



Year in review

Spotlight on Warwick schools in 2024

Perhaps the most frequent subject of our Warwick stories in 2024 involved the public school system. 2024 started off with a big change there – with Shaun Galligan taking over as School Committee Chairman in January – and major news items would continue throughout the year. One of the largest occurred during the final weeks of the 2023-24 school year, as Oakland Beach Elementary School teacher Milissa O’Neil was named Rhode Island’s Teacher of the Year in a surprise ceremony attended by state Commissioner of Education Angélica Infante-Green. Warwick students also had many accomplishments of their own. In March, Hoxsie and Park elementary schools made history as they played Rhode Island’s first-ever unified basketball game at the elementary level – something that Hoxsie Principal Gary McCoombs said will be significantly expanded in 2025.

Four Warwick culinary students also got to take part in the National Restaurant Association’s ProStart Invitational, where they got to present their vision for a restaurant in the restaurant management competition. Their restaurant concept – Cristofori, an upscale Tuscan restaurant named after the inventor of the piano and with a music-inspired theme – won Rhode Island’s competition in February. The biggest of school stories, though, involved plans for construction of new Pilgrim and Toll Gate high schools. In February, LeftField Project Management was brought on as the project manager for both schools, and Dimeo was tapped as construction manager in April. The push for new schools saw greater urgency in March as well, with Toll Gate closed for two weeks due to a leaky heater unit and transformer failure in the school’s library.



An artist’s rendering of the planned new Toll Gate High School. (Beacon Media files)

Throughout the spring and summer, LeftField, Dimeo and architects Sac-coccio & Associates and Saam Architecture gave monthly updates on the project’s progress. August saw a major milestone reached when both architecture firms showed their designs for Toll Gate and Pilgrim to the public in a

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Wein-O-Rama, located at 1009 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, closed after 62 years in August. But it will soon be reopened under new ownership. (Beacon Media photo)

Wein-O-Rama bids farewell, rises again

Beacon Media staff reports

After 62 years, brothers George and Ernie Sotirakos decided the time had come to close the doors of Wein-O-Rama, located at 1009 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, in August. But it will soon be reopened thanks to two Rhode Island businessmen. Eric Beaune, owner of Garden Hills Fruit and Deli, and Chris Tasca of Fly Alliance are reopening the local institution. They hope to have it open by early spring and said they plan to keep as much the same as possible – from the menu to the staff. Tasca confirmed that he and Beaune have reached out to the former staff to rehire them, and said there are no plans to change the menu or the winning wiener formula. In fact, he said, they plan to keep the business as much the same as possible. “This isn’t just about owning a business,” he said. “It’s more of a legacy project.” Founded by Mike Sotirakos in 1962, and with his sons George and Ernie taking over after he retired, the diner stayed in the family until it closed. The brothers said it had simply come time

to hang up their aprons, but they will always miss their customers. “We worked hard to keep things going the way he always did,” said George. “I’d just like thank everyone for their years of support.”

Park Theatre curtain goes up again in new hands

By RYAN DOHERTY

The historic Park Theatre reopened its doors in October. The theater – which closed temporarily last year – hosted multiple shows this fall, including “Jim Henson’s Labyrinth: In Concert,” “A Bronx Tale Live: One Man Show – Chazz Palminteri” and The Irish Tenors. The historic theater is under new management

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More homes for sale, but still a seller’s market

By JOHN HOWELL

The days of bidding wars over home purchases are over, although according to local Realtors, the inventory of homes for sale is still below a “balanced market.” Philip Slocum of Slocum Real Estate in Warwick makes the comparison to a car’s gas gauge. Until fairly recently the gauge was bouncing off “E” with only a few houses for sale. Those on the market were snapped up quickly with some buyers bidding up to twice the asking price, forgoing inspections and putting down cash to make the sale. It was a seller’s market and home prices kept shooting up. As of last Thursday, Slocum said, there were 901 active home sales statewide, with 70 of them in Warwick. “People are not wildly aggressive as they had been,” Slocum said. According to Rhode Island Association of Realtors data for November, the average number of days a home is on the market is 32 and the number of sales for the month, 589 statewide, is up 1.5% from November 2023. Warwick sales for the month were 75 homes, an increase of nearly 23% from last November. As Slocum sees the gauge today at a quarter of a tank, which is halfway to a balanced tank, at half full, when there are sufficient homes to offer buyers options and enough of a demand to give sellers good value for their homes. “We’re going in the right direction,” says Chris Whitten, president of the Rhode Island Association of Realtors. Yet, he sees a significant hurdle – not enough new houses to keep up with the demand. “We’re circulating mostly preexisting inventory,” Whitten said in an interview. At that moment, the owner and broker of Pemeer Real Estate in Smithfield said, he was looking out his window at the site for 160 homes announced over six months ago, yet construction has not started and the project is bogged down in permitting. He said he talked with House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi, who is looking to continue his legislative campaign to cut red tape for new housing and is hopeful. Whitten, nonetheless, calls it a “very tricky market at this time.” He cites what he terms “buyer fatigue” where once-active buyers are taking a break from their search. As a result, he said, “we’re seeing a price drop.” He expects this to be a temporary dip. The median statewide price of single family homes contin-

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Home sweet home

Home prices across our community continue to rise. Above, this Nausauket Road property sold for \$2 million in May. See page 5 for the top three home sales in Cranston and Warwick for 2024. (Source Rliving.com)

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Jan. 1, 49th Annual Penguin Plunge for Special Olympics Rhode Island at its new location, Scarborough State Beach in Narragansett. The main plunge kicks off at 12 p.m., followed by a family-friendly plunge at 12:15 p.m. Registration is \$25, and additional fundraising is encouraged. This support makes a profound difference in the lives of Rhode Islanders with intellectual disabilities, empowering them to achieve their dreams.

A look back



Take a look back at some of the top sports stories from the year 2024.

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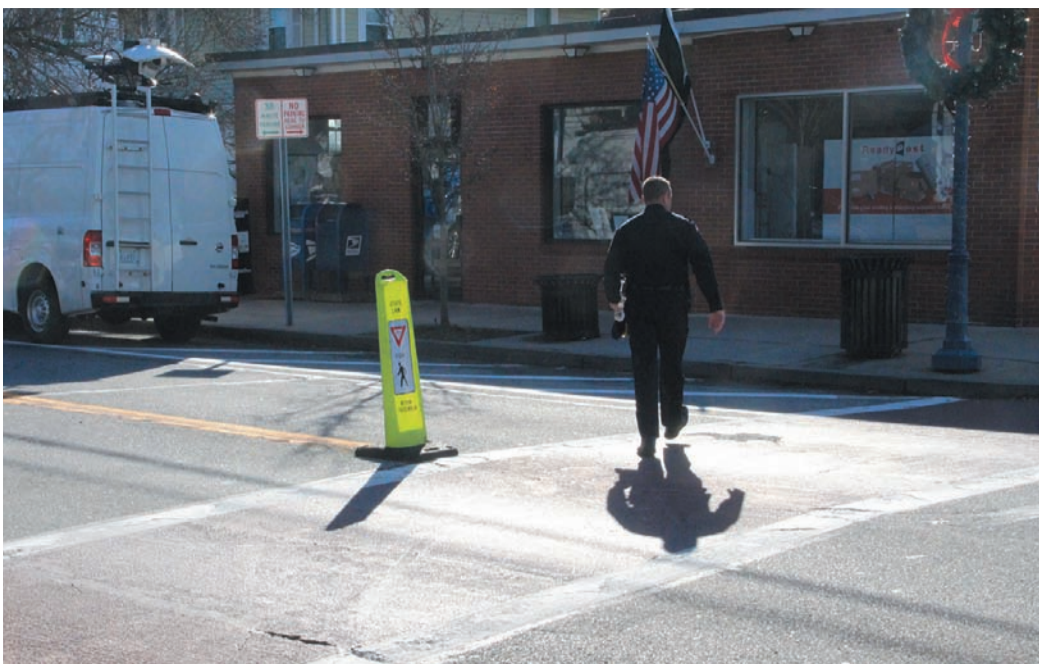
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Data: Warwick crosswalks safer than RI norm



The crosswalk in front of the Conimicut post office is generally a good place to cross West Shore Road. Using the walk here is police Col. Brad Connor. (Beacon Media photo)

By JOHN HOWELL

Are crosswalks in Warwick safer than those in other parts of the state?

That appears to be one conclusion from a recent study that found Rhode Island crosswalks among the most dangerous in the nation.

Warwick police data indicates that of the 17 pedestrian fatalities in the city between 2017 and 2024, one occurred in a crosswalk, 13 resulted when pedestrians sought to cross a road without using a designated crosswalk and three occurred in parking lots.

Another conclusion from the Warwick data is that efforts to enforce crosswalk legislation are proving effective.

On a national scale, Florida personal injury lawyers Anidjar & Levine, utilizing data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from 2017 to 2021, focused on the number of pedestrians involved in fatal collisions who were recorded as being at marked crosswalks at the time. The study ranks Nevada, Rhode Island, Hawaii, Massachusetts and New Jersey as the states with the highest percentages of pedestrian-involved fatal collisions in marked crosswalks.

Rhode Island followed Nevada with 62 pedestrians involved in fatal crashes over the five-year period, 27 of which occurred at marked crosswalks, accounting for 43.5% of the state's total number of pedestrians involved in deadly collisions.

"Although we've had our share of pedestrian fatal accidents, most have occurred outside of the crosswalks,"

Warwick police Col. Brad Connor wrote in an email.

The single Warwick fatality within a crosswalk occurred Nov. 30, 2018, on Greenwich Avenue in front of 300 Lambert Lind Highway. Connor remembers responding to the incident.

"Early morning sun glare and the sudden change of the traffic/pedestrian crosswalk signal were both factors," he said. "The timing of both the traffic and pedestrian crosswalk lights were extended by a few seconds as a result," he added.

Enforcement of the law is having an effect.

In some cases police officers in plainclothes are stationed at crosswalks prepared to step off the curb. When motorists fail to stop, they are pulled to the side of the road and given a citation or issued a warning.

Of the 12 pedestrian enforcements conducted in 2024, police issued 267 violations or warnings. During 2023, when the department conducted seven enforcements, 250 violations or warnings were issued.

And in 2022, a total of 63 violations or warnings were issued during six enforcements.

A spokesperson for Anidjar & Levine commented on the national findings: "These statistics highlight the significant risks pedestrians face at marked crosswalks. Crossing at a marked crosswalk might be the time when pedestrians feel they are safest on the road but this data, unfortunately, highlights the dangers that they face, underscoring the need for heightened awareness and adherence to safety measures by both drivers and pedestrians."



Knowing where to cross

City Council President Steve McAllister came to a stop and snapped this photo of Canada geese crossing Arnolds Neck Drive where the city recently installed a sign that flashes the speed of motorists and warns of wildlife crossing. Funding for the sign was part of the \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding that the city administration allocated to each ward. "I have gotten a lot of great feedback from residents since these went up last week," McAllister reported.

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Mobile museum debuts at school, its mission to foster understanding

By ROSE GALIE CINEUS

A museum on wheels made its way to Park View Middle School recently for its first school presentation yet.

The Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Mobile Museum set up shop for a two-day exhibit in Park View’s library. There were panels full of historical information ranging from profiles of important people in the AAPI community to descriptions of what Providence’s Chinatown was like back in the day.

Jeannie Salomon, founder of the mobile museum, is executive director of the Cultural Society for Entrepreneurship, Bilingualism, Resources and Inspirations (CSEBRI), a nonprofit organization that works to highlight the history and enrich the lives of the AAPI community.

Salomon said the concept for the museum came about in 2023 during the AAPI Heritage Month celebration.

Salomon wanted something more permanent to highlight the community’s history and change people’s perceptions of the AAPI community, which was facing hate during the pandemic from people who believed Asians brought COVID-19 to the United States.

Salomon was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was 11. Growing up, she said, her parents didn’t talk much about their background and why they left China. But she said they carried Chinese traditions with them and raised her according to Chinese traditional thinking.

In sixth grade, Salomon wrote a poem about race for a favorite subject, social studies. Her teacher gave special recognition to her poem and it was published in the yearbook. That was her first published work.

Family stories awaken interest in history

In 2023, Salomon released a

memoir titled “Double Minority” that explored her roots and elements of her parents’ history and upbringing.

She credits her journey into her family’s past with stirring her interest in history.

Since Salomon began her journey with the mobile museum, she has set it up at sites around Rhode Island, debuting at PVD Fest and showing at Brown University and the West Warwick Library.

At the first public school to hold the mobile museum, Park View’s principal Alex Kanelos gave credit to the leaders in the school community who brought this opportunity.

Salomon said she chose the middle school because of her connection to Park View social studies teacher John Thompson, who had inquired about the mobile museum and invited her.

“Just another wonderful experience for our students,” Kanelos said. “The more exposure they get to these types of things, the more aware they become as citizens, and hopefully this is something that we can continue to do.”

The art of engaging lessons

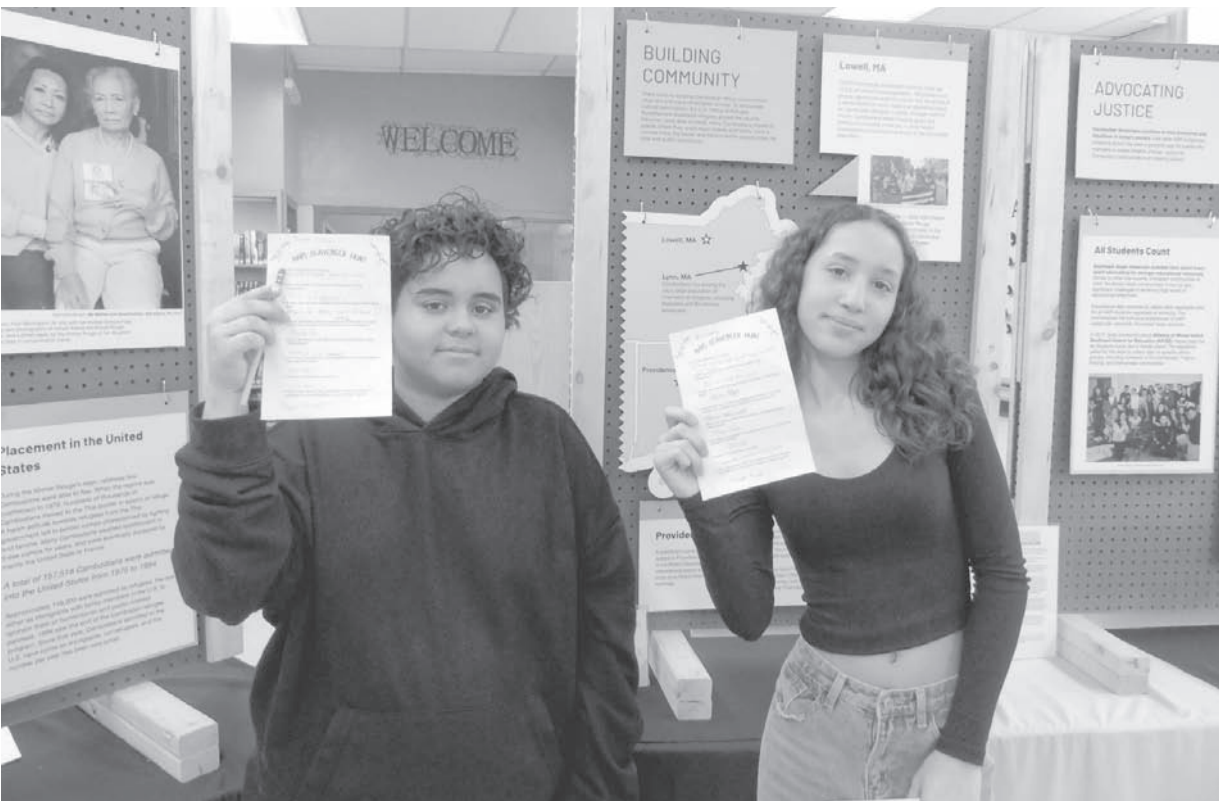
Students also got a chance to go on a scavenger hunt and find answers to the questions asked by exploring the different stories and information in the exhibit.

Kanelos credits the school librarian, Stephanie Mills, with coming up with the interactive idea to have students focus and engage with the subject matter.

Mills said she usually comes up with something hands-on to go with these types of activities.

“It just gives them (the students) something to look at while they’re also working their way through the museum,” Mills said. “Kind of keeps them on task and engaged.”

Mills also thanked her student teacher, Meg Yeager, who helped her with the scavenger hunt by previewing the museum and



Eighth graders Jordan Duran (left) and Elizabeth Reyes (right) finish the exhibit and complete the scavenger hunt activity before heading back to class.

writing up the questions for the students to work through as they walked through the exhibit.

Salomon hopes to work with other schools in the community but says she struggles with getting them to open their doors. She emphasized the importance of allowing students to learn about real history, as the traditional American history taught in school tends to erase minorities.

“I think it’s very important for students to learn because, number one, they need to know the real history. Number two, the diversity of student population in Cranston: it is good for them to know their background, so they know that they are part of the nation-building. And number three, hopefully that with uplifting them, they are part of this nation, they feel [they] belong. They are not foreigners, even if they immigrate here recently but they have ancestor[s] who helped make this country the way it is today.”

Outreach beyond the AAPI community

School Committee member Keith Catone and Schools Superintendent Jeannine Nota-Masse were at the exhibit showing their support.

Catone, who is half Chinese, said there weren’t many other Chinese kids around when he grew up in Rhode Island. He noted the lack of education about AAPI history when he was in school.

He said one of the reasons the exhibit is here is because a parent had asked him what was being done to incorporate not only AAPI history but Black American and Indigenous history.

Catone said it’s important to expose kids to that history, and the exhibit plays a role in doing that in a small way, incorporating community stories into the curriculum.

In September 2022, Rhode Is-

land became the fourth state to require the teaching of AAPI history. According to Catone, Cranston Public Schools have the highest number of Asian-American students of any district in the state.

“So, we have, I think, as a city and as a district, even greater responsibility to ensure AAPI history is included in our students’ learning,” Catone said. “Not just for the Asian-American students, but everyone, their peers as well.”

The AAPI mobile museum is the first of its kind in the country to be fully dedicated to the history of the AAPI community – and early in 2025, Salomon said, it will have a bricks-and-mortar counterpart at 44 Hospital St. in Providence.

To keep up to date with any upcoming events, news, ways to get involved or to donate, you can find out more at <https://csebri.org/>

City planner: ‘It takes time’ to turn school into homes

Aldrich conversion to senior housing



By JOHN HOWELL

In June of 2023 the City Council approved the sale of the former Aldrich Junior High School to WinnDevelopment for \$2 million. Winn’s plan calls for conversion of the former school into housing for low- and moderate-income seniors.

While \$2 million is less than what the administration hoped to get for the property, the council and the mayor were happy with the developers and what would become of the brick school with its stately entrance overlooking Post Road. When the bid was accepted, Winn, with offices in Boston, outlined a plan to have financing in place by January 2024 and construction starting soon after. That hasn’t happened. There are no signs of activity in the building, although during a walk-through in the summer of 2023 there were a few pigeons that had found their way in through broken windows.

“It takes time. We knew that when we accepted the bid,” City Planner Thomas

Kravitz said last Monday. Kravitz provided a narrative of how Winn proposes to transform the school into 63 units of low- and moderate-income housing for people at least 55 years old. The unit mix will include 54 one-bedroom units and nine two-bedroom units.

Last Monday was the deadline for Rhode Island Housing applications for grants toward development of affordable homes. Kravitz didn’t have specifics of the Winn grant application, but he is hopeful Winn can consolidate funding and start renovations by this time next year.

“They key is fully funding on the first [application] round,” he said. A spokesman at Rhode Island Housing said last week it was too soon to know how many qualified applications for grants had been filed or the amounts required. But, he said, 74 applicants were awarded a total of \$190 million in 2023.

In order to expedite the process, the city has given Winn preliminary submission approval of the project. Kravitz pointed out Winn would also need Department of Environmental Management approval of soil-erosion and sediment-control plans. Kravitz is especially excited Winn will deed back to the city school fields and open space. Under an agreement, the school gym would be available to the Police Athletic League.

The building would offer a tenant lounge, management and leasing office,

and on each floor a laundry room and access to two elevators.

“Through its robust resident-services platform, Connected Communities, Winn will provide a continuum of care services on site – allowing residents to live independently and age in place. A wellness room will be available for continuum of care and benefit support services,” reads an administrative review submitted to the city.

The building would have seven entrances including the main entry at the top of the stairs that gives the building its classical look. Winn is emphasizing its efforts to preserve the historical aspects of the property.

Other aspects of the project included in the review are a bagging style trash chute centrally located near the rear of the building. Each of the three floors is to have a trash room with trash-chute access door and 90-gallon containers for recycling. An outside enclosure would be provided at the rear parking lot for trash and recycling

pickup. There would also be a maintenance office, workshop and storage area for site staff. A main electric room would be located on the ground floor and electrical and electronic equipment closets would be located on each floor.

Winn’s bid was the highest of five for the school and its 11 acres across from a former shopping plaza now home to a Walmart. Winn was also the only bidder to put forward a plan to repurpose the building, which city leaders had hoped for, rather than leveling the site for housing or worse yet a big box store.

Aldrich closed as a junior high school in 2017 as part of the consolidation of secondary schools that included the closing of Gorton Junior High School and the conversion of Veterans High School into a middle school, leaving Warwick with two high schools, Pilgrim and Toll Gate.

The Winn representative working on the Aldrich project did not respond to a request to comment on this story.



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Latest study: RI best state for reporting crime

Rhode Island is the state with the highest percentage of law enforcement agencies reporting crime data to the FBI according to a new study.


The study, conducted by Pre-Settlement Legal Funding Company High Rise Financial, analyzed the latest available data from the FBI on the number of law agencies in each state and the number and percentage that report to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This analysis provides insight into which states are the most proactive in reporting detailed crime data, contributing to a better understanding of crime trends at the national level.

Rhode Island ranks first, with 96% of its

50 law enforcement agencies participating in NIBRS—meaning 48 agencies are actively reporting. This is 1.4 times higher than the national average of 69.43, suggesting that Rhode Island’s cooperation aids with comprehensive crime data collection, which can support effective crime prevention and policymaking.

At the other end of the list, Pennsylvania ranks as the state with the lowest level of cooperation with the FBI, with only 8.48% of its agencies reporting to NIBRS. This translates to just 161 out of 1,898 agencies participating. This is eight times lower than the national average of 69.43%.

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“R & T Estates”
Minor Subdivision- Preliminary Plan
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You are hereby notified that the Cranston City Plan Commission will meet to review the Preliminary Plan for a proposed Minor Subdivision entitled **“R & T Estates.”** This public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.**, in the City Council Chamber of Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Avenue. As a neighboring property owner, you are invited to attend this public hearing at which time plans will be presented for public comment and City Plan Commission consideration.

The subject parcel is located at **300 Laten Knight Road**, Assessors Plat 29, Lot 2 and is zoned A-80. The property owners are Lawrence D. and Elizabeth Moses of 380 Laten Knight Rd, Cranston, RI. The applicant is Thomas V. Moses, Esq. of Moses Ryan Ltd. 40 Westminster St, 9th Fl, Providence, RI 02903.

The Proposal is to subdivide a single 29-acre lot into a total of five (5) conforming house lots with access through a new private road, stemming from Laten Knight Road. The lots are planned to be serviced by private wells and public sewer.

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Pursuant to the Cranston Subdivision and Land Development Regulations, the proposed plan may be revised by the City Plan Commission as a result of further study or because of views expressed at this meeting. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired should contact the Planning Department at 780-3136, seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting date.

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The Proposal requires relief from provisions of the Zoning Ordinance including Chapter 17, 20.120 – Schedule of Intensity Regulation relating to minimum frontage requirements.

The subject parcel is located at 337 East Street, further identified as AP 15, Lots 636, 1643 & 1661. The applicant is Ronn David of 30 Woodland Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. The property owners are Michael Boscia and Dawn Boscia of 423 Natick Avenue, Cranston, RI 02921. The property is in an A-8 residential zone and contains approximately 58,053 +/- square feet.

The applicant seeks the existing three (3) lots to be subdivided into five (5) lots, as a minor subdivision of land under the Unified Development Review regulations. The subdivision will require the Planning Commission to grant a dimensional variance for width and street frontage of each lot that will greatly exceed the minimum lot size in the A-8 zone under the Unified Development Review process.

All staff reports, recommendations, and supporting materials on this application will be posted on the Planning Department’s webpage at <https://www.cranstonri.com/departments/planning/> and will be accessible by following the link entitled “January 7, 2025 Plan Commission”. The materials will be posted approximately 4 days before the meeting.

All interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing at which time, plans will be presented for public comment and City Plan Commission review. Plans for this Minor Subdivision project may be reviewed prior to the meeting in the Planning Department, Room 309, Cranston City Hall, during regular office hours, 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Pursuant to the Cranston Subdivision and Land Development Regulations, the proposed plan may be revised by the City Plan Commission as a result of further study or because of views expressed at this meeting. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired should contact the Planning Department at 461-1000 ext. 3222, seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting date.

Michael Smith
President

Jason M. Pezzullo, AICP
Planning Director

12/26/24, 1/2/25

CRANSTON
THE CITY OF CRANSTON
ZONING BOARD DOCKET
January 8, 2025

The following applications will be heard in the City Council Chambers Cranston City Hall 869 Park Avenue Cranston, RI 02910 on **Wednesday January 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** The items listed may be subject to final action.

NEW BUSINESS

JACKYS AT 379, LLC (OWN) and LITTLE LEARNERS ACADEMY OF ATWOOD, INC (APP) have applied to the Board for permission to allow increased signage at **379 Atwood Avenue**; A.P.12, lot 2853; area 34,804 sf; zoned C3. Applicant seeks relief per Section 17.92.010-Variances; Section 17.72.010(4)- Signs.

IMPERIAL APARTMENTS, LLC (OWN/APP) have filed an application for permission to add two new units in a multi-family apartment building, for a total of 15 units on an under-sized lot at **101 Dart Street**, A.P. 12, Lot 1495; area 17,554 sf; zoned A8. Applicant seeks relief per Section 17.92.010-Variances; Sections 17.20.030- Schedule of Uses; 17.20.090 (A)-Specific Requirements.

SHANTI HOSPITALITY, LLC (OWN/APP) have applied to the Board for permission to allow increased signage at **101 New London Avenue**; A.P.10, lot 1405; area 87,120 sf; zoned C4. Applicant seeks relief per Section 17.92.010-Variances; Section 17.72.010(4)- Signs.

GILBERT AND ANNA MEDEIROS (OWN/APP) have filed an application for permission to re-construct a new garage in the existing location encroaching into the side yard setback at **24 Hagen Avenue**; A.P. 18, lot 1236; area 9,237 sf; zoned A6. Applicant seeks relief per Section 17.92.010-Variances; Section 17.60.010 (B) Accessory uses

THE RUSSO FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST (OWN) AND THE BLUE ROOM RI, LLC (APP) have applied to the Board for relief from the requirements of off-street parking at **2197 Broad Street**; A.P. 1, lot 432; area 4,102 sf; zoned C3. Applicant seeks relief per Section 17.92.010-Variances, Section 17.64.010 – Off-street parking.

CPW TRUE STORAGE, LLC and CPW APARTMENTS, LLC (OWN/APP) have filed an application for a variance from the standards relating to construction in a special flood hazard district to convert an existing mill building to apartments and self-storage space at **1381 Cranston Street**, AP 8 Lots 195, 1617 and 2711; area 42.1 +/- acres, zoned M-1. Applicant seeks relief per Section 17.92.010 Variances; Sections 17.16.100 Specific Standards, Section 17.16.120 Variance.

12/26/24

PROBATE COURT OF THE CITY OF CRANSTON
NOTICE
Of Matters Pending and For Hearing In Said Court
On the dates specified in notices below at
9 A.M. for hearing said matters
Cranston City Hall
869 Park Ave, Cranston, RI 02910
3rd Floor, Council Chambers

CEPHAS, JOLOMONDEN D. RESIDENT MINOR
Petition for Minor Guardianship; for hearing January 9, 2025

FERRARI, ANTHONY N. ESTATE
Petition for Administration; for hearing January 9, 2025

FIORITO, NANCY ESTATE
Petition for the Sale of Real Estate located at 177 Midwood St., Cranston, RI; for purposes set forth, now on file, wherein said property is more fully described for hearing January 9, 2025

MANN, ROBERT BARNEY ESTATE
Petition for Probate of Will; for hearing January 9, 2025

PILKINGTON, ELIZABETH RESIDENT WARD
Petition for Guardianship; for hearing January 9, 2025

PREBLUD, BARRY J. RESIDENT WARD
Co-Guardian's First Account; for hearing January 9, 2025

RAMBONE, EMMA ESTATE
Administratrix's First and Final Account; for hearing January 9, 2025

QUIXAN CASTRO, ABELINO RESIDENT MINOR
Petition for Minor Guardianship; for hearing January 9, 2025

QUIXAN CASTRO, MARCELINO RESIDENT MINOR
Petition for Minor Guardianship; for hearing January 9, 2025

DOUGLAS, NEIL A. ESTATE
Anganie J. Williams has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

FALCONE, ANGELA C. ESTATE
Richard A. Lanigan has qualified as Administrator; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

MAIETTA, DOROTHY M. ESTATE
Marjorie C. Maietta has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

MARTIN, ADELINE ESTATE
Debra J. Grady and James Moniz, Jr., have qualified as Co-Executors; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

PEZZA, ANTONIO D. ESTATE
Beverly A. Pezza has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

PROFFIT, DOROTHY RESIDENT WARD
Walter E. Proffit, Jr., has qualified as Guardian of the Person and Estate; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

PROFFIT, WALTER E. RESIDENT WARD
Walter E. Proffit, Jr., has qualified as Guardian of the Person and Estate; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

STOPPIELLO, STEPHEN F. ESTATE
Stephanie A. Caramante has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024


THOMPSON, I. TERRENCE, ALIAS: THOMPSON, I. TERRY ESTATE
Joseph J. Swinski, III, has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

WEBER, SYLVIA ESTATE
Zachary Tashian has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the probate clerk within the time required by law beginning December 26, 2024

Individuals requiring assistive listening devices are requested to contact the office of the city clerk at 461-1000 ext 3197 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Tracy Nelson
Clerk of the Probate Court

12/26/24, 1/2/25



CITY OF CRANSTON
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENTS TO THE
SUBDIVISION & LAND
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

You are hereby notified that the Cranston City Plan Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Subdivision & Land Development Regulations on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 6:30 P.M., in the City Council Chamber at the Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Avenue.

All interested parties are welcome to participate during the public comments portion for docketed items on this agenda. All materials will be posted to the City’s website prior to the meeting at: <https://www.cranstonri.com/departments/planning/>

If you are unable to access the internet, you may contact the Cranston Planning Department directly at (401)780-3136 to set up an appointment to review the materials at the City Hall – 3rd Floor, Room 309, during regular office hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Zoom webinar information for remote participation: <https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/6GIQCjRNlmpGk6HWfYImqoYX?domain=zoom.us>
Passcode: **641733**
Or One tap mobile :+13052241968,92161012817# US
Or Telephone: +1 305 224 1968 US
Webinar ID: **921 6101 2817**

The entire meeting of the City Plan Commission will be live streamed (no live participation) on the City’s YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofcranston>

Michael E. Smith
President

Jason M. Pezzullo, AICP
City Planning Director

12/12, 12/19, 12/26/24

CLASS BL TO KEEP AND SELL INTOXICATING BEVERAGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THE R.I. GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED, HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Ripston & Medeiros Inc
DBA: Urban Air
300 Quaker Lane
Warwick RI 02886

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, 2nd floor WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, R.I., on **Tuesday November 26, 2024 at 6:00PM** AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE HEARD. REMONSTRANCES MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE OF HEARING.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
James H. Paolucci CLERK

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 468-4217, OR TDD AT 739-9150 AT **LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE** OF THE MEETING DATE.

12/26/24, 1/2/25

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE NOTICE (NEW)

LICENSE APPLICATION FOR A RETAILER'S BEVERAGE LICENSE **CLASS BV** TO KEEP AND SELL INTOXICATING BEVERAGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THE R.I. GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED, HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Korean BBQ Inc
DBA: Gopchang Story
Korean BBQ
1800 post Rd Unit 24
Warwick RI 02886

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, 2nd floor WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, R.I., on **Tuesday January 14th at 6:00PM** AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE HEARD. REMONSTRANCES MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE OF HEARING.

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
James H. Paolucci CLERK

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 468-4217, OR TDD AT 739-9150 AT **LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE** OF THE MEETING DATE.

12/26/24, 1/2/25

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE NOTICE
TRANSFER OF LICENSE

APPLICATION FOR A TRANSFER OF A RETAILER'S BEVERAGE LICENSE **CLASS BV** TO KEEP AND SELL INTOXICATING BEVERAGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THE R.I. GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED, HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

FROM: Launch Trampoline Park II LLC
Dba: Launch
920 Bald Hill Rd
Warwick, RI 02886

TO: IG Entertainment RI LLC
Dba: Launch Warwick
920 Bald Hill Rd.
Warwick, RI 02886

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM, WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 99 VETERANS MEMORIAL DR., WARWICK, R.I., on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025 6:00PM** AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE PERSONS REMONSTRATING AGAINST THE GRANTING OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE HEARD. REMONSTRANCES MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE OF HEARING

BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
JAMES PAOLUCCI, CLERK

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AT 468-4217, OR TDD AT 739-9150 AT **LEAST 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE** OF THE MEETING DATE.

12/19, 12/26/24

CITY OF WARWICK
ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: CITY OF WARWICK – ANNEX BUILDING
65 CENTERVILLE ROAD
WARWICK, RI 02886
SAWTOOTH BUILDING – 1ST FLOOR
CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

II. PUBLIC HEARING AS ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW - Discussion and/or action and/or vote regarding the following petitions. The Zoning Board may approve, approve with conditions or deny the following petitions/applications, as may be modified by testimony and/or evidence presented throughout the public hearing; and/or possible vote to continue a petition's public hearing to a date determined.

Petition #11020
8 Flagg Ave.

Ward 8

The petition of Timothy & Laura Stravato, 8 Flagg Ave., Warwick, RI, requests a dimensional variance to construct a 25' x 38' two-story addition, with a garage on the first floor, and a living room, bedroom and bathroom on the second floor. Proposed addition having a front yard setback of 17.6' (25' required). Assessor's Plat 246, Lots 99, 105 & 107, zoned Residential A-10.

Petition #11021
111 Pennsylvania Ave.

Ward 3

The petition of Gary Perry & GJP Properties, 111 Pennsylvania Ave., War-

wick, RI, requests a dimensional variance to legalize a 32' x 28' addition to the existing warehouse/storage building. Proposed addition having a side yard setback of 14.9' (15' required), and a rear yard setback of 18.1' (20' required). Assessor's Plat 282, lot 176, zoned General Industrial (GI).

Petition #11022
14 Lippitt Ave.

Ward 5

The petition of Glenn & Patricia Marina, 38 Lippitt Ave., Warwick, RI, requests a dimensional variance to construct a new 2,126 sq. ft. single-family dwelling, a deck, and a detached garage with an ADU above. Proposed dwelling having a front yard setback of 12' (30' required), and a rear yard setback of 17' (30' required). Proposed detached garage/ADU having a front yard setback of 12' (30' required), and a side yard setback of 6.1' (20' required), and being larger than allowed at 954 sq. ft. (900 sq. ft. allowed). Assessor's Plat 335, Lot 265, zoned Residential A-15 & A-7.

Petition #11024
24 Red Oak Circle

Ward 3

The petition of Sally Gravino, Life Estate, 24 Red Oak Circle, Warwick, RI, requests a dimensional variance to legalize three-season room and deck constructed without the proper approvals, having a side/rear yard setback of 0.5' to the deck (5' required), and 6.5' to the three-season room (8' required). Assessor's Plat 268, Lot 525, zoned Residential A-7.

Petition #11025
2915 Post Rd.

Ward 7

The petition of Fatima Finamore, 26 Circle Dr. Coventry, RI, requests a special use permit from Table 1 Use Regulations # 101.1, to convert the existing structure to a two-family dwelling. Existing structure contains an office on the first floor, and a residential apartment on the second floor. Petitioner is proposing to convert the office to a second residential apartment. Assessor's Plat 267, Lots 203 & 393, zoned Office (O) & Residential A-7.

Petition #11026
700 Cowesett Rd.

Ward 9

The petition of The Narragansett Electric Company (TNEC), 280 Melrose St., Providence, RI, requests a use variance to install razor wire on top of the proposed security wall. Proposed razor wire being prohibited by the Zoning Ordinance Section 603.1. Assessor's Plat 232, Lot 1, zoned Residential A-40.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Discussion and/or action and/or vote regarding the Regular Meeting Minutes of the December 10, 2024 meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT -

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

Paul DePetrillo, Chairman

*Please be advised that the Zoning Board of Review has adopted Rules and Regulations governing the application process, submission of material, conduct of the public hearing on the application and responsibilities of an action to appeal a decision. These Rules and regulations are posted on the City's web site and are available for review in the Board's office during regular hours. All applicants and objectors are obliged to review these Rules and shall be held responsible for compliance therewith. If there are any questions on the above petitions, please contact the Zoning Office at 401-921-9534 or by email amy.e.cota@warwickri.gov. Facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. If you need interpreter services, please contact Amy at 401-921-934 at least 48 hours in advance of said hearing.

12/26/24

STATE WIDE 7

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
Probate Court of the
CITY OF WARWICK
NOTICE
OF MATTERS PENDING AND
FOR HEARING
IN SAID COURT
The Court will be in session at **WARWICK CITY HALL** on the dates specified in notices below at **9:00 AM** for hearing said matters:

DIETZ, Amaranta M. alias Amaranta Maeve Dietz, est.
Minor Guardianship; for hearing January 2, 2025

DIETZ, Anouk M. alias Anouk Matilda Dietz, est.
Minor Guardianship; for hearing January 2, 2025

KASHNER, Mildred A. alias Mildred Alice Kashner, est.
Sale of Real Estate for Property located at 192 Holland Street, Cranston, RI 02920, Further designated as Assessor's Plat 12/3, Lot 2937; for hearing January 2, 2025

MARTINEZ, Russell, L., est.
Co-Guardian's 11th Account; for hearing January 2, 2025

MURPHY, Eileen alias Eileen M. Murphy, est.
Probate of Will; for hearing January 2, 2025

SMITH, Stephen, est.
Administration Petition; for hearing January 2, 2025

BACKE, Barbara J. alias Barbara Jeanne Backe, est.
Thomas A. Dale has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

CADY, Richard J. alias Richard Joseph Cady, est.
Amanda L. Ireland has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

FAMIANO, Anthony Jr., est.
MaryAnn B. Famiano has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

■ NOTICES - PAGE 10

Top 3 Cranston Home Sales for 2024

As of Dec. 12, 2024



2110 Plainfield Pike, Cranston RI 02921
\$3 million
Sold on March 7, 2024
Listing broker: Chad Dupuis
Coldwell Banker Coastal Homes
Photo: (Source: Rlliving.com)



76 Seaview Avenue, Cranston RI 02905
\$2.832 million
Sold on Feb. 16, 2024
Listing broker: Lindsay Pettinelli
Churchill & Banks Co., LLC
Photo: (Source: Rlliving.com)



141 Fox Ridge Drive, Cranston RI 02921
\$1.465 million
Sold on March 21, 2024
Listing broker: Robert Rinn
RE/MAX Professionals
Photo: (Source: Rlliving.com)

Top 3 Warwick Home Sales for 2024

As of Dec. 12, 2024



495 Nausauket Road, Warwick, RI 02886
\$2 million
Sold on May 3, 2024
Listing broker: Allen Gammons
BHHS Commonwealth Real Estate
Photo: (Source: Rlliving.com)



192 Cedar Street, Warwick, RI 02818
\$1.790 million
Sold on April 15, 2024
Listing broker: Kira Greene
Compass
Photo: (Source: Rlliving.com)



76 Melbourne Road, Warwick, RI 02886
\$1.750 million
Sold on Oct. 4, 2024
Listing Broker: Cheryl Cusick
RI Real Estate Services
Photo: (Source: Rlliving.com)

Homes

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price drop.” He expects this to be a temporary dip.

The median statewide price of single family homes continues to grow. It was \$480,000 compared to \$430,000 last November. The median price in Johnston was \$475,000 for the month compared to \$427,500 a year ago. In Cranston the median price was \$465,000 compared to \$405,000, and in Warwick the numbers are \$405,000 last month compared to \$365,000 in November 2023.

Given the median prices and its inventory of homes, Dean deTonnacourt, founder of HomeSmart Professionals Real Estate isn’t surprised Warwick leads the state in single family home sales.

“People are going where housing is more affordable,” deTonnacourt said. He said buyers are also looking at property taxes, which he said are lower in Warwick, and mortgage interest rates that he doesn’t see reaching 3% during the pandemic but leveling off around 6%.

With low inventory, deTonnacourt said, “We are still far from a balanced market.” He said he has “no sympathy” for sellers who worry when their homes have been on the market for 30 days.

In a balanced market with the gauge showing half a tank, it could take 60 days or more to sell a house.

In an election year, Warwick City Hall saw some major changes, though most of Warwick’s top governmental officials would stay in office.

The beginning of the year saw a fight at the state level over legislation to give the mayor’s office the power to appoint one member of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation Board of Directors. Currently, all members of the board are appointed by the governor. While that measure was not signed into law, both Mayor Frank Picozzi and Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi have promised to continue the fight in 2025.

Budget season saw heated disagreements on whether to include projected revenue from new traffic cameras that the City Council had not yet included in the city’s budget projections. In total, Warwick’s budget came out to \$361.2 million and included a 1.97% tax increase – higher than Picozzi’s requested 1.48% rise.

In June, a former employee of the Warwick Water

Schools

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special meeting.

However, in October, things hit a significant snag, with new projections showing that the high schools would cost \$387.8 million – well over the \$350 million passed by the voters in a bond referendum in 2022. Since then, LeftField and the committee has been looking at and approving value engineering, a process that lowers costs by removing or replacing certain items of the overall project.

2025 will bring even more news items – perhaps, most notably, the groundbreaking of the new Pilgrim and Toll Gate. 2024, though, is not a year that Warwick Public Schools will soon forget.

ter Division alleged that there was a culture of sexual harassment within the division, and that she was sexually harassed by three employees in 2022 and 2023, including both of her direct bosses. Another former employee filed a similar lawsuit in October, corroborating much of the first lawsuit’s claims and claiming that he had been the target of an anti-Semitic joke that had led to the arrest of Water Division head Terry DiPetrillo. Both cases remain pending.

Following months of rumors that he would challenge Mayor Frank Picozzi for his post, City Council President Stephen McAllister announced in June that not only would he not run for mayor but would step back from politics altogether. McAllister was among four council members not to seek reelection, including 15-term Councilwoman Donna Travis and councilmen Tim Howe and James McElroy.

Warwick’s mayoral race, among incumbent Frank Picozzi, School Committee Vice Chair Leah Hazelwood and former School



Hours before his landslide reelection victory, Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi was making the rounds at local polls. Here he makes a stop to say hi to supporters outside Warwick Veterans Middle School. (Beacon Media files)

Committee member Patrick Maloney, made sparks fly at the Beacon’s debate in October, though in the end Picozzi picked up more than 72% of the vote. The City Council remained secure in Democratic hands after the election, although Ward 4’s contest between eventual winner Salvatore DeLuise and independent candidate Joanne Miller was decided by less than 100 votes.

With McAllister’s departure, the new council needed to choose a new president. After a closed caucus on Nov. 16, the members emerged in agreement that Ward 8 Councilman Anthony Sinapi would lead the City Council – and its four new members – into the future.

2025 will mark the beginning of the first four-year mayoral term in Warwick’s history, and will also see the installation of the new traffic cameras, which were approved by the council in June.

WARWICK YEAR IN REVIEW - PAGE 11

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Cranston Year in Photos



First snow (Jan. 8): Kids took advantage of the first snow of the season, which brought perfect sledding conditions! (Beacon Media photos by Pam Schiff and Steve Popiel)



Lion dancers (Feb. 17): Students of the Rhode Island Kung Fu Club put on a show for shoppers at Garden City Center. As part of the lunar new year, they donned enormous two-person costumes to perform the Lion Dance, a traditional dance to bring luck and prosperity to those the procession passes. (Beacon Media photo by Steve Popiel)



Happy leprechaun (March 17): Devon Jacob kicked up his heels in celebration of the Thirsty Beaver Cranston's 11-year birthday. (Photo by Fallon Davis)



Eclipse (April 8): Ryan Sadlier and daughters Riley and Kendall at an eclipse viewing party on the lawn of William Hall Library. (Photo by Barbara Polichetti)



K-9 Zeus (May 4): Cranston Police Department announced the passing of K-9 Zeus, who served the "department with great distinction, dedication and honor." (Photo by Cranston Police Department)



CHSW (June 8): Cranston West Class President Peter Vachon, Salutatorian Christian Mak, Valedictorian Sarah Chin, and Student Council President Sophie Appel ahead of their graduation. (Photo by Cranston Public Schools)



Bolts (June 8): Cranston East Class of 2024 Valedictorian Olivia Tomaselli thanked her family and friends for their support during the school's graduation ceremony. (Photo by Cranston Public Schools)



Feinstein (Sept. 7): Alan Shawn Feinstein, who urged thousands of students to do good deeds, passed away at the age of 93. He lived in a modest home in the Edgewood section of Cranston. (Beacon Media file photo)



109 years old (July 3): Henry Polichetti, the oldest World War II veteran in the state, turned 109 on July 3. Sen. Jack Reed presented him with a citation and heartfelt letter thanking him for his service. (Beacon Media photo by Barbara Polichetti)



Gladstone (Oct. 25): Students left their mark on the new Gladstone Street Elementary School with a special beam-signing event. (Photo courtesy Cranston Public Schools)

Top teacher (Nov. 6): Glen Hills Elementary School Kindergarten teacher Maria Santonastaso, the winner of a 2024-25 Rhode Island Milken Educator Award, smiles in her classroom. (Beacon Media photo by Barbara Polichetti)



Thanksgiving (Nov. 28): Bain Student Rood Kemly Tingue reads his essay, which chronicles his journey from Haiti to America, at a special Thanksgiving ceremony held at Hugh B. Bain Middle School. (Beacon Media photo by Barbara Polichetti)



Gingerbread (Dec. 10): Construction skills met creativity at the Cranston Senior Center's gingerbread house competition. Rita Penzu takes it all in stride when her house collapses – again! (Beacon Media photo by Barbara Polichetti)



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Warwick Year in Photos



Time to fly (Jan. 8): Six-year-old Skyler Sullivan goes airborne as she sleds off of a makeshift ramp on a hill near the Gorton Administrative Building in Warwick in January. (Beacon Media photo)



Rocky Point (Feb. 22): Hills across the city, including those at Rocky Point Park, had a good turnout of those on sleds and tubes during school break.



Troop 77 (March 16): Fallen leaves were no match for the girls of Troop 77 Buttonwoods as they cleared neighborhood walking trails. (Submitted photo)



Eclipse (April 8): Photographers Thomas Gaines and Beth Magliette set up their cameras at Rocky Point as the eclipse approaches its maximum totality. (Beacon Media photo by Adam Zangari)



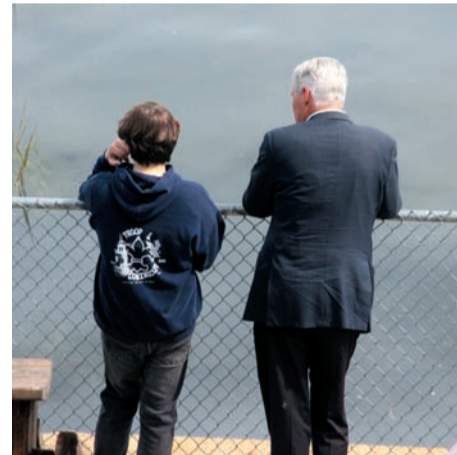
Dunes (May 9): More than 25 volunteers under the direction of Wenley Ferguson, director of restoration at Save the Bay, planted 10,350 beach grass plants on Oakland Beach dunes. The dunes look out on Greenwich Bay and Brush Neck Cove. (Submitted photo)



Heat relief (June 14): An end of the school year field day was held at Lippitt School. To the delight of students, Warwick firefighter Mark Kusel sprayed them with his firehose. (Beacon Media photo by Adam Zangari)



Conimicut Light (Aug. 29): The restoration of Conimicut Lighthouse was completed.



Scout and Senator (Sept. 7): U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse gets the details from T.J. Murray on what it took to assemble the crew and materials for his Eagle Scout badge project to refresh the Conimicut Point overlook. (Beacon Media photo by John Howell)



Warwick Neck (July 4): As Warwick Neck neighbors celebrated the Fourth of July in a parade that included lawn tractors, vehicles of many vintages, bicycles and kids on roller blades. (Beacon Media photo)



Haunting Pawtuxet (Oct. 31): Mackenize McConaghy and her parents Sean and Amanda were rock, paper, scissors. (Beacon Media photo)



Polls (Nov. 5): Voters headed to the polls on and before Election Day. Enthusiasm for pre-Election Day voting was strongest in Warwick, with more than 16,000 voters participating through early in-person voting or voting by mail.



Winter Fest (Dec. 12): Santa and Mrs. Claus at Warwick's second annual Strolling Rolling Apponaug Winter Festival.



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Retiring fire chief urges successor to keep an open door, listen



Ryan says his legacy as chief will be his honesty, fairness and in his estimation, that he was a “firefighter’s firefighter.”

By ROSEGALIE CINEUS

Cranston Fire Chief Robert Ryan will retire before the new year. His last day will be Dec. 27 after not quite a year in the job.

At last week’s City Council meeting, the mayor’s chief of staff, Anthony Moretti, asked that Ryan be put on pension roll because of his upcoming retirement. Ryan’s pension request was approved by the full council.

“You’re not going to find a finer person, a more caring person,” said Moretti. “A person that loves the job, a person that loves the men and women of his department, and his love for the people of the city of Cranston.”

Several council members thanked Ryan for his 37 years of service.

“I want to wish Chief Ryan joy and happiness in his years of retirement, thank him for his dedicated time and service for the department,” Council President Marino said.

Councilwoman Nicole Renzulli also thanked Ryan for his service and wished him well in his retirement. She described him as a kind person who was always available to call and bounce ideas off.

“He cares about the people of this city, he cares about the children,” Renzulli said. “He cares about his brothers and sisters of the fire department. I just always really respected him and just how he is as a person, as well as how he was as a fire chief.”

Growing up in Edgewood, Ryan had had dreamed of becoming a firefighter since he was a little boy. He went to school at St. Matthew’s before moving on to Park View Middle School and finishing up at Cranston High School East.

Then, in 1979, Ryan began working for the city as a maintenance employee. He worked at the Fire Department headquarters where he would later become fire chief.

Ryan worked in city maintenance for nine years; then in 1985 he decided to take the test for firefighting. After passing, he got on the eligibility list and began his firefighting career on Jan. 11, 1988.

For about 37 years, Ryan served the community; fighting fires on a daily basis and working with his department to keep residents safe.

Despite serving as the city’s 20th fire chief for less than a year, Ryan got things done. As you enter his office, you encounter the typical papers on the desk, the cabinets full of documents and pictures on the wall – one of a fire truck and others of loved ones. There is also a list of accomplishments on a white board, a tradition that Ryan says reminds him and his crew about the things they’ve done; the hard work they’ve put in.

“The past year, as everybody gets something accom-

plished, I check it off,” Ryan said. “So I keep looking up at that and I say, you know what? We did pretty good in the past year. In four or five days, I’m going to wipe that clean and whoever succeeds me will continue it.”

During his year, Ryan said the department has improved its fire equipment, gotten proper fire gear and washers and dryers to properly launder it.

“We put on 17 firefighters,” Ryan continued. “We started active-shooter training, so now we’re in training with the Police Department. We have bulletproof vests – every firefighter’s assigned a bulletproof vest on their trucks. So, it’s very positive, the morale is [at an] all-time high on the job, so it’s going in the right direction.”

As Ryan prepares to head into retirement, he says one of the biggest challenges he faced as chief was recruiting more firefighters. The department has worked hard on advertising to recruit more firefighters through social media, community organizations like the YMCA and even in high schools, he said.

“It’s just getting the word out there,” Ryan said. “Right now, we’ve started recruiting in high schools where there’s a [program] where they can come and spend time in the fire station once or twice a week and learn [what] the Fire Department’s all about.”

So far, Ryan said, they’ve done something with both Cranston public high schools, Bishop Hendricken and Ponaganset High School which offers a fire course for credit.

“It gets them in here to show them firefighting is not for everyone,” Ryan said. “So you actually get to come in the firehouse and see what it’s all about.”

As his last day approaches, Ryan says he is happy to be retiring, “but it was great to come through this office and just do a year and just see what it’s all about.”

Ryan has much to look forward to. He and his wife have been married for more than 40 years and have three grown children he looks forward to spending time with.

“Being a firefighter, you’re away from your family so much because of the hours you work – and when you work holidays,” Ryan said. “But I’m going to recoup all that now because I’ve seen my family grow and I’m proud of them. And so, I would say I wouldn’t change anything.”


Ryan said he’ll be taking the rest of the winter off and will make his retirement plans in the spring. For now, he says, his children are sending him on an Alaskan cruise in June.

“My wife’s still working,” Ryan said. She’ll probably retire in a year. So, we’re just going to relax and just enjoy life.”

As for parting advice, Ryan said, “Whoever succeeds me, if they can just continue going in the right direction. Have an open-door policy, listen to what’s coming your way, make decisions, and work well with the union.”

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OPINION

Give the gift of respite this year

There’s something sadly ironic about the fact that some of the people who most need and deserve a helping hand are the least likely to ask for one.

Every day, thousands of Rhode Islanders (about one in 10) who already have a full slate of responsibilities – jobs, kids, pets, volunteer work – take on the additional role of being primary caregivers for aging or chronically sick family members.

Although they perform a job that should warrant a full-time paycheck, they collect no money for their services. They get no relief on weekends, holidays or special occasions. They navigate the impossible complexities of our unforgiving insurance and health care industries, serve as transportation to and from appointments and keep track of regimented medication routines. They do this all the while knowing that – in many cases – they are fighting a losing battle against nature and time.

Many times they were never even officially asked by anybody to take on the role in the first place. When expensive outpatient or inpatient care is not an option, family is the last line of defense. They step up. And yet they do this work without complaint. While they may have been thrust into that position for any variety of reasons – injury, age, disease, etc. – they answer the call because that’s just how powerful love can be.

But love alone can’t sustain someone taking on such a monumental and important task.

Providing unpaid caregiving can take a very real toll on someone’s physical and emotional health, especially if they feel like the weight of their loved one’s care rests solely on them. Once they take on the role for a time, asking for help

Note to readers

As we close out the year and head into the next, Beacon Media takes the opportunity this week and next to reflect on the events of 2024 and preview the issues and themes of 2025. This week’s issue includes staff retrospectives on the year in Cranston and Warwick. Next week we’ll publish a look ahead into 2025 that will include the viewpoints of community leaders in both cities.

At a time when public regard for news media has dimmed in many places, we consider ourselves fortunate to serve an engaged, involved audience with a strong sense of community and a healthy appetite for local news. We’re grateful for the solid community support we enjoyed in 2024. We look forward to deepening those ties, and we wish our readers a peaceful and prosperous 2025.

LETTERS

Thanks for your support

To the Editor,

As Scoutmaster of Troop 22 Cranston, I would like to thank the Cranston residents in our assigned collection area for the Scouting for Food Service Project that happened on Nov. 2 this year. Our area covers the homes between Reservoir and Doric Avenues and Paine Avenue to Laurens Street. If you live in those areas and have supported our mission: THANK YOU!

Of particular note, over the years we have had a few residents do a little extra. Many times, we find bags labeled “For the Scouts” that contain leftover Halloween candy (much appreciated by the Scouts!). And for the past few years one resident has been taping caricatures of himself as a Scout in days gone by. Our Scouts have become keen to find out what this year’s sketch will look like. Special thanks go to him for adding a light-hearted moment to the day!

I would be remiss if I did not mention that we are always looking for new members. Troop 22 may be a Boy Troop, but we meet and share activities with Troop 13, a Girl Troop. We also have a connection with Cub Scout Pack 2, which is co-ed. All meet at Edgewood Congregation Church on most Thursday nights. Pack 2 at 6 p.m., and Troops 13 and 22 at 7 p.m. If anyone would like more information on Scouting, you may visit us or contact me at 401-595-6726.

Paul Kelley

What’s in a name? A jarring reminder

To the Editor:

What a commentary on our little state. Recent headlines announce “RIBridges still down,” referring to the online customer interface for RI social services that was hacked by cybercriminals.

It serves as an unneeded reminder that the headline could very well be, “RI Bridge still down,” refer-

ring, of course, to that physical bridge that is down and won’t likely be operational for another three years – after taxpayers shell out a half-billion dollars or more.

If Ocean State officials could retract the name given to the social-services site, I’m sure they would, considering it’s a jarring reminder of that “other bridge.”

Lonnie Barham, Warwick

by Tim Jones



will not come naturally, as they have likely hardened themselves to believe it is a weight they must carry on their own.

This holiday season, consider gifting some of your time to help someone in your life who cares for someone in need. But please take heed to avoid giving them another task. Instead of asking “How can I help?” make them a home-cooked meal or dessert and show up at their door. Reach out and offer to assume their post for an upcoming

evening so they can go out with friends, see a movie or just spend some time doing something they want to do. Sometimes, just having someone else show that their sacrifice is noticed and appreciated can make that sacrifice feel less consuming.

Providing respite to someone who often gets none might seem like a small gesture, but you can be assured that to someone in a caregiving role, it means so much more. We must not forget that caregivers need care too.

A 2024 story with long-range impacts

This Side Up



by JOHN HOWELL

Route 95? It just doesn’t make sense that a developer would spend tens of millions to build apartments there.

The key words in the preceding paragraph are “by Rhode Island standards.”

A partial answer lies in what would appear to be an unrelated event earlier this month at the Crowne Plaza, the Rhode Island Authors Expo. There I met Jeanne K. Cosmos, a middle-age woman who is teaching college classes and writes murder mysteries. She is a recent Warwick resident, having moved here from Cambridge. What she found in Warwick was a home with a yard, albeit with low-flying jets overhead, for less than \$500,000, that would have cost twice as much if not more in Cambridge.

While Wood Partners say it’s too early to market the Warwick apartments, I think it’s a safe bet the rent will be less than a comparative unit in Boston. And clearly the apartment’s proximity to Route 95, the airport and MBTA rail service is a plus.

But it’s not all about easy access. It’s also a matter of the community. Despite the traffic and aircraft noise, Warwick has a lot to offer, from its schools to its waterfront and most notably its neighborhoods.

As Mayor Picozzi recognizes, with the benefits of development also come costs. He has sought to minimize them in the case of airport expansion

There were many stories in 2024: the ongoing saga of building new high schools seemingly without sufficient funds, the expenditure of millions of state and city dollars to rebuild roads and an election that saw four council incumbents choosing not to seek reelection, with City Council President Steve McAllister being one of them. McAllister also dropped out as a possible Democratic mayoral candidate.

Whether the Rhode Island Airport Corporation succeeds in building an access to the Airport Connector for air-cargo tractor-trailer trucks remains to be seen. The mayor believes with an MOU, RIAC has no choice but to build or lose FAA funding for the cargo facility.

We will see. Nonetheless, this doesn’t diminish his stand to protect Warwick as a livable city. It’s a 2024 story that could have long-range impacts.

Lighting it up for '25

The city has planned a quick and good show at Rocky Point to welcome the New Year on Tuesday, Dec. 31. The plan is to pack the fireworks display into 10 to 15 minutes starting at 6 p.m. so as not to ask people to stand in the cold for any longer than necessary.

There’ll be lots of activities leading up to the show. Starting at 3 p.m. food trucks will be at the park and the Police and Parks and Recreation departments, assisted by the Central Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, will hold raffles and give out glowsticks, which make for their own ground show. A DJ will provide music. The event is free.

BULLETIN BOARD

Class Reunion

Oct. 11, 2025, Pilgrim High School Class of 1975's 50th Reunion will be held on Sat., Oct. 11, 2025 at Quonset "O" Club, 200 Lt. James Brown Road, North Kingstown. We are looking for our classmates and/or info on deceased classmates, etc. Please contact Dean Plowman dean695@gmail.com

Community Events

Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Fireworks at Rocky Point from 3-6 p.m. Food Trucks, DJ, & Give-away for the kids every 30 minutes and Fireworks at 6 p.m.

Jan. 1, 49th Annual Penguin Plunge for Special Olympics Rhode Island at its new location, Scarborough State Beach in Narragansett. The main plunge kicks off at 12 p.m., followed by a family-friendly plunge at 12:15 p.m. Registration is \$25, and additional fundraising is encouraged. This support makes a profound difference in the lives of Rhode Islanders with intellectual disabilities, empowering them to achieve their dreams.

Jan. 5 - 7, 2025, AARP CHAPTER 2210 ATLANTIC CITY TRIP has planned a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City from January 5-7. The Tour includes 2 nights' accommodations, 2 meal credits (up to \$20 value each) & \$20 slot play. Bus pickup from the Exit 19 Park & Ride on Hopkins Hill Road at 7 a.m., return time is approximately 6 p.m. Cost is \$299/person (double occupancy), \$279/person (triple occupancy) or \$399/person (single occupancy). For more information call Maureen at 828-5188 or Anne at 263-4272.

Jan. 7, VFW Post #183 Hi Lo Jack Tuesday League starts at 6pm. Email vfwpost183events@aol.com with any questions.

Jan. 9, VFW Post #183 BINGO Doors open at 6 p.m. bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. \$30 entry. Cash Prizes. Please email vfwpost183bingo@gmail.com with any questions. Bingo is also taking place Jan. 22, Feb. 6, Feb. 19, March 6, and March 16.

Jan. 11, Open Forum "Remembering the 1950's" will be presented by the Hope Historical Society at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Howland Barn, 35 Ryefield Road, Hope. Open Forum is an interactive meeting where members and attendees become a living history by sharing memorabilia, artifacts, pictures, stories, etc. related to the program topic.

Jan. 12, Cranston East Be a Bolt Open House from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Jan. 14, Family Event: Snow Making will be hosted by the OneCranston Health Equity Zone on Tue., Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Pastore Center, 155 Gansett Ave., Cranston. Children can dive into the magic of winter by making their own snow! No registration required. For more info, contact Celia at cmhernandez@comcap.org or 401-649-0878.

Jan. 25, 61st anniversary Burns Supper, by the Scottish American Society of RI, celebrating Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns! The evening will include a Scottish-themed raffle, traditional Haggis Ceremony, presentation of The Immortal Memory, Full Pipe Band Performance

and Ceilidh dancing. Location is at Rhodes-on-the Pawtuxet Ballroom, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston. Doors open at 5:45 pm with cocktails (cash bar); seating for Scottish dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information and to buy tickets go to sasri.co/upcoming-events.

Every Monday through Friday, Virtual Dementia Care-giver Support Groups are specifically designed for people caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Mon., 3:30 to 5 p.m.; Tues., 3 to 4:30 p.m.; Wed., 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri., 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information and registration, call 401-415-4664; or email to: info@HopeDementia.org. Follow us on Facebook @HopeHealth.

Every Monday, Gaspee Celtic Jam - The Gaspee Celtic Jam meets at the Pawtuxet Village Baptist Church, 2157 Broad St., Cranston, every Mon. from 7 - 9 p.m. Do you play fiddle, guitar, Irish flute, pennywhistle, bodhran, mandolin, banjo, concertina, accordion, folk harp, hammered dulcimer, Appalachian dulcimer, banjo, acoustic bass, ukulele, keyboard, recorder, or sing? All skill levels welcome. Visit gaspeecelticjam.org for more info (including the current tune list/tune book) or to send us any questions. No specific Celtic music experience is required.

Every First and Third Tuesday Ocean State Toastmasters Club meets, serving both Rhode Island and Southern MA. Ocean State Toastmasters Club holds its meetings at 641 Bald Hill Road, Warwick, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, please contact: Arturo at 401-999-2393. All are welcome.

Every Tuesday, ASL Interpreted RI AA Meeting will be held at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston from 7 to 8 p.m.

Every Second Tuesday West Warwick AARP Chapter West Warwick AARP Chapter meets the second Tues. of the month, 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall, 70 Church Street, West Warwick. Looking to expand its membership. All are welcome to come to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with new friends.

Every Wednesday, Calling All Seniors: The Dance '50's, '60's, 70's, & 80's Music at the American Legion, 662 West Shore Rd., Warwick. Light snacks for free and refreshments for purchase. No outside alcohol is permitted. Cover: \$10pp at the door. For more information: Mary 401-256-1169.

Every Thursday Meadowlark Seniors the Meadowlark Seniors will meet at 1:30 p.m., at St. Kevin Church Hall, 333 Sandy Lane, Warwick. Short meetings, fun activities, and socializing. Come join us. New members are welcome.

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Every Thursday, Get-a-Job-Thursdays - We Make RI, an organization that provides free manufacturing training, hosts a series of job fairs every Thurs. from 11 a.m. to noon, 200 First Ave., Cranston. We Make RI offer job seekers a chance to meet with employers, get career counseling, resume help and more. Some employers include Swissline Precision, Admiral Packaging, KB Surfaces, Warwick Hanger

and Hitachi Cable. For more information about this event or other training opportunities, visit www.wemakeri.com/get-a-job-thursday or contact Mike at (401) 232-0077 x109.

Every Saturday, Citizenship Prep Classes at WPL Prepare for the U.S. Naturalization Interview with Citizen Preparation classes at the Warwick Public Library, from 10 a.m. to noon. Practice citizenship vocabulary, learn the necessary civics content, and work on interview skills using the N-400 application form. Sign up at the library. For more information, call 401-455-8041. These free classes are offered by the RI Family Literacy Initiative.

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NAMI-RI Offers Family Support Groups The RI chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-RI) offers free support groups for families and friends of loved ones who are struggling with their mental health. The groups are led by trained facilitators who also have lived experience as family members themselves. The group meetings last about 1.5 hours, and everyone who participates in the meeting gets a chance to share. The other members of the group try to offer help and resources, when appropriate, based on their own experiences. More information and full schedule can be found at namirhodeisland.org. or call 401-331-3060. No pre-registration for these monthly groups is necessary.

Coventry Senior Band The Coventry Senior Band is looking for musicians. A group of retired volunteers, we play gigs at Nursing Homes, Senior Centers, etc. If you are over 55 and play an instrument call David at (401) 368-6895 or email at walshdavid170@gmail.com

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Hearts for Hospice Visiting Nurse Home and Hospice (VNH&H) is asking for individuals to support their hospice programs by giving \$20.00 or more to their Hearts for Hospice campaign. People can dedicate their gift to a loved one who is always in their heart; all dedications are listed on the organization's website. You can make your donation at www.visiting-hursehh.org/giving/ or by calling 401-682-2100 extension number 1631.

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Notices

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FLEURY, Brittani E., est.
Christine Fleury has qualified as Executrix (Amy E. Stratton of 4 Richmond Square, Ste. 150, Providence, RI 02906 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

HITCHENER, Paul Whitman, est.
Derek Hitchener has qualified as Administrator; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

HUNDLEY, Nancy V. alias Nancy Virginia Hundley, est.
Jaclyn Arruda has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

IANNELLI, Peter Sr., est.
Sienna Iadevaia has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

KIRTON, Kenneth F. alias Kenneth Frederick Kirton, est.
Linda Kirton has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

KOCHEVAR, Conrad, M., est.
Linda L. Adamonis has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

LUDOVICO, Giovina, est.
Lola J. Smith has qualified as Executrix; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

MCCONAGHY, Anne K. alias Anne Kathleen McConaghy, est.
David N. Bock, Jr. has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

MCDONALD, Joan Frances, est.
Charles F. Moran III. & Paul A. Moran

have qualified as Co-Executor's (Nicholas Lambros of 100 Midway Road, Ste. 16, Cranston, RI 02920 as agent); creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

PAYNICH, Allan George, est.
Lori-Ann D'Antonio has qualified as Administratrix; creditors must file their claims in The office the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning December 19, 2024

RUSSO, Vincent alias Vincent Paul Russo, est.

Michael A. Russo has qualified as Executor; creditors must file their claims in the office of the Probate Clerk within the time required by law beginning November 21, 2024

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Warwick Year in Stories(cont.)

Construction abounds; turbulence hits T.F. Green



Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport CEO Iftikhar Ahmed encountered organizational turbulence in 2024. (Beacon Media files)

Throughout 2024, Warwick got significant infrastructure projects completed, and plenty of others started.

One of the largest projects of the year was the City Hall Plaza project – which got off to an unusual start when two companies each claimed to be the low bidder. Following the claim’s resolution, the plaza’s groundbreaking was conducted in May.

In addition to the plaza, construction began on several new housing projects, with one of the largest being a 214-unit apartment complex on Post Road next to the airport connector. Ground was broken on that project in May.

Speaking of Post Road, the city’s main artery received a fresh coat of asphalt this year from Route 37 through Main Avenue, following repaving work on the rest of the road in 2023. While Post Road’s work was done by the state, the city also repaved the longest non-state road in Warwick – Jefferson Boulevard.

Post Road’s repaving, which happened throughout the summer, also finished up one of RIDOT’s major projects in the city – the T.F. Green Airport Connector Beautification project.

The airport also made headlines in 2024. Tensions between the airport and city came to a head in the fall, when the airport proposed to build a sound wall and berm to mitigate the impacts of an air cargo facility near Strawberry Field Road that has received stiff opposition. In October, the city passed an abandonment of some streets in the area to allow the Rhode Is-

land Airport Corporation to build the berm – something that raised public opposition as well.

That wasn’t the only bit of tension between T.F. Green and members of the public, with the Beacon writing in August about employees claiming that airport CEO Iftikhar Ahmad had created a toxic work environment in the workplace.

2025 promises more road work throughout the city, with current RIDOT plans showing portions of Centerville Road planned for repaving and City Hall Plaza expected to be completed.

OBITUARIES

Robert B. Lawrence

Robert B. Lawrence of West Warwick died at home on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at the age of 74. Son of the late Albert and Lorraine (Hesketh) Lawrence, Bob spent much of his life in the Stadium neighborhood of Cranston, growing up on Jordan Avenue and living with his wife and son on Pomham Street for nearly thirty years.

Bob – known to some as Bobby – was a quiet but sometimes feisty man who enjoyed fishing, golf, and practical jokes. In his younger days he rode a motorcycle, smoked Marlboro Reds, and worked as a long-haul truck driver. He was extremely reserved with his emotions but he bowled a perfect game (more than one, actually) and sometimes told completely fabricated stories about his time as a heart surgeon in Bombay. He was often bored by adults, but children loved his enthusiasm for water balloons.

Bob met his future wife Valerie I. Angelone at Hugh B. Bain Junior High School, and they both graduated from Cranston High School East in the Class of 1970. Robert worked as a truck driver for most of his life, finishing his career at Synagro Technologies in Woonsocket. In his final years he was a tireless full-time caretaker for his wife.

In addition to Valerie, Bob is survived by his son Matthew R. Lawrence, Matthew’s long-term partner Jason P. Tranchida, sisters Diane Wright and Lori Lawrence Messier, and thirteen beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were limited to close family. Bob is buried at St. Ann Cemetery in Cranston. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his honor to the Samaritans of Rhode Island. (<https://www.samaritansri.org/>).

Marie J. Jean-Pierre

Marie J. Jean-Pierre, 69, of Providence, Rhode Island, passed away unexpectedly at Rhode Island Hospital on December 18, 2024. She retired one year ago as a Certified Nurse’s Assistant at Cedar Crest Nursing Home, where she worked for 21 years and was affectionately known as “Mama.” Before that, she worked at various nursing homes in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

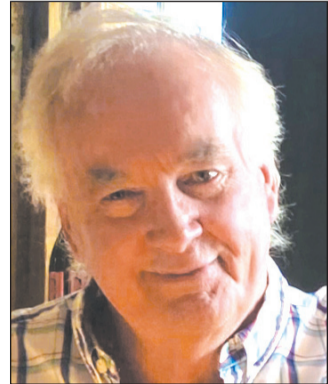
Marie was the widow of the late Fritz Boutin. She was born on May 30, 1955, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to Paulette Estimé and Hansi Jean-Pierre. Marie emigrated to the United States in 1968 and settled in Providence in 1992.

She is survived by her three sons Fritz Boutin Jr., Marckenzie Jaques Boutin, and Ricardo Boutin. Marie was also a proud grandmother, known as “Yaya,” to six grandchildren Daijah Geter, Cheyenne Henley-Boutin, Arianna Marie Boutin, Zaria Rose Boutin, Emory Elijah Boutin, and Elijah Ricardo Boutin (Predeceased). Additionally, she is survived by her sister, Marie Marguerite Day, and her niece and nephew, Leevans Day and Marisha Day Louis-Charles.

Marie was a beloved and caring person, who dedicated her life to providing for her loved ones. She formed strong connections within her local Haitian community in Providence, engaging with churches, small businesses, and neighbors. Her greatest accomplishment was raising her sons and witnessing the joy of her grandchildren. She will be truly missed by all.

Her funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 11am in the NARDOLILLO FUNERAL HOME & Crematory, 1278 Park Avenue, Cranston. VISITING HOURS will be on Friday from 5-8pm.

Please send flowers to Nardolillo Funeral Home. Visit NardolilloFH.com for online condolences.



Oakland Beach Elementary School teacher Milissa O’Neil is named Rhode Island’s Teacher of the Year. (Beacon Media files)

con publisher in May.

Through it all, though, the Beacon has strived to provide the city and its 82,999 residents with the most relevant, accurate and up-to-date information possible on as many topics as possible. We look forward to doing the same throughout 2025.

Thank you to each and every one who has read our articles this year. It may be clichéd, but we literally could not do this without you, your trust and your support. It means the world to us.

From the Beacon to Warwick and all of our readers beyond the city’s limits, Happy New Year.

The lighter side

While the schools, city government and infrastructure provided plenty of material for the Beacon throughout the year and made a major impact, a newspaper is nothing without its community – and we are proud to have covered major community accomplishments throughout the year.

The Beacon’s commitment to community coverage began with a trip to Newport on New Year’s Day for the 2024 Polar Plunge. The plunge was done in part to support 6-year-old Warwick resident Sofia Skipworth, who had been fighting leukemia for about two years.

From there, we covered other people and places that truly make Warwick special. One of them, the Trudeau Center, got to celebrate 60 years of helping educate Rhode Islanders with intellectual disabilities. Another Warwick-based organization – Child, Inc. – opened a clothing closet on wheels earlier this month, bringing an idea from a 5-year-old boy to fruition.

103-year-old Rosalee Malaby is one of the city’s oldest residents, and she served as a nurse in World War II, where she was stationed in Japan and the Philippines for 15 months. For that service, she was officially honored by the RI Nurses Honor Guard along with four other residents of Halcyon West Bay.

In July, the Beacon talked with Christina Peacock and Chris Lussier, two Warwick residents who were part of Special Olympics RI’s Athlete Leadership University’s first-ever graduating class.

As Warwick got to see 92% totality when an eclipse occurred in April The Beacon was at Rocky Point to talk with those gathered about the experience. And we weren’t the only ones on the scene for T.J. Murray’s Eagle Scout project in late August – fixing up the Conimicut Point overlook – as it was unexpectedly overtaken by a wedding party.

2024 has been a tumultuous year for many. Within the city, the year began with a new School Committee chair and ended with a new City Council president. We’ve had changes here as well, with Joy Fox becoming the new Bea-

Mary A. Shoemaker

Mary A. “Be Be” (Schmitt) Shoemaker, 71, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2024 at the Kent Hospital in Warwick. She was the beloved wife of Ronald Shoemaker, Sr. for 51 years. Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Frederick and Anne C. (Jackson) Schmitt. Mary was the loving mother of Ronald S. Shoemaker, Jr. (Jennifer), Randall S. Shoemaker (Michaela) and Ryan S. Shoemaker (Meghan); loving grandmother of Ronald III, Lucas, Zachary, Gray, Alexander, and Caden. She was the sister of Daniel Schmitt (Joanne) and Barbara DiFusco (Brandon). Mary worked in customer service for Tennis Rhode Island West Bay and was also a child care provider.

Mary was a volunteer for many years for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick Soccer League. She was her son’s and grandson’s biggest cheerleader. She also loved all things Disney, and frequent vacations to Lake George, NY. Mary was also an avid reader and super fan of Days of Our Lives.

A private funeral service will be held in the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Chapel, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick, at the convenience of the family.

For information and condolences visit www.TheQuinnFuneralHome.com



Victoria M. Quinn

Victoria M. (Ascoli) Quinn, 82, passed away Thursday, December 19, 2024. She was the beloved wife of James F. Quinn, Jr., to whom she shared 63 years of marriage. Born in Providence, she was the first of two daughters born to the late Martin Ascoli and Dorothy M. (LaPierre) Murphy. Victoria was the devoted mother of Kelly A. Hittner (Victor), Liesa A. Quinn and the late James F. Quinn III; cherished ‘Nana’ of two grandchildren, James R. Quinn and Tyler Hittner and two great-grandchildren, Hudson Hittner and Harlow Hittner. She was the older sister of Linda A. McGee who was also her best friend.

Victoria was the quintessential mom and dedicated herself to caring for not only her own children but all of their friends and the children of the neighborhood as well. She was most happy when she had all of her family gathered together by the family pool. Victoria is going to be missed tremendously by all those who had the privilege to know her and love her.

Her funeral will be held Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 9:45am from the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Home, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11am in St. Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Lane, Warwick. She will be laid to rest in the family plot in St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston. Visitation will be held in the Funeral Home Friday, December 20, 2024 from 4-7pm.



Marie C. Gardner

Marie C. (Landry) Gardner, 81, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2024, in the HopeHealth Hular Hospice Center. She was the beloved wife of the late MSG George M. Gardner Jr. retired, and a daughter of the late Benoit J. and Irene (Duhamel) Landry. She is survived by her daughters Christine M. Torza and her husband Joseph, and Cindy Gianfrancesco; seven grandchildren, Taylor Gormley, Morgan, Riley and Daniel Murphy, and Antonio, Isabella and Angelina Gianfrancesco; and two great-grandchildren, Mason and Mia Gormley. She is also survived by her brother, Rev. Richard Landry of the La Sallette Fathers and Ms. Pauline Iannucci her sister.

Mrs. Gardner was an avid card player and loved being with her family and her little dog Buddy, whom she loved very much. Mrs. Gardner worked for ARA and the school feeding program of Pilgrim High School for several years. She also worked at Dave’s Marketplace for several years up to her retirement.

Relatives and friends are invited to join her Funeral Service on Monday, December 30, 2024, at 9:30am from the Thomas and Walter Quinn Funeral Home, 2435 Warwick Ave, Warwick, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00am in St. Kevin Church, Warwick. Her Visitation will be held in the funeral home on Sunday from 4:00-7:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to: Disabled American Veterans, online at: <https://help.dav.org/page/66135/donate>. For online tribute and condolences please visit: www.TheQuinnFuneralHome.com



Michael Emery Parks

Michael Emery Parks was born March 20, 1962, son of the late Emery Parks and Rita (Beaufort) Parks of Warwick, Rhode Island, passed away unexpectedly on November 22, 2024. Michael is survived by brother Gary Parks (Sharon) and sister Gail Giroux (Robert), a loving uncle to five nieces and nephews, Christopher and Meghan Parks, Gregory, Kelsey, and Nicole Giroux.

Michael, an Air Force 6-year veteran, worked as an electronic technician his entire career for numerous companies including Fortune 500 companies such as Olivetti Corp and CVS Corp. Michael was an avid hunter, fisherman, and all-around outdoors enthusiast. Michael loved playing hockey in his school years. Michael had a wonderful witty personality, a great sense of humor, and loved life. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing, working with, or interacting in any way with Michael would agree. Michael will be forever remembered and missed.

All services will be private to provide a solemn and loving farewell, and we ask for your prayers and sympathy. Instead of flowers, Michael’s family asks kindly that you donate to “Tunnel to Towers”

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Cranston Year in Stories

Hopkins, Marino vow to seek middle ground

BEACON MEDIA STAFF REPORTS

In November, Mayor Kenneth Hopkins won reelection, defeating Democratic City Councilor Robert Ferri. As a Republican in an overwhelmingly Democratic city, Hopkins says he knew he would need bipartisan support for him to win a second term, and he is proud that he earned it. “I think the main message I got from this election is that the people trust me,” he said. “This is a time to put politics aside. It’s not about being about a Republican or a Democrat. It’s about Cranston.” Hopkins said he looks forward to continuing his administration’s work to provide high-quality city services and recreational facilities, including his plan to replace the outdated Budlong pool.

He affirmed his support for bipartisan progress in the city. “I am the only Republican mayor in the state, so yes, bipartisan work [in Cranston] is essential,” he said, adding that he enjoys good relationships with prominent Democratic officials inside and outside the city. Cranston voters sent a clear message of support to City Council President Jessica Marino. Marino, who holds an at-large seat and has been in office since 2021, was the top vote-getter of any city candidate – outpolling even Hopkins. She has always believed in reaching across the aisle to do what’s best for the city, she said, and she will continue to do so. “Right now,” she said, “I think it’s more important than ever to be aware of civility and be respectful.”



■ Park

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by Spectacle Live, which manages 11 theaters throughout Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Spectacle Live CEO Brandon Caron said Cranston will have access to new opportunities under the company’s management.

“What it allows us to do is put this market in place with places like Plymouth, Cape Cod, New Hampshire, who are doing a lot of great shows and allow us to be able to work with agents and tours to put together some nice routes that would (give) Cranston the access to shows that it normally wouldn’t have,” he said.

Both the Park Theatre team and Mayor Kenneth Hopkins expressed excitement about what the theater means for Cranston’s economy.

“It’s certainly worth noting that along with the Park Theatre’s success comes continued success for our local economy and the businesses along Rolfe Street,” he said at a press conference in July. “Increased foot traffic and tourism will likely lead to more (business) for local shops restaurants, hotels and further boosting our local Cranston economy.”

Hopkins also applauded the Park Theatre as a “symbol of hope, resilience and the transformative power of the arts,” saying the theater’s reopening “fills a void” in the community.

Constant construction exacted a toll on Park Ave. commerce

By RORY SCHULER

From Reservoir Avenue into Knightsville, city businesses struggled to keep their front doors clear and open to customers amid utility work and sidewalk reconstruction over the summer. Many of the business owners banded together, signing a several page-petition discussed in detail at a City Council meeting in July. “For an extended period, the entrances to our establishments have been obstructed, making it extremely difficult for customers to access our services,” the petition read. “The continuous traffic congestion has exacerbated the situation, deterring potential customers and causing significant inconvenience to those who do attempt to visit our businesses.” Manager Anthony Ramos stepped from behind the counter to talk at Sophia’s Café Cranston, at 1079 Park Ave. “They’ve been killing us,” Ramos said, looking out the large café windows toward the trucks, cones and snarled traffic. “We just opened two months ago. We’re down \$15,000 to \$20,000 ... A lot of people probably think we’re closed.” With about half his pizzeria’s tables full, Bobby Catanzaro, of Catanzaro’s Pizzeria, said he signed on to the petition only to help support his neighbors. He walked outside and stood along Park Avenue, looking right toward the bridge, and across to Knightsville. Park Avenue stretched to the left, full of obstructions. The afternoon traffic was just starting to trickle through. The pizzeria owner confessed his daytime business had been seriously affected by the roadwork, but ultimately, he insists all the pain will be worth it. “This will all be beautiful,” he said. “This work needed to be done.” The work was completed during the fall.



Photo: The entrance to Continental Bait & Tackle at 1065 Park Ave. was tough to find during roadwork this summer. (Beacon Media photo by Rory Schuler)

Solitro’s closes after nearly 75 years

By BARBARA POLICHETTI

Solitro’s Bakery on Cranston Street, family owned and operated for nearly 75 years, closed its doors on Aug. 18, putting an end to a sweet tradition of handmade breads, cakes and pastries that have made the business a much-loved area institution. “It was just time,” said owner Ellie (Solitro) Pennacchini. She’s ready for retirement and the rest of the family is ready to move on as well. “We make everything by hand, and that’s a lot of hard work,” she said. The bakery was started by Pennacchini’s grandfather, Michael L. Solitro, in 1950, when he opened for business in a smaller building across from the current location. He came to this country from Vieste, Italy, and it did not take long for the bakery to be-

come popular. He passed along his recipes and his talent to his four sons – Lawrence, Michael, Armando and George – who continued to build the business. They worked together for decades, sweetening long days at the ovens and baking tables with laughter, spirited conversations and, sometimes, a little wine. Their children grew up in the bakery, learning the business from the ground up. The family plans to sell the building, but not the Solitro name. Pennacchini said they have been heartened by so many people stopping by for one last visit and one last chance to get their favorite pastries. “I’ll miss it, especially all the customers – they are like family to us,” she said. “But it’s time to move on.”



In this undated photo from the Solitro family, the four sons of founder Michael Solitro – from left, Larry, Michael II, Armando and George – work hard in the bakery. Together, they carried on the business. (Photo courtesy of the Solitro family)

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‘Kingfisher and the Crow’ reels in the reader

Fishing friends write mystery thriller

By JOHN HOWELL

Peter M. Marino has attended scores of political fundraisers. He knows the scene and the routine. The host and beneficiary of the event stands at the door welcoming arrivals. A member of the staff checks off names while another makes certain those names are whispered to the honoree, just to be sure there isn’t an embarrassing slip up.

Some attendees are there on complimentary tickets, but others have paid full freight and others have given much more. They are there for many reasons other than to simply support the candidate. Some want to be swept up in the excitement of rubbing shoulders with someone of notoriety and the campaign. Others are looking to measure the candidate’s support. And yet others expect to have a word with the candidate as they promote a cause.

Marino has watched many crowds as evidenced in the opening chapters of “The Kingfisher and the Crow,” the recently released mystery novel he co-authored with a long-time friend Tim Diaz. The book opens at the Good Samaritan, a not too swank Washington watering hole where most of the fish swirling around the bar are sharks, barracudas and baitfish.

The Cudas, short for barracudas, are “slick, fast and aggressive men and even faster, hotter hard-drinking women.” The scene is a fundraiser for Jerry Sharpe, a freshman congressman from upstate New York who is on a hunt for who murdered his mother.

The analogy of a fish tank to political fundraisers rings true. The twist is the hunt for a murderer.

And what does this have to do with a kingfisher and a crow?

This is Marino and Diaz’s first book.

Marino has served as President and CEO at Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island since 2014. He has swum in Ocean State political and government waters for much of his career. He has served as the director of the Rhode Island Office of Management the Rhode Island Senate Fiscal Advisor, Director of Research and Policy for the Providence-based RDW Group, and Director of Policy and Municipal Affairs for the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council.

Diaz, who lives in New Hampshire with his family, has had a varied career. Having on the board of the local Meals on Wheels program, worked in apparel business and as a teacher, he transitioned to the nonprofit sector and is now the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Rockingham County in southeastern New Hampshire.

Marino and Diaz’s story as co-authors goes back about 20 years. Both are fishermen. They had planned on fishing in Rhode Island when a freak snow storm hit and not even Peter, who is a diehard fisherman, ventured out. They stayed in a cabin to learn both enjoyed writing stories. Not until many years later when Covid hit did they hatch the idea of co-authoring a mystery.

Initially the thought was to share the book with friends and family, but then as they got deeper and deeper into the story they hooked up with an editor. She came up with 40 pages of suggestions, concluding they had something of interest to a publisher. They found Bookpress Publishing. The entire process took almost four years.

How do friends write a book?

From the start Diaz took on the role of the good guy, which left Marino the role of the bad guy. They would write scenes from the two perspectives and then fit the pieces together. Collectively, Diaz estimates, the two of them wrote enough for two and a half books.

“Any decisions were accidental,” claims Diaz.

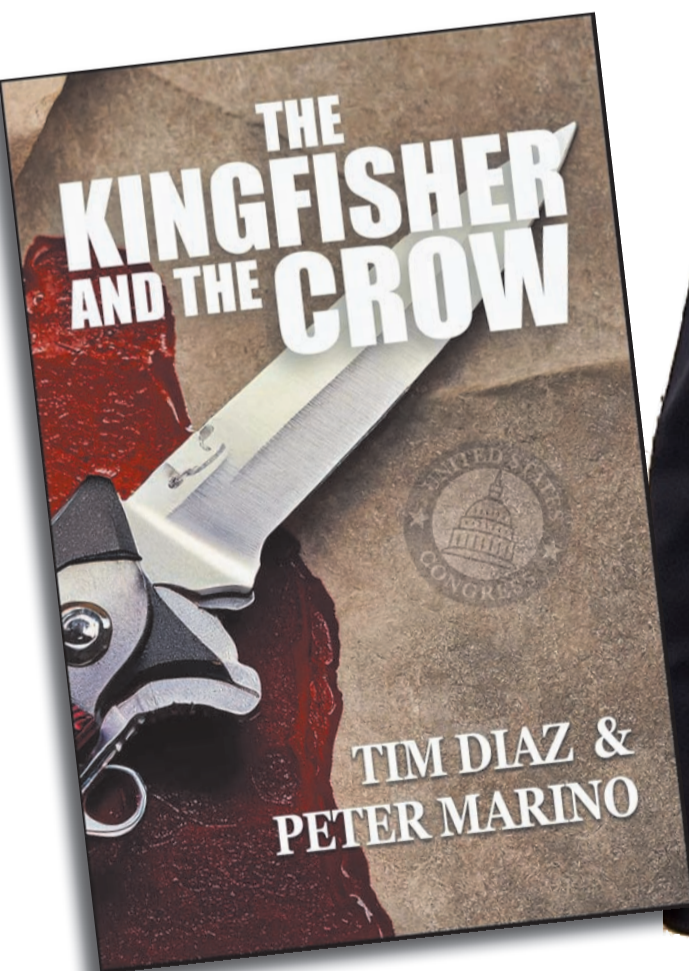
The result is fast paced tale that takes the reader speeding through chapters. Chapters are as short as two pages that can be unnerving, disturbing and leave you wondering how many of the blue bloods ... “the real deal” will get hunted down by Jerry and how he will do them in.

Then there’s Skylar Nicholson. She’s a crime correspondent with The Tread, an online newspaper that has a reputation for breaking stories. She’s on the hunt, too, and out to establish her credentials as a journalist.

Like so much in this book, the title reveals itself over time, leaving the reader no doubt who is the kingfisher and who is the crow. And as stated on the back of the book, this is a story of one party blinded by revenge and another who clutches to secrets about identity and a life never lived.

“It’s not horror,” says Diaz. “We’re trying to engage the reader and take them on a roller coaster ride.”

Careful, you could get hooked.



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By ROBERT DUGUAY

In a matter of days, 2024 will be coming to a close and we all be entering the unknown in 2025. With a new year comes new possibilities and new beginnings, and the best way to start manifesting those is by closing out the previous year with a bang. Around Rhode Island on New Year's Eve, there are plenty of opportunities to do so while having a great time. Some of these opportunities might consist of just sharing a drink or two with a few friends and loved ones, or going out for the evening and experiencing a party-like atmosphere. For the folks who are looking to do the latter, here's what's going to be happening before the ball drops.



Probably the most swanky event going on in the Ocean State on this particular evening is happening at The Elliott, which is located on the second floor of the Park Theatre & Event Center. The ritzy event starts with a table full of snacks and hors d'oeuvres for attendees to graze on, which will be followed by a full dinner buffet, music by the Madhatter Band and a champagne toast at midnight. If you're trying to save some money but you still want to enjoy yourself, you can cancel out the food for more than half of the main ticket price.

MADHATTER BAND

(Submitted photo by AOK Photography)

Bearly Dead @ The Met

1005 Main St., Pawtucket
9 p.m. | All Ages | \$25-\$30

One of the premier Grateful Dead tribute bands in the New England Region, Bearly Dead bring a high-energy approach to the legendary act's tunes, along with material from Jerry Garcia, Bob Weir and Phil Lesh's other projects. The Boston based tribute have over 250 songs in their rotation while performing a different setlist each time they take the stage. If you're a "Deadhead" and you're looking for a fun night out to close out the year, then this show is for you.



(Submitted photo by Keith Newman)

New Year's Eve Bash @ The Updike Room

162 Main St., East Greenwich | 9 p.m. | 21+ | \$20

Located inside this historic Greenwich Hotel, The Uptide Room is a pretty cool establishment that's had the likes of the Saturday Night Live Band bandleader G.E. Smith and New York City singer-songwriter Sophie B. Hawkins perform there. For New Year's Eve, there's going to be a spectacle going on with plenty of party hats, noise makers, appetizers and libations to go around. Local cover band Rugburn are going to be taking the stage, so get ready to hear all your favorite hits if you attend.



(Submitted photo)

Deer Tick @ Fete Music Hall

103 Dike St., Providence | 9 p.m. | 21+ | \$35-\$38

This party that's being put on by the Providence rock & roll heroes Deer Tick is a fairly unique one. First off, it's the second of a back-to-back string of gigs for the band at Fete, and second, they're going to be doing their own spin on Nirvana's legendary MTV Unplugged performance to kick off the evening. As of press time, the show on New Year's Eve is sold out, so consider yourself lucky if you have a ticket, but the one happening the night before still has tickets available.



(Submitted photo)



(Submitted photo by CJ Harvey)

The Dick Clarks

@ Pump House Music Works

1464 Kingstown Road, Wakefield
9 p.m. All Ages \$25

The Dick Clarks are a local all-star band consisting of vocalist Paula Clare, guitarists Andy Stone, who is a Warwick native, and Emerson Torrey, bassist Richard Ribb and drummer John Turner. They have a groovy repertoire that runs through the various aspects of rock & roll, and that's exactly what people should expect if they decide to come through one of the coolest venues in South County. Along with the live music and full bar, there's also going to be free food, dessert and a complimentary champagne toast.

The top five reasons to visit Roger Williams Park Zoo in the winter

1. It's a Bargain!

Roger Williams Park Zoo offers half-price admission from January 1-February 28, 2025. (Members do not need advance tickets; all other visitors must purchase tickets online). Roger Williams Park Zoo is open Thursday-Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

And, the Zoo will be free on Friday, Dec. 27, but the Zoo family encourages every visitor to share the holiday spirit with the community by bringing non-perishable food items to benefit the Rhode Island Community Food Bank between 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cardí's Furniture & Mattresses is generously donating a truck and staff to help collect all food items and deliver everything to the RI Food Bank.

2. Enjoy The Peace

A winter zoo visit is usually much quieter, so not only will you have great views of your favorite animals, but you'll be also able to spend more time enjoying the sights too. And you will likely get a great parking space too!

3. It's Healthy

Make a start on your New Year's resolutions and get your steps in. Getting some fresh air and surrounding yourself with nature is hugely beneficial to your mental and physical well-

4. Animals Are Active

January and February bring the perfect weather to New England for visiting the Zoo and seeing animals outside, enjoying nature's cooler temperatures.

just some of the

5. Warm up!
If it gets too chilly, take a break in



being. One full lap around the Zoo is at least 3500 steps.

the warm Rainforest and hang out in the Amazon-like exhibit, where you can get up close with some fun and fascinating creatures.

Roger Williams Park Zoo is Rhode Island's number one outdoor family and tourist attraction, and a leader in conservation efforts undertaken by a zoo of its size. As leaders in conservation and animal care – we create engaging experiences that empower guests to join us in conserving wildlife and wild places. Roger Williams Park Zoo is supported and managed by the Rhode Island Zoological Society and is owned by the City of Providence.

Memorable Christmases past

Growing up, my family’s Christmases were very low-key affairs. As a young child, we had the tradition of me hiding in my bedroom on Christmas morning while “Santa” made his stealthy present delivery under the tree. I never saw Santa, but I knew he’d been there because a bell would ring, followed by the sudden appearance of gifts. One year, however, “Santa” obviously could not find the bell and improvised with a fork and a glass. This worked brilliantly—until it didn’t. The festive tinkle tinkle tinkle turned into a dull thud, followed by some rather un-Santa-like swearing. Turns out Dad had accidentally smashed the glass and cut his hand. That was the Christmas I discovered the truth: Santa didn’t exist. The whole family piled into the station wagon and off we went to get Dad some stitches.

Then there was the Christmas when our family was driving up from Florida to get together for the holiday. For the whole 26 hour drive up to RI, (my dad drove slowly) he had me trying to guess my Christmas present, which he said began with the letter P. Pajamas, perfume, puzzle, purse, plush toy, poster, picture frame, paint-by-numbers kit, pillow, potted plant, pinball machine, personalized jewelry, playing cards, pedometer, pogo stick, punching bag. pottery kit, poetry book, pet portrait (of my hamster), pickles, personalized stationery, pen set for calligraphy, pop-up book, popcorn seasoning set, park pass to Rocky Point, pop-up tent, ping pong paddle, pom-pom maker, pencil sharpener shaped like a nose, pizza hat, or personalized toilet paper. It was a long ride up! Alas, I could not guess and was totally surprised when my gift turned out to be a phonograph! (My first and only record was by the Cow-sills from Newport, “The Rain, the

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Park and Other Things.)

In my family, Christmas dinner always meant baked stuffed shrimp, twice-baked potatoes, and the infamous green bean casserole, a culinary tradition Hubby and I have lovingly carried on. He is awesome in the kitchen but prefers to cook when the house is empty. So, we started a new tradition: the kids and I would escape and head to the movies. While he worked his magic at home, we were busy laughing ourselves silly at the latest comedy and devouring theater popcorn slathered in fake butter. (My kids would often sit far away from me as my raucous laughter would embarrass them.) I have such happy memories of most of our Christmases as a family.

I learned my lesson that first Christmas with Dinora, adopted from Guatemala. At just 1 year old, she was already a force to be reckoned with. When I dressed her in an adorable red velvet dress and topped it off with a bow in her hair, she made her feelings crystal clear: the bow was yanked off and flung like a Frisbee, and she tugged unsuccessfully to get that dress off. When her attempts to free herself

failed, she retreated behind the couch, sulking. She did not want her Christmas presents, nor to eat Christmas dinner. She just sat there, stewing in protest against the fashion injustice radiating from her tiny frame. Such set the tone for her entire upbringing.

One Christmas, when Dinora was 5, I made a rookie mistake: I forgot to put an adorable mermaid bedspread under the tree. So, while the family was enjoying breakfast, I stealthily snuck it under her bed. Then, feigning complete innocence, I walked past her room and casually called her over to “discover” the surprise. I proudly pulled it out, raving about how cute it was. Dinora took one look at it and then burst into hysterical, inconsolable tears. Apparently, she was horrified at the idea that Santa had come into her bedroom while she was asleep. Santa had violated her privacy! He had entered her ROOM! I was stunned by her reaction and, trying to defuse the situation, I made the fatal mistake of saying, “Actually, there’s no Santa, I put it there.” She paused for a second, then burst into another round of tears. There was no Santa?! How could that be??

To this day, Dinora has never forgiven me for shattering the Santa illusion, claiming that I ruined her childhood.

The days of having everyone under one roof have passed. My children have created their own traditions within their own families, each reflecting the love and memories we have shared. It makes my heart happy to know that even if we are not all together in one place, the spirit of the season lives on in the ways they’ve made it their own. I can feel the presence of those I love, no matter the distance between us.



Vintage postcard featuring RI’s first Chinese restaurant, The Port Arthur.

Owner of RI’s first Chinese restaurant buried in Cranston

Sixty vehicles followed the black hearse through Cranston and into the hallowed grounds of Oaklawn Cemetery. Two marching bands in the mournful procession sent haunting notes drifting on the autumn breeze. Fong Tow was dead. Long regarded as the honorary mayor of Providence, the Chinese resident had been embraced by America and lovingly adopted by the people of Rhode Island.

Fong’s father, Chang, had come to this country in 1850 to help build the railroad. After he settled in, he opened a laundry in Pawtucket. Fong was born in 1867 and began managing restaurants in 1897. In May of 1926, he and his son Gong opened The Port Arthur at 123 Weybosset Street, the first Chinese restaurant in Rhode Island. The restaurant prided itself on cleanliness, fine food, prompt and courteous service, reasonable prices, and entertaining cabaret. Special daily lunches were available from 11:30 in the afternoon until 2:30 for fifty cents. Full-course Sunday dinners, which were served from noon until 8:00 in the evening, could be had for one dollar and up.

In May of 1928, Fong and Gong celebrated the restaurant’s one-year anniversary with special dinner selections, entertainment by the Port Arthur Orchestra, and a cabaret show featuring soprano Mildred Mitchell and dance specialist Florence Haley.

The restaurant employed several cooks, waiters, dishwashers, food checkers, and bakers. Located directly across the street from the Narragansett Hotel, The Port Arthur was the largest, grandest Chinese restaurant in all of New England, “catering to ladies and gentlemen of exact taste.” Due to its popularity, reservations were recommended and could be made by calling GAspee 9333.

Diners could enjoy dancing every

Back in the Day



by
KELLY SULLIVAN

day except for Sunday. Music for dancing was provided from noon until 2:30, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., and again from 10 p.m. until midnight. The entire third floor of the restaurant was elaborately outfitted as a banquet hall and hosted all manner of parties, showers and galas. “Every Day Is a Big Day at The Port Arthur!” their advertisements read. However, the restaurant’s biggest days were undoubtedly those which featured holiday celebrations. Whether Halloween, Christmas, Thanksgiving, or New Year’s Eve had arrived on the calendar, no one staged a celebration like Fong Tow. New Year’s Eve parties consisted of dancing, cabaret, noisemakers, party favors, and a full-course meal for five dollars per person. The party didn’t stop there. New Year’s Day celebrations began at 12:01 with music by the house orchestra and dancing that went on until 3:00 in the morning. A full-course dinner would later be available for three dollars per person. The restaurant’s New Year’s Eve celebration of 1928 included two bands and two dance floors, as well as entertainment by The Ramon Review, Marie Bayes, and Gerald Griffin.

The Port Arthur’s annual Hallow-

een party began at 9:30 in the evening and went on until 3:00 in the morning. A special dinner, cabaret, and dancing were all included for the \$1.50 ticket price. In 1928, the entertainment for the Halloween party came in the form of dancers Marie Carlos, and Morelle & Deroche.

Fong spared no expense in scheduling the best performers in New York and Boston to visit Providence for the purpose of being showcased at The Port Arthur. In May of 1934, Fong celebrated his restaurant’s eight-year anniversary with special luncheon selections priced from 35 to 75 cents and a full-course dinner, served from 5 to 9 p.m., for 60 to 95 cents. Entertainment was in the form of a 10-act floor show as well as dancing to the sounds of Jack Pitman & His Orchestra. Fine beers and wines were available to be enjoyed with dinner.

In 1937, diners who appreciated the “cozy booths and cheerful surroundings,” could be served a baked sugarcured ham dinner for sixty cents, a broiled live whole lobster for one dollar, a broiled tenderloin steak for \$1.15 or a planked steak for \$1.10 among the numerous other American and Chinese food selections on the menu. By 1950, the restaurant was advertising the comfort of its air conditioning, their noon floor shows which happened Tuesday through Saturday, and their sixty-cent Businessman’s Lunch.

When Fong died in September of 1935, the whole state mourned the man who had consistently exhibited what hospitality should look like. More flowers than most had ever seen at a funeral were set about the Roger Williams Mausoleum in memory of Fong. At some point, Fong was removed to Pawtuxet Memorial Park in Warwick where he currently rests beside his son.

Kelly Sullivan is a Rhode Island columnist, lecturer and author.

ANIMAL TALK

By Karen Kalunian

Local Adoptable Loveable



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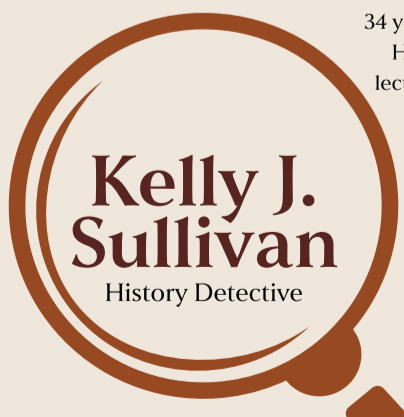


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Blacklight Beat Patrol gets properly introduced with a new electronically amplified album

By ROBERT DUGUAY

For the past couple of years, Scott Corneau has been giving the music scene around Rhode Island a fresh jolt of rhythmic electronica. In a time where the sonic creativity around the area is multi-stylistic with different genres being fused together, there's been a lack of synth-driven instrumental music that's meant to either make people dance or put them in a trance. With Blacklight Beat Patrol, Corneau has been filling this void with really cool beats and inventive aesthetics. His latest installment of this project is "Meet The Blacklight Beat Patrol," which is a full-length release that's due out officially on Dec. 27. There's more of a narrative within the tracks than before, which goes along with the introductory tone that the album title relays.

The new record is a follow up to a different album Corneau unveiled back in July as the result of fleshed out ideas that initially popped up during the previous songwriting process. These songs coming to fruition was relatively fluid due to the fact that he already had the initial conceptions.

"'Meet the Blacklight Beat Patrol' is, in many ways, an extension of 'Whispers from the Void,' which I released earlier this year," Corneau says about the album. "While working on the previous album, I had tracks that didn't quite align with its overall vibe. Initially, I felt compelled to release them as singles, driven by the industry's relentless pursuit of quantity over quality. However, over time, I realized that these 'misfit' songs were better suited for a larger project. That's how this album came together, seamlessly blending those songs with new ones that shared a common auditory thread."

"Most of my songs lack a specific narrative and I've always believed that instrumentals are more engaging because they allow listeners to create their own interpretations," he adds. "Nevertheless, a few tracks on this album were influenced by specific ideas. 'Fun with Ray Guns' is a tribute to Rachael 'Raygun' Gunn from the Australian Olympic Breakdancing Team. I was inspired by her unwavering embrace of her unique style despite criticism, so I crafted a quirky, disjointed, yet enjoyable piece that reflected that. Then there's 'Project Shellback,' a tribute to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, which captures the energy and spirit of the characters I grew up adoring."

Along with those two songs, other highlights include "Ten Paces," "Inversion Principal," "Letter E On Repeat" and "Speedrunning." It also should be mentioned that Corneau had the North Macedonian audio engineer Tijan J. Wise take on the mastering duties for the album.

"Each track on this album takes shape differently," he mentions. "It might begin with a bassline, a beat, or a melody, and from there, it's like piecing together various components of a puzzle. It's not about a single, overarching concept; it's about finding the perfect fit and allowing the music to narrate its own story."

To give "Meet The Blacklight Beat Patrol" a listen when it's released and perhaps even make a purchase, log onto blacklightbeatpatrol.bandcamp.com. For more info on Corneau and his electronic music project, check out blacklightbeatpatrol.com.



Trinity Rep presents Someone Will Remember Us

Docu-drama inspired by local stories runs Jan. 23 – Feb. 23

Trinity Repertory Company "Someone Will Remember Us" by Deborah Salem Smith and Charlie Thurston, and co-created by Dr. Michelle Cruz, Smith, and Thurston. Directed by Christopher Windom, this production tells the powerful, real-life stories of local Iraq War veterans, resettled refugee, and their families.

"This show is incredibly necessary right now because it is about how people have a remarkable ability to come together after conflict," the Laura H. Harris Artistic Director Curt Columbus said. "It shows us that no matter what side of a conflict someone is on, people face the same struggles and consequences. It shows Rhode Island-

ers and their stories from a global perspective and gives us hope for the future."

In 2006, Trinity Rep told the true, poignant stories of Rhode Islanders deployed in Iraq with the play "Boots on the Ground." Nearly 20 years later, how does this legacy live on... and what have we forgotten? "Someone Will Remember Us" interlaces the real-life testimonies of U.S. military veterans, a Gold Star family, Iraqi civilians, and refugees living in Rhode Island. As conflict wages on multiple fronts around the world, this production paints a moving portrait of the innumerable tolls of war, and how we find connection through-

"Someone Will Remember Us" and "Boots on the Ground" playwright Deborah Salem Smith said, "When we did 'Boots on the Ground' soon after the US invaded Iraq, everything about the war felt sudden, changing individuals, families, and entire communities. Two decades later, we still have troops in Iraq. Those touched by the war are still coming to terms with the profound impact it has on their lives and the lives of others. I am struck by the fact that although there are heartbreaking moments in these stories, there is also humor, sweetness, and hope. It has been such an honor to meet so many incredible people, both for the original project, and now many years

later for this new play."

"Someone Will Remember Us" continues Trinity Rep's longstanding tradition of community partnerships. Operation Stand Down Rhode Island, a nonprofit dedicated to serving veterans in need; and Refugee Dream Center, a post-resettlement agency serving refugees from all over the world who have since made Rhode Island their home, are two such partners that Trinity Rep will uplift during the run.

"Someone Will Remember Us" runs Jan. 23 - Feb. 23, 2025. Tickets are available at trinityrep.com/remember, by calling (401) 351-4242, or in person at the Ticket Office at 201 Washington St., Providence.

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Ballet RI's joyous 'Nutcracker' at Vets



Ballet RI's production of "The Nutcracker" is at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 1 Avenue of the Arts, Providence through December 29. (Photo courtesy of thevetsri.com)

Review by DON FOWLER

You can have your Christmas movies and holiday TV specials. It takes a joyous production of "The Nutcracker" to get me in the Christmas spirit, and Ballet RI's 2024 production has it all.

From the music of Tchaikovsky to the international dancers to the local dance school students to the innovative costumes and sets, this year's annual Christmas gift is one that every mother's child from five to one hundred should see.

Director Kathleen Breen Combes has the monumental task of working with two adult cast members and dozens of children to create a magical couple of hours that will relieve your holiday stress and make you a believer of all that is right with the world.

Giant pandas dance up a storm. Flamenco dancers, Russian dancers and Chinese dragons entertain, a magician makes the Nutcracker come alive, sugar plum fairies and ballerina dancers perform, along with the snow queen and king.

The production literally involves hundreds of people on stage behind the scenes. How it all comes together is itself a Christmas miracle.

Artistic Curator and Resident Choreographer Yury Yanosky supplements professional company dancers with apprentices, junior apprentices and trainees to fill the stage with beautiful choreography.

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By JENNIFER COATES

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transmissions often postpone the necessary work on their vehicles because of the perceived expense. Quaker Transmissions offers financing. Do not wait until you are facing a crisis. Call and speak with office manager Barbara George to explore your options.

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Looking back at some of the best stories, athletes of 2024

By ALEX SPONSELLER

The cities of Warwick and Cranston had another big year in sports in 2024. There were many notable stories that captured headlines throughout not only the town, but throughout the state and in some cases, the world. Here is a look at what happened this past year:

CRANSTON

Kicking off the 2024 year for Cranston was **West senior Quiana Pezza**, who led the Falcons in indoor track when she took home the state championship in the long jump.

Perhaps the biggest story in Cranston in 2024 was the massive success of its softball scene.

The **Cranston East Bolts** were the **best team** in Division III from start to finish and made it look easy in the playoffs, as they beat Pawtucket 10-1 in the finals to claim their first softball title in school history.

Then, of course, were the **CLCF-CWLL Gals**, who made national headlines as they merced Tiverton 12-0 to win the state championship, then cruised through the regional tournament to qualify for the World Series. The team went 1-2 in Greenville, NC, and will be remembered as one of the top youth sports teams the city has ever seen.

The **CLCF-CWLL 10's** also won their state title and qualified for regionals, as the **Cranston Western baseball 11 year olds** won their state championship and qualified for regionals.

Youth sports continued to dominate the headlines in the fall season, as the **CLCF 14-U cheerleading team** reached nationals after winning state and regional titles. The team put on a show in Florida, taking second place overall to cement its place as one of the premier youth cheer teams in the country.

The **CLCF 13-U football team** also won its state championship and would reach the regional final, where it fell to Springfield, Mass. in a tight 6-0 decision.

WARWICK

The **Toll Gate girls basketball team** made history when it won the Division III state championship, which was the program's first title in over 40 years. Adeline Areson was named All-Division and put on an epic fourth



MAKING HEADLINES:

The CLCF-CWLL 12 year old softball team celebrates in this past summer's Little League World Series in Greenville, NC (above). The Toll Gate girls basketball team after winning its first state championship since 1983 (at left).

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Roundup: Rams skate past Hawks in early DI battle

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The La Salle Academy hockey team rolled past defending champion Bishop Hendricken 4-1 on Saturday night at Thayer Arena in Warwick.

The Hawks and Rams are once again expected to be in the championship mix despite graduating large senior cores, and the Rams were the ones to make the early season statement by picking up the lopsided decision on the road.

La Salle mounted a 3-0 advantage, but Frank Tillinghast would find the back on the net late in the second period to get the Hawks on the board. The Rams, though, would control the third period and add one final score.

Smithfield 5, Pilgrim 4

The Pats dropped a heartbreaking loss to Smithfield last week, as the Sentinels got the game-winner late in the third to wrap up the victory.

Chase DeGregorio, Jackson Monte and Jack Sayler all scored for Pilgrim in the loss.

EG/Toll Gate 8, West Warwick/EWG 4

The Titans rolled past visiting West Warwick last week to stay hot in Division II. Brady Parks finished the day with three goals while Austen Dufresne scored two. Garrett Carney, John Kiernan and Joseph Andreozzi all scored in the win as well.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

La Salle 55, Cranston West 40

The Rams got the better of the Falcons in this DI showdown.

Talya Walker led the Falcons with 13 points while Kyla

RIVALS: Hendricken's Frank Tillinghast chases down the puck. (Photos by Leo van Dijk/rhodyphoto.zenfolio.com)

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DRKA gives back this holiday season

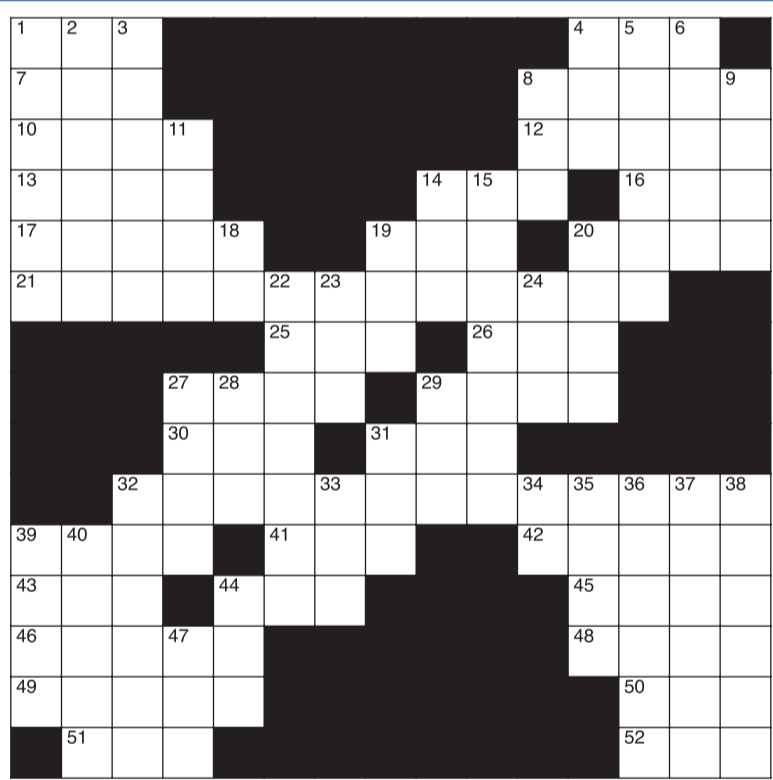
The Don Rodrigues Karate Academy of Warwick held their annual “Toys for Kids” Interschool tournament earlier this month. Students competed and their entry fee was an unwrapped toy. The school collected a few hundred toys for local kids in need this Christmas.

The Academy also had a food drive the entire month of November and delivered the food to the Pilgrim Senior Center in Warwick. They will use the food for Christmas baskets.

The FOP asked the Don Rodrigues Karate Academy to collect new or gently used coats for kids. The DRKA collected 66 winter coats for kids in need! *(Submitted photos)*



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- Civil rights college organization
- Combustible dark rocks
- Grocery container
- Central nervous system



BACK HOME: Rhode Island native and Boston Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla visits the state house. *(File photo by Alex Sponseller)*

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quarter performance to lift the Titans to the win.

Player of the Year Griffin Crain led the Bishop Hendricken hockey team to its fourth straight championship, while the Hendricken swim team also got the job done after coming up short the previous season. The Warwick co-op gymnastics team won its second state championship in three years as Riley Bromage finished second and Madison Long third in the all-around category.

Three female wrestlers took home individual state championships as Pilgrim's Allison Patten won the 100-pound title and Toll Gate's Angel Bui took first at 114 pounds. Toll Gate's Victoria Salinas took first at 145 pounds.

Putting a bow on the winter high school season was Toll Gate's Alison Pankowicz, who won her first-ever title when she took first in the 1,000 meter run.

Hendricken was well-represented again in the spring and the baseball team captured the state championship. Once again, Crain put on a show by getting the game-winning hit in the first game of the series then picking up the victory on the mound in the second game as the Hawks pulled off the sweep over South Kingstown.

Warwick saw a handful of locals win outdoor track and field state titles, led by Pilgrim's Brandon Wolfenden, who won the shot put championship. Carson Dean won the pole vault for Hendricken while Markus Sukkar finished first in the discus throw for the Hawks. Teammate Matt Giuliano finished first in the hammer throw. Hendricken's Damon Buchanan finished first in the javelin.

Hendricken alumni were honored in the spring and summer as the school retired Kwity Paye's number in the gym as he is enjoying life in the NFL.

Next up was Joe Mazzulla leading the Boston Celtics to their NBA record 18th championship when they beat the Dallas Mavericks in the finals back in June. Mazzulla became the youngest coach in nearly six decades to win an NBA title after guiding the Celtics throughout a dominant regular season and postseason run.

Mazzulla would then go on a tour in the summer, making stops at the Rhode Island State House, Johnston Town Hall and his alma mater Bishop Hendricken.

It was a busy fall season to close out the year.

Headlining the season was Pilgrim's Keaney Bayha, who won the cross country state championship and was the first Warwick public school runner to ever do it. Her brother, Kingston, took first place in the boys middle school championship for Vets as well. The Hawks cruised to the team win up at Ponaganset.

The Hendricken football team topped La Salle in an epic football state championship clash, led by another huge performance by running back Jeremy Seidi. The final Warwick team to win a championship was the Hendricken soccer team, which beat La Salle in penalty kicks to claim its first title since 1996.

The last big event to take place in Warwick was the annual Thanksgiving Warwick Beacon Bowl between Pilgrim and Toll Gate. The Pats rolled to the lopsided win to extend their Thanksgiving streak while also celebrating one final victory on historic Morry Field, which will be closed down as the new high school is set to break ground in 2025.

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Paying the price for carbon impacts on the water

By CAPT. DAVE MONTI

It is easy to provide an overview of fishing for the past year and used to be fairly easy to forecast what fishing might be like in the following year. But today, providing a forecast for the future is more difficult due to climate impacts on the water and fish. And, we are now starting to suffer the consequences for enhanced carbon and other greenhouse gases in our air and water.

To forecast what fishing might be like in the new year I would look at historical results, trends, fishing forecasts from industry experts, scientists and fish managers. I would then be able to take a shot at developing a forecast as to what might happen in the recreational fishing world in the following year.

However, for the past few years it has been more difficult to predict what will happen due to changing water conditions, habitat and available fish. In past years I would integrate what we were seeing on the water due to some of these impacts, but here is the catch. Not only are changes happening exponentially, but we are now starting to experience the consequences of the climate impacts we have seen on the water.

Impacts such as cold water fish like winter flounder and American lobster leaving our area and warm water fish arriving like black sea bass, abundant scup, and summer flounder moving further north. And, then there is the arrival of more exotic warm water fish like mahi, cobia, more tuna, wahoo and now this year tarpon was caught off Rhode Island and Cape Cod beaches.

These and other changes are now happening faster than ever before with robust and abundant bait profiles attracting larger animals closer to shore than we have seen in recent years like whales, sharks of all types, dolphins and tuna in big numbers.

Our failure to reduce carbon and other greenhouse gases has caused ocean sea level rise, warming water, acidification and other impacts. The consequences of these impacts are starting to pile up and will continue to do so as climate impacts grow exponentially.

Consequences such as enhanced whale strikes and entanglements, shark depredation (sharks eating an angler's catch before they land the fish), and fish leaving our area as water warms to the point that we may not have much to fish in the future.

Other consequences we are now seeing include lower levels of striped bass, summer flounder and bluefish that could in



STRIPED BASS: Capt. Dave Monti with striped bass. Striped bass, summer flounder, bluefish and cod fishing down again this year. Are we suffering the consequences of carbon and other greenhouse gases in air and water? (Submitted photo)

part be attributed to climate impacts that change the food supply and have been proven to lower the spawning productivity of fish.

We also have not kept up with climate research to know where these fish are and how climate is impacting not only spawning productivity but find out if where they spawn is changing too, so we can plan to protect them.

With reduced fish to catch we are starting to see an erosion of recreational fishing, state by state and in Federal waters. These negative consequences to fishing have and will continue to create devastating impacts on our fishing economy locally, in our state and in the nation.

Billions of dollars have and will be lost. We are now paying the price for our inability to address the amount of carbon and other greenhouse gases we are producing.

So, when we look at a forecast on recreational fishing for 2025, all should know that all is not well on the water as we pay the price for our inability to reduce carbon and other greenhouse gases.

You can catch striped bass, but

possibly not cod in 2025

This month we had two major recreational fishing regulation decisions that will take effect in 2025. One for Atlantic cod and one for striped bass.

Striped bass regulations will be the same for 2025 as they were in 2024. One fish/person/day in a slot limit of 28" to < 31" with an open season year round. As reported last week, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Striped Bass Board voted Monday, December 16 to keep striped bass regulations the same. Instead of more restrictive regulations to rebuild the stock by 2029, the Board committed to working on an Addendum to the Striped Bass Management Plan that will adjust 2026 regulations if needed.

However, in a "long in coming" regulation change, the recreational cod limit will be zero in some areas, cod fish will not be allowed to be taken in the new southern New England regional unit in 2025 if approved by NOAA Fisheries. This area covers waters south of Cape Cod and inland including parts of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and parts of New York. Visit Groundfish Framework Adjustment 69 for maps that

highlight the four new regional units.

Atlantic Cod is an iconic species (Cape Cod is named after the fish). They have been overfished, with overfishing continuing, for many years. Cod have been in rebuilding plans for years without success. The new farmwork adjustment approved brings significant changes to Atlantic cod management across New England waters. The action centers on four newly developed cod stock units, which plan to balance industry concerns while improving measures to rebuild this important fish stock.

Last week I managed to connect with the Rhode Island Division of Marine Fisheries to ask if the no cod regulation applies to state of RI waters. They shared that they will be exploring ways to allow incidental catch, much the way the state of Massachusetts has done in the past when faced with no cod fishing regulations North of Cape Cod in the past.

More to come on cod regulations in Rhode Island and Massachusetts State waters as the new Framework Adjustment 69 is interpreted with options for fishing (or not) in state waters.

Where's the bite?

Tautog fishing and cod fishing. Call ahead to make a party boat reservation, vessels generally sail between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. and return in the afternoon. Visit www.islandcurrent.com and www.francesfleet.com. Full day rates for vessels are generally \$130 to \$135 per adult and around \$80 for those under 12 years old.

Freshwater fishing. Anglers are fishing for largemouth bass weather permitting. And, for a complete list of trout stocked ponds in Massachusetts visit Mass Wildlife at Trout stocking report | Mass.gov, both Whiting and Falls Ponds in North Attleboro were stocked this fall. And, in Rhode Island visit www.dem.ri.gov/fishing, or call 401-789-0281 or 401-539-0019 for more information on trout stocking.

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Hawks

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Buco chipped in 10 in the loss.

Mt. Hope 44, Toll Gate 14
The Titans are still searching for their first win after losing to the Huskies on Saturday. Mary McNulty led Toll Gate with 13 points scored.

BOYS BASKETBALL
North Providence 68, Cranston West 53
The Falcons lost to the Cougars last week. Noah Germain led West with 17 points while Nate Conca added 14.

West Warwick 56, Pilgrim 55
The Pats dropped their first game of the season as the Wizards held on for the win. Carter Clifton and Jack Bannon each scored 16 points in the loss for the Pats.



HEAVYWEIGHT BATTLE: Colin Murray and Tuckerman Camara clear the zone (left). Jacob Simon dishes out a pass (right).



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