

## Ramblin' along the rails



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Scott and Linda Goff traveled from Connecticut for their first-ever ride on Rail Explorers, which debuted its "Northern Ramble" Saturday morning from the "Portsmouth Grove Station" at Melville. The company sold out its first run of tours on the self-propelled rail bikes, which took passengers for a six-mile run along the west shoreline. For more, see page 5.

## Should town reign in short-term rentals?

*'I feel I live next door to a hotel,' Island Park resident says*

BY JIM MCGAW

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For the past 31 years, Susan Panaggio has lived on a one-way circle on Riverside Street, overlooking Blue Bill Cove in Island Park.

The majority of her time there has been peaceful, but lately she's seen some unwelcome changes in the neighborhood, she told the Town Council Monday night.

"What I find unsettling is I feel I live next door to a hotel," Ms. Panaggio said. "I never know who's going to be there on any given night."

What was once a quiet residential neighborhood has developed into "chaos" over the last few years, a problem she blames on short-term summer rentals.

Ms. Panaggio said she sees people walking around with open containers, speeding their cars in the wrong direction on the one-way street, fighting outside and dragging kayaks over private property to get to the cove.

Landlords who don't live in the area appear to be running a commercial business in a residential neighborhood, she said, and other homeowners or long-term renters have also complained about how the neighborhood's character and tranquility have been compro-

mised.

"One neighbor packed up and moved to Westport after 35 years," she said.

On Tuesday, Police Chief Thomas Lee said his department has not received many complaints about noise, public drinking or disorderly conduct on that section of the street.

"We have not received a lot of calls on that area," said Chief Lee, noting that police received no calls in 2016 and two "loud music calls" in 2015.

Regardless, police will look into the matter, he said. "We are keeping an eye on it, obviously, for this summer," Chief Lee said.

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# Yuks raise money for Common Fence Community Hall

Big crowd turns out for comedy night

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Tom Stewart, one of four comics who had a capacity crowd cackling all night at the Common Fence Point Community Hall, noted that he used to be a local traffic reporter.

"Luckily I had this lucrative comedy career to fall back on — doing a Saturday night in Common Fence Point," he said amidst snickers. "I'm doing a comedy show under the Sakonnet River Bridge."

It may not have been The Comedy Cellar, but you'd never know that from all the laughter that reverberated inside the hall, which benefited from the fund-raiser hosted by the Common Fence Point Improvement Association.

The nonprofit group, fueled by a recent \$187,000 matching grant it received from the R.I. State Council for the Arts (RISCA), wants to turn the old neighborhood community center into a modern arts center serving the wider area. Saturday's event, which also included a raffle, was just one of many fund-raisers being held to make that happen.

Coventry's Ace Aceto, who's been a comic for 28 years, served as the evening's host. Besides Mr. Stewart, who lives in Cranston, he also welcomed to the stage the two co-headliners: Rockin' Joe Hebert of Pawtucket and Stephanie Peters, "The Comedy Diva," from Cambridge, Mass.

They riffed on everything from hiding from the Jehovah's Witnesses to shoplifting



"Before I start, just wanted you to know that I'm not the guy from the Subway commercials," Cranston comic Tom Stewart announced as he took the stage.



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at Shaw's Supermarket. There were also plenty of jokes about Zumba, which is a popular exercise class at the hall.

Mr. Hebert said he was happy to be performing at Common Fence Point because he was looking for investors in a new gym he was opening called "No Sweat."

"I'm glad I'm in Portsmouth because you people have a lot of f----- money," Mr. Hebert said.

He also shared his own workout regimen: "I'm 53 and I recently started running ... to the bathroom six or seven times a night."



ABOVE: Longtime comic Ace Aceto was the host for the evening. LEFT: Stephanie Peters, "The Comedy Diva," with a sandwich that she had just produced from under her blouse.

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# Design, build, test, tinker, repeat ...

Seventh-grades put their engineering caps on for fair

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Anthony Amaio tests his glider that he made for the fair.



Elise Conheeny poses with her bridge made from spaghetti.



Isabel Petrou holds up her one-legged table design.

Ryleigh Hackley and Emma Myers used half a box of spaghetti strands to build a bridge less than 20 inches long, but which supported 11.6 pounds of added weights.

Just think what they could have achieved using manicotti.

Nearly 200 students participated last Thursday in Portsmouth Middle School's Seventh-Grade Engineering Fair, showing off their designs for a bridge, glider, boat or table.

Kim O'Neill spearheaded the engineering fair along with fellow science teacher Melissa Gendreau. She said seventh-graders previously worked only on experiments, and the new focus on engineering is in response to the new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) the district must follow.

"It was also a little more collaborative," Ms. O'Neill said. "They worked with partners, so they also got that understanding about team-building and the connection to the real world in compromising."

Erin Escher, the district's K-8 science instructional coach, said the fair also ties into Portsmouth's STEAM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) initiatives because the projects involved all those disciplines.

"The students were given a few different challenges to choose from — bridge-building or making a sturdy structure out of paper products, or trying to get a boat to hold the most pennies while learning about density and buoyancy," Mr. Escher said. "They went through that engineering and design process where they had constraints and criteria they had to follow. They did the background research and had to ask questions and plan through sketching and creating a blueprint. Then they started testing and went through different iterations just like a real engineer would."

In some cases, students used their smart phones to create time-lapse videos or stop animation, he said.

Just like any engineer would do, students kept tinkering and making adjustments to improve their projects.

Ryleigh and Emma's first attempt at a bridge — they decided on a truss design after doing research — held only 5.2 pounds of weight. But adding another layer of spaghetti in the base and reinforcing the sides, it could carry 11.6 pounds.

### Can always do better

Willem Witteveen made a glider with wings made from Styrofoam, the body from popsicle sticks and the center from straws. It had a wingspan of 22 centimeters and flew 19.5 feet with a flight time of five seconds, he said.

The flight distance surpassed the criteria of 12 feet, but Willem said he could do better next time. "I would put the weight more

toward the center and make the wings a little bit more sturdy," he said, acknowledging the plane was "a little banged up" from all the test flights.

A glider designed by AJ Amaio and Olivia MacDonald managed to fly 24 feet and hit an "X" at 12 feet away. While some other students made planes that flew up to 45 feet, AJ said he was still proud of the distance his team's plane managed to clear.

"The first one we designed could barely fly 12 feet, so we went twice that distance," said

AJ, adding that he used "lots of hot glue," which helped keep the plane intact during the test flights.

Elise Conheeny was surprised that the spaghetti bridge her team built could hold so much weight — nine pounds.

"If we could change anything we would have put more support on the bottom because the bridge was bending because of the weight," Elise said.

Although Elise wasn't sure what kind of career she'd like to go into later on — "Maybe

a teacher; I have no idea," she said — she certainly saw the appeal in engineering.

"It was actually a lot of fun to build, and I learned a lot," she said.

Ms. O'Neill said she could see the students get a thrill out of learning something new and seeing improved results with each adjustment.

"The kids were super engaged; they really enjoyed that actual building piece where they got to start from scratch and try it. Most of them didn't have a successful first round — it didn't fly far enough or hold enough weight — but they went back and tweaked their designs," she said.

"You could definitely see, when they were working, light bulbs going off and kids getting excited. There's definitely excitement about success."

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# Town defends bookkeeping on 'Heidi Drive' payout — again

*We have done nothing to bring shame to Portsmouth,' manager says*

BY JIM MCGAW

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Hoping to finally put to rest any lingering questions about the \$800,000 "Heidi Drive settlement," Town Administrator Richard Rainer Jr. explained in greater detail Monday night how the town accounted for the payout in its budget.

The bottom line, Mr. Rainer reiterated to the Town Council, was that the town followed protocol and shouldn't be held under a cloud of suspicion.

"We have done nothing to bring shame to Portsmouth. Everything we have done has been in accordance with Rhode Island state law," the administrator said.

Finance Director John Menke, who was hired after the Heidi Drive settlement was made, agreed. Mr. Menke said he contacted the office of the state auditor general, who assured him the town's financial reporting is in compliance with the law.

"For accounting purposes, the Town of Portsmouth did no wrong," he said.

Questions regarding the accounting methods the town used to pay Rhode Island Nurseries the settlement, which followed litigation over a paper road a previous council voted to abandon in 2011, were first raised at the March 27 meeting by Larry Fitzmorris of Portsmouth Concerned Citizens.

He accused the town of running a deficit of nearly \$700,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016 without reporting it publicly or to the state, as required by law. Mr. Fitzmorris said he first learned of the shortfall when he read the town audit prepared by Marcus, LLP that was presented to the council Jan. 23.

Town officials countered there never was any budget deficit to disclose. In fact, the town finished the fiscal year with \$178,400 surplus in its operational budget, according to Mr. Rainer and Council President Keith Hamilton.

Mr. Rainer explained that the \$800,000 settlement was reached on Oct. 13, 2016, after two mediation sessions with Rhode Island Nurseries. The settlement had to be

paid within 30 days, which took officials by surprise since they were hoping to make the payout in increments over time, said Mr. Rainer. The money was paid via wire transfer, he added.

## Calendar year vs. fiscal year

The fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, but under accounting regulations Marcus, LLP had to take into account all transactions through Dec. 31, the end of the calendar year. That's why \$699,863 shows up in the audit as a "subsequent event" and not as a deficit, Mr. Rainer said.

James Wilkinson of Marcus LLP acknowledged the bookkeeping procedure can appear confusing, but that it follows proper rules of accounting.

As for where the money for the settlement came from, \$200,000 had already been set aside in anticipated legal fees and the remaining \$600,000 was taken from a bond for the construction of a new police station, he said. The bond resolution was presented to the council in open session by Interim Finance Director David Faucher on Nov. 28.

The resolution made it clear that a \$600,000 appropriation from the bond would be used for the settlement, Mr. Rainer said.

Despite Mr. Rainer's explanation, Mr. Fitzmorris said there were still "outstanding issues" regarding the town's bookkeeping.

"Moving a charge backward in time to another fiscal year is unusual," he said.

Mr. Hamilton, however, said the discussion had run its course.

"There was, A) no hanky-panky; and B) the people were paid," he said. "I think we've killed this horse."

Council member Linda Ujifusa said since Mr. Fitzmorris wasn't alleging that any harm had done to the town's citizens, been the council should move on. The decision in 2011 to abandon the Heidi Drive extension, which cost the town \$800,000, is what should anger residents, she said.

Council member Elizabeth Pedro took issue with those remarks. "I do not appreciate Ms. Ujifusa's comments, which are political grandstanding," she said.

"It's a statement of fact," Ms. Ujifusa replied.

## RENTALS: 'I just think it's time for Portsmouth to reign this in'

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Ms. Panaggio noted that Newport and Middletown have tightened or reviewed their ordinances regarding short-term summer rentals, and said Portsmouth should do the same. Such ordinances address things like parking requirements, occupancy limits, trash disposal and col-

lecting information about individual tenants.

"I just think it's time for Portsmouth to reign this in," Ms. Panaggio said. "The time has come for Portsmouth to give us permanent year-round taxpaying residents some relief."

Council President Keith Hamilton said Town Planner Gary Crosby and Director



A section of Riverside Street overlooking Blue Bill Cove in Island Park has developed into "chaos" over the last few years due to short-term rentals, a resident complained to the Town Council Monday night.

of Business Development Richard Talipsky have already begun studying the issue to determine whether the town needs to consider any ordinance changes.

Mr. Crosby, who said he's still reviewing the magnitude of the problem, has found 25 full-house Airbnb rentals in Portsmouth. Of those, more than half are on the west side and south of Town Hall, while nine are in Common Fence Point and Island Park, he said. He said, however, there are far more short-term rentals locally than just those offered by Airbnb.

Council member David Gleason said he sympathized with Ms. Panaggio's plight. In his Common Fence Point neighborhood, he said, concerns have been raised about a bank-owned property that apparently is still being rented out.

"We had one drug overdose in this particular house," said Mr. Gleason, who agreed that the town needs to scrutinize short-term rentals.

## Cars blocking access

Council member Paul Kesson, who referred to Ms. Panaggio's one-way circle as "the lollipop," noted the road is

jammed with vehicles because there's nothing but on-street parking there.

"I don't even know how you get a rescue truck down there," he said. "You have to include public safety in this discussion."

Ms. Panaggio agreed, saying there are seven to 10 people crammed into one house and their vehicles are also blocking access to the water.

On a motion by council member Linda Ujifusa, the panel voted 7-0 to direct town staff to review Ms. Panaggio's concerns about short-term summer housing rentals and determine which ordinances, if any, need to be revised and make a recommendation including new proposed draft ordinances and possibly enforcement changes.

(It was not part of the motion, but Acting Director of Public Works Brian Woodhead also agreed to have one-way signs installed on Ms. Panaggio's street. Currently there is a "Do Not Enter" sign on one side of the circle.)

Mr. Hamilton told Ms. Panaggio, however, that any new ordinance wouldn't be in place by this summer.

Ms. Panaggio said she understood.

"I just want to start moving in the right direction," she said.

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# First 'Explorers' ride the rails along west shoreline

*New business sells out first tours*

**BY JIM MCGAW**

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Matt Shaw lives 90 minutes away from Portsmouth in Northborough, Mass., but said he had to make the trip after reading about a new thing called Rail Explorers on the internet.

"We got a group together to come down to celebrate our friend Will's 30th birthday," said Mr. Shaw. "He's a huge train fan, so we were all very excited to come up. His fiancée, Sam, planned it."

No, he said. He had never done anything like this before.

"It just seemed like a really fun thing to do for a birthday party," he said.

The "eco-tourism business" owned by the husband-and-wife team of Mary Joy Lu and Alex Catchpoole began its first "Northern Ramble" runs Saturday morning from the "Portsmouth Grove Station" at 1 Alexander Road at Melville.

The business has operated since 2015 in the Adirondacks, between Saranac Lake and Lake Clear, and plans to also start tours in the Catskills this year in addition to Aquidneck Island.

Before posing for the official ribbon-cutting photo with the first group of passengers, Ms. Lu said she was excited for the first day in Portsmouth.

"It's going really well," she said. "The first tour of our first day in Rhode Island is sold out. Our team is learning the ropes. We've got some experienced people who we brought from the Adirondacks and then we've got about 16 new hires here in Portsmouth."

Rail Explorers use "rail bikes" of various sizes that have four steel wheels, hydraulic disc brakes and pedals for each seat. All passengers must wear seat belts and one person in each car manages the brake.

"Right now for this season we're going to end at Anthony Road, on the other side of the Montaup Golf Club. We go six miles north and the passengers disembark and our bus, our coach, will be waiting for them. At the same time, we'll be delivering the next tour group out," Ms. Lu said.

The rail cars go in only one direction. "We have a hydraulic turntable on both locations, so when you get up there the guides



PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

The Rail Explorers staff and their first passengers celebrate by cutting the ribbon prior to the first ride on Saturday.



Deputy operations manager Michelle Tebbets (left) and Hannah Cook-Dumas prep the rail bikes for the first ride.



Railway riders zip their way up the track heading north towards Anthony Road. The "rail bikes" are various sizes that have four steel wheels, hydraulic disc brakes and pedals for each seat. All passengers must wear seat belts and one person in each car manages the brake.

turn the rail bikes around and bring them back," she said.

The tours, available through November, take about two hours and the rail cars travel at about 6 mph. Flaggers are posted at various intersections for safety's sake.

### Parking and depot

There were four tours Saturday from Melville, which now has a small train depot

shack that was built by Bill's Sales in Portsmouth.

"We're going to wait a few weeks and paint it when the weather gets warmer," said Ms. Lu.

J.A.M. Construction Company, Inc. built a 400-foot parking lot just east of the depot and also put down seashells and did the grading.

Rail Explorers is partnering with Newport

and Narragansett Bay Railroad, which runs the Newport Dinner Train on the same line.

It costs \$125 for a four-person rail bike, \$75 for a two-seater and \$45 for a single "VIP jump seat."

Ninety-minute tours of the "The Southern Circuit" — heading south from the Melville station — will begin on June 28.

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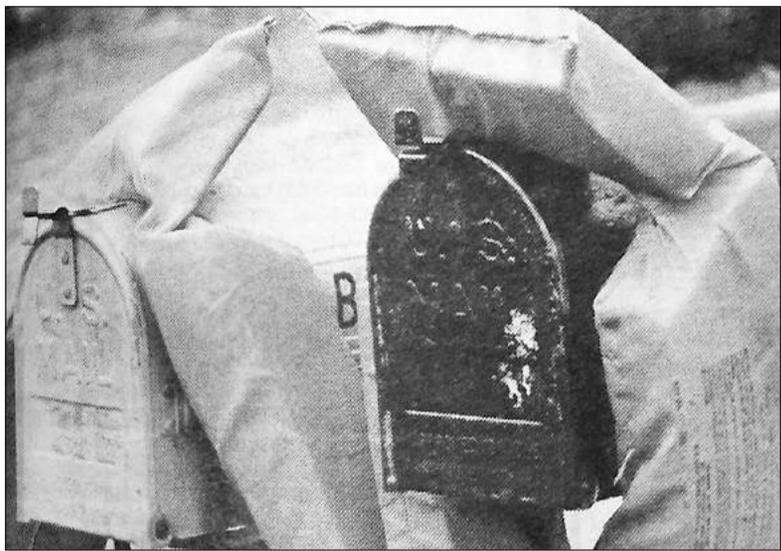
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# Opinion



## Nautical mailboxes

Two Common Fence Point residents only slightly exaggerated a flooding problem on Greenfield Avenue after a rainstorm 30 years ago. This photo ran on the front page of the April 16, 1987 issue of The Sakonnet Times.



## A place for seniors

Barbara Porter, site manager for a new Portsmouth senior center that took root 40 years ago at St. Anthony's Community Center on East Main Road, serves lunch to several elderly residents. Self-Help Inc., a federally funded program overseen by the R.I. Division of Aging, was hosting daily lunches and afternoon social activities at the time. A permanent senior center was later established at the former Anne Hutchinson School on Bristol Ferry Road. This photo appeared in the April 14, 1977 issue of The Sakonnet Times.

## On this day in Portsmouth history ...

- May 2, 1976: "Black Regiment" monument at Patriots Park is dedicated.

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Third-graders Brady MacDonald, Ava Welker and Luke Harkins (from left) pop balloons during a pre-PARCC testing party last week.

## Pumped up for PARCC

Hathaway School held a surprise party for its third-graders last Thursday to get them "pumped up" for the statewide PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing that was held this week. The students were cheered on by the entire school in the hallway as they made their way to the cafeteria for a photo booth, healthy snacks, yoga and more.



Third-grader Victor Waycuilis (center) and his classmates make their way through the hallway during the celebration.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Editorial on Sheriff Hodgson was off the mark

#### To the editor:

My father was a World War II veteran who worked many years in one of those jails (Ash Street, New Bedford, Mass.) which is now being overseen by Sheriff Hodgson. ("Sheriff Hodgson: Too much time on his hands," April 6, 2017 editorial)

He took an early retirement after being shot during an escape by one of the inmates. Too bad he is

no longer with us as he could arrange for you to help serve coffee and orange juice to those nice people being held against their will behind locked doors and bars.

How about, sit down with them and watch some TV? Perhaps you would like to enjoy some exercise with them and yuk it up in the weight room? Better yet, wouldn't you like to spend a few months in charge of these nice people in one

of our prisons?

Yeah, too bad my dad is no longer with us. I'm sure he'd like to comment on what you had to say about sheriffs and inmates. Then again, your readers wouldn't get to see it because it would be unprintable. My guess, there are other people who don't much care for some of your stinkin' editorials.

Joseph J. Barek, Jr.  
155 Watson Drive

### President Trump's war on my students

#### To the editor:

I teach at UMass Dartmouth. I am in the business of preparing students for their future (some of whom may be your sons and daughters), an enterprise that only makes sense when they can have some sense of the future, some stable sense

of it.

President Trump's Tuesday announcement to roll back the Clean Power Plan throws that future out the window. I am appalled at the environmental recklessness of this president, as anyone with a shred of care for the future would be.

I hope that the American people will stop him, and in so doing restore to the American people and the world a sense of hope for a somewhat stable future.

Thank you.

Jerry Blitefield  
Warren



## I'll get you, my pretty!

Charlie Silveria, as the Wicked Witch, comes up with a plan to get the ruby slippers back from Dorothy in the Portsmouth High School Drama Club's production of "The Wizard of Oz," held Friday through Sunday at the school. **ABOVE:** Liam Bixby as Scarecrow, Kaitlin Costa as Dorothy, Olivia Brennan as the Lion and Ryan Alexander as Tin Man (from left) sing "We're Off to See the Wizard."



PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

### POLICE REPORT

# Police: Woman left scene of accident with young child in tow

A local woman faces numerous charges after she fled her car with a 2-year-old child in tow following an accident on Route 24 Sunday night, according to police.

**Elizabeth A. Lan**, 30, of 10 Point Road, Apt. 2, was charged with driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident with damage resulting to the other vehicle, resisting arrest and refusal to submit to a chemical test following the two-car accident shortly before 9 p.m.

When police arrived they found one of the drivers, a 46-year-old Providence man, out of his vehicle. He had multiple lacerations and was transported to Rhode Island Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

According to a witness on the scene, the operator of the other vehicle — later identified as Ms. Lan — tried to drive away after the crash but her car broke down, police said. She then exited the vehicle with a young child and ran into the woods nearby, the witness told police.

Police said they later found Ms. Lan and her 2-year-old child in the brush. She cursed at police, swung her arms and tried to kick two officers, according to police.

During a search of the vehicle, police said they found several empty nip bottles.

The R.I. Department of Children, Youth and Families was notified of the incident and the child was turned over to her grandparents at the police station, police said.

*Here some more highlights from the Portsmouth Police reports from over the past week.*

#### Thursday, April 6

**Todd D. Carvalho**, 34, of 42 Bay St., Tiverton, was charged shortly after 8 a.m. on two bench warrants issued from 2nd District Court, and driving with a suspended license. Police said they stopped the vehicle Mr. Carvalho was driving on Heddy Street because he wasn't wearing a seatbelt.

**Manuel J. Soares**, 60, of 237 Sprague St., was

charged at 9:48 p.m. with domestic disorderly conduct after police received a report of a woman being chased by a man in the area of Sprague Street and Bristol Ferry Road. A 911 caller told police the man appeared to have roughly pulled the woman into a truck before leaving the area following a yelling match. Police later found the truck in Mr. Soares' driveway, with the pair inside. Police said there was no evidence that a physical altercation had taken place.

#### Sunday, April 9

**Miguel A. Martinez**, 38, of New Bedford, was charged on a warrant out of West Warwick after his car was stopped for speeding on West Main Road near Twin Lantern Cabins shortly before 1 a.m. Police said the warrant was for domestic vandalism and domestic disorderly conduct. During a search of the vehicle, police said they found a small bag of marijuana in the center console. Mr. Martinez was also cited for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.

**Richard A. Santos Jr.**, 26, of 23 Willow Lane, was charged with driving while intoxicated around 11:40 p.m. after his pickup truck left the lane of travel and came too close to other vehi-

cles, police said. The truck was stopped on East Main Road near Dexter Street. Mr. Santos was also charged with several roadway violations, police said.

#### Monday, April 10

A chicken that flew its coop on East Main Road was later returned to its rightful owner. Police received a call from a woman who said a chicken was running loose in her yard, but she didn't know who owned the fowl. Animal Control Officer Elizabeth Futoma secured the chicken in the outside kennel at the police station and left a phone message with the owner of a chicken coop she spotted nearby. The owner came to the station to retrieve the bird around 11:15 a.m. Officer Futoma warned the chicken's owner to fix the coop's enclosure to prevent future escapes.

**Mario J. Amaral**, 48, of 28 Taddy Ave., Warren, was charged at 10 a.m. on a bench warrant issued by 6th District Court. Police stopped his vehicle on West Main Road at Turkey Hill because it had no inspection sticker, as well as multiple registration stickers on the rear registration plate. Mr. Amaral was also cited for driving after his license had been suspended (second offense), driving an

unregistered vehicle and having no proof of insurance.

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# Common Fence Music presents singer/songwriter John Gorka on April 22

Common Fence Music will present singer/songwriter John Gorka on Saturday, April 22, as part of the "CFM Best of New England" mini-series highlighting the talents of high caliber folk music artists from the five New England states.

With a career spanning three decades, John Gorka is a master of wordplay, skillfully interweaving story, poetry and song. He demonstrates an effortless ability to shift between humor and beauty, wooing audiences with his rich baritone and versatility on piano and guitar.

After building a reputation as an acoustic folk singer and songwriter during the late 1970s and early '80s, John's first album was released to much acclaim. Signing with High Street Records (an imprint of Windham Hill) in 1989, he worked tirelessly in the studio and on the road, developing a following that earned him popularity and success during the 1990s' Folk Revival. He joined the ranks of such notable folk artists as Suzanne Vega, Bill Morrissey and Shawn Colvin, and shared tours of the United States and Europe with numerous friends, including Nanci Griffith and Mary Chapin Carpenter.

He landed a music video for the single

"When She Kisses Me" on VH-1 and CMT, and was featured on "Austin City Limits," CNN and other television programs. Rolling Stone called him "the pre-eminent male singer/songwriter of the new folk movement."

He released five albums between 1998 and 2010, and enjoyed collaborations with Ani DiFranco, Alice Peacock and Patti Larkin. In 2010, he and friends Lucy Kaplansky (who will be performing at Common Fence Music on Saturday, April 29) and Eliza Gilkyson released an album together.

Shows begin at 8 p.m. at the Common Fence Point community hall, 933 Anthony Road, with doors opening at 7. Tickets for performances can be purchased in advance by visiting [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) and searching Common Fence Music or can be purchased at the door.

Common Fence Music is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1993. Seasonal soups, homemade refreshments and soft drinks are available for purchase at the picnic series. Concert-goers are invited to bring food and beverages to enjoy during the performances.

For more information, visit [www.CommonFenceMusic.org](http://www.CommonFenceMusic.org) or call 683-5085.



PHOTO BY JOE DEL TUFO

A long-time friend of Common Fence Music, John Gorka continues to build a following of loyal and affectionate fans with his understated stage presence and memorable melodies.

## SENIORS

### Parkinson's support group meets Wednesday

A Parkinson's support group open to caregivers and those living with Parkinson's meets on the third Wednesday of each month, April 19, at 10 a.m. at Atria Aquidneck Place, 125 Quaker Hill Lane. All are welcome.

### Senior center has lunch, fitness, bingo

The Portsmouth Multi-Purpose Senior Center at 110 Bristol Ferry Road is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. The self-supporting, nonprofit agency that

strives to meet social, educational and nutritional needs of senior citizens.

You don't have to be a Portsmouth resident to join, but you must be 55 years and older. All listed events and trips at the senior center are open to the public.

Annual membership dues are \$15 (July 1 to June 30).

For more information about events and activities, or other services provided by the center, call the office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at 683-4106.

The thrift shop is open on Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch). Donations can be

made only during those hours.

SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) counselor Pat Walker is at the center on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. SHIP specializes in health insurance plans, such as Medicare Part A, B, C and D, Medicare Advantage and several supplemental plans. She also can help you with your medical bills. Call Pat at 644-3317 to schedule an appointment.

Portsmouth Café luncheon meals are served to those 60 and older or the disabled at noon on Monday to Friday.

Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. Call 683-4106. You do not have to be a member of the senior center. The suggested donation for the meal is \$3.

#### Ongoing events

The fitness center is open daily for members only from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Check in with the office prior to using the room for policy and procedures.

On Thursdays, chorus meets at 9:30 a.m. with chorus Director Josephine Vierra. Bunco is at 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

On Fridays, cardio exercise with Stephanie Synnott is from 9 to 10 a.m. It is \$3; \$2.50 for members.

On Mondays, line dancing with Rose Northup is from 10 to 11:15 a.m. It is \$3; \$2 for members. Adult coloring is at 1:15 p.m.

Bridge is played at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays. Cards are played on Thursdays at 1 p.m.

Billiards are at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

On Tuesdays, Zumba Gold with Cheryl Kearns is at 9:30 a.m. for all ages and abilities. It is \$3; \$2.50 for members. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support group meets at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Chair yoga exercise with Kathryn Ward is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is \$3; \$2 for members.

On Wednesdays, t'ai chi with Jessie Harding is from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and is \$3; \$2.50 for members. Bingo is at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Pitch (Ho-Lo-Jack) is at 6:30 p.m.

Blood pressure screenings are from 11 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month. They are open to the public.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



### Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

### Victims Assistance Program

The Rhode Island Public Safety Grants Administration Office (PSGAO) announces the availability of \$7,096,631 in funding under the Federal FY-2017 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victims Assistance Program. The PSGAO seeks proposals for programs that provide direct services to victims of violent crime including, but not limited to: child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, adult sexual assault, elderly abuse, adults molested as children, DUI/DWI, hate/bias crime, gang violence, survivors of homicide victims, robbery, assault, and program advertising. Specifically, \$7,096,631 in VOCA funds are intended to support new projects and/or strengthen existing programs including, but not limited to: crime victim outreach, coordination of victim services, efforts to prevent re-victimization through training, and management software.

The grant applications process for VOCA-FY-17 has begun.

For an application, or for more information about the program, the application process, eligibility guidelines, and project restrictions please visit the PSGAO website at <http://psga.ri.gov>

Applications can be requested by contacting the VOCA Program Administrator, Joseph L. Persia at (401)764-5797 [joseph.persia@ripsga.gov](mailto:joseph.persia@ripsga.gov); or PSGAO Administrative Manager, Michael Hogan, at (401)764-5794 [michael.hogan@ripsga.gov](mailto:michael.hogan@ripsga.gov)

#### Submit completed applications to:

VOCA Program Application  
Public Safety Grants Administration Office  
Department of Public Safety, Central Management Office  
311 Danielson Pike  
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By 3:00 PM, Friday May 12, 2017

## AT THE LIBRARY

### School vacation week fun planned for all ages

A variety of events are planned during school vacation week.

On Tuesday, April 18, all ages are invited to make spring flower crafts from 10 a.m. to noon. Stop by the children's room to make an Eric Carle-inspired springtime craft. No registration required. It is free and open to the public.

"Meet the Chicks!" on Wednesday, April 19, at 10 a.m. The educators from Casey Farm will bring a hen and some baby chicks for children to touch and hold. Learn about the history of local farming and our state bird. Space is limited. It is free and open to the public; but, registration is required.

Call 683-9457.

All ages are invited to stop by the children's room on Thursday, April 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. to make an Eric Carle-inspired collage. No registration required. It is free and open to the public.

A Creepy Crawly Story Time is on Friday, April 21, at 10 a.m. Ailish Delehanty, a senior at Portsmouth High school, will be the guest librarian for a storytime about bugs. For all ages. No registration required. It is free and open to the public.

### Genealogy talk by family blogger April 23

Diane Boumenot is the featured guest speaker on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. She started researching her mother's Rhode Island family about 10 years ago and has documented her research in her blog, "One Rhode Island Family."

The blog contains some stories, problems, research experiences, questions and mysteries as she pursues the search for those who came before her.

Her focus for Sunday's presentation will concentrate on military, probate and pension records and where to find them and what they might yield for genealogical

research.

The program is funded by the North Family Trust. It is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Click on the Calendar tab on the website to reserve a seat or call the library to sign up.

### Tech Help is on Tuesday afternoons

Tech Help is offered on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to use your fancy new devices or get tips on an old one. Learn how to download eBooks, audiobooks and streaming video to save yourself money in the new year.

Bring your questions, your devices and your passwords and learn how to get the most out of the technology in your life. Drop by to get your questions answered. No sign up required for the free program. It's first come, first served.

Portsmouth Free Public Library is at 2658 East Main Road. Fall hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 683-9457 or visit the website at [www.portsmouthlibrary.org](http://www.portsmouthlibrary.org).

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## AROUND TOWN

## Annual growers' market open Saturdays

The Aquidneck Growers Market is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Newport Vineyards and Winery on East Main Road in Middletown.

The winter season offers locally grown vegetables, fresh artisanal breads and pastries, locally sourced seafood, pasture-raised meat and eggs and more, plus live music and a changing selection of artisan vendors. For more information on the year-round market, visit [www.aquidneckgrowersmarket.org](http://www.aquidneckgrowersmarket.org).

## Beach cleanup on Saturday at Cory's Lane

Clean Ocean Access is hosting a beach cleanup at Cory's Lane on Saturday, April 15, from noon to 2 p.m. All volunteers are welcome.

Cory's Lane is located off Route 114, West Main Road. Contact [info@cleanoceanaccess.org](mailto:info@cleanoceanaccess.org).

## Thrift shop at senior center open weekdays

A thrift shop is open on Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch) at the Portsmouth Senior Center at 110 Bristol Ferry Road.

The shop is stocked with clothing, household and decorative items, collectibles and jewelry. The inventory changes daily. For more information, call the center at 683-4106.

## Adult dance lessons Thursdays, Mondays

Beginner country line and couples dance lessons are offered on Thursdays and beyond beginner country line and couples lessons are offered on Mondays at Countryview Estates Community Center, 213 Hurst Lane, Tiverton.

It's 95 percent country, with a little non-country added in for fun. Line dance lessons are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by couples lessons from 8 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per class. For more information, call JoAnn at 774/202-5543 or e-mail [gtctdancers@yahoo.com](mailto:gtctdancers@yahoo.com).

## Free child safety seat installations on Tuesday

The Tiverton Police Department is once again offering free child safety seat installations on a regular basis.

The next event is on Tuesday, April 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. with Officer Valzovano at the police station on Industrial Way. This service is open to residents of all communities (not just Tiverton).

## Need public speaking help? Try Toastmasters

Toastmasters can build your public speaking confidence and enhance your speech techniques in a supportive member environment.

The IDS Toastmasters Club in Portsmouth (<http://ids.toastmastersclubs.org>) meets each Wednesday, April 19, at noon.

The Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club in Middletown (<http://islandfoghorns.org>) meets the first and third Thursdays of the month, April 20, at 5:15 p.m.

Contact either club at their website to arrange a visit to a meeting. Guests are always welcome.

## Quilters by the Sea to host a Quilt Show

Save the date! The Quilters by the Sea Quilt Guild will hold its bi-annual Quilt Show and display of the guild's most recent contributions to the Advocacy Project on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Portsmouth Middle School, 125 Jepson Lane.

Tickets are \$8 per person. Children under the age of 12 are free. The building is accessible, parking is free, and morning snacks and lunch will be for sale courtesy of the Portsmouth High School Music Boosters.

Watch for details in next week's issue.

## Troop 82 Boy Scouts meet on Wednesdays

Boys ages from 11 to 17 looking for something fun, rewarding and adventurous are invited to join Portsmouth's Boy Scout Troop 82. Weekly meetings are held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Episcopal Church's parish hall at 324 East Main Road.

New scouts are always welcome. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Sam Obert at [troop82.portsmouth@gmail.com](mailto:troop82.portsmouth@gmail.com) or 808/225-4751.

## Cable program is on financial literacy

April is National Financial Literacy Month and People's Credit Union is showing its support by working with the Cooperative Credit Union Association (CCUA) on their Better Banking Better Values campaign.

Consumers who subscribe to Cox Communications throughout Rhode Island can view "Better Banking," a new monthly 30-minute financial education program that runs weekly — Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. on the YurView Channel

(Cox Cable Channel 4 and 1004.)

Paul Gentile, president and CEO of CCUA, begins the show by sitting down to talk about financial literacy with Seth Magaziner, general treasurer of the State of Rhode Island.

People's Credit Union will be featured in the April episode with Courtney Hunter, marketing manager, interviewing Richard Garland, a financial education teacher at North Kingstown High School. Mr. Garland has taken an instrumental role in bringing the R.I. Financial Scholars program, sponsored at no cost to the high school by People's Credit Union, to his students. Powered by Ever-Fi, a technology-based financial literacy platform, students learn how to make sound financial decisions.

## Annual 'Men Who Make a Difference' gala planned

The Women's Resource Center will host its annual "Men Who Make a Difference" gala on Friday, April 21, at Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina (former Hyatt Regency), 1 Goat Island, Newport.

Sixteen honorees will be recognized at this year's event for taking an active and positive role in their community. There will be a recognition ceremony, silent auction, dinner and dancing. Taylor Britto, a Providence Police officer who is also associate pastor and founder of the Journey Through Faith Community Center and a 2015 "Men Who Make a Difference" honoree, will be keynote speaker. Daniel Baker, a teacher at St. Philomena School in Portsmouth, is master of ceremonies. Carol Ryan, a member of center's board of directors, is event chairwoman. Honorees are John R. Bernardo III, Walter V. Burke, Randy Butler, Jacob A. Cathers, Brendan P. Doherty, Dr. Gerald Exil, Nick Figueroa, Dr. Steven F. Freedman, Andrew Horwitz, the Rev. Nathan J.A. Humphrey, Bernard F. Lambrese, Bernard A. Manchester, Marshall M. "Tripp" Raucci, Dr. Louis B. Rice, Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker and Scott D. Wheeler.

For more information, visit [www.wrcnbc.org](http://www.wrcnbc.org) or call David McCurdy at 846-5263. Proceeds from the gala benefit the Women's Resource Center, a member of the R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence that serves Newport and Bristol Counties.

## Annual gala to benefit Star Kids

The Star Kids Scholarship Program will host its annual gala on Saturday, April 29, at Ochre Court in Newport from 7 to 11 p.m.

There will be music by Decades by DeZyne and dancing in the

## State Senator Jim Seveney is on 'Portsmouth This Week'

This week's "Portsmouth This Week" program is a discussion with State Senator Jim Seveney. It is available for viewing at <https://youtu.be/XU2Aly9EQSY>. It can also be viewed (along with past episodes) via a link at [www.portsmouthri.com](http://www.portsmouthri.com) and also on Newport County TV Cox Channel 18. The Channel 18 schedule is available on Cox Channel 17 or at [www.NCTV18.blogspot.com](http://www.NCTV18.blogspot.com).



Great Hall, sumptuous food stations and a full open bar. Guest tickets are \$175.

Star Kids, founded by Dr. Timothy Flanigan in 2000, imagines the possibilities of a better future for at-risk, low-income children when given the supports to help them succeed in school.

Funds raised at the Imagine That gala on April 29 will support the program's work of helping children in Newport County and Fall River. Last year's gala raised over \$100,000 for the Star Kids Program.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.starkidsprogram.org](http://www.starkidsprogram.org) or call 848-4187.

## Guild offering a trip to Museum of Fine Arts

The Portsmouth Arts Guild is offering a trip to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts' "Art in Bloom" show on Sunday, April 30. The annual festival is a joyous rite of spring that pairs fine art from the museum's collection and floral designs by garden clubs and professional designers from across New England.

The bus will depart from the guild gallery, 2679 East Main Road, at 9:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The transportation cost only is \$30; \$25 for PAG members. Pay

## To Submit Community News

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Photos are encouraged but cannot be returned, unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

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Contact Ronnie Newman at 486-2824 or [ronnielovesparis@gmail.com](mailto:ronnielovesparis@gmail.com) with questions.

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AT THE SCHOOLS

Integrated preschool applications are available

The Portsmouth School Department is accepting community partner applications for the 2017-18 school year integrated preschool at Melville School.

For applications and program information, visit www.portsmouthschoolsri.org/Page/1577.

Child outreach screenings are available for ages 3 to 5

The Portsmouth School Department offers free developmental screenings (hearing, vision, speech-language, general development and social-emotional) for all children ages 3, 4 and 5 who are residents of Portsmouth.

Visit www.portsmouthschoolsri.org/Page/1576 or contact the Child Outreach office at 683-1650, ext. 5038, to schedule an appointment.

Cleaning project at Christian Academy

The Aquidneck Island Christian Academy in Portsmouth was the first participant in the EFC Newport 2017 Year of Care program. The school received a great deal of TLC during February school vacation week when over 100 volunteers contributed 400 hours to cleaning, painting, organizing, constructing and trash clearing at the school.

"I was not prepared for the amount of work we were able to get done," Headmaster Joshua White said. "At the end of the project, I was simply dumbfounded by how many volunteers sacrificed their time for our benefit. It was a wonderful experience."

The 2017 Year of Care is a community outreach program launched by EFC Newport with the support of participating organizations and members of the community.

The five local nonprofit support agencies/organizations include Aquidneck Island Christian Academy, Newport County Young Life, Looking Upwards, Lucy's Hearth and the Newport Housing Hotline.

The EFC Newport congregation will work directly to support every group for an average of two months each during 2017.

Newport County Young Life will be the recipient of prayer, volunteer man and woman hours, as well as a financial donation in the month of April.

Individuals and groups outside of the EFC congregation are welcome to join the effort. EFC Newport is a contemporary Christian church at 70 Bliss Mine Road, Middletown. All are welcome. For more information, visit www.efcnewport.com.

Middle school names Citizens of the Month

Portsmouth Middle School is a place where character counts and school citizenship is an integral part of a student's total educational experience. School citizenship is measured by integrity, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, love of country, civic duty and work ethic.

Students below were named Citizen of the Month for February.

Grade 8: Alison Smart, Andrew Ready, Nicole Tackas and Alex Davies.

Grade 7: Andrew Cerce, Kailey Bergeron, Jordan Burnley and Owen Malone.

Grade 6: Noah Phelan, Morgan Levreault, Charlie Townsend and Tori Thomas.

Grade 5: Sydney McGraw, Landon Roderigues, Gracin Raposa, Bradley Maroto, Griffin Hay, Henry Steadman, Abby Woods and Kaelyn Mahoney.

Grade 4: Madisson Vega, Kaylee Hagerty, Alexis Caldwell, Sean Collins, Sophie Turner, Nadaline Mitchell and Owen Gervelis.

Goodwill donation bin at the middle school

Portsmouth Middle School at 125 Jepson Lane is hosting a Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island clothing and textile donation bin.

Clothing and textiles can be ripped, stained or worn out and can include old curtains, towels, bed linens, tablecloths, backpacks, belts, single shoes, stuffed animals and dolls.

The income generated from donations will be used to assist families in need in the Portsmouth Middle School community.

The remainder of the funds will be reinvested in the training programs offered by Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island, furthering its mission to train youth and adults with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

Boy Scout Troop 82 holds anniversary dinner, present awards

Boy Scout Troop 82 celebrated 51 years of adventures and service in scouting at the annual anniversary dinner on Feb. 25 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

The evening concluded with Scoutmaster Francis "Sam" Obert presenting the annual scouting awards, recognizing those who have contributed greatly to Troop 82.

The Paul "Trey" Houtchens Camper Award recognizes the scout who has camped out the most days in a year.

This year's recipient is Eagle Scout Bobby Zeller Jr. for the third year in a row.

The Edward R. Judge



Eagle Scout Bobby Zeller Jr.



First Class Scout Jeffrey Cares Jr.

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Eagle Scout Peter Fiaschetti



Assistant Scoutmaster Chris Francis

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A contra dance is on Wednesday, April 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. BYOB and food are allowed. A dance is held on the third Wednesday of every month. This month's dance features caller Linda Leslie, with music by Amy Larkin and friends.

All dances are taught and feature live music and experienced callers. Partners are not necessary. Beginners and children are welcome. Admission is \$10 adults, \$7 for kids and \$20 for families. Tickets at the door only. People who would like to attend this event as a concert are welcome.

Bill Harley, Rachel Panitch and Kristen Lamb will perform on Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7. BYOB and food are allowed. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Reserve advance tickets through Brown Paper Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2920279.

Bill Harley of Seekonk is a songwriter, storyteller, performing and recording artist. Recipient of two Grammy Awards, Bill uses song and story to paint a vibrant and hilarious picture of American life. With over 35 award-winning recordings and a dozen books to his credit, Bill's work honors the universal, the joys and hardships we all share. He was awarded the lifetime achievement award from R.I. Council for the Humanities and is a member of the R.I. Music Hall of Fame.

Rachel Panitch is a Boston-based violin-

ist, improviser, composer and teaching artist. She has been an artist-in-residence in neighborhoods, in schools, and in Zion National Park.

Rachel uses her violin and voice to tell and translate stories. Her playing has been called "fearless" and brings together aural and written musical traditions. Rachel performs classical music with the Cardamom Quartet, is a dance fiddler with French Roast, and weaves new melodies with Thread Ensemble (an improvisatory trio of violins, voices and vibraphone).

Kirsten Lamb played piano, violin, and guitar before starting the double bass at 13. She quickly shifted focus to the bass because its versatility matched her growing curiosity for different styles of music. She regularly performs and records on double bass, banjo, viola da gamba and voice all over the United States and occasionally around the world.

She is an active member of Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band, Cold Chocolate, Klezperanto, Mierlita, and the Alfaia Quartet. She is also a teacher and a frequent guest teaching artist at schools all over Greater Boston.

A free open mic is every Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. with host Gary Fish. BYOB and food are allowed. All musicians, performers and spoken word artists are welcome to take the stage. Admission is free, but donations for the evening's featured performer are much appreciated.

American Legion Post 18 offering a \$1,000 scholarship

American Legion Post 18 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a Portsmouth High School senior who will attend college or a trade school in the fall.

The deadline to send the application and completed essay is April 20. Applications are available in the PHS guidance office.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Two Portsmouth students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Emerson College. SAMANTHA PRIDGEN is a media arts production major. MARGEUX SIPPELL is a writing, literature and publishing major.

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# Do you know Portsmouth history?

The Portsmouth Historical Society will host a History Trivia night at the historic Valley Inn, 2221 West Main Road, on Thursday, April 20, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Contesting teams will be asked questions about Portsmouth's past, prepared by town historian and historical society President Jim Garman, who will also act as judge/scorer. The trivia contest will be comprised of five rounds of five questions each, with a short break in between rounds for scoring.

Prizes will be given to the three teams with the highest scores. There is no entry fee, but there is a suggested donation to the historical society of \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Visit [www.portsmouthhistorical.org](http://www.portsmouthhistorical.org) for more information.

Contestants are limited to the first 12 teams who sign up. Email [phsinfo@portsmouthhistorical.org](mailto:phsinfo@portsmouthhistorical.org) with your name, team name and number of members (maximum of six per team).

The Valley Inn opens at 5 p.m. for anyone interested in dinner before the contest, but reservations are recommended at 847-9871.

# Churches are celebrating Easter with vigils, services

Christians are celebrating Holy Week through Easter Sunday, April 16. The week features special services and vigils in preparation for commemorating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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# A clean sweep for Patriots in home track meet

*Girls, boys beat Mt. Hope, E. Providence and Middletown*

## How the boys fared

As a team, the boys beat Mt. Hope (118-26), Middletown (117-30) and East Providence (93-56).

The Portsmouth High School girls' and boys' track and field days had a good day Tuesday, with both squads sweeping their meets against Mt. Hope, East Providence and Middletown high schools.

The girls dominated Middletown (131-12), Mt. Hope (111-37), and East Providence (102-48) as a team.

Nikki Merrill turned in another standout performance, winning the 800-meter run (2:29.9) and the 1,500 meters (4:50.7). She was also a part of the 4x400-meter relay along with Olive Allen, Mariana McManus and Sofia White, which won in a time of 4:30.5.

McManus joined Jessie Chen, Meghan Smith and Claire Williams to win the 4x100-meter relay in 53.4. Chen tied for second place with teammate Olivia Rivers in the 100-meter dash with a time of 14 seconds flat.

Kerry Kehane won two jumping events: the long jump with a best leap of 15 feet, 3.75 inches, and the triple jump with a best effort of 32 feet, 2 inches.

Elizabeth Sullivan also had a good day, winning the 3,000-meter run in 10:23.1 and coming in second in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:52.1.

Eleanor White, debuting in the pole vault, won that event by clearing 6 feet. Sierra Harmon, also competing for the first time in the hammer throw, took fifth in that event with a best throw of 72 feet, 3 inches.

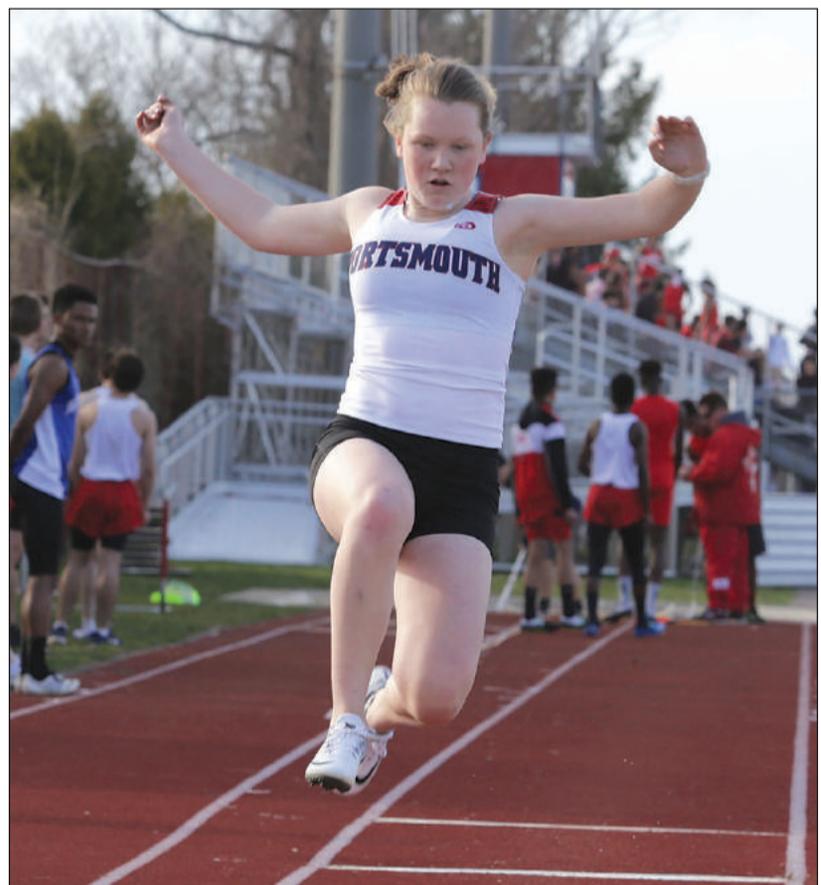
Colt Nichols won two individual events: the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.5 seconds, and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 39.9. He also joined Noah Gramitt, Ezra Leary and Isaiah Kittel to win the 4x400-meter relay in 3:51.7, the foursome's best time of the season.

Ben Chase won the 3,000-meter run in a time of 9:54. Martin Lasky took first place in the vault by clearing 11 feet, and came in third in the triple jump with a best leap of 35 feet, 6.5 inches. Jake Vaspol won the hammer throw with a best effort of 101 feet, 1 inch, and came in third in the discus with a best throw of 86 feet, 5 inches.

Sean Coyne came in second in three events: 100 meters (11.4 seconds), high jump (5 feet, 4 inches) and the long jump (19 feet, 2 inches).

Gramitt came in second in the 1,500 meters (4:35.4) and third in the 800 (2:16), while Kittel took second in the 800 (2:15) and third in the 1,500 (4:47). Cliff Shablom came in second in the hammer throw (93 feet, 5 inches) and third in the shot put (37 feet, 1.25 inches).

Nick McCarthy came in third in the 200 meters (25.5) and third in the long jump (18 feet, 7 inches). Aaron Javelle took second in the 400 meters (58.3 seconds) while Liam Walker came in second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles (47.7 seconds).



Freshman Olivia Rivers prepares for her landing in the long jump.



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Junior Martin Lasky flops over the bar in the high jump. He took first place in the pole vault.

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## Bristol writer returns to his roots

After 25 titles in 28 years, prolific chronicler of local history retires to focus on his first love, painting

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Bristol's Richard Simpson says he's an impressionist — a departure for a man who has written 25 books faithfully recording local historical happenings from "Independence Day: How the Day Is Celebrated in Bristol, Rhode Island" (his first title, in 1989), to his most recent title, "Goat Island and the U.S. Naval Torpedo Station". In all, Simpson has written 11 books about Bristol, 5 about the America's Cup, 3 about the military, 3 about Tiverton and Little Compton, and one each about Portsmouth, Newport, and Narragansett Bay.

And while he is taking some minor liberties with the series of landscapes he's currently working on, ("This grassy knoll isn't working for me") of the old Mill Gut bridge at Colt State Park, they are still accurate renderings, unmistakable to anyone familiar with the iconic bridge.

A native Rhode Islander and LaSalle graduate, Simpson went to the School of Practical Art in Boston (now the Boston Art Institute) where he was influenced by his favorite teacher, the late Philip Hicken, a Boston-based educator and landscape painter.

A passion for radio — and an opportunity to work on a radio program with singer Bob LaChance, pulled Simpson in yet another direction. He didn't know what he wanted to do. So he did it all.

He took his graphic design degree to Kaiser Aluminum, Raytheon, and the U.S. Navy, where he painted murals and billboards and designed and built parade floats.

Along with his late wife Irene, whom he married in 1958, he worked as an antiques dealer doing business as Bristol Art Exchange. And after spending 29 years working for the federal government, he "retired" in 1996 and began writing in earnest — books as well as articles, primarily for Antiques and Collecting Magazine, for which he served as a contributing editor and published some 85 pieces over the years.

Simpson has been living in his Bristol home for half a century, and touring the rooms is a



PHOTOS BY RICHARD W. DIONNE JR.

Richard Simpson, an artist, writer, antiques dealer and radio program host, painting in the studio at his Bristol home.

lot like touring the varied interests of this 82 year old Renaissance man, seamlessly moving from one art form to the next. One room holds his files and his old postcard collection, the pictorial inspiration for his many books; He has sent his own clippings of his personal achievements to his brother. "He's the family historian," Simpson says, without a hint of irony.

Another room is a working artist's studio, with paints, easels, and dozens of completed works lining the walls. Still another room is where Simpson has a work in progress up on his computer's screen: an original short story that he has adapted for radio and will be featuring on his weekly Wednesday morning radio show at Roger Williams University. He still enjoys writing fiction from time to time, something he's done since he was young.



One of Simpson's many studies of the Mill Gut bridge in Colt State Park.

"Terrible little stories," he calls his early work, and laughs telling how he shared a slightly "blue" story with a teacher at LaSalle who

appreciated art in all its forms — only to hear that the other members of the faculty assumed it had been confiscated, and the author properly disciplined.

Simpson admits to always having at least three major projects in the works, which explains both his creative output and the fact that, though he says he is done writing about local history, we have not seen the last of him yet. He has two additional projects that have been delivered to the publisher but not released: "Once Upon a Time in Bristol," and "Bristol at Work."

These days, "Simpson at work" is the story of a man indulging his love of painting. But as long as he continues to draw his inspiration from this community, it's likely that his work will continue to express his passion for local history. Only his medium will change.

### ALONG THE WATERFRONT

## Aquaculture growing, despite algae hit

The aquaculture industry in Rhode Island grew in 2016 despite an algal bloom during the late summer (August and September) that impacted the



Bruce BURDETT

amount of product ready to be sold at-market and product value, reports the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council.

In 2016, the farm 'gate value' (the value for the product paid to the farmer) of the state's aquaculture products decreased, from \$5.4 million in 2015 to \$5.3 million.

The number of farms increased from 61 to 70, and acres farmed grew by 33.15 acres, a 13.7 percent increase, to a total of 274.53 acres farmed.

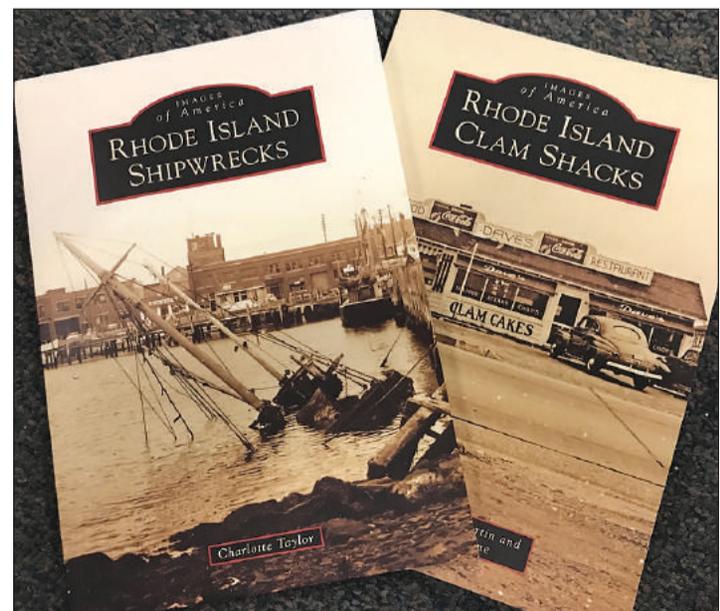
Oysters remain the aquaculture product of choice in the state, with more than 7.8 million sold for consumption, down 453,978 from last year, directly related to the rust tide bloom which is not toxic to humans but is harmful to shellfish. Because oysters — which usually eat larger volumes of food to plump up for winter — do not like the rust tide, they didn't eat as much and fewer were large enough to bring to market. This resulted in a smaller overall harvest and increased shellfish mortality.

Oyster seed sales from Rhode Island aquaculturists were valued at \$183,000, up from last year's value of \$162,500. Nine new farms were permitted in 2016, and nine started growing kelp — their harvests should be noted in the 2017 and 2018 reports. The number of aquaculture farm workers also increased modestly from 171 to 177.

### Jamestown Dist. tent sale

Jamestown Distributors welcomes boaters to its annual spring tent sale on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the store and warehouse, 17 Peckham Road, Bristol.

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Local shipwrecks and clam shacks are featured in a pair of new books.

# Heady spring days, when everything is possible

**M**y garden this very minute, as it wakes up, is at its best. You might take one look, see winter's debris still strewn about and not much in bloom and wonder if I've lost my marbles. Beauty is in the mind's eye of the beholder. Today my garden is all about potential. It has never been a prettier tapestry, more elegant, richly colorful, or lively than it will be this season. Right now it looks doable too. Totally manageable. There isn't too much of anything. Nothing is crowded, stressed, or unhealthy. Even the weeds are kind of cute.

There are a number of reasons why I let the garden stand through winter rather than putting it "to bed" in the fall, including winter interest, seedheads and habitat for the critters, laziness....But number one is that spring cleaning is my favorite chore. Clearing last year's clutter gives me the excuse to get reacquainted. My memory is terrible (have we met?) and I didn't take any good pictures, so the only way I remember what I've got is to get down on hands and knees to poke around with snips and fingers.

Identification in the sprouting stage is challenging. Is it a weed or is it a wanted plant? What plant? Rudbeckia or echinacea? Phlox or asclepias? I like to think garden variety brainteasers get me off the hook for not doing daily crosswords. And it's the sprouting stage that gives me a false sense of security and space. If I didn't have to clear away last year's stems I might forget that Nepeta 'Walker's Low' is anything but low. As it happens, a twelve inch wide crown of nepeta is about eight inches wider



If you must divide Amsonia, do it now before they grow "legs"—or better yet, wait until fall.

than it should be if I want to have anything else along my little garden's edges come June. Division is the better part of valor.

Division at this early-spring stage is a piece of cake unless we're talking about deeply rooted bruisers like amsonia and baptisia. I hope never to have to divide or move those. But if you do have to, split them now too before they grow legs — or better yet wait until fall, which is a kinder time to interfere with early bloomers. Shallow rooted perennials like nepeta, alchemilla, and lamb's ear (*Stachys byzantina*) can be teased apart with your fingers. Other plants' root systems, baptisia's for one, hosta's for another, can handle the brutality of a sharp spade. Pry fibrous clumps apart by inserting two digging forks back to back,

just like portioning angel food cake. No matter how abusive the method seems, once replanted and watered in, your perennials will take off again as if you did them a favor. Which, of course, is true.

I would be wise to edit my favorite rhizomatous spreaders now too while it still looks like they're not taking up more room than they should. Looks are deceiving. Anything in the mint family, such as beebalm, oregano, mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum* spp.), and the various mint-mints should be smallerized annually — easily accomplished using a sharp spade to slice the connections between clumps and satellites. Some will require beast reduction surgery again a few more times before growth slows down midsummer. Fine by me. Too much

mint is the best excuse we ever get to make a round of mojitos or a pitcher of iced tea.

I know I have said I love fall and it's true. Fall is when I finally relax and enjoy the garden as it really, truly, and wonkily is. But I can't help loving spring more. The first days in particular top the charts because everything is still possible, and I have all the energy I need — and then some — to participate in the season's potential perfection.

*Kristin Green is the horticulturist at Mount Hope Farm and author of 'Plantiful: Start Small, Grow Big with 150 Plants that Spread, Self-Sow, and Overwinter'. Follow her blog at trenchmanicure.com.*



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# Spring fishing is hot... time to cast a line

It's spring and the fishing is great. Opening day of the freshwater fishing season was a big hit and anglers are catching school striped bass in southern Rhode Island saltwater ponds, coves and rivers.

If you missed opening day Saturday it is OK as there are plenty of fish left to catch.



Capt. Dave MONTI

Jeremy Barton of Narragansett said, "There weren't nearly as many anglers fishing Saturday morning at Silver Spring Lake in North Kingstown but the fishing was very good. And you had a lot more elbow room fishing from shore."

Not only was the fishing good but the size of the stocked trout were larger than usual. Manny Macedo of Lucky Bait & Tackle, Warren said stocking efforts were successful. "We had a father/son and an uncle/ nephew team come in for photographs for our Facebook page. All four of them limited out on trout (five fish/person). Trout fishing was good at Melville Pond, Portsmouth and Willet Avenue Pond, Riverside."

"Mike Laboissioniere of North Providence caught a 2 pound trout at Olney Pond, Lincoln. Rich Andrews landed with a 27", three pound trout on opening day and Alicia DeAngelis caught her limit of trout in just a couple of hours at Silver Spring Lake using PowerBait on a size 14 snelled treble hook eighteen inches above a bass sinker. The fish are plentiful and they seem larger this year," said Dave Henault of Ocean State Tackle, Providence.

Fishing after the start of opening day did not deter John Soloyna of Warwick who caught a nice rainbow trout and a brown trout in about 60 minutes when he started fishing at 1 p.m. And, Tim Jacobs of Richmond who caught two nice rainbow trout at 2 p.m. said, "I'm using a trout spinner bait with a very slow retrieve rate." Soloyna landed two fish in five minutes as I watched him from shore.

There should be plenty of fish this year as the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) stocked 80,000 trout into 100 Rhode Island waterways. A current fishing license and a Trout Conservation Stamp are required to keep or possess a trout or to fish in a catch-and-release or 'fly-fishing only' area.

It's easy to get set up to freshwater fish. You can get your license and trout stamp online in five minutes. You can also purchase licenses at town and city halls, many bait and tackle shops and at any Benny's store. Many retailers offer anglers the advantage of one stop shopping, meaning you can get your license, bait and tackle with just one stop.

Visit dem.ri.gov for licensing information and locations, a list of waterways that have been stocked with trout and details on regulations.

In regard to saltwater fishing, On-The-Water magazine's striped bass migration tracker (onthewater.com/striper-migration-map) shows school striped bass are working



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their way north up the Connecticut coastline. However, Jason Howell, Narragansett fished the Narrow River in Narragansett this weekend and landed school striped bass. Last week Mike Wade of Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly said, "School striped bass were being caught in the saltwater ponds in southern county."

### Saltwater Edge Trash Bag Challenge

Earth Day is April 22nd and it may be time for your fishing club to participate in the Trash Bag Challenge. Peter Jenkins, owner of the Saltwater Edge said, "If your club cleans up a local shore access point or a popular fishing spot the Saltwater Edge Trash Bag Challenge is a great way to win some prizes for club events."

"Trash along our shorelines and around our access points is a problem for our coastal communities. Trash from numerous sources including fisherman can fuel a desire to limit access to the water. Plastic is the biggest offender," said Jenkins.

The Trash Bag Challenge is open to all saltwater fishing clubs. To participate simply clean up your local fishing spot and enter a photo of your club members with your bags of trash. The biggest pile with the most members wins one of three Saltwater Edge Gift Certificates valued at \$200, \$150 and \$100.

Enter by emailing the images to peter@

saltwateredge.com or post your photos on Instagram.

### Tautog season opens April 15

The tautog season opens Saturday, April 15. The minimum size is 16" with three split seasons: from April 15 to May 31 (3 fish/person daily limit); August 1 to October 14 (3 fish/person daily limit); and October 15 to December 15 (6 fish/person daily limit). A fishery-wide closure, to protect the fish during their spawning period, will be in effect from June 1 to July 31. At all times when the fishery is open, there is a limit of 10 fish/vessel daily limit (superseding the per-person limits). Party and charter boats

are subject to the same regulations, except they are not subject to the 10 fish/vessel limit.

### Where's the bite

Striped bass. School striped bass are being caught in southern coastal ponds and rivers like Narrow River, Narragansett. However, it is early and hard to tell if these are migrating fish or hold-over fish from the winter.

Tautog season opens April 15 (see above article).

"Cod fishing has been spotty and the water was cloudy from storms earlier in the week," said Dianne Valerien of the Seven B's Party Boat. Capt. Matt Blount of the Frances Fleet said, "We fished last week but the water was still churned up from last weekend's big storm. Fishing was quite slow with a few handfuls of market cod fish up to 8 lbs. However, tons of bait were noted on the local grounds which is always a good sign."

Freshwater fishing has been focused on trout and opening day. However, early signs are that the largemouth bite is good and picking up too.

*Captain Dave Monti has been fishing and shellfishing for over 40 years. He holds a captain's master license and a charter fishing license. He is a RISAA board member, a member of the RI Party & Charter Boat Association and a member of the RI Marine Fisheries Council. Contact or forward fishing news and photos to Capt. Dave at dmontifish@verizon.net or visit his website at noflukefishing.com.*

## Shellfish closures

More rain caused the R.I. Department of Environmental Management to extend shellfish closures in some conditional areas.

At of press time, Conditional Area B will reopen at noon on Wednesday, April 12. Area A, the Kickemuit River, Mount Hope Bay, Conimicut Triangle and Greenwich Bay will reopen at noon on Friday, April 14.

As of Monday, they were due to reopen at noon on Saturday, April 8.

There were 1.25 inches of rain at T.F. Green Airport and 1.4 inches at Taunton.

For updates on conditional areas, call the DEM hotline at 222-2900.

### The Tides\*

	HiAM	HiPM	LoAM	LoPM	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday, April 12	9:42 (4.1)	9:59 (4.5)	2:43	2:42	6:06	7:24
Thursday, April 13	10:19 (3.9)	10:36 (4.3)	3:20	3:18	6:04	7:25
Friday, April 14	10:58 (3.7)	11:13 (4.0)	3:58	3:55	6:03	7:26
Saturday, April 15	11:37 (3.4)	11:52 (3.8)	4:35	4:32	6:01	7:27
Sunday, April 16	— (—)	12:19 (3.2)	5:13	5:11	6:00	7:29
Monday, April 17	12:34 (3.5)	1:04 (3.1)	5:56	5:56	5:58	7:30
Tuesday, April 18	1:19 (3.4)	1:51 (3.1)	6:48	6:50	5:57	7:31
Wednesday, April 19	2:08 (3.3)	2:41 (3.1)	7:55	8:01	5:55	7:32
Thursday, April 20	3:01 (3.3)	3:36 (3.3)	9:08	9:19	5:54	7:33

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The Breakers

# It's spring vacation — time to get outside and have some fun!

There's lots to do in and around the East Bay this April break, from weeklong programs to free events at local libraries. Here are some ideas for keeping vacation week full and fun.

## Camps

### Life Underground at Norman Bird Sanctuary

Students in grades K-6 will dig into learning about animals that live in the dirt and beneath our feet. Games, songs and crafts are all part of the fun!

WHERE: NBS, 583 Third Beach Road, Middletown  
WHEN: Monday-Friday, April 17 to 21; 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
COST: \$225 for members & \$250 for non members (membership must be valid through April of 2017)  
MORE INFO: [Normanbirdsanctuary.org](http://Normanbirdsanctuary.org)

### Vacation camp at Blithewold

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WHERE: Blithewold, 101 Ferry Road, Bristol  
WHEN: Monday-Friday, April 17 to 21; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
COST: Full Week: \$160 Blithewold members; \$217 Non-members (Automatically enrolled to a 12-month Blithewold Household Membership). Daily drop-in: \$55; half-day \$30. Register more than one child or for more than one week of camp and save with sibling discount code: SIBL.  
MORE INFO: [Blithewold.org](http://Blithewold.org)

### Art camps at Newport Art Museum

Three different camps include Tea Party, American Girl Art Camp, and 2D Animation. See website for description of each camp.  
WHERE: Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport  
WHEN: Monday-Friday, April 17 to 21; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COST: Members: \$185, non-members: \$210  
MORE INFO: 401/848-8200; [newportartmuseum.org](http://newportartmuseum.org)

## Events

### Spend vacation week at Audubon

Become a Nature Explorer! Join Audubon in a weeklong voyage to discover and test your nature skills. Take off on an expedition with an Audubon naturalist and explore our local habitats with nets, magnifying glasses, and more. Every day focuses on a different topic — Monday: Meadow Madness; Tuesday: Happy Birthday Audubon; Wednesday: Swamp Stomp; Thursday: Forest Foray; Friday: Earth Day Extravaganza!

WHERE: Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope St., Bristol  
WHEN: Monday-Friday, April 17 to 21; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
COST: Free with admission  
MORE INFO: [Asri.org](http://Asri.org)

### Vacation week at the New Bedford Whaling Museum

Spring Vacation Week activities kick off with the Museum's annual Right Whale Day on Monday, April 17. Kids and adults alike will have fun while gaining a greater awareness and appreciation of the endangered North Atlantic right whale. Other activities include climbing inside a life-sized inflatable humpback whale, tours and stories of life aboard a whaleship, and learn how to feed Sam, the friendly squid. For a full slate of activities visit [whalingmuseum.org](http://whalingmuseum.org).

WHERE: New Bedford Whaling Museum, 10 Johnnycake Hill, New Bedford  
WHEN: Monday-Friday, April 17 to 21; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
COST: Free with admission



MORE INFO: [whalingmuseum.org](http://whalingmuseum.org); 508/997-0046.

### Family film screenings and workshops at Newport Art Museum

Newport Art Museum will present two Film Screenings & Workshops with the Providence Children's Film Festival this April. The two events will take place during April School Vacation and are a wonderful opportunity for parents and caregivers to keep young ones artfully engaged during their break from school.

"Animating the Museum" will be shown on Tuesday, April 18 at 1 p.m. This selection of beautiful animated short films will surely inspire for the hands-on animation workshop to follow with Coleman Center for Creative Studies Animation Instructor Dan Smith. Using artworks from the Museum's collection as 3-dimensional backdrops, children will create mixed media characters and

bring the artwork to life by filming a short stop motion scene. "Through the Woods: An Appalachian Adventure" will be screened Thursday, April 20, at 1 p.m.

Join a trek down the Appalachian Trail with Grammy Award winning folk musicians The Okee Dokee Brothers. On their month long escapade, they hiked, camped, met mountain musicians, wrote original songs, and sang old-time tunes, and laughed all the way. After the film, try writing lyrics for your own folk adventure tune, create a percussive instrument, and play some real ones with the Newport String Project musicians. Advanced reservations recommended.

WHERE: Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave., Newport  
WHEN: Tuesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 20; 1 p.m.  
COST: \$10 per child and free for parents/caregivers  
MORE INFO: [newportartmuseum.org](http://newportartmuseum.org)

### Sparky's Puppets with old favorites

Meet Mother Goose and Little Red Riding Hood. Laugh at the antics of the Three Little Pigs and follow the adventures of the Gingerbread Man with a full cast of beautifully crafted puppets, lots of audience participation, lively action and lots of fun.

WHERE: George Hail Library, 530 Main St., Warren  
WHEN: Monday, April 17; 2 p.m.  
COST: Free  
MORE INFO: [GeorgeHail.org](http://GeorgeHail.org)

### Biomes marine biology with traveling tide pool

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## School Vacation Week

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# Action on Syria triggers a lull for boo-birds



Cara CROMWELL

dren and can't stand to see them killed in a chemical attack. To me, it would appear that for the first time in many years, the United States is doing what needs to be done in Syria. We've been watching this genocide unfold for far too long.

The facts are horrifying: according to the U.N., more than 400,000 Syrians are dead and more than 5 million have fled the country (and that number is low because it only accounts for those that have registered as refugees). While some countries are straining under the weight of refugees — Turkey has three million — some in the United States have patted themselves on the back for taking a handful of these mistreated souls. I'm glad the focus has now shifted to ending the cause of the refugee crisis rather than debating immigration law.

I'm no foreign policy expert but I believe that the U.S. and other superpowers have a moral obligation to intervene with force if needed when a country is mistreating and murdering its citizens. For almost 6 years we've "observed" as Syrians have been killed, tortured and driven from their homeland because of a brutal civil war. The U.S. and the UN have imposed sanctions, investigated the use of chemical weapons and sent numerous other diplomatic missives, to no effect. I can't imagine why President Obama did nothing but clearly he had his reasons and stuck to them. That is his legacy.

Will a few dozen tomahawk missiles dumped at an airbase end the Assad regime? Of course not. Do any Americans want to see us engaged in another war in the Middle East? Probably not. Is it important to send a message that we will not stand by as a government murders its children? Yes, I think so.

The momentary lull in criticism has already ended and the cacophony of "here's

what he did wrong" has begun. Considering that there has not been peace in the Middle East since political columnists were tapping away on stone tablets, my expectations for the Trump administration are low, but at least they have engaged on the side of humanity.

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## WATERFRONT: Shipwrecks, clamshacks, and boating safety

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### Giveaways and samples

#### Shipwrecks and clam shacks

These towns figure prominently in two books full of old-time pictures published recently for the Images of America series. 'Rhode Island Shipwrecks,' by Charlotte Taylor, and 'Rhode Island Clam Shacks,' by Christopher Scott Martin and David Norton Stone, both offering about 125 pages of photos and brief commentary, are offered by Arcadia Publishing and available at some local stores.

Rhode Island, says the author, has more

shipwrecks per square mile than any other state."

They date from the dawn of European settlement — an early 17th century Dutch trader — to much more recent — the infamous North Cape oil barge and tug Scandia which made a mess of the south shore.

The images include 1938 Hurricane devastation in Tiverton, a ferry that came to grief in Bristol over a century ago, and the fire that destroyed the great steamer Empire State, also in Bristol.

And there are photos of "Rhode Island's own Titanic," the steamer Larchmont, lost

in a collision and gale with a death toll of around 150.

For many of the passengers aboard those steamships, the day's destination was one of the many clam shacks and shore dinner halls for which Rhode Island was famous.

East Providence's Crescent Park ("gentlemen enjoyed their clams at the nearby private Pomham Club), Warwick's Rocky Point (billed as the world's largest with two floors at a football field in lengths), Portsmouth's Island Park — where Flo's still draws crowds — and other places celebrated the Ocean State's quahog in grand style.

Photos include some local seaside places that took a beating from storms but are still around — Bristol's Lobster Pot (decidedly more than a clam shack now — Portsmouth's Flo's Clam Shack (it began life as a chicken coop), Evelyn's in Tiverton ... Gone but not forgotten is Little Compton's Fo'c'sle (previously Philip Almy's Clam House) whose Fisherman's Ball, has been revived in recent years, once charged fishermen a real fish for admission.

#### Boating safety one-day course

A one day, eight-hour, seven-chapter boating safety course will be offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary on Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Bristol Parks and Recreation building on Asylum Road, Bristol.

Registration forms are available through the US Coast Guard East Bay Flotilla. Contact Paul Duarte (Tiverton) at duit1@aol.com, or

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# Ellen Herrick's novels a sensory delight

There is a charming fairy-tale element to author Ellen Herrick's writing that draws readers immediately into her imagined world. "When I was writing *The Sparrow Sisters*," explains Herrick, "I pictured a snow globe and as the story unfolds [the readers] get closer and closer until you're down on the cobblestone streets of Granite Point."

This fanciful trait is not surprising when you learn that Herrick admires authors Alice Hoffman and Sarah Addison Allen, both known for their style of magical realism. "It all comes back to the once-upon-a-time thing," admits Herrick, "those words have a magical quality, they say, 'listen to me, I have a story to tell'."

Herrick published her debut novel, *The Sparrow Sisters*, in 2015 and has followed it up with *The Forbidden Garden*, released just this month. The novels tell the continuing tale of the three Sparrow sisters; Patience, Sorrel and Nettie. They are healers, herbalists and horticulturalists who run the local garden center in Granite Point, a fictional Cape Cod town. However, the profundity and quality of their plants (flowers that bloom out of season etc.) draw some arched eyebrows and rumors of witchcraft.

*The Forbidden Garden* follows the eldest sister, Sorrel Sparrow, to England where she has been hired by the Kirkwood family to restore a cursed garden on their family's estate to its former glory. In order to do this, she must



unearth the family's dark secret, clues to which are hidden in a series of macabre tapestries. Love blooms alongside the garden as Sorrel Sparrow tests the limits of her horticultural gifts.

Herrick lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts but spends much of her time on the Cape at their home in Orleans where she tends a very "blowsy, frowsy garden" which is planted more for its aromatic appeal than for artistry. This is not at all surprising if you've read Herrick's novels. Much of the joy in Herrick's delightful stories comes from her descriptions of the gardens — their aromas, textures and tastes. "I swear



sometimes I think I have some kind of weird synesthesia, I smell in words," jokes Herrick.

The novels also contain just enough magic to enhance the story and entice readers with the mysteries of nature. Herrick sums it up, "If you don't believe there's a little magic in the world, then it's a very colorless place." There is enough magic in both *The Sparrow Sisters* and *The Forbidden Garden* to delight readers and transport them to a world where the supernatural walks beside the mundane, teasing at the possibility of more colors.

Herrick will be reading from *The Forbidden Garden* on Tuesday, April 18 at the Point Street Reading Series in Providence. The reading will take place at Dueling Pianos, 1 Davol Square, and will feature four other authors reading from their work. Doors open at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 cover charge and Brown Bookstore will be on hand to sell books. Other featured authors include Alice Kaltman (*Staggerwing*), Leah DeCesare (*Forks, Knives and Spoons*), Peter Andreas (*Rebel Mother: My Childhood Chasing the Revolution*), and Randy Susan Meyers (*The Widow of Wall Street*).

*Laura LaTour is an avid reader and former bookseller. She is currently working as a freelance writer and publicist. Tell her your stories at: Laura@LaTourCreations.com.*

# Warren Arts Walkway taking a step closer to reality

Representatives of three Rhode Island design firms will present their ideas for turning a public walkway that connects Child and Market streets in downtown Warren into an interactive public arts space. The public is invited to attend the presentations at IMAGO gallery on April 13 at 7 p.m.

Imago Foundation for the Arts and the Town of Warren collaborated on a call for proposals from architects, landscape architects, artists and designers. Three finalists, the BETA Group of Lincoln, the Birchwood Design Group of Providence, and Workshop LLC of Providence, were selected to present their ideas.

Proposals were solicited that would offer pedestrians, community members, and visitors a variety of experiences, including places to rest as well as places to view art installations, pop-up performances, and related cultural events.

The three finalists were selected by a jury panel consisting of Jonathan Glatt, co-founder of O&G Studio, in Warren; Katie Hutchison, a residential architect, author, and fine art photographer, who lives in Warren; Kate Michaud, Warren Town Planner; Ed Shea, Artistic Director of 2nd Story Theatre; and Michael Somers, President of the Imago Foundation for the Arts.

Finalists received a \$500 stipend to prepare a presentation and/or scale drawings of their proposal. Following the presentation, the proposals will be on display from April 13 to April 30 at IMAGO Gallery and then at the Warren Town Hall, after which the winning proposal will be announced. Fundraising for development of the project through a combination of public and private sources will begin soon thereafter.

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Riders who are less able can build their fitness by using higher levels of assistance at the start of their health plan and gradually reduce the level of assistance as their fitness levels increase. Riding an electric bike means that

riders can go further than on a conventional bike.

Health research shows that riding an electric bike is not 'cheating' or 'lazy' and is in fact classed as moderate exercise. Adults are recommended to achieve 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity on five or more days per week. Riding a power assisted electric bicycle i.e. pedalling with assistance comes within this classification.

Pedego Electric Bikes, the best selling brand of electric bikes in America, has a dealership located right in Bristol, Rhode Island, where you can see, feel, and ride a high quality electric bike. You can rent an electric bike for a couple of hours to try it out, and if you decide to buy, like a lot of people have, you get your rental fee back, along with other discounts and extras, including free delivery right to your home. Prices on new Pedego bikes range from \$2295 to around \$3900.



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### Martin's Garden Notes

## GET READY FOR SPRING

We are all itching to get back into the garden so now is the time to start cleaning up. Even this early, be careful as you rake as some of the tender shoots of perennials and bulb plants are beginning to poke up.

**Roses** should be pruned down to about 8-15 inches. Remove old woody parts and small twiggy branches leaving strong green canes. Climbers should be managed differently so stop in an information sheet on rose pruning. Fertilize the first of April and follow directions on the fertilizer package. Our plants should be arriving about the middle of April.

At this early date, most blooming plants are just too tender to set outside just yet but **pansies and Daffodils** as well as several other plants are tough thrive with cooler temperatures. Should it freeze, these plants will take it in stride and pick up when temperatures moderate.

# Women's Resource Center announces 'Men Who Make a Difference'

The Women's Resource Center (WRC) announces that its annual Men Who Make a Difference gala will be held on Friday, April 21, at Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina, 1 Goat Island, Newport. Sixteen honorees will be recognized at this year's event for taking an active and positive role in their community.

The gala will feature a recognition ceremony for the honorees, plus a silent auction, dinner and dancing. Taylor Britto, a Providence Police officer who is also associate pastor and founder of the Journey Through Faith Community Center and a 2015 "Men Who Make a Difference" honoree, will be keynote speaker and Daniel Baker, a teacher at St. Philomena School in Portsmouth, is master of ceremonies. Carol Ryan, a member of WRC's board of directors and development committee, is chair of the event.

The 2017 Men Who Make a Difference honorees are: John R. Bernardo III, Attorney, Law Offices of John R. Bernardo III; Walter V. Burke, Director, Town of Bristol Parks & Recreation; Randy Butler, Founder/President, Butler Basketball Club; Jacob A. Cathers, Vice Chair, Middletown Prevention Coalition; Brendan P. Doherty, Ret. Col. R.I. State Police and Director, Special Investigations Unit, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island; Dr. Gerald Exil, Pediatrician, General Pediatric Neurology; Nick Figueroa, Northeast Regional Admissions Director, City Year; Dr. Steven F. Freedman, Physician, Ear, Nose, and Throat Medicine and Surgery Group

Andrew Horwitz, Asst. Dean for Experiential Education, Roger Williams University School of Law; Rev. Nathan J.A. Humphrey, Rector, St. John the Evangelist; Bernard F. Lambrese, Co-founder & CEO, Care Resource; Bernard A. Manchester, Assistant Vice President, Merrill Lynch; Marshall M. "Tripp" Raucci, Attorney, Decof, Decof & Barry; Dr. Louis B. Rice, President & CEO, University Medicine; Dr. Charles P. Shoemaker, Founder of Baby Steps Newport; Scott D. Wheeler, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor/Tree Warden, City of Newport, R.I.

"Through the work we do at Women's Resource Center, we have a deep appreciation for people who are willing to get involved in their community or who serve as a role model, mentor or inspiration to someone else," says Lori DiPersio, executive director of the Women's Resource Center. "This annual event is our way of saying 'thank you' to some special men who make a difference in the lives of others while also helping us continue our mission and services to women, children and men in Newport and Bristol Counties."

All proceeds from the Men Who Make a Difference gala will benefit the Women's Resource Center, a member of the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence that serves Newport and Bristol Counties. The event, which begins at 6 p.m., will include dinner, dancing, and a silent auction. For more information visit [wrcnbc.org](http://wrcnbc.org) or call David McCurdy, WRC development director, at 401/846-5263.

# Upcoming sights in the night sky

## Moon meets Saturn

Between midnight and dawn on Sunday, April 16, the waning gibbous moon will sit about 5 degrees to the upper right of Saturn, both fitting within a binocular field of view and making a nice photo opportunity. Just before dawn breaks they will be visible low in the southwestern sky. The following morning, the moon will jump to Saturn's left.

## Mars passes the Pleiades

On the evenings surrounding April 20, Mars will pass the Pleiades cluster, which will sit less than four degrees to the upper right of the planet. After the sky darkens, they should be visible together within your binoculars' field of view.

## Lyrind meteors peak

The annual Lyrids meteor shower runs from April 16 to 25 and peaks before dawn on Saturday, April 22. The old moon should not spoil the show, which can produce up to 18 meteors per hour. Watch for occasional fireballs.

## Moon and Venus

In the eastern pre-dawn sky on Sunday, April 23, Venus and the old crescent moon will rise together. The moon will be about 8 degrees to the lower right of the bright planet.

## Venus

During April, Venus shines brightly in the eastern pre-dawn sky amid the stars of western Pisces. The planet's disk will appear as a thin crescent that waxes fuller through the month while shrinking in apparent diameter. It reaches a maximum brightness of magnitude -4.53 on April 30. Due to a shallow morning ecliptic, Venus will not climb very high above the horizon before the sun rises.



In the eastern pre-dawn sky on Sunday, April 23, the old crescent moon will be about 8 degrees to the lower right of the bright planet.

## Mars

Reddish Mars remains in the western early evening sky all month, moving from Aries into Taurus on April 12. It continues to drop in brightness and disk size as we pull farther away from it. On the evenings surrounding April 20, Mars will sit within four degrees of the Pleiades star cluster. After the sky darkens, they should be visible together within your binoculars' field of view. On April 27 and 28, the young crescent moon will sit 8 degrees below Mars - and then 10 degrees above the planet on the following evening.

## Saturn

Yellowish Saturn spends April near the Milky Way, moving retrograde among the stars of Sagittarius. All month long, it rises in the east after midnight and can be spotted low in the southern sky until just before dawn. Between midnight and dawn on April 16, the waning gibbous moon will sit about 5 degrees to the upper right of Saturn, and jump to sit 7 degrees to the planet's right the following morning.

## Uranus

Reaching solar conjunction on April 14, Uranus is too close to the sun to be observable during April.

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**POLI-TICKS**

# From the frying pan into the fire

**N**ow, we learn that Larry Lucchino and company want to have taxpayers build a new stadium for the Pawsox team. It is a sleight of hand. The state will construct the stadium (projected in one study at a cost of \$78 million plus bond interest (Pawtucket) and in another (Providence) at \$150 million with interest on the bond factored in) with an alleged "significant contribution" from the franchise. I expect the General Assembly will float a bond for this ridiculous proposal whose costs border on those of the 38 Studios deal. Just like that ill-conceived plan it will fly off the shelf — unless you put the kibosh on it by contacting your legislators. A bond referendum makes it look like a democratic process is at work, yet, the billionaire Red Sox franchise will pour money into an ad campaign that will bombard the airways with fanciful promises, without any opponents having the wherewithal to counter their rosy promises.

There isn't one recent study that supports the merits of a publicly financed sports stadium. Bottom line? Taxpayers lose. Here's why:

**Public money for private gain.**  
Taxpayers providing any subsidies, let alone constructing a sports stadium, is corporate welfare, pure and simple. Public subsidies go directly into the pockets of team owners and raise the value of the franchise. There is a negligible economic benefit and probably a negative return since the stadium merely diverts folks' entertainment dollars from one venue to another. Query why one group of people should subsidize somebody else's entertainment? If you love going to a movie and dining out, you use your own dime and don't ask the rest of the state to pay for you.

**Destroys jobs and lowers wages.**  
Studies abound that after the construction of a stadium that produced construction jobs, stadiums reduce employment and drive up unemployment insurance costs since the minimum wage jobs of workers are seasonal and they end up collecting unemployment.

**Attendance at minor league team games has ebbed.**  
In a little over a decade, attendance at Pawsox games has dropped by 200,000 attendees. Millennials are not fans of baseball so there is no generational replacement for attendance. Research shows that with newer stadiums attendance increases (the honeymoon period) during the first year then dramatically crashes after year five. Just think about it. If there was a great economic benefit, wouldn't the Red Sox organization put their own money into the project? Instead, they are pushing the financial woes onto your back, who not only have to be responsible for construction costs and overruns but also maintenance. I know of no reasonable taxpayer here who wants to go on the hook for the politicians to use the "new stadium" as their playground to award jobs to their supporters. I, for one, cannot stomach the thought of the award of contracts for drinks, food, etc. to the politically connected. It's bad enough that such contracts are awarded for state beach franchises. Now, you'd be opening up another fertile field for cronyism.

**Diverts resources from funding priorities.**  
Forget fixing that toxic school building and structurally deficient roads. You eventually will have a near-empty stadium to support.  
If Kevin O'Leary (of the show "Shark Tank") lived in Rhode Island, he'd tell you to stop the madness!  
*Arlene Violet is an attorney and former Rhode Island Attorney General.*



**Arlene VIOLET**

# VACATION: Much fun to be had over April break

From Page 5

**fish with a surprise!**  
WHERE: George Hail Library, 530 Main St., Warren  
WHEN: Tuesday, April 18; 2 p.m.  
COST: Free  
MORE INFO: GeorgeHail.org

**Jug Band at the Tiverton Library**  
Did you know anything can be an instrument? Children, parents, and anyone who just loves music are encouraged to join the Tiverton Library on the Tuesday of school vacation week for a performance from local jug band, K C Moaners. The band plays a lively set of music with all kinds of interesting, and sometimes homemade instruments!  
WHERE: Tiverton Public Library, 34 Roosevelt Ave., Tiverton  
WHEN: Tuesday, April 19; 1:30 p.m.  
COST: Free  
MORE INFO: 401-625-6796 x121

**POW Science with Dynamic earth**  
Find out about the forces that shape our dynamic earth as we explore earthquakes, tornadoes and volcanoes. Then build your own erupt-able volcano to bring home.  
WHERE: George Hail Library, 530 Main St., Warren  
WHEN: Wednesday, April 19; 2 p.m.

COST: Free  
MORE INFO: GeorgeHail.org

**Pajama Party Movie Night at the Tiverton Library**  
Families are invited to wear their pajamas, and bring pillows and blankets to a special double feature movie night at the Tiverton Public Library. Finding Dory will be playing in the Children's Activity room while Kubo and the Two Strings plays in the Community Room. Fresh popcorn and drinks will be provided. Attendees can also feel free to bring additional snacks as desired.  
WHERE: Tiverton Public Library, 34 Roosevelt Ave., Tiverton  
WHEN: Wednesday, April 19; 5:30 p.m.  
COST: Free  
MORE INFO: 401-625-6796 x121

**Family Movie Night in East Providence**  
Disney's Beauty and the Beast – Animation/Family/Fantasy (1991, rated G, 84 min.)  
WHERE: Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence  
WHEN: Wednesday, April 19; 6 p.m.  
COST: Free  
MORE INFO: 401/434-2453

**Family game day**  
Come on in to play your favorite games with friends or family. Enjoy some of our games or bring some from home to share. Refreshments

will be served.  
WHERE: George Hail Library, 530 Main St., Warren  
WHEN: Thursday, April 20; 2 p.m.  
COST: Free  
MORE INFO: GeorgeHail.org

**Project Chick at Weaver Library**  
Meet chickens from RI's own Casey Farm at this hands-on presentation about Dominique chickens and eggs. Participants will be able to hold a chick. Following this program, the farm educator will set up an incubator and a clutch of eggs in the Children's Room. Approximately twenty-one days later, the eggs will hatch at the library.  
WHERE: Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence  
WHEN: Thursday, April 20; 10 to 11 a.m.  
COST: Free  
MORE INFO: 401/434-2453

**Salamander Search at Caratunk**  
Take a springtime stroll with an Audubon naturalist, turn over some rocks and logs and see if you can find some salamanders.  
WHERE: Caratunk Wildlife Refuge, 301 Brown Avenue, Seekonk  
WHEN: Friday, April 21; 2 to 3:30 p.m.  
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# Food & Dining

## NIBBLES

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### Spring teas at Blithewold

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Tuesday through Friday through May 5. Cost of \$24 for members and \$32 for non-members includes admission to the mansion and grounds. Advanced registration recommended. For more information visit [Blithewold.org](http://Blithewold.org) or call 401/253-2707.

### An April Showers Tea in Tiverton

An April Showers Tea will be held at Union Public Library, 3832 Main Road in Tiverton, on Tuesday, April 18 from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come in and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the library. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the library at 401/625-6799.

### Easy Entertaining class: 'Effortless Apps & Wine Pairing'

This class will focus on easy appetizers you can make the next time you entertain your group of friends, as well as a few tips and pointers on pairing the appetizers with boutique wines and some general wine pairing tips. Wednesday, April 19; 6 to 7 p.m.; \$40. The Café at Easy Entertaining, 166 Valley St. Building #10, Providence. For more information visit [easyentertainingri.com](http://easyentertainingri.com).

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### Pop Up Dinner at Mt. Hope Farm

Join MHF Saturday, April 22 for an intimate, farm-to-table style dinner, served in grand style at The Inn at Mount Hope Farm. Candlelight and a cozy ambiance, perfect for a romantic dinner or a celebration with friends. Chefs from Russell Morin Catering & Events will serve innovative dishes with a changing cuisine profile featuring local growers. Russell Morin's expert Bar Manager will curate a selection of wines, beers, and craft cocktails to accompany each unique menu. Cocktails and wine are not included in the ticket price. Each seasonal prix fixe menu will consist of two appetizers, two entrees and two desserts for each guest to choose from. Cost is \$45 per person. Menus and more information at [mounthopefarm.org](http://mounthopefarm.org).

### Blithewold presents The Chef's Table Dinner Series with Chef Champe Speidel

Guests have an opportunity to meet and enjoy a specially prepared menu by one of RI's top chefs. Each dinner will be an expression of the individual chef's unique style and will represent seasonal, local and preserved ingredients. On Sunday, April 23 at 6 p.m., the series will feature Champe Speidel of Persimmon. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased in advance. Blithewold is located at 101 Ferry Road, Bristol. For more information, visit [blithewold.org](http://blithewold.org).

### Eating with the Ecosystem's 'School of Fish' with Chef Jason Timothy

At Eating with the Ecosystem's "School of Fish", Rhode Island chefs will educate you

on different methods for turning whole fish or shellfish – straight from the sea – into a marvelous dinner you can share with your family and friends. Learn how to use plentiful local species like scup, herring, whiting, skate, dogfish, and sea robin. And to turn commonplace species like quahogs or slipper limpets into something you've never imagined! Held in the demo kitchen at Hope & Main, 691 Main St. in Warren, each workshop is also a dinner, complete with wine and good company. This month featuring Chef Jason Timothy of Laughing Gorilla; Monday, April 24; 6 to 8 p.m.; \$50. For more information, visit [makefoodyour-business.org](http://makefoodyour-business.org).

### 6th annual Eat Drink RI Festival

This 3-day festival celebrating the festival includes "Dinner by Dames", a unique experience bringing together a group of Rhode Island's most talented female chefs & bartenders; a Truck Stop event with more than 20 food truck vendors; and a Grand Tasting. Events benefit several local charities and will be held at various venues throughout Providence on Wednesday, April 26 through Saturday, April 29. For more information, please visit [eastdrinkri.com](http://eastdrinkri.com).

### Pasta supper in Riverside

The St. Brendan's Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent DePaul will be holding a Pasta Supper Fundraiser on Saturday, April 29, at St. Brendan's Parish Hall, 60 Turner Avenue, Riverside. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under 5. There will be a 50/50 raffle, music, and cash bar. For tickets please call 401/699-2230 or 401/575-8492.

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## What are the food sources?

Omega-3 fats are found in fatty fish. These include salmon, sardines, and anchovies. Other sources include flax seeds, chia seeds, and walnuts. Meat, eggs, and dairy from grass fed animals also contain some omega-3 fats.

## Should I take a supplement?

The best way to get omega-3 fats is aiming to eat fish at least twice a week. If you do not eat fish, speak with your doctor or dietitian about taking a supplement.

Information gathered & adapted from [authoritynutrition.com](http://authoritynutrition.com).

### Pesto Baked Salmon

Servings: 4

- 2 cups fresh spinach leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Cooking spray

■ 1 pound salmon, cut into 4 filets

1. Preheat oven to 400°.
2. Place the first six ingredients into a food processor or blender, and blend until smooth.
3. Lightly spray a baking sheet and place salmon pieces skin side down.
4. Spread pesto mixture evenly on top of 4 filets.
5. Bake in oven for about 20 minutes, or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Enjoy!

Serving Size: 4 ounce filet

Nutrition information per serving: 207 calories, 8.6 grams fat (7.3 grams unsaturated fat), 1.5 grams carbohydrate, 0 grams fiber, 29.7 grams protein, 0 grams sugar, 280 milligrams sodium

Recipe adapted from [cookeatshare.com](http://cookeatshare.com).

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## TOP PICKS THIS WEEKEND IN THE EAST BAY



### Daffodillion returns to Newport

With some 681,750 bright yellow daffodils popping up throughout Newport, "Daffodillion" has announced its complete schedule of over 20 events for the 4th annual Newport Daffodil Days Festival, from April 15-23.

The Festival will begin Saturday morning, April 15 with The Newport Rhode Races marathon, half marathon and 5K through daffodil-lined streets. That afternoon, the cutting of the daffodil ribbon and the firing of muskets officially open

the Festival at Bannisters and Bowen's wharves in downtown Newport. From there, a Daffy Dressed Doggie parade marches over to Queen Anne Square to continue the yappy, daffy time.

Other Festival highlights scheduled for the next eight days (all free) include:

- An Easter Sunday Tour de Jonquilles Bike Ride
- Dabbling & Doodling the Daffys on Newport's famed Cliff Walk
- A special NewportFILM Earth Day garden party and film screen-

WHERE: Locations throughout Newport  
 WHEN: April 15 through 23  
 COST: Free  
 MORE INFO: [Daffodillion.com](http://Daffodillion.com); [NewportDaffyDays.com](http://NewportDaffyDays.com)

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- The first annual Sidewalk Parade of Hope and BBQ with costumes, music and dance
- The Driving Miss Daffodil Car Rally & Classic Car Display

The complete schedule of activities can be found at [wwNewportDaffyDays.com](http://wwNewportDaffyDays.com).

### Birding for Beginners at Audubon

Bird watching is one of the fastest growing outdoor recreational activities. Join the fun! Audubon offers a six-week class providing a basic understanding of bird biology as well as visual and by-ear identification techniques. Led by Lauren Parmelee, long time birder and Audubon senior director of education, time will be spent in both the classroom and the field (weather dependent) to practice birding skills. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them, and dress appropriately for the weather. Class is limited to 15 adults, register early.



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WHERE: Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope St., Bristol  
 WHEN: Saturdays, April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
 COST: \$84/members, \$102/non-members  
 MORE INFO: [Asri.org](http://Asri.org)

### Egg and scavenger hunt at Mount Hope Farm

Help MHF welcome back spring and celebrate growth & renewal at the Farmers Market! Families and children may gather by the 4H table in the barnyard before the egg & scavenger hunt gets started at 11 a.m., with the Easter Bunny as Master of Ceremonies!

Kids ages 0-6 and 7-11 will each have their own dedicated "hunting grounds." There will be plenty of eggs hidden around the barnyard, redeemable for sweets at the 4H table — plus some of the eggs will contain clues...solve the clue by finding the right market vendor table and receive an extra treat! Free and open to the public. B.Y.O.B. — Bring Your Own Basket!



WHERE: Mount Hope Farmers Market, 250 Metacom Ave., Bristol  
 WHEN: Saturday, April 15; 11 a.m.  
 COST: Free  
 MORE INFO: [Mounthopefarm.org](http://Mounthopefarm.org)

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### Relax with Guided Imagery Meditation

Guided Imagery Meditation is designed to help increase relaxation by creating joyful, positive images in the mind. This meditation will include relaxation techniques, breath work, and a guided imagery journey. We ask that you come dressed comfortably. No prior meditation experience is necessary. If you prefer to meditate laying down, please bring a mat, blanket and/or pillow. This meditation will be lead by Gladys Ellen, owner of Heavenly Hugs, a holistic health practice located in East Providence.

WHERE: Riverside Branch Library, 475 Bullocks Point Ave, Riverside  
 WHEN: Thursday, April 13; 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
 COST: Free  
 MORE INFO: 401/433-4877

### Spring Gallery Night in Newport

This month Newport Gallery Organization's galleries and cultural institutions will have art demonstrations and openings of their newest exhibitions, including "Collective Marks: Visions" at Spring Bull Gallery, "Inspired By Nature" at DeBlois Gallery, "Paramnesia" at Atelier Gallery, and "The Unseen" at NR Modern.

WHERE: Locations in Newport and Middletown  
 WHEN: Thursday, April 13; 5 to 8 p.m.  
 COST: Free  
 MORE INFO: [newportgalleries.org](http://newportgalleries.org)

### 'The Settlers' in East Providence

"The Settlers", a Shimon Dotan

### New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof at RWU

As the nation grapples with proposed travel bans and refugee restrictions, it can be easy to forget the times when fear drove Americans to oppose newcomers and turn away those seeking refuge. According to New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, we have a moral obligation to be less vilifying and more welcoming of marginalized people.

Join Kristof — a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner — as he shares his father's refugee experience, offers a historical context for the current refugee controversy and urges a deeper understanding of all people to reduce the stereotyping of "others." Book signing to follow presentation.

WHERE: RWU Campus Recreation Center, 1 Old Ferry Road, Bristol  
 WHEN: Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m.  
 COST: Free and open to the public; no tickets are required  
 MORE INFO: 401/254-3166

documentary, is a compelling, must-see, tour de force outline of the Israeli Settlement issue fueling the last fifty years of Middle East conflicts," according to Michael Berkowitz in The Huffington Post. Discussion will follow the film. Light refreshments will be served.

WHERE: Weaver Library, 41 Grove Ave., East Providence  
 WHEN: Monday, April 17; 6:30 p.m.  
 COST: Free  
 MORE INFO: 401/434-2453

### Discussion of Mai Donohue's, 'Crossing the Bamboo Bridge'

Barrington Public Library welcomes the community to discuss the book, "Crossing the Bamboo Bridge: Memoirs of a Bad Luck Girl" by Barrington author Mai Donohue. A limited number of copies will be available at the library's Circulation Desk.

WHERE: Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington  
 WHEN: on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 pm.  
 COST: Free  
 MORE INFO: Register at [barringtonlibrary.org](http://barringtonlibrary.org) or call 401/247-1920 to reserve your space

### 'Seed: The Untold Story'

A Newport Film presentation. According to The Hollywood Reporter, "Seed" contains just enough gourmet touches to draw foodies into the audience alongside the usual environmentalist crowd. Food vendors: Boru Noodle Bar, free popcorn; cash bar; BYO picnic, blanket, chairs; please bring warm blankets, jackets, sleeping bags, etc to stay warm & cozy during the film as temperature could be chilly; inclement weather venue: Casino Theatre, 9 Freebody Street, Newport.

WHERE: Bellevue House - Ronald Lee Fleming's historic house & gardens  
 304 Bellevue Ave., Newport  
 WHEN: Thursday, April 20; 6 p.m. venue opens for picnicking; 6:30 pre-film music featuring Bill Bartholomew; 7:45 film.  
 COST: \$5  
 MORE INFO: [NewportFilm.org](http://NewportFilm.org)

## MEET MARY MCKENNA: *Realtor, mother and collector of all things Disney*

BY JOAN D. WARREN

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Mary McKenna was born and raised in Warren, attended school in Barrington and graduated from Barrington High School along with her husband, Thomas McKenna. They were married in 1983 and currently reside in Barrington. The couple have three grown children, Larry, Missy and Tommy.

Mary earned her real estate license in 1996, GRI designation in 2000, senior real estate specialist designation in 2004, and a real estate broker's license in 2006.

BEFORE REAL ESTATE: "I did some work as a bookkeeper, a bank teller and then I had my children and chose to stay home with them and be a full-time mom."

TIME FOR A CAREER: "When my youngest began going to school all day, that's when I decided to get my real estate license and did work around my children's school schedule. I also really liked the prospect of helping people in their journey to finding their home."

BEST PLACE TO NOSH: "My favorite local restaurant is Magoni's Ferry Landing in Somerset, but my all time favorite restaurant is Ohana at Disney's Polynesian Resort."



**Mary McKenna**  
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HOBBIES: "I love to crochet, sew, garden, roller skate and collect all things Disney."

PERFECT FAMILY DAY: "The perfect

family day would be spent with all of my children, starting with a big breakfast, a day at the beach, a nice dinner out and going to a Pawsox game and watching the

fireworks."

BEST ADVICE: " 'At the end of the day, be sure you do work that is both fulfilling and provides you the opportunity to give back.' This was from my sixth-grade teacher."

PETS: "I have two orange cats named Jack and Oliver, an African Grey parrot named Birdy, a grand cat named Bagheera and a grand dog named Maggie."

PROFESSIONAL GOALS: "To deliver superior services while establishing long lasting, genuine relationships with my clients, and to give them the knowledge it takes to find their dream home."

DREAM VACATION: "I would love to travel to Ireland and also travel the country in my family's RV."

TAKE A WALK: "The best places for a walk locally are Colt State Park in Bristol and Barrington Beach."

VOLUNTEERING: "I have been a teacher at Holy Angels Church for First Communion class and a Eucharistic minister for 20 years, and I'm also a Columbiette through the Knights of Columbus."

SPRING MARKET: "I feel the spring market will do very well, since interest rates are still low and financing programs are available to prospective buyers."



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**BARRINGTON:** Ranch  
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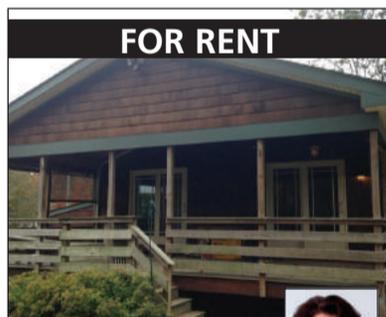
**NEW PRICE**

**RUMFORD:** Colonial  
2058 sq. ft. 3 bed 1.5 bath  
Handsome w/EIK, fireplace, hardwoods, rec rm, breezeway & private yard. Walk to land conservancy!  
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**BRISTOL:** Cape  
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\$375,000  
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**NEW LISTING**

**BARRINGTON:** Contemporary  
2702 sq. ft. 3 bed 2.5 bath  
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**PENDING**

**RIVERSIDE:** Colonial  
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3 bed 1.5 bath  
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**NEW LISTING**

**BARRINGTON:** Ranch  
3027 sq. ft.  
3 bed 3 bath  
Beautifully Updated! Master w/spa bath, rec rm, vaulted ceilings, hardwoods, AC & in ground pool. Fabulous! \$419,900  
**Lisa Raposa 401-286-3861**



**PENDING**

**RUMFORD:** Cape  
1968 sq. ft.  
4 bed 2.5 bath  
Dazzling w/cook's EIK, gas fireplace, family rm, rec rm, hardwoods, stone patio & beautiful back yard.  
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# House of the week

## Huge, private Seekonk home has pool and guest house



Tucked away in the exclusive Jacob Hill section of Seekonk is a beautiful mini-estate that features a historic Georgian Colonial, lovely guest house and in-ground pool, set on almost two acres of meticulously landscaped grounds.

Built on a grand scale in 1920, the four-bedroom home has more than 4,500 square feet of living space and has been updated with very modern amenities while retaining its period charm, including tall ceilings, built-ins and love-

ly moldings.

The eat-in chef's kitchen has granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, a center island, and a lovely built-in hutch. The kitchen opens to a grand family room that is teaming with windows and French doors leading out to the brick patio.

Off the family room is another living room with a stone fireplace. There is plenty of space for special occasions with a large formal dining room. A spacious foyer opens

to a winding staircase leading to the second floor.

The master suite features a fireplace and great closet space and an en suite bath with double sinks. There are two additional bedrooms and a bathroom on the second floor, and a bedroom and bathroom on the third level.

In the rear of the property through the exquisitely manicured lot with mature trees and planting is a fenced-in gunite swimming pool, so inviting on hot summer

days.

A bonus for extended friends and family is a private, one-bedroom guest house that can be used as a changing area for swimmers using the pool.

There is a detached, three-car garage and a long winding driveway to the home that is set back from the street.

Some of the updates to the property include central air conditioning, in-ground sprinklers, alarm and radiant floor heating.

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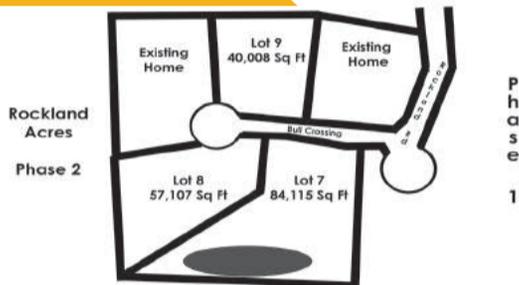
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34 Rice Ave	Samuel Kaufman	Matthew Ethier and Lauren Mauceri	\$247,500
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113 Gormley Ave	John and Elizabeth Akin	Tasca Properties & Renovation	\$263,000
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