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By Allie Ladjeva

Loud cheers and applause filled Kennedy Middle School's Field House on Sunday as 450 Waltham High School seniors walked into the space packed with families and friends. An overflow crowd watching a live stream cheered from their seats in Kennedy's auditorium.

The Class of 2026 was celebrated not only for graduating but also for the many paths and backgrounds represented among the students.

The ceremony highlighted the class's diversity and sense of community through multilingual welcomes, student speeches and celebrations of the students' achievements.

After students were seated, the master of ceremonies, Raffi Sarkissian, a 2026 graduate, opened the ceremony.

A group of students welcomed guests to the graduation ceremony in 13 languages, including Spanish, French, Italian, Armenian, Punjabi and Turkish.

Seniors Chase Eaton and Erik Jensen played the national anthem on guitar.

Austin Chabot, vice president of scholarship for the National Honor Society, and Chloe Ho, vice president of service, led the opening remarks and explained the four types of regalia worn by graduates, which marked those who completed a career and technical education pathway, took three or more early college classes, earned the Seal of Biliteracy or graduated as members of the National Honor Society.



The address of welcome was delivered in both English and Spanish by Quinn Gavin, Anabel Rutledge and Luisana Guerrero Marquez, respectively.

The ceremony continued with Andrew George, treasurer of the Class of 2026, who introduced honored guests from the Waltham School Committee and the administration.

Waltham Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy greeted the graduating class. "Every once in a while, there is a class at Waltham High School that tugs at your heart. They make you laugh. They make you proud. And sometimes they drive you crazy. But looking out at you, Class of 2026, and having observed your perseverance, your talents, your achievements and your accomplishments at such a young age fills us all with pride," McCarthy said.

Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa congratulated the students on all their achievements and growth throughout their high school journey.

"The most successful people are not those who have all the answers. They are those who remain curious, embrace challenges and continue to grow throughout their lives," Mendonsa said.

Senior Rachel McIntyre, vice president of leadership for the National Honor Society, then presented the Class of 2026 gift for Waltham High School. The gift, a free library box located on Lexington Street near the entrance to Waltham High, was accepted by Principal in Residence John Barnes.

"Just as our teachers and staff have left a lasting impact on us, each book will contain a new lesson. This library grants anyone who takes a book the power to escape, the power to feel a sense of belonging and the power to see themselves in someone else's shoes," McIntyre said.

"The people who succeed aren't the ones who never fail. They are the ones who keep getting back up. They are the ones who learn, adapt and keep moving when life doesn't go according to plan. And life will absolutely not go according to plan," Barnes said.

School Committee Vice Chairperson Debra Coleman reminded students that although they followed different paths, each graduate's success was worth celebrating.

Shelby Hale Roper, assistant principal for the Class of 2026, walked the seniors through their high school years, reminding them of their growth and achievements, before telling them, "This day is all about you."

Aryan Rampal, vice president of character of the National Honor Society, and Thanthar San, the Class of 2026 secretary, gave the closing remarks.

"Today, we wish for the lives we are about to build. We wish for the chances we haven't taken yet ... So, as we step into the next stage of our lives, let's continue to wish courageously, dream big and close the gap between the life you wish for and the life you are brave enough to create," she said.



For the graduates, the ceremony marked both an ending and a beginning. When asked to describe the Class of 2026 with three words, Kira Cotugno described it as "chaotic, smart and creative." Elijah White-Rochelle used the words "chaotic, complex and diverse," adding that the first years were "more chaotic and loud" but brought the Class of 2026 closer together.

Parents described the graduation as emotional after watching their children grow throughout their journey at Waltham High.

"I think the diversity of the community here in Waltham is our greatest strength, and so having a diversity of experiences and backgrounds really makes for world citizens, and I am really excited to see what's next for my [child]," said parent Dave Raymond.

Some parents shared that, as the new high school building was introduced, students initially had some hesitation. However, they grew to like the new building.

"There were all kinds of drama with the new building; that was a big adventure. And they ended up with the new building being really nice," Margaret Zeitouny, a parent, said.

Zeitouny praised WHS's tech programs as exceptional, saying her graduating son, Ethan, is her second child to go through such programs. She added that Ethan has become certified to perform electrical work and is now ready to be an apprentice electrician.

Plenty of parents also celebrated what's ahead, sharing that their children plan to attend college in the fall, with some naming Bentley University, Regis College and Villanova University as their graduates' next educational stops.

Graduates are planning to pursue a wide range of career paths, including nursing, engineering and finance.

For some families, graduating from Waltham High School is a family legacy. Tim O'Toole, a parent, shared that his family members are all Waltham graduates, and his son is part of the Class of 2026.

"We love Waltham, and we are very proud of him," he said.

Siblings also celebrated their brothers' and sisters' success, expressing happiness and pride.

"I am really proud that [my brother] made it through high school, and he was really hardworking," Erica Lin, a sister, shared.

As the ceremony ended, graduates rushed to their families for photos, holding flowers and diplomas as they marked one of the biggest milestones of their lives.



From berries to butter mochi: Waltham Farmers' Market returns Saturday

BY JUNE KINOSHITA • COMMUNITY • JUNE 4, 2026



Waltham's beloved Farmers' Market is back, opening for the season on Saturday, June 6, at 65 Lexington St., in the parking lot of the former Elks Lodge.

There will be 36 vendors plying succulent fresh greens, toothsome berries and more bounty from early summer fields. Shoppers can savor the aromas of fresh bread, dumplings, samosas, sweet pastries and secret sauce recipes. Grab some beautiful steaks from local farms or a filet of fish and put together a delicious dinner of the season's finest, accompanied by a glass of cider. And how about some butter mochi – a Hawaiian culinary wonder – for dessert? Or if you can't wait until after dinner, you can sample some right on the spot.



Tomatoes galore at the Farmers' Market Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025. Photo by The Waltham Times.

The Waltham Times will be there too for its third season, selling its official shirts and baseball caps.

There's free parking at Government Center, in the large lot on Lexington Street directly across from the market. You may also park free in the smaller lot accessible from School Street. There's a large municipal parking lot one block south of the market on Lexington and Common streets.

Former Waltham Hawk shares spotlight with Pat's QB Drake Maye

BY STEVE MILMORE • COMMUNITY • JUNE 5, 2026

You may remember that former Hawk and Waltham resident Luke France was named the grand prize winner of Papa Gino's "Share a Slice with Drake Maye Sweepstakes" in [March](#).

France was selected among thousands of online sweepstakes entries and won the opportunity to meet the Pats QB – and be in a commercial.

It's show time.

The "Luke France commercial with Drake Maye" (as we call it at the Times) is out and will run throughout New England through Labor Day. It promotes the launch of Papa Gino's new stuffed crust pizza.

France made Maye look good in our opinion, catching the pizza dough pass like a pro. Take note, A.J. Brown.

Born and raised in Waltham, France describes himself as a pizza lover and lifelong fan of the New England Patriots. He played football at Waltham High School, where he was a lineman for the Hawks, and he served as an assistant coach for the team after graduation. He played tight end on the Salve Regina University football team in Newport, Rhode Island.



Pats Drake Maye with Waltham grand prize winner Luke France on set. Photo courtesy of Papa Gino's.

For France, what started as a simple sweepstakes entry turned into a memorable experience with one of New England's biggest sports stars. Maye "was a very nice guy" at the shoot, France said. "I felt like I was talking to one of my friends by the end of it.

Public safety report: Student struck by car while crossing near Waltham High School

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • JUNE 7, 2026

A student was struck by a car near the entrance to Waltham High School on Lexington Street on Monday, June 1, just after 2 p.m.

According to police, the student was crossing the street with the assistance of a crossing guard when a car ran a red light and struck the student. The student was not injured, and there was no damage to the car. Police cited the driver for the incident.

A summary of additional police and fire activity from May 27 to June 1 is as follows:

On May 27 at 4:41 p.m., police responded to reports of a package theft on Second Avenue. The caller reported that a package was stolen and believed that an Amazon delivery driver took it. Police are investigating.

On May 27 at 7:21 p.m., police responded to the Rail Trail where a caller said there were kids with guns. Police found a group of children with “obvious toy guns,” according to the police report.

On May 28 at 9:39 p.m., fire crews responded to the intersection of Adams and Walnut streets to reports of a building fire. Responding crews found no burning building but did locate a nearby resident cooking on a charcoal grill. The grill did not pose an immediate threat. The firefighters on scene spoke to the resident and confirmed that he would extinguish the grill after he finished grilling.

On May 30 at 3:40 p.m., police responded to the parking lot of Ocean State Job Lot on River Street where a car was backing out of the parking lot and struck two pedestrians. The pedestrians sustained minor injuries but were not transported to the hospital. Police cited the driver for the incident.

On June 1 at 7:09 a.m., police responded to reports of vandalism at 200 Trapelo Road. The caller reported spray painted vandalism on construction equipment. There are no leads on a suspect.

On June 1 at 9:57 a.m., police responded to reports of a car being broken into on Leitha Drive. There is camera footage of the suspect pulling on car handles of cars parked on the street. Police are investigating.

On June 1 at 11:45 a.m., police responded to reports of a suspicious incident in the area of 440 Totten Pond Road. The caller reported seeing a group of kids getting out of a car wearing ski masks and carrying tools. When the caller confronted them, they got back into the car and left the area. After an investigation, police identified three juveniles, who were not from Waltham, and contacted their parents about the incident. The group stated that they were going to try to explore a closed hotel on Totten Pond Road.

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.

Senior center news: Equipment loans, paper shredding service

BY PRISCILLA ELLIOTT • COMMUNITY • JUNE 7, 2026



The Council on Aging has medical equipment available for seniors to borrow. Common items include canes, commodes, shower chairs, walkers and wheelchairs. Call 781-314-3499 for more information. The COA accepts donations of equipment in good and clean condition. Due to limited storage space, it only accepts shower chairs and wheelchairs at this time.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The senior center offers new English language classes for adult learners given by an experienced ESL teacher. Participants can improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills while learning practical English for everyday life. Free. Call 781-314-3499 to register.

Thursdays, June 11 and 18, 10-11:30 a.m. Dance with Parkinson's is offering classes in the Spanish language. Residents with Parkinson's disease can discover how dance can help movement, balance and coordination. The class is designed for participants to enjoy music and community while moving at their individual comfort level, seated and/or standing. Instructor Rafael Rivera is specially trained in teaching those with PD. Free. Call 781-314-3499 to register.

Thursday, June 11. Podiatrist Helen Cho provides routine nail and callus care every second Thursday of the month. The fee is \$35 (cash only). To make an appointment, call the center's front desk at 781-314-3499.

Friday, June 12, 1 p.m. An hour of oldies but goodies. Archie Richards is an acclaimed pianist that will entertain with a sing-along of favorite tunes. Music lyrics will be passed out. Refreshments will be served. Cost: \$3 due at sign up. Please register.

Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. to noon. Watertown Savings Bank is sponsoring a free paper shredding service in the senior center parking lot at 488 Main St. Bring any documents that you need shredded. No appointment necessary. Waltham seniors only.



Equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers are available at the senior center. Canva stock image.

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The week ahead: City budget hearings start on Tuesday

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 7, 2026

The city's [annual budget hearings](#) will start this Tuesday, June 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During these meetings, City Council's Finance Committee can question individual department heads on their budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year beginning in July. The committee has not released a list of which department budgets it will discuss this week and which it will discuss at its second budget hearing on June 16.

The council received [Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy's final recommendations for the city budget](#) at a meeting last week. Her recommended budget of \$399,492,794 was \$18,392,224 less than department heads originally requested in their own budget drafts.

Below is a chronological rundown of other city meetings scheduled this week, June 8 through 12.



The Waltham Post Office is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. Photo taken in 2010. Wikipedia.

Historical Commission

The Waltham Historical Commission is a seven-member board charged with preserving and overseeing Waltham's historic buildings and properties.

The commission will examine how renovation plans for the masonry of the Waltham Post Office could affect the historic building. It will also discuss the site of the Waltham Fields Community Farm and review development plans for 995 Main St., 1265 Main St. and 719-723 Main St.

It will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Monday, over Zoom. The passcode for the Zoom meeting can be found [on the commission's page](#) within the city website.

City Council

City Council is scheduled to hear public comments on the [final language for three proposed zoning overlay districts near the Route 128 corridor](#). These districts were [proposed in December](#) to allow two companies, BXP Inc. and 1265 Main St. LLC, to build three new mixed-use residential neighborhoods.

The council's Ordinances and Rules Committee has been working with the companies to draft [plans and regulations](#) for the three lots at 1265 Main St., [Bay Colony](#) and [Jones Road](#) that would [satisfy city concerns](#) and [address neighbors' complaints](#).

City Council plans to vote on [this zoning amendment](#) before it breaks for its summer session. However, that wouldn't be the last time the districts go in front of the council. The landowners will have to return to City Council to [apply for special permits](#) to build each individual stage of their developments.

At the same meeting, City Council will hear new requests to expand some of the city's overlay districts designed to incentivize redevelopment. FD Special Opportunities II-A LLC, owner of the 1432 Main St. lot that borders [the proposed new Jones Road overlay district](#), is asking the council to change the language of the new zoning overlay to [add its lot to the district](#). Another company, Union Avenue LLC, is requesting the council extend Waltham's Riverfront Overlay District to include its property at 181-185 Felton St.

The council will also discuss resolutions honoring the Jewish Family School, congratulating Rose Marie Richard on her 100th birthday, and requesting a Bigbelly trash container near a Railroad Street parking lot.

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

Housing Authority

The Waltham Housing Authority works to provide affordable housing options for Waltham residents who face barriers to housing.

It will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday at 4:30 p.m over Zoom and in person at 110 Pond St.

Biosafety Committee

The Waltham Biosafety Committee is a five-person board, including the director of public health and the chair of the Board of Health, in charge of reviewing regulations and permits around using or experimenting with recombinant DNA technology.

This Tuesday the committee will hear a presentation from pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk on its research. It will meet in the auditorium of the Clark Government Center at 5 p.m.

Library Board of Trustees and Building Committee

The Board of Library Trustees is a five-person board appointed by the mayor and charged with establishing policies for the Waltham Public Library.

It will hold its regular monthly meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Trustees Room of the Waltham Public Library. Members of the public can also attend the Building Committee meeting over [Zoom](#), and connection details can be found [in the committee's agenda](#).

Protesters rally outside Citizens Bank over ties to immigration detention centers

BY JOSEPH SHARKEY • COMMUNITY • JUNE 7, 2026



Demonstrators gathered Saturday outside the Citizens Bank branch on Main Street as part of the “De-ICE Citizens Bank” campaign, which calls on the bank to end its financial relationships with private prison companies involved in immigration detention.

Participants held signs and banners expressing concern over the bank’s reported ties to companies operating detention facilities. The demonstration remained peaceful.



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Waltham Land Trust notes: Mystery of the vanishing pond

BY NEWSROOM • COMMUNITY • JUNE 7, 2026



By Debbie von Rechenberg and Marie Daly

We've gotten a lot of questions about what happened to the pond at Beaver Brook North Reservation.

The wetlands at the southeast corner of the former Metropolitan State Hospital, now part of Beaver Brook North Reservation, were transformed into a pond about nine years ago. The pond suddenly drained in December 2025.



The pond at North Beaver Brook Reservation in a photo taken around 2023 by Marie Daly.

Known as Five Pound Swamp in early deeds, the area has been a wetland since at least the 17th century and likely for thousands of years. Several spring-fed streams from the surrounding hills drain into this low-lying area.

When Metropolitan State Hospital was built in 1930, a culvert was installed under a dirt road, connecting two wetlands that ultimately drain into Beaver Brook and the Charles River. The culvert failed about nine years ago, causing periodic flooding across the dirt road. A few years later the state Department of Conservation and Recreation installed buried drainage pipes to carry water to the other side of the road. Because those pipes were set higher, a pond formed.

Some observers, including DCR, have speculated that the original culvert blockage suddenly cleared, allowing the pond to drain. The area may now revert to its original wetland state.

There is, however, another possible explanation. A sewer drain sits in the dirt road near the culvert. After heavy rains in the 1990s, the drain occasionally overflowed with raw sewage. It is possible the pond water drained into that system.

After the water drained, a mud flat formed, attracting a variety of shorebirds.



The former pond at North Beaver Brook Reservation was a mudflat In April 2026. Photo by Emily Szczypek.

As of May 2026 the outlet that opened in December appears to have clogged again, and water levels in the marsh and mud flat are rising. Hikers have reported flooding along a section of the Western Greenway that crosses the marsh.

Some have suggested the earlier pond drainage caused this flooding, but the water is flowing across the trail from the north. Beavers have built multiple dams along Beaver Brook, causing it to overflow its banks, spread into Beaver Brook North Reservation and rejoin the brook downstream. DCR has been notified, and next steps will be up to the agency.

Here is an interesting side note: In the 1990s, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority proposed building a sludge processing facility in these wetlands. Officials said odors and flies would be minimized, but the plan was dropped after state-protected wetlands were identified on the site. The facility was instead built in Quincy, where it has experienced multiple fires and explosions. Good environmental planning by city leaders such as Bill Eckland, Ward 3 Councilor at the time, led to protection of Waltham's wetlands and fortuitously spared the city of the ordeals that befell Quincy.

Looking to help? Waltham groups offer many ways to volunteer

BY BETTY BARRER & CAROL GREENFIELD • COMMUNITY • JUNE 2, 2026



Volunteers share a secret — volunteering is a happy addition to their lives. It's fun and enlivens minds, hearts and community ties. Waltham residents have countless ways to turn generosity into action. From food pantries to gift drives, from farm work to clothing exchanges, local nonprofits are calling on volunteers to help strengthen the city's heart. Whether you have an hour a week or a day to spare, the chance to make a difference lies just around the corner. Here are a few Waltham organizations seeking volunteer help.



Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation seeks seasonal and year-round volunteers to help share our region's proud industrial history with the community. Volunteers can be tour guides or STEM educators for school groups. We also welcome volunteers with specific knowledge about vintage machinery or textile history, or who have historical research and writing backgrounds. Contact Director of Education Steve Guerriero, info@charlesrivermuseum.org, 781-893-5410.

Community Day Center of Waltham, at 16 and 20 Felton St., provides day shelter and support services to adults who are experiencing homelessness. Help out in TheShop@20 Felton: Sort donations and provide a warm service experience to guests selecting seasonal, donated clothing and shoes. Also, at the Drop-in Space, distribute mail and donated travel-size essential items (hygiene items, hand warmers, hand sanitizer, etc.) to guests. Support is needed Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:30 to 2 p.m. Volunteers are asked to commit for at least one day a week, for three months or longer. Contact Executive Director Chloe-Rose Crouch, director@communitydaycenter.org, 781-392-6311.

Healthy Waltham promotes collaborative approaches to improving the health and wellness of underserved and low-income populations. Help with ongoing food pantries, held on the second and fourth Thursdays of

each month, at 101 School St. Shifts run 10 a.m. to noon, 12:30 to 3 p.m., 2:30 to 5 p.m., and 4:30 to 6 p.m. Contact Maria DiMaggio, Maria@healthy-waltham.org.

Jewish Family & Children's Service hosts the Family Table Food Pantry on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1430 Main St. Volunteers are needed to pack and deliver groceries on Sundays, support clients at Marketplace distribution on Tuesdays, and prepack clients' bags on Thursdays. Contact Lisa Katz, lkatz@jfcscboston.org, 781-693-1231.

REACH Beyond Domestic Violence empowers individuals, families and communities to overcome domestic violence. Year-round, enroll in [direct volunteer service](#) or internships. Before the holidays, host a Holiday Gift Drive to collect items for families and individuals rebuilding their lives after experiencing domestic violence. Also, organize a fundraising event, such as a school or community collection, to support the Holiday Gift Program. Contact mcastaneda@reachma.org, 781-891-0724.

Waltham Clothing Exchange is a thrift shop and a longtime project of First Parish, 50 Church St. Become a seasonal volunteer in spring and fall. Tasks include pricing, tag writing and tagging, sorting, hanging, display assistance, assisting consignors and customers, etc.; three hours minimum on Tuesdays between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Contact Director Joel Weddig, jands1971@gmail.com, 339-215-9559.

Waltham Fields Community Farm at 240 Beaver St. cultivates sustainable and equitable relationships between people, their food supply and the land from which it grows. Volunteers help out on the farm and in the greenhouse. Learn about their [volunteer opportunities](#). Contact Marla Rhodes, volunteer@communityfarms.org, 781-899-2403.

Waltham Community Foundation distributes grants to nonprofits that benefit the citizens of Waltham. Become a board member, attending two evening meetings per year, to manage an endowment and decide how to donate investment income. Contact James M. Baron, jbaronlaw@gmail.com, 781-864-6547.

Waltham Council on Aging seeks year-round volunteer drivers for its Meals on Wheels food delivery program, run from the Stanley Senior Center, 488 Main St. Volunteers start around 10:30 a.m.; routes usually take about an hour or so. Some volunteers have one route one day a week; others choose to volunteer more often. Contact 781-314-3300.

Waltham Museum, 25 Lexington St., preserves local history and provides multidisciplinary cultural and educational programs for diverse audiences. Volunteer roles include docenting, accessioning, digitizing slides, researching and working on the museum's website and social media. Hours are Sundays, 1:30 to 4 p.m., and some weekdays; some volunteering can occur remotely. Contact info@walthammuseum.org, 781-893-9020.

Waltham RiverBeat 2026 festival on June 20 will be held on the historic Moody Street Bridge and along the riverfront, offering both on-land and on-water activities. Volunteers are needed to help make the festival a success. Volunteer sign-up information is available [here](#).

The Waltham Times produces an independent, nonprofit news publication serving everyone in Waltham. It is seeking volunteers for a variety of roles:

- The "Meet Your Neighbor" campaign, for door-to-door visits to residents this summer. Weekdays 5-8 p.m. and weekends are optimal times. Training provided.

- Board member with development and fundraising experience.
- Spanish translator to translate articles, help with community outreach.
- Editors and reporters with backgrounds in journalism and AP style will be considered for reporting, writing and copy editing.
- Social media marketer to design and manage campaigns, creating and scheduling posts about recent news, signing up for the newsletter, etc.
- Additionally, volunteers for posting stories (WordPress), helping with legal matters, growth strategy, advertising sales and event planning.

Please help The Waltham Times keep this list up to date. Send your nonprofit organization's requests for volunteers by email to NonprofitNews@walthamtimes.org.



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Comments (1)



KRYSTA PETRIE • JUNE 3, 2026 AT 12:21 PM

The Waltham Repair Cafe is always seeking volunteers to participate in our free community repair events, hosted at the Charles River Museum. Both as repairers and as non-repair logistics roles.

<https://www.walthamrc.org/volunteer>

<https://www.walthamrc.org/faq>

Reply

Bentley's record-setting season comes to close in World Series loss

BY STEVE MILMORE • SPORTS & RECREATION • JUNE 2, 2026



The 2026 season for the Bentley University baseball team came to an end Monday afternoon as the Falcons lost to Catawba, 15-8, in the NCAA Division II World Series.

Bentley finished the season with a program-record 44 wins and reached the Division II World Series for the first time in school history. The team also won its first NCAA East Regional championship and first Northeast-10 Conference title earlier in the season.

The Falcons battled back after trailing 6-2 in the fourth inning, scoring four runs to tie the game at 6-6. Bentley later pulled within 10-8 in the seventh inning, but Catawba responded late to secure the win and advance.

Curt Heath helped lead Bentley's offense with several key hits during the comeback effort, while Tommy Bolton also drove in runs as the Falcons tried to erase the deficit. Bentley showed resilience throughout the game, continuing to battle despite falling behind multiple times.

Bentley opened the game with a first-inning run and stayed competitive throughout much of the afternoon, but Catawba's offense proved too much down the stretch. Despite the loss, the Falcons' postseason run marked the most successful season the program has ever had and set new milestones for the university.



The Bentley Falcons finished the 2026 baseball season with a program-record 44 wins. Photo courtesy of Bentley.

Moody Street surveillance camera damaged

BY JOSEPH SHARKEY • PUBLIC SAFETY • JUNE 2, 2026



Waltham Police are investigating after a Flock Safety camera on Moody Street was vandalized Sunday evening.

The camera, which is used to assist law enforcement investigations by capturing vehicle license plate information, was found defaced with black marker. Officers responded to the area, documented the damage and began an investigation.

The extent of the damage and any repair costs were not immediately available. No arrests had been announced as of Sunday evening, and the investigation remains ongoing.



The vandalized Flock Safety camera on Moody Street in Waltham.

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Comments (3)



BRUCE • JUNE 3, 2026 AT 3:07 PM

if you are not breaking the law why would you care !!

Reply



KRYS • JUNE 3, 2026 AT 12:25 PM

I agree with Jeremy. These Big Brother cameras have no place in our town. They reduce privacy, promote bogus arrests, and ultimately reduce our freedom. They can be used to target whoever they want and monitor everyday citizens. Who knows where they actually share the data. They are likely using it to train ML face detection algorithms. Also LOL “vandalism”... they just put easily-removable Sharpie on the lens. If you look at the Waltham Residents Facebook group, people overwhelmingly support the vandalism.

Reply



JEREMY • JUNE 3, 2026 AT 1:20 AM

This is great. These cameras should have never been installed in Waltham or any other city, they are wildly unsafe/not secure and are known to be used by bad actors like ICE, corrupt police officers, and even Flock employees to stalk and monitor innocent people without warrants. On top of that, it has been proven that anybody with a little bit of knowledge and a computer can gain access to these cameras and see whatever they’ve captured.

Reply

Waltham eighth-grader wins Israel Arbeiter Holocaust Essay Contest

BY SUSIE DAVIDSON • COMMUNITY • JUNE 2, 2026



The “universe of obligation,” a concept coined by sociologist Helen Fein in her 1979 book “Accounting for Genocide,” gave Jewish Community Day School eighth-grader and Waltham resident Tal Weiss Sadan a way to try to comprehend how something like the Holocaust could have happened.

“Looking at how the Holocaust moved from hateful words to organized violence shows that it was a lack of empathy and care by average German citizens that allowed the Nazis to orchestrate these crimes,” he wrote in his submission to the Israel Arbeiter Holocaust Essay Contest, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston each year for Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Day.

“By learning about the bystanders of the past, we can recognize our own responsibility to protect the safety and dignity of our future,” he wrote.



Tal Weiss Sadan of Waltham accepts his winning Israel Arbeiter Holocaust Essay Contest certificate on April 12 at the State Room, Boston. Photo courtesy of Susie Davidson.

Grappling with a historic tragedy like the Holocaust is a tough order for someone so young, but Tal put heart and soul into his winning entry. And on April 12 during the annual JCRC Boston’s Community Holocaust Commemoration, he joined five other students on the stage at the State Room in Boston to accept a framed certificate from Arbeiter’s son Jack and a trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The essay winner ceremony, attended this year by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, several Boston city councilors, state Treasurer Deb Goldberg, the German and Israeli consuls and other officials, is held each year in honor of “Izzy” Arbeiter, a beloved Holocaust survivor and co-founder of the New England Holocaust Memorial.

Tal is a remarkably accomplished young man who trains in competitive judo. This year he was able to train under Olympians at an international camp. Guided by this experience, he mentors junior judo club students. Tal is a top scorer and tutor on his school’s math team. He’s a school student ambassador, reaching out to prospective families, and he plays guitar in the school’s band. He also has a global reach. “Outside of school, I co-founded a nonprofit, the Jewish Miluim Fund, and led a team of over 10 volunteers,” he said. “Together, we’ve raised over \$2,600 to cover medical costs for families who lost loved ones due to conflict in the Middle East.”

In his own life, Tal has overcome considerable challenges. When his family moved to the United States from Israel several years ago, he needed to reinvent. “As a newcomer, I had to build my communication skills from the ground up,” he recalled. “On my first day of American school, I accidentally placed my lunchbox in a

reading bin because I couldn't read the labels on the cubbies." It wasn't until the pandemic that he was able to improve his English skills and communicate with potential friends. "This experience built my self-confidence and taught me to take initiative over my academics, which led me to develop the skills needed to write my essay," he said.

He has seen antisemitism firsthand. "As an Israeli Jew living in the United States, I have seen how antisemitism and Holocaust denial are rising, especially among people my age." That inspires him to take action. "I believe that by writing this essay, I can show others in my community that we have the power to stand up and speak the truth and that even as students, our words can help fight against hatred and ignorance," he said.

In his essay, Tal examines how the German people of the 1930s could have moved toward the acceptance of the atrocities committed by the Nazis, which he learned began slowly. "The Holocaust is a tragic example of what happens when hatred and prejudice grow because ordinary people choose to stay silent," he wrote. "This event taught us that genocide does not start with mass murder; it begins with small acts of bias and the narrowing of a society's circle of care. Looking at how the Holocaust moved from hateful words to organized violence shows that it was a lack of empathy and care by average German citizens that allowed the Nazis to orchestrate these crimes." He found a lesson that does not redeem, but can instruct: "By learning about the bystanders of the past, we can recognize our own responsibility to protect the safety and dignity of our future," he said.

Tal's social studies teacher Josh Mocle encouraged him to enter the contest. It may have seemed like a heavy lift for a teen, but for Tal, age is inconsequential. "You are never too young to make a difference," he said. "People often think you need to wait until you're an adult to have your voice heard, but when a young person stands up to injustice, it sends an even stronger message." He said he wanted to honor the 6 million lost lives and Arbeiter's legacy, and help do his part.

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"By refusing to accept prejudice in our schools and by choosing to speak up when others are excluded, we ensure that our shared humanity acts as a shield," he wrote. "Breaking the silence is the only way to make sure that history never repeats its darkest chapters."

He's excited about the upcoming trip to Washington and the Holocaust Memorial Museum. "Since I relied heavily on their online resources while writing my essay, seeing the physical exhibits in person will be a very meaningful experience," he said. "I believe that being inside the museum will be deeply inspirational and will help me connect even more with the history."

But he has already made an important start and is determined to continue on its path. "By standing up and speaking out, I am making sure they are never forgotten. I want to turn my memory into action and show that even one voice, and the encouragement of a great teacher, can help create a kinder, safer world."

National Grid offers cooling tips, bill help for summer months

BY NEWSROOM • COMMUNITY • JUNE 2, 2026



National Grid is launching a summer outreach campaign in Massachusetts aimed at helping customers manage energy use and control costs as temperatures rise.

The effort includes energy-saving guidance, bill management programs and in-person assistance events across the state. Company officials said higher electricity use during hot weather can drive up costs, particularly following a cold winter that may have already strained household budgets.

“From cooling tips to billing help, our teams are taking a proactive approach to ensure that our customers have the support they need to stay cool and to keep costs down throughout the summer season,” said Bill Malee, National Grid’s chief customer officer.

Customers will receive text alerts during heat waves with conservation tips, such as adjusting thermostats, using fans with air conditioning and closing window coverings to reduce indoor heat. The company is also promoting home energy assessments, weatherization upgrades and the use of energy-efficient appliances.



To address affordability, National Grid is offering a Payment Assistance Bundle that combines budget billing, automatic payments and deferred payment plans to help customers manage past-due balances.

Customer assistance representatives will host an event on Tuesday, June 9 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Waltham McDevitt Middle School, 75 Church St. More information is available at [National Grid’s website](#).

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Jiji is a calm, very loving companion. Photo courtesy of The Cat Connection.

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Keeping rats in check during construction

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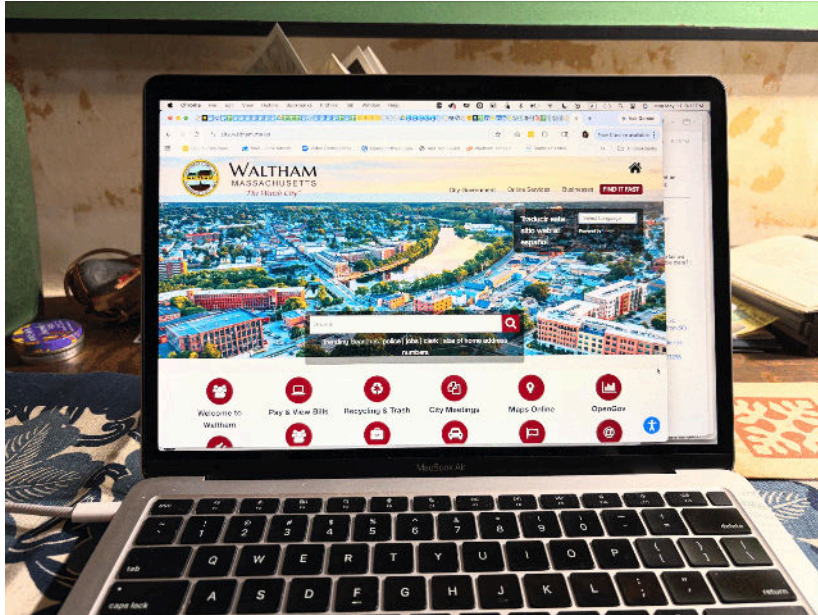
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Despite council push for improvements, some city website pages remain outdated

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Homepage of the City of Waltham website. Photo by The Waltham Times.

A push from Ward 7 Councilor Paul Katz to improve the Waltham city website has been slow to yield clear improvements. For example, until late May the online pages for the City Council's Ordinances and Rules Committee and its Licenses and Franchises Committee hadn't posted any minutes from its meeting since November.

The Disability Services Commission hasn't posted agendas for its last meeting in April or its upcoming meeting this Friday. Additionally, it hasn't posted minutes since 2022.

And the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund has absolutely no contact, member or meeting information on its page.

Massachusetts' Open Meeting Law requires public bodies to post minutes for a meeting no more than 30 days or three meetings after it is held, whichever is longer.

There are some city government entities, such as the City Council's Finance Committee and its Public Works and Public Safety Committee, which have maintained relatively up-to-date pages all along.

And some city entities have taken steps to update their pages on the city's website since December, when Katz asked officials to take such action.

For example, the Clerk's Office updated its pages this spring. City Clerk Joseph Vizard said other tasks take priority in the department, noting that website updates are among the least frequent requests the department receives from residents. Still, he acknowledged room for improvement, saying "we could definitely do a better job of getting them up timely."

Some residents shared their frustrations with the city's website. "It looks like committees, etc. are not held to any standards to make minutes/notes available online with any speed. Some are good, others totally lacking," one user going by the name FruitlandsForever said on a Waltham discussion board hosted by social media platform Reddit.

Others on the site commented about the website’s search function, saying the site contained so many old documents it was difficult to find current information.

Six months to take action

Katz had voiced concerns about the city’s website at a City Council meeting in December, saying constituents have complained that they couldn’t find important and updated information at the site.

Katz then requested that “everyone with a presence on the city website” update their pages by the end of January. The City Council passed a resolution making the request official although nonbinding.

In a recent interview, Katz said the website “seems to be more current than it previously was” but explained he couldn’t accurately evaluate the city’s progress without a sweeping review of it.

Katz said he doesn’t plan to reintroduce the issue to the City Council any time soon, saying the council has “made the point” it wanted to make.

He suggested passing an annual resolution to remind city officials that keeping the website clean requires continuous work.

City IT Director Donald Aucoin has reported progress on that front. According to Aucoin, the IT Department is asking each department to pick a webmaster to be in charge of the department’s own page and then training that webmaster to address website needs. So far around 90% of the city’s departments have named a webmaster.

However, Aucoin said the IT Department is not authorized to enforce the City Council’s request for officials to maintain updated sites. “A request from [the City Council] is a little different from an operational suggestion improvement from me,” he said.

Meanwhile, social media coordinator Abby Auld said some city pages are out of date because of the [ongoing website migration](#), [explaining that](#) the IT Department in mid-April asked webmasters to refrain from posting most new information to prevent any of it from being lost during the migration to new technology.

Aucoin said website users should report any problems they have with the city website to the IT Department, explaining “If we don’t know what it is that you think isn’t right, how can we possibly work with the department[s] to fix it?”

He added that the city’s website will soon contain a feedback tool to make reporting issues easier.

Waltham Reddit users posted some ideas for improvements, asking that the city website include parking data and city mapping data uploaded to the [downloadable MassGIS database](#).

Some improvements are already on the way: Waltham [is updating the website’s design](#) to be more navigable, and it has recently migrated to a system that makes most PDFs readable by screen readers to fit with current accessibility standards.

Related news

[A new look for the Waltham city website](#)



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Comments (2)



SEAN DIAMOND • JUNE 7, 2026 AT 9:26 AM

Addressing the city website is a core part of my upcoming campaign for municipal office next year! It is both an issue with government transparency and an ADA compliance issue, which is why I created a petition on:

<https://www.walthamforward.com/act>.

The Petition Language:

The City of Waltham's website (<https://www.city.waltham.ma.us/>) is important for everyone who lives, works, or wants to do business here. But the current website is hard to use! It can be tough to find information or get help, especially for people with disabilities or those who do not use computers often. We want our city's website to be easy for everyone to use. If we follow modern website design standards, the City can help everyone in Waltham find what they need quickly and easily.

As of January 2026, free accessibility checking websites such as <https://www.accessibilitychecker.org/> provide audits that indicate that the current website is at risk of accessibility lawsuits as a result of numerous critical issues.

We, the people of Waltham, ask the City to make the official website (<https://www.city.waltham.ma.us/>) easier for everyone to use.

We ask the City Council to authorize funds for and the Mayor, the City Clerk, and relevant staff members to promptly facilitate or make the necessary changes to the website to follow modern user experience design best practices and comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements.

At a minimum, we request that the website should:

1. Be simple to use for people of all ages and abilities
2. Work well on phones, tablets, and computers
3. Allow residents to quickly and easily find information about any and all upcoming official meetings, hearings, and events
4. Allow residents to quickly and easily find the meeting minutes or recordings of any and all past official meetings, hearings, and events
5. Display all text documents and picture files in a format compatible with software that aids blind and visually impaired users
6. Include reasonably accurate closed captioning features in videos and livestreams for deaf or hearing impaired users
7. Guide residents to and through common zoning and permitting processes in plain language
8. Guide residents to and through the process of obtaining common city services quickly and efficiently

Additionally, City officials should make plans to comply with the April 2026 deadline [recently extended to April 2027] for compliance with the ADA Title II requirements: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/americans-with-disabilities-act-ada-title-ii-digital-accessibility-information-and-requirements>.

Reply



PAPA • JUNE 3, 2026 AT 8:40 AM

It's not just violations of reporting laws that the city is guilty of by not updating its Web Pages in a timely manner. It also directly impacts the city's residents.

One example (there are more) is the city's Yard Waste Calendar was not updated until PAST the kickoff date of the program, just like last year, causing residents using this program to lose the spring's critical first week(s) of use.

This couldn't be updated during the winter months? Really!"

Reply

Zoning Board approves last in a series of Winter Street residential developments

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 2, 2026



Architect's rendering of the Alexan Winter Street.

After [a year of negotiations](#), the Waltham Zoning Board of Appeals voted 4-1 at its Tuesday meeting to greenlight plans for [a pair of apartment buildings at 245-246 Winter St.](#) dubbed Alexan Winter Street.

The vote came after Assistant City Solicitor Michelle Learned presented a new draft of the special permit that she had negotiated with the development's legal team, saying the document was ready for a final vote.

Learned said the new draft addressed many of the city's priorities. She compared it to the one for [another recently approved nearby development](#) with the same type of special permit, The Residences on Winter at 455 Totten Pond Road.

The Residences on Winter will offer 72 of its 340 units at a rate calculated to be affordable to households making 80% of the area median income, and 13 at an affordability rate calculated for households making 60% AMI. Alexan Winter Street is offering 67 of its 323 units at 80% AMI rates and 14 at 60% AMI rates, representing a slight proportional increase of the lower-income affordable units..

The Alexan will offer the city a \$2 million mitigation funding package to offset the increased infrastructural needs of its residents. This funding will go first to remedying any issues with local sewer capacity; then to creating sidewalks down Totten Pond Road, which the board asked the city to put in before residents move into the buildings; and then to other city needs such as schools and police, at the mayor's discretion.

The ZBA heard from one neighbor who remains [concerned about the project's impacts on the neighborhood](#) before unanimously voting to close its public hearing. The board then took its final vote on the project, where only member Glenna Gelineau voted in opposition.

ZBA Chair John Sergi expressed appreciation for board members, Learned, the project's team, and [residents who came in to speak](#).

"I thank all the public for their input into this case. It was a difficult case," he said.

This new development, owned by real estate company Maple Multi-Family Land East Coast, is the last project the city accepted under [Chapter 40B of Massachusetts General Law](#) before it [announced it met safe harbor criteria](#). The 40B statute allows developers a fast-tracked process that lets them bypass some restrictions such as residential zoning limits, provided they build enough affordable housing. By declaring safe harbor, the city has announced it has enough affordable housing that the statute no longer applies.

Alexan Winter Street is the third development proposed and approved for that neighborhood under the Chapter 40B law. The other two are The 305 at 305 Winter St. and The Residences on Winter, which the board [approved last month](#) after initially [rejecting the permit](#) weeks before.

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BOB • JUNE 4, 2026 AT 9:23 PM

Sounds like more traffic in this congested city. Interesting how no one talks about the services it stress within the city. School, police and fire. Has the manning for police or fire gone up with all of these apartments? All the city cares about are these pet projects. New sidewalks, newly paved street. We are selling our city to developers to get small projects done. How about new police station or a satellite one in the city on developers dime. How about add a new fire station in that area to help relieve the stress of added calls on their dime? Nope but we got new sidewalks and money for the mayor to give away to whoever is on her good side! This city has meetings to listen to the citizens. But it's all a front cause they never listen to them. Shame on Waltham.

Reply



SUSAN HEIST • JUNE 4, 2026 AT 8:09 AM

Obviously the zoning board members do not live in Waltham but if they do shame on you. Waltham used to be a nice comfortable city to live in, now it's so congested and to get around is one big hassle. Also with all this building going on are more police and firemen being hired? Mayor and city councilors open your eyes the only ones profiting are the owners of these properties.

Reply



GARY ABRAHAM'S • JUNE 3, 2026 AT 3:18 PM

So did Hobbs Brook or the Bozo board ever think of how many cars now are going be cutting through winter street to drive back through Hobbs Parking lot to get on to Lincoln street now? It's coming. Nice job.

Reply

Try the tongue-twisting grape Agiorgitiko with Greek cuisine at The Aegean

BY LISA FRUITT AND GARY MARKOWITZ • FOOD • JUNE 4, 2026



Fans of the Greek restaurant The Aegean were heartbroken when the Watertown spot closed in 2015, followed by the Framingham location in 2021, a casualty of the pandemic. So there was cause for celebration when a reborn Aegean opened on Moody Street in 2022.

Now run by the original owners' son, Chris Ntasios, and his wife, Christa Bazarian, the menu includes all the old Greek favorites with some new Armenian dishes, courtesy of Bazarian's family. Our go-to choices are the broiled chicken – perfectly moist and well seasoned – and the rack of lamb. And of course, those mouth-watering lemon potatoes.

We also love the Aegean's well-designed international wine list, with plenty of Greek and Armenian selections. VinoDuo's wine blog information on Greek wine is limited and we are true novices with Armenian wines, so at each visit to the restaurant we try something new.

Our latest discovery is Greek Wine Cellars' Apelia Dry Red Wine from the Peloponnese region. The Apelia is a blend of Syrah and Agiorgitiko, one of Greece's most prevalent grapes. It's a medium-bodied, food-friendly wine, with juicy flavors of black plum and blackberry and hints of baking spice.

Light enough to pair well with chicken and bold enough for lamb, the Apelia is an excellent choice for most of Aegean's fare. And at under \$12 a glass, it's a bargain. In the days of \$20 wines by the glass at some restaurants, Aegean's well-priced offerings encourage diners to step outside their wine comfort zones.



Apelia wine from the Peloponnese region is a blend of Syrah and Agiorgitiko, one of Greece's most prevalent grapes. Photo by Lisa Fruitt.

Overtime and details drive police to top of Waltham pay rankings

BY STEVE MILMORE • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 4, 2026



Police officers continue to dominate the list of highest-paid municipal employees across many Massachusetts cities, including Waltham, with overtime and paid detail assignments significantly increasing total earnings beyond base salaries.



According to the city's 2025 payroll records, seven of Waltham's top 10 earners were members of the Police Department. Police Chief Kevin O'Connell led the list at \$279,935, followed closely by Lt. Michael Moriarty at \$273,417.

Deputy Chief Fire Prevention Richard Grant and Fire Chief Andrew Mullin also ranked among the city's top earners.

Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa was the highest-paid non-public safety employee at \$256,308. Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy's 2025 salary was \$174,892, which put her at No. 58.

The top 10 earners in total gross pay for 2025 among Waltham city employees:

1. Police Chief Kevin O'Connell — \$279,935
2. Police Lt. Michael Moriarty — \$273,417
3. Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa — \$256,308
4. Deputy Chief Fire Prevention Richard Grant — \$249,739
5. Police Officer Daniel MacDougall — \$248,583
6. Police Officer Gerard Corbett — \$247,262
7. Police Officer Jorge Orta — \$242,995
8. Police Captain Anthony Vazquez — \$242,106
9. Police Lieutenant Michael Piantedosi — \$235,418
10. Fire Chief Andrew Mullin — \$234,937

A similar trend appeared in Newton, where seven Police Department employees earned more than \$300,000 during 2025. The only nonpolice employee in Newton's top 10 was the public school's superintendent, who earned \$307,536.

In Lowell, a city of more than 120,000 residents, police captains and lieutenants occupied many of the highest-paid positions as well. Police Captain Daniel T. Desmarais led the city payroll at \$308,101, while several other

police officials also exceeded \$260,000 in total pay.

You can search Waltham's city employee database via MassLive [here](#), which highlights payroll data.

Comments (2)



ANDI • JUNE 5, 2026 AT 10:12 AM

Interesting that the deputy fire chief makes more than the fire chief? Do the non-leadership police officers just have many years on the force? What is the starting salary for new police officers or firefighters? Thx for comparisons to other towns for context.

Reply



BASIS DATA • JUNE 5, 2026 AT 12:40 AM

This is a very eye-opening breakdown of the city's payroll. While it's great to see our public safety officers being compensated well for their hard work and long hours, it does make me wonder about the long-term sustainability of the budget. Are there any discussions within the city council about hiring more officers to reduce the reliance on overtime, or is the current system considered more cost-effective?

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Reply

Parks-Recreation Board appoints new inclusion recreation supervisor

BY CYD ABNET • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 4, 2026



The Parks-Recreation Board voted to approve Waltham native Jaclyn Robinshaw as the department's new inclusion recreation supervisor.

Robinshaw was hired a year ago as a recreation supervisor. The new position allows her to specialize in making sure people of all ability levels are able to participate in Recreation Department programming. Robinshaw will be filling an absence left by Ben Kiwanuka's departure from the position.

"We appreciate you investing in Waltham, the place you grew up," board Chair Jerry Walker said of Robinshaw.

Robinshaw has previous experience in addressing intellectual and developmental needs in programming through a position at a Lexington middle school. Recreation Director Kim Hebert recommended Robinshaw for the position, saying she has taken initiative and shown great enthusiasm in her time at the department.



2025 opening of the inclusive playground at 200 Trapelo Road.

Hebert said Robinshaw will attend a variety of professional development programs to gather ideas for the position as well as learn from others in the field.

Robinshaw said she is excited about being able to utilize Waltham's universal inclusive playground space for programming and would like to have some half-day programs at the site this fall.

In other business, the board

- Announced that spray parks around the city will open sometime next week.

- Discussed a lack of enrollment in summer sports camp programs offered by the Recreation Department. Hebert said that in 2019 each session had 40 to 60 participants. In 2026 each session has only two to 12 participants. “That speaks volumes. I don’t know what it says though,” said board member Thomas Creonte of enrollment numbers. He later speculated that intense youth sports programming throughout the school year may mean kids want to engage in more general recreation during the summer.
- Shared that the department’s personnel budget had not been approved by the mayor. Hebert will meet with the City Council’s Finance Committee on Monday, June 15, to explain the Recreation Department’s proposed budget, noting that a final decision on the budget will be made Friday, June 24.
- Announced that while parking reservations are no longer being taken for 200 Trapelo Road due to the 35-spot parking expansion, the city’s website will be updated when there is no parking available. Additionally, an on-site sign will be posted to let patrons know they have to come back another time.

City Council in brief: Budgeting, bikes, bargaining and more

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 4, 2026



Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy presented her official budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year at a special Monday City Council meeting.

This budget represents an increase of 5.7% over last year. McCarthy told councilors that some of the biggest increases in the fiscal 2027 budget are in health insurance and retirement funding for city employees, costs for the public school district and new collective bargaining agreements with the city's unions.

The mayor's budget proposal for fiscal 2027, which begins in July, totals \$399,492,794. The School Department budget makes up \$129,101,829 of that total.

Monday was the city's first look at the proposed budget, which will be made available on the [Auditor's Department's webpage](#). It's divided into separate budgets for the city's individual departments, whose requests had totaled \$417,885,018 before the mayor cut her budget proposal down to its current size.

The City Council's next step is to discuss the budget at special full-day meetings of its Finance Committee where it will call in department heads to ask about individual line items. The hearings are set for Saturday, June 6, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday, June 16, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The council has not yet determined which departments' budgets it will examine on which days.

Bluebikes shift into gear

The [Bluebikes bike-sharing program](#), which the City Council [resolved last October](#) to implement by the spring, is officially moving forward again.

At the council's Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, Councilor-at-Large Colleen Bradley-MacArthur asked councilors to send in recommendations for bike-sharing station locations within their wards by the committee's next meeting on Monday, June 15.



Bluebikes. CC [license](#).

These will supplement an existing list proposed in 2017 by a private bike-sharing company that the council decided to [adopt as a template in November](#). Bradley-MacArthur said the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, which has [helped coordinate](#) local municipalities' Bluebikes programs, will review councilors' recommendations.

Bradley-MacArthur also invited at-large councilors to submit recommendations for station locations, although Ward 7 Councilor Paul S. Katz asked that at-large councilors run their requests by the relevant ward councilor.

Additionally, the City Council

- Heard an update from the mayor confirming she [plans to fly a Pride flag from City Hall](#) on Pride Day. (Committee of the Whole)
- Sent a list of ordinance amendments submitted by the mayor to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. (City Council special meeting)
- Sent a request to accept \$569,000 in parking funding collected by the city over the past year to the Finance Committee. (City Council special meeting)
- Preliminarily accepted a \$289,982 grant from the state Department of Transportation to put in a sidewalk on Beaver Street, which Ward 6 Councilor Sean Durkee characterized as “the only major street that doesn’t have a connecting sidewalk in Waltham.” (Finance)
- Preliminarily approved \$20,000 for two noise detectors and related equipment for the Building Department, which was recently [included in enforcing the city’s noise ordinance](#). Building Inspector Brian Bower said his

department will be trained on how to use the tools by staff from the Environmental Protection Agency, and that the Police Department could use them for enforcing city ordinances. (Finance)

- Preliminarily approved \$59,000 to inspect potential water contamination from a municipal center on Lexington Street as part of the city's illicit discharge and detection elimination program. (Finance)
- Preliminarily approved using \$22,000 of excess funds from the FY2026 budget to cover the first year of a new three-year bargaining agreement with the mechanics' union that will expire in 2028. City Auditor Paul Centofanti said this will reimburse training for city mechanics, allowing the city to complete more repairs in-house. It also preliminarily approved using \$127,220 of excess funds from the FY2026 budget as well as an additional \$2,200, to cover salary increases required by a similar newly negotiated agreement with the managers' union, which represents many city employees. Centofanti said the city was still in negotiations with the laborers union, the firefighters union and two police unions. (Finance)
- Decided not to act on a request for a fortune telling license because the applicant didn't show up. Councilors recommended the applicant attend a future committee meeting with proof of Waltham residency. (Licenses and Franchises)
- Preliminarily approved an outdoor dining license at Peppino's Dosa for the full outdoor dining season. (Licences and Franchises)
- Voted to [preliminarily approve National Grid work on Main Street](#) on the condition the company will not store items on streets, keep to working hours and first obtain a permit from the Traffic Commission. (Licenses and Franchises)
- Preliminarily approved Community Preservation Act funding for seven recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee: \$1,130,000 for an inclusive playground at Northeast Elementary School, \$6,895 to restore Waltham's earliest pre-Revolutionary book of town records, \$8,500 to restore a Revolutionary War monument on the Waltham Common, \$1,000,000 for a shelter from Middlesex Human Services serving families where a parent is undergoing a program to treat substance use disorder, \$1,749,800 to buy two homes to turn into affordable veterans' housing and \$178,259 to administer the CPC. (Long-term Debt and Capital Planning)
- Heard updates on a proposal to [build a hotel at 220 Moody St.](#) Philip McCourt, an attorney for the project, said the development team is waiting on the mayor for language on an easement to build above the abutting Embassy Parking Lot. Ward 8 Councilor and committee chair Cathyann Harris emphasized committees only meet two more times before breaking for the council summer session. (Ordinances and Rules)
- Revisited a request to [rezone a lot where the market and ice cream shop Pizzi Farm](#) now stands. The Law Department submitted a report stating the rezoning could be defined as spot zoning, which would be illegal. Since the project's representatives disagree, committee members asked a representative from the Law Department to attend the next committee meeting to discuss the issue in more detail. (Ordinances and Rules)
- Preliminarily approved a grant of location to dig up part of Greer Street to put in water and sewer lines for a new single-family house. (Public Works and Public Safety)
- [Received an update](#) on construction projects around the city. (Public Works and Public Safety)
- Heard from former Councilor-at-Large Sally Collura on the state of disrepair of a monument memorializing Waltham author, veteran and civil servant James Fahey and discussed the possibility of installing a new brass plaque on it. (Veterans Services)

Former Waltham mail carrier sentenced for stealing prescription drugs

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • JUNE 4, 2026



A former Waltham mail carrier who admitted to [stealing prescription drugs](#) and other items from customers along his route received his sentence last Friday in Boston federal court. Michael Vernon, 52, pleaded guilty to theft of mail by a postal employee in Dec. 2025.

Vernon was sentenced on May 30 to time served, amounting to one day in prison, and one year of supervised release. Vernon also has to pay a \$1,000 fine. The maximum sentence for theft of mail by a postal employee is up to five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

More than 1,000 pieces of undelivered mail and 17 prescription medication bottles were found in Vernon's personal vehicle in January 2024. Many of the medications were for elderly customers and were for conditions including high blood pressure, mental health conditions, nerve pain and diabetes. Vernon stole mail from around June 2022 through January 2024 when he was caught.

Additional court activity

The following activity took place at Waltham District Court:

Antonio L. Osman Jr., 30, of Waltham, was arraigned by Judge Ellen M. Caulo on May 26 on a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member. The charge is in relation to an incident that took place outside of Osman's Waltham residence. It is unclear from MassCourts how Osman Jr. pleaded. He is being held at Middlesex Jail. A pretrial hearing for his case is set for Monday, June 15, and will take place over Zoom.

Shazia Qureshi, 39, of Waltham, pleaded not guilty on May 26 to a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member and a charge of assault on a family or household member. The charges are in connection to an incident that took place inside her residence in Waltham. Qureshi was released on personal recognizance by Caulo and has a pretrial hearing for her case set for Monday, June 22.

Maria Kirsanova, 39, homeless, of Waltham, pleaded not guilty on June 1 to a charge of assault and battery on a family or household member. The charge is in relation to an event that took place at picnic benches outside Waltham Public Library. Caulo released Kirsanova on personal recognizance. A pretrial hearing for Kirsanova's case will be held Wednesday, July 8.



Waltham District Court. Photo by Isabella Lapriore.

Boston Children's keeps care local at the former Waltham Hospital

 walthamtimes.org/2026/06/02/boston-childrens-keeps-care-local-at-the-former-waltham-hospital

Lea Zaharoni

June 3, 2026

For more than a century, Waltham Hospital was the medical backbone of the city. Founded in the 1880s, the 159-bed facility was one of the first community hospitals in the nation, and was where generations of Waltham residents were born.

But in 2003, following a dwindling patient count and a hemorrhage of costs, it closed for good. Despite an emergency state aid package and the board's battle to stay open, the hospital was unable to sustain its own volume. It left a void where consistent, local medical care was once offered.

Though various tenants took over certain operations of the hospital, a permanent host eluded the lot.

That was until Boston Children's Hospital stepped forward, expanding its flagship Boston operations to 9 Hope Ave. in Waltham. The institution acquired the site in 2004 and opened the following year. Over 21 years, the Waltham satellite has grown into the largest and most comprehensive of the hospital's eight locations outside Boston.



A whimsical pooch sculpture greets families arriving at the hospital. Photo by The Waltham Times.

"After the closing of Waltham Hospital, our city faced a healthcare void," said Ward 3 Councilor Bill Hanley, who [toured the facility](#) along with other city leaders in April. "Boston Children's Hospital stepped in not only to provide world-class care for Waltham kids and families, but also to become a true community partner. BCH's continued investment in social and behavioral health has made a meaningful difference, and I hope they remain in Waltham for generations to come."

The radiology department offers comprehensive imaging services. Photo by The Waltham Times.

Gregory Hamann, director of operations for all eight of the hospital's satellite locations, touted BCH's offerings. "A lot of people in the Waltham community would be surprised at the level of services we offer," he said. "It's really a mini hospital."

Boston Children's Waltham is the only Boston Children's Hospital location that offers full-service MRIs, CT scans and inpatient beds, he said. Every week nearly 700 patients visit their radiology department alone.

Specialties on-site include a sleep clinic, an ophthalmology department and an autism assessment center. The campus also houses an 11-bed surgical recovery unit and two inpatient psychiatric programs.

Smoothing the path to care

Two years ago, Boston Children's Waltham expanded operations to a multidisciplinary clinic. Each day the clinic focuses on a single complex condition — spina bifida, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy to name a few — and coordinates all relevant specialists for a single appointment rather than requiring families to schedule separately. Patients come from across the country to access its care, which aims to anticipate the common struggles for parents of sick children to preemptively smooth the path forward.

Hamann acknowledged that not everything can be replicated at a satellite location. There is no urgent care, and some services require the resources housed at its main campus.

However BCH has kept the patient in mind when possible — blood is drawn in an onsite phlebotomy clinic and then couriered to Boston, for instance. In response to community feedback that wayfinding in the labyrinthian campus was too challenging, Hamann's team color-coded the different wings in reds and yellows.

City Councilor-at-Large Tim King has watched the campus grow into a fixture of the city's civic life. "Boston Children's Hospital has proven to be a valuable addition to the Waltham community by providing specialized medical and mental health services to patients from the Metro West area, as well as having a positive economic impact by offering opportunities for Waltham residents seeking careers in the medical field," he said.

After nearly 21 years in Waltham, Hamann said he hopes that relationship endures, and that more locals learn what's already there. Off Prospect Street, the original historical entrance to Waltham Hospital still stands, preserved by Boston Children's as a reminder of what came before. The site has changed hands, but its identity as a place where the community comes to heal has not.

Future scientists meet robots, try out new tech at Waltham STEMFest

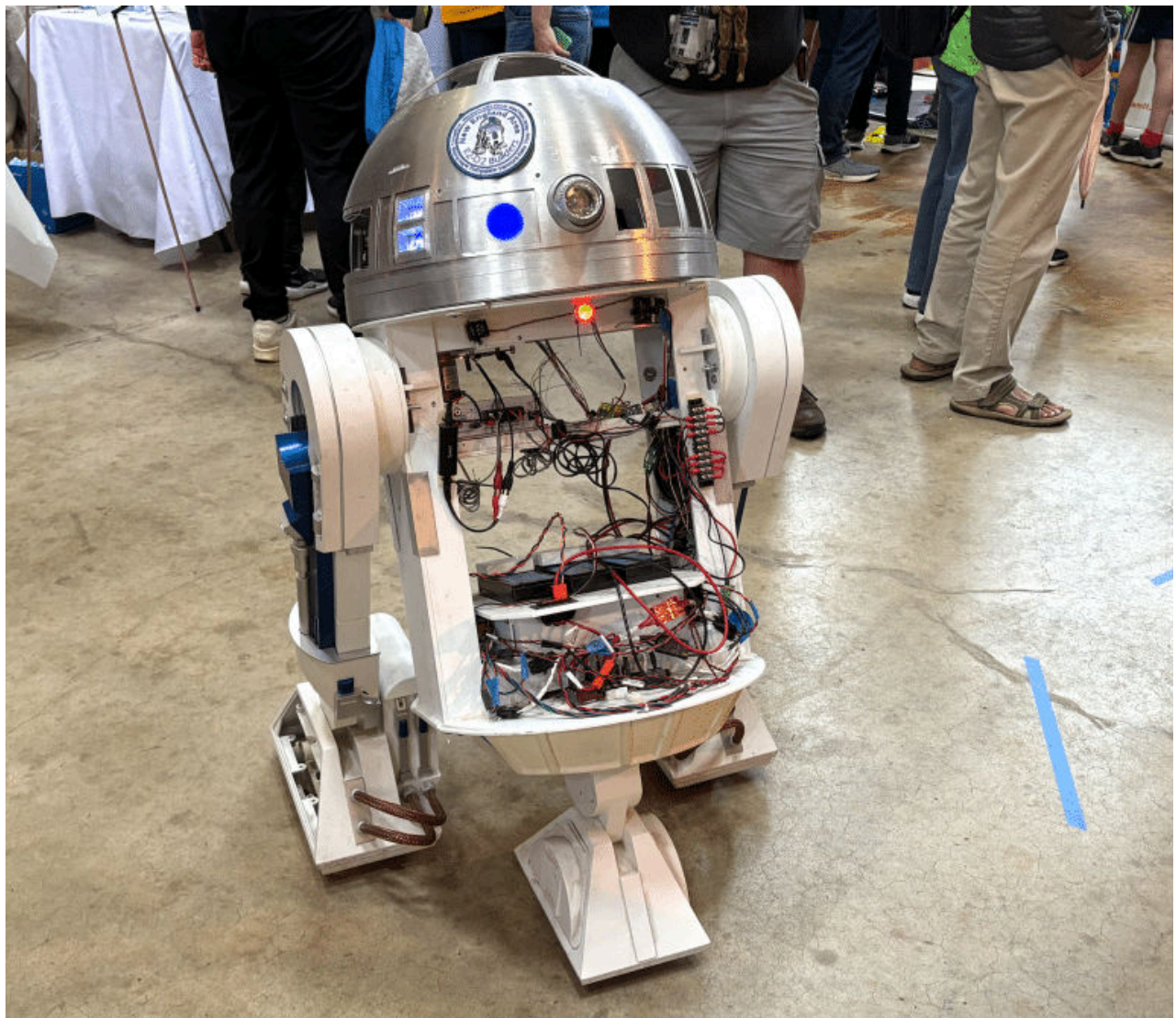


Ron Pulicari, right, marketing director at Boston Dynamics, directs the company's famous robot dog, Spot, to interact with the crowd at the NextGen STEMFest at the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation.

Spot and Code may not appreciate treats, belly rubs or rolling in the grass, but the robot dogs excelled at entertaining the crowd during the second annual NextGen STEMFest (STEM being short for science, technology, engineering and mathematics) in Waltham.

The petlike droids made by Boston Dynamics and Da Vinci Jr., respectively, were just two of the impressive, multitasking machines on view May 30 at the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation event. More than 50 exhibitors were set up throughout the museum.

"We want to get the kids interested in robotics," said Waltham resident Ron Pulicari, marketing director at Boston Dynamics. Using a tablet controller, he directed the yellow, four-legged machine to move, point, pick up objects and interact with the many families in attendance.



R2D2 from "Star Wars" interacts with the crowd at the NextGen STEMFest at the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation. Photo by Julie M. Cohen.

"We always have [Spot perform] new dances," said Pulicari. In its day job, the sophisticated robot performs such tasks as inspections.

Nearby, a familiar droid "talked" to visitors in instantly recognizable beeps and chirps. Families were delighted to greet R2D2 from "Star Wars," whose wire "guts" were visible.

While several tech companies showed off their inventions, Waltham High School students on the school's robotics team demonstrated their latest creations, including robots that simulated the behaviors of an angler fish and a crocodile.

"I love it," said 8-year-old Noelle after "feeding" her hand into the crocodile robot's mouth. She and her family came all the way from Falmouth just for the event.

Visitors could also check out other cutting-edge machines including 3D printers that produced intricate fidget toys, routers that carved chess pieces and farm robots that precisely watered plants.

"This kind of stuff is always very cool," said Bruce Wang, 12, who was mesmerized watching an xTool engraver use a laser to etch his name onto a keychain.

Bella Flannery, 12, smiled as she watched a volunteer describe how another machine created detailed wooden puzzles. Asked why she and her family drove all the way from Upton to the Waltham event Flannery said, "I'm into the sciences."

Waltham home sales, May 26–29, 2026

	Sale Date	Address	Sale Price	BR/Baths	Size
	5/26/2026	3 Lowell St Unit 3	\$956,250	2/3.5	1737 sf
	5/26/2026	255 Winter St Unit 403	\$705,000	2/2	1230 sf
	5/26/2026	648 Trapelo Rd	\$680,000	3/1	1554 sf
	5/27/2026	175 Mallard Wy	\$1,115,000	3/2.5	2488 sf
	5/28/2026	53 Princeton Avenue	\$630,000	2/1	1186 sf
	5/29/2026	31 Oakledge Rd	\$780,000	3/1	1421 sf
	5/27/2026	52 Rich St Unit 1	\$630,000	2/1.5	1418 sf
	5/29/2026	253 Bacon St	\$850,000	2/2	2503 sf
	5/28/2026	107 Clocktower Dr Unit 407	\$655,000	1/1	920 sf

	5/29/2026	32 Maple St	\$715,000	3/1	1380 sf
	5/29/2026	239 Hardy Pond Rd	\$1,600,000	3/3.5	2355 sf
	5/29/2026	51 Farwell St	\$820,000	3/2	2352 sf

	5/29/2026	435 Lexington St	\$1,199,000	4/1.5	2474 sf
	5/29/2026	10 Washington Ave Unit 3	\$560,000	2/1	1021 sf
	5/29/2026	15 Flagg Cir	\$800,000	3/2	1372 sf

	5/29/2026	20 Charlotte Rd	\$665,000	4/1.5	1500 sf
	5/29/2026	12 Curve St	\$1,205,000	3/2	2927 sf
	5/29/2026	45 Chase Rd	\$935,000	4/1.5	1716 sf

	5/29/2026	31 Warren St Unit B-1	\$415,000	2/1	708 st
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Events Calendar

June 8-July 5

For the latest and complete listings, see [WalthamTimes.org/events](https://www.walthamtimes.org/events).

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7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 📺 Historical Commission meeting 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm 📺 Waltham City Council meeting	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm National Grid — Customer assistance event 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Pride Game Night	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📺 Free outdoor Zumba class	9:30 am - 11:30 am Free health screening 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm 📺 Board of Library Trustees meeting 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm 📺 Hovey Players present Ruby Rae Spiegel's 'Dry Land'	9:30 am - 11:00 am Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School info session 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Dementia information session 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📺 Acme Theater presents 'Losing Patients' by A. Duke and Virginia Cate + 1 More	9:30 am - 2:00 pm 📺 Waltham Farmers' Market 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Waltham Forward neighborhood walk-a-thon (Rangely Acres) 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📺 Acme Theater presents 'Losing Patients' by A. Duke and Virginia Cate + 1 More	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Waltham Pride 2026 Festival On The Common 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Waltham Pride: Show up & celebrate together 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 📺 Acme Theater presents 'Losing Patients' by A. Duke and Virginia Cate
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7:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📺 Waltham City Council committee meetings 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 📺 Watch City Ukers Every Month at the Waltham Museum		10:00 am - 11:00 am Exercise and stroke recovery 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 📺 Board of Health meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Yoga at the Rose	10:00 am - 11:00 am 📺 Traffic Commission meeting 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📺 Conservation Commission meeting 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 📺 Minutemen Toastmasters of Waltham	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm 📺 "Disney's Frozen" at ACTS 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📺 Acme Theater presents 'Losing Patients' by A. Duke and Virginia Cate	9:30 am - 2:00 pm 📺 Waltham Farmers' Market 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Bike Together Waltham — June group ride 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Needle felting workshop: Painting with wool	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm 📺 "Disney's Frozen" at ACTS
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