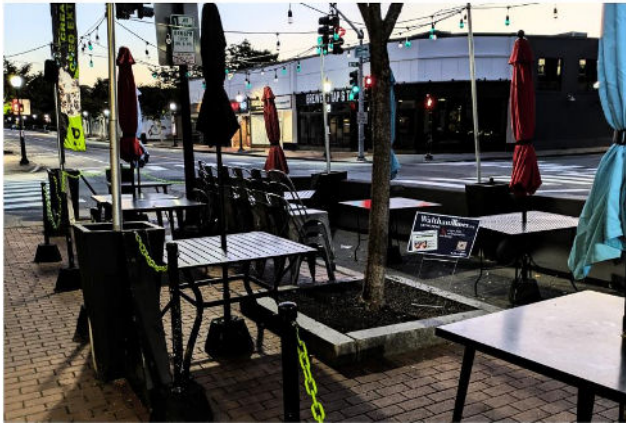




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‘Summer on the Farm’ returns with discounts for Waltham families

BY STEVE MILMORE • COMMUNITY • JUNE 14, 2026



Summer on the Farm runs weekly throughout the summer. Courtesy photo.

Waltham Fields Community Farm is offering discounted registration for select weeks of its popular “Summer on the Farm” program for Waltham residents.

The program runs from late June through August at the farm’s 240 Beaver St. campus and provides hands-on learning in a community-focused, sustainable agricultural setting for children in grades 1-8.

Discounted spots are currently available for the following sessions:

- Week 3: July 6-10
- Week 4: July 13-17
- Week 7: Aug. 3-7
- Week 8: Aug. 10-14

Children will get to experience the daily life of a working farm, helping grow and harvest food while learning about insects, composting, plants, trees, soil health, nutrition and pollinators through hands-on activities.

Led by a team of educators, each session also includes games, art projects, science experiments, animal interactions, water play and cool-down breaks with popsicles and popcorn.

Young farmers will roll up their sleeves to harvest the fruits and vegetables they helped grow, taking home fresh produce and farm snack recipes.

The program also features specialized roles for older kids, such as an Educator in Training option for 11–13 year olds.

Register [here](#). Waltham residents can receive 15% off registration by using the code 2026WALTHAMRESIDENT at checkout.

Families living outside Waltham seeking financial assistance can inquire about WFCF's "Education for All" scholarship fund by emailing jessica@communityfarms.org.

WFCF is a nonprofit organization. The farm distributes up to 20% of its organic harvest through food security initiatives, including subsidized Community Supported Agriculture shares, its Mobile Outreach Market and the VegRx program.

Blue Collar 101: The hidden work behind Boston's water and sewer systems

BY ALLIE LADJEVA • COMMUNITY • JUNE 14, 2026



In a recent job, workers removed a 20-inch valve from Boston's water system. The valve was installed in 1897, making the work not only a civil engineering task but also an encounter with the city's history and archeology.

The mix of old infrastructure, unpredictable repairs and skilled labor was at the heart of the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation's Blue Collar 101 panel, "Water, Sewer, and the Hidden Infrastructure of a City."

The event took place on June 11 and featured three guest speakers — Walter McLaughlin from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Billy O'Brien from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and Dennis Collins from the Division of Apprentice Standards.

During the event, the speakers discussed the challenges and the unseen work involved in maintaining Boston's water and sewer systems. McLaughlin talked about the scale of the water infrastructure.

"The daily consumption rate for the Boston area is probably about 200 million gallons a day. Some of the bigger towns, like Boston, obviously, are roughly around 60 million gallons a day, and then you have smaller towns, but we service about 53 communities, cities and towns," McLaughlin said.

At the museum, guests could also observe the archeological aspect of the job. A wooden pipe was on display, installed in 1790 and in service until 1830. It was used to carry water from Jamaica Pond into the city.

O'Brien discussed the unpredictability of the job, as crews never know exactly what they will find when responding to leaks. The work also involves significant safety concerns.

"But you've got to be safe, and you've got to find a way to figure it out and make sure you go home safely every night. There's a lot of stuff in the way out there, and that's why we call Dig Safe, and that's why we wait for our mark outs and our details. We do appreciate the public's patience when we get a street shut down," O'Brien said.

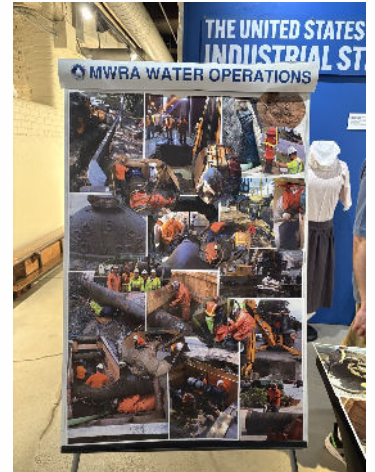


Photo by Allie Ladjeva.

Spotlighting skilled trades

The June 11 event was the second event in the Blue Collar 101 series, a public education series launched by the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation to highlight a variety of skilled labor.

Each event in the series aims to feature experts who build the physical world and who want to share their work and learning paths with the public.

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“So [Blue Collar 101] came about as a way to talk about the realities of modern industrial work. In this kind of tech age, where a lot of our technology is behind screens, it’s easy for people to lose sight of the fact that people are still doing these hard manual skill trades jobs every day, and that’s what keeps our city running,” Stephen Guerriero, Director of Education at the Charles River Museum, said.



The Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation hosts this series of events with support from its sponsor, the Lowell Institute. As the museum tells America’s industrial history, Guerriero says that this is the perfect place to “spotlight the skills and innovation of American workers.”

Blue Collar 101 events are free and open to the public. Guerriero said future discussions will continue to spotlight industrial and skilled labor, including an upcoming event featuring workers from the rail industry.

From registered apprenticeships to skilled-labor careers

The June 11 panel also focused on workforce pathways. Collins explained that registered apprenticeships allow workers to earn wages while receiving hands-on training and classroom instruction. He also said that Governor Maura Healey has shown a strong interest in registered apprenticeship, reflecting the state’s broader focus on developing skilled labor.

“Our office has a goal of 100,000 apprentices by 2036, and so we are really pushing registered apprenticeships,” Collins said.

However, there is a challenge to gaining young people’s interest in the industry and manufacturing fields. Collins mentioned that one reason is persuading parents that there is an alternative to college: the debt-free apprenticeship program.

“So it’s really getting particularly young people, because we really need to get young people engaged in the conversation of what their life could be, whether or not you go to college, whether you’re not \$100,000 in debt. So that’s part of the training that we do in the pre-apprenticeship phase to get individuals,” Collins said.

As the Blue Collar 101 series continues, the June 11 discussion serves as a reminder of the skilled workers needed to maintain the hidden systems that keep our cities running.



Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School celebrates class of 2026

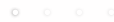
BY NEWSROOM • EDUCATION • JUNE 14, 2026



Jackie Herrera of the Waltham Family School urged CH-CH graduates to practice empathy and elevate voices that are often unheard. Photo courtesy of CH-CH School.



Graduating seniors at the Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School's of CH-CH School.



Rain fell steadily over Morgan Lawn during Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School's 198th commencement, but graduates, families and faculty maintained a celebratory spirit.

Head of School Lance Conrad welcomed attendees, including Board Chair Charlotte Merrell and commencement speaker Jackie Herrera, program coordinator at the Waltham Family School.

Herrera, an immigrant from El Salvador and a first-generation high school and college graduate, spoke about the power of listening to others' stories. Drawing on her work with immigrant families, she urged graduates to practice empathy and elevate voices that are often unheard.

"When we take the time to truly listen to another person's story ... we allow ourselves to be changed by their truth," Herrera said.

She encouraged graduates to use their education to advocate for others. "Never underestimate the power of asking someone, 'What is your story?' and then giving them the space to tell it," she said.

Salutatorian Carlos Mario Botero Muñoz, who joined CH-CH from Colombia as a junior, reflected on community and authenticity. Active in Model United Nations, soccer and as founder of the Entrepreneurs Club, he urged classmates to focus on purpose over appearance.

"Do not live only to look successful," he said. "Live conscientiously. Build real communities."

Valedictorian Jiayue "Iris" Wang spoke about identity and resisting stereotypes. A writer, mathematician and performer, Wang shared personal stories to illustrate growth through uncertainty and failure.

"Growth happens in the friction ... when you're not sure you can do this, and you do it anyway," she said.

Wang encouraged graduates to embrace all parts of themselves. "It doesn't mean anything except that you are more," she said.

Conrad returned to award diplomas and recognized Brooke Fincke with the Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall Society Prize for service to students. He also noted that 28 seniors were members of the National Honor Society.

In closing, Conrad quoted journalist Hodding Carter: "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other, wings."

About Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School

Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School, at 785 Beaver St. in Waltham, is a college preparatory day and boarding school for grades 8-12/PG. The school emphasizes intellectual courage, creativity and empathy. More information is available at www.chch.org.

Public safety report: Person injured after alleged fight on Lowell Street involving hammer

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • JUNE 14, 2026



One person was transported to a local hospital for minor injuries after an alleged fight involving a hammer on Lowell Street.

On June 4 at 6:57 p.m., police responded to reports of a fight on Lowell Street. The individual who called in the incident informed police that one person involved in the fight had a hammer. When officers arrived, there was a large group of people but no active fight.

No one on-scene was willing to provide any details to police about what happened. A hammer was located in the area, but did not appear to have been used in the fight. One person was transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Police are not actively investigating the incident at this time.

A summary of additional police and fire activity from June 2 to June 9 is as follows:

On June 2 at 10:13 a.m., police responded to reports of a sick raccoon on Brewster Road. Animal control was dispatched as well. The sick raccoon was transported to a local veterinarian.

On June 2 at 5:17 p.m., police responded to reports of a man “luring kids” at the Fitzgerald Elementary School playground. Upon investigation, it turned out to be a man who did not speak much English who was with his child trying to ask about sports game times.

On June 3 at 9:26 a.m., police responded to reports of discarded mail left at the Waltham Public Library. On the same day at 10:13 a.m., a call came in about a stolen package on Main Street. Police were able to locate the stolen package in the mail left at the library.

On June 4 at 12:15 a.m., an officer was approached by a man who wanted to turn in a rifle round that he had found while walking near the old administration building of the Metropolitan State Hospital at 475 Trapelo Road. Officers checked the area but didn’t find additional ammunition.

On June 4 at 12:41 a.m., fire crews responded to Hannaford Supermarket on Russell Street. A burnt-out motor on top of a refrigerator unit was smoking. Crews shut down power to the unit and building maintenance handled the rest of the incident.

On June 4 at 7:51 p.m., police responded to reports of vandalism on Cutter Street. Someone had drawn profane content in pollen on the caller's car. There was no damage to the vehicle.

On June 5 at 7:26 p.m., a fire crew responded to reports of an outdoor fire at Subway on Lexington Street. Upon arrival, they discovered a small patch of mulch that was on fire. Crews were able to extinguish the fire with water. The next day at 3:46 p.m., a fire crew responded to a similar mulch fire on Middlesex Circle. They extinguished that fire with water as well.

On June 6 at 6:21 p.m., police responded to reports of a suspicious incident on Main Street. Someone had broken a wine bottle and left the area. A witness on-scene described seeing a man dropping a wine bottle, becoming upset that it broke and then leaving the area.

On June 8 at 6:49 p.m., police responded to Prestige Car Wash on Elm Street. A vehicle was stuck in the middle of the car wash. Eventually, the car was maneuvered back onto the track and able to exit the car wash. There were no injuries.

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.

School Committee votes to reject mayor's budget, endorses superintendent's vision

BY LEA ZAHARONI & ARTIE KRONENFELD • EDUCATION • JUNE 14, 2026



The School Committee decided at its June 10 meeting to ask City Council for the \$136 million budget proposed by Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa for the upcoming fiscal year.

The decision is a rebuke of Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy's \$129 million counter-recommendation, which dropped several administrative positions Mendonsa views as critical for improving Waltham High School academic performance.

The school board's vote came at an emergency session called to try to resolve the \$7.7 million gap between the two budgets.

The School Committee unanimously agreed to ask City Council for the extra \$7.7 million to cover what was cut in McCarthy's budget proposal. Although McCarthy is chair of the School Committee, she did not participate in the vote to seek the money from City Council.

City councilors received McCarthy's budget proposals for fiscal 2027 for all city departments [two weeks ago](#), and councilors questioned Mendonsa about the gap at [its budget hearings last Tuesday](#).

When the council meets to pass a city budget for FY27, which starts July 1, it will not be able to directly add to the budget or cut specific line items from the School Department. If City Council decides to cut the School Department's overall funding, the superintendent and School Committee would decide where to make cuts.

Superintendent advocates for new positions

Mendonsa opened the meeting with a direct defense of her budget proposal, which included why she believes the new administrative positions are necessary. "Education today is not what it was 10 or even 20 years ago," she said. "The needs of students have changed. The expectations placed on schools have changed."

She pushed back on the perception that the new positions were bureaucratic bloat. "When I propose assistant principals ... it's because I believe they are the most important investments we can make," she said. "When the ratio between teachers and administrators is too high, the support is spread too thin."

At City Council's budgeting hearings, she emphasized that her proposal only contained four new administrative positions, adding that Waltham's ratio of administrators to teachers is low for the area. "Our

admin ratio, if you compared us to ... the communities around us, Framingham, Natick, etc., we are at the bottom in terms of the ratio between teacher to administrator.”

Budget documents showed that the positions excluded from McCarthy’s budget go beyond the two assistant principals and a career and technical education director, new positions that dominated the [debate at the June 3 School Committee meeting](#). Proposed new positions also include a special education teacher, a certified nursing assistant at MacArthur Elementary, a second HVAC teacher for WHS’s career and technical education program, an HR generalist, a graduation and attendance specialist, and a school adjustment counselor at MacArthur to help with rising admission numbers.

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School Committee member Elizabeth Aljammal asked McCarthy directly why she had reduced the budget. “I’ve been involved in many budgeting cycles, and the mayor has always prioritized our schools. There must be a reason that I’m not understanding as to what is going on this time,” she said.

McCarthy responded that she funded fiscal 2027 at the same amounts as fiscal 2026 and only made adjustments for personnel. She said she is waiting on information from the Auditor’s Department on the School Department’s finances, and until she received that information, she was unwilling to comment further.

School Committee FY27 Budget			Mayor's FY27 Budget		
Category	Amount	Variance	Category	Amount	Variance
Personnel	\$106,332,401	\$5,740,862	Personnel	\$106,356,643	\$5,765,104
Operating Expenses	\$19,668,835	\$3,914,536	Operating Expenses	\$15,754,298	0
Equipment & Unusual	\$1,345,000	\$583,000	Equipment & Unusual	\$762,000	0
Special Items	\$9,528,413	\$3,299,504	Special Items	\$6,228,908	0
Total Budget	\$136,874,648	10.98%	Total Budget	\$129,101,849	-4.70%

Photo of School Committee and Mayor’s fiscal year 2027 budgets. Photo by The Waltham Times.

Mendonsa said the nonpersonnel accounts that McCarthy funded at last year’s levels leave contractual cost increases for utilities, transportation and other operating expenses unfunded. These are costs the district must pay to keep schools running, she said.

Chad Mazza, assistant superintendent of finance, said the costs of school buses are “going up considerably” as are utilities costs, which have spiked since opening the new high school.

Council concerns

At City Council's first day of budget hearings last Tuesday, multiple councilors expressed concerns about continual budget increases for the district.

Councilor-at-Large Randall J. LeBlanc pointed out that if the school's budget continued growing annually by this year's requested 11%, its budget would double within six and a half years.

He said 11% annual increases for any city department is not sustainable, noting taxes don't increase 11% year over year. However, he said a one-time increase of that size in a given department would not "make or break" Waltham.

Some of the positions Mendonsa proposed adding, such as the two assistant principal positions in the high school, were previously proposed positions that had been cut from past years' budgets.

Mendonsa said the city would see a positive impact within four years if she received the funding needed to staff the district the way she thought it required. She added that her proposed FY27 budget wouldn't fund all the positions she wants but is "pretty close."

Ward 6 Councilor Sean Durkee urged the council to fund the School Department as requested by Mendonsa, saying it was necessary to drive improvements. "I like what I see," he added, rifling through a School Department budget handout. "For me to second-guess [Mendonsa] would be ridiculous."

School Committee clashes with mayor over proposed budget, sides with superintendent

BY LEA ZAHARONI • EDUCATION • JUNE 8, 2026



Waltham School Committee members are at odds with Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy over next year's budget and, ultimately, on Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa's plan to turn around Waltham High School's [poor performance](#).

The committee's June 3 meeting showcased the rift, as McCarthy proposed a budget that was \$7 million less than the one submitted by Mendonsa and that excluded administrative positions sought by the superintendent.

"I think more administration is not the solution," McCarthy said.

Mendonsa on May 29 proposed a revised \$136 million budget for fiscal 2027, which starts July 1. Her budget includes funding for several new administrators.

McCarthy's counter-recommendation excludes those administrative positions but adds several classroom teaching positions.

All discussion at last week's School Committee meeting centered on whether to fund the administrators that Mendonsa wants or teachers sought by McCarthy – which ultimately goes to what strategy the public schools will pursue to improve school performance.

The School Committee must resolve that hefty \$7 million gap in budgetary strategy before June 15, when the district is required by law to notify school staff of any changes. The mayor is the chair of the School Committee, as outlined in the city charter.

McCarthy's counter is a standard part of Waltham's annual budget process. Each of the city's roughly 30 departments, including the School Department, submits a budget request to the mayor. The mayor then adjusts those figures before they go to the City Council for final approval.

The disputed positions include two assistant principals and an executive director of WHS's career and technical education program.

Mendonsa said she needs the new administrators on her team to address gaps in oversight and support at WHS. For the CTE director specifically, she said the program was being overseen by a single person who also had other responsibilities, which left students without enough co-op placements or industry partnerships.

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“We’ve invested hundreds of millions of dollars into the program. Having one person overseeing that ... I do not feel is sufficient,” Mendonsa said.

Mendonsa’s budget also consolidates a director and an administrator of multilingual learners into one position, a consolidation prompted by a drop in the multilingual learner population.

Mendonsa had also considered adding an executive director of operations and an executive director of finance but dropped both before submitting her proposed budget, saying she dropped those after receiving feedback. She did not share details of that feedback at the School Committee meeting

Mayor seeks more teachers

McCarthy said she would not support the administrative additions, citing fiscal concerns. In Massachusetts, cities can only raise property tax revenue by 2.5% per year under [Proposition 2 1/2](#). Because administrative positions become permanent baseline costs that typically grow year over year, McCarthy argued that adding them to an constantly increasing school budget risked pushing city spending beyond what the tax levy could support. That would require a voter-approved override of the cap, or by cutting other city services.

McCarthy said she wants more classroom teachers, asserting that they are core obligations as opposed to multiple administrative roles that can be consolidated.

McCarthy’s proposed budget has funding for three new reading teacher positions at the high school, which she said had been discussed but weren’t included in the first draft for an unknown reason. She also restored four English as a second language teacher positions that were cut in the superintendent’s draft – a [move that drew protests from the Waltham Educators Association](#).

In addition to \$4 million in contract increases for union teachers and \$250,000 in increases for nonunion teachers, Mendonsa pushed back on the addition of the four ESL teachers, saying they aren’t needed because of the [drop](#) in English language learners at the high school.

Strategy disputes

McCarthy said she disagreed with Mendonsa’s strategy. “I cannot continue to support the administrative positions that have been proposed,” she said, questioning whether the new roles were the right solution for the high school’s performance issues.

McCarthy said the existing principals should be doing what the proposed new administrators would be tasked with doing.

She also said she was skeptical that administration drives school success. Teachers, she argued, and the quality of their experience, spur academic excellence in students.

She also said the School Committee should have asked incoming WHS principal [William Conard](#), who was hired in May, if he wanted the new administrators.

McCarthy also charged that there were communication failures in the school system, pointing to approximately \$160,000 in classroom supply funds that were unspent as of last week as evidence. She said more layers of administration would not solve that problem.

Four School Committee members pushed back against McCarthy's stance against adding new administrative positions. They argued that simply adding more teachers would be insufficient to address the high school's low performance in recent years.

"The way that our high school is working, is not working," said Tammy Wong-Bigelow.

Edmund Tarallo said he backed Mendonsa and her budget. "We've put a lot of time into Dr. Mendonsa's vision for our school district. We need more people to put our ducks in the right row. I think that's what [Mendonsa's] budget is doing. For now, this is what our schools need to get to the next level," he said.

Though he acknowledged that a larger budget would mean asking more from taxpayers, Tarallo argued the spending was essential for student success. "If I need to build a fence around my yard to keep my kids safe, I'm going to build a fence. Whether it costs more than I want to spend right now or not, I have to do what we need to do," he said.

Tarallo, who is currently dean of students at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School, told McCarthy that as someone who works in a high school every day, the extra leadership was necessary. "What we need is more assistance for the needs of our students," he said. "I don't know if we're going to need it forever, but I think right now we're at a critical time when we need that support."

In response, McCarthy at one point asked, "What's wrong with Waltham High School?"

She later added, "I understand the School Committee, respectfully, disagrees. But I'm speaking on behalf of that high school. I am, and will continue to."

The School Committee has scheduled an emergency session for June 10 to discuss how it will close the gap between Mendonsa's and McCarthy's proposed budgets.

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Comments (7)



SARAH-JANE CABAN • JUNE 9, 2026 AT 3:49 PM

Thank you for the article on this critical issue. I hope you will continue reporting until it is resolved. I would challenge the assumption that adding more teachers and decreasing class size is the only research-backed way to improve student outcomes. In fact, New York City is a prime example of a district that focused obsessively on lowering class sizes, resulting in the highest per pupil spending of any major city (~\$45,000), very low teacher-student ratios (15:1), and...worse outcomes than its major city peers. I think administrators unfairly get a bad rap in education. Sure, ineffective administrators add costly bloat. But highly effective administrators are crucial in any district, and especially one the size of Waltham. Just like in any successful organization, senior leaders set the overall strategy, look at the big picture, get ahead of emerging trends, and make sure everyone is rowing in the same direction. Particularly with the unfortunate recent high turnover of WHS principals, a strong administrative layer under the Superintendent and Principal is necessary to ensure continuity. Teachers cannot be expected to take on administrative duties on top of their extremely demanding classroom workloads. Waltham's impressive CTE program, supported through major investments in workspaces in the new building, should absolutely have a senior CTE administrator running the show so Waltham can be an even stronger CTE standout in the region. I think many Waltham residents, including myself, would consider paying higher taxes to improve the schools, and especially WHS. Bottom 10% in Mass is not Waltham strong and should not be tolerated!

Reply



BOB • JUNE 11, 2026 AT 2:12 PM

We are in the bottom 10% and continue to spend in the top in this state. Explain to me why we need more admin? More teachers in classroom gives more access to our kids. Last time I checked kids don't learn from someone in the office. Teachers are the way out of this mess we are in. Hold teachers responsible and change the culture. Hold them accountable for the lack of learning. The Mayor is 100% right! I do not support raising taxes. This superintendent is going to be the highest paid employee. She is getting 10% percent raises for the next two years. That's on top of moving expenses that were paid for her to move her. What has she done to deserve that. More admin to lessen her work? The teachers got a 2.5% raise. Hold bad teacher responsible and award the good ones. There is zero accountability to performing poorly. Both teachers and the superintendent. Until that happens the results will be the same. Thank you Mayor for not throwing bad money after bad money. Thank you Mayor for protecting the taxpayers money

Reply



BOB IRVINE • JUNE 9, 2026 AT 3:11 PM

I absolutely agree with Mr. Goodwin and the Mayor. We already have plenty of administrators and no one seems to be able to quantify their value. Houston, Texas school district has done a fantastic job increase the "learning" of their students by reducing administrators/consultants and focusing on the classroom. No need to continue to add to the education/industrial complex.

Reply



BRI • JUNE 8, 2026 AT 10:15 PM

I agree it'd be better to have more teachers – and certainly more ESL teachers than extra admin. Fixing student to teacher ratios goes a long way to helping students where they need it most by someone who is physically in the classroom with them and helps teachers from being overwhelmed. Looking at the cost difference too, it seems like a no brainer to hire more teachers. Perhaps a compromise can be reached, some new admin positions and a few more teachers?

Reply



STEPHEN GOODWIN SR • JUNE 8, 2026 AT 3:12 PM

Mayor McCarthy's recommendation to add teachers, not more administrators, is the responsible decision. Lowering the student/ teacher ratio in each classroom is the overwhelmingly recognized research-based answer to increasing student learning.
Steve Goodwin Sr.

Reply



JOSEPH GRIFFIN • JUNE 8, 2026 AT 1:50 PM

Not wishing to delve into the entire budget issue, I would comment on one area that being ESL. I agree with the Mayor that more ESL teachers should be hired. I think Superintendent Mendosa is off base when she stated no additional ESL teachers were needed due to a drop in English Language learners. One only has to venture into Hannaford's or Market Basket to see the number and diversity of immigrants in our city. It is this population that makes Waltham such a wonderful place to live and offering additional ESL resources makes an abundance of sense.

Reply



TAD • JUNE 8, 2026 AT 1:02 PM

Thanks for this important info! I have emailed the Mayor asking her to reconsider her counter, which sounds detrimental. More teachers are needed, but admins can be strong pillars and can offer strong support to struggling students AND teachers.

Reply

Senior Center this week: Summer bowling, book club and more

BY PRISCILLA ELLIOTT • COMMUNITY • JUNE 14, 2026



Medicare summer tips. Summer is here and before you pack your bags for that long-awaited trip, remember to check your Medicare Advantage plan to review emergency coverage and in-network vs. out-of-network costs. This information is easy to find in your plan summary documents received at enrollment. Also keep in mind that Original Medicare does not cover healthcare outside the 50 states, D.C., and U.S. territories, except for rare circumstances. Many supplemental (Medigap) plans cover foreign emergency care, but you may wish to buy dedicated travel insurance for trips outside of the U.S. Remember SHINE counselors are available year-round to assist with all of your Medicare needs including screening for assistance programs, reviewing claims and much more. To schedule a SHINE appointment, call the senior center at 781-314-3499. For other SHINE-related questions, call 781-453-8076 to be connected with their regional voicemail line. A volunteer will call you back.

Monday, June 15, 1 p.m. How older adults can live safely and successfully. Larry Poirier, outreach manager at Springwell with 25 years of experience working directly with older adults, will share the keys to both healthy aging and planning for your future. Join us for an informative session on navigating senior living options and key considerations for successful living in your later years. Free, but please register in advance by calling 781-314-3499.

Tuesday, June 16, 8:30 a.m. Register for summer bowling. Bowling at the Waltham Community and Cultural Center will be held on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on July 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Aug. 4 and 11. Free, but please register in person at the senior center.

Tuesday, June 16, 10 a.m. The senior center offers weekly 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, but call 781-314-3499 to register.

Tuesday, June 16, 11 a.m. Nonfiction book discussion over Zoom. This week's discussion is "Hiroshima" by John Hersey (1946), which chronicles the experiences of six survivors in the immediate aftermath of the atomic bombing on August 6, 1945. Hersey follows their struggles with injury, radiation sickness and loss, highlighting the human cost of nuclear war, with a later chapter added in 1985 covering their lives four decades later. Free, but register in advance by calling 781-314-3499.

Wednesday, June 17, 10 a.m. Phone travel tips for seniors. Join this class to learn clever iPhone tips for travel, such as how to deal with an urgent situation, prevent luggage loss, navigate roads without cellular signal and share your location with family and friends. Free, but register in advance by calling 781-314-3499.

Wednesday, June 17, 11 a.m. Scams that target veterans. How to spot and avoid scams targeting older adults who receive monthly disability compensation or pension payments. Free, but register in advance by calling 781-314-3499.

Thursday, June 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, but call 781-314-3499 to register.

The week ahead: City to discuss building purchases for new veterans' housing

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 14, 2026



Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy will attend City Council's Committee of the Whole meeting this week to discuss the proposed purchase of two houses at Mount Walley Road for affordable veterans' housing.

McCarthy requested \$1,749,800 from the Community Preservation Committee to buy the two houses at 48 and 50 Mount Walley Road. The Community Preservation Committee last month reviewed the request and [endorsed the use of Community Preservation Act funding for the project](#). City Council then approved the use of CPA funding for the project [at the beginning of June](#).

Both buildings are single-family homes. The city plans to operate them as affordable housing with a veterans' preference, with rents affordable to residents making at most 80% of the area median income. The city plans to house up to three residents in each building.

McCarthy has requested that the city name one house Mac's Place, in honor of Mac Moran, a Waltham veteran and former resident of the building, and the other Arrigo's Place, a nod to the nearby Arrigo Farm.

Below is a chronological rundown of other city meetings scheduled this week, June 15 through 19.

City Council committees

In addition to the proposed affordable housing, the Committee of the Whole will discuss multiple other matters pertaining to city land; a sale agreement to [purchase a property at 600 Main St.](#) for city offices and plans to move the Department of Public Works headquarters [from its current location at 155 Lexington St. to the former Fernald State School property](#). It will also continue discussing [locations for Bluebikes bike-sharing stations](#) around the city.

The Ordinances and Rules Committee will discuss [a zoning change to allow residential construction in west Waltham neighborhoods](#), as well as two other zoning changes [proposed last week](#) and a zoning application [for housing on the current Pizzi Farm property](#). It will also discuss raises for multiple municipal positions, including the deputy fire chief, payroll supervisor, human resources director and senior park rangers, and standardizing the name of the Department of Public Works.

The Finance Committee will consider accepting two state grants for the city's 911 program and multiple donations of historical Waltham memorabilia, as well as a request for \$125,000 in extra funding for the Building Department.

The Licenses and Franchises Committee will consider two applications for outdoor dining permits and an application to renew a lodging house permit; the Public Works and Public Safety Committee will discuss a request for a new Bigbelly trash can near the commuter rail station at Moody Street; and the council may discuss recipients for the Kevin M. Ritcey Service Award.

City Council's committees will meet on Monday beginning at 7 p.m.



Budget hearing

The city's [annual budget hearings](#) will continue Tuesday between 8:30 a.m. to 5 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 council will hear from the city's Fire and Police departments and its emergency management team; the Veterans' Services, License and Conservation commissions; the Building, Traffic, Public Works, Wires, Engineering, Law, Assessor's, Auditor's, Purchasing and IT departments; the human resources office; council President Robert G. Logan about the City Council budget; and McCarthy.

The council received [the mayor's final recommendations for the city budget](#) at a meeting two weeks ago. McCarthy's recommended budget of \$399,492,794 was \$18,392,224 less than department heads requested in their own budget drafts.

Board of Health

The Board of Health works to address potential public health problems in the city, including communicable diseases, foodborne illnesses, and housing and environmental safety issues.

Board members will hear about nine tobacco violations around the city, including two who are coming in for a second recorded offense.

The board will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday in the auditorium of the Clark Government Center.

School Committee

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

Before the committee's meeting this week, it will hold a workshop on metrics of success with Superintendent Marisa Mendonsa.

During the board's main meeting, it will discuss student handbooks for elementary and middle schools for the upcoming year; Mendonsa's evaluation as superintendent; and some donations to the high school.

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

Traffic Commission

The Traffic Commission meets monthly to discuss matters before the Traffic Engineering Department about improving the streets and infrastructure of the city.

The commission is scheduled to get a first look at plans for the Green Street, a road the state and real estate company BXP Inc. have [partnered to build](#) to connect the Rail Trail and ease traffic on the west side of the city.

It will also review four traffic plans for new developments at a [proposed hotel at 220 Moody St.](#), a [small mixed-use housing development at 719-723 Main St.](#), a housing development at 51 Bacon St. and a new credit union at 995 Main St.

It will also discuss a request for an October race run by REACH Beyond Domestic Violence and fireworks safety measures for Independence Day celebrations on June 28. It will discuss changes to a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon on South Street; consider adding a disability-accessible parking spot on Circle Drive; and hear applications to install a stop sign on Farnsworth and Bacon streets and to paint the intersection of Newton and Bartlett streets to avoid cars blocking it.

It will revisit requests for intersection improvements at the intersections of Cedarwood Avenue and Villa Street; Lexington and Pond streets; and Thornton and Florence roads. It will also revisit discussions of [gas line work on Main Street from National Grid](#), overall traffic improvements in the West End and [upgrades to the city's electric car chargers](#).

The commission will meet Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission is a volunteer board charged with overseeing environmental planning in Waltham. The commission reviews certain types of construction on or around wetlands to ensure they comply with the Wetlands Protection Act and the Department of Environmental Protection stormwater standards.

The commission will discuss, among other business, an application to take down and rebuild a single-family house on Bacon Street and an application for an underwater stormwater system and repaving work at 153 Second Ave.

It will hold a meeting over Zoom at 7 p.m. Thursday. An agenda and link for the meeting will be provided on the [commission's page](#) on the city website at least 48 hours in advance.

Waltham students earn MassCPAs scholarships

BY NEWSROOM • BUSINESS • JUNE 14, 2026



Two Waltham students have been awarded scholarships through the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants Educational Foundation's 2026 Scholarship Program.

Kyle Boulos of Babson College and Reshma Panjwani of Bentley University each received a MassCPAs Silver Alliance Scholarship, the organization announced. They were among 50 students recognized May 13 at Connect 2026, the group's annual networking event.

Boulos, a rising junior at Babson, previously received a City of Waltham Scholarship when he graduated from Waltham High School in 2024. Panjwani is earning an MBA at Bentley's McCallum Graduate School of Business.

"It's truly inspiring to see the talent and drive of this year's scholarship winners," said Zach Donah, president and CEO of MassCPAs. "Their commitment to excellence gives us great confidence that the accounting profession in Massachusetts will continue to thrive under their leadership."

The scholarships are funded entirely through donations to the MassCPAs Educational Foundation, which supports students pursuing accounting careers. Since its inception in 2006, the foundation has awarded 500 scholarships totaling more than \$2.25 million, with individual awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Eligible recipients include undergraduate and graduate accounting students studying in Massachusetts or Massachusetts residents attending school out of state. Funds can be used for tuition, books and other academic or career-related expenses.

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants represents more than 11,500 members across public accounting, industry, government and education.



Kyle Boulos,
courtesy photo.



Reshma Panjwani,
courtesy photo.

‘Voices’ storytelling show brings laughter, history and hope to Charles River Museum

BY CYD ABNET • ARTS & CULTURE • JUNE 9, 2026



Storyteller Hamida Merchant during her performance. Photo courtesy of Shouvik Gangopadhyay.

The “Voices” storytelling show, hosted by experimental theater group Off-Kendrik in collaboration with We Are Waltham’s Chandreyee Lahiri, brought tales of laughter, history and hope to the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation last Friday.

Lahiri opened the show by asking audience members to “be participants, not just passive listeners” with “open hearts and open minds.”

The show featured seven storytellers who shared personal stories in the style of popular podcast “The Moth.” The storytellers were cast and coached by Lahiri, Mahua Sen and Urmi Purakayastha.



Storyteller Shoham Bhadra during his performance. Photo courtesy of Shouvik Gangopadhyay.



The storytellers and panelists from the "Voices" show pose with a poster from the event. Photo courtesy of Shouvik Gangopadhyay.

The first story was told by Shoham Bhadra, a tech professional and swing dancer. He recounted his journey of “sanding down the foreign edges” of his name to Sho in an effort to fit in and eventually finding pride in his name as it is.

Chetan Tiwari, a civil rights attorney and writer, shared how he framed his life experience through Nazar, an unseen negative force that gets you when you least expect it, and how he eventually broke free from its grasp in an experience at his daughter’s jiu jitsu class.

Meenakshi Garodia, a multimedia artist, told a tale of how she learned to overcome the unspoken rules around female independence that she grew up with through a problem-solving trip through Iceland with her sisters.

Nidhi Lal, a family physician and clinical associate professor at the Chobanian Avedesian School of Medicine, shared the story of a client whose harrowing life experience played a part in a more holistic view of his health.

Pooja Saraff, a psychologist with a passion for dance and writing, recounted how a visit to an Indian grocery store while living in Houston for an internship created a musical community that felt like home.

Longtime Boston resident Hamida Merchant shared a story about how looking more like her father than her “beauty queen” mother turned into a gift during a period of great change in her life.

Rajesh Mirchandani, a professional storyteller and podcast host, rounded out the show with a tale of how the “magic and mystery” of a recipe passed down through generations has become a family story he continues to tell each time he makes it.

The event culminated with a panel featuring perspectives of the Iranian diaspora moderated by Off-Kendrik’s artistic director Sankha Bhowmick. Three panelists shared the uncertainty, confusion and terror of having family members in Iran amid the Iran war and internal political unrest. A panelist closed the show by singing the famous civil rights anthem “We Shall Overcome” and expressed hope that things would be better some day, though she said she was unsure how that change would come about.

At Charles River Museum, volunteer Lynn Hallen brings history to life

BY BETTY BARRER • ARTS & CULTURE • JUNE 9, 2026



There's a dynamo inside the Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation, but it's not a machine. Rather, it's the energetic Lynn Hallen, one of the unsung volunteer heroes named this spring in *The Waltham Times*. Stephen Guerriero, the museum's director of education, noted that Hallen is "humble about it, but she's a critical member of the team here."

Hallen, a volunteer at the museum since 2022, created its most popular tour, [Mill Girls in Story & Song](#).

On a recent, high-energy tour, Hallen engaged museumgoers with a quick joke, blaming her fast talking pace on growing up near New York City. She dared visitors to ring the factory's oversized bell. In front of a diorama of the factory, including its outbuildings and housing for the mill girls, she described how the young women had to dash between their dorms and the factory at the tolling of the bell at each day's start, the brief midday breaks and at shift's end. Girls who weren't quick enough to start their 12- to 14-hour workday or return from their breaks would be left outside closed factory doors and would lose their day's pay.

Hallen then delved deeper into the history and significance of the mill girls, "the first industrial workforce in the world" who apparently held [the first industrial labor walkout in the United States](#). Francis Cabot Lowell opened Boston Manufacturing Co. in 1814, a time of war and labor shortages. So he developed the "Waltham system," hiring local farm girls (and, later, immigrants) who were educated, strong and willing to work hard. The young women gained social independence, optional educational lectures and money in their purses, while performing wet, dirty and dangerous work and living under strict company rules.



Lynn Hallen, a volunteer docent at Waltham's Charles River Museum of Industry & Innovation, gave a tour on July 30, titled, "The Mill Girls." Here, Hallen is seen standing next to a recreation of a Lowell-Moody Power Loom, which was used in Waltham's Boston Manufacturing Company mill in the 1800s. Photo by Julie M. Cohen.

For Hallen, the value of the museum goes beyond mill girls and machinery to insights into how our country changed from an agricultural society to an industrial one. "This is where it started," she said.

Hallen pointed out that an agricultural society is organized by seasons and whatever tasks need to be done. But schedules rule a factory and thus change society. She explained that as society transforms, “the transformation itself gives rise to a need for more transformations. So there’s this constant back-and-forth of change happening, which I find fascinating.”

Birth of the ‘Mill Girls’ tour

For decades, Hallen was a clinical social worker. She closed her office during the COVID-19 pandemic, switched to Zoom for her patients and slowly cut back her hours. She was looking for a new activity when she noticed that the museum was seeking volunteers when it reopened after the pandemic-era shutdowns.

“I’ve always been a big fan of museums,” she said. “What I like is the opportunity it gives to people to learn things. I didn’t know much about industrial history myself [before volunteering].”

The young mill girls who operated the machinery fascinated her. According to Hallen, “The museum didn’t have any tour or anything about it. They said, ‘Go ahead and develop it!’”

Despite no recent research experience, Hallen began looking through the museum’s archives and discovered the museum performance by historian Diane Taraz of songs written by mill girls. With help from museum staff, Hallen wove together her newly gained knowledge, archival materials and excerpts from Taraz’s concert into a 45-minute tour that ranges through the museum.

Her volunteer work is both like and unlike her career as a clinical social worker. “Here I am talking all the time,” said Hallen. “When I was doing therapy, I was not doing all the talking. ... One of the things that I loved as a social worker was the stories I heard.”

As a tour guide, she still hears stories. Museumgoers remember immigrant grandmothers who worked in the mill or great-grandfathers who were linotype operators. “You get to talk with people, and you learn interesting things,” she said.

Hallen also coordinates the scheduling of private, school and group tours and helps train new volunteers. “She was an instrumental person to me right in my first week,” noted Guerriero, who recently marked his second anniversary at the museum. “She’s taken on a greater role even in my time here,” especially as a collaborative partner.

The Mill Girls tour is one of four historical museum tours available at no charge on occasional Fridays and Saturdays.

“More and more people are coming, and there’s only a few of us giving [tours]. It can be a lot,” Hallen said.

She encouraged interested individuals to consider volunteering. “People get very intimidated, thinking, ‘Oh my god, I have to know all this stuff,’ but you don’t have to know everything to begin with. We have scripts that people can look at so they can learn the stuff.”

“We can teach you all the content, but great amazing people like Lynn are here to help you if you are interested in doing something like that. We could always use more volunteers,” Guerriero said.

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DIANE STJOHN • JUNE 12, 2026 AT 9:04 AM

So fun to read about Ms. Hallen. Makes me want to fly right up there and hope there is space for me! Also makes me think of volunteering locally. Thanks for this story.

Reply



IRA FADER • JUNE 10, 2026 AT 1:16 PM

I moved to Waltham a few months ago and found my way to the Museum one cold morning. I was the only visitor, and I started roaming among the exhibits — all impressively displayed and intelligently curated. A woman from the museum came up to me, seemingly out of nowhere, and offered some insightful info about the exhibit I was looking at, and she offered to show me other highlights. I recognize now that it was Lynn Hallen, of course, and she was incredibly knowledgeable, friendly, and generous with her time. That museum is a special place, not least because of its volunteers.

Reply



MICHAEL WYSON • JUNE 10, 2026 AT 12:31 PM

The Charles River Museum is an outstanding community resource where every resident should at least monitor their website for weekly events covering Waltham, concerts, history, and much more. Find the entrance directly under the smokestack!

Reply

At the Waltham Lions Club, small acts of service make a big difference

BY GUEST WRITER • LETTERS • JUNE 11, 2026

To the Editor:

Several years ago, I joined the Waltham Lions Club because I wanted to give back to the community that has given so much to me. What I found was much more than a volunteer organization—I found a group of dedicated people who genuinely care about making a difference in the lives of others.

Today, the Waltham Lions Club continues a tradition of service that started in 1939. Through our “Hope for the Blind” initiatives (named for the late Bob Hope, who was a Waltham Lions benefactor), we help individuals with vision loss maintain their dignity, independence and quality of life. We award over \$10,000 annually in scholarships to WHS graduates. Waltham Lions directly support the Salvation Army, Waltham Education and Beyond Foundation, Waltham Veterans, Waltham Badass Warriors, Council on Aging, Waltham Boys and Girls Club, Waltham YMCA, Meals on Wheels, Waltham Rotary Club, Opportunities for Inclusion and the Community Day Center. Just to name a few.

You may have seen us at Waltham community events, volunteering at fundraisers, assisting local families in need, or working alongside other organizations to improve the quality of life in Waltham.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a member is seeing firsthand how even small acts of service can have a lasting impact. We don’t just write checks, we work. Whether it’s helping a student afford college, providing access to eyeglasses, or supporting a family facing hardship, our efforts make a real difference.

As with many volunteer organizations, we are always recruiting new members. You don’t need any special experience, you don’t have to be from Waltham, or even live in Waltham. You only need a desire to help others and a willingness to volunteer your time. Our members include business owners, professionals, tradespeople, executives, retirees, realtors, bankers, public servants, and people from all walks of life.

Waltham is a city with a strong tradition of community involvement. If you have been looking for a way to make a meaningful impact, meet new people, socialize and help improve the lives of others, I invite you to consider joining the Waltham Lions Club. Please

see www.walthamlions.org or www.facebook.com/walthamlionsclub for information.

Service is more than what we do—it is who we are. We would love for you to be a part of it. Go Hawks!

Sincerely,
Bill Hanley
President, Waltham Lions Club

Bentley University welcomes French national team as World Cup base camp

BY STEVE MILMORE & JUNE KINOSHITA • SPORTS & RECREATION • JUNE 12, 2026



The French national football team arrived Thursday at Bentley University to considerable fanfare, marking the start of its stay in Waltham as it prepares for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The French team — known as “Les Bleus” for the color of their jerseys — enters the competition as one of the top contenders.

While excitement was high among onlookers, members of the public were not able to view the players. Fencing surrounding the university’s athletic fields was covered in bright blue fabric emblazoned with “Vive les Bleus,” shielding team activities from view.

Bentley will serve as the base camp for L’Équipe de France de Football throughout the tournament, providing access to its turf fields, training facilities and meeting spaces. The French Football Federation selected the university in part for its high-quality athletic infrastructure, including modern workout facilities at Bentley Arena, as well as its proximity to Gillette Stadium in nearby Foxborough.

The FIFA World Cup, the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, kicked off June 11. This year’s tournament features a record 48 national teams competing across 16 venues in the United States, Canada and Mexico over five weeks.

Gillette Stadium will host seven matches during the tournament.



The French national team walks onto the field at Bentley University, which will serve as the team’s base camp while it competes in the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

City Council in brief: Police request up to \$750,000 of potential new funding for FIFA

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 9, 2026



Excitement is building for next week's arrival in Waltham of the French team for the 2026 FIFA World Cup — and the Waltham Police Department is bracing itself.

The global soccer tournament begins Thursday, and Greater Boston is [one of the competition's hubs](#). The French national team, one of the highest-ranked teams going into the tournament, [chose Bentley University](#) as its temporary home turf until the competition ends on July 19.

Bentley agreed to pay for additional police patrols around the university to keep visitors safe. But the Police Department is worried that Bentley is not the only place that could experience security incidents, with Waltham's extensive hotel space potentially filled with fired-up sports fans.



WPD Capt. Jeffrey Rodley this week asked the City Council to accept two state grants: A \$135,000 grant from the Office of Travel and Tourism that the city must match and a \$383,392.78 grant from the Emergency Management Agency.

“We don’t know what this is going to look like,” said Rodley. “So we want to make sure we’re responsible from a public safety standpoint.”

Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy requested an additional \$100,000 that the department can use to pay for police overtime if it runs out of grant money.

Ward 1 Councilor Anthony LaFauci expressed frustration with the last-minute funding additions. “It was always my understanding that FIFA coming to Waltham would incur no expense to the city,” he said. “Everybody along the way is making money, and we’re spending money.”

Councilors voted to accept both grants and allocate the contingency overtime funding.

Excitement for Les Bleus’ arrival

Ward 6 Councilor Sean T. Durkee said that the French team’s arrival has put Waltham into the global spotlight, and it’s an excellent opportunity to underscore its worldly history and connections.

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“We are in an interconnected global community and sometimes have a reputation for looking inward,” he said. “We have a great history [with France], and I think we should know it as we welcome the team”

Councilor-at-Large Carlos Vidal also emphasized the importance of FIFA as a global unifier, drawing billions of eyes around the world.

“For a brief period this summer, Waltham will become part of that global story,” he said.

Additionally, the City Council:

- Celebrated the 100th birthday of longtime Cedarwood resident Rose Marie Richard.
- Forwarded a list of requests from McCarthy to the council’s committees. Next week’s Finance Committee will discuss accepting multiple state grants for the 911 program, approving an additional \$125,000 in funding for city utility bills before the end of the fiscal year and accepting historic Waltham memorabilia. The Committee of the Whole will discuss [relocating the Department of Public Works](#) to the former Fernald property. It will also decide whether to use Community Preservation Act funding to purchase two buildings for rent-controlled veterans’ housing, and the Licenses and Franchises Committee will discuss renaming those buildings.

- Forwarded a request for a new Bigbelly trash container at the train shelter on Moody Street to the Public Works and Public Safety Committee.
- Forwarded two outdoor dining licenses and one lodging house license renewal to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
- Highlighted the community work of Jewish Family & Children's Service, a longtime community service nonprofit headquartered in Waltham and serving eastern Massachusetts. Ward 7 Councilor Paul S. Katz praised the organization for its "holistic and compassionate approach." JF&CS CEO Gail Schulman emphasized that the organization serves people of all faiths, backgrounds and experiences. She encouraged councilors to offer its services to constituents.
- Ratified committee decisions from [last week's meeting](#) and voted a second time to approve two previously proposed [amendments to the city's ordinances](#) about pet-centric businesses and affordable housing minimums.
- Together with the Board of Survey and Planning, heard a presentation to extend the Riverside Overlay District over a lot at 181-185 Felton St. The overlay district currently covers half the lot, and the owner, Union Avenue LLC, owns three adjoining lots that fall under the overlay. The petitioner did not specify whether it intended to use this lot for commercial or residential construction, and board members expressed concern around whether the proposal would address the original purpose of the overlay district. The matter was forwarded to Wednesday's special board meeting and to next week's meeting of the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
- Together with the Board of Survey and Planning, reviewed final language for three proposed mixed-use zoning districts in west Waltham, hearing a final round of comments on the districts from residents. The two bodies also heard an initial proposal from Ferris Development Group LLC to extend one of the three districts to cover a lot at 1432 Main St. The matter was forwarded to Wednesday's special board meeting and to next week's meeting of the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

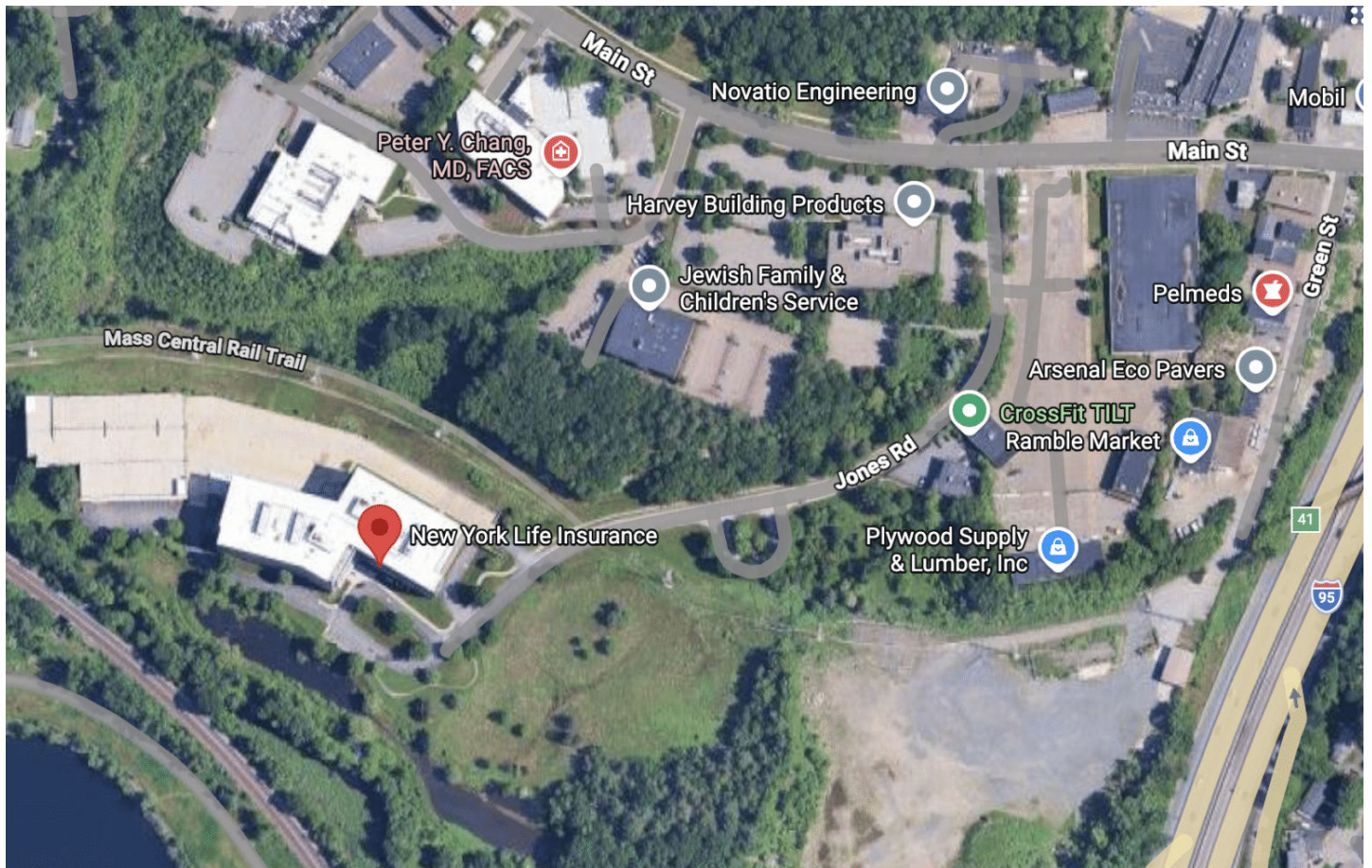
City Council takes initial vote to approve west Waltham neighborhoods, considers expansion

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 11, 2026



City councilors [at their meeting this Monday](#) took the first step to approve a plan to add three new neighborhoods to the west side of town.

Councilors voted to preliminarily approve residential, commercial and industrial zoning overlay districts that would allow housing on three lots: a large parcel of land near the Cambridge Reservoir known as [the Bay Colony](#); a lot [at the end of Jones Road](#), which branches off Main Street just west of I-95; and the area behind the Market Basket plaza [at 1265 Main St](#).



Jones Road BXP development zone. Google image.

Before the vote, the council held a joint public hearing with the Board of Survey and Planning where the companies at the center of this plan — BXP Inc., formerly known as Boston Properties, and 1265 Main Street LLC — told councilors and residents about changes they've made to the districts with the council's Ordinances and Rules Committee.

BXP and 1265 Main Street proposed the project [in December](#). Since then, the companies have presented a [mockup of what they might build on the land](#), agreed to [limit construction to a maximum of 2,000 homes](#) between the three lots, and most recently, worked with the committee on [final language for changes to the city's zoning code](#).

The council will make a final decision on whether to approve the three districts after receiving a recommendation from the Board of Survey and Planning's special Wednesday meeting. Once the zoning changes are approved, the companies will have to return to the council to get special permits for each stage of construction before they start building.

Bay Colony still stirs neighborhood unrest

Throughout the zoning process, the Bay Colony proposal [has proven controversial](#) among neighbors in the nearby Lincoln Woods neighborhood.

Two residents came to speak against the development at Monday's public hearing, reiterating worries about BXP potentially infringing on a wooded buffer zone between the development and neighbors' property, fears about damage to homes and disruptions during construction and concerns about the permissiveness of the RCI overlay districts' zoning requirements.

BXP Vice-President of Development Kier Evans assured audience members that the company will build on the footprint of the existing parking lot and will not disrupt the existing buffer between its buildings and Lincoln Woods. It plans to build shorter, lower-density townhomes on that border of the property — although Evans cautioned that BXP hasn't finalized any part of its layout for the site.

Evans added that details about construction would be part of the special permit process. He explained that the RCI districts' rules on subjects such as density were more permissive to account for the fact that BXP plans to subdivide part of its property into smaller, more closely packed lots, and that the company will face further scrutiny during special permitting.

Highway traffic improvements

The board also heard more details about nearby traffic improvements tied to the rezoning plan. BXP is partnering with the state to fund [a new connector road between Main and Weston streets](#) to help reduce traffic in the area and connect the two parts of the rail trail. The project, which will begin in July, is estimated to cost \$30 million; the state has committed \$15 million to the project and BXP has agreed to pay any additional costs.

Evans said BXP also plans to pay for smaller traffic improvements in the area, including restriping and signalization around the I-95 Weston Street exit, and 1265 Main Street plans to extend the current Tower

Road toward the new buildings at the back of its lot. The state has also committed to rebuild the Main Street bridge over I-95 starting in 2030.

Lincoln Woods resident Gerard Dufromont said this was a good start, but added that the area's roads still aren't capable of handling an influx of residents. "If you want to take commercial property and make it residential, that's fine. But let's build the structure around it [that's] needed for those people to move."

A new addition at Jones Road

The council also heard a first presentation from the owners of a lot at 1432 Main St. who want to add the lot to the Jones Road RCI.

1432 Main St., owned by Ferris Development Group LLC, houses a fully leased life sciences and lab building at street level that dips off into land directly adjacent to the Jones Road parcel.

CEO David Ferris said the company had previously applied for a special permit to build another lab in that space but the downturn of interest in Waltham lab space has made it hesitant.

He said the parcel will be surrounded by residential development as a result of this new zoning district, as well as developers building in the area through Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B, and he doesn't think he'll get interest for a lab.

The company proposes a 150-unit apartment building with no additional retail. It proposed a \$750,000 contribution as a proportional match for BXP's traffic infrastructure.

Ferris also suggested that the city ask his company, BXP and 1265 Main Street to evaluate their properties for tax purposes at an additional \$50,000 per unit for three years after any special permit is granted, paying additional taxes while they build and lease the housing units.

Resident Tom Benavides spoke in favor of the project as a source for transit-oriented housing; it sits at the intersection of the rail trail and the Fitchburg line where BXP has [proposed building a multimodal MBTA station](#).

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Zero talk about increasing the size of the police or fire department. 2,000 town homes needs a lot more police and fire. The city needs a fire station in that area. That is a long time to respond to calls up there. The city needs to do their homework and figure out what this will cost the city in the long run. New fire station definitely will be needed. More firefighters. Sub station for police possibly and more cops. These services are overlooked and they will be stretched thinner and thinner if we don't keep up with the growing of the city.

Community comes together for National Trails Day cleanup in Waltham

BY STEVE MILMORE • COMMUNITY • JUNE 11, 2026



More than 20 people marked [National Trails Day](#) on June 6 by joining stewards from the Waltham Land Trust for a cleanup along the Mass Central Rail Trail, removing litter from the stretch between Hammond Street and the reNEW apartment complex east of Linden Street.

National Trails Day is an annual event organized by the [American Hiking Society](#) to encourage people to get outside and enjoy, maintain and advocate for trails in their communities.



Bagged litter for pick-up. Courtesy photo.



In addition to collecting litter, volunteers enjoyed seeing wildlife along the trail. Organizers thanked everyone who took part and reminded the public that designated Rail Trail parking is available in the AutoZone lot at 140 Lexington St. on weekends.

Conservation Commission in brief: No barrier to Riverview Avenue wall replacement and other action items

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 9, 2026



By **ARTIE KRONENFELD**

The Conservation Commission determined that the owners of a house in the South Side's Island neighborhood can renovate their property's landscaping, pending state approval.

The commission discussed the project at 32 Riverview Ave. at its June 4 meeting. The project would replace a retaining wall surrounding the property, extend the driveway and renovate the deck and yard. It would not add more impermeable substances that would block drainage.

The project still needs state Department of Environmental Protection approval, so the commission couldn't take a final vote. Commission Chair Bill Doyle said he anticipated approving the project at its next meeting, with a provision to allow the lot owners to replace an invasive Norway maple bordering the street with a native tree without additional city permission.



Additionally, the commission:

- Confirmed it would not be involved with a development plan to renovate [a Main Street building](#) into mixed-use housing, which falls outside of the city's conservation zones.
- Certified that a project permitted on the Watch Factory property to restore the buffer zone behind the building was never started so the commission's project filing could be resolved. Commissioners explained that if there are open projects on a lot, the owner can run into issues financing and selling the property.
- Heard updates about testing work at 222 South St. for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Water Tunnel Program happening this summer.

Cummings Foundation awards up to \$225,000 to Waltham-area nonprofits

BY ALLIE LADJEVA • COMMUNITY • JUNE 9, 2026



Four Waltham organizations received grants from the Cummings Foundation: Community Day Center of Waltham, PFLAG Greater Boston, Waltham Partnership for Youth and WATCH CDC.

The four grants represent continued investment in Waltham organizations that address some of the community's most pressing needs, from housing to youth opportunities and inclusion.



They were among 150 Northeastern Massachusetts nonprofits sharing in the Cummings Foundation's 2026 local grant awards, which totaled \$35 million.

Founded in 1986, the Cummings Foundation funds 150 Northeastern Massachusetts nonprofit organizations annually, prioritizing causes such as human services, healthcare, fairness, justice, education and environment. Beginning this year, grants serve as general operating support, meaning that nonprofits decide how and where to use them.

Community Day Center for Waltham

Grant term: three years

Total amount: \$75,000

The Community Day Center for Waltham provides support, shelter and services to adults experiencing homelessness in MetroWest. Founded in 2003, the organization works to improve the lives of people facing homelessness, including more than 100 individuals in Waltham, according to the organization. The Community Day Center for Waltham offers a variety of programs, including a drop-in center and weekday lunch services for people in need. There are also substance use support services, a shower and laundry program, a seasonal night program and a case management program. The nonprofit has the highest percentage of housing placements among organizations in MetroWest.

PFLAG Greater Boston

Grant term: three years

Total amount: \$225,000

PFLAG Greater Boston works to support, educate and advocate for LGBTQ+ people and consists of parents, families, friends and allies of the LGBTQ+ community. Some of the organization's programs include monthly

group support meetings, confidential telephone support, training and workshops on creating more inclusive spaces for the LGBTQ+ community. Founded in 1973, PFLAG began as a support group and grew into a national movement. The first support meeting of PFLAG Greater Boston was held in 1978. Since then, the organization has worked hard to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ individuals in Massachusetts and beyond.

Waltham Partnership for Youth

Grant term: three years

Total amount: \$75,000

Waltham Partnership for Youth (WPY) works with young people, families and partner organizations to address inequalities and foster a sense of community and belonging for Waltham youth. Founded in 1988, WPY served as a city initiative for 10 years before becoming an independent nonprofit. The organization collaborates with more than 800 students per year, providing them with professional and personal development opportunities to succeed, including summer internships and career workshops. WPY also offers bilingual counseling and case management support for immigrant families.

WATCH CDC

Grant term: three years

Total amount: \$150,000

WATCH CDC works to advance justice and equity in Waltham by offering affordable housing, adult education, leadership development and support to underrepresented residents. It works to empower everyone, regardless of their socioeconomic status or background, by giving them a voice in the Waltham community. WATCH CDC's initiatives include a housing clinic, tenant advocacy and adult education to help residents learn English and prepare for the U.S. citizenship test. Volunteers and advocates founded the nonprofit in 1988, aiming to preserve the community's diversity.

No updates yet for Waltham Housing Authority on Marguerite Avenue units

BY ARTIE KRONENFELD • GOVERNMENT • JUNE 11, 2026



The fate of two accessible units in the city's housing inventory remains up in the air after months of uncertainty.

The two units at Marguerite Avenue are owned by the state Department of Mental Health, and the WHA's 30-year lease of the buildings [recently ran out](#). Mark Johnson, the WHA's assistant executive director, told the organization's board of trustees at its Thursday meeting that he has reached out to the DMH to arrange a meeting and discuss the units' future, but has yet to hear back.



WHA Property at 35 Marguerite Ave. Google Maps.

Executive Director John Gollinger said that even in the absence of these lease issues, the board would need to conduct property repairs and purchase insurance, which he estimated might cost \$10,000 to \$20,000 per unit. Previously, Johnson suggested they may incur even higher costs, saying modernizing the houses might cost \$70,000 to \$75,000 and the WHA could require between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to repair damage from a previous tenant.

“It needs some work, there’s no question about it. [But] the extent of the work that we’re going to do is dependent on what they want to do with the building. I don’t want to fix up a house that’s going to be torn down by them, or totally rehabbed by them,” said Gollinger.

Additionally, the WHA Board of Trustees heard updates on:

- Current renovations in WHA housing. The organization is doing accessibility upgrades at properties at Grove Street, kitchen and bathroom renovations at Beaver Brook and Hammond Street, pipe work at a Prospect Hill property and window replacements on Prospect Street. The maintenance team has received 462 work orders this month, many of them for AC repairs.
- Vacancies and requested work at WHA properties. There are 13 empty units, including units under renovation. Maintenance director Sharif Omer said five of them would be filled by the end of the week.
- The WHA’s finances, which Gollinger said were lower than expected. Gollinger said he was investigating a downtick in one of the organization’s funding streams, but the organization was also seeing higher-than-expected administrative salary costs, high utility bills from the winter months and lower rents, in part because of a lack of applicants with disabilities for accessible units. He said the organization was expecting a later installment of capital funds that should take care of any deficit.



Comments (1)



BRAD ONKEN • JUNE 12, 2026 AT 10:07 AM

Artie’s reporting on the Marguerite Avenue standstill really highlights a familiar challenge in Waltham: we have multiple boards, committees, and authorities all working on housing, but those efforts are usually separate and distinct from our broader city planning. Yet, the city actually has a local tool—CPA funding—capable of filling the financial gap. This situation highlights why the city needs a unified, coordinated framework where everyone sits at the same table to help alleviate these types of situations.

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Outdoor dining returns to Moody Street as restaurants navigate the annual licensing process

BY ALLIE LADJEVA • COMMUNITY • JUNE 11, 2026



Outdoor dining has returned to Moody Street for the summer, giving residents more options to enjoy a meal outdoors at local restaurants.

For restaurants, the return of outdoor dining is both a summer draw and a logistical challenge, requiring them to balance public interest with the city's annual licensing process.

Restaurants launched their outdoor dining options the first week in June, with some places bringing out their tables even earlier, at the end of May. While private patios can operate under permanent permits, restaurants that want to offer outdoor dining on Moody Street must apply for outdoor dining licenses each year.



Outdoor dining at Tempo on Moody Street.

Restaurants such as Bistro 781, In a Pickle, Common Good Co., Vinotta and Tempo offer outdoor dining options on the street. Other restaurants, such as Gustazo and Deep Ellum, have private patios that guests can enjoy. Amuleto Mexican Table offers both street seating and a private patio in the back.

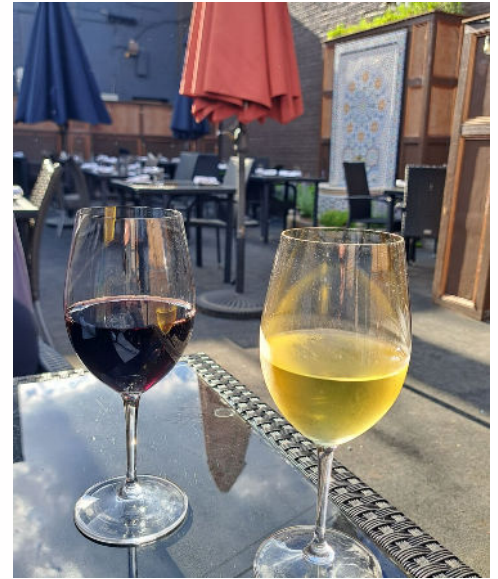
Restaurants also tailored their outdoor setups to fit their spaces while offering residents different ways to enjoy outdoor dining. Bistro 781 has picnic tables that seat up to six people each, in addition to smaller tables. Tempo offers an oasis garden with 12 tables, which can accommodate up to 52 people.

Vinotta can seat 26 people outdoors, while Gustazo and Deep Ellum can accommodate up to 40 and 50 people, respectively, on their private patios.

Bistro 781 offers a disability-accessible table at street level, and Tempo is “handicapped-accessible,” making the dining experience more comfortable for those who prefer to sit outside.

Several restaurant representatives emphasized the importance of offering outdoor dining options.

“I think summers are happier now. It’s nice to come to work. The people are happy to sit outside,” said Rogerio Padilla, Amuleto Mexican Table’s general manager. “I think it’s more than just dining. It’s an experience.”



The patio at Gustazo.

The licensing process presents challenges

Outdoor dining has been a fixture on Moody Street since 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic spurred demand for expanded restaurant seating.

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An advertisement for the Waltham Times. The background is a green clock face. On the left is a small image of the newspaper's website. In the center, there is a red button that says "CLICK to DONATE". To the right of the button, the text "Support local news!" is written in white. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with white text that reads: "Unbiased. Trustworthy. Waltham-focused news & information." followed by "While our news is free to readers, it is not free to produce. Help keep it flowing! Thank you. Your support matters." and the Waltham Times logo.

It has returned annually since then, but the city approval process for those outdoor options can be arduous, said Damian McEvoy, Deep Ellum’s bartender.

[The permit process](#) involves four steps, including a sidewalk permit application, an optional parking lane permit application, a building permit application, a seating template and a License Commission permit application for outdoor food and alcoholic beverages.

This year restaurants are allowed to have outdoor seating only in the space in front of their restaurant, and they are not allowed to extend to adjacent businesses, regardless of the latter's approval.

Some restaurants fell behind on documentation this year for various reasons, including miscommunication. Padilla said the restaurant usually receives a letter from the city, which helps the restaurant prepare needed documents.

However, this year, restaurant staff learned all the information on Facebook, which caused them to fall behind with setting up their street dining. Some restaurants said they might offer outdoor dining later this summer.

McEvoy said Deep Ellum missed the first hearing on obtaining an outdoor license due to internal paperwork delays but expects to reapply. But McEvoy also said even if the restaurant doesn't obtain an outdoor license this year, it still offers outdoor dining on its private patio in the back.

The annual licensing process requires significant resources for businesses. Padilla said the annual process can make it difficult for restaurants to plan long-term investments, especially when outdoor dining approval is not guaranteed permanently.



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Suspect arraigned in death of Waltham man who died after altercation at local gas station

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • JUNE 9, 2026



The Woodside's Service Station on Weston Street was the scene of the alleged assault on May 27. Screenshot from WCVB.

A Waltham man died due to an alleged road rage incident at a local gas station. Nicholas Dagostino, 23, of Waltham, was reportedly assaulted on May 27 and subsequently died from his injuries on May 29.

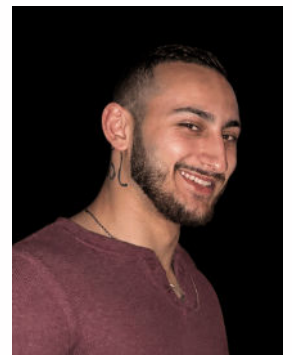
Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan held a press conference on Monday morning to announce the arrest of Timothy Scalisi, 31, of Waltham, on charges of manslaughter and assault and battery with serious bodily harm in connection with the incident.

On May 27 at approximately 8:49 a.m., police responded to reports of a physical altercation at Woodside's Service Station on Weston Street. Upon arrival, police spoke to Dagostino, who was sitting on the steps of the station rubbing his head. According to details shared at the press conference, Dagostino said he was attempting to turn into the gas station parking lot when his path was partially blocked by a vehicle being driven by Scalisi. Dagostino and Scalisi exchanged words and got out of their vehicles. The men got into a physical altercation, during which Scalisi allegedly picked Dagostino up and "brought him violently to the ground."

After the assault, Dagostino became confused and nauseous, vomiting before being brought to Lahey Burlington Medical Center for treatment. Doctors determined he had suffered a brain bleed and a skull fracture.

Dagostino died due to his injuries on May 29.

Scalisi was arraigned before Judge Ellen M. Caulo on the morning of June 8 at Waltham District Court on one count of manslaughter and one count of assault and battery with serious bodily injury. He posted the required \$10,000 cash bail and was released from custody. A pretrial hearing for his case is set for July 2.



Nicholas Dagostino, 23, of Waltham died from injuries following an alleged road rage incident. Courtesy of Dagostino family.

Ryan shared photos of where the incident took place as well as images of the vehicles driven by both Dagostino and Scalisi. She encouraged anyone who had seen anything to contact the WPD. According to Ryan, Dagostino was wearing a dark-colored shirt at the time of the incident, and Scalisi was wearing a light-colored shirt.

Waltham police Sgt. William Champion requested that anyone who was in the area of the gas station between approximately 8:40 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. on May 27 and witnessed the incident contact the WPD. Champion advised people who drove through the area with dash cams to review the footage to see if they had caught anything. Champion noted that an important piece of evidence that led to the arrest of Scalisi was captured by Flock Safety cameras in the area.

Members of the public with information can contact the WPD's tip line at 781-314-3636, email tips@police.waltham.ma.us or call the WPD detective bureau at 781-3314-3550.



Timothy Scalisi, 31, of Waltham was arrested on charges of manslaughter and assault and battery with serious bodily harm. Screenshot from WCVB.

CORRECTION: *The article originally stated that Scalisi “was ordered held at Middlesex Jail.” Scalisi has posted the \$10,000 bail and is now released.*

Comments (2)



SARAH-JANE CABAN • JUNE 11, 2026 AT 12:17 PM

Absolutely horrific and tragic. Woodside is a wonderful local repair shop and gas station that my family has been patronizing for decades. Robby, Betsey and the entire team are the sweetest people, and I'm so sorry that they had to witness this incredibly violent offense.

I hope justice is brought for Dagostino swiftly. No driving infraction justifies physical violence, ever!

Reply



KILGORE TROUT • JUNE 9, 2026 AT 8:08 AM

Manslaughter? There should be murder charges.

Reply

Volunteers needed to help search for missing Waltham man

BY CYD ABNET • PUBLIC SAFETY • JUNE 11, 2026



The mother of a missing Waltham man is looking for volunteers to help canvas the area where he was last seen. Wendy Ralphs' son, Mason James Boulay, 31, of Waltham, has been missing since April 25.

"I've exhausted all leads and feel like I'm running on empty," Ralphs said in a [Facebook post](#).

Boulay is a 6-foot-3-inch white male weighing about 170 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. Ralphs said it is likely that he hasn't had the opportunity to shave, so he may have facial hair. He was last seen in the Cedar Street area of Waltham wearing a cream-colored sweatsuit, a blue windbreaker, a green Celtics hat and black sneakers. He was carrying a black backpack.

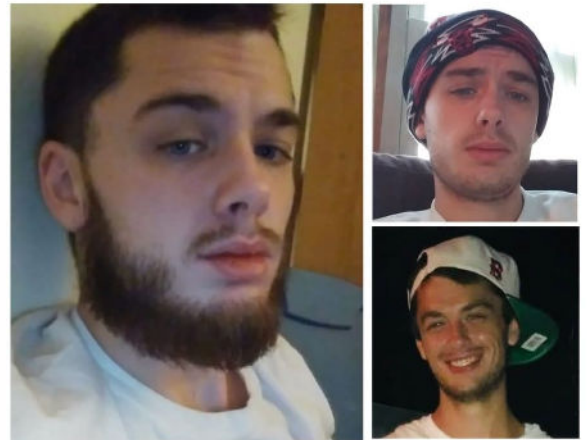
Boulay does not have his phone, his wallet or his prescription medication with him and is believed to be having a mental health crisis.

Those interested in helping look for Boulay can attend a door-to-door canvassing event Ralphs is hosting.

Volunteers will gather at noon on June 20 at 19 Cedar St. and will walk the neighborhood section by section to speak to residents and gather information. Flyers and water will be provided for participants.

Anyone with information about Boulay's whereabouts should call the Waltham Police Department at 781-314-3606. If Boulay is in immediate danger, WPD advises calling 911.

MISSING



Mason James Boulay

Last seen April 25th 2026 on foot in Waltham, MA
Male, 31 years old, D.O.B. 12/17/94

Blue eyes, brown hair, approx. 150 lbs. 6'1" tall. Having a Mental health crisis. Left home April 25, 2026. Probably hasn't shaved so beard is likely. Left without phone, wallet, money or medication. If seen do not approach just keep eyes on him & call Waltham Missing Persons Detective Dan McDougal

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Waltham-based organ donation leader named to national post

BY NEWSROOM • BUSINESS • JUNE 9, 2026



A top leader at New England Donor Services will take on a national role later this month, marking a notable moment for the Waltham-based nonprofit and the broader organ donation system.

Allison Erickson, chief administrative officer at NEDS, has been named president of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations' 2026-2027 board of directors. She will assume the role on June 22.

Her appointment places a senior leader from the Waltham-headquartered organization at the forefront of national efforts to strengthen organ donation and transplantation, as the field faces evolving federal performance standards, regulatory changes and ongoing demand for transplants.

"Ali's outstanding leadership represents the best of New England Donor Services," said Alexandra K. Glazier, president and CEO of NEDS. "Her appointment is also a recognition of our organization's ongoing commitment to advancing organ donation nationwide."

Erickson has spent more than 16 years in executive leadership at NEDS, helping grow the organization's reach across a six-state region. Today, NEDS is the second-largest organ procurement organization in the country by donation volume.

During her tenure, Erickson helped lead a major merger of organ procurement organizations, expanded workforce development initiatives and built leadership and mentorship programs aimed at improving employee engagement and retention. She has also been active within APO, promoting collaboration among member organizations and advancing leadership and operational initiatives.

Founded in 1984, APO represents the nation's 55 organ-procurement organizations and works to advance organ donation and transplantation while sharing best practices across the field.

NEDS, founded in 1968 by Nobel laureate Dr. Joseph Murray, coordinates organ and tissue donation across Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, eastern Vermont and Bermuda. The nonprofit works with more than 200 hospitals to screen potential donors, support families through the donation process, coordinate the allocation and transport of organs for transplant. It also provides ongoing aftercare services for donor families, including opportunities to honor loved ones and connect with recipients.

NEDS leaders said Erickson's appointment positions both the organization and the region to help shape the future of organ donation nationwide.



Allison Erickson of New England Donor Services (NEDS), has been named president of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations' board of directors. Courtesy of NEDS.

Events Calendar

June 15-July 19

For the latest and complete listings, see WalthamTimes.org/events.

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22 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Waltham Lions Club 53rd annual charity golf tournament 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Waltham City Council meeting	23	24 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm License Commission meeting 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Free outdoor Zumba class	25 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Puppet show picnic 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Fiber arts night	26 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Waltham Boys & Girls Club summer kick-off 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Devil's in the Details evening tour	27 9:30 am - 2:00 pm Waltham Farmers' Market	28

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