



keeps our community ticking!

April 27, 2026



The Waltham Times announces special print editions



Waltham Library renovation plan moves forward



This week at the Senior Center: Chair Volleyball



Council seeks citywide surveillance tech policy

The Waltham Times announces special print editions

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • BUSINESS • APRIL 21, 2026



The Waltham Times is coming out in print with two special tabloid editions — planned for June 15 and

December 1, 2026. These keepsake issues will be delivered to 27,000 households and businesses.

“These print editions will create unmatched visibility for advertisers who want their message in front of Waltham’s most engaged audience,” said June Kinoshita, president of The Waltham Times.



The June 15 issue will feature summer activities in Waltham and a special section on the Waltham High School graduation, with photos and opportunities for families to post congratulatory messages. The December issue will be holiday-themed, with listings of local shops, restaurants and holiday events.

The stories in the print editions are designed to be shared and saved. “This is more than a newspaper,” Kinoshita said. “It’s a snapshot of Waltham life and a powerful way for local businesses to support what residents value most: a connected, informed and thriving community.”

“Print still carries a special kind of weight,” she continued. “When people hold a local paper in their hands, they feel more connected to their neighbors, their city and the businesses that support community news.”



Space is limited in each edition and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Advertisers can choose to appear in either or both of the June and December issues. A 15% early-bird discount is available for advertisers who commit by May 1. Advertisers who commit to both issues will receive an additional 15% discount and preferred placement.

Contact advertise@walthamtimes.org for more information.



JUNE KINOSHITA

A Waltham resident since 2003, June has been a writer and editor for Scientific American, Science, The New York Times Magazine, among others. She co-founded the Alzheimer Research Forum and N-of-One. She recently retired from a 13-year career as a leader at the FSHD Society, a rare disease patient advocacy organization.

Sheepshearing Festival returns with music, crafts and new biergarten

BY NEWSROOM • COMMUNITY • APRIL 21, 2026



Spring in Waltham once again brings the return of a longstanding local tradition: the annual [Sheepshearing Festival at Gore Place](#).

The 39th annual festival will take place Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the historic estate at 52 Gore St. The event draws hundreds of visitors each year to celebrate traditional skills, fiber arts and seasonal farm practices — highlighted by live sheep shearing demonstrations.



A sheep herder in action at 2025 festival. Photo by Russell Adams.



Aaron Loux selects the next sheep for shearing. Photo by Russell Adams.

Hosted on the grounds of the 18th-century mansion, the festival will feature more than 100 craft and fiber artists, along with a full day of live music, dance performances and family-friendly activities.

Returning performers include The Revels and David Coffin, who will lead sing-alongs at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Additional entertainment will include the Royal Scottish Dancers, the Colonial Dancers of the Lincoln Minute Men, the Commonwealth Morris Men, The Almost Grown Ups and The Ruth and Ben String Band.

New this year, Mighty Squirrel Brewing Co. will host a biergarten on site, joining a range of food and drink vendors.

Visitors can also explore interactive activities, including a sticker machine in the activity tent featuring sheep-themed designs.

Healthy Kids Day at the Waltham YMCA

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • COMMUNITY • APRIL 21, 2026



Waltham children and parents gathered at the Waltham YMCA on Saturday, April 18, for the annual Healthy Kids Day. The free community celebration is designed to help children build healthy habits around nutrition, physical activity and mental and emotional well-being.

The day featured family fitness classes, family swim, arts and crafts, face painting and other hands-on fun. Blades, mascot of the Boston Bruins, was on hand to greet kids. There were also the ever-popular touch-a-truck experiences with vehicles from the Waltham Fire and Police departments.



YMCA staff Melissa Hinck and Alec Silva welcome participants and answer questions about YMCA programs.

Board of Health joins effort to keep Charles River clean, signs letter to Governor Healey denouncing sewage overflows

BY LEA ZAHARONI • ENVIRONMENT • APRIL 23, 2026



At its April 22 meeting, the Board of Health voted to join the Charles River Watershed Association in its advocacy for a clean and swimmable Charles River.

The board will participate by signing a letter addressed to Governor Maura Healey denouncing a new sewer control plan that allows for sewage discharge into the Charles, the Mystic River and Alewife Brook.



Charles River Moody St. Bridge.

The plan was approved by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's board of directors in February, and will next go to state and federal environmental regulators for final approval.

The letter, adapted from a CRWA template, urges Healey to reject the MWRA's plan. It also references health complications caused by exposure to contaminated rivers and warns that progress made in recent years to clean the Charles could be lost.

In its correspondence to Director of Public Health Michelle Feeley, CRWA suggested that Waltham's board collaborate with the City Council on a resolution condemning sewage discharges into the Charles.

CRWA also invited the board to join a coordinated comment effort during the upcoming public comment period, which is expected to begin after the plan is submitted to regulators.

In other action, the board:

- Approved a lifeguard-free pool at the Alexan apartment complex.
- Issued tobacco violations to Kev's Kwik Mart, A1 Corner Market, Gordon's Fine Wine & Liquors, Michoacan Market and Veronica's. Penalties range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and between three- and five-day suspensions of tobacco sales, depending on whether the retailer has received a violation before. The suspended sales will occur between April 27 and April 29, except for A1, where sales are suspended from April 27 to May 1.
- Tabled tobacco violation hearings for Blue Moon Smoke Shop and SafeHouse Vapors until their next meeting, because representatives for the retailers did not show up.

Author



LEA ZAHARONI

Lea Zaharoni is a recent graduate of Brandeis University, where she majored in American Studies and Journalism. She spent most of her time at school working as General Manager of the student radio station WBRS 100.1, which broadcasts live 24/7 on Waltham FM radio. She's also written for Brandeis' student newspaper, the Justice, as well as the Irish Independent in Dublin and Dig Boston. Lea loves exploring new places in town and returning to old favorites, and counts herself very lucky to be a part of the Waltham community.

Watch City Steampunk Festival approved for a satellite celebration

BY CYD ABNET • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 23, 2026

The License Commission approved a one-day entertainment permit for a satellite celebration associated with the Watch City Steampunk Festival to be held at In a Pickle on Moody Street.

Festival organizer Melissa Honig explained that due to the newly imposed four-hour limit for use of the Waltham Common, the festival is seeking other venues for activities after their time on the Common is up. In a Pickle will host a pub singing event from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 9 as a satellite celebration of the Watch City Steampunk Festival.

The main festival will take place on the Waltham Common from noon to 4 p.m.



Watch City Steampunk Festival. Photo: Andrew Holton-Hall.

In other action, the commission approved:

- A request by Bentley University for one-day all-alcohol permits for two alumni events, a retirement reception and an event with the Senior Athletic Advisory Committee.
- A request for a one-day beer-and-wine permit for a “Celebration of Life” for artist [Carla Munsat](#) at the Robert Treat Paine Estate. The fee for the permit was waived due to the nature of the event.
- A request for an extension-of-premise permit from Shopper’s Cafe Bar & Grille on Moody Street for the [Strides for Education 5K](#) on May 3. The 5K will benefit the Waltham Education and Beyond Foundation.
- A request for a one-day beer-and-wine permit for the Waltham Land Trust’s annual [Green Space Blues Jam](#) event at the Robert Treat Paine Estate on May 15.
- Three requests for a farmers market special license permit from [Aaronap Cellars](#), [Stormalong Cider](#) and [1634 Meadery](#). All three vendors have been at the Waltham Farmers Market in previous years.
- A request for change of officers/directors from The Chateau Restaurant.
- A request for a transfer of a common victualer license and change of manager from Bonfire Indian Grill, which is going to be turned into a new North Indian restaurant called Singh’s Kitchen. The manager, Harpreet Singh, is the former manager of Singh’s Cafe in Wellesley and came out of retirement to start this new venture.

Author



CYD ABNET

Cyd Abnet is a Waltham native who recently graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Clark University. She began her journalism career with Clark’s student newspaper where she covered topics from on-campus protests to competitive chess scandals. In her free time you can find Cyd enjoying Waltham’s numerous natural wonders.

Snow removal ordinance update proposed

BY STEVE MILMORE • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 23, 2026



The City Council is proposing to amend the current [Snow and Removal Ordinance](#) to improve sidewalk safety.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, Council President Robert G. Logan introduced amendment language from a resolution co-sponsored by Ward 8 Councilor Cathyann Harris that would address a pet peeve for many in the city.

The city's current snow removal ordinance requires property owners to clear snow on the sidewalks in front of their house if they have three or more dwelling units. Violators of this ordinance are subject to a \$100 DPW fine that increases with each additional violation.

The new amendment, if approved, would require residents in one- and two-family houses to follow the same rules and suffer the same consequences. Exceptions would be made for residents physically unable to move snow.

CPW Director Michael Chiasson said more than 200 citations and warnings were issued by hand this past winter. He recommends a ticketing system to speed up the process next year.

Residents have been critical of the city's handling of snow removal, with some posting pictures of slippery sidewalks and unshoveled passageways long after the snowfall has stopped.

Regarding the city's role, Logan asked Director Chiasson if he could commit more resources to clear Moody and Main street walking paths right after storms.

Chiasson said first clearing routes students use to walk to school is the priority, and is a challenge in itself with a limited staff. He suggested talking to the mayor about a snow removal program specifically for Moody and Main that would benefit both pedestrians and store owners.

The committee unanimously approved the amendment language and is sending the resolution draft to the Law Department for review.

Author



STEVE MILMORE

Steve Milmore has more than 35 years experience in corporate communications and public relations. He started his career as copy editor for Computerworld magazine and has held writing and management positions at leading high tech companies including Oracle, IBM, and Dun & Bradstreet. Steve is a long-time resident of Waltham.

Comments (2)



HOLLY WL • APRIL 24, 2026 AT 3:13 PM

The City of Waltham's proposed hefty fines for owners of single family homes who don't keep their sidewalks shoveled during all snow storms is not a good solution to the issue of snow removal. The city can't keep the main sidewalks cleared in downtown in big storms, so why would city officials think it's realistic to expect all residents to be able to keep up with shoveling sidewalks in these same storms? There simply aren't enough plow companies to hire to keep up with demand so it doesn't help to start penalizing homeowners. Many of us make an effort to shovel and keep sidewalks clear, but the plows pile the snow up again several times during each storm. Several large portions of the city include more dense neighborhoods that have no place to put the snow, so this proposed ruling is unrealistic. Local homeowners also do not own the sidewalks and can make improvements in them that might make them easier to get plowed. It would be far better to spend our tax dollars to buy sidewalk plows than to employ people to implement these new fines of \$100 per uncleared sidewalk. We want our tax dollars spent to address these issues that affect us all.

Reply



DANIEL D MURPHY • APRIL 24, 2026 AT 2:37 PM

Do condos have to follow the same rules as owners and businesses in Waltham. I own a condo in Waltham and the snow is NEVER removed down to the walkways. Always a 3" or 4" layer of packed down snow left over.

Reply

North Waltham resident reports another visit from bear

 walthamtimes.org/2026/04/23/north-waltham-resident-reports-another-visit-from-bear

Dan Cashmore

April 24, 2026

There has been another sighting of a bear, presumably the same one that has been frequenting a residential Waltham neighborhood off Trapelo Road near the Lincoln border.

As earlier [reported](#) in the Waltham Times, a resident's Ring camera recorded footage of the black bear investigating a table on her porch on March 17. A security camera at a different home recorded [a bear visit](#) two weeks later on March 31.



Residents of the neighborhood are not out of the woods yet, as on April 19 the bear again visited the yard of Casey DeVito, the owner of the home where the March 17 footage was recorded. DeVito discussed her brush with nature in an [interview](#) with CBS Boston. The bear has not posed a threat to humans or pets, but anyone spotting a bear or other large wildlife is advised to avoid approaching or otherwise interacting with the animal. Wildlife experts recommend the following guidelines:

To report a bear sighting:

- Immediate threat or emergency: Call 911 or the Massachusetts Environmental Police at 1-800-632-8075.
- Non-emergency general sightings: Contact MassWildlife at 508-389-6300.

What to do during a sighting:

- Leave it alone: If a bear is in a neighborhood, it will often leave on its own if not disturbed.
- Prevent habituation: Do not feed, chase or surround the bear.
- Remove attractants: Remove bird feeders, secure trash and clean grills.
- Make sure pets are secured and safe from harm, especially during the night.
- If a bear approaches, remain calm, make yourself big and speak in a firm, low voice while backing away.

Waltham Library renovation plan moves forward

BY STEVE MILMORE • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 23, 2026

Kelly Linehan, director of the Waltham Public Library, informed the City Council via Zoom at its Tuesday meeting that the Waltham Public Library Renovation Concept 6 design has been approved by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

As a result, the city is in a position to secure an advance of \$19,045,750 in state funding for the library renovation, including an initial payment of \$4 million scheduled for this year, contingent upon the City Council's authorization of total project costs not to exceed \$79 million.

The council voted unanimously to approve the authorization and take the next step. "This action does not indicate approval of the final design or a commitment to fully fund the project. It's a procedural step to advance to the state grant process and access the funding," Linehan said.

With this approval, the Waltham building team can now continue to develop and refine the schematic plan for the new library and make further refinements if necessary.

The projected cost of approximately \$79 million for the renovation was determined by the library's architect and CHA Consulting in cooperation with a professional cost estimator from the MBLC.

The renovation will add 29,000 square feet of space – an increase equivalent to almost two-thirds of the building's current 45,000 square feet.

The current Waltham Public Library was built in [1915](#) and was not designed to support modern-day technology infrastructure. It was last renovated in the early 1990s, just before the internet boom.



A once-in-a-generation investment

Committee members had questions regarding the cost of the renovation and library parking

Ward 1 Councilor Anthony LaFauci cited the new Belmont Library, which was torn down, rebuilt and opened in late January at a cost of \$40 million, as a comparison.

Linehan said, unlike Belmont, Waltham worked with the MBLC and included a 30-year growth projection for the library renovation based on detailed demographic and planning data such as population growth, escalation of construction costs, and long-term programming needs.

In addition to upfront construction costs, the Waltham plan includes what it will take to operate the library for decades. “It’s a once-in-a-generation investment,” Linehan said.

Ward 7 Councilor Paul Katz, who was not at the meeting, sent a statement to the council saying he supports the library renovation project but is concerned about parking.

“It is important that the library continues to serve residents from all areas of the city and surrounding communities, and the reality is that these visitors drive from a distance and must be able to park,” Katz said in his statement.

At the meeting, Councilor Bill Hanley said he had similar feedback from his constituents. He made a request that the library design team explore all opportunities for both on-site and surrounding options to increase parking. The request was approved.

For the next phase, the Waltham Library team will focus on refining the schematic design and identifying opportunities to improve overall efficiency within the plan, Linehan said.

Author



STEVE MILMORE

Steve Milmore has more than 35 years experience in corporate communications and public relations. He started his career as copy editor for Computerworld magazine and has held writing and management positions at leading high tech companies including Oracle, IBM, and Dun & Bradstreet. Steve is a long-time resident of Waltham.

Comments (1)



TIMOTHY RILEY • APRIL 24, 2026 AT 9:49 AM

I don't understand the councilors' concerns about parking in this area. It's about a 4 minute walk from the (typically underused) Central Square Parking deck to the library according to Google Maps. We'd be sacrificing library capacity for parking. I did an even longer walk with strollers and kids for years as well and didn't see that as a burden. The city shouldn't be asking for more parking in this area, or even in most of downtown.

Reply

Waltham Fire Department's newest recruits graduate from Boston Fire Academy

BY NEWSROOM • PUBLIC SAFETY • APRIL 22, 2026



Firefighters Kevin Dann, Jordan Fischer, Stevenson Youyoute and Ethan Huang. Courtesy of WFD.

The Waltham Fire Department announced that its four newest members have graduated from the Boston Fire Academy and were honored Tuesday, April 21, at a ceremony at the Thomas M. Menino Convention & Exhibition Center. Waltham Fire Department probationary firefighters Kevin Dann, Ethan Huang, Jordan Fischer and Stevenson Youyoute started their training on January 12. They will continue their training with the Boston Fire Department and then return to Waltham for a few more weeks of training before joining the frontlines.

WFD Chief Andrew Mullin joined members of the training division and other WFD command staff to recognize this accomplishment and important step in the new firefighters' careers. "I wish our new graduates continued success as they enter the fire service ready to serve the citizens of Waltham," Mullin said.

Reps Stanley, Lawn pass bill authorizing funding for roads, bridges and public transportation

BY NEWSROOM • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 23, 2026

Waltham would receive nearly \$2 million for local road and sidewalk work under a \$4.58 billion transportation bond bill overwhelmingly approved by the Massachusetts House last week.

Under the bill, Waltham's projected fiscal 2027 Chapter 90 apportionment is \$1,957,766.02, money the city can use for repaving neighborhood streets, fixing potholes and repairing local bridges. City officials typically bundle Chapter 90 dollars with local funds to rebuild roads, upgrade sidewalks and improve intersections across Waltham each construction season.

Representative Thomas M. Stanley, a Waltham Democrat, said the package will support long-term improvements to local roadways and transportation infrastructure that residents rely on every day, while boosting economic activity and overall quality of life. Representative John J. Lawn Jr., whose district includes part of Waltham, said the bill is intended to improve safety "for every road user," emphasizing ADA-accessible crosswalks and sidewalks, bike lanes and bus lanes that affect how residents walk, ride and commute through the city.

The House bill authorizes \$4.58 billion in bonding statewide, including a one-year, \$300 million Chapter 90 authorization for municipalities, matching the Healey-Driscoll administration's commitment for fiscal 2027. Of that, \$200 million would be distributed under the standard Chapter 90 formula, which factors in each community's road mileage, population and employment, and \$100 million would be distributed based solely on local road miles, a change that favors communities with extensive street networks.

Beyond basic road work, the bill steers \$1.1 billion into targeted programs that could shape Waltham residents' daily travel, including \$500 million for a lifecycle asset management program to fix the worst pavements and bridges, \$200 million for transportation projects tied to housing development such as stormwater upgrades and bike-pedestrian improvements, \$200 million for deferred maintenance in state-managed parkways and \$200 million for the MBTA to purchase electric locomotives. It also reauthorizes \$3.18 billion first approved in a 2022 transportation bond law, covering interstate and highway projects, non-federally aided roads and bridges, the Municipal Pavement Program that supports engineering and climate adaptation on local streets, and Shared Streets grants that add space for pedestrians and cyclists.

Municipal leaders say Chapter 90 remains the backbone of local road maintenance budgets, helping cities like Waltham keep up with basic repaving while preparing for heavier rain, heat and other climate impacts on pavement, culverts and drainage. Adam Chapdelaine, executive director and CEO of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, called the House bill an "important" step that directly supports the safety and reliability of local roads in all 351 cities and towns.

The bill passed the House 155-0 and now moves to the Senate, where lawmakers will decide whether to keep the one-year, \$300 million authorization or pursue a multi-year plan that local officials say would help them better plan major reconstruction projects. If the legislature and governor finalize the measure this session, Waltham could begin drawing down its fiscal 2027 Chapter 90 funds after the state budget is signed, allowing another season of road, sidewalk and safety upgrades for residents in every neighborhood.

Local man honored with lifetime achievement award for contributions to mental health recovery

BY CYD ABNET • COMMUNITY • APRIL 23, 2026



A local man is being honored with a lifetime achievement award for his peer advocacy and support work in the mental health field.

“I’m only 60 years old, but I’ve done a lot. As they say, it’s not my first rodeo,” joked Waltham resident Howard Trachtman.

Trachtman is set to receive the 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health at the organization’s [Annual Friend and Leader Award Dinner](#) on May 21. He has also received a lifetime achievement award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness and will receive a third lifetime achievement award in June from Kiva Centers.

“The lifetime achievement award is for someone who has committed decades of their lives to this work,” said Danna Mauch, president and CEO of MAMH. “Howard has, for decades, been a leader for people who live with [mental health conditions], not only in Massachusetts but across the country.”

A career as a peer

Trachtman is a certified psychiatric rehabilitation practitioner, a certified peer specialist and certified older adult peer specialist. Peers are mental health workers who have mental health diagnoses themselves, meaning that Trachtman has had his own journey through the mental health system.

“Peer services don’t replace traditional services. We’re supplementing them,” Trachtman said.

A peer might work on a helpline, run a support group or be a part of a client’s care team alongside the doctors and therapists. Peers have a lived perspective that can help them see someone’s situation more holistically.

Trachtman shared an example where a peer support worker encouraged a client’s wishes to return to work despite doctors saying it wasn’t possible. The client was interested in space, so the peer support worker went with the person to a planetarium to see what kinds of jobs were available. The client was able to start in a janitorial position at the planetarium, with hopes of getting more involved in the future.

“We’ve had doctors say that a patient isn’t going to go back to work and it’s like, how can you say that?” Trachtman said. “Doctors aren’t God.”



Howard Trachtman spoke during Passover Seder at Jewish Family & Children's Service (JF&CS) March 22. Photo by Julie M. Cohen.

Founder, board member and author

Trachtman co-founded [Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community](#), which serves Waltham, as well as the [Southeast Recovery Learning Community](#). Both provide out-patient peer-led community groups and classes for those who have faced a variety of hardships and mental health diagnoses.

Trachtman also co-founded the [NAMI Greater Boston Peer Support and Advocacy Network](#), which provides peer support and resources for the same demographic. Trachtman participates in the [NAMI Walks Boston fundraiser](#). Participants walk a one-mile route to raise awareness and funds for mental health programs.

Trachtman has also sat on more than 17 leadership boards including the Disability Law Center Board of Directors, the Massachusetts State Mental Health Planning Council, the NAMI Massachusetts Board of Directors and the Edinburg Center Human Rights Committee. He is on the leadership board of MAMH, but Mauch said that that did not affect whether or not Trachtman was the recipient of the award.

“We don’t typically set out to honor board members, but regardless of if he’s on our board or not, he’s the guy,” said Mauch.

Trachtman is the lead author of a chapter titled “From Within: A Consumer Perspective of Psychiatric Hospitals” in the “Textbook of Hospital Psychiatry,” as well as a chapter titled “Peer and Consumer Involvement in the Psychiatric Emergency Services” in the “Emergency Psychiatry: Principles and Practice” textbook.

The power of a peer-to-peer phone line

In addition to his more local work, Trachtman travels across the country, presenting on peer-run programs, managed care, entrepreneurship and something called a warmline. A warmline is different from a hotline due to the demographics of the people who respond to callers.

“In order to be a true warmline, all of your staff that answer the phones need to be peers,” said Trachtman.

Callers to the warmline don’t necessarily need to be in a mental health crisis.

“We help people find resources and make connections,” said Trachtman, “But you could also call and say ‘I had a really good day today’ or ‘I’m lonely and I’m looking for someone to talk to.’”

The warmline provides support and assistance with navigating the often-complicated mental health system. Trachtman recommends the [Compass Helpline](#) through NAMI Mass, which can be reached by email at compass@namimass.org and by phone at 617-704-6264.

From Buffalo to Waltham

Trachtman grew up in Buffalo, New York. His parents taught him math and reading skills at a young age. He graduated high school at 16 and began attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his dream school, in the fall of 1981. Things didn’t go quite to plan.

“It was more work than I was used to and I did too many extracurricular activities,” Trachtman said.

After three semesters, he left MIT in 1983 due to a mental health crisis. After a short stay at a hospital in Buffalo to support his mental health, he attended the State University of New York at Buffalo before returning to the Boston area in 1984.

Trachtman first came to Waltham in 1985 as a client of the Metropolitan State Hospital and the Edinburg Center after becoming homeless upon his return to Boston. Trachtman decided to stay in the area because of its proximity to the services he used through the hospital. Eventually, Trachtman began attending night classes at Northeastern University and earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and management information systems in 1994.

Ultimately, Trachtman took up mental health advocacy and peer support, putting him on the path to numerous accolades, including next month’s lifetime achievement award. Those interested in attending the award ceremony dinner can purchase tickets through the [MAMH website](#).



CYD ABNET

Cyd Abnet is a Waltham native who recently graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Clark University. She began her journalism career with Clark’s student newspaper where she covered topics from on-campus protests to competitive chess scandals. In her free time you can find Cyd enjoying Waltham’s numerous natural wonders.

Waltham Land Trust seeks auction donors and sponsors for annual Blues Jam

BY NEWSROOM • COMMUNITY • APRIL 23, 2026



[Waltham Land Trust](#) is hosting its 22nd Annual Green Space Blues Jam on Friday, May 15, and is looking for sponsors to help underwrite expenses of the gala. The funds will also support green infrastructure projects suggested by the Charles River Watershed Association for the Lakeview Preserve on Hardy Pond. These improvements will help treat stormwater before it flows into Waltham's only great pond.

The deadline for sponsor donations is May 4. Members of the public can purchase tickets for \$85; \$40 for those under 40. [Visit the event website](#) for details and registration.

This year's Blues Jam features live music by blues vocalist Michelle "Evil Gal" Willson and keyboardist Shinichi Otsu. Attendees will enjoy drinks and snacks while strolling the historic mansion and grounds of Stonehurst, also called the Paine Estate, designed by H.H. Richardson and Frederick Law Olmsted. There will also be an online silent auction, which will run from Wednesday, May 13, to Sunday, May 17.

"This very cool event is our major fundraiser — supporting us in our mission to create a legacy of land conservation in Waltham," said executive director Sonja Wadman.

About the artists

Known to blues lovers the around the world as "Evil Gal" and acknowledged by aficionados of jazz and blues as a passionate and gifted performer, bandleader and songwriter, Michelle Willson has recorded and released four critically acclaimed albums for Rounder/ Bullseye Records, as well as a live album recorded at Scullers Jazz Club in Boston. Michelle's performances and recordings have received rave reviews from such respected sources as The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, Downbeat, The Japan Times, GQ, Jazz Times and Living Blues, in addition to various other publications from many countries.

Shinichi Otsu has been a keyboardist and a musical director for Greg Piccolo (saxophonist for Jimmy Vaughn and Roomful of Blues) since 1999. He has worked for the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical "Rent." He has also performed with Sam Butera's Wildest, Marty Allen, Tommy Tune, Jay Geils, Duke Robillard, Ronnie Earl and Sugar Ray Norcia. He has opened for Dr. John, Robert Cray, Al Martino, Roberta Flack, John Scofield and the Sun Ra Arkestra.

Event details

Friday, May 15, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Stonehurst, 100 Robert Treat Paine Drive, Waltham

Waltham scout calls for help on community build

BY STEVE MILMORE • COMMUNITY • APRIL 21, 2026



Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Atharv Agarwal of Waltham Troop 250 is rallying a small crew of 6–8 volunteers to help turn his Eagle Scout Leadership Project from idea into reality.

An Eagle Scout project is a requirement for earning the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Each scout designs and leads their own project to benefit a local organization or the community.

For his project, Agarwal is building an information kiosk and two bog bridges to improve trail access and provide helpful information for visitors at Prospect Hill Park.

Volunteers under 18 will help cut wood for the kiosk and bridges using hand tools such as hacksaws, while adult volunteers will take on more advanced tasks using power tools including drills, augers and other equipment needed for construction.

If you're available and able to help, Agarwal's scheduled workdays are:

Saturday, May 2, from 12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 3, from 12 – 3 p.m.

The build will be held at Wooden Kiwi Productions at 99 Hammond St.

If interested, contact Agarwal via email at atharvagarwal1809@gmail.com or Troop 250 Scout Leader Robert Logan at rlogan@troop250.com.

Support local news!

Unbiased. Trustworthy. Waltham-focused news & information.

While our news is free to readers, it is not free to produce. Help keep it flowing! Thank you. Your support matters.

Waltham Times

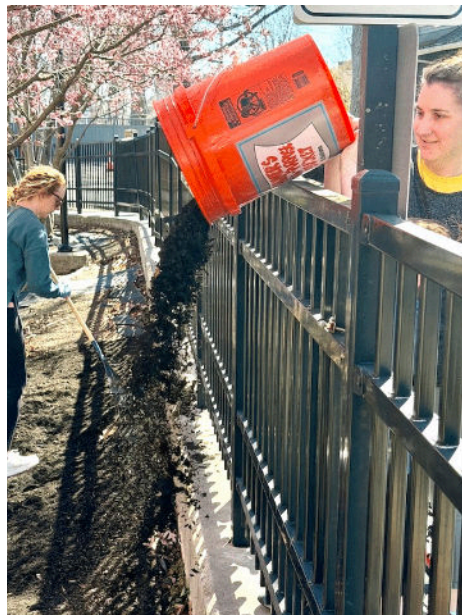
Community turns out for spring clean-up at Whittemore

BY NEWSROOM • EDUCATION • APRIL 21, 2026



Story and photos by Saul Blumenthal, Whittemore Elementary School PTO

The Whittemore Elementary School community came together on April 11 to clean up the school's playground and grounds, spread mulch around the trees and paint flower boxes. Councilors Cathyann Harris and Robert G. Logan lent a hand all morning. Global Thrift sponsored the purchase of new garden seating. The cherry blossoms bloomed just in time for the school event.



Waltham Post Office hosting a passport fair

BY NEWSROOM • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 21, 2026



The Waltham Post Office is hosting a passport fair on April 28, giving residents an extended opportunity to apply for a U.S. passport without an appointment. Passport services will be available from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Waltham Post Office is located at 776 Main St.

The passport fair helps travelers prepare for upcoming international trips by offering convenient walk-in service and assistance with the passport application process. During the event, customers can submit applications for a passport book or passport card, have their documents reviewed by trained staff and take advantage of a streamlined application process.

Applicants need to bring the following documentation:

- Proof of American citizenship. This must be either a certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state, a previous U.S. passport, a certificate of citizenship or a naturalization certificate. Please note: a hospital-issued birth certificate alone is not acceptable.
- Proof of identity. This must be either a recently issued U.S. passport, a recently issued naturalization certificate, a recently issued certificate of citizenship or a current valid driver's license, government issued photo ID or military photo ID.
- A recent color passport photo (2" x 2" in size) is also required and can be taken on site for \$15.

Customers should [download the passport application](#) and complete it in black ink beforehand. Do not sign the application.

All applicants must appear in person, including minors.

Adult passport books require payment of \$130 to the Department of State, and for minors under 16 the cost is \$100. In addition, an acceptance fee of \$35 (payable to the U.S. Postal Service) is required.

Passport customers may check the [U.S. Department of State's web site](#) to obtain additional information, or call the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Waltham-based Kailera Therapeutics raises \$625 million in IPO

BY WILLIAM HOLDER • BUSINESS • APRIL 21, 2026



Waltham-based Kailera Therapeutics, a biotech company entering the popular field of weight-loss drugs, raised \$625 million through its initial public offering on April 17, one of the most successful biotech debuts in recent years.

The initial public offering was priced at the top of its marketed range, according to the Boston Globe. Kailera sold about 39 million shares at \$16 each.

The company's shares closed Friday at \$26 each, a 63% increase over the IPO price, giving the company a market value of almost \$3.1 billion.

Kailera, headquartered at 180 Third Ave. in Waltham, is developing injectable and oral therapies similar to the blockbuster treatments Wegovy and Zepbound, but hopes to improve on the performance of those drugs.

The company's pipeline of drugs, including its lead candidate known as ribupatide, were developed in China by Hengrui Pharma. Kailera is Hengrui's U.S. partner and has exclusive license to the products outside China. Kailera is, however, using a U.S.-based supply chain.

A CNBC story characterized Kailera's results as "promising," and called ribupatide a potential competitor to Eli Lilly's injectable Zepbound. Both Zepbound and ribupatide work by activating two naturally produced hormones in the body (GLP-1 and GIP) that slow emptying of the stomach and diminish hunger signals in the brain. Ribupatide is in global Phase 3 trials.

Kailera is developing three additional drug candidates, two of which are administered orally.

"Obesity is a chronic, progressive and debilitating disease that impacts over 1 billion people globally and requires long-term comprehensive treatment," the company said on its website. "Since obesity is the driving factor for more than 200 comorbidities, our vision is to deliver category-leading obesity management medications that give people the power to restore their health and transform their lives."

Founded in 2024, the company occupies 40,000 square feet in the Third Avenue complex of commercial buildings and had 145 full-time employees at the start of the year.

Affiliates of Bain Capital will own about a third of the company after the offering, according to the Globe. Kailera's Renaud was chief executive officer of Cerevel Therapeutics until the close of its \$8.7 billion acquisition by AbbVie Inc. in 2024.



Kailera team celebrates a successful initial public offering of their stock. Photo from LinkedIn.



WILLIAM HOLDER

Bill Holder retired as director of communications at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, where he also served as editor of the university's alumni magazine. He began his career at a small-city newspaper in Connecticut and later worked as a science writer at Cornell University. He moved to Waltham in 2021, and he particularly enjoys learning about Waltham history.

High school students pitch engineering startups through innovative Spark Program

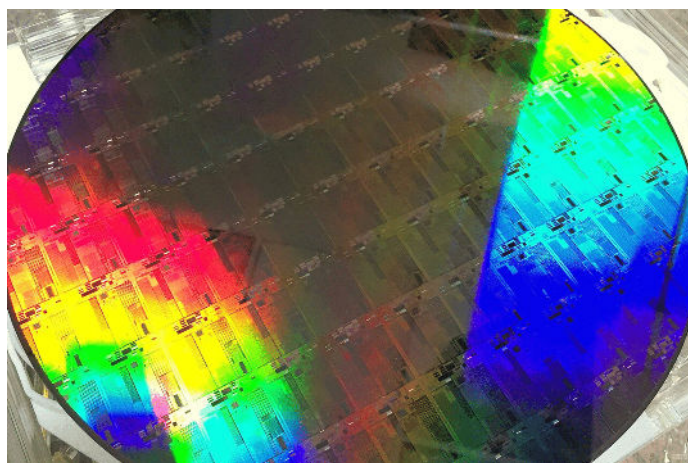
BY LEA ZAHARONI • EDUCATION • APRIL 26, 2026



An initiative from the Waltham-based [Spark Photonics Foundation](#), supported by new funding from Intel, is bringing a project-based learning program called SparkAlpha into classrooms across the country.

Mike Wilder, who teaches an entrepreneurship elective at Waltham High School, has seen firsthand how students engage with the program. On the day his students were supposed to present their final projects, he wasn't sure what to expect.

For weeks, his class had been working through a curriculum built around photonics technology most of them had never heard of before. Wilder himself had felt like a beginner. But when his students stood up before a panel of judges and laid out their business plans with confidence, the whole curriculum clicked. "I was kind of unsure how it was going along," he said. "But when they put it all together in the end and stand up and do it, that's when I realized there was engagement."



A silicon photonics 300mm wafer. Photo by [Ehsanshahoseini](#). CC license 4.0

Spotlight on photonics

Semiconductors — the chips that power everything from smartphones to medical devices — rely increasingly on photonics, the use of light to create and transmit data. The technology, which has become central to modern electronics manufacturing, plays front and center in Spark's interdisciplinary programming.

"We know that we're going from zero percent awareness to 100 percent awareness," said Kevin McComber, the foundation's executive director. McComber, who previously worked in semiconductor manufacturing at Intel, co-founded both a for-profit photonics design company Spark Design and the education nonprofit Spark Photonics Foundation.

SparkAlpha gives teachers and students access to an online platform with lesson materials, videos and a structured final project template, all based on the semiconductor industry. The curriculum is built to supplement a wide range of courses, from marketing to engineering. "It's not really a technology program — it's an awareness program, and in large part a communications program," McComber said.

A set of modules about photonics might seem unlikely to capture the interest of an average high school student. But part of the appeal of SparkAlpha is to build professional competence before students enter the workforce.

Wilder teaches SparkAlpha in his class as a final module, only after students have spent weeks on resume building, cover letter writing and interviewing. The photonics project gives those skills something concrete to attach to.

Sparking a business plan

The curriculum guides students through a four-step process: identifying a real-world problem, conceptualizing a photonics-based solution, building a business plan and pitching their idea to a panel of judges. Classes go through a series of hurdles in small groups as they navigate a hypothetical semiconductor business. Where is there a need for semiconductors? How do you engineer a product so it can be brought to the marketplace? Who will manufacture it, and who will you market it to? “I think the benefit has been just having structure, a real streamlined approach to entrepreneurship,” Wilder said.

One group of students in Wilder’s class chose the relevant problem of perpetually low phone battery. They came up with a device called Aura, which would use integrated photonics to remotely charge all the phones in its vicinity. Along with the concept, students worked together on a manufacturing budget, marketing strategy, and even made plans for brand partnerships.

“As their teacher, I loved this idea as it truly speaks to an issue with all humans, but particularly their target market of 14-22 year olds,” Wilder said. “These students were creative and spoke to an audience they’re familiar with.”

That kind of outcome is what McComber hopes for, even from students with no interest in engineering. Getting young people to understand how pervasive semiconductors are in everyday life, he argues, is its own form of literacy. “We’re really looking for teachers to be creative and innovate with the program,” he said. “It’s meant to be a platform for them to have this tie into real technology in business, but however they want to do that is up to them.”

In three years of teaching SparkAlpha, Wilder has watched students who arrived with little interest in technology work through the program and emerge, eight weeks later, with a finished pitch. He hopes that kind of learning gets more credit from the wider community. State rankings and standardized test scores, he noted, tend to dominate public conversation about schools. “There’s a lot of skill that is happening,” he said, “that I just wish the community would recognize.”

Waltham-based Spark Photonics Foundation’s SparkAlpha is taught in schools across 11 states, and is slated to start in six more. Courtesy of SPF.

Author



LEA ZAHARONI

Lea Zaharoni is a recent graduate of Brandeis University, where she majored in American Studies and Journalism. She spent most of her time at school working as General Manager of the student radio station WBRS 100.1, which broadcasts live 24/7 on Waltham FM radio. She’s also written for Brandeis’ student newspaper, the Justice, as well as the Irish Independent in Dublin and Dig Boston. Lea loves exploring new places in town and returning to old favorites, and counts herself very lucky to be a part of the Waltham community.

Fire department announces dates for annual fire hydrant testing

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • APRIL 26, 2026



The Waltham Fire Department will be performing their annual fire hydrant testing beginning on May 1 and continuing until May 29.

The testing will take place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The testing is multi-faceted and will include inspections of the hydrants, lubrication of the hydrants' caps, water pressure readings and a flushing of the hydrants. The testing will cause rust-colored water to come out of cold water taps in the surrounding area. If residents notice rusty water, Chief Andrew Mullin advises them to run their cold water taps until the water turns clear.



There is no set schedule for which neighborhoods will have their hydrants tested.

“These inspections are done while companies are in service — working around calls and the weather. Therefore, we can not predict when companies will be at specific hydrants,” said Lieutenant Michael Murphy in an email to The Waltham Times.

If you see WFD vehicles in the area or wet pavement around hydrants, that is a good indicator that hydrant testing might be happening in your neighborhood.

Any concerns about rusty water that persists after having run the cold water tap for a period of time can be directed to the city's [Water and Sewer Department](#).

Author



CYD ABNET

Cyd Abnet is a Waltham native who recently graduated with a degree in Environmental Science from Clark University. She began her journalism career with Clark's student newspaper where she covered topics from on-campus protests to competitive chess scandals. In her free time you can find Cyd enjoying Waltham's numerous natural wonders.

Council seeks citywide surveillance tech policy

BY STEVE MILMORE • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 26, 2026



As part of ongoing discussions about Waltham's use of Flock Safety license plate reader technology, the Ordinances and Rules committee invited Waltham Police Chief Kevin O'Connell and his team to its meeting last week.

In response to public concern about the use of Flock cameras, the committee had asked the Law Department in December to draft legislation regulating the use of surveillance technology.

The Law Department recommended [that the city consider a non-binding resolution](#) instead of an ordinance. This would avoid imposing constraints on city departments that come from a fully enforceable ordinance. It would also protect the city from potential litigation, according to the Law Department.



WPD Deputy Chief Steven Champion and Chief Kevin O'Connell at City Council on April 21, 2026. Screenshot from the Waltham Channel.

As a result, City Council President and Ward 9 Councilor Robert G. Logan introduced a resolution draft at the Tuesday meeting to address the issue and help the Law Department set a policy for all city departments to follow regarding surveillance technology.

It includes a key provision that the mayor and/or department head should submit to the City Council any proposed surveillance technology use for review and comment prior to implementation. The draft will be sent to the Law Department for review and input by May 18.

Regarding the WPD's use of Flock, O'Connell said the department already has a strong policy in place. "We're using Flock as a tool for a criminal investigation, on a specific plate tied to that investigation. Only our detective bureau has access to it."

In order to get information from the portal, detectives need to provide an incident number, a reason for requesting the information and a licence plate number.

O'Connell said Detective Captain Timothy Maher oversees a monthly auditing process, which shows every inquiry made to WPD's Flock information portal. The monthly audit is reviewed to make sure everything checks out.

The committee and O’Connell discussed the possibility of publishing a statistical report based on monthly audit results for posting on the WPD website, noting that input from the Law Department is needed.

O’Connell shared examples with the committee of how the Flock system has been used in criminal investigations including:

- A resident reported that a friend took his vehicle without his consent. Detective James McMeekin used Flock cameras to narrow down an area where the suspect frequented and located the car. It was returned to the owner in 24 hours.
- Detective Jorge Orta used Flock cameras to identify a vehicle used in a theft at BJ’s Wholesale Club. It was discovered that the suspect was wanted by the FBI for a bank robbery. He was taken into custody.
- Detective Linda Moschner needed to locate a suspect that had several felony warrants for domestic violence, said to be in the Lowell or Tewksbury area. She used the Flock system to locate the vehicle and passed the information on to Tewksbury police, who made the arrest.
- Waltham detectives assisted Mass State Police and Brookline Police in locating a vehicle that was involved in the Brown University shooting and MIT professor murder in Brookline. The vehicle passed through Waltham and was seen on the city’s Flock cameras.

Related stories

- [Town hall on Flock cameras and Waltham Common event time limit draws passionate community voices](#)
- [Law Department suggests non-binding resolution to address concerns over surveillance technology](#)
- [Who watches the watchers? City to consider first-ever rules on surveillance technology](#)
- [Waltham police chief attends Committee of the Whole to discuss Flock Safety cameras](#)
- [Our data, our decisions: Why Waltham residents must have a voice on surveillance](#)
- [Flock cameras come under scrutiny](#)

Author



STEVE MILMORE

Steve Milmore has more than 35 years experience in corporate communications and public relations. He started his career as copy editor for Computerworld magazine and has held writing and management positions at leading high tech companies including Oracle, IBM, and Dun & Bradstreet. Steve is a long-time resident of Waltham.

Waltham students, fire officials team up on video to prevent kitchen fires

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • PUBLIC SAFETY • APRIL 26, 2026



House fires commonly start in the kitchen, where they can quickly spread to the rest of a home. A new video created in Waltham aims to reduce that risk by offering practical tips to prevent kitchen fires.

The public service announcement was produced by Waltham High School students in collaboration with the Waltham Fire Department and The Waltham Channel. It features Lt. John Ferrick of the Fire Department, senior Alex Stalmon and culinary arts instructor Vanessa Cosco.

Fire officials say the department responded to hundreds of calls in the past year for kitchen fires, most often caused by unattended cooking. Many of those incidents involved grease, which can ignite and spread rapidly.

To reduce the risk of kitchen fires, officials recommend:

- Keep stovetops clean by wiping up grease and oil.
- Keep flammable materials, such as food packaging, towels and paper products, away from heat sources.
- Turn pot and pan handles inward to prevent spills.

- Never put metal in a microwave, which can spark and start a fire.
- Never leave cooking unattended — “stand by your pan.”
- If a fire starts, cover it with a lid or cookie sheet to cut off oxygen.
- If clothing catches fire, stop, drop and roll.

The video is part of a broader educational effort involving students in Waltham High School’s TV Studio Program, who contributed as co-hosts, writers and producers. The collaboration expands the Fire Department’s Student Awareness of Fire Education program to include students in grades 9 through 12.

Members of the department’s Fire Prevention Bureau and S.A.F.E. team supervised the project, while staff from The Waltham Channel handled most of the production work, including filming and editing, and assisted with writing and production.



Author



JUNE KINOSHITA

A Waltham resident since 2003, June has been a writer and editor for Scientific American, Science, The New York Times Magazine, among others. She co-founded the Alzheimer Research Forum and N-of-One. She recently retired from a 13-year career as a leader at the FSHD Society, a rare disease patient advocacy organization.

Hawks Sports roundup

BY STEVE MILMORE • SPORTS & RECREATION • APRIL 26, 2026

Tuesday, April 28

- Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Bedford, 4 p.m. (Bedford HS)
- Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Bedford, 5:30 p.m. (Bedford HS)
- Boys and Girls Varsity Track vs. Multiple Opponents, 4:15 p.m. (Newton South HS)
- Boys Freshman Lacrosse vs. Boston Latin Academy, 4:30 p.m. (Northeastern Fields)
- Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Bedford, 6 p.m. (Leary Field)

Wednesday, April 29

- Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Wayland, 4 p.m. (Wayland HS)
- Boys JV Volleyball vs. Wayland, 5:30 p.m. (Wayland HS)
- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Bedford, 4 p.m. (Yetten Field)
- Boys JV "A" Baseball vs. Bedford, 4 p.m. (Nipper Maher Field)
- Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. Somerville, 4 p.m. (Trum Field/Somerville)
- Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Bedford, 4 p.m. (Brandeis Courts)
- Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Bedford, 4 p.m. (Bedford HS)
- Girls Varsity Softball vs. Bedford, 4 p.m. (Bedford HS)

Thursday, April 30

- Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Concord Carlisle, 4 p.m. (WHS Field)
- Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Concord Carlisle, 5:30 p.m. (Concord Carlisle HS)
- Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Concord Carlisle, 4:30 p.m. (Concord Carlisle HS)
- Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Concord Carlisle, 4:30 p.m. (Concord Carlisle HS)
- Boys JV "A" Baseball vs. Brookline, 4:30 p.m. (Nipper Maher)
- Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. Cambridge, 4:30 p.m. (Cacciatore Field)

Friday, May 1

- Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Concord Carlisle, 4 p.m. (Brandeis Courts)
- Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Concord Carlisle, 4 p.m. (Concord Carlisle HS)
- Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Lincoln Sudbury, 4:30 p.m. (WHS)
- Boys JV Volleyball vs. Lincoln Sudbury, 6 p.m. (Lincoln Sudbury HS)
- Girls Varsity Softball vs. Concord Carlisle, 6 p.m. (Elsie Turner Field)

Saturday, May 2

- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Concord Carlisle, 1 p.m. (Yetten Field)

Strides for Education 5K brings runners together for Waltham schools

BY STEVE MILMORE • COMMUNITY • APRIL 26, 2026



1K fun run kids celebrate at the finish line at the 2025 WEBF 5K. Photo courtesy of Susan Shaw.

Runners, families and community members will gather on Moody Street on Sunday, May 3, for the [Waltham Education and Beyond Foundation's](#) "Strides for Education 5K and Kids Fun Run," the organization's premier annual fundraiser.

The event features music from DJ Shaw and a Zumba warmup to energize participants before the race. Kids in grades K-3 will kick things off with a 1K fun run at 11 a.m., traveling from Shoppers Cafe to the Moody Street bridge. The 5K race will follow, starting at noon at the bridge.

After the race, a post-celebration is planned at Shoppers Cafe, which will bring participants together for refreshments and community spirit.

“We welcome participants of all ages and abilities. It’s a lot of fun, and a great way to support Waltham schools,” said WEBF Director Susan Shaw. “We had more than 600 runners last year, and we’re hoping for another great turnout Sunday.”

Sign up [here](#) for the WEBF Strides for Education 5K and see a map of the running route.

Founded in 2007, the WEBF is a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening public education in Waltham. It raises funds through community donations and events, then awards those funds as grants to Waltham public schools.

These grants are used to support educational programs and classroom projects that promote student engagement. Last year, the WEBF funded the Solar Eclipse learning project for elementary schools, art tours of Boston for WHS students and the “Waltham Roots” community project among other programs.

Through its ongoing fundraising efforts and community involvement, including signature events like the annual road race, the foundation plays a key role in expanding educational possibilities for students across the city.



Zumba warmup gets the crowd pumped up before the race. Photo courtesy of Susan Shaw.

This week at the Senior Center: Chair Volleyball

BY NEWSROOM • COMMUNITY • APRIL 26, 2026



Curated by Priscilla Ellis

Ask questions and reserve your spot by calling the Senior Center at 781-314-3499.

Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. **Chair Volleyball.** A wildly fun way to get a cardiovascular workout while seated. No experience required. Participants are cautioned that playing chair volleyball may cause you to become stronger, improve your mobility, promote cardiovascular health and gain better balance.

Tuesday, April 28, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Last chance to sign up for a 25-minute **technology tutorial** with a volunteer from Bentley University's Service-Learning Program. They will show you how to set up email, organize digital photos and files and navigate the internet. Assistance is available in English and Spanish. Bring your laptop, tablet or phone.



Chair volleyball provides a safe and aerobic workout at the Senior Center or Mondays.

Unbiased. Trustworthy. Waltham-focused news & information.

While our news is free to readers, it is not free to produce. Help keep it flowing! Thank you. Your support matters.

Support local news!

CLICK to DONATE

Waltham Times

Waltham leaders tour Boston Children's Waltham campus

BY NEWSROOM • HEALTH & LIFESTYLE • APRIL 26, 2026



From left to right: Jen Fortin, Gina Gardner, Haley Piette, Gregory Hamann, Scott Nesiba, State Representative John Lawn, Council President Robert Logan, Lisa Hogarty, Councilor William Hanley, Councilor Tim King, Ben Thomas, Coco Rhum of State Senator Michael Barrett, Kathy Morgan-Gorman and Shantel Gooden. Courtesy of Boston Children's Hospital.

Boston Children's Hospital's Waltham campus recently welcomed local and state officials for a tour highlighting pediatric specialty care and growing behavioral health needs.

City Council President and Ward 9 Councilor Robert G. Logan, Ward 3 Councilor Bill Hanley, Councilor-at-Large Tim King and state Rep. John Lawn toured the hospital's Sleep Unit and Community-Based Acute Treatment Unit. Clinical teams shared insights on rising demand for pediatric specialty services, particularly in behavioral health.

Hospital leaders also discussed Boston Children's role in the Waltham community, pointing to ongoing job creation, local investment and efforts to expand access to care for families in the city and across the region.

Waltham Fire visits Northeast Elementary for STEAM Night

BY NEWSROOM • EDUCATION • APRIL 26, 2026



A table was set up inside the school to showcase the old and new technologies used by firefighters and their study of fire science. Courtesy of WFD.

The Waltham Fire Department's Student Awareness of Fire Education outreach team visited Northeast Elementary School for its Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) night on Thursday, April 16. The Tower 1 crew helped with experiments by dropping various objects from its extended aerial platform. WFD SAFE Coordinator Lt. Mike Murphy joined the Tower 1 crew at the school for this annual event.

Outside, the WFD Tower 1 crew stole the show as they assisted with the school's experiments, dropping water balloons encased in various protective packages and equipped with different parachute technologies. The experiments were then evaluated by the teaching staff to judge how well the technologies performed in real-world conditions. Courtesy of WFD.

The week ahead: Mayor proposes new Fernald residence under controversial state housing override law

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 26, 2026



Months after the city declared it is [no longer obligated to consider new applications for housing construction](#) under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B, Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy is proposing a new development using the same legislation.

Chapter 40B allows developers to [bypass some of the standard permit process](#) if they're constructing affordable housing, including building in non-residential areas, and in practice requires cities to prove a housing development creates significant harm in order to reject it.

Waltham's Zoning Board of Appeals this month [rejected another project](#) applying for a Chapter 40B special permit on Totten Pond Road. This and other recently rejected projects would create large housing developments in a commercial area in the west of Waltham, where the board has argued there isn't sufficient infrastructure to support that volume of housing.

By contrast, McCarthy is proposing a much smaller project, located at Cardinal Cottage, one of the buildings on the site of the former Fernald State School. The city has already funded [renovations to the exterior of the building](#), and it plans to build two city-owned residential units with [funding from the Municipal Affordable Trust Fund](#).

McCarthy will visit the ZBA this Tuesday evening to seek a comprehensive permit for the building's construction.

Below is a chronological rundown of other city meetings scheduled this week.

Council on Aging

The Board of Trustees for the city's Council on Aging, which organizes services for older Waltham residents and advocates for legislation that includes and protects them, is slated to meet this week.

It will meet in the conference room of the William F. Stanley Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 27.

City Council

This week, Councilor-at-Large Colleen Bradley-MacArthur has proposed that a representative from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council present data to city councilors on parking and traffic needs in Greater Boston to inform the city's [ongoing zoning review](#).

The City Council will also receive some license renewal applications, including for three community farms, and a series of requests from McCarthy, most of which will be acted upon at next week's committee meetings.

McCarthy has requested [another appropriation](#) of approximately \$1.3 million for the Department of Public Works to cover the cost of this year's storms. She has also requested the council accept a series of donations to the city, including historical memorabilia and a book by a Waltham author for the Museum Room at City Hall.

The council will meet on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The ZBA is a five-person board charged with reviewing new and existing buildings that might violate the city's [zoning code](#).

The board has the power to grant project-specific variances to the code, overrule judgments made by the building inspector and grant specific types of special permits, including the comprehensive residential permits outlined by the state's Chapter 40B statute.

This week, on top of the Cardinal Cottage Chapter 40B application, it will also hear two additional cases: an update to a 2022 special permit to clarify previous plans and construct new roof deck extensions for a Bacon Street property, and a petition to allow a lot owner to construct a two-family home on a lot that doesn't border any street.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at the Arthur Clark Government Center.

Watch Factory Lofts neighborhood meeting

The owners of the Waltham Watch Factory Lofts apartments are holding a neighborhood meeting this week to discuss a recent proposal to expand the apartment complex.

The company has proposed [building 140 residential units](#) in a new building, replacing one of the property's little-used parking lots. The project, proposed at a recent ZBA meeting, [received both support and criticism from neighbors](#), some of whom were concerned about the project's impact on traffic and affordability.

The meeting will be open to "neighbors, abutters and interested members of the community," according to the meeting announcement. It will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 29, at the Waltham Community and Cultural Center at 510 Moody St.



Author



ARTIE KRONENFELD

Artie Kronenfeld is an Arlington and Waltham-based reporter who enjoys writing about policy and administration that affect people's everyday lives. Previously hailing from Toronto, they're a former editor-in-chief of the University of Toronto's flagship student paper The Varsity. You can find them during off-work hours playing niche RPGs, wandering through Haymarket and making extra spreadsheets that nobody asked for.

Waltham group seeks to grow support for ranked choice voting

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • COMMUNITY • APRIL 26, 2026



Nathan Lockwood, co-founder and Director of Advancement & Strategy at Rank the Vote, fields questions from Waltham residents. Photo by Ed Shoemaker.

A new volunteer-led group is organizing in Waltham to promote discussion of ranked choice voting in local elections.

Ranked Choice Waltham recently launched a community initiative focused on educating residents about the voting system and encouraging public dialogue about its potential use in city elections. The group describes itself as nonpartisan and says it aims to provide clear information rather than advocate for a specific outcome.

Ranked choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. If no candidate wins a majority of first-choice votes, lower-performing candidates are eliminated in rounds, with their votes redistributed until one candidate reaches a majority.

“RCV gives voters more flexibility, encourages broader participation, and can produce outcomes that better reflect the will of the community,” said Hannah LaFranzo, RCW’s communications director.

Supporters of the system point to local results from the 2020 statewide ballot question on ranked choice voting, which passed in 11 of Waltham’s 18 precincts and received majority support from city voters, though it failed statewide.

RCW plans to host a series of informational events in the coming months, including a pizza night and screening of the documentary “The Choice” on April 28, according to [the organization’s website](#).

RCW organizers said they have also prepared a draft home rule petition that could be submitted to the City Council and mayor if there is sufficient public understanding and community support. A home rule petition is a form of legislation municipalities use to seek state approval for local policy changes.

Residents can learn more or get involved at walthamrcv.org or by emailing info@walthamrcv.org.

DISCLOSURE: Hannah LaFranzo is a volunteer for The Waltham Times. She edits and posts obituaries and weather forecasts and assists with community outreach.



Support local news!

Unbiased. Trustworthy. Waltham-focused news & information.

While our news is free to readers, it is not free to produce. Help keep it flowing! Thank you. Your support matters.

Waltham Times



Author



JUNE KINOSHITA

A Waltham resident since 2003, June has been a writer and editor for Scientific American, Science, The New York Times Magazine, among others. She co-founded the Alzheimer Research Forum and N-of-One. She recently retired from a 13-year career as a leader at the FSHD Society, a rare disease patient advocacy organization.

Cristobal Batista, 1962–2026, was a ‘true moral guide to his family’

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • APRIL 26, 2026



Cristobal Batista, of Waltham, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 16, 2026, in the comfort of his home. He was 63.

Born in Corozal, Puerto Rico on April 21, 1962, he was the beloved son of the late Jose M. Batista and Felicita (Rosario) Batista.

Cristobal honorably served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps with courage, integrity and unwavering commitment. Following his military service, he dedicated many years to the transportation industry, working as a truck driver for Valleys Bakery in Waltham.

A devoted provider, Cristobal approached his work with determination, reliability and a deep sense of responsibility. He took great pride in ensuring the well-being of his family, always striving to build a secure and stable future for those he loved.

Cristobal was a true moral guide to his family, leading not only with words but through his actions and character. He exemplified patience, understanding and protection, consistently placing the needs of his wife, children and loved ones above his own. Through his unwavering love and dedication, he created a lasting foundation of strength, security and compassion.

Cristobal is lovingly survived by his wife, Edith Morales; his beloved children, Christian and Cristobal Batista of California, Mercedes and Joseph Batista of Brookline, Edith M. Ortiz and her husband Dennis Lagos, Francisco J. Ortiz and his wife Cynthia Bellan and Keishla Ortiz and her husband Ivan J. Rodriguez of Waltham; his cherished grandchildren, Jadiel Quintana, Jaydith Bueso, Diamilet Bueso, Joriel Ortiz, Katishka Castro Ortiz, Angelishka Castro Ortiz, Jayden Castro Ortiz, Jesse Jimenez, Ariana Melendez, Eva Melendez and Xavier Batista; and numerous other extended family members and dear friends who will forever cherish his memory.

The family kindly extends their heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of love, support and prayers during this difficult time.

La familia extiende su más sincero agradecimiento por las muestras de amor, apoyo y oraciones recibidas durante este difícil momento.



Cristobal Batista, 1962–2026

Shirley Manganelli, 1944–2026, former Waltham school bus driver

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • APRIL 22, 2026



Shirley Ann Manganelli (Butt), of Waltham, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. She was 82.

Born on Jan. 29, 1944, in Waltham, she was the daughter of William and Barbara Butt of Watertown. In 1964, she married Paul J. Manganelli of Cambridge, MA, and the couple settled in Waltham, where their family grew to eight with the addition of four sons and a niece and nephew.

Shirley was a dedicated school bus driver in Waltham for thirteen years and operated a thriving balloon bouquet business called Balloons by SAM. She had an extraordinary zeal for life, she loved cooking abundant meals for family and friends, entertaining by the pool, and taking her beloved bi-annual vacations to Aruba.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband Paul; her four adoring sons, Mark W. Manganelli and his partner Lori Ribeiro of Medford, Carl F. Manganelli and his wife Karen of Waltham, James S. Manganelli and his wife Sara of Uxbridge and Dennis Butt and his wife Tracie of Millis; her sister Cheryl Dawson (Butt) of Burlington; and her 11 awesome grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son Paul C. Manganelli of Waltham, her daughter Barbara Holzman (Butt) of Uxbridge, her brothers William Butt of Billerica and Dennis Butt of Waltham, and her sister Linda Miele (Butt) of Burlington. Shirley's life was richly blessed by a large and devoted circle of family and friends, including in-laws and countless nieces and nephews.

Friends and family will gather to celebrate Shirley's life on Sunday, April 26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mary Catherine Chapel at the Brasco Family Funeral Home, 773 Moody Street, Waltham. A celebration of life will be held on Monday, April 27 at 11 a.m. at the Mary Catherine Chapel.



Shirley Manganelli, 1944–2026

Francis Dennis Mahoney, 1939–2026, was ‘a man of gentle spirit’

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • APRIL 26, 2026



Francis “Franny” Dennis Mahoney, of Waltham, MA, passed away peacefully in his home in West Newton, MA on the morning of Thursday, April 23, 2026, following a series of health challenges. Franny was surrounded by his wife, son and daughter. He was 87.

Franny was born and raised in Waltham, MA, and where he spent the greater part of his life. He was employed for many years with the Raytheon Company, from which he proudly retired.

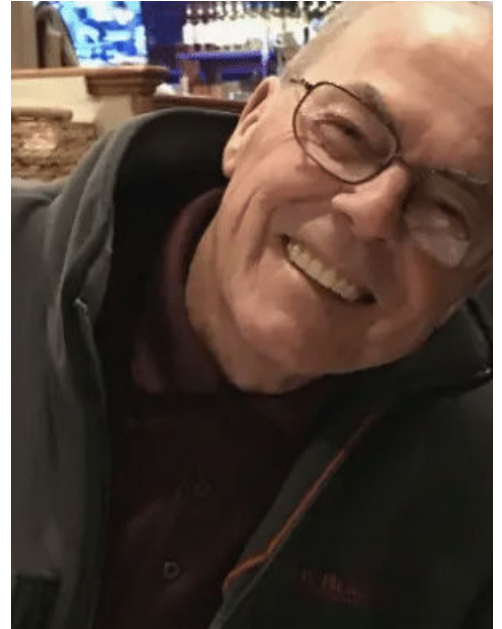
Franny and his beloved wife Marjorie cherished spending their summers in Marshfield, MA with family and friends, sharing fond memories year after year.

A man of gentle spirit, Franny found deep joy in the simple pleasures of life. Those who knew him would describe him as a “hell of a guy”; a good person, a solid friend, always willing to listen and to lend a helping hand. He was known for having a great sense of humor as well. When asked about the best times of his life, he would tell you without hesitation, it would be any moment spent with his family.

He was the beloved son of the late Dennis and Theresa (Burns) Mahoney, the father of the late Francis Mahoney, Jr. and the devoted brother of the late Howard Mahoney, Daniel Mahoney, Terrence Mahoney, Judith Diodato and Richard Mahoney.

Franny is survived by the love of his life, his wife Marjorie Mahoney, whom he married at Saint Patrick’s Church in Watertown, MA, 65 year ago; his daughter and devoted caregiver, Kelley Mahoney of Framingham, MA; his son, Shawn Mahoney of Chelsea, MA; his cherished granddaughter, Haley Rose Marino of Waltham, MA; his brother, William Mahoney of California; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

A funeral service in celebration of Francis Mahoney’s life will be held in the Mary Catherine Chapel of the Brasco & Sons Family Memorial Chapel, 773 Moody Street, Waltham, MA on Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to visit and share memories with his family. An interment will follow at Saint Patrick’s Cemetery, Watertown, MA.



James Hayes, 1933–2026, founder of J.J. Hayes Oil Company

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • APRIL 26, 2026



James J. Hayes of Polk City, Florida and Hampton, New Hampshire, formerly of Waltham, died Feb. 18, 2026 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland, Florida. He was 92.

Born on May 25, 1933 in Boston, Jim was the son of the late Albert J. Hayes and Dorothy M. (Gillen) Hayes. He was raised in the Lakeview neighborhood of Waltham. From a young age he always loved cars. Growing up in his teens, he raced stock cars at West Peabody Speedway. He soon enlisted in the U.S. Army and served overseas in Paris, France during the Korean War. He served much of that time as a driver for the colonel, also driving celebrities visiting the troops such as Elvis and Danny Kaye.

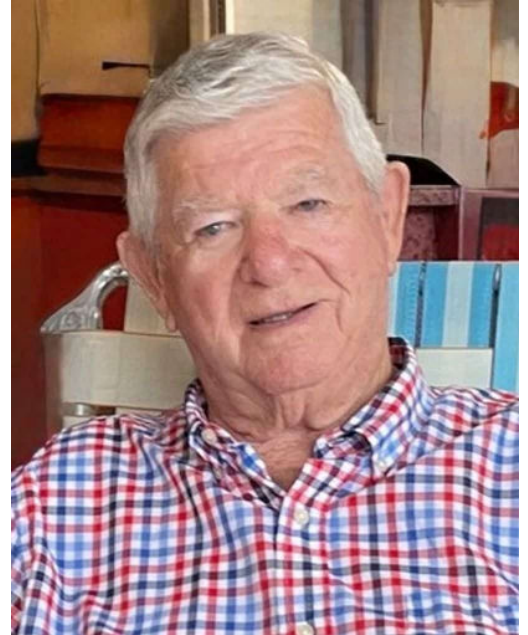
After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he returned to Waltham and worked various jobs in construction before deciding to go out on his own, purchasing an oil truck, fixing it up and starting his own company. With an entrepreneurial spirit, and with Patricia by his side as his full partner in every venture, he built and operated James J. Hayes Oil Company Inc. and Wal-Lex Oil, serviced oil burners for many other companies in the area, owned rental properties both commercial and residential, and later owned and operated the Hampton Harbor Motel and Surfside Chalet in Hampton, New Hampshire.

In retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Pat, in their RV, going up and down the coast and crossing the U.S. 19 times, taking every route possible. He was also an antique car collector and enthusiast. He especially enjoyed his Corvette, his Edsel, and his 1935 Model A Ford 2-door coupe, winning many prizes for his cars over the years. As someone who was always happy moving, if he wasn't on the road, he enjoyed being out on his boat up in Hampton. More than anything though, he loved being Papa to his 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

He leaves his beloved wife Patricia A. (Scannell) Hayes, with whom he shared over 70 years of marriage since their wedding on June 19, 1955; his children, Joyce E. MacDowell of Hampton, New Hampshire, Pamela J. Keir (the late David) of Hampton, New Hampshire, and Paula M. Hughes (John) of Waltham; his grandchildren, Heather Richards, Bruce MacDowell Jr. (Dani), Clayton MacDowell (Liz), Allison Keir, Meredith Bonner (Lee), James Hayes III (Emily), John Hughes Jr. (Lyndsay) and Jacqueline Hughes (Timothy Leonard); his great-grandchildren, Charlie and Oliver Richards, Wesley and Liana Hayes, Greyson and Marshal Bonner, Brady and Henry Hughes, and Alexandria MacDowell; his siblings, Albert "Rusty" Hayes Jr. (Weston) of Ogunquit, Maine, Richard Hayes (Nancy) of Lebanon, Tennessee, Rose Browning of Wilmington and Genesta Catton of Tyngsboro.

Jim was predeceased by his siblings, Robert Hayes, Barbara Dudek, Joan Zampitella and Margaret Trumbour.

Family and friends will honor and remember Jim's life by gathering for an evening wake at the Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham from 4p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 and again on Thursday morning, April 30 at 9 a.m. 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 follow with military honors in Mount Feake Cemetery, Waltham.



John “Jack” Snedeker, 1936–2026, was ‘more than a public servant’

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • APRIL 22, 2026

John “Jack” Snedeker, of Waltham, passed away after a long illness on Thursday, April 16, 2026. He was 89.

Born on Oct. 1, 1936, in Waltham, he was the son of William and Alice (née Walsh) Snedeker. He grew up in a working-class city where reputation was earned through effort and how you treated people. He attended St. Charles School, where the Sisters of Saint Joseph played a lasting role in shaping his sense of responsibility. He later pursued further study at Merrimack College and served in the National Guard. A guiding force in Jack’s life was his unwavering commitment to his faith, his family and his country.

In 1967, he became part of the administration of Mayor Kevin White, beginning a career in which he spent much of his life in positions where decisions carried real consequence. He later served as Commissioner of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), overseeing an agency with several thousand employees responsible for metropolitan Boston’s reservoirs and water supply lands, public parks and parkways, urban beaches, and a dedicated police force.

The unrest at Carson Beach, which made national news in the mid-1970’s, and the Blizzard of 1978 were defining moments in Boston’s history, events that remain part of the public memory to this day. In his role as Commissioner, the work required decisions in moments when delay or error carried consequences. Jack was directly involved in navigating these challenges, contributing to efforts that required coordination, discipline and steady judgment under pressure. He received a letter of appreciation from the NAACP for his response to Carson Beach and was named Massachusetts Administrator of the Year in 1978 by the American Society of Public Administrators for his work responding to the Blizzard of 1978. He was also involved during periods of heightened tension associated with the city’s busing era and played a role in the Bicentennial celebration along the Esplanade in 1976.

After his time at the MDC, Jack continued his public service with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, where he helped oversee a period of transition and worked to improve operational efficiency. His work extended into the policy side as well, where he contributed to the development of legislation related to water infrastructure. He later moved into private consulting, remaining active in political and civic life throughout Massachusetts. In 1991, Jack returned to Waltham as Director of Public Works, where he proudly served for eleven years before retiring in 2001.

Wherever he went, Jack earned the trust of those around him, a reputation that stayed with him throughout his life. Jack was more than a public servant. He approached his work with clarity, humility and a steady focus on what mattered, leaving a lasting impression on those who worked with him. Beyond his work, he was known for the way he treated people, often going out of his way to help others without expecting anything in return. People would approach his children and tell them what Jack had done for them, sometimes small things, sometimes not, but always remembered. It happened often enough that it stopped being surprising. Even today, decades later, well-known figures in Boston still seek out his children to share what Jack meant to them, a measure of the reach and durability of the impression he left. An obituary can record the milestones of a life, but it can never fully capture how much he meant to the people who knew him.

In his personal life, Jack found his greatest enjoyment at his home in York Beach, Maine, where he spent summers with family and friends, enjoying Irish music, lobster and time together. Even then, he was never far from the work he cared about, continuing to advise and support political campaigns. As he would often say, “If you can give a little more to help people, you should.”

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eileen (née Ring) Snedeker; their seven children, Catherine, John Jr., Eileen, Ellen, Carolyn, Michael and Lauren; as well as five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, William Snedeker of Bedford, and is also survived by many nieces and nephews.



	Sale Date	Address	Sale Price	BR/Baths	Size
	4/13/2026	34 Gill Rd Unit 4	\$460,000	2/1	730 sf
	4/14/2026	54 Clements Rd	\$850,000	3/1.5	1746 sf
	4/15/2026	85 Crescent St	\$1,400,000	4/2.5	2190 sf
	4/15/2026	50 Worcestor Ln	\$1,395,000	5/4	5093 sf
	4/16/2026	145 Robbins St Unit 1	\$795,000	3/2.5	1442 sf
	4/17/2026	15 Cedarcroft Ln	\$1,700,000	4/5	4075 sf
	4/17/2026	176 River St Unit 176	\$623,000	5/4	3096 sf
	4/17/2026	90 Mallard Way	\$869,000	3/1.5	1928 sf

Events Calendar

April 27-May 24

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
<p>27</p> <p>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm CyclingSavvy Zoom session</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:30 pm 'The Incredible Snow Woman' East Coast premiere</p> <p>7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Waltham City Council meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 am - 4:30 pm Waltham Clothing Exchange now open on Tuesdays</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Pizza and 'The Choice' with RCWaltham</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zoning Board of Appeals meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 am - 11:30 pm WLT fundraiser at Jake n Joes</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Solving the healthcare crisis: A single payer model for Massachusetts, a virtual forum</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Waltham Family School fiesta</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:00 pm The Waltham Land Trust presents: Insects for Beginners</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 am - 1:00 pm Annual Heroes brunch</p> <p>2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Steampunk Show & Tell II</p> <p>3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Art Show Fundraiser</p>
<p>4</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Waltham City Council committee meetings</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:30 pm 'Hold Onto Me' East Coast premiere</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 am - 4:30 pm Waltham Clothing Exchange now open on Tuesdays</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm Parks-Recreation Board meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm School Committee meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm We Are Waltham: Spring Wee-WaW</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Conservation Commission meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Waltham Cultural Council meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Minutemen Toastmasters of Waltham</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Family Shabbat with Temple Beth Israel</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Waltham Garden Club annual plant sale and seed giveaway</p> <p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Blood drive at First Parish Church</p> <p>10:15 am - 12:00 pm Flight 5K at Mighty Squirrel Brewing Co!</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Historical Commission meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:30 pm 'Six Days In Spring' North American premiere</p> <p>7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Waltham City Council meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am - 4:30 pm Waltham Clothing Exchange now open on Tuesdays</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Community Preservation Committee meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Community-wide civics trivia night</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Board of Library Trustees meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm - 9:00 pm We Are Waltham: Generative storytelling workshop</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 'Women of Carbon' — Free documentary film screening</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Waltham City Council committee meetings</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Watch City Ukers Every Month at the Waltham Museum</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:30 pm 'Porte Bagage' North American premiere</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 am - 11:00 am Training for strong bones</p> <p>11:00 am - 12:00 pm Training for strong bones</p> <p>5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Board of Health meeting</p> <p>+ 1 More</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am - 11:00 am Traffic Commission meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Conservation Commission meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Minutemen Toastmasters of Waltham</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>

Printing generously donated by



713 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02451 781-899-3180

Minuteman Press locations are full-service design, print and marketing centers serving the entire business community from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. Our customers are wide-ranging and include local organizations, government groups, non-profits, professional sports teams, businesses, entrepreneurs, consumers, and more. At Minuteman Press, we can produce anything you can put a name, image, or logo on!

The Waltham Times

It takes many hands to deliver trusted local news. Won't you add yours?

GIVE TODAY

SUBSCRIBE

Get the latest Waltham news, FREE in your inbox

The Waltham Times is Waltham's local news publication, currently available online only. This printed compendium of articles is produced by volunteers for readers who prefer hardcopy. We aim to have an official printed edition of The Waltham Times in the future, dependent of raising sufficient revenue through donations, grants and advertising to cover the cost of printing.



P.O. Box 540109 | Waltham, MA 02454
WalthamTimes.org | info@walthamtimes.org