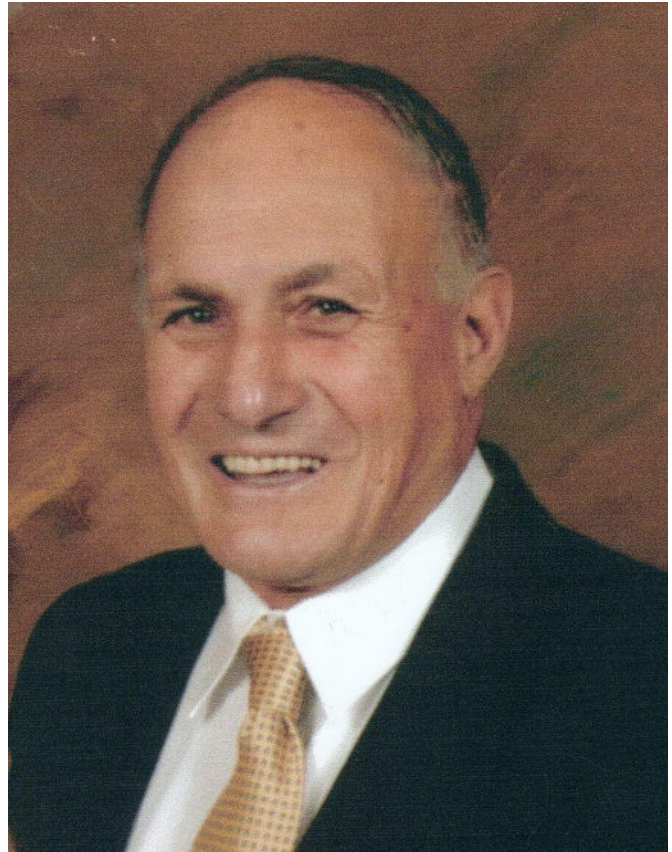
Time spent with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren created the happiest memories for Lenny and Pat and brought great joy to their lives.

The couple enjoyed seventy happy years together until Pat’s death on Palm Sunday of last year.

Lenny leaves his children, Marie Boyd of Yarmouthport, Denise Feloney (Lawrence) of Natick, Philip Lapenta (Diane) of Framingham and Leonard J. Lapenta, Jr. (Lori) of Melrose; his grandchildren, Jessica, Jennifer, Lawrence, Kara, Amy, Cali and Jenna; his great-grandchildren, Bryson and Hunter; his sister, Bernice Rodd; and several nieces, nephews and their families.

Lenny was also the father of the late Marc Lapenta.

Family and friends will honor and remember Lenny’s life by gathering for a morning wake in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Wednesday, April 1 from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m., followed by his funeral service at 12 p.m. Burial will be in Grove Hill Cemetery, Waltham.



# Marie Christine Goodale, 1937–2026, ‘found joy in life’s simple pleasures’

Milestones

March 30, 2026

Marie Christine “Chris” Goodale, of Waltham, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. She was 88.

Born in Waltham on May 13, 1937, she was the beloved daughter of the late Antonio and Paoline (Carpentino) Mazzarini.

Chris was a loving and kind woman who always made family the central and most important part of her life. A true survivor, she believed deeply in creating and maintaining strong family traditions that brought everyone together. Her warmth, strength and devotion to those she loved defined her life and left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

With a strong work ethic, Chris worked for over three decades as an Executive Secretary at Raytheon, where she was respected for her dedication and professionalism. She was also a longtime and proud member of the Waltham Lodge of Elks as well as The Moose Lodge 1018 in Waltham.

Chris found joy in life’s simple pleasures. She loved baking and preparing food for her family and friends, and trips to Hampton Beach while ensuring everyone was well fed and cared for. She enjoyed playing bingo and visiting Foxwoods, where she shared many happy moments with family and friends.

Predeceased by her beloved daughter Janice and long term partner Jak. Chris’s dear siblings, with whom she shared a special and lifelong bond, James Mazzarini and wife Phyllis, Carmello Mazzarini and wife Jenny, Salvatore Mazzarini and wife Edie, John Mazzarini and wife Mary, Elizabeth Ross and husband Larry, Paul Mazzarini, Barbara DeAmicis and husband Bob, Ann Mazzarini, Frank Mazzarini and wife Muriel and Tony Mazzarini.

Chris is survived by her loving and devoted children, Karen Manning and her partner Bob, Tom Goodale and his wife Meg and Christine Hogan and her husband Harry. In addition, her grandchildren, Jenna, Adam, Rachel, Matthew, Tara, Brittany, Patrick, Kelsey, Ricky and Cailyn Derek and his wife Sarah; her cherished great grandchildren, Keira, Kalli, Roman, Jackson, Wyatt, Everleigh, Dylan, Addison, Kayleigh, Ariana and Connor; and her sister-in-law Fran Mazzarini.

Friends and family were invited to gather and remember the love and friendship Chris shared during visiting hours on Monday, March 30 in The Mary Catherine Chapel of Brasco & Sons Memorial Chapels, Waltham. A funeral service in celebration of Chris’s life followed, with interment at Mt. Feake Cemetery.



# Marie Regan, 1936–2026, Waltham and Lexington Public Schools teacher

Milestones

March 30, 2026

Marie T. (Donahue) Regan, of Waltham, died Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Meadow Green Nursing Home in Waltham. She was 89.

Marie was born in Boston on Sept. 28, 1936, a daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Skehan) Donahue, and was raised in Dorchester. Following her graduation from Notre Dame Academy she earned her Bachelor's degree from Emmanuel College in Boston and her Master's degree from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, both in Education.

A Waltham resident since 1961, Marie taught in the ESL Program at Waltham High School for several years and finished her teaching career with the Lexington Public Schools. A lifelong learner, she was an aficionado of Shakespeare and taught a course in that subject at Brandeis University in Waltham.

She and her family created many happy memories at their summer home in Poland, Maine and in retirement Marie enjoyed trips abroad with friends and an annual winter excursion with her close friend, Maura Leonard, to LaJolla, California. She also had a keen interest in reading, listening to classical and opera music and collecting fine art.

The wife of the late James F. Regan, she leaves her children, James Regan (Maureen) of Sunrise, Florida, Julie Reardon (J) of South Padre Island, Texas, Gregory Regan (Virginia) of Waltham, David Regan of Framingham, John Regan (Doreen) of Sanford, Maine, Paul Regan (Tracy) of Norfolk and Katherine Murphy (Jack) of Waltham; her grandchildren, Gregory, Patrick, John, Colin, Megan, Taylor, Evan, Erin and Elizabeth; her cousin, Stephen Hagan of Canton; and several nieces, nephews and their families.

Marie was also the sister of the late Edward Donahue.

Family and friends honored Marie's life by gathering for an evening wake in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Tuesday, March 31 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and again at 9 a.m. on Wednesday morning before leaving in procession to Saint Mary's Church, 133 School Street, Waltham where her funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Burial will be private.



# Virginia Treglia, 1932–2026, 'devoted' and loving mother and grandmother

Milestones

March 27, 2026

Virginia Treglia (Schiappa), of Waltham, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 19, 2026 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family. She was 93.

Virginia was the proud daughter of the late Silvio and Pasqualina (Pimpinella) Schiappa. She was born on May 22, 1932, in Santa Maria Infante, Minturno, Italy. Upon emigrating to the United States, Virginia and her husband, Filomeno, moved to Brooklyn, New York, where she worked as a skilled seamstress in the fashion industry creating beautiful wedding gowns. A couple of years later they moved to Waltham making it their home ever since, where she also locally fabricated and stitched convertible automobile tops for several years, demonstrating both creativity and craftsmanship.

Virginia had many interests and hobbies and was a dedicated member of the Sons of Italy in both Waltham and Watertown. She loved crocheting, making homemade wine and liqueur, cultivating her vegetable garden, tending to her fruit trees, and canning vegetables including her delicious tomato sauce. She took great joy in preparing amazing meals for Sunday dinners and family gatherings, where her warmth and hospitality were always on full display.

Loving and compassionate, the single most important roles Virginia held were those of devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She especially enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports, attending their dance recitals, and traveling to Italy, particularly her trips during the last few years where all of her family were able to travel with her as recently as November 2025, which brought her great happiness.

Virginia was predeceased by her beloved husband of 54 years, Filomeno, and by her dear brother, Carmine Schiappa, with whom she shared a special bond.

Virginia is survived by her loving and devoted children: Elisa Terrasi; Patty Junkins and her husband Kenneth; and Angela Anastasi and her husband David. She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren: Nicole Comerford and her husband Mike; Kenny Junkins and his wife Chantel; Paul Terrasi; Phil Terrasi and his wife Diana; Ray Terrasi; Anthony Terrasi; Nick Anastasi and his fiancée Bee; and Gina Anastasi. She was the treasured great-grandmother of Michael, Matthew, Patrick, Ellianna, Carson, Ariela, Sophie and Leah, who brought her immense joy. She is further survived by numerous wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Family and friends remembered the love and laughter Virginia shared during visiting hours on Friday, March 27, in the Brasco & Sons Memorial Chapels, Waltham. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday, March 28, at Sacred Heart Church, 311 River Street, Waltham. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum, located at 250 High Street, Waltham.



# Arthur Genova, 1940–2026, loving husband, father, and grandfather

Milestones

March 27, 2026

Arthur F. Genova, of Plymouth, formerly of Waltham, died Sunday, March 22, 2026, at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Plymouth. He was 86.

Arthur was born in Boston on January 6, 1940, a son of the late Anthony and Angelina (Lazazzero) Genova, and was raised in Waltham. After graduating from Waltham High School, Arthur earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University in Boston.

Following graduation, he joined the United States Army and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the Signal Corps in Germany. He was promoted to Captain before his honorable discharge from the service in 1967.

Until his retirement, Arthur worked for decades as an Electrical Engineer for various defense contractors and in the medical device industry, including GTE Sylvania and Hewlett-Packard, specializing in radio frequency technology.

Raised in Waltham's Lakeview neighborhood, he and his family were members of Our Lady's Parish and following his marriage to Patricia A. MacDonald, the couple remained in Waltham to raise their family. Arthur was an extremely hard-worker, with a side business designing circuit boards at his home drawing table for over twenty-five years. He was proud to be able to provide his family with a cottage on a Plymouth pond in the mid-1970s, which remained a family gathering point cherished by their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends for the rest of his life. The doors at the Genovas' cottage were always open to family and friends near and far, and water toys abounded.

Arthur and Patricia's move to Plymouth came twenty years ago, allowing for fun-filled days at the pond surrounded by family and friends before heading home to the nearby year-round house they enjoyed designing.

Around the house and cottage, and among family and friends in Waltham and in Plymouth, Arthur was frequently called upon to help fix, make, or repair anything involving carpentry, electricity or plumbing. He could also help with auto repairs owing to his experience with his father who operated an auto body shop in Watertown for decades.

Arthur will be deeply missed by his large family and many close friends from all stages of his life. In addition to his beloved wife of more than 65 years, Patricia, he leaves his children, Arthur F. Genova, Jr. (Laraine) of Peterborough, New Hampshire, Susan M. Genova of Vero Beach, Florida, Marianne P. Genova Long (Thomas) of Sudbury, Kathleen M. Genova (Brian Nagle) of Easton and David E. Genova (Julie) of Concord; his grandchildren, Derrick Genova (Corinne), Violet Genova (Heather), Isabella and Tobias Genova, David Atkinson (Keara), T. Joseph Long (Alexa), Brian Long (Jacquelin), Kiara, Fiona and Shayla Nagle, and Jason, Jonathan and Jacqueline Genova; his great-grandchildren, Gavin, Isla, Jackson, Lillian, Vincent, Matteo, Jake and Owen; his sisters and brothers, Anne Carey (late Charles) of Vero Beach, Florida, Thomas Genova (Mary) of Marlborough, Rose O'Donnell (late William) of Westford, Arlene Genova (Craig Maxey) of Harvard, John Genova (Louise Schneider) of Needham, Mary MacGregor (Barry) of Conway, South Carolina and Laurel Daly (Matthew) of Waltham; his sister-in-law, Mary McKay Genova of Townsend; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and their families.




Arthur was also the father of the late Sharon A. Genova and a brother of the late Anthony Genova.

Family and friends will honored Arthur's life by gathering for an evening wake in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Monday, March 30, and again on Tuesday morning, March 31, before leaving in procession to Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church, 880 Trapelo Road, Waltham, where his funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Saint Bernard's Cemetery, Concord.



# Calendar

April 1-14

WED <b>1</b>	Apr 1. @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm <b>New England Donor Services (NEDS)</b> Waltham City Hall 610 Main St., Waltham, MA, United States  About New England Donor Services (NEDS) New England Donor Services is a leading nonprofit organization that coordinates organ and tissue donation in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, the [...]  Free	FRI <b>3</b>	Apr 3. @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm <b>Mill Talk: Failing Forward: The Critical Role of Failure in Creating Successful Rube Goldberg Machines</b> Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation 154 Moody Street, Waltham, United States  This Mill Talk explores how failure functions not as a setback, but as an essential tool in the design and construction of successful Rube Goldberg Machines, highlighting how misfires, breakdowns, [...]  Free
THU <b>2</b>	Apr 2. @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm <b>The Tiny Gardens Of The Mvcm: A National Historic Landmark</b> Waltham Public Library 735 Main St, Waltham, MA, United States  The Gingerbread Cottages of the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association in Oak Bluffs are a National Historic Landmark: a collection of over 300 colorful, 19th-century Carpenter Gothic-style homes known for [...]  Free	SAT <b>4</b>	Apr 4. @ 11:00 am - 3:30 pm <b>The 2026 Official Rube Goldberg Machine Contest Regional Qualifier Event</b> Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation 154 Moody Street, Waltham, United States  Registration required to participate in the Rube Goldberg Machine Contest! Watch the contestants throughout the day! Included with Museum Admission Open To Grades K-12 Plus Anyone 18+ May Now Compete! [...]  Free
THU <b>2</b>	Apr 2. @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Waltham Cultural Council meeting <b>Waltham Cultural Council meeting</b> Zoom  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 [...]	SAT <b>4</b>	Apr 4. @ 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm <b>Tapas brunch at Solea: Celebrating 9 years of Friends Beyond Boston</b> Solea Restaurant & Tapas Bar 388 Moody Street, Waltham  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 warm atmosphere, authentic Spanish flavors, and excellent wines and sangrias. This anniversary dinner isn't about networking or pressure. It's about celebrating community, showing up as [...]  \$45
THU <b>2</b>	Apr 2. @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  <b>Minutemen Toastmasters of Waltham</b> Zoom  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 Thursday nights. The first meeting of the month is via Zoom, while the third Thursday meeting is hybrid with the in-person location at Meadow Green. [...]	SAT <b>4</b>	Apr 4. @ 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm <b>An evening with Live Bullet band</b> Lexington-Waltham Elks 959 Waltham Street, Lexington, MA, United States  Experience the magic of Live Bullet, a Bob Seger tribute! Raffles, snacks, 50/50, cash bar. Proceeds to benefit Bill Walsh Scholarship. \$25 per person or reserve a table of ten \$250. For ticket information call 617-513-8451.  \$25
THU <b>2</b>	Apr 2. @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm <b>Community Passover Seder in Waltham</b>  Join Temple Beth Israel in Waltham for a joyful and participatory community seder open to all. Our seder is uplifting with traditional and new songs, relevant discussion and an opportunity to connect with friends and family or meet new people. Our in-house volunteer committee prepares a homemade kosher for Passover meal in our kitchen. Fee: [...]  \$75	SUN <b>5</b>	Apr 5. @ 12:00 am - 11:59 pm <b>WPY: Deadline for Summer internship application tonight</b> online via <a href="https://bit.ly/WPYInternshipApply">https://bit.ly/WPYInternshipApply</a>  Deadline to submit applications for the WPY Summer Internship Program is tonight at 11:59 p.m. The 2026 Waltham Partnership for Youth (WPY) summer internship program application is now open. WPY's paid 2026 summer internship program runs from June 29 to August 7 and is open to Waltham residents in high school, ages 14 and older. [...]
FRI <b>3</b>	Apr 3. @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm <b>Acme Theater presents Unnecessary Farce by Paul Slade Smith</b> Acme Theater of Weston 377 North Avenue, Weston, MA  In a run-down motel, a high-stakes sting operation is about to go hilariously off the rails. In Room A, an embezzling Mayor meets his accountant. In Room B, two rookie cops wait to catch it all on tape. But when the rooms get swapped, the money disappears, and a Scottish hit man enters the fray, [...]  \$25	SUN <b>5</b>	Apr 5. @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am <b>Coffee Social at the Caf: Connect with Local Friends</b> Cafe On The Common Waltham  About Our Community: Friends Beyond Boston Waltham Social (20s40s) is a local community built around genuine connection, small events, and welcoming spaces where people can actually get to know each [...]
FRI <b>3</b>	Apr 3. @ 12:00 am - 11:30 pm  <b>WPY: Now accepting summer internship applications</b> online via <a href="https://bit.ly/WPYInternshipApply">https://bit.ly/WPYInternshipApply</a>  The 2026 Waltham Partnership for Youth (WPY) summer internship program application is now open. WPY's paid 2026 summer internship program runs from June 29 to August 7 and is open [...]		

MON  
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Apr 6. @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

## Waltham City Council committee meetings

**Waltham City Hall** 610 Main St., Waltham, MA, United States

The Licenses and Franchises Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. The Veterans Services Committee, the Public Works and Public Safety Committee, the Economic and Community Development Committee, and the Long Term [...]

Free

WED  
8

Apr 8. @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Parks-Recreation Board meeting

**Waltham Community and Cultural Center** 510 Moody Street, Waltham, MA

The Parks-Recreation Board meets monthly, excluding July and August. Public agenda and additional information can be found here.

Free

WED  
8

Apr 8. @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## 2026 MassEnergize Community Climate Leaders annual conference

**Bentley University** 175 Forest Street, Waltham, MA

A powerful one-day gathering bringing together 250+ passionate climate leaders from across Massachusetts. Get inspired, learn what's working in other communities, and connect with the people driving real climate impact. [...]

\$95

WED  
8

Apr 8. @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Mill Talk: 29 Mill Villages – and More

**Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation** 154 Moody Street, Waltham, United States

Ashton, Forestdale, Peacedale, Cabotville, Hopedale, Uxbridge, Milville and Slatersville, of course. Along our New England rivers there are more than a hundred small factory villages. Following familiar patterns, they are [...]

Free

WED  
8

Apr 8. @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm [School Committee meeting](#)

## School Committee meeting

**617 Lexington St** 617 Lexington St, Waltham, MA

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 [...]

THU  
9

Apr 9. @ 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

## Local News Day meet-up with the Waltham Times

**Shopper's Cafe** 731 Moody St, Waltham, MA

Join The Waltham Times team on Thursday, April 9, as we celebrate Local News Day, a nationwide event recognizing the vital role of local newsrooms in delivering fact-based, accountable journalism to communities. We're [...]

THU  
9

Apr 9. @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm [Board of Library Trustees meeting](#)

## Board of Library Trustees meeting

**Waltham Public Library** 735 Main St, Waltham, MA, United States

A Board of Library Trustees appointed by the mayor establishes Waltham Public Library policies, which are administered by the Library Director. The Trustees typically meet on the second Thursday of [...]

THU  
9

Apr 9. @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

## Local News Day meet-up with the Waltham Times

**Mighty Squirrel—Waltham** 411 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA

Join The Waltham Times team on Thursday, April 9, as we celebrate Local News Day, a nationwide event recognizing the vital role of local newsrooms in delivering fact-based, accountable journalism to communities. We're [...]

THU  
9

Apr 9. @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Cellist Kett Lee In Concert

**Waltham Public Library** 735 Main St, Waltham, MA, United States

Join us for special evening with cellist Kett Lee! Kett is the cellist of the nationally acclaimed Boston String Ensemble and holds performance diplomas from The Boston Conservatory and Longy [...]

Free

THU  
9

Apr 9. @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

## Conservation Commission meeting

**Zoom**

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 [...]

SAT  
11

Apr 11. @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Meadowscaping For Biodiversity

**McDevitt Auditorium** 75 Church St, Waltham, MA

Cherry Pies And Butterflies Community Pollinator Festival-All Welcome! McDevitt Middle School Gym (2nd floor), Lots of Activities & Photo Ops. We offer hope along with Cherry Pie & Apple Cider [...]

SUN  
12

Apr 12. @ 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

## Cornelia Warren's Gift to the Girl Scouts

**The Waltham Museum** 25 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA

Tired of all the snow and shoveling! Come join us at our free 2026 Social Series supported in part by a grant from the Waltham Cultural Council, a local agency [...]

Free

SUN  
12

Apr 12. @ 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

## Cedar Hill: Cornelia Warren's gift to the Girl Scouts

**The Waltham Museum** 25 Lexington Street, Waltham, MA

Join us as we continue our Social Series with "Cedar Hill: Cornelia Warren's gift to the Girl Scouts" with Francine Edwards, one of the co-founders of the Girl Scout Museum [...]

Free

MON  
13

Apr 13. @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Historical Commission meeting

**Zoom**

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 [...]

MON  
13

Apr 13. @ 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

## Waltham City Council meeting

**Waltham City Hall** 610 Main St., Waltham, MA, United States

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 [...]

TUE  
14

Apr 14. @ 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

## National Grid — Customer assistance event

**McDevitt Middle School** 75 Church Street, Waltham, MA

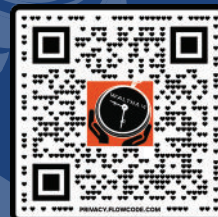
Meet with assistance program experts and connect with the resources your family needs, all under one roof, all in one day. Our advocates will be on-site to help you explore options [...]

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