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Friday, November 27, 2020

# Brookfield plans socially distanced tree lighting



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Brookfield residents will enjoy a socially distanced tree lighting ceremony next month.

BROOKFIELD – The annual tree lighting program won’t be the same in 2020 as previous years, but local families are still looking forward to a fun celebration of the season.

Santa Claus will arrive on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. to light the tree. Hot chocolate and cookies will be offered in a pre-packed, self-serve fashion. Masks and social distancing are required at the event.

“We’re sorry that we can’t allow children to sit with Santa, but we’re asking that children and adults write letters to Santa and place them in the basket on their way to take family photos in front of the tree, with Santa in the background,” event organizers wrote.

If you have questions about the event, please visit the town’s Facebook page or send an email to [lytlej1234@gmail.com](mailto:lytlej1234@gmail.com).

# Leicester voters reject recall petition

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Two articles were shot down at last week’s Special Town Meeting, including a citizen’s petition that would have established a procedure for recalling elected officials.

At the Nov. 17 Special Town Meeting, voters defeated the citizen’s petition article by a margin of 45-12. If the article had been approved, the proposed recall procedure would have been entered as a special chapter in the town’s bylaws.

Town Meeting voters expressed support for the current system and did not wish to make changes. Many voters feared that adopting a recall procedure would further discourage residents from running for office at a time when civic engagement is already dwindling.

Voters were also concerned that the divisive climate of local social media pages could lead to frequent pressure for recalls, if such a system were adopted. Attendees of the meeting told the New Leader they are confident with the three-year terms of most elected positions in town. If an elected leader underperforms in a given role, he or she can be voted out by residents at the next election, voters said.

Article 2 (Motion 3) was also defeated by voters; the margin was 40-17, with two abstentions. The article sought to transfer \$25,000 to fund a fire/ambulance personnel study.

All other articles at the Special Town Meeting passed. These included several capital improvement budget items, such as an aerial scope tower truck lease for the fire department (\$90,081); a detective car for the police department (\$43,307); a police carport (\$50,000); phone systems for the Senior Center and other departments (\$15,000); and a pickup truck for the police department (\$49,845).

The carport will be a major benefit for the police department, which has limited storage options for protecting vehicles and equipment from the weather. The installation of a carport will provide a safe entrance and exit from the building, in addition to shielding employees from falling ice.

The Senior Center phone system upgrades will link the building into the town’s network. The improvements will allow for interoffice connections, additional lines, and increased reliability, officials said.

Please Read **PETITION**, page **A17**

# East Brookfield Centennial celebration postponed

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – With uncertainty looming over when large gatherings can safely resume, officials decided to postpone the town’s centennial celebration to 2022.

After extended deliberation, the East Brookfield 100th Anniversary Committee made the announcement to postpone last week. Rather than risk enduring another chaotic year of setbacks and rescheduled events, officials decided it would be best to delay until the entire yearlong program can be safely held without incident.

In the process of reaching their decision, committee members recognized that East Brookfield’s seniors will be a major part of the celebration. Officials want to ensure that all seniors and their families can gather safely once the pandemic is behind us.

The yearlong celebratory program will feature several events, including a historical re-enactment; a Roaring Twenties-themed dance; a community baseball game; a 7K run and walk; a strawberry festival at Podunk Chapel; a parade and family fun day; and a cemetery tour, among others.

Dates and times for the 2022 schedule will be announced once they are solidified.

After dedicating several years to planning a packed schedule of celebratory events, officials don’t want a single resident to miss out on the festivities.

“We have planned for nearly five years for this anniversary and want to be sure our events are well-attended,” said 100th Anniversary Committee member Heather Gablaski. “The uncertainty of the pandemic situation moving into 2021 prompted the decision to move the 100th anniversary celebration to 2022.”

The anniversary committee encourages residents to check out its Facebook page for updates as they come in. There are also several posts on the page featuring fun facts about the history of the town.

Committee members thank all residents, officials, and sponsors for their cooperation during this uncertain time.

“We want to be sure our local sponsors’ names are promoted as much as possible, since they are a big part of making this celebration possible,” Gablaski added. “By postponing to 2022, everyone who wants to attend events can do so without fear of getting sick.”

Although residents will have to wait another year for the centennial celebration, officials are planning a fun, safe holiday program to lift spirits. As part of the Light the Town program, East Brookfield residents will have an opportunity to register their properties in a yard lighting contest. Prizes in the form of gift cards to local businesses have already been purchased by the 100th Anniversary Committee.

There will be one grand prize winner of a \$200 gift card, plus first and second place prizes in the following three categories: “Traditionally Elegant,” “Creative Inflatables,” and “The Clark W. Griswold Award.”

Judging will take place on Dec. 19-20. Any East Brookfield resident who would like to participate must register in advance by visiting the events page at [www.tinyurl.com/EB100th](http://www.tinyurl.com/EB100th).

For more information about the program, or to learn more about the committee’s ongoing efforts, send an email to [EB100th@gmail.com](mailto:EB100th@gmail.com).

# Quabbin history calendars now available



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Photo Kevin Flanders

Local author J.R. Greene recently released the 36th annual Quabbin history calendar.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Local residents always look forward to receiving their annual Quabbin history calendars for the upcoming year, but perhaps never as much as this year. After a long, agonizing 2020, scenes from J.R. Greene’s 2021 calendar have helped inspire hope and a comforting journey into the past.

The 36th annual calendar once again features photographs of the villages predating the construction of Quabbin Reservoir. Many of the photos were taken in the 1920s, before the disincorporation of four towns a decade later. The villages of Dana, Enfield, Greenwich, and Prescott were eventually flooded for the reservoir.

Greene, a longtime author and historian, enjoys assembling the calendars each year from his copious collection of photos. Predominantly appearing in sepia-toned colors, the calendar images provide residents with a unique glimpse into the region’s history.

Including the 2021 calendar, Greene has now presented more than 400 photos in his calendar tradition. Because most of the photographed structures and venues were destroyed for the construction of Quabbin Reservoir, the photos are some of the only remaining memories of villages long submerged.

“The theme of this calendar is to honor the villages of the former Swift and Ware River valleys, and their way of life,” read a statement issued by Greene. “This calendar is dedicated to the memory of the people who once lived in those places.”

The 2021 calendar features the following images: Valley View Farm in Enfield; a hearse storage house in Prescott; the Lisk Pool Room in Enfield; First Independent Liberal Church in Greenwich Village; the 125th anniversary celebration on Dana Common in 1926; the Swift River Box Shop in Dana; the Coldbrook House Hotel in Coldbrook Springs; a summer camp on Curtis Pond in Greenwich; South

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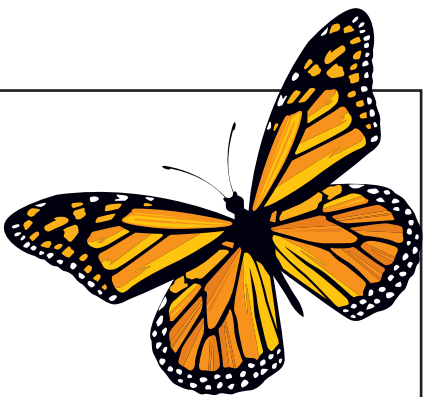
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# West Brookfield to consider solar battery moratorium

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

WEST BROOKFIELD – As towns throughout the area continue to re-examine the impacts of solar installations, West Brookfield voters will have an opportunity next month to further tighten restrictions.

At the Dec. 15 Special Town Meeting, residents will decide whether to support a moratorium on the installation and storage of batteries in solar fields. The Town Meeting article would also authorize selectmen to form an advisory committee to research and study

the effects of batteries and storage on the environment.

“The purpose of this moratorium is to allow sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of batteries or storage of batteries in the town, and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives,” read an informational statement released by the town ahead of the Special Town Meeting.

Residents and officials are concerned about the effects solar installations could have on neighborhoods and the environment.

“The majority of the people in West Brookfield do not like these solar panels and what is in them for chemicals, nor do they like the chemicals in batteries. They are horrible to the environment,” said Selectman Daniel Bigda.

The life expectancy of battery containers is about 10 years, officials said. Because the lifespan of an average solar field is approximately 20 years, officials fear that solar companies could exit agreements early and leave towns with costly disassembly responsibilities.

At the West Brookfield Annual Town Meeting in 2018, voters overwhelmingly passed a bylaw that is restrictive to the number and type of solar installations that can operate in town. West Brookfield was also the first community in the nation to adopt a bylaw requiring solar companies to provide upfront funding for the eventual decommissioning of a solar field. The funding must be provided before a company can become eligible to receive a building permit.

Currently, the town only has

four tightly restricted commercial solar installations. Several area communities with large numbers of solar fields are beginning to see problems arise, and West Brookfield officials want to proceed with caution and preempt major issues.

“What we are finding out is that the solar companies set up the fields in different LLCs,” Bigda added. “We have found out that some solar companies just walk away from the LLCs and the bonds.”

Warren currently has 18 solar fields. Spencer, meanwhile, has 12 large-scale solar installations that are either completed or under construction. Another six proposals are currently in the permitting process, and Spencer residents recently approved a solar farm moratorium due to financial, environmental, and aesthetic concerns.

“I am very pleased that the voters recognized the need for a solar moratorium,” said Spencer Board of Selectmen Chairman Ralph Hicks. “It will give the town the time needed to get a bylaw in place that will

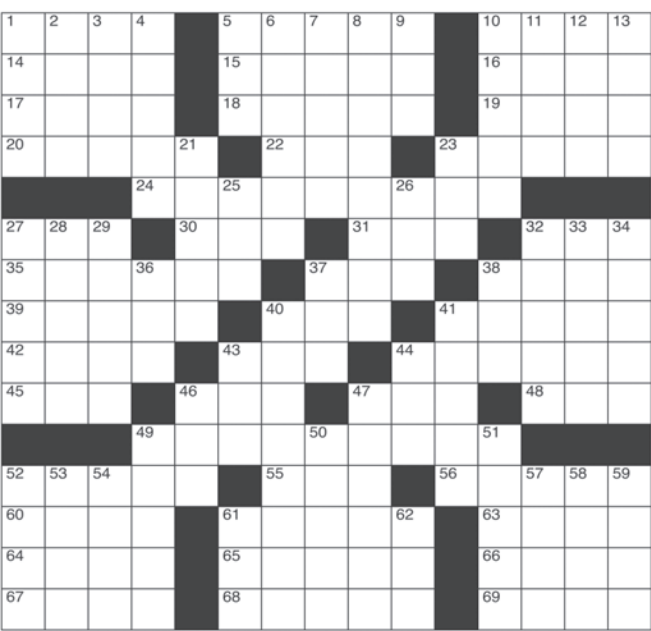
protect the town’s citizens from the environmental and financial dangers that can evolve from for-profit solar development.”

Many solar projects in local towns have involved large-scale clear cutting of trees and ground vegetation. Several project sites are located in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, and residents are worried about the effects on property values.

In West Brookfield, residents and officials are committed to establishing tight regulations to prevent solar development from expanding too quickly. Several other towns are also revisiting solar bylaws and considering moratoriums.

“There is no Mass. General Law or guidance within Massachusetts regarding batteries or storage of batteries at this time,” Bigda said. “This is why I want West Brookfield to get ahead of this.”

The Special Town Meeting is set for Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at West Brookfield Elementary school.

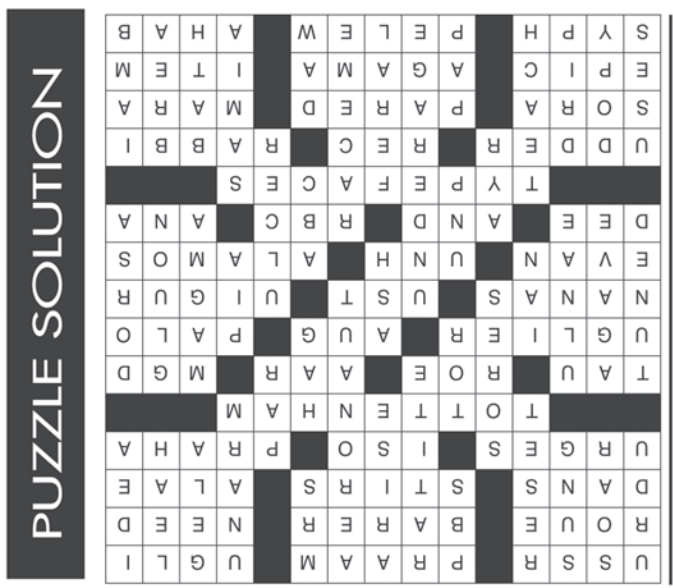


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Cold War player  
5. Flat-bottomed sailboat  
10. Jamaican tangelo  
14. Debauched man  
15. Less covered  
16. Require to live  
17. Patrick and Aykroyd are two  
18. Mixes  
19. Insurance claim expenses  
20. Tries to persuade  
22. Equal (prefix)  
23. Czech name for Prague  
24. London soccer team  
27. Greek letter  
30. Small Eurasian deer  
31. Swiss river  
32. Miller beer  
35. Less appealing  
37. 8th month (abbr.)  
38. \_\_\_ Alto, California city  
39. Grandmothers  
40. American time  
41. NW Chinese people
42. “Westworld” actress \_\_\_  
Rachel Wood  
43. Northeastern US university  
44. Poplar trees (Spanish)  
45. Hip hop legend Kool Moe \_\_\_  
46. Not or  
47. Corpse count (abbr.)  
48. Comedienne Gasteyer  
49. Fonts  
52. Female cattle mammary gland  
55. Down time  
56. Spiritual leader  
60. Small brown and gray American rail  
61. Trimmed by cutting  
63. NY Giants owner  
64. A long narrative poem  
65. Old World lizard  
66. Product for sale  
67. Shut Your Pie Hole (abbr.)  
68. Pacific Island country  
69. Whale ship captain

### CLUES DOWN

1. Language  
2. Fly high in the air  
3. Made musical sounds  
4. Organized again  
5. TV channel  
6. Unable to fly  
7. Get up  
8. Air traveler  
9. Married woman  
10. Take weapons from  
11. Sicilian city  
12. Actress Remini  
13. Thought  
21. Infections  
23. Golf score  
25. Hill or rocky peak  
26. Witch  
27. Adjusted  
28. Succulent plant  
29. Forearm bones  
32. Hot fluid in the earth’s crust  
33. Subatomic particle
34. Part of an organism  
36. 007’s creator  
37. Burned material residue  
38. Brain layer: \_\_\_ mater  
40. Unable to partake  
41. Lesion  
43. Historic railroad company (abbr.)  
44. Basics  
46. Scottish port  
47. Flower cluster  
49. Instruct  
50. Untamed  
51. Moth genus  
52. Utilizes  
53. Foolish  
54. Fall in small drops  
57. A place to get clean  
58. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits  
59. Metrical foot  
61. Semiliquid food  
62. Small crow



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Brookfield Regional School District now has all of its buildings operating in the hybrid education model.

Prouty welcomed back its first cohort of students on Nov. 16, with the second group slated to return this week. To increase social distancing and minimize the risk of exposure, local schools are alternating groups of students between at-home and in-person learning.

Last week also saw a modified freshmen orientation at Prouty.

“Our opening has been happy and smooth so far,” said DPHS Principal Elizabeth York following the Nov. 16 return to classes. “We are welcoming Cohort B to our building this week. Cohort A will be in-person next week.”

SEBRSD leaders have been impressed by the planning, commitment, and execution of safety measures at all schools. This has required a full community effort, including students, parents, teachers, administrators, and other staff members. It hasn't been easy to transition to a learning environment with masks and social distancing, but students and staff have handled it well, officials said.

“This phased-in reopening process has gone smoothly thanks to staff, students, parents, families, and administration working together with a focus not only upon teaching and learning with purpose, but also safety, health, and wellness,” said SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey. “It is a credit to our entire learning community working together that we have reopened our district without one confirmed case of COVID-19 within our school-house doors.”

As schools throughout the state and country continue to close down due to outbreaks, local districts have used comprehensive

strategies to keep COVID-19 out of the classroom so far. The alternating hybrid system has worked well, and officials remind students and parents to keep up the hard work during the winter months. Guardians will need to be especially vigilant during the holiday travel season.

“It is important that we remain vigilant in maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all staff and students,” Haughey added. “Families play a critical role in supporting the culture of health and safety in our schools.”

Parents are asked to continue performing daily COVID-19 symptom checks before sending their children to school. Please keep your child home if any of the following symptoms are presented:

- Fever (100 degrees or above)
- Cough
- Lower respiratory symptoms (difficulty breathing; shortness of breath)
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue/weakness, when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nasal congestion or runny nose

If your child presents any of these symptoms, please contact your child’s physician for COVID-19 testing. You must also notify the school nurse about the physician’s diagnosis before a sick child can return to school.

Meanwhile, students enrolled in this year’s fully remote option continue to achieve as well. Officials thank teachers and parents for their commitment to ensuring that students don’t fall behind while learning remotely. Many teachers have put in significant extra time to support both their in-person and remote learners.

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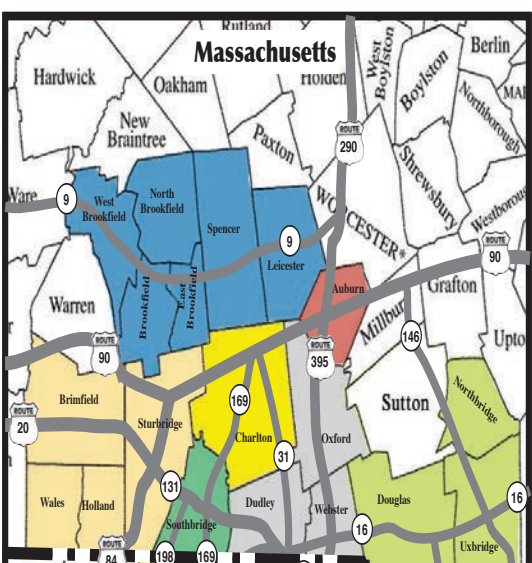
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# Medicinal Seasonings Spice Up Holiday Recipes

With the holidays around the corner, the focus turns to home-made pies, cookies and other comfort food confections that conjure up fond holiday memories. One of the simple pleasures of churning out home baked goods this time of year is the unmistakable aroma of such spices as cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger. But the familiar aromatics of holiday fare are not simply tasty comfort foods, as it turns out, studies show popular holiday spices can benefit your health as well as your taste buds.

The following yuletide-worthy recipes include generous doses of spices with impressive health benefits. Note: Data on treating ailments with spices is offered as information only; not medical advice. Do not ingest spices as home remedies without proper medical supervision as dangerous allergies and side effects can occur.

**Nutmeg**  
Often sprinkled in a holiday eggnog or added to a meat pie, the nutmeg spice jar does duty beyond the kitchen cupboard, from halting a headache to promoting sweet slumber. Nutmeg is packed with antioxidants and anti-inflammatory properties that not only relieve headaches but help ease pain associated with injuries and wounds. The spice is also an antibacterial, which makes it a powerful weapon in healing oral maladies. A natural diuretic, nutmeg is beneficial to kidney health, with its powerful properties evenly hailed as a treatment to dissolve kidney stones. And according to the Encyclopedia of Healing Foods, a little nutmeg added to a glass of warm milk can lull you off to sleep in record time.

**Candied Pecans:** Traditional holidays include old fashioned recipes, and this simple candied nut recipe, featuring nutmeg and cinnamon, harks back to holiday snacks of yore:  
Ingredients: one large egg white; ½ tablespoon vanilla extract; ½ tablespoon water; one cup sugar; ¾ teaspoon Kosher salt; ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon; ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg; one



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Directions: Preheat the oven to 250°F (121°C). Butter a baking sheet. In a bowl, beat the egg white, vanilla, and water just until very frothy. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add the pecans to the egg-white mixture and gently toss to coat. Transfer the nuts to the sugar mixture and toss to coat. Spread the nuts evenly on the baking sheet.

Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 10 to 15 minutes. Watch the pecans carefully during the last 15 to 20 minutes of cooking for doneness. The nuts should be a lovely golden brown, crunchy, and evenly coated with the hardened sugar coating when they come out of the oven. Store the pecans in an airtight container in a cool, dry place for up to 2 weeks.

**Cinnamon**  
Cinnamon, perhaps the most recognized holiday spice, is also one of the most powerful in health benefits. Helpful in reducing blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes, cinnamon has been touted as an additional dietary supplement along with conventional medications to fight the disease.

In addition, studies revealed the spice reduced triglyceride, LDL cholesterol, and total cholesterol levels among test group subjects. Want more? Research from Copenhagen University showed a significant relief in arthritis pain when patients were given half a teaspoon of cinnamon powder combined with one tablespoon of honey every morning for a week. And another study found that the mere act of smelling the spice can boost cognitive function and memory!

**Cinnamon FYI:** Microbiologists at Kansas State University found that adding small amounts of cinnamon to samples of apple juice contaminated with E. coli bug killed most of the bacteria. Just one teaspoon of cinnamon killed 99.5 percent of the bacteria after three days at room temperature.

**Holiday Snickerdoodles:** This recipe, from the spice company McCormick, is a nostalgic family favorite to bake up during the holidays.

Ingredients: 2 ¾ cups All Purpose Flour; 2 teaspoons Cream of Tartar; 1 teaspoon baking soda; ¾ teaspoon salt; 1 ¾ cups sugar, divided; 1 cup Butter Flavor All-Vegetable Shortening; 2 eggs; 2 tablespoons milk; 2 teaspoons pure Vanilla Extract; 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon.

Directions: Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Set aside. Beat 1 ½ cups of the sugar and shortening in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, milk and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed.

Mix remaining ¼ cup sugar and cinnamon. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in cinnamon sugar mixture to coat. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 2 minute. Remove to wire racks.

**Ginger**  
Ginger bread and ginger snaps are familiar holiday treats, but did you know ginger has long been hailed for its power to tame a tummy ache? It's also a well-known home remedy to treat motion and sea sickness. In fact, in one study, ginger was shown to be superior to a commonly used over-the-counter and prescription drug for motion sickness, reducing dizziness, nausea, vomiting, and cold sweats. It's also claimed that ginger can aid in relieving arthritis and sciatica pain. Or, some people simply eat several pieces of crystallized ginger to help relieve joint and nerve pain.

**Old Fashioned Gingerbread:** King Arthur Flour offers this classic holiday favorite that recalls happy childhood memories.

Ingredients: 2 ¼ cups King Arthur White Whole Wheat Flour, or 2 cups King Arthur Unbleached All-Purpose Flour; ¼ cup granulated sugar; 1 teaspoon baking soda; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 ½ teaspoons ground ginger; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon each cloves and nutmeg; 1/2 cup (8 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted; 3/4 cup molasses; 1/4 cup water; 1 large egg; 1 cup buttermilk; 1/2 cup diced crystal-

lized ginger (optional)  
Instructions: Grease and flour a 9" square pan. Preheat the oven to 350°F.

**Allspice**  
Christmas pudding, mincemeat and pumpkin pies all benefit from the addition of allspice, but did you know your health can too?

Allspice is famous for its ability to relieve muscle aches and pain when applied topically. To make an allspice poultice, mix ground allspice with water to form a thick paste. Apply it to the body, cover with gauze and relax for 15 to 20 minutes. Sipping tea made from the spice can also be helpful in relieving menstrual cramps and headaches. Allspice berries can also be used to temporarily relieve toothache pain. Simply chew one allspice berry for quick relief.

**Allspice Recipe:** No allspice on hand? No worries. To whip up one teaspoon of Allspice, combine the following: 1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon of ground cloves and ¼ teaspoon of ground nutmeg.

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**Never Far Away**  
BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER, MA

Days, months, even years go by, and you still live on in my heart. You passed on – Time passes on – But, you always are alive deep within my soul. It's more than just a memory, you live on through me, as I share your words, your laugh and smile, your essence with others. To me, you are not really gone. I even still talk with you. (Sometimes daily), and you are there. So, do I miss you? Yes, in a physical sense, but no, you are alive and well all around me. So, people may tell me you are gone, but I beg to differ. You are here, in my heart, in my mind, and in my soul. Never far away.

**Home For Thanksgiving**  
BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

If I could celebrate Thanksgiving – the way it used to be, It would be with my mom, dad, our whole family But all of my grandparents, aunts, uncles have all passed away Although in my heart they shall forever stay Growing up on one of Worcester's Seven Hills The joy, happiness of all holidays, I cherish still All my family living in a 3-decker near East Park Running home before the streetlights went on – just before dark A week before mom would make in a pizza pan her delicious apple pies And pecan – squash – not pumpkin – bringing tear drops to your eye The turkey would go into the oven the night before Smelling the aroma of home as you walked through the door My aunt would come in and let out a long sigh Her lemon meringue pie was 3 inches high All together at 2 tables were 20 of us Never an obstacle – confusion – never a fuss Enough food and desserts to feed us all for weeks So full with all these goodies we could hardly speak In reality it wasn't really the food that made our day It was being together as a family – I am trying to say A day of happiness – fulfillment and just having fun On this day of Thanksgiving – united as one But since these childhood memories life has changed Our holidays – every day

we now must rearrange Most- if not all our realities are now in the heavens above But no matter where we spend the holidays this year – We shall forever feel their endless love. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**Making A Difference**  
BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

My most memorable Thanksgiving was working in food service in Worcester, Mass. Oh how quickly those 5 hours seemed to pass All managers – employees at the hospital would get to eat free If family members came it was only a small fee We would all arrive early to set up the food Putting everyone in a very good mood Turkey – stuffing – peas – mashed potatoes and more A smile on everyone's faces as they walked thru the door The delicious butternut squash soup would bring tears to your eyes Pecan, apple, and many berry pies Every year a patient I met would drive an hour just to visit me So appreciative I took good care of her spouse you could plainly see A piece of pie is all a homeless gentleman would usually ask Serving this man all alone was no easy task One year a patient was spending the holiday with her whole family Over 30 members at a table was surely a sight to see I made a special flower arrangement to place on

their table Most of them standing in line to be served – some not able Bringing this grandmother a homemade gift Hoping her spirits it would somehow lift Seeing the light shine in this persons eye I had to compose myself and try not to cry It only took a little over 2 hours and all were fed There is no other place except home I would have liked to be instead But I felt good making a difference in so many lives Brothers – sisters – grandparents – husband and wives Everyone was grateful giving staff members a warm embrace I shall never forget the joy on their face It's wonderful to spend holidays with family and friends But also nice to be with employees and strangers for on you th4ey depend The kindness and appreciation was worth all we had to do For me not one individual left that cafeteria without saying, Thank You.

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**Octobe Sadness**  
BY SUE ANGELA HEALY, NORTH BROOKFIELD, MA

October is one of the saddest months of the year Snow will soon be on the way is most everyone's fear Shoe and flip flops are now a part of the past Oh why can't summer somehow forever last Some people already wearing winter clothes Why rush the season I'll never know Th4e lives on the trees orange – yellow – some

bright red Some lying on the ground, already dead Squirrels – chipmunks – scurrying hiding their snacks Also wishing the warmth could come back Except for this year, most children are back in class Their usually 1 ½ months off – gone by so fast At the end of the months we can change our clocks Why at 4 o'clock is it already dark? They playground now empty – the children all home It's like an empty month – feeling alone Yes of course there's always Halloween But now with pins in the candy, we have to scream The pools stand covered for the past few weeks It's the shelter inside we are trying to seek Lounge chairs in storage all windows are closed Remember last year left out and the chair broke when froze Comfortable in our home with the coziness of the fire Now looking your best in our cold weather attire Going to the orchard to make an apple pie But then you gain 10 lbs and start to cry Longing for the sunshine of yesterday As a truck goes by your yard filled with hay If October brings you unhappiness and brings you down Put a smile on your face where there once was a frown Winter is approaching and June-July and August might be months away But the love and beauty of summer in your heart shall forever stay.

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**Sadie the Thief**  
BY JAKOB LANNE,  
BROOKFIELD, MA

Our Yellow Labrador Retriever Sadie loves socks. She doesn't just like them, she adores them. Ever since Sadie was a puppy, she has been stealing any and all socks she can get her paws on. When she sees a sock, she will sneak up and grab it, and then run off, as if she is certain we are on her tail. She has many little hiding spots scattered around the house where she 'buries' her treasures. Eventually, we all run out of socks and we have to hunt around to reclaim them. Whenever we clean the house we find 40 to 60 socks! You can almost see Sadie planning her next string of heists.

Sadie also loves to steal hats. We have to be careful when we wear hats around her because she will try to grab them right off our head when we bend over or kneel down! She will run around with the hat in her mouth, baiting us to chase her. Sometimes we are able to trick her into dropping it, but she has learned to avoid our tricks faster than we can develop new ones. She has managed to keep hats away from us for a couple of days. In addition to the hats, she also has a fabric dog toy that she LOVES! Most of the time Sadie keeps it inside, but sometimes she brings it outside. Whenever Sadie does this, that poor toy gets buried in every imaginable place – from the horse manure pile to mulch piles to snow banks! Recently, we found the toy, which is orange, frozen solid in a snow bank, and stained almost brown from mud and manure!

We re-use plastic milk jugs to carry water from the faucet to our various animal pens. When Sadie was still a crazy puppy, we would give her some jugs to play with. She would chase the jugs around our hallway for hours upon end, jumping and biting at them. However, since Sadie has now associated plastic jugs with fun, she continues to steal them at every chance she can get. If we didn't clean up often, our yard would be littered with the beat up remains of plastic jugs. Over the years we have figured out some higher up places around the farm that we can put the empty jugs so she doesn't get them. But she is persistent and, despite our best efforts, she still manages to get a few jugs here and there. Then she dances and taunts us as she makes off with her prize.

Now that Sadie has matured (a little bit), she behaves very well when she is home alone. However, she does have a habit of pulling shoes out of the bins and placing them all around the house to voice her displeasure with our absence. She only does this when we are gone, so we are able to see how displeased she is by the number of shoes she stole and relocated. We believe 1 or 2 shoes means "mildly annoyed", but we know we are in for a long night when 10 or 12 shoes are missing. We call this the "Sadie Shoe Meter", and it has proven useful over the years.

Sadie may be a Thief, but we still love her dearly and could not imagine life without her. For 70+ more stories, visit me at <https://talesofafarm.home.blog/>

**When We Had a House Sheep**  
BY JAKOB LANNE,  
BROOKFIELD, MA

Back in the spring of 2016, one of our ewes had twins. These were the first lambs to be born on our farm! We knew that the mother was pregnant, but we didn't know when the lambs would be born. One day, as we were feeding them, we heard the sound of lambs baaing. The mother had given birth! As soon as we saw the lambs, we ran over and started petting them, even though they were only a few hours old. We petted them for about an hour and then left so they could nurse. Everything looked fine for the first day or so, but we soon noticed one of the lambs wasn't being allowed to nurse. It turns out that if you get your scent on a newborn lamb, the mother can't smell the lamb's own scent and thinks it belongs to another ewe. Also, because lamb births are so easy on the mother, they sometimes don't realize they've had two lambs. Sheep are also not very good at math... 'I had TWO lambs....Let me count them...One... ok! I got'em all!'

We watched the lamb for the rest of that day, hoping the mother would let it nurse. She didn't. Not only did she not let it nurse, but she would ram the poor little lamb into the wall if it even came near her! We started to panic. We didn't want the lamb to die! It was late at night, freezing cold, and we had a tiny, starving, miserable lamb. So, we did the only logical thing. We had it sleep in bed with us! That's right, we had this little lamb IN BED with us for the whole night. We had purchased some lamb milk replacer a

few weeks earlier, and we were very glad we had it! After a warm bottle and much cuddling, she fell right asleep.

For the next few days, the lamb lived in the house, alternating between running around and sleeping in its crate. She was about the size of our little dog, so they would play together for most of the day. We think that she didn't realize that she was not a human, so we called her a 'sheepie' (sheep + people).

After almost a week of the lamb living in the house, she started to get too big for her crate and too active to be in the house. We cleaned out a shed we were using for storage and made that her new home. She was still only about a week old, so she needed to be bottle-fed every couple of hours. That meant that for the next three-ish weeks we had to take turns getting up a couple of times in the middle of the night to feed her. We still had to bottle-feed her for a couple of months, but by the end it was only about twice a day. She loved her big green bottle (the green udder!).

Because she viewed us as her mother(s), she would follow us around. When we were outside we would let her follow us around, just like a dog. For the first week or so she would stay close to us. But, as she grew, she would start to explore our farm and make new friends. For the most part, she stayed close to us, but sometimes she went a little too far.

One time, when she was only a few weeks old, she saw a person walking down the road. The walker must have seen her and stopped, wondering if they were really seeing a lamb loose in our yard. Now, our friendly little lamb started running down the driveway, probably thinking the walker might have a bottle. The walker saw her coming and continued going down the road, hoping the sheep would forget about her. Nope! The little lamb followed the poor walker at least a quarter mile down the road! After it was clear the sheep wasn't going back home, the walker came back and returned the little lamb to us. After that we kept a VERY close eye on her.

The lamb continued to live in her own barn for the next 7 months. Sometime in late fall we decided it would be best for her to live with the rest of our flock of sheep. Over the next week or so we put her in our pasture for a little while every day, increasing the time until she got used to it. She spent that winter living with the rest of

the sheep and continues to live with them to this day. She has adjusted to flock life, but we think she is still mad at us for making her live in the pasture like a normal sheep.

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**Where is God?**  
BY JUNE SIMAKAUSKAS,  
SPENCER, MA

He's in our loving hearts and souls with a roadmap for our lives. We need to let him guide us for love and goodness we must strive.

We see God in sunrises and sunsets, rainbows, and rain, the waves of the ocean, the mountains and plains, in the change of seasons, white snow, and blue sky, in autumn leaves, spring tulips, and when hummingbirds fly.

Where God is NOT is in the hatred we see, in the rioting, shootings and looting of property. That's the devil's domain, and he's made it clear, where God is not, he will harvest pain and fear.

So now more than ever we need to pray, just talk to God every day, and thank him for the blessings you've received, and ask the Lord for more people to Believe.

**Exchanging Seasons**  
BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE,  
WEST BROOKFIELD, MA

Gone are the leaves from off the trees; winter's coming soon, I know, coming now black-capped chickadees. They'll stay through the winter snow.

Gone are the flowers and butterflies; that earlier were everywhere. Hummingbirds no longer seen in the sky, and bluebirds stay in the woods somewhere.

Goldfinches are back, cardinals too; they're flying now past the window. Flashes of brilliant colors, spring anew, now that summer hues are through

Gone are the green grasses of summertime; replaced by some tans and browns. That includes rabbits, a welcome sign, jumping in the meadow like clowns.

Here comes also, hawks and crows; that lurk near the garden and haymow. Harvest is over, they

still scan the rows for food before the farmer's plow.

Bright days, full of sun are here now; to be replaced by winter gray. So enjoy the last vestige of Autumn's bow, before Mr. Winter takes it away.  
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**In-Between Season**  
BY RICHARD TRAUSCHKE,  
WEST BROOKFIELD, MA

Autumn leaves have fallen; the air is crisp and bright, winter will come a-callin'; with the frost cold and white.

Sometimes a fog will steal in; on puppy-dog feet overnight. With still air, then, come mornin'; there's hoarfrost with a frigid bite.

Mr. Frost has painted the windows; with his swirling, frozen art. He deftly brushes ice to show, that winters' about to start.

This is the "in-between season," as the earth here begins to cool. God chills us with good reason, it is He that makes the rules.

So dress up now in warmer wear; button up tight your mackinaw. Hunker down as winter nears, then pray for an early spring thaw.

**Roaring Fire!**  
BY EMILY JANES, NORTH  
BROOKFIELD, MA

A roaring FIRE! "Bulls eye!" Jenny exclaimed as her well packed snowball hit the tree dead center.

She threw a snowball into the sky. It disappeared into the white snowy sky.

It came racing down and hit Jenny in the face.

She fell down to her knees and used her pink gloves to wipe the snow off her face.

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It was getting cold.

Jenny decided to head inside.

She stomped the snow off her black snow boots. Her socks came off with her boots. Her feet were freezing. The bottom of her snow pants were covered in a dozen little ice chunks.

She changed into sweatpants and clean, warm socks.

She wandered into the family room. There was the freshly cut Christmas tree, covered in red, green and white lights. It was beautiful.

She took a deep breath. MM pine!

Jenny stood there for a couple minutes just admiring the beauty.

Dad came into the family room with an armful of logs for the fire.

Jenny watched him pile the logs and struck a match.

Soon there was a roaring fire. Flames flickered up the chimney

Jenny sat on the floor and stretched out her arms to feel the warmth.

She sat there in a daze, hearing the crackling.

She sighed happily. What a wonderful day!

**Runaway**  
BY SHER MORSE, SPENCER,  
MA

You held my hand as we laid to rest your wife, our mother. The priest spoke of all things good and Holy. I didn't listen. Eventually, he stopped speaking, and made the sign of the cross. You let go of my hand to shake his, and I bolted. I ran from the grave, from the cemetery, trying to outrun my grief.

I ended up sitting in the pasture alone with my shattered heart. A waterfall of tears nearly drowning me. The hours churned by, and still I wept, for the days we had together, for the years ahead we would miss. I ran again to an empty house, no longer feeling like home without you. Years have passed and I still run from that day. The day that changed my life I still miss you mum.

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EDITORIAL

To infinity  
and beyond

On Nov. 15, the world watched as a Space X spacecraft blasted into space with four astronauts on board. As one news outlet put it, it was ‘eight minutes of terror’ as the fiery bullet took off. This title nailed it. As we watched the rocket take off, we were awestruck at how far mankind has come. The science and intelligence that is behind what was once unthinkable, is mind blowing.

Watching the takeoff on Sunday evening was just as exciting as it was nerve wracking. In 1986, while in school, we all watched as the Challenger met it’s fatal fate after just 73 seconds after taking off. In 2003, the Columbia shuttle broke apart while attempting to re-enter the Earth’s atmosphere, killing all seven crew members.

The crew, made up of Victor Glover, Shannon Walker, Soichi Noguchi (of Japan) and Michael Hopkins, traveled the 27 hours it takes to get to the International Space Station. As we write this, the crew is safely in orbit.

The launch was delayed from Saturday to Sunday due to bad weather from Hurricane Eta. The trek is historical in that it’s the first fully operational mission for the private company, SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk. A test mission did take place this past spring with two test pilots, Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley who successfully traveled to the space station.

The crew will remain in space for six months, where they will administer several experiments. One experiment includes how microgravity affects human heart tissue. Microgravity is defined as the condition in which people or things appear to be weightless. An attempt to grow radishes will also take place, which could lead to longer space missions.

In 2011, NASA did away with the Space Shuttle program. Since then the United States has used Russian spacecrafts to bring astronauts to the International Space Station. SpaceX created and developed the Crew Dragon capsule.

In 1961, Russian Lt. Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the Earth in Vostok 1. The flight lasted for 108 minutes, reaching an altitude of 202 miles. That same year, Alan Shepard became the first American to go to space. A year later in February, John Glenn became the first American to land on the moon. In 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk on the moon.

Some interesting facts about space are that it is completely silent. Because there is no atmosphere in space, sound has no way to travel. Astronauts use radios to communicate. In 1986, NASA discovered what could be fossils of microscopic living organisms on a rock brought back from Mars. Halley’s Comet won’t orbit by the Earth until 2061. A space suit from Nasa costs \$12,000,000. A research by Yale scientists suggests that there may be a planet made out of diamonds, that is twice the size of Earth and eight times greater. They say it’s 40 light years away; however, it can be seen by the naked eye in the constellation of Cancer. The footprints left on the moon will last for 100 million years. One day on Venus is longer than one year due to a slow axis rotation which takes 243 Earth days to complete it’s day. If two pieces of metal touch while in space, they will weld together. There is floating water in space. The moon was once a piece of the Earth. Scientists say that when Earth was young, it was struck by a giant object breaking a piece off that began to orbit the Earth due to gravity.

Sunday evening’s excitement was a much needed break from the national news cycle. Listening to the ground crew at NASA headquarters was like listening to something out of a movie. It was a refreshing reminder that there are bigger, more positive things taking place in our lifetimes and for that, we are thankful.



VIEWPOINT

OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If I were a Trump supporter...

To the Editor:

If I were a Trump supporter and I heard that to be in chains was, in fact, to be really free, then I would believe it. If I were told that to live in a democracy was worthless, but if I had the money I would get for selling it out, I could buy a lottery ticket and probably get rich, then I would believe that too. That’s how I would think and what I would do if I were a Trump supporter.

I am proud to be an American. I am proud of the things America has done, and proud of what America stood for and I hope still stands for. I’m proud of it, and I’m happy I have it and I won’t

let anyone take it from me

Those people who would trade the moral and ethical values of The United States Of America and even our Democratic form of government for small personal gain do not really deserve to be any part of our country. Imagine if everybody thought that way there wouldn’t be any country at all.

It’s the old Superman thing — truth, justice, and the American way.

You don’t get any of that with Trump.

MARK WAYDAKA  
EAST BROOKFIELD

Family prayer at Thanksgiving

To the Editor:

Let each of us reflect on this Thanksgiving Day, the importance of love each of us have for another without delay. The compassion we have understanding the challenges that each of us endure, with patience and working together we will find a cure. Through devotion and generosity for one another during the year, our willingness to share our time with those we love will provide us with the perfect atmosphere.

Giving respect to each other, including the principles and value of integrity, this important virtue gives each of us something to strive for professionally. Family members may have different views when it comes to politics, economics and climate change too; the good news: as a team we can make changes in our thoughts, actions and

views.

All families today have experienced a pandemic like no other in the past. The good news is, progress is being made and the solution we have is one that will last. We will continue to function as a Christian loving family. This will allow each of us to walk with dignity and pride.

Heavenly Father, we thank you on this special day for watching over our family and giving each of us the direction and nourishment through your actions and words, so today, as a family, we will continue to walk with you side by side.

May God bless our country and all of our families this Thanksgiving Day!

DONALD L. GAUDETTE, SR.  
SPRINGFIELD

Common sense

To the Editor:

There’s one thing everyone has and should use profusely. That one thing is “common sense.” If you use this, you would this it is easy to see why Trump is not going to concede. If you had a group of people who wanted to vote for a leader and you and I were the nominees, what would be a common-sense approach? You and I know you have to make sure that everyone voted and voted only once. You would want them to fill out a ballot in secret, then have them put in a box with us both witnessing that they put it in and there was only one. Then we both would be there when the ballots were drawn and counted. That’s common sense. It obviously in many places this was not done during this election. In many states, the Democrats worked to get millions of ballots sent out, allowed them to be received back late and without signature validation, and then counted without oversight by the two candidates’ proxies. Many places in violation of the laws. Anyone with common sense knows that is blatantly not a fair election and is easily manipulated. If you were the one who loss to such practices what would you do? Someone with common sense and a sense of fair play would fight the results until an outside third party looked at it. That, my friends, is what we have the Supreme Court for. That’s why it’s called “Supreme.”

President Trump warned us about this. The Democratic propaganda machine, however, was ramped up to say “There is no evidence this will happen.” We know it’s being looked into, and he is finding the evidence and it will be fought out in the courts. If it was done fairly and openly, then the light of an investigation will only reinforce its rightfulness. It seems that the Democrats and some RINOs are fight-

ing his efforts tooth and nail. These career politicians from both sides don’t like having their gravy train run off the tracks. They build their political machines to serve their groups. I have been at local campaign events throughout my life. The graft and corruption is openly displayed at these events. They have fund raisers where for donations, friends and family relatives are enriched thru their connections. Want to become head of a government agency, then make the right donation amount. Want to move ahead in your city job, donate the right amount. They will openly exclaim what Trump is doing is a “Threat to Democracy” when in reality it is a threat to their power

The best course for this nation is to let “common sense” approach prevail. Our elections should not be decided by soundbites and fake news stories put out by media conglomerates or media moguls at social media companies. They may be able shepherd their flocks of sheep to bleat in unison but there are those who they can’t control. The free-thinking ones want a free election won by fair play. They demand an examination of the voting process that took place, to find if there are areas where unfair practices took place, and if they find them, the right to present these arguments to a 3rd party. We are tired of the politicians on both sides that “play” the political game in the courtyard of the castle. We elected Trump because he doesn’t play their game by their rules. His playbook is a little thing called the Constitution. He will follow the process set forth by these rules. Only then will the results be considered “fair play” and acceptable to both parties,

MARK ROBILLARD  
SPENCER

Baseball bat on his way out

To the Editor:

It has been several weeks since Joe Biden was declared the winner of the 2020 election. President Trump still says, falsely, that he won by a landslide, and he seems to be doing everything he can to change the result and remain in power.

The Trump administration is somewhat like the COVID pandemic – we can see the light at the end of the tunnel but the last chapter is the worst. This is turning out to be the most unsuccessful and horrible transfer of power in America since at least the 1800’s. What we are witnessing is a firehose of falsehood strategies that disinformation campaigns have used against the United States. The strategy goes that you fill the air with lies, not because people will believe the lies, but because people will stop believing anything. The long-term effect on American society, politics, and culture is terrible. There is a majority of Republicans who actually believe Trump won – what

does that mean for the next four years?

Joe Biden has been a model of restraint in his victory by calling the President’s actions irresponsible. The President is more than irresponsible, he is reprehensible. Trump has shown no concern for the President-Elect’s effort to prepare to govern and lead the country. The country has a myriad of problems we are facing and the incoming administration needs to hit the ground running. Trump has refused to support a COVID relief bill with benefits running out on Dec. 26. Trump is oblivious to the national security hole he is creating for opportunists. Trump is sowing doubt and mistrust. Americans have historically given the benefit of the doubt to every new president and we have been a beacon to the world.

The allegations are beyond belief. They are not just saying there is a problem here or there – Trump’s team is alleging a broad conspiracy involving

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Financial moves  
for the recently  
divorced



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Divorce is common in our society, but that doesn’t make it any easier to navigate. If you’ve recently finalized a divorce, you’ve likely been coping with uncertainty and tension, but you can still avoid turning an already difficult situation into one that’s even more challenging. How? By making the right financial and investment moves, including the following:

Establish your separate financial presence. Even when you were married, you and your spouse might have maintained some separate accounts. But if you only had joint accounts, now is the time to open your own checking, savings and credit accounts.

Update your budget. It’s likely your budget needs updating. Your household income may be lower or may need to be adjusted for alimony or child support (paid or received). Additionally, your living expenses may have shifted, either higher because you’re no longer splitting expenses such as housing or utilities, or possibly lower because you’re no longer supporting your ex’s spending habits. Understanding your new budget will help you feel better informed about your financials options and more in control of your new situation.

Prioritize emergency savings. Divorce is expensive and may have depleted your savings. To get back on your feet, you may want to build an easily accessible source of funds for unexpected drops in income and/or spikes in expenses. If you’re not retired, you may want to keep three to six months’ worth of expenses in emergency savings, although even much smaller amounts can boost your feelings of financial security.

Evaluate your retirement plan contributions. When you were married, you may have been counting on sharing resources and expenses with your spouse in retirement. But now, you may be solely responsible for your retirement, so if you can afford it, you may want to ramp up your retirement plan contributions. You may want to consult a financial professional about setting and achieving new goals.

Think about Social Security. Your divorce could play a role in the benefits you can receive. Once you are eligible for benefits, if you were married at least 10 years and you haven’t remarried, you might be able to receive up to 50% of your ex-spouse’s benefits, offset by your own benefit. If your ex passes away and you haven’t remarried (or you remarry only after age 60), you could receive 100% of their benefit in place of your own. This could be beneficial if your ex-spouse had a higher income or spent longer in the labor force. Since rules can be complicated, contact your local Social Security office to better understand your situation, and keep a record of your ex’s Social Security number.

Review your beneficiary designations and legal documents. You’ll likely need to revise the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and life insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede the instructions in your will. And, speaking of your will, you’ll likely need to revise it too, along with other legal documents, such as a living trust. Consult with your legal professional to make these revisions.

It can feel like a long road to stability after a divorce – but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to make the trip a little less bumpy – and hopefully shorter – as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello, 911? I'd like to report a theft in Grand-Theft Election masks red wave, demographic shift

To the Editor:

We are witnessing what can only be considered the crime of the century. Right in front of our very eyes, the Democrat machine is plowing through this election like a juggernaut on PCP. With absolutely no concern for the destruction they are causing to our democracy, their mission, come hell or high water, is to make sure that the Basement Dweller occupies 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2021. With one miraculous stroke of luck after another, Biden received tens of thousands, and sometime even hundreds of thousands of votes, which seemed to materialize out of the ether. Imagine his luck when, after sending home the weary-eyed ballot counters in Michigan, they 'found' nearly 140,000 ballots, putting Biden in the lead. And then there is Georgia, which was solidly red up until the wee hours of Friday morning when, you guessed it, votes for Common Man Joe were found, squeaking him just ahead of President Trump. Should I bother mentioning Wisconsin? Fox News... yes, Fox News, once a source of "Fair and Balanced" news, called Arizona for Biden when there was less than 6 percent of the votes tallied. It is possible that Trump might actually flip that state red... that will be until a trailer full of Ballots for Biden descends from the heavens, more like ascends from Hades, securing the state blue.

If this situation was reversed, and the republicans were lying, cheating, and stealing their way into the White House, I would be so absolutely disgusted that I would have no choice but to walk away from the Party. Unlike many of my liberal friends, my moral compass still works. I am in no way virtue signaling or making myself look morally and ethically superior to the Party of the 'Woke and Open Minded'. It just happens naturally.

For the past four years, the Democrats have dogged President Trump, doing anything and everything they could to try and remove him from office. Stealing this election is their last ditch effort. They are cheating and they aren't even making the feeblest attempt at hiding it. Worst of all, the media won't cover it. They won't even acknowledge the obvious inconsistencies in the mail-in votes, along with the electronic votes that mysteriously switch places. Thousands of ballots that would have gone for

President Trump were found dumped. Pollsters, with obvious agendas, posting videos of themselves destroying ballots filled out for President Trump. Almost all of the key battle ground states have turned blue through means that are being called statistical impossibilities... Crickets from the major news outlets.

Whether you like him or not, whether you voted for him or not, these felonious acts cannot be allowed! If this stands, if we turn a blind eye to this corruption we are sending a signal to the politicians, from Washington, D.C. all the way down to those in local offices, that they can use any means necessary to achieve victory. For too long, we have allowed these elected officials to convince us that they need to remain in office, that they know what is best of us because only they can save us from ourselves. Another election cycle and another round of pandering to the masses promising a chicken in every pot, and then sprinkling bread crumbs on the lawn for us to fight over like pigeons until the next election cycle. Sadly, most of the people who repeatedly fall for this don't need to be brain washed. For these special people, they only require a light rinse.

While we wait for the outcome of the legal proceedings regarding this election, I hope everyone has noticed that, with Biden declared the winner by news outlets, even though President Trump has not conceded the race, and shouldn't, (by the way, when did declaring a victor fall to the likes of the AP, Fox, CNN, et al?) there have been ZERO riots, ZERO businesses have been looted and/or burned, and zero cities are being over-run by angry mobs wearing MAGA hats. Why? Because Trump supporters had jobs to go to on Nov. 4! When Obama won both his historic terms as president, the next day I got up, got dressed, laced up my work boots and went to work. However, I fear that if truth and justice prevail, meaning any and all questionable and outright fraudulent ballots are legally invalidated, which could quite possibly turn the election into a Trump victory, the modern day equivalent to the Sturmabteilung, Storm Troopers, Anitfa, along with members of BLM will be back in the streets, Burning, Looting, and causing Mayhem. Civility and our Constitutional rights aren't completely dead, they are just under heavy assault.

MATHEW HERHOLZ  
SPENCER

To the Editor:

My proverbial and literal "red hat" is off to fellow Spencer Conservative and Trump supporter, Jen Gaucher, for her prediction of a nationwide November red wave on Election Day. Excepting perhaps Massachusetts statewide, this indeed appears to have been the case in reality, the increasingly well-documented and discovered horrific widespread voting fraud in the Presidential race aside.

Notable Conservatives and Republican operatives including the President himself, syndicated and top radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh and former Clinton Advisor Dick Morris all urged Trump supporters to show up in huge numbers to vote in person on Election Day, and boy did they (we) ever! President Trump received the largest number of votes for reelection of any President to date. Dick Morris explained in videos before the big day that the numerous polls cited showing Trump losing by double digits to Joe Biden were biased, skewered and publicly touted for just one reason—to demoralize Trump supporters and keep enough home on election day to deny Trump the reelection. The significant voting fraud aside, this clearly did not happen, and the President's legal team knows it! Trump's lead attorney challenging the election results in several states, Ms. Sidney Powell—I trust no relation to "local Lefty Linette" or her family—has stated on the record that without the voter fraud deployed, the President received about 80 million votes. This correlates to a huge landslide reelection victory that clearly demonstrates why so many down-ballot races went to the GOP (Republican) candidates on November 3rd in spite of all the vicious deep-state attacks against this President and his Party; empty charges of racism and White supremacy, Russian-collusion nonsense, impeachment in the House, blame for the Wuhan Virus (COVID-19), etc. Indeed, in Congress, Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives actually lost many seats, while the U.S. Senate is still in Republican control, albeit two Georgia runoff races are pending in January that could affect the balance of power in Washington.

An even more amazing and affirming demographic shift shows President Trump's effectiveness in boldly reaching out to and attracting GOP votes from modern time non-traditional

groups including Blacks, Hispanics and Jews where he made huge gains in 2020 compared to his performance in 2016. Now perhaps you can understand why the Democrats and radical Leftists (including those numerous... or few Lefty letter writers in these pages) spew their venom and hate our President so much—he is persuading more of their base to leave the sinking and increasingly-radical-Leftist shipwreck of a Party that once boasted better men like Thomas Jefferson (who was actually a "Democratic Republican," the political predecessor of the Democratic Party), Andrew Jackson (the first official Democrat President), Harry S. Truman and John F. Kennedy, among others.

Speaking of Thomas Jefferson, with the horrible and illegal (felonious) voter and ballot fraud that appears to have taken place to threaten and deny Trump-Pence their reelection, we are in danger of losing our Democratic Republic, and with it the greatest experiment in freedom and liberty the world has known; the last best hope for mankind. We look more like a third-world banana republic right now. It is tyrannical, wrong and shameful and must not be permitted to stand! Don't get me wrong. I could probably survive a Biden-Harris win for at least one term and accept it if they obtained it lawfully and with a legitimate national vote, not with corrupted voting machines, voting software designed for despots like Venezuela's Hugo Chavez (Joe Kennedy's late buddy) and evil and dishonest election officials in certain states and cities beholden to achieve a certain outcome, the will of the legitimate voting public be damned. Every American citizen and voter, regardless of who you support and what you believe politically, ideologically, must support honest and verifiable elections and voter identification; the sanctity of the vote. If we cannot trust and remedy our own elections in America in 2020, we are finished as a free country and on a fast track to hell and destruction. Liberty, freedom and voluntary obedience to laws rooted in justice must reign supreme here. Every legal/legitimate vote must be counted, but every illegal vote must be discarded! Our soldiers and veterans have fought and died for the precious rights of all Americans, and something so precious and crucially important as the Right to

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Take some COVID gravy with that turkey A "fight" worth having

To the Editor:

The circulation area of this newspaper covers a population of 37,172. The new daily COVID case rate in Worcester County (seven-day rolling average) is 38.7/100,000. That means on average, 14.4 new people were confirmed to have COVID-19 each and every day last week in this circulation area. For the week that means about 100 new COVID cases just in Spencer, Leicester, and the Brookfields. With a "99 percent survivability rate," that means one COVID death per week, never-mind the extreme illness and hospitalizations just in this area.

The basic reproduction number, or R0 of COVID-19, ranges from 2-6 in normal conditions, meaning each person with the virus gives it to between 2 and 6 other people on average. If R0<1 then the pandemic recedes and eventually goes away. If R0>1, it continues to grow exponentially. In early March in Massachusetts, R0=3, and the disease was exploding. By May under previously unimaginable restrictions last spring, we were able to push it down to 0.75 and the pandemic was receding most of the summer. Starting on August 17, R0 went again >1 and the pandemic began to grow again. R0 in Massachusetts is currently at 1.12 even with the school closures, bar closures, social distancing, mask mandates, etc.

COVID in its natural state R0 ranges from 2-6... For comparison the seasonal flu ranges from 0.9-2.1 (in previous years with no restrictions) so COVID is far more contagious. Add to that that there is no vaccine (yet) for COVID and it is far more dangerous. Then consider that COVID is ~10x more deadly if you get it compared to the flu this is quite serious...

This Thanksgiving, many, if not most, people are holding their Thanksgiving traditions anyway. Areas that voted for Trump overwhelmingly have the highest COVID rate per capita, and I don't expect Spencer and the Brookfields to be any different. It is likely that roughly 100 people in this area will have COVID, either asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic, on Thanksgiving. Given the poorly ventilated indoor close quarters nature of Thanksgiving, I think we can assume R0=6 that day. For a gathering of 10 people in Worcester County, there is a 16 percent chance somebody has COVID. It is likely that 600 people in this area alone will get COVID because of Thanksgiving, 400 will show symptoms, and six will die...because of Thanksgiving.

But hey, that leaves 36,000 people who get their turkey, family gathering, and don't get sick – so totally worth it, right? Most Thanksgivings without any risk of getting COVID... 600 people spread-

ing COVID to others, 400 sick people, six dead people is just the price of freedom. Multiply that by the whole country... For what it's worth, my family cancelling our Thanksgiving celebrations to prevent the spread of COVID-19 gives us a great opportunity to talk to the children about how entering someone else's home to intentionally spread a deadly disease is foundational to the holiday in the first place.

Mr. Herholz – the chickens have hatched. President-Elect Biden won the election. It's over. The only question that remains is if government of the people, by the people, and for the people will perish from this land. Trump and the GOP is actively trying to undermine democracy and the will of the people. They are actively trying to subvert the constitution through interesting maneuvers so that Republican state legislatures can ignore the voters and select the president. They are actively trying to prevent the certification of votes so that perhaps there will be no Electoral College winner and the decision goes to the House which is likely to pick Trump. The chickens have hatched, the question is whether the chickens and democracy in America will be assassinated in a successful coup. I do agree with you, however, "we shall see".

Mr. Robillard – I really hope you share your letters with your children and other relatives. I really encourage you to post them on Facebook. You seem so proud of your bigotry, I really encourage you to broadcast it further.

Mr. McRae – No concessions and no quitting, really? Do you care about government of the people, by the people, and for the people? For an uber-patriot you really seem to be cozying up to subverting elections to anoint a dictator. I know that 73.8 million people voted for Donald Trump – but 79.8 million people voted for Joe Biden. I know 6 million more voters, or 8.2% more ballots cast for President-Elect Biden than for Loser-Trump doesn't impress a patriot such as yourself who believes in this Republic with a religious fervor... What about Biden's 306 Electoral Votes to Trump's 232? Biden even won more jurisdictions than Trump did – they both got 25 states but Biden picked up DC. If now is not the time to accept defeat and go home, when will it be time? Please elaborate on "There are more battles to come..." I really want to know what you suggest to undermine or replace the duly elected government set to take office on Jan. 21.

This week, the U.S. saw 1,187,343 new COVID-19 cases and 10,255 new COVID-19 deaths. Compare that to 1.01M cases

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To the Editor:

As longtime readers of this page will recall, I disregard and decline to read the letters of those whom I have dubbed the "Faux Five," and now, as their numbers have been augmented by two additional fictitious scribes, they are known to me as "The Surreptitious Seven." If you need a reminder, the names dreamed up by the lonely, cowardly wretch who composes these "pieces" are: Har Yarock, Rosenberg, Cohen, Miller, Bagg, Washington, and Kaspi. I've explained before that according to public officials from the towns in which these great pretenders claim to live, not one of them — let me say that again for emphasis, not one of them — has ever voted, paid taxes, or in any other way legitimated their claim to reside in their towns of West Brookfield, East Brookfield, Spencer, or Leicester. Furthermore, no one, no friend, no neighbor, no classmate, no employer, nobody has ever submitted verifiable testimony to this paper that any—let alone all—of these people actually exist. But, let me rush to say that in this probably most consequential election in American history, if any one of them voted, I'd be pleased to hear from some Town Clerk, some Election Board officer, someone-anyone—who can attest that, yes, indeed, one or all of these loons did in fact cast their vote. That would go a long way to disabusing me of my crackpot notion they are all ghosts and chimeras. If these political animals don't vote, then they don't exist, and, my friends, you waste your time reading their letters, which are just rehased N.Y. Times talking points anyway.

The whole scam "they" pull off in every edition—except for those weeks when, all of a sudden, not one of them appears, as if the writer were sick or his computer was disabled—is as transparent as is the dead cinch certainty the left and the oligarchs stole this election. The writing style of each of the seven is precisely the same, the leftist talking points always eerily similar, and the utter lack of a single bit of commentary that could be seen as intimate where the reader might gain some insight into the writer's personal story, his connection with the area or with people in it who could substantiate his/her existence, or anything that would assure skeptical readers that they are, in fact, neighbors and fellow residents of these little towns is clear. And, who could forget my most magnanimous gesture of two years ago when I—ever so nicely—offered to meet them face-to-face and buy any or all of them a coffee at the joint of their choosing if that's what it would take to relieve me of my having concluded they were all frauds...fake news. Of course, not one of them was available to share a cuppa

with a weary, tired, broken old hombre just searching, like Diogenes, for an honest man.

So, you ask, what does it matter? Just this: whomever this clown is that composes these screeds each week, gains, for his labors, a monopoly of the available space for the dissemination of his condescending yet easily rebutted left-wing views. Not to mention, as has been pointed out to me by a not-small number of readers, his letters—usually long and tedious—get top billing for some reason, and by the time one wades through them and gets to the conservative writers—like me, usually well back in the field—their reading endurance levels have dried up and it's time to move on to other things. Also, it never seemed to me to be a sound or fair policy to give a lion's share of the space available to someone who lacks the fortitude to identify himself and risk suffering the slings and arrows of cruel fate that would surely come back at him as a consequence of expressing sentiments which are, at once, condescending, mocking, and personally offensive. Maybe, though, after two years of trying—and failing—to hornswoogle us peasants in the area of the readership to vote for communism, the well-concealed author of countless agit/prop pieces will give it all up seeing as the "Man for All Seasons", Trump, at least around here, kicked the liberals'...well... c'mon man, you know... the thing.

So, since I don't read these leftist rants submitted by fictitious writers, why do I bring the subject up yet again? I was informed by a friend and fellow denizen of the Fever Swamps of the Right that one of them—doesn't matter which as they all come from the mind and keyboard of one solitary and supremely gutless scoundrel hiding out in the anonymity of his basement somewhere—attacked me for having used the term "fought" or "fight" when I wrote about true Americans not accepting the results of an indisputably stolen election.

I will break my pledge to not respond to any of these fake-named wraith-writers at least this one time, even though I might as well be addressing my comments to Casper the Friendly Ghost.

Leave it to a lying, duplicitous skunk like a fathead liberal who is perfectly fine with cheating and fraud to achieve political ends, to project onto others that of which their side is almost exclusively guilty: the promotion of violence and intimidation to achieve their nefarious agenda. Listen, you little twerp, all the violence, and I mean all of it, over the past ten or so years has come from your side of the Great Divide. Whether it's mass shootings—almost all committed by leftist nuts—; murderous assaults on the

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streets of people wearing MAGA hats; burning down city blocks for miles; looting countless stores of their merchandise; routinely-like hyenas on the Serengeti Plain-attacking old or very young Trump supporters leaving a rally and unable to defend themselves; swarming restaurants to threaten and harass diners; invading and terrorizing churches; defacing and pulling down monuments and statues across the land; surrounding the houses of those they perceive to be enemies and making life impossible within those homes; blocking highways and city streets and beating innocent people who attempt to escape the chaos; viciously attacking and injuring police in Democrat-controlled cities where the cops are enjoined by their communist mayors, prosecutors and courts from fighting back; screaming down and menacing conservative speakers and students at nearly every college or university across the country; or, generally, through mendacious media bias, big-tech censorship, doxxing, corporate bullying and other means, doing violence to the idea of freedom of speech, religious liberty, and any other rights we once, foolishly, took for granted...it's all on you, liberal idiots. This is your idea of "fighting."

The Tea Party, over the years of its existence, had tens of thousands of

rallies ranging from very large in big cities to a few patriots on a street corner with flags and signs in some small town in Nowheresville. Not one single arrest anywhere at any time for disorderly conduct of any sort was ever recorded. Did you get that, you violent, disruptive, intolerant Democrats? Not one. We were happy, excited to be with other patriots, and friendly to the cops who weren't needed as we were civilized and knew how to conduct ourselves. We always-every time-left the venue looking cleaner than when we showed up. Contrast that with the filth and clutter left by liberals every time they get together to cheer for Marxism, i.e. Obama's Inauguration, the Womens' March, the Occupy Wall Street crazies, Antifa/BLM thug fests, etc: always the same: total disrespect for and violence to the environment and the people who have to clean up after the spoiled brats.

We, Trump people and just good old-fashioned American patriots are not like you ingrate fools on the left. Unlike the tantrum-throwing, narcissistic, immature children you are, we don't spit and curse and lash out when things don't go our way--as you do. We do "fight" for our cause and country (at least the country as we once knew it). If you can fight for your socialism, your spurious "Critical Race Theory", your rainbow flag, your Antifa black flag of anarchy, your utter Godlessness, your ridiculous Green New Deal, we can and will continue to fight (for now,

very peacefully) to see that our vision of "...liberty and justice for all..." is not flushed down some commie, totalitarian toilet of your making.

Who knows what form the fight will take if 75 million people conclude their liberties and opportunities were systematically and by design stolen from them in the dark of night on Nov. 4? I once looked out over a throng of a million-plus people on the Mall in Washington, D.C., and I couldn't believe my eyes. Multiply that times seventy-five (maybe eighty), and it becomes unfathomable how the left thinks they will control us.

This is ultimately a question that will be settled either in the courts--openly, honestly and fairly--or in some other fashion. No one as yet knows what that could mean. All people of good will should pray things don't go down the wrong path, but if they do, the leftists who engineered this flat-out coup, this theft of a country, will bear the responsibility for whatever transpires.

Pearl-clutching lectures from shadowy figures who can't bring themselves to reveal their true identity, and who ascribe to others sins with which their side is wholly identified, won't change a thing. There are enough true Americans (the quiet men) who will not be herded into totalitarian railroad cars for transport to the re-education camps. Who knows where this Democrat/commie-inspired treachery will lead us? As Admiral Yamamoto supposedly said after the Japanese "victory" at Pearl

Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, "I fear we have only awakened a sleeping giant." We're awake now, don't go back to sleep, fellow Americans; they mean to take everything you've worked and sacrificed for all your lives. When Trump said "All that stands between you and them is...me," he meant it. Without him, unless you are ready to "fight," all is lost.

JOHN McRAE  
EAST BROOKFIELD

Note: A week ago, I inadvertently mentioned Eddie Rickenbacker as being "over Tokyo." Very sloppy on my part. Of course, it was five foot, six inch Jimmy Doolittle who was "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo." Apologies to sharp-eyed history buffs.

*Editor's note: As we have pointed out on several occasions in response to Mr. McRae's claims regarding the so-called "Faux Five," this newspaper has found no grounds to question whether any of the above named writers have misrepresented themselves.*

*In response to his equally baseless claims that there is a concerted effort on our part to present opinion pieces submitted by conservatives as having less validity than those from the left, this is also absolutely not the case. Letters to the Editor of the New Leader are, and always have been, printed on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of their content.*

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Vote, equal protection of legal voters, must not become diluted, diminished or moot by fraud and felons.

Pay attention to the President's legal team and the number of signed and sworn affidavits they are obtaining from election workers and observers across the country. The voter fraud is real, serious and widespread, and same illegally denied the President and Vice President a huge reelection victory on Nov. 3. If proven (and I'm certain it will be), it must not stand! This is our most perilous moment since the U.S. Civil War (1861-65). Pray for our country, God Bless America and hope everyone here has a joyful but reflective Thanksgiving Day and weekend.

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and 7.8k deaths a week ago. The deaths have gone up 31% in just a week. The deaths have doubled in 1 month since late October. The deaths are 3.5x higher than they were in the summer. This is not going away. COVID had nothing to do with the election - Biden winning didn't make the death and disease stop.

Total cases in the U.S. are sitting at 12,104,978 with 255,959 deaths. The pandemic is accelerating. It is getting worse, much worse, and fast. You should be shocked. You should be outraged. In all likelihood you are thinking, "there he goes again..." But think about that. Only 3,000 people were killed in 9/11. Only 55,000 were killed in

Vietnam. We are at 255,959 and accelerating. This is not OK. This was never OK. This is dangerous.

At this point, we have few choices. The only thing that makes sense is a real lockdown, New Zealand style, to start before Thanksgiving and end after New Year's. We can call up the National Guard to close the roads, patrol the streets, and set up checkpoints to make sure that only essential personnel are out of their houses. We need to even close the grocery stores - the National Guard can deliver food and medicine. We can shove this pandemic into the floor and then safely and cautiously re-open in January with a lot of runway for the virus to grow before a vaccine becomes readily available. We need to stop informal gatherings in homes,

and I can't think of another way besides closing the roads. I didn't have to be this way, but sticking our heads in the sand for 10 months brought us here. If not to save our people from death and disease, what do we even have the National Guard for? This is the domestic crisis they are there for.

I am not hopeful. Instead, we keep restaurants open because somehow that is the most important thing, and Gov. Baker is setting up field hospitals inside the DCU center, hoping that the pandemic doesn't get worse than even that can handle. It is a pathetic commentary on American culture, really.

OMAR HAR-YAROK  
EAST BROOKFIELD

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Venezuela, the Clintons, and who knows what else. I would hope that the American people are smart and wise enough to reject this, but I really don't think so.

What is shocking is most elected Republicans are backing Trump, still. They say he has every right to challenge the results, and few are calling his actions wrong. They are, in a way, preparing to be part of the in-crowd just in case he successfully seizes power undemocratically. The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in times of moral crisis remain neutral, and the Republican leaders who aren't stopping this crazy train have a spot with their names on it. We're facing

the greatest public health crisis in 100 years, the greatest economic crisis in nearly as long. People are dying... and the Republicans aren't going to tell the emperor he has no clothes? The Republicans aren't going to make sure that President-Elect Biden can effectively govern on day one?

President-Elect Biden has not received any transition funds yet because Trump blocked public funds earmarked for this purpose. The Biden campaign had to reach out to its supporters to raise money for the transition. It is almost like we aren't a first world country anymore.

Remember during the impeachment when the Republicans' mantra was "let's wait until the election. Let's let the voters decide?..." The election happened. Joe Biden won, by six million

votes. It is time to accept that.

President Trump seems to be taking a baseball bat to the Presidency, acting like a soon-to-be evicted tenant who trashes the apartment on their way out. Trump is creating policy problems for Biden and leaving him a mess, seemingly on purpose. He is abruptly pulling troops out of Afghanistan which will let the Taliban fill the vacuum and be very difficult for Biden to reverse. There is no military justification, just pure politics. Normally outgoing presidents stay the course and let the incoming president make major changes. How many more inexplicable changes in U.S. policy will we see over the next two months?

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# Winter care for trees, shrubs and perennials in containers

As you prepare your landscape for winter don't overlook the trees, shrubs and perennials you have growing in containers. These need a bit of extra protection to help them survive cold winter temperatures.

The small amount of soil in container gardens does not always provide sufficient insulation. The roots are more exposed to temperature extremes than those of their counterparts growing in the ground. Extremely cold temperatures can damage or kill the roots and even the plant.

Plants rated at least one zone hardier than your zone can usually survive when left outside for winter. Just make sure your containers will also tolerate the challenging winter weather.

Here are a couple strategies for helping your other containers through the winter. Select the one that best fits your landscape space and gardening style. Those in apartments or with limited space may need to enlist the help of their gardening friends.

Move containers to a sheltered location. Place them close together for added insulation. Then surround this with annual pots of flowers and vegetables to further insulate the roots. Wait until spring to empty and compost the annual plants. Or cover the pots with woodchips or surround them with



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bags of leaves, potting mix or bales of straw. Add another layer of insulation by piling snow that is free of deicing salt over the pots throughout the winter.

Any plants growing in nursery pots or plastic containers can be overwintered in a vacant section of the garden. Sink the pots in the ground and make sure the pot is covered with and surrounded by soil. Water if needed. Then lift the plants in spring and set them in a decorative container to enjoy throughout the growing season.

An unheated garage also provides a suitable location for overwintering container gardens. Heated garages are usually too warm and plants will begin to grow. With a lack of sufficient sunlight, they usually struggle through the winter and often die.

Place the plants away from the overhead garage door. Add a bit of insulation such as packing materials, bagged soil or other potential insulation you probably have in your home or garage. This protects the roots when the temperatures plummet. Water your stored containers whenever the soil is thawed and dry. A scoop of snow that is free of deicing salt works well. Just toss a scoop on each pot. When the temperatures rise the snow melts and waters the pots. Dry soil during a winter thaw



Photo Melinda Myers

**Moving containers to a sheltered location and placing them close together for added insulation is one strategy to help them survive cold winter temperatures.**

is the usual cause of death when pots are stored this way.

If space allows, you may decide to plant those trees, shrubs and perennials growing in containers into the garden each fall. You will eliminate this overwintering task and have a great excuse for buying new plants next spring.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



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## HISTORY

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School in Pelham; an electric transformer station in Enfield; a Boston and Albany Railroad tenement house in Enfield; and Henry Johnston's poultry farm in Greenwich Village.

Local residents always appreciate an opportunity each year to take a trip into the past. From a one-room schoolhouse, to a horse and buggy unit, there are plenty of fascinating finds in the 2021 Quabbin history calendar.

Greene has authored 14 books, two atlases, and a bibliography on the history of Quabbin Reservoir and the flooded towns. He has written four books on Massachusetts railroads, plus three titles examining the life and presidency of Calvin Coolidge.

Additionally, Greene has served as the longtime chairman of the board of the Friends of Quabbin, Inc. He also regularly conducts narrated slide programs on Quabbin history.

For more information on Greene's works, contact a local bookseller. The author's books and calendars are cur-

# LEGALS

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Town of Brookfield Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on the application of Paul Cantin doing business at 2 South Maple Street, Brookfield, MA, for a Class II License to Buy, Sell, Exchange or Assemble Second-Hand Motor Vehicles, or parts thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Said hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:45 p.m. during the Board of Selectmen's Meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting. See information below:

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November 27, 2020

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9 at the Brookfield Town Hall located at 6 Central Street. The zoning sections cited below are from the Brookfield Zoning By-Laws.

The purpose of the hearing (6:10pm) is to consider a request from Daniel Plourde to have 2nd Principal Use, a retail vending business, at his property at 5 Quaboag Street in Brookfield. This requires a Special Permit as per Section 4 – B.1.c, More Than One Principal Use. This property is located in the BB Zoning District which is generally known as light manufacturing.

ZBA Hearing 12-9-20  
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Timothy Simon – ZBA Chairman  
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**Notice of Public Hearing  
Spencer Zoning Board of Appeals**

At the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 08, 2020, the hearing will be conducted remotely to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 and will be broadcast live on Spencer Cable Access channels and at SCATV.org on the following items starting at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:

**Comprehensive Permit/40 B – Applicant/Owner: Women's Institute Realty; Location: 17 Lake Street, Spencer Assessor's Map U15-01. The applicant is requesting a Comprehensive Permit Pursuant to M.G.L. c.40B, §§ 20-23, and 760 CMR 56.00 et seq/ the applicant is looking to construct a new, 3-story building and will consist of a total of 31 rental units for seniors aged 62 years or older, including a total of twenty-nine (29) one bedroom units and one (1) two-bedroom units. The property is located within the Village Residential zoning district.**

November 20, 2020  
November 27, 2020

**Notice of Public Hearing**

Planning Board The Spencer Planning Board will hold a virtual public hearing for the 2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan on their regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Any interested citizen who wishes to comment on the plan is encouraged to call in and express their views. To dial in call United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679 with Access Code: 924-512-829 Any questions on the Plan should be directed to George Russell, AICP, Conservation Agent at 508-885-7500 x 123 or to [grussell@spencerma.gov](mailto:grussell@spencerma.gov)

November 27, 2020  
December 4, 2020

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Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court**

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**Docket No. WO2 0P3160EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**  
Priscilla A Lembo

**Date of Death: 05/15/2008**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Pamela Lembo of Green Valley AZ**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Pamela Lembo of Green Valley AZ** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/15/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 09, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
November 27, 2020

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**Docket No. WO20P3173EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**  
Mary Jean Moreau  
**Also known as:**  
M Jean Moreau

**Date of Death: 05/01/2020**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Brian K Moreau of Millersville MD** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Brian K Moreau of Millersville MD** be appoint-

ed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 10, 2020  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
November 27, 2020

**Notice of Public Hearing  
Planning Board**

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**Special Permit - Applicant: Daniel Rubin, Freedom Forever Massachusetts, LLC; Owner: Craig Lusignan, Location: 83 Northwest Road; Spencer Assessor's Map R50-3-1. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 4.8.9 (Solar Photovoltaic Generating Installations) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw to install a ground mounted 13.050 KW solar panel system. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.**

November 27, 2020  
December 4, 2020

# Helpful hints for harvesting deer



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Opening day of the Massachusetts shotgun deer season is scheduled to open on Nov. 30. This year, sportsmen that harvest a deer during the first week of the shotgun deer season, are not required to bring the animal to a check station as in previous years, due to the Covid-19 outbreak. You are required to register the deer online. A lot of deer, some of which were very impressive, were harvested during the archery deer season. Last year's numbers of harvested deer during the archery season were high, and I would not be surprised that the numbers will be even higher this year. In fact, last year, archers harvested more deer than hunters during the shotgun deer season in Massachusetts!

Many deer hunters are trophy deer hunters, and often pass up a shot at a doe or small buck. The excitement of harvesting a trophy deer gives the hunter bragging rights for many years. If you are looking for some good eating venison, the younger deer are the best, not to say that some big buck do not have the flavor of

a younger deer. Many times, it depends on the food the deer were eating, that make the difference in flavorful meat. Proper field dressing also has a large effect on the taste of the deer, as the meat can be tainted with the deer's urine if it is broken during the field dressing process.

A quick clean kill can also make your harvested deer meat taste a lot better, than if you need to track the deer any length of time. The adrenalin of the deer has a tendency to stiffen up the body of the deer and effects the meat when it is cooked. Also, making a bad shot and locating the deer the next day, is another thing that you do not want to happen. These are some of the reasons that many people do not like eating venison. If the deer is quickly killed and properly field dressed, they would change their way of thinking.

If you are hunting private property, you need to make sure that you have permission from the landowner. If you harvest a deer, be sure to share some of the venison with him or her. It could go a long way in keeping his property open in the coming years. Leaving your trash behind is another way to get the property closed. When possible, you should try to remove the body parts that are removed from the animal during field dressing. It does draw coyote and other wild animals to the kill site to eat

Photo Courtesy

The 16 year old son of Sean Haaynes harvested this 16-point buck in Spencer during the archery season.

the body parts, which may be an unwanted visit by the farmer or property owner.

Tautog fishing remained pretty good last week in Rhode Island, but boaters needed to go a bit further out to deeper water. Shore fishing anglers have had to work a bit harder to catch a couple of keepers. Seabass fishing has also slowed in the area around Point Judith light.

Ice fishing anglers are hoping for some ice this year, but if you listen to some of the long range forecast, it does not look too good. Many anglers are still fishing from their boats in local waters, catching some impressive trout and large-mouth bass.

Hoping everyone stays safe and has a happy Holiday, even though it will not be like previous years. New Englanders are tough, and we will all survive the pandemic if we social distance and wear masks. We will get back to normal soon. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all that have lost a loved one to the Covid-19.

*Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*



## Pizza ... a circle of life

My mother taught me many things. She gave me the gift of curiosity. She questioned everything and encouraged her children to do the same. She spent her early teen years as a short order cook and waitress. With her experience she taught me to cook and enjoy the creativity of the process.

In 1943, Mom moved from Sapulpa, Oklahoma to Oakland, California to work in the shipyard to support our war effort. There, she was introduced to her first pizza. It was love at first bite. She later passed her love of the pie to her children and today, we are all pizzaholics. And why not? What's not to love about pizza? She used to make it. We didn't have much

money when I was a kid, so I've had pizza made from Bisquick, ketchup, cheddar cheese slices and sliced hot dogs. It wasn't good, but sometimes even bad pizza is better than no pizza at all. I've learned that it's maybe not the taste of the pizza, but the role it plays in American life.

Growing up, a great thrill was being told the pizza delivery man was coming. It was a rare treat but when it happened, it was pure delight. It was like waiting for Santa, but instead of us feeding him cookies, he's bringing a pizza!

Pizza has become a national celebratory food. When something good happens, we order a pizza. It's easy to order, readily



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available anywhere, and compared to most foods, inexpensive. It's a food for the common people. When our doorbell rings with unexpected guests, I immediately think about ordering a pizza.

Do you know what cheese said the first time it met sausage? It's Slice to Meat you!

In a nation where regional food has now been homogenized and can be found everywhere, pizza seems to remain

regional. I'll show my bias by claiming Chicago is the pizza capital of the world and boasts the best pizza on the planet. Chicago has the extremes from its deep-dish delights to the thin and crispy treats. All of it good. I do enjoy New York style pizza but have found two regions of pizza that I don't love ... yet.

Before I go on ... How do you fix a broken pizza? With tomato paste!

Tim, a close friend, is from suburban Detroit and raves about Detroit style pizza and he couldn't wait to show me. But upon arrival in Levonia, Michigan, I was served something that seemed like a flat and square loaf of heavy bread

with a little sauce drizzled over it and covered in cheese. It wasn't bad ... it wasn't round ... it wasn't what I perceive as pizza.

And just for a little background ... what's the difference between a columnist and a large pizza? At least the pizza can feed a family of four. (Ouch!)

Then there's Southern California. I love the weather, landscape, and beach. As for their pizza ... I searched far and wide and thought it was all awful. I think if you put avocado on it ... it's no longer pizza. California Pizza Kitchen does offer a great Thai

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OBITUARIES

Beth Ellen Carlson, 56

SPENCER- Beth Ellen Carlson, 56, died suddenly on Sunday, November 15, 2020.



Beth was born on April 22, 1964 the daughter of the late Harold G Carlson and Ellen D. Carlson of Charlton. She also leaves her brothers Harold Carlson Jr and his wife Debra of Leicester, Richard Carlson and his wife Marie of Spencer; her Sister Sandra (Carlson) Pepin and her husband Brian and their 2 daughters Megan and Michelle of Leicester, Beth enjoyed camping at Lake Dean Campground where she and her parents had a seasonal site for many years. She

also enjoyed her pets, Coca-Cola memorabilia, making puzzles and watching the Boston Red Sox & New England Patriots. She had many interest and even enjoyed her flowers that she had outside around the house. Beth once worked for Mercury Wire as a Cable assembler. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Spencer and often volunteered to help in the economy shop. A graveside service for Beth was held on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 11:00am in Grove Cemetery in Spencer. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her name to the First Congregational Church Education Fund 207 Main St. Spencer, MA. 01562. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer.

Ronald T Casault, 72

MARLBOROUGH- Ronald T Casault, 72, died at home on November 11, 2020 after a battle with Dementia. Born October 26, 1948 in Holden, MA to Mabel Tucker Casault and Charles Casault and was raised in Oakham, MA. He was predeceased by his wife Linda (Hasseltine), stepson James Masterson, stepson-in-law Joseph Noonan, and a granddaughter Lena Noonan. He leaves 3 Children Douglas Casault and his Wife Kathy of Spencer, Kristal Hilton and her husband Archie of Marlborough, Richard Casault and his fiancée Tammy Lynn Hays of Jefferson; 3 stepdaughters Betsy Noonan of North Brookfield, Nancy Smith and her husband Tom of Worcester, Karen Masterson of Fort Myers Florida; stepdaughter-in-law Ann Masterson of Manchester, NH; a granddaughter Chrissy Chonko and her husband Bryan of Sebattus ME; grandson Ryan Casault; granddaughter Nikki Plikunas and her husband Eric, Sara Malooly and her husband Tim, Kelly Smith, Andy Masterson and his wife Aury,



Cory Pearson and his fiancée Kaelah Swenson, Stephen Masterson, Caitlyn Smith, Kyle Pearson, Ed Sawicki and his wife Natalee, Jenna Masterson; great grandchildren Eric, Karlin, Eddie, Jackson and Joshua; 2 brothers, Charles Steven Casault of Winston Salem, North Carolina and Dennis and his wife Marcia of Barre MA; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He and his wife retired in 2001 and traveled the country and settled in Fort Myers, Florida where they lived until his wife's death in 2005. He remained in Fort Myers until he came back home in 2016 while he battled Dementia. Ronald enjoyed traveling and riding his Motorcycle all over the country and spending time with his family and friends. Family was the most important thing to him. He was an auto mechanic and auto body technician. He was always working on one of his children's cars or friends. He was loved by all and will be dearly missed. A graveside service will be held on November 30, 2020 at 11:00am in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Arrangements are under the care Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield

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DPHS launches new career readiness programs

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – David Prouty High School recently received the green light to launch a pair of new programs that will increase career readiness. Last month, Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Jeffrey Riley approved Prouty's Chapter 74 applications for its criminal justice and early education and care programs. This approval increases the value of certificates students will earn in their respective fields. "A Chapter 74 certificate assures both colleges and employers that the student has classroom and hands-on experience that meets the most rigorous standards

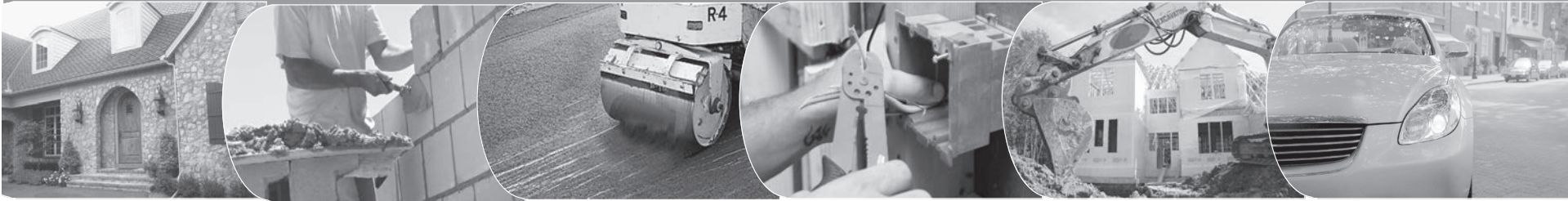
in the nation," read a statement released by DPHS Principal Elizabeth York. DPHS criminal justice teacher Tom O'Brien and early education teacher Marie Demers are excited about the recent approval from state officials. Both teachers spent the summer getting ready to hit the ground running. "They worked hard to earn their Chapter 74 licensure, which is an important part of the approval process," Principal York added. "The applications also required a time commitment on the part of parents, students, college professors, and community members who have helped take these programs from ideas on paper to reality." The long road to approval began in November 2018, when the Spencer-East

Brookfield Regional School District applied for a new secondary level Chapter 74 criminal justice program at DPHS. The Chapter 74 approval process requires that all programs meet extensive vocational-technical education regulations and criteria. These include demonstration of the local labor market and student demand for the program within a particular school. Chapter 74 applications must also demonstrate consultation with nearby school districts offering similar programs. The application process ensures that all Chapter 74 programs statewide meet legal standards, address the needs of communities, and increase student access to high quality programs. At DPHS, students and staff alike are

thrilled about the good news received from the state. Through the school's partnerships with local colleges, students will also be able to earn credits toward a college degree while they are still in high school. "I am so excited that our new criminal justice and early education and care programs have been approved," Principal York told the New Leader. "David Prouty graduates now have more opportunities for success. When a career and technical education program obtains Chapter 74 approval, it means that the certificates offered by that program are calibrated to actual jobs that are waiting for our graduates, right here in

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Spencer Police

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11  
12:35 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), flyer issued; 12:36-1:07 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:11 a.m.: medical/general (Pleasant Street); 1:14-2:25 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:03 a.m.: fire alarm (Main Street), referred; 7:19 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), LTC change of address; 8:00 a.m.: citizen complaint (Greenville Street), re: horseback riders on trail; 8:52 a.m.: animal complaint (East Charlton Road), caught tom cat; 9:57 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:59 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 10:20 a.m.: trespass (South Spencer Road), dump gate opened; 10:28 a.m.: officer wanted (North Spencer Road), load of sand in road; 10:59 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 11:00 a.m.: medical/general (Prospect Street); 11:36 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 11:50 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), inquiry re: custody issue; 3:31 p.m.: parking violation (Casey Street), ticket issued; 3:54 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Wildwood Lane), burning leaves; 4:04 p.m.: medical/general (Marble Road); 4:23 p.m.: fraud (Jolicoeur Avenue), poss. scam; 5:03 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; sometime between 5:18-5:23 p.m.: entire incident, including time, redacted from police log; 5:23 p.m.: disabled mv (Route 49), spoken to; 6:24 p.m.: medical/general (Smithville Road); 7:15 p.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 7:28 p.m.: medical/overdose (Temple Street); 8:54 p.m.: mv repossessed (Bixby Road), assisted; 9:08 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 9:35 p.m.: disturbance (Ash Street), people yelling/smell cannabis; 10:24 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:26 p.m.: disabled mv (Main Street), info taken; 10:54 p.m.: fire alarm (Laoreaux Lane), referred; 11:32 p.m.: building checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 8).m  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
12:01-12:14 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:15 a.m.: parking violation

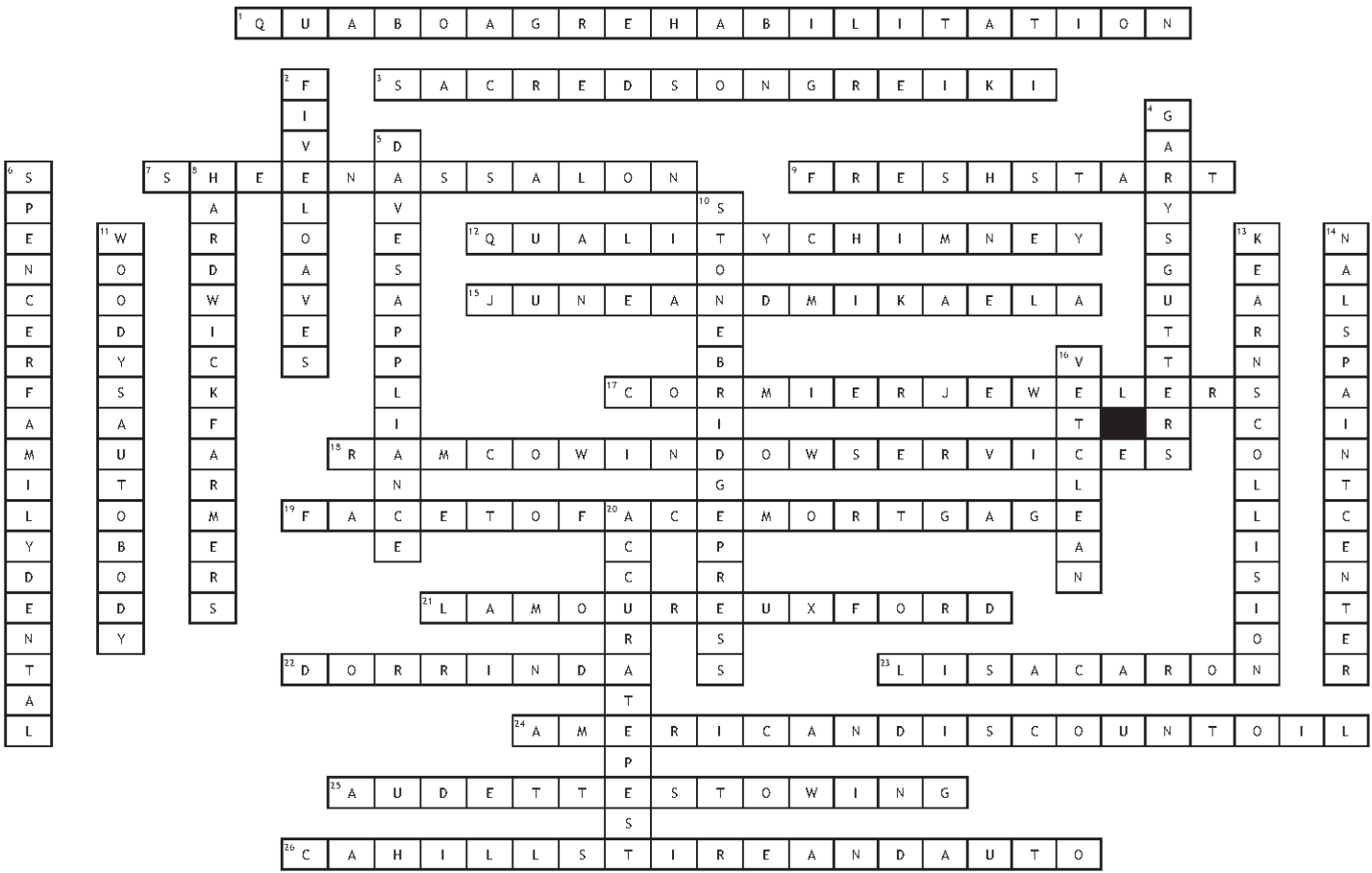
(Mechanic Street), flyer issued; 12:21-12:22 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:24-12:31 a.m.: parking violations (High, Church streets), flyer issued; 12:37-2:12 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:35 a.m.: suspicious persons (Cherry Street), investigated; 10:51 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), squirrel in cellar; 11:18 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 12:35 p.m.: mv lockout (West Main Street), assisted; 12:52 p.m.: mv complaint (Holmes Street), speeding truck; 1:08 p.m.: fire alarm (Lincoln Street), referred; 1:12 p.m.: disabled mv (Maple Street), spoken to; 1:15 p.m.: parking violation (Maple Street), ticket issued; 2:12 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 2:36 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 3:24 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 3:45 p.m.: fraud (Wilson Avenue), unemployment scam; 4:06 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (West Main Street); 4:36 p.m.: restraining order service (Cherry Street); 4:56 p.m.: disturbance (West Main Street), neighbor issue; 5:15 p.m.: harassing phone call (West Main Street), re: text messages; 5:24 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (North Spencer Road), accidental; 5:58 p.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 8:01 p.m.: medical/general (Lake Avenue); 8:10 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), assisted; 8:34 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 8:52 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:04 p.m.: medical/general (Lloyd Dyer Drive); 9:19 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 9:31 p.m.: spill/chemical/fuel (Main Street), spill in road; 10:12 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Pleasant Street), hang-up; 10:32 p.m.: parking violation (Pearl Street), ticket issued; 11:57 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; (Total daily mv stops – 14).  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
1:58-2:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 6:59 a.m.: officer wanted (Sunset Lane), welfare check; 9:29 a.m.: mv repossessed (West Main Street), info taken; 10:06 a.m.: officer wanted (Main

Street), welfare check; 10:32 a.m.: identity theft (Kittredge Road), unemployment scam; 11:10 a.m.: officer wanted (Bacon Hill Road), req. assistance; 11:44 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:12 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), cc scam; 12:24 p.m.: fraud (Wm. Casey Road), unemployment scam; 12:50 p.m.: fraud (Holmes Street), identity used for cellphone acct.; 1:20 p.m.: harassment prevention order service (Main Street); 2:15 p.m.: officer wanted (R. Jones Road), family issue; 3:10 p.m.: LTC issued/2 (West Main Street), assisted; 5:00 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 8:27-11:58 p.m.: buildings checked, secure.  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14  
12:41 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:47 a.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), wrong-way driver; 12:55 a.m.: building checked, secure; 1:06-1:12 a.m.: parking violations (Mechanic, Church streets), flyers issued; 1:14-1:54 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:15a.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 2:40 a.m.: DPW call (Main Street), turkey vulture carcass in road; 7:48 a.m.: larceny (Hastings Road), theft/bldg. mat'l; 9:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Pond Street), male “told my dog to shut up”; 10:06 a.m.: mv lockout (South Spencer Road), assisted; 10:57 a.m.: juvenile matter (Maple Street), investigated; 11:31 a.m.; 911 call (Lamoreaux Lane), open line; 12:14 p.m.: medical/general (Elm Street); 1:12 p.m.: vandalism (Donnelly Cross Road), roof damaged; 1:15 p.m.: medical/general (Chestnut Sstreet); 1:55 p.m.: medical/general (Cherry Street); 3:28 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), cash missing from acct.; 3:54 p.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 4:35 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), welfare check; 5:02 p.m.: animal complaint (Treadwell Terrace), dog bite; 6:00 p.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), neighbors fighting; 8:39 p.m.: mv complaint (North Spencer Road), erratic operation; 10:04 p.m.: building checked, secure; 10:25 p.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 10:50 p.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), turkey

carcass in road; (Total daily mv stops – 11).  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
2:06-2:34 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 9:29 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), Sturbridge PD bolo; 12:00 p.m.: officer wanted (Westland Drive), spoken to; 12:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), unauthorized use/mv; 1:26 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 1:34 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 1:40 p.m.: medical/general (Temple Street); 2:05 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 2:49 p.m.: medical/sudden death (Wall Street); 3:27 p.m.: animal complaint (Charlton Road), loose dog; 4:17 p.m.: suspicious persons (Ash Street), investigated; 4:24 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), no contact; 4:48 p.m.: accident (West Main Street), report taken; 5:57 p.m.: residential fire (Nottingham Circle), referred; 6:02 p.m.: suspicious persons (Valley Street), spoken to; 7:19 pm.: suspicious mv (Valley Street), investigated; 8:23 p.m.: fraud (Howe Road), dating website scam; 10:00 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 10:04-10:12 p.m.: buildings checked, secure; 10:40 p.m.: commercial alarm (Water Street), services rendered; 10:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Paxton Road), loose dog; 11:36 p.m.: DPW call (Paxton Road), tree down; 11:49 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road), lift assist; (Total daily mv stops – 4).  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16  
12:12-2:35 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:23 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 6:34 a.m.: commercial alarm (Meadow Road), services rendered; 6:54 a.m.: commercial alarm (West Main Street), services rendered; 8:59 a.m.: medical/general (Kingsbury Road); 9:03 a.m.: animal complaint (West Main Street), spoken to; 9:29 a.m.: officer wanted (Maple Street), welfare check; 9:34 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), investigated; 10:49 a.m.: medical/general (Elm Street); 11:17 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), Harrington CT down; 12:07 p.m.: larceny (Main Street), backpack

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**POLICE**

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stolen; 12:32 p.m.: medical/general (Elm Street); 12:47 p.m.: 911 call (Ash Street), open line; 1:16 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 2:50 p.m.: sex offender registration (West Main Street), assisted; 3:08 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 3:42 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 12:52 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 4:11 p.m.: multiple LTC issued/7 (West Main Street), assisted; 4:47 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 5:45 p.m.: medical/general (Powers Street); 6:12 p.m.: accident (Thompson Pond Road), report taken; 7:11 p.m.: accident (Meadow Road), mv vs owl; 9:38 p.m.: building checked, secure; 9:50 p.m.: disturbance (Main Street), fight; (Total daily mv stops – 15).

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

12:11-12:16 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:22 a.m.: parking violation (Mechanic Street), flyer issued; 12:24 a.m.: building checked, secure; 12:27 a.m.: parking violation (Church Street), flyer issued; 12:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:36 a.m.: parking violation (Main Street), ticket issued; 12:45-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 1:44 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 1:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 8:26 a.m.: fraud (Paxton Road), unemployment scam; 10:03 a.m.: medical/general (Sampson Street); 10:34 a.m.: fraud (Ash Street), unemployment scam; 11:01 a.m.: mv complaint (Brooks Pond Road), speeding; 12:00 p.m.: fraud (Jolicoeur Avenue), Amazon scam; 12:30 p.m.: fraud (Blueberry Hill Drive), unemployment scam; 1:03 p.m.: RV complaint (Ash Street), c/o minibike; 2:07 p.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), referred; 2:12 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 2:16 p.m.: harassing phone call (Taylor Drive), re: texts/emails; 4:03 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; 4:14 p.m.: residential fire (Marble Road), referred; 4:16 p.m.: mv complaint (Main Street), erratic operator; 4:21 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 4:52 p.m.: parking violation (Smithville Road), ticket issued; 4:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Wilson Avenue), missing do; 5:55 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), unemployment scam; 8:39 p.m.: disturbance (Prospect Street), noise complaint; 8:51 p.m.: parking violation (Prospect Street), ticket issued; 8:53-9:14

p.m.: buildings checked, secure; (Total daily mv stops – 6).

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**Leicester Police****THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

9:34 a.m.: fraud (Charlton Street), report taken; 10:07 a.m.: fraud (Henshaw Street), report taken; 10:59 a.m.: suspicious mv (Marshall Street), spoken to; 2:10 p.m.: accident (Main Street), mv towed; 6:17 p.m.: restraining order service (Green Street), served; 6:37 p.m.: restraining order service (Marlboro Drive), served; 7:44 p.m.: restraining order service (Brookside Drive), served; 8:10 p.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:34 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate; 11:33 p.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 7:57 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 8:00 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 8:01 a.m.: fraud (Pleasant Street), report taken; 10:18 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, shoplifting by asportation/3rd offense, criminal application issued; 10:57 a.m.: neighbor dispute (Pleasant Street), advised civil action; 12:22 p.m.: fraud (Cricklewood Drive), report taken; 12:57 p.m.: fraud (Walbridge Road), report taken; 12:58 p.m.: fraud (Main Street), report taken; 1:25 p.m.: fraud (Parker Street), report taken; 3:30 p.m.: property found (Deer Pond Road), services rendered; 10:25 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), unable to locate.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Joseph W. Harris, 20, 68 Longfellow Road, #7, Worcester, OUI liquor, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, speeding, person under 21 in possession of liquor, arrest; 8:08 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 8:53 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), no action required; 3:19 p.m.: suspicious person (Sylvester Street), unable to locate.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

12:24 a.m.: water/sewer problem (Main Street), referred; 12:32 a.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), investigated; 1:24 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:33 a.m.: welfare check (Laflash Lane), spoken to; 2:50 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), citation issued; 3:44 a.m.: restraining order service (Laflash

Lane), served; 10:08 a.m.: assist other PD (out of town, no destination specified on police log), message delivered; 10:53 a.m.: fraud (Parker Street), report taken; 12:56 p.m.: fraud (Rawson Drive), report taken; 2:14 p.m.: disabled mv (Stafford Street), assisted; 2:17 p.m.: welfare check (Pine Ridge Drive), services rendered; 3:32 p.m.: welfare check (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:12 p.m.: keep the peace (Stafford Street), services rendered; 4:37 p.m.: suspicious mv (Collier Avenue), investigated; 5:59 p.m.: debris in road (Rawson Street), removed; 6:19 p.m.: accident (Main Street), name and address withheld from police log, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, OUI liquor/2nd offense, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, failure to keep right, mv towed; 9:55 p.m.: debris in road (Baldwin Street), removed.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

3:10 a.m.: animal complaint (Stafford Street), spoken to; 9:07 a.m.: investigation (South Main Street), name and address redacted from police log, receiving stolen property, investigated; 10:42 a.m.: fraud (Marshall Street), report taken; 1:48 p.m.: mv stop (Henshaw Street), verbal warning; 2:50 p.m.: investigation (Lake Shore Drive), services rendered; 3:41 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 5:03 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 5:51 p.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 9:59 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street, Spencer), services rendered.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

7:43 a.m.: investigation (Pleasant Street), services rendered; 9:51 a.m.: mv stop (Huntoon Memorial Highway), verbal warning; 9:59 a.m.: fraud (Bottomly Avenue), report taken; 10:52 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), name and address redacted from police log, op w/ suspended license, criminal application issued; 11:19 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), written warning; 12:43 p.m.: fraud (West Street), report taken; 1:20 p.m.: suspicious activity (Main Street), no action required; 3:02 p.m.: fraud (Redfield Road), report taken; 3:56 p.m.: disturbance (Towtaid Street), gone on arrival; 4:14 p.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:20 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), services rendered; 5:43 p.m.: ambulance (Carleton Road), transported.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

12:24 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), written warning; 5:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning; 6:05 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), written warning;

8:48 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:49 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 8:51 a.m.: fraud (South Main Street), report taken; 9:31 a.m.: fraud (Rawson Street), report taken; 10:01 a.m.: fraud (Gleason Way), report taken; 11:27 a.m.: fraud (Henshaw Street), report taken; 12:57 p.m.: fraud (Washburn Street), report taken; 1:23 p.m.: mv stop (Pleasant Street), verbal warning; 5:11 p.m.: disabled mv (Whittemore Street), services rendered; 10:26 p.m.: gunshots heard (Hyland Avenue), unable to locate.

**PETITION**

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said.

Town Meeting voters also authorized funds to correct drainage issues with the retention ponds at the fire station headquarters at 3 Paxton Street. Corrections will include design items, engineering, permitting, funding of potential easements, construction, and other related costs. Voters approved the transfer of \$560,000 for the corrections.

"The town recently negotiated a settlement with the fire project architect and their subcontractors regarding drainage issues with the retention ponds that were installed at 3 Paxton St. as part of the Fire and EMS headquarters construction project," read an informational statement released by the town ahead of the Special Town Meeting. "These funds will be used to design and construct a new drainage system to better manage stormwater generated onsite."

With the passage of Article 9, voters appropriated \$90,000 to renovate the basketball and pickleball courts at Towtaid Park. The renovations will be managed by the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Town Administrator.

Additional successful articles involved an operating budget adjustment; the Cable Access budget; minor amendments to the general bylaws; and a funding revision to the town's open space and recreation plan.

The Special Town Meeting was attended by a total of 61 residents. For more information about the warrant, visit [www.leicesterma.org](http://www.leicesterma.org).



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**22 Whiting Rd- \$389,900**



**REDUCED**

**Dudley:** Survey completed, needs some cosmetics, 3-4 bedrooms, garage, in-ground pool  
**11A Paglione Dr- \$239,900**

**MOORE**  
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Chicken Pizza, but in general, I find SoCal is a pizza desert ... at least so far? Hey ... did you hear about the Hawaiian chef who burnt his pizza? He should have baked it on Aloha temperature.

Pizza is as diverse as the people who eat it.

Originally from the Chicago area, I like my deep-dish pizza with cheese and a flat, thin sheet of Italian sausage that spans the entire pie. I like my thin crust with pepperoni and onion. I prefer my sauce to be on the sweet side and my crust not to be soft and soggy.

Did you hear about the pizza chef with the terminal illness? He pasta' way.

Now he's just a pizza history.

Writing this column, I'm reminded of a scene in Forrest Gump where Bubba is telling Forrest of all the ways to make shrimp. "There's thick crust pizza, thin crust pizza, sausage pizza, BBQ chicken pizza ..." I'm guessing the list could go on forever.

Aside from the silliness of this column, here's what's important.

When we gather around pizza, people smile. It's not just another dining experience to provide nourishment, but an activity that has become a prominent thread in the fabric of our American tapestry. The enjoyment isn't just in the consumption, but the idea that pizza is a gathering point ... a touchstone that brings us together. And we all know in this time of intense national anxiety, we must find something we can agree

upon. I believe conservatives and liberals alike can still sit around a pizza and find some common ground ... and maybe laugh together ... and just maybe ... begin to heal our American spirit.

The election is over. Can we all order a pizza and smile? Can we enjoy the companionship of those we may disagree with politically and eat a pizza together? Isn't it time to try?

P.S. - I'd tell more pizza jokes, but they're all too cheesy!

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**DPHS**  
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central Massachusetts."

SEBRSD officials recently received a letter confirming their Chapter 74 program approvals from Elizabeth Bennett, of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Prouty now has three state-approved Chapter 74 programs: criminal justice, early education and care, and marketing/business. DPHS also offers one Perkins program: environmental science and technology.

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