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The week ahead: School Committee invites public input on renaming Northeast Elementary

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • MAY 3, 2026



The Waltham School Committee will hold a public hearing for community members to weigh in on whether to rename Northeast Elementary School after former superintendent John J. Daddona at its meeting this week.

Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy [brought forward a request](#) from a Waltham resident to rename the school. Daddona, who died this February [at the age of 93](#), worked as a teacher and principal of the Warrendale School before serving for many years as district superintendent.

The request [met with some resistance](#) at City Council's Licenses and Franchises Committee last month, when Councilor-at-Large Emma Tzioumis said she had seen "no desire" for the name change from Northeast families with whom she discussed it, suggesting the city should make sure the school community has a say in the change.

The council agreed to refer the issue to the School Committee for further discussion.

This week, City Council's Economic and Community Development Committee will meet to get an update from City Engineer Robert Winn, Director of Public Health Michelle Feeley and Director of Public Works Michael Chiasson on the city's rat mitigation strategy. It will also hear from members of [22Mohawks](#), a veterans and first responders suicide prevention group, about the group's work; this will be the last in a series of presentations from mental health advocacy groups the committee began last year.

The Committee of the Whole will discuss the [possible acquisition of a building at 14-16 Spring St.](#) as part of the expansion of the Waltham Public Library; information from the Municipal Area Planning council about [parking and traffic in Metro Boston housing developments](#); and the city's licensing agreements with three community farms.

The Licenses and Franchises Committee will consider granting three secondhand store license renewals and a summer outdoor dining permit. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss a series of donations to the City Hall's museum room, as well as \$1.3 million in [additional funding](#) to the Public Works Department for the winter's snowstorms. The Ordinances and Rules Committee will discuss a proposal from Winn to [amend the council's procedure](#) for granting zoning amendments

The council's committees will meet Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

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, it will discuss two cases: a case about a house at 14 Villa St., and the continuation of a public hearing on a [323-unit residential development at 245-265 Winter St.](#) proposed under [Chapter 40B](#) of the state's general laws, which allows developers to fast-forward the zoning process in order to create more affordable housing. This hearing has been ongoing since [last July](#); last week, the board [approved a similar-sized development at Totten Pond Road](#) after initially [rejecting the same building's Chapter 40B application](#) in April.

The ZBA will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, at the Arthur Clark Government Center, 119 School St.

The Parks-Recreation Board is an eight-person board that oversees the city's public recreational spaces and programming. This week, it will hear a presentation from the Waltham Youth Hockey program and discuss summer staffing.

The board will meet Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. at the Waltham Recreation Department at 510 Moody St.

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 discuss a proposal from a local landowner to repave part of Fir Avenue. This plan, initially proposed [last December](#), has [met some resistance](#) among neighbors concerned with some features of the repaving plan, including stormwater runoff and road width.

It will also discuss amendments to the city's zoning code pertaining to affordable housing and pet grooming proposed at the [April 13 joint public hearing](#) of the council and the Board of Survey and Planning.

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

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

The committee this week, after its hearing on the Northeast School name change, will discuss changes to staff for the district's special education and ESL programs, as well as updates on enrollment and the Waltham Family School. It also plans to vote on the district's budget, which has [raised concerns](#) from educators because of cuts to special education and ESL programs.

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

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

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



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Hawks Sports roundup

BY STEVE MILMORE • SPORTS & RECREATION • MAY 3, 2026

Waltham High School athletes return to competition with a busy lineup of matchups across multiple sports this week! Teams will look to build momentum as the spring season continues.

Monday, May 4

- Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Cambridge, 4 p.m. (Pemberton Courts/Cambridge)
- Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Cambridge, 4 p.m. (Brandeis Courts)
- Girls Varsity Softball vs. Cambridge, 4:30 p.m. (St. Peters Field/Cambridge)
- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Cambridge, 4:30 p.m. (Yetten Field)
- Boys JV "A" Baseball vs. Cambridge, 4:30 p.m. (Nipper Maher Field)
- Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. Cambridge, 4:30 p.m. (Cambridge HS)
- Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Arlington Catholic, 4 p.m. (Arlington Catholic HS)
- Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Arlington Catholic, 5:30 p.m. (Arlington Catholic HS)
- Boys Freshman Lacrosse vs. Brookline, 4:30 p.m. (WHS Field)

Tuesday, May 5

- Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Cambridge, 6 p.m. (Leary Field)
- Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Cambridge, 4 p.m. (Leary Field)
- Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Cambridge, 6:15 p.m. (Russell Field/Cambridge)

Wednesday, May 6

- Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Newton South, 6 p.m. (WHS)
- Boys JV Volleyball vs. Newton South, 4:30 p.m. (WHS)
- Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Newton South, 4:30 p.m. (Newton South HS)
- Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Newton South, 4:30 p.m. (Brandeis Courts)
- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Newton South, 4:45 p.m. (Newton South HS)
- Boys JV "A" Baseball vs. Newton South, 4:45 p.m. (Braceland Field/Newton)
- Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. Lexington, 4:15 p.m. (Cacciatore Field)
- Girls Varsity Softball vs. Newton South, 6 p.m. (Elsie Turner Field)
- Boys and Girls Varsity Track vs. Multiple Opponents, 4:30 p.m. (Weston HS)

Thursday, May 7

- Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Newton South, 6 p.m. (WHS Field)

- Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Newton South, 4:30 p.m. (WHS Field)
- Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Newton South, TBA (Newton South HS)
- Boys JV Lacrosse vs. Newton South, 4:30 p.m. (Newton South HS)
- Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Lincoln Sudbury, 4 p.m. (Brandeis Courts)
- Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Lincoln Sudbury, 4:15 p.m. (Lincoln Sudbury HS)
- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Lincoln Sudbury, 4 p.m. (Yetten Field)
- Boys JV "A" Baseball vs. Lincoln Sudbury, 4 p.m. (Nipper Maher Park)
- Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. Lincoln Sudbury, 4 p.m. (Lincoln Sudbury HS)

Friday, May 8

- Boys Varsity Volleyball vs. Acton-Boxborough, 5:30 p.m. (WHS)
- Boys JV Volleyball vs. Acton-Boxborough, 4 p.m. (WHS)
- Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs. Wilmington, 5 p.m. (Wilmington HS)
- Girls JV Lacrosse vs. Wilmington, 6:30 p.m. (Wilmington HS)
- Boys JV "B" Baseball vs. Newton South, 4:45 p.m. (Newton South HS)
- Boys Freshman Lacrosse vs. Boston Latin, 4:30 p.m. (Northeastern Fields)

Saturday, May 9

- Boys and Girls Varsity Track vs. OPEN, 9 a.m. (Woburn HS)
- Boys and Girls Varsity Track vs. OPEN, 5 p.m. (Weston HS)

A promotional banner for Waltham Times. On the left is a screenshot of the website. The background features a green clock face with the word 'WALTHAM' in the center. A red arrow points to the text 'CLICK to DONATE'. The main text reads 'Support local news!'. Below this, on a dark blue background, is the text: 'Unbiased. Trustworthy. Waltham-focused news & information.' To the right, it says: 'While our news is free to readers, it is not free to produce. Help keep it flowing! Thank you. Your support matters.' The Waltham Times logo is in the bottom right corner.



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Stock up for spring gardening at Waltham's popular plant and seed sales

BY NEWSROOM • COMMUNITY • MAY 3, 2026

Local gardeners can jump-start the spring growing season at the popular plant sales hosted by the Waltham Garden Club and Waltham Fields Community Farm this Saturday.



The Waltham Garden Club will take over the Senior Center parking lot for its popular annual plant sale and seed giveaway on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This much-anticipated event is one of the club's two major fundraisers, supporting its year-round programming and community beautification activities. Shoppers will find a wide variety of plants suited for different garden conditions — from full sun to part shade and full shade — all offered at reasonable prices.

In addition to the plant sale, visitors can pick up free seed packets, making it an excellent opportunity for both seasoned and first-time gardeners to stock up for the growing season.

The Garden Club encourages residents to come early for the best selection and to chat with members for gardening tips and advice. Proceeds from the sale help fund local projects that promote horticultural education and enhance Waltham's public spaces.

The Waltham Senior Center is located at 488 Main St. For more information about the event or the club's community work, visit the [Waltham Garden Club's website](#).

Also on Saturday, the WFCF is holding its annual sale of organically grown seedlings at its farm at 240 Beaver St. on Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Vegetable, herb and flower starts are available. Here is the [full list of 2026 selections](#). Vendor Twig Daddy is offering edible trees and shrubs.

Farmers and knowledgeable plant people will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information about the event and WFCF's work in community farming, providing equitable access to healthy, locally grown food and connecting people to the land and one another, visit the [WFCF's website](#).

Waltham comes together for Strides for Education 5K race

BY STEVE MILMORE • EDUCATION • MAY 3, 2026



Waltham Education and Beyond Foundation Strides for Education 5K drew an impressive and supportive crowd on Sunday. It was a much chillier day than last year, but the energy and community spirit more than made up for it.

Moody Street was full of life as runners, walkers and cheerleaders came together for this fun, family-friendly event supporting Waltham students and educators.

The day began with a burst of youthful energy as the Kids Fun Run 1K kicked things off. Watching the K-3 runners charge downhill from Shoppers Cafe to the Moody Street bridge (with adults trying to keep up) was a highlight.

The top finishers in the 5K race were Jocelin Previl (17:34) for the men and Sarah Shute (19:42) for the women. Many others sought personal records, while plenty chose to enjoy the day at a more relaxed pace alongside friends and neighbors.

Organizers gave a shout out to everyone who made the day a success including Kristin Perez, the WEBF committee, race volunteers, police and CPW, Zumba Jen, DJ Shaw, Shoppers Cafe and race route sponsor Waltham Watch Factory.



Zumba Jen warms up the crowd pre-race. Photo by Steve Milmore.



Runners line up at the starting line for the WEBF 5K. Photo by Steve Milmore.



K-3 runners charge toward the finish line in the 1K race. Photo by Steve Milmore.



Leclia Whitlock represented The Waltham Times in style. Courtesy of Leclia

Zoning board reverses previous decision, approves 340-unit apartment project

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 30, 2026



After a long and contentious process, the Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday overturned its own recent decision, granting a comprehensive special permit to developer The Davis Cos. for a 340-unit apartment building at 455 Totten Pond Road.

The building, which will be named The Residences on Winter, has been in front of the board since The Davis Cos. applied for the permit [in early 2025](#).

The ZBA on April 14 had [voted 3-2 to deny the permit](#), after expressing concerns about the project's affordability and impact on local infrastructure.

However, at its April 28 meeting the ZBA went into executive session to discuss the application again and afterward took another vote on the permit — this time voting 3-2 to approve it. Board members Glenna Gelineau and Matthew Deveaux again voted against approving the permit, but Stephen Taranto voted in favor of it — a flip from his earlier vote.

The final conditions laid out in the decision filed with the city clerk resemble the conditions the developer and the city's Law Department presented before the board's first vote.

The developer has agreed to provide 72 units at rents affordable for households making 80% of the area median income and 13 units at rates affordable for households making 60% AMI. The building will impose a veterans' preference criterion on 10% of the affordable units, and a preference for local residents on 70% of them. No three-bedroom units will be included at the 60% AMI price point. It will also provide at least 36 free parking spots for affordable units and will ensure the units are not charged additional fees for water use.



The developer will further provide \$2 million in mitigation funds for the city to compensate for the development's impact on city infrastructure. That money will include funds for sewer improvements in the area, if the city determines they're necessary to support the new building; a new sidewalk along the north side of Winter Street; and, if money is left over, additional funding for Waltham's schools, fire and police services to cover the costs of expanding to fit the new district. Contributions to these departments have been included in agreements with [previous Chapter 40B developments approved by the city](#).

None of the ZBA's members responded by the publication time to questions about what changed about the project since the board initially rejected it.

The Davis Cos. applied for a comprehensive special permit under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B. This law streamlines the process for developers to apply for and obtain necessary municipal permits to construct housing, as long as at least a quarter of it meets state standards of affordability. The state has required that zoning boards prove a housing development creates significant harm to a community in order to reject a permit application outright.



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Comments (2)



BRAD ONKEN • MAY 1, 2026 AT 8:51 AM

This is a good decision for Waltham. I am glad the Board was able to reverse course.

Reply



TIMOTHY RILEY • MAY 1, 2026 AT 7:53 AM

Great news, I'm glad they came around on this

Reply

Watch Factory developer presents revised expansion plans at community meeting, responds to resident concerns

BY LEA ZAHARONI • COMMUNITY • MAY 3, 2026

Berkeley Investments held another community meeting this week to present updated plans for a proposed 140-unit residential addition to the Watch Factory Lofts apartment complex on Crescent Street. It's the latest step in a years-long public process for a project that has drawn both [support and criticism](#) from Waltham residents.

The project is one of the latest in a number of large housing development proposals in Waltham. The development, pursued through Berkeley's entity Watch City Ventures LLC, would construct a six-story building on the underutilized parking lots at the southern edge of the complex. The Watch Factory site now houses 163 residential units, 170,000 square feet of office space and the Italian restaurant Brelundi.

Since the first community meeting in 2022, the developers' plans have been approved by the Traffic, Historical and Conservation commissions and the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. Developers will next seek approval for special permits from the Zoning Board of Appeals and City Council.



An earlier version of the Watch Factory architect's rendering. Courtesy of Berkeley Investments.

Michael Pardek of the developers' architecture firm SMMA presented on the substantial reshaping of the new building plans, which was based on community feedback. Initially, the building was going to be C-shaped — this drew criticism for its impact on river views and overt presence on Crescent Street. The C was replaced by a narrow, zigzag form that preserves the view and is 30 feet away from the street, increased from the previous 10 feet.

Traffic engineer Amy Allen of BSC Group, contracted by developers, shared findings from extensive traffic and parking studies. The studies were reviewed and accepted by the Traffic Commission without comment in November 2025, and are now being presented to the community.

Allen's team analyzed eight intersections near the site to find their Level of Service, or approximate delay a driver experiences at a light. Less than 10 seconds is a grade of A, and over 80 seconds is a grade of F. Using trip generation technology and historical growth rates, they found there would be no change in the LOS grades at these eight intersections from the 140 new units.

Allen added that this estimate assumed every new resident would be driving a car. In fact, she said the surrounding neighborhood is classified as a "Walker's Paradise" due to its proximity to public transit and commerce, meaning the conclusions were likely accurate.

The studies also addressed parking availability with and without the new units. This portion used drone footage to record the parking lots at different times. The team found that the lots only reach 39% capacity at peak times. With the new project, peak occupancy would rise to 60%, leaving 257 vacant spaces. Pardek also laid out plans for a new below-ground parking lot with an additional 48 spaces.

During the question period, a representative for the Southside neighborhood read from a joint letter asking for several changes to the proposal. The letter argued the project's scale — adding 140 units to an existing 163, representing an 86% increase — was out of proportion with the surrounding neighborhood. It requested fewer units, a height reduction of two stories and less [zoning variances](#). Developers responded that the new building would be shorter than the nearby Cronin's Landing.

Southside residents also asked that the building design be changed to fit in architecturally with the historic Watch Factory. "The current design does not fit the look and feel of the surrounding neighborhood. It is too modern, too large, and visually overpowering," the letter said.

The letter also cited existing street parking shortages on nearby streets including Brown, Barnes, Cherry and Crescent, and questioned whether the development would worsen conditions. The development team responded that its parking analysis shows sufficient capacity, and said broader neighborhood pressures were beyond what the project itself could resolve.

Residents also raised concerns about rent affordability, and questioned who exactly the new units would target. Instead of including affordable units, the developers are required by zoning ordinance to make a \$4.2 million donation to the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. That swap was approved by the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust in March 2025. However, homeowners said a donation would not benefit Waltham as directly as including affordable units in the project.

Michael Connors of Connors & Connors LLP, counsel for the developers, responded that earlier phases of the project did include affordable units — when the city only required 10% of units to be affordable. Since that minimum was [raised](#) to 20% in 2020, [no new residential development](#) has been able to meet the threshold economically, including the Watch Factory expansion.

Connors said the fee-in-lieu provision exists partly to keep projects financially viable while still directing funds toward affordable housing elsewhere in the city. He noted that the donations made by developers are earmarked specifically for affordable housing.

[City Council](#) and [residents](#) alike have frequently discussed the delicate balance of affordability requirements and economic feasibility. As the project creeps toward the final stages of approval, there may be an increase in available units, but affordable units continue to elude the city.

Waltham Philharmonic explores “Darkness and Light” in May 3 concert

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • ARTS & CULTURE • APRIL 28, 2026



The Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra will present a program called “The Darkness and the Light” this Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at Government Center.

The WPO will perform Tchaikovsky’s Ave Verum, Fazil Say’s “Never Give Up” and Sibelius’ Symphony No. 3. Under the direction of Michael Korn, this program features acclaimed cello soloist [Emmanuel Feldman](#), who will play contemporary composer Say’s piece, a work about striving for peace in turbulent times.

“The works on the program are not opposites, but reflections of one another, each giving meaning to the next,” Korn said.

Tchaikovsky’s Ave Verum is “a quiet meditation.” Inspired by Mozart’s Ave Verum Corpus, it “sets a tone of gentleness and hope as the light in its most intimate and fragile form,” he said.

“Never Give Up,” a cello concerto Say composed in 2016-17, is in itself a journey through darkness and light, Korn said. “Written in response to political terror, it is filled with urgency, defiance and anger. The darkness here is active and resisting. The solo cello becomes a voice that refuses to be silenced, leading us from turmoil toward a hard-won sense of peace.” Soloist Feldman has collaborated over the years with the WPO.

The final piece on the program, Sibelius’s Symphony No. 3, “offers a different kind of resolution,” Korn said. “Rather than a grand triumph, it reveals clarity with classical balance emerging from complexity. The light here is structural, almost architectural: order, coherence and forward motion after struggle.”

“Taken together, these works suggest that light is not simply the absence of darkness, but something we arrive at through it,” Korn said.

Tickets are available [here](#). They are \$25 (plus a \$3.52 processing fee); free for children 5–17 years old accompanied by an adult.



Cellist Emmanuel Feldman.

Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra and WHS Orchestra join forces for upcoming concert

BY LEA ZAHARONI • EDUCATION • MAY 3, 2026



The Waltham Philharmonic Orchestra and Waltham High School's orchestra will perform together at a joint concert Wednesday evening, continuing an onstage tradition they started last year.

Ten members of WPO will join more than 75 WHS students for a program that includes a performance by the school's rock band, as well as the debut of senior Cody Caballero's orchestral composition *Ascent*.

Caballero's father Jose, a board member and clarinetist for WPO, first connected the groups two years ago. He said the idea came out of the orchestra's education and outreach discussions, and a desire to set up a path for WPO's next generation.

"We felt that it was a great opportunity to raise the new musicians that will be joining the WPO once we sit down or we retire," Caballero said.

After approval from WPO's board and WHS administration, Caballero was introduced to Nathanael Blankenship and Yank'l Garcia, co-directors of the student concert band. WPO members began to attend students' rehearsals to offer guidance, and joined the students on stage for the first time last year.

Blankenship, in his second year co-directing the WHS orchestra, said having outside players in the room has a visible effect on students. "When they hear me talk all day long, all year long, they kind of start to tune out," he said. "And then somebody comes in and says a lot of the same things I say, and the kids' eyes light up."

He also said the WPO members offer students a model for how music can fit into adult life outside a professional career. WPO musicians perform as volunteers, and most hold jobs outside of music. "You don't have to be a professional musician to keep music in your life," Blankenship said.

Caballero echoed that the partnership is also about showing students that music doesn't have to end after graduation. "It's sad when they have so much talent and, because they may not be aware of what's happening after high school, they just hang up the instrument and don't play again," he said.

Wednesday's program includes Aaron Copland's "An Outdoor Overture," performed by the full symphonic orchestra and WPO members, "Way Less Sad" by AJR, featuring the school's rock bands and percussion ensemble alongside the orchestra, "Northern Legend" by James Curnow and an arrangement of "Amazing Grace" by Sean O'Loughlin, performed by the wind ensemble. There will also be solo features from two seniors, one performing a Haydn cello concerto and another performing on viola.

Caballero feels that the collaboration is the perfect embodiment of WPO's values. "This is our mission ... We don't get paid. We do this just for the love of art and music and to inculcate the love for music in younger kids."

The concert begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Waltham High School.



Free Zumba on the Common starts up May 6

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • HEALTH & LIFESTYLE • MAY 3, 2026



Jen Williams of House of Glow is giving her popular free Zumba classes on Waltham Common again this season. Classes are 7–8 p.m. every Wednesday from May 6 to August 12.

The class is open to people of all ages and abilities, with no prior Zumba experience needed. Williams advises attendees to wear comfortable shoes and bring water and “good vibes.”

“Jen Williams is an amazing instructor and entrepreneur who creates community and connection while dancing through world rhythms,” said Ann Callahan, a regular at Williams’ classes last summer. “Wednesday Zumba on the common is a gift to the community.”

The free Zumba class is sponsored by Healthy Waltham, with music by DJ Shaw.

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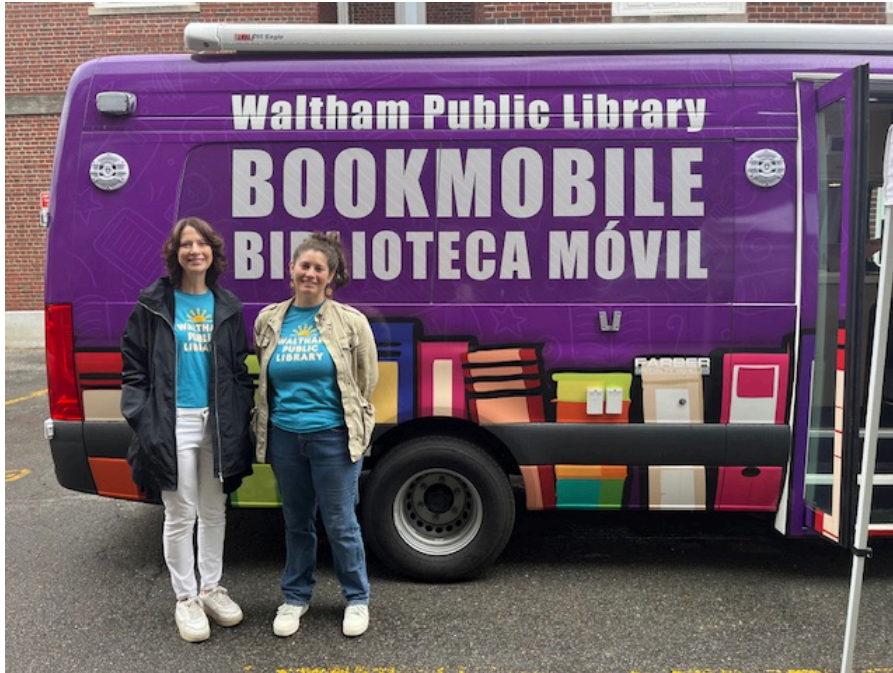
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Music by: DJ SHAW

Waltham Public Library rolls out new mini library on wheels

BY STEVE MILMORE • COMMUNITY • MAY 3, 2026



Assistant Director Amber Harvey and Teen Department Head Lauren Flocco. Photo by Steve Milmore.

Despite gray skies and some drizzle, Waltham residents gathered Saturday to celebrate the launch of the Waltham Public Library's new bookmobile.

A tent provided cover as curious visitors stepped inside for a first-hand look at what WPL staff describe as a mini library on wheels. Children's Librarian Jennifer Costa welcomed visitors from the driver's seat, while Assistant Director Amber Harvey and Teen Department Head Lauren Flocco offered tours and answered questions.

The bookmobile is designed to bring library services directly to residents, allowing visitors to check out and return books, sign up for library cards and speak with librarians for reading recommendations.

The goal, library staff said, is to make services more accessible by meeting people where they are, whether at neighborhood stops or community events. Materials borrowed from the bookmobile can be returned there, at the WPL or at any Minuteman Library location.

"The bookmobile doesn't run on a specific schedule, but will pop up at Waltham events across the city. Its collection will shift depending on the event, such as children's books for family-focused programs," Harvey said.

Library staff are inviting residents to drop by the WPL to suggest future stops for the bookmobile and help name the new vehicle.

New RiverBeat festival to debut in downtown Waltham

BY NEWSROOM • ARTS & CULTURE • MAY 3, 2026

A new riverfront festival is set to launch in downtown Waltham this summer.



The Downtown Waltham Partnership in collaboration with the Waltham Chamber of Commerce will host the inaugural Waltham RiverBeat on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The free event will take place along the Charles River, centered on the Moody Street Bridge and surrounding riverfront areas.

Organizers say the festival will feature live music, artisan vendors, food and community activities, with programming both on land and on the water. The event celebrates Waltham's creativity and diversity while drawing residents and visitors to the city's downtown and riverfront.

River-based events will include canoe races hosted by Charles River Canoe & Kayak, also known as Paddle Boston, and historical paddling tours led by the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association's Norumbega Chapter. The Waltham Land Trust will offer walking tours focused on the area's natural and cultural history.

Two stages will showcase local and regional musicians throughout the day. A curated marketplace will highlight local artists and makers, alongside a range of multicultural food vendors.

The event picks up the mantle from Riverfest, a riverfront festival held in Waltham from 2009 to 2024. A planned Riverfest in 2025 was canceled, as [previously reported](#) by The Waltham Times. Later that year, organizers introduced the concept of RiverBeat and invited public input as planning got underway.

Organizers are seeking volunteers and sponsors to support the festival. Volunteer sign-ups and additional information are available on the [event's website](#).

Funding for RiverBeat includes support from the Waltham Cultural Council, the Waltham Tourism Council, Stanton Insurance Agency Inc., Beacon Bank, the Jones Partnership Fund at First Parish in Waltham, The Village Bank and Watertown Savings Bank.

Arts Council keeps Waltham's summer music humming

BY STEVE MILMORE • ARTS & CULTURE • MAY 3, 2026



Summer evenings in Waltham are just around the corner, bringing with them the sound of live music on the common and the sight of a community coming together.

At the heart of it all is the [Waltham Arts Council](#), a volunteer-driven organization dedicated to keeping the arts accessible to everyone in the city.

Each summer, the council brings local talent to the stage with its free Concerts on the Common series, drawing crowds of up to 500 people per show. Performances take place Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m., running from July 7 through August 25.

“The concerts are multi-generational and family-oriented gatherings,” Arts Council President Jessica Lucci said. “They’re also the only opportunity some people in Waltham have to experience live music. It’s very important to us that this art is available to everyone, regardless of socio-economic factors.”

Alongside the music, Artist Row showcases the work of local artists, including paintings, photography, and handmade jewelry, turning the common into an open-air marketplace.

The Council’s work doesn’t end when the music stops. Its volunteers can be found at other community events across the city including hosting hands-on art activities at the annual Easter celebration and leading the Holiday Carol Sing.

The organization also invests in the next generation of Waltham artists by donating art supplies to local elementary schools and administering the annual Bill Walsh Scholarship, which is awarded to a Waltham High School student pursuing the arts.

Self-funding operation

The Waltham Arts Council relies solely on community donations and sponsorships, which ensures that these events and activities remain free and open to all.

“We’re especially in need of funding this year due to grants and programs that are no longer available,” Lucci said. “We’re self-supporting, with no financial support from the city, so any donation will make a difference.”

A \$2,000 sponsorship helps cover the cost of a single concert and includes a reserved table space, social media promotion and public recognition from the bandstand during the event.

Sponsorships of \$250 or more include the opportunity to host a table with information about a business or organization.

Smaller contributions also play a meaningful role in sustaining the organization’s efforts.

To contribute and help support the Waltham Arts Council, email JessicaLucci@JessicaLucci.org or leave a voicemail at 252-864-6478.

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The Watch City Cadillacs performed during 2025’s summer Concerts on the Common series, run by the Waltham Arts Council. The nonprofit and the music series celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2025. Courtesy photo/Waltham Arts Council.

Public safety report: Woman allegedly brandishes a knife at man in parking lot

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • MAY 3, 2026



A New Hampshire woman was arrested in Waltham this week after allegedly brandishing a knife at a man in a Chipotle parking lot.

On April 24 at 11:12 a.m., police responded to Chipotle at 1110 Lexington St. where a man called to report a woman who had run behind his car and allegedly brandished a knife. By the time police arrived, the woman had left the area. The man was able to provide a description of the vehicle the woman left in.



Officers stopped the vehicle soon after on Lexington Street and, after speaking to both parties about the matter, arrested Kristen Rennie, 39, from Franklin, N.H. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Rennie pleaded not guilty to the charge and will face a pretrial hearing on June 15. She is currently released on personal recognizance per order of Judge Ellen M. Caulo.

A summary of additional police activity from April 23 to April 28 is as follows:

On April 23 at 9:19 a.m., police responded to Mt. Feake Cemetery where a man stated that someone had told him he wasn't allowed to walk through the cemetery at the time of his 911 call. Due to a high volume of calls, police response was delayed. The man was unable to provide any additional information about the incident.

On April 24 at 12:51 p.m., police responded to Bear Hill Road where a woman reported that someone had called her and identified themselves as an employee of the Waltham Police Department. The caller demanded money for unpaid parking tickets, stating that if they weren't paid a family member would be arrested. The call turned out to be a scam.

On April 24 at 4:03 p.m., police responded to the Verizon store at 842 Lexington St. Multiple people had reported being defrauded by a man there who was posing as a Verizon employee. A warrant was issued for the suspect.

On April 27 at 12:23 p.m., police responded to Felton Street where a caller reported that landscaping equipment valued at \$3,500 was stolen from a locked storage yard between April 23 and April 24. Police are currently investigating the incident.

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.

Waltham summit brings faith leaders together to tackle rising homelessness

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • COMMUNITY • APRIL 30, 2026



With the region's homeless crisis deepening, two dozen faith leaders from Waltham and surrounding communities gathered on Sunday, April 19, to discuss coordinating relief efforts. Chaplains on the Way, an interfaith ministry serving unhoused neighbors, hosted the event at First Parish in Waltham, 50 Church St.

According to Michael Jones, executive director of Chaplains on the Way, attendance at its daily breakfast program and warming center jumped by 66.7% in recent months — a surge that has strained the organization's capacity and underscored the need for regionwide collaboration. On top of the growing need, "we need to make up for funds lost from government programs," he said.

The summit drew 24 attendees, including faith leaders from Waltham, Lexington, Newton and Harvard, as well as Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy and Chloe-Rose Crouch, executive director of the Community Day Center of Waltham.



Two dozen leaders from regional faith groups and nonprofits attended the Interfaith Summit on coordinating their responses to homelessness. Photo by The Waltham Times.

Crouch described the services CDC provides to people experiencing chronic homelessness. It is the only drop-in day center in Metrowest. People are served lunch and have access to a shower and free clothing. On-site counselors help manage their issues, connecting people to services and transitioning them into more permanent housing. The center served some 400 people last year, Crouch said.

Chaplains on the Way provides a free hot breakfast on weekdays in the winter and Tuesday through Thursday in warmer months. "We used to serve around 30 people a day but it's gone up to around 60 a day this year," said Ed Madson, the organization's Director of Chaplaincy and Programs.

Rabbi Ben Chaidell said Temple Beth El operated a warming center this past winter and lends its kitchen to Food not Bombs, a group that provides free meals.

Finding space

Father Michael Nolan of St. Mary Parish said it has become harder for people to find spaces to live. Mayor McCarthy praised the Community Day Center's success in finding housing for people and said the city is working to provide more resources. The former Bright School will be an emergency center and 17-bed shelter for women, she said. The former Elk's Lodge is being renovated to provide housing for "working but homeless" women aged 55 to 65, who don't yet qualify for Social Security.

"We're trying to keep resources downtown" where it is easier for people to access them, McCarthy said.

The nonprofits and faith communities serving the homeless "need help," said Jones. "We need volunteer chaplains. We need people to help cook breakfast and run the spaces." Waltham absorbs unhoused individuals disproportionately from surrounding communities, he noted.

Madson encouraged volunteers to consider becoming a chaplain. "I'm here just to walk with a person. To make that connection and see the person who's in front of you. That's the heart of chaplaincy."

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The homeless are our neighbors, he said. In providing food and shelter, "We're taking care of our neighbors."



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ZBA waves ahead permit to allow affordable housing at Cardinal Cottage

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 30, 2026



Waltham has acquired a comprehensive permit to operate Cardinal Cottage, a historic building [on the site of the former Fernald State School](#), as two units of affordable housing.



Cardinal Cottage prior to its exterior renovation.

use as a residential dwelling aren't grandfathered in by Waltham law because it was previously owned and operated by the state, which wasn't bound by Waltham's zoning code.

Cardinal Cottage, [originally constructed in 1849](#), actually predates the establishment of the Fernald campus in Waltham. "It's been historically preserved as a historic asset and is an asset to the neighborhood," McCarthy said.

McCarthy explained that renovations at the site are now complete. They've [been in the works for years](#), funded by money from the Community Preservation Committee, the [Community Development Block Grant](#) and the city's [Municipal Affordable Trust Fund](#).

Inside the comprehensive permit

Generally, Chapter 40B permit processes occur before a developer can begin construction. The ZBA compiles reviews of the proposed project from various city departments and outside experts and examines them holistically, so the project does not have to go in front of various city boards to get different types of permits.

Because Cardinal Cottage is already constructed and renovated, the permitting process was irregular. The document package submitted by the mayor said the building's design was already compliant with the requirements of city bodies such as the Engineering Department and Fire Prevention Office. McCarthy added that the development had been approved by the Law Department and both the Waltham and Massachusetts Historical Commissions, and said the operation of two units would not have a significant impact on local traffic.

Since the cottage sits inside a conservation and recreation zone and not a residential area, the city had to apply for a comprehensive special permit under [Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B](#) with the Zoning Board of Appeals at the ZBA's meeting this Tuesday. Using Chapter 40B, developers can bypass certain zoning restrictions provided they create sufficient affordable housing.

Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy, who attended the ZBA meeting to speak on behalf of the project, said that most of the zoning variances requested by the city were for preexisting features of the existing building that already don't conform to zoning laws.

Even though the cottage was previously used as a residence, according to McCarthy its nonconforming features and

The permit requested a few zoning variances from the ZBA: it asked that the lot not be subject to subdivision control laws since it sits directly on Trapelo Road, and requested variances in height of the building, number of stories, lot coverage and the amount of set back from lot lines.

McCarthy proposed that both units would be priced for households making at most 80% of the area median income, adding that the city would select tenants using a preference for veterans and Waltham residents.

Associate ZBA member Sarah Hankins asked if the city would be willing to set lower rents for one or both of the units, pointing out that in other Chapter 40B permit applications, the board has required developers price some units for households making 60% AMI. McCarthy clarified that the 80% AMI mark was “the highest [rents] would go,” but the city intended to open up bids to contractors for the management of the cottage, and would set the units’ rents lower if possible.

McCarthy told The Waltham Times that MAHTF projects like Cardinal Cottage were a city effort to create housing more affordable than state requirements, which she characterized as unaffordable for most Waltham residents. “We’re trying to counter the rents that are out there with truly affordable [housing],” she said.

Procedural confusion

Hankins also asked about the project’s apparent lack of evaluation from one of the state’s subsidizing agencies of whether the project meets regulatory requirements, including whether it is capable of obtaining funding. The standard comprehensive permit process laid out in [Massachusetts’ code of regulations](#) requires developers to obtain a letter confirming a project’s eligibility before applying for a permit with the ZBA.

McCarthy said that because Cardinal Cottage was already standing, and the city wasn’t looking for any more funding for construction or renovation, the procedure laid out for larger Chapter 40B projects were inapplicable to Cardinal Cottage and it didn’t need a project eligibility letter. She said the city was following the same procedures it did to obtain a permit for [its affordable residences at the former Hardy Elementary School](#).

Noah Bombard, communications director of the Executive Office of Housing and Liveable Communities, said that to his knowledge, a project developer could not obtain a comprehensive permit before a subsidizing agency has evaluated the project’s eligibility. He said the EOHLC had not received an application for a project eligibility letter from Waltham.

McCarthy later told The Waltham Times that the city’s Housing Department had called a contact at the state’s affordable housing-focused Local Initiative Program to confirm its process, who said they “[didn’t] see a problem” with the city’s procedure. The city plans to apply for a letter of eligibility to participate in LIP affordable housing initiatives, although McCarthy said it required a certificate of occupancy to do so.

Board members voted unanimously to approve a permit for the project at its first hearing.

Additionally, the ZBA:

- Granted exceptions to minimum setback and street frontage requirements for a new three-story two-family home on a Maple Street lot. The lot, which currently contains a single-family home constructed in 1910, is entirely set back from the street and only accessible through an easement agreement with a neighbor. One neighbor wrote in objecting to the new development, arguing that the lot would crowd and impede natural light to their property. The project lawyer, Bret Francis, argued that the building was similar to other buildings already existing in the neighborhood, and the board voted 4–1 to allow the project, with Hankins voting against it.
- Revisited a 2022 decision that allowed petitioner Nash Quadir to renovate a standing commercial building into five housing units. The board granted Quadir’s request to update previous site plans and expand decks on the building’s second floor.
- Went into executive session to discuss its recent decision to reject an application through Massachusetts General Law 40B to [build an apartment building at 455 Totten Pond Road](#), and then voted 3–2 to grant a modified version of the decision.

Prospect Hill Terrace gathering brings ice cream, pizza and community together

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • COMMUNITY • APRIL 30, 2026



A table hosted by the Waltham Public Library offered an art project making prints from paint swirled with shaving cream. Photo by The Waltham Times.

Children and teens milled around outside the Prospect Hill Community Center on Wednesday afternoon when an ice cream truck pulled up. Instantly, the amorphous crowd formed into a tidy line. Ice cream cones were distributed with impressive efficiency. Towering stacks of pizza boxes arrived soon after. Student volunteers from Bentley University handed out cheesy slices.

Nearby, kids checked out a shiny engine truck from the Waltham Fire Department and chatted with police officers. Waltham Fields Community Farm distributed basil seedlings to anyone who wanted to try a hand at gardening. At the Waltham Library table, kids swirled bright paint colors into shaving cream and then pressed paper into the foamy mess to make a print. The Waltham Times invited residents to fill a suggestion box with ideas for future news coverage and raffled off a baseball cap and T-shirt.

City councilors Robert G. Logan, Sean T. Durkee and Caren Dunn were on hand to chat with residents. Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy also dropped by.

As the afternoon wound down, sticky fingers and paint-swirled artwork in hand, families lingered in small clusters, chatting with neighbors, center staff and volunteers. What began as an ice cream and pizza snack unfolded into something more lasting — a chance to connect, learn and strengthen ties across the Prospect Hill Terrace neighborhood.

Cambridge man pleads not guilty to alleged false 911 calls reporting homicide

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • APRIL 30, 2026



James J. Saia, 65, of Cambridge, pleaded not guilty to a charge of false or silent 911 call subsequent offense and a charge of a false crime report.

On April 18 at 10:19 a.m., three officers responded to Briarwood Road where a caller, identified as Saia, said there was a homicide. According to the police report, the officers confirmed that, as suspected, the address Saia gave for the homicide did not exist. Saia had two prior incidents of calling in false reports to the Waltham Police Department in recent weeks. According to the police report, police investigated all calls and were satisfied that a homicide hadn't occurred.

The Saia family has a residence on a connecting road nearby. Police spoke with Saia's brother, who said he spoke to Saia two days beforehand and that Saia lived in Cambridge. On April 27, Saia was arraigned in court, where he entered a plea of not guilty on all charges.

Judge Ellen M. Caulo released Saia on personal recognizance. The Commonwealth filed to revoke the order of pretrial release and issue an order of pretrial detention, but the motion was denied. A mental health evaluation with a recommended treatment plan was ordered; Saia must report to the Cambridge probation office once a week. A pretrial hearing for Saia's case is set for May 26.

Additional court action

Liana C. Alonge, 41, of Waltham, pleaded not guilty on April 27 to one charge of possession of a class B drug. Caulo released Alonge on personal recognizance and a pretrial hearing for her case is scheduled for May 27.

Charles F. Ogua, 36, of Waltham, pleaded not guilty on April 24 to one charge of cocaine trafficking in 18 grams or more and less than 36 grams as well as one charge of possession to distribute a class B drug. He is being held at Middlesex County Jail and will face a pretrial hearing May 22.

Jhoan E. Contreras, 21, of Waltham, pleaded not guilty on April 21 to one charge of assault on a family or household member and one charge of breaking and entering for misdemeanor. Caulo released Contreras on personal recognizance. A pretrial hearing for his case is scheduled for June 3.

Hebert A. Ryan, 64, of Waltham, pleaded not guilty on April 27 to a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member. Caulo released Ryan on personal recognizance. A pretrial hearing for his case is scheduled for May 19.

Steampunk Festival returns to Waltham Common May 9

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • ARTS & CULTURE • APRIL 30, 2026



Brass goggles, parasols, waistcoats and pocket watches will once again take over Waltham Common when the [Watch City Steampunk Festival](#) returns on Saturday, May 9, from noon to 4 p.m. Because of the four-hour limit imposed earlier this year on events on the common, Steampunk activities will spill over into a variety of “[Extra Hours Events](#).”

Now a signature spring event for the city, the festival blends Victorian-era style with imaginative retro-futurism, drawing performing artists, costumed attendees, vendors and spectators into a celebration of creativity, history and community.



The free, family-friendly event is organized by the Downtown Waltham Partnership and reflects the city’s industrial roots as the birthplace of the American watch industry. Waltham earned the nickname “Watch City” in the 19th century, when the Waltham Watch Company pioneered mass production techniques that helped transform manufacturing nationwide.

That legacy provides a fitting backdrop for steampunk, a genre that reimagines the technology and fashion of the steam-powered 1800s with a science fiction twist. Festivalgoers are encouraged to dress the part, often incorporating gears, corsets, top hats and mechanical accessories into elaborate costumes.

This year’s festival will feature live music, street performers, themed entertainers and interactive activities spread across the Common. Local artisans and vendors are expected to offer handmade goods, vintage-inspired crafts and steampunk-themed merchandise, while food vendors will serve a range of options throughout the afternoon.

Extra hours events include a Red Cross blood drive at First Parish Church, a Waltham Pride poetry open mic at the Waltham Museum, a “Make Your Own Golem” party at Temple Beth Israel, an open mic at Christ Church and a “Pub & Chanty Sing” at In a Pickle restaurant.

Organizers say the event attracts visitors from across the region while maintaining its focus on local culture and accessibility.

More information, including a schedule of [performers](#) and [vendor details](#), is available at the [Watch City Festival website](#).

Former assistant superintendent Dr. Nadene B. Stein receives Hero Award for contributions to Waltham community

BY CYD ABNET • COMMUNITY • APRIL 28, 2026



Waltham resident Dr. Nadene B. Stein is set to receive a Hero Award from the Waltham Democratic City Committee on May 3. “It’s kind of embarrassing in a nice way,” Stein said. “I love what I do, so I don’t need to be recognized for it, but I’m very excited about it.”

Stein has lived in Waltham since 2001, and has since become involved in many community organizations and served as both a principal and assistant superintendent within the Waltham Public Schools. She is being recognized for her exceptional service and leadership within the community.

A passion for education

Stein has never shied away from a degree. She holds a bachelor’s in English and a master’s in elementary education from Boston University, as well as a master’s in special education from UMass Boston and a PhD in educational leadership from Lesley University. Her dissertation was on the topic of how principals can help support teachers who are helping students who have English as a second language learn how to read.

She has brought this expertise to Waltham Public Schools, starting as principal of Northeast Elementary School in 2001. Stein still gets together with teachers from her time at the school to have dinner and discuss what’s going on in their lives.

During her time there, she instituted weekly school-wide meetings where all students and teachers gathered to hear announcements, recognitions and watch student performances. In 2016, Stein became the assistant superintendent of pupil services, a position she retired from this December.

One of her proudest achievements is the annual Parenting Awareness Conference that the school department has been holding for seven years. Speakers come to the conference and educate parents on topics such as mental health, nutrition and concussion awareness.

Stein plays baritone horn in her free time, and played with the Northeast band as well as the Waltham High School band during her time at WPS. She currently plays with the Boston University Concert Band.



Dedication to community service

Stein has always been involved in her community.

“My community is a great place to live and I need to be a part of that. And that’s why I do what I do,” said Stein.

When she lived in Boston, she went through a treacherous bureaucratic process to get on her local democratic city committee. In Waltham, she found that things ran a little bit differently after attending her first WDCC meeting.

“At the end of the meeting I went up to Robert Logan, who used to be chair of the committee. He asked me if I was interested in being on the committee,” she said. When she said yes, Logan told her she had a spot. “It was so welcoming, so easy to get involved,” Stein said.

She is currently one of two vice chairs of the committee, a position she recently resumed after a four-year hiatus. Stein has attended numerous local and national conventions on a variety of issues, and works to get community members involved and volunteering with the organization. Additionally, Stein is the president of the board of both Healthy Waltham and Waltham Land Trust.

Stein doesn’t do what she does for the recognition, so an award was unexpected for her.

“I’m very honored and very touched,” she said.

Stein will be recognized for her achievements alongside others at a Heroes Award Luncheon on May 3. While she may be in the spotlight, Stein also acknowledges the work of others in the community.

“There are a ton of other people who could be recognized also,” Stein said. “We’re very lucky in this community that we have people who continue to do things day in and day out to make this place such a great place to live.”

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BRAD ONKEN • APRIL 29, 2026 AT 2:30 PM

I am elated to see Dr. Nadene Stein receive this well-deserved award. Her dedication is a perfect example of what makes our city so special. When strong, selfless leaders like Nadene step up to serve, the entire community grows stronger. Congratulations, Nadene, and thank you to the Waltham Democratic Committee for honoring such impactful service.

Reply



LISA TADDEO • APRIL 29, 2026 AT 9:32 AM

Congratulations Nadine and Clarence on your wonderful achievement’s!

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Community celebrates sheep, history at annual Gore Place festival

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Linda Pinkow

April 29, 2026



Hundreds of performers, crafters, vendors and historical reenactors presented a colorful spectacle, but the sheep were the superstars of Gore Place's biggest annual event.

The Sheepshearing Festival drew thousands of visitors Saturday to the 50-acre historic estate and working farm that straddles the border of Waltham and Watertown. Now surrounded by city life, Gore Place has been preserved to show children and adults alike what country life was like in early 19th-century New England.

During the seven-hour event, professional sheep shearers Kevin Ford and Leslie Sullivan clipped about 20 sheep, while spectators of all ages marveled and cheered and bleated along with the animals.



Sheepshearers Leslie Sullivan and Kevin Ford.

At age 80, Ford said he's been shearing sheep at Gore Place for around 40 years. He still uses traditional hand shears, while Sullivan used electric shears.

One at a time, they would take a sheep out of the pen to the shearing area. The animal would resist as much as it could, but Ford and Sullivan expertly pulled each sheep onto its back and then carefully cut away at the long woolly fleece. After a while, the sheep would relent and relax into their arms.

The Gore Place sheep – Leicester Longwool, a rare historic breed – are larger than standard breeds. They usually weigh around 150 to 160 pounds, Ford said.

'4-H project gone rogue'

Meanwhile, out on the South Lawn, Tim Molinero of Heart Stone Farm in Milton, N.H., and his border collies demonstrated shepherding. Molinero brought his own sheep to the festival. He and his wife own around 100, he said. They have six border collies but two do not herd sheep.

This was the Molineros' third year doing the shepherding demonstration at Gore Place. The dogs showed off their herding skills and then walked around the ring eyeing the spectators, occasionally allowing themselves to be petted. Later, the Molineros brought out an 11-day-old lamb, to the delight of all.

In addition to people who work directly with sheep, many of the exhibitors work with wool. A group of women who call themselves Spinners With Soul demonstrated how to spin yarn from wool fiber. One member of the group, Melissa McKenna from Freetown, said she got her first spinning wheel from her mother. Now she has about six of them.



Ann Hunyadi and Melissa McKenna (members of the group Spinners With Soul).

McKenna, who teaches at an agriculture school, also owns a flock of Border Leicester sheep, a long-wool breed with curly locks. It was her children who prompted her to get the sheep. "Mine is a 4-H project gone rogue," she said. "The kids are grown but I still have the sheep."

Crafts old and new

Beyond agriculture, the festival highlights other aspects of early 19th-century life, evoking the pre-industrial era when Gore Place was built.



Blacksmith Dean Rantz of Rock Village Forge.

Christopher Nassise demonstrated how to handcraft traditional furniture. He is a full-time furniture maker and also teaches classes and gives lectures and demonstrations. It was his second time at the Sheepshearing Festival, but he has worked with other historical groups, and he does a few artisan fairs and crafts events a month during the spring and fall, he said.

Working on a comb-back Windsor chair, a design that originally came from England and then “Americans made it their own,” Nassise answered questions from onlookers. One child asked, “What do you do with the wood shavings?” Nassise said he’s asked that a lot. They make great fire starters for wood stoves and fire pits.

Blacksmith Dean Rantz of Rock Village Forge said little kids are fascinated by his hand-forged iron work. He frequently turned to operate the bellows, pumping air into the charcoal, while children watched the fire grow and asked whether he’d ever burned himself (“yes, of course”).

Rantz makes most of his tools himself, including his anvil, tongs and bellows. Others, like his 200-year-old monkey wrench, he finds at antique markets. He became a blacksmith in college while studying art history and sculpture at Massachusetts College of Art. He enjoys demonstrating his craft at historical societies, museums, fairs and festivals.

Other artists and craftspeople demonstrated quilting, weaving, felting, live music, dancing, circus acts and a puppet show. A large tent with a few dozen fiber artists also embraced the sheep theme.

The South Lawn held over 70 craft vendors selling all sorts of handmade items, ranging from soaps, herbal preparations and fudge to pottery, jewelry and fine art. There were accessories for dogs, tutus for girls, and beard oils for men.

On the very end of one row of craft vendors were three alpacas and a llama from Plain View Farm in Hubbardston. Owner Keith Tetreault said he first got interested in llama farming years ago, when “the first llama I ever met kissed me.” Many years later, he bought four alpacas. Today he and his wife own 21 alpacas and three llamas. He shears them himself, and a mill makes the yarn for them, which is made into products like socks and gloves.

Julia the llama and Chloe, Nutmeg and Pollyanna the alpacas were fairly reserved with the human admirers who offered them food and tried to pet them. Tetreault explained that they are prey animals, so they need to be acutely alert to potential threats. “They will treat you as you prove to be,” he said.

Waverley Oaks cycling fundraiser raises record \$37K for cancer research

BY NEWSROOM • COMMUNITY • APRIL 28, 2026



Waverley Oaks Athletic Club raised more than \$37,000 for the American Cancer Society during its 12th annual Pedal to End Cancer event, setting a new fundraising record, organizers announced.

The three-hour indoor cycling fundraiser, held Sunday, April 26, drew dozens of riders and supporters committed to cancer research and patient support efforts. Proceeds will fund research, patient services and programs aimed at helping individuals and families affected by cancer.



Organizers said donations remain open through the event's online fundraising page.

City Council in brief: City considers buying building beside library as part of redesign

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • APRIL 28, 2026



The current owner of 14–16 Spring St., which abuts the Waltham Public Library, has expressed interest in selling the building to Waltham as part of the ongoing library renovation.

This is according to Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy, who introduced the matter to the City Council in a late-filed item at its Monday meeting. Councilors sent further discussion about the real estate matter and a potential site view to its Committee of the Whole meeting next week.

The library has been planning a major expansion to its current building since Waltham [received a state grant](#) from the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program in January 2025. The architectural firm planning the renovation [presented preliminary designs](#) for the new space to councilors in December.

At the December meeting, councilors asked if the library could potentially expand into 14-16 Spring St. in order to preserve existing parking at the site, but were told the city had no rights to the neighboring building. “On paper, that sounds great, but... we’re trying to work, obviously, within the land that we have,” library director Kelly Linehan said at the time.

The council [authorized estimated costs of up to \\$79 million](#) for the library redesign at its Committee of the Whole meeting last week.

Parking data creates friction

At the meeting, Councilor-at-Large Colleen Bradley-MacArthur also presented the council with parking and traffic data and guidelines for residential planning, especially around multifamily housing developments. This data came from the [Metropolitan Area Planning Council](#), a public agency that studies regional design and advises municipal planners around Greater Boston.

She sent the council a presentation stating that residential developers often overestimate parking needs and that units in multifamily buildings often generate less traffic than single-family houses. It suggested cities reduce parking regulations [based on MAPC’s Perfect Fit Parking study](#) and adapt their streets to make space for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

Bradley-MacArthur emphasized that Waltham is already a “somewhat walkable” community, and suggested the city should work on producing housing and improving walkability for residents.

The council agreed to send these MAPC guidelines to the Traffic Commission, Planning Department and Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as to CommunityScale, the company overseeing Waltham's [ongoing zoning code review](#). Bradley-MacArthur also requested that an official from the MAPC attend a future Committee of the Whole meeting to present the data in more detail.

Ward 7 Councilor Paul S. Katz objected to this motion on the grounds that councilors spend too much meeting time hearing presentations from outside groups. "There's a pattern of bringing in... organizations that I think is wasting our time on council," he said.

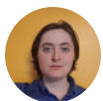
Katz clarified that he did not object to the MAPC data, although he claimed the two Waltham locations the MAPC studied in the Perfect Fit study didn't paint a full picture of Waltham's multifamily housing stock. He argued that councilors should be gathering this information on their own time and using City Council meetings for crafting legislation.

Bradley-MacArthur's motion passed with only Katz voting against it.

Additionally, the City Council:

- Sent a request \$108,500.47 in equipment costs for the Waltham Community Access Channel to the Cable Access Committee.
- Approved business from [last week's committee meetings](#).
- Entertained a resolution by Council President and Ward 9 Councilor Robert G. Logan to revitalize and dedicate a small park at the corner of Moody and High streets that contains a monument to [Waltham veteran, author and city worker James J. Fahey](#). Logan said the area is colloquially referred to as James J. Fahey Park, and asked the council to officially name the park after Fahey and put up a more permanent monument. Ward 8 Councilor Cathyann Harris suggested the council consider revitalizing other monuments around Waltham. The matter was sent to the Veterans Services Committee.
- Forwarded a number of requests by McCarthy to its committee meetings next week. It sent a request for [additional over-budget costs](#) of \$1,296,507 from the Department of Public Works from this winter's snowstorms and a number of donations for the City Hall Museum Room to the Finance Committee. It sent deliberations on license agreements for three community farms to the Committee of the Whole.
- Forwarded three secondhand shop license renewals and one outdoor dining license to next week's Licenses and Franchises Committee meeting.

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State bars former Brandeis officer after student suicide case

BY STEVE MILMORE • EDUCATION • APRIL 28, 2026



A former campus police officer at Brandeis University has been permanently decertified by state officials following her role in the response to a student's death in 2023.

Kimberly Carter, a veteran Brandeis officer with more than 20 years of experience, is accused in a lawsuit of failing to act appropriately on a report of a student in distress.

The incident began Dec. 3, 2023, when a university professor reported seeing what appeared to be a person lying in the woods near the campus chapels. The report was relayed to Carter, but the lawsuit alleges it was not treated as an urgent emergency and did not prompt an immediate search of the area.

The Brandeis student, Eli Stuart from Texas, died by suicide and was later found in that wooded area more than 12 hours after the distress call. Stuart's family filed a [wrongful death lawsuit](#) in 2024 against the university and several individuals, including Carter, alleging negligence and arguing that a fast, thorough response could have changed the outcome. Carter resigned from her position a week after the incident. [On April 16](#), the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission voted to permanently decertify her, barring her from ever working as a police officer in Massachusetts.



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Waltham senior center draws big crowd for flower workshop

BY STEVE MILMORE • COMMUNITY • APRIL 28, 2026



Last week, more than 50 seniors gathered in the auditorium at the Stanley Senior Center for “Flowers with Ernie,” a hands-on workshop where participants created a planter for Mother’s Day.



Waltham seniors participate in the flower arrangement workshop. Picture courtesy of Council on Aging.

Ernie Berardinelli, who owned a flower shop in Watertown for many years, is well known for his outreach to local seniors. Now retired, he partners with community groups to offer hands-on floral classes that bring people together in a creative, fun way.

“It was too early to do a fresh, fresh arrangement. So we made a planter with flowers that they could keep and refill closer to Mother’s Day,” Berardinelli said. “It was a fantastic turnout. It’s the first time I’ve held the class in the auditorium, but we needed the space.”

Seniors had a chance to learn simple arranging techniques, socialize and enjoy a break from the usual routine while creating something meaningful to take home.

“Beyond just doing the arrangement, it’s a chance to meet some new friends and see some old friends. We had a great time,” Berardinelli said.

The Council on Aging offers many social gatherings for seniors and their families. To check upcoming events, residents can view the Senior Connection monthly newsletter [online](#) or pick up a free copy at the Stanley Senior Center, City Hall and the Waltham Public Library, as well as at supermarkets and pharmacies throughout the city.



Florist Ernie Berardinelli. Courtesy photo.

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Local life-long public servant Clarence Richardson receives Hero Award

BY CYD ABNET • COMMUNITY • APRIL 28, 2026

Clarence Richardson's enthusiasm for community service seems boundless. He serves on three nonprofit boards and has dedicated his career to helping the public. "Waltham has so many great organizations," he said. "I wish I could be a part of all of them."

Richardson moved to the Boston area for law school, eventually settling in Waltham in 2010 with his wife, Anna. He has served on the board of numerous community organizations, ran for a councilor-at-large position in 2017 and is a former chair of the Waltham Democratic City Committee. He is being recognized for his exceptional service and leadership within the community with a Hero Award from the WDCC on May 3.

Richardson attended Central Michigan University and earned a bachelor's degree in political science, later earning his law degree from New England Law. After working for a year in financial services, Richardson landed a job with an elder law attorney in 2012. He became the executive director of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys in 2018, which has been his full-time job since the end of 2024.

Richardson's work with MassNAELA has mostly revolved around Medicaid.

"We've tried to work with the state to expand access to home- and community-based service programs through Medicaid to hopefully keep people in their homes and allow them to age in place," he said.

He also has worked to help those who have made mistakes in the Medicaid application process gain coverage.

"It's a very challenging and complicated process," said Richardson. "Helping each family is very rewarding. Being able to have that sort of statewide impact and that policy impact is very important to me."

In his free time, Richardson teaches spin classes and volunteers with a variety of community organizations.

Richardson sits on several boards within city organizations, including Gore Place and the Waltham Partnership for Youth. He previously served on the Waltham Historical Commission from 2015 to 2017 and was the chair of the WDCC from 2022 to 2024. He is still a member of the WDCC.

One of Richardson's goals as chair of the WDCC was to create more opportunities for candidates to engage with the public. He arranged meet and greets at the Robert Treat Paine Estate to connect candidates from city and state elections with their constituents.

"We're really just trying to keep people engaged in the democratic process and promoting the sort of issues that are important to us as well," Richardson said of the organization.

Richardson is honored to receive the Hero Award, and hopes to use the award to make new connections in the community.



Save Mass Save

BY GUEST WRITER • LETTERS • APRIL 27, 2026



Dear Editor,

I read [Ed Gaskin's op-ed](#) in the Boston Herald regarding the proposed \$1 billion cut to Mass Save. My wife and I are living proof of this program's value.

In 2020, Mass Save helped us replace a wasteful 1982 boiler and an older stand-alone water heater with a high-efficiency "on-demand" unit via a no-interest loan. They also sealed our attic and insulated our exhaust fan ductwork, significantly cutting our gas bills.

While the program was a game changer for us, it is even more critical for lower-income homeowners. For those working hard to make ends meet, these efficiency upgrades aren't "options"—they are impossible without the support Gaskin highlights. Cutting this funding effectively locks lower-income residents into high energy bills and crumbling infrastructure.

The state frequently touts its "green" leadership, but it is time to "put up or shut up" on climate goals. You cannot claim to lead on the environment while stripping away the only tools that make the transition affordable for everyone, regardless of income.

If you support the Mass Save program for ALL residents, please contact your lawmakers and tell them we must protect Mass Save funding to ensure all residents can afford a more efficient future.

Sincerely,
Brad Onken
Cedarwood

Comments (1)



JIMMY • APRIL 29, 2026 AT 10:03 AM

I beg to differ (a bit) with the writer and the editorial he referenced. I, too, am all in favor of Mass Save and have benefited greatly through the subsidy of our solar panels that now deliver us a \$0 electric bill every month. What's not to like?

However, the funding model of Mass Save is absurd and only exacerbates income inequality. We all pay for it through a large surcharge on our utility bills instead of an explicit appropriation by the legislature. If public policy deems Mass Save to be valuable, then fund it like we do all other state programs.

Instead, as the Gaskin editorial points out, predominantly lower-income folks and renters subsidize higher income homeowners who have the time and capital to take advantage of Mass Save subsidies. This is nuts as (a) it's unfair and (b) we have among the highest utility bills in the country.

Ana Julia Fernandez, 1940–2026, was ‘a woman of deep faith’

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • MAY 3, 2026



Ana Julia Fernandez, of Waltham, passed away Monday, April 27, 2026, at the Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, MA. She was 86.

Born in the Dominican Republic, Ana later married and, together with her husband, migrated to the U.S., where they built a home and raised a devoted family.

A woman of deep faith, the two most important things in Ana’s life were her faith and her family. The loving mother of eight children, she found great joy in being surrounded by those she cherished most. Whenever the opportunity arose, she loved to dance. She was warm and outgoing, made friends easily and embraced life with a vibrant, social spirit. She also enjoyed traveling, especially returning to her beloved homeland.

Ana took great pride in watching her grandchildren grow and was overjoyed to see the next generation of great-grandchildren. She treasured every opportunity to guide them, sharing her cooking, her stories and her wisdom. She leaves a lasting legacy of love, strength and unwavering commitment to her entire family.

She was the daughter of the late Jose Ventura and Domenica (Almonte) Ventura, and the beloved wife of the late Ciriaco Fernandez.

She is survived by her eight children: Santo Fernandez, Pedro Fernandez, Carmen Fernandez, Zulema Fernandez, Marisol Fernandez, Candido Fernandez, and Franklin Fernandez, all of Waltham, and Fernando Fernandez of Framingham. She also leaves many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friends and family shared memories of Ana’s life on Thursday, April 30, 2026. Following services, Ana will return to her homeland to be laid to rest with her beloved husband, who passed in 2017.



Thomas “Claude” Haché, 1947–2026, loving husband, father and grandfather

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • APRIL 28, 2026



Thomas C. “Claude” Haché, of Waltham, died Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. He was 78.

Tom was born in Grand Etang, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia on Oct. 13, 1947, a son of the late Simon and Marie Jeanette (Doucet) Haché, and moved to the U.S. as a young man.

He was a longtime member of the Carpenters Union, Local No. 67 where his affable nature earned him many friends.

Tom was a longtime member of the French-American Victory Club in Waltham where he played for years for the F-A-V hockey team. In retirement he was also able to indulge his passion for golf and fishing.

In August, 1968 he married the love of his life, Sylvia H. LeBlanc, in Saint Joseph’s Church in Waltham. The couple made Waltham their lifelong home where they raised their sons and spent many happy annual vacations ‘going home’ to Cape Breton to visit with family and friends.

The arrival of his six grandchildren gave him a new lease on life and time spent with them was always cherished.

In addition to his wife, Sylvia, he leaves his children, Francis S. Haché (Michelle) of Dedham, Thomas J. Haché (Sandra) of Hudson and Jason J. Haché (Denise) of Burlington; his grandchildren, Tyler, Jenna, Julia, Jeremy, Cadence and Connor; his sisters, Leona Poirer and Norma Lamont, both of Waltham; and many nieces, nephews and their families.

Tom was also the brother of the late Paul Haché.

Family and friends will honor and remember Tom’s life by gathering for an evening wake in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Thursday, April 30 from 4p.m. to 7 p.m. and again on Friday morning for his funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Waltham.



Thomas “Claude” Haché, 1947–2026

Elaine Quaranto, 1947–2026

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • MAY 3, 2026



Elaine M. (Secord) Quaranto, died Wednesday, April 29, 2026 in Massachusetts General Hospital after an illness. She was 79.

Beloved wife of the late Peter A. Quaranto (May 22, 2023), she leaves her children, Michael A. Quaranto (Corrie) of Belmore, New York and Lori Flores (Luis) of Waltham; her grandchildren, Gianna, Donnelly (Andrew), Luis and Alex Flores and Mia and Brynn Quaranto; her sister, Barbara Chester (Thomas) of Phoenix, Arizona; her sister-in-law, Debby Secord of Sutton (late Ralph Secord); and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor and remember Elaine's life by gathering for an evening wake at The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham, on Tuesday, May 5, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and again on Wednesday morning where her funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Mount Feake Cemetery.



Elaine Quaranto, 1947–2026



Michael Gaudet Jr, 1993–2026

BY NEWSROOM • OBITUARY • APRIL 28, 2026



Michael J. Gaudet, Jr., of Waltham, died Thursday, April 23, 2026 at his home. He was 32.

He was born in Newton on Oct. 22, 1993 and was raised in Waltham. He was a graduate of Waltham High School and worked for years as a landscaper. Michael was an enthusiastic fan of the Celtics, Patriots and Red Sox.

He leaves his children, Caleb Gaudet and Ahlani Gaudet-Morrell; his parents, Kristie L. Keane and Michael J. Gaudet (Tracy Kinney), both of Waltham; his sisters, his twin Michaela Smolinsky (James) of Framingham and Marissa Jurgelewicz of Newton; his niece and nephew, James, Jr. and Myla Smolinsky; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family and friends will honor and remember Michael's life by gathering for an evening wake in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), Waltham on Monday, May 4 from 4p.m. to 8p.m. and again at 11a.m. on Tuesday morning before leaving in procession to Mount Feake Cemetery, 203 Prospect Street, Waltham where his graveside service will be held at 12p.m.

Waltham new home sales, April 17–24, 2026

BY NEWSROOM • HOME SALES • APRIL 28, 2026



	Sale Date	Address	Sale Price	BR/Baths	Size
	4/22/2026	56-58 Dix St	\$1,211,000	2/3	2665
	4/24/2026	61 Hall St Unit 201	\$1,190,000	3/2	1721 sf
	4/24/2026	28 Galen St	\$1,060,000	4/2	2424 sf

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