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Whitinsville Christian School expands student support services



W H I T I N S V I L L E — Whitinsville Christian School (WCS) has strengthened its commitment to meeting the diverse needs of students with the creation of the Educational Support Services (ESS) Department. The new department combines two existing programs, Student Academic Services and Health

and Wellness, into one cohesive team of 18 professionals serving students from preschool through grade 12. Director of ESS, Annaliese Wheeler, is a 2011 graduate of Whitinsville Christian School. She joined WCS in 2021 as the Director of Student Academic Services. “We know no two children

learn or behave in the same way,” said Wheeler. “Our goal is to understand each child’s strengths and help them reach their potential both inside and outside the classroom.” Originally launched in 1984 as The Discovery Program, the school’s academic support initiative has grown over the past

four decades to offer specialized instruction, assessments, and individualized learning plans for students who face academic or developmental challenges. “In 2017, the Health and Wellness offerings were significantly expanded,” said Wheeler.

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Voices and Votes celebrates final week and grand finale Oct. 25

DOUGLAS — Voices and Votes, the Smithsonian Institutes traveling Museum on Main Street exhibit, has reached the final week in its time in Douglas. Since opening on Sept. 13 at the Douglas Town Hall, the exhibit has seen scores of visitors who have enjoyed this exposé on democracy in America and its importance at the local level. The Douglas Historical Society is excited to celebrate the success of the exhibit as it wraps up before moving to Holbrook. The exhibit is open and completely free to the public. Hours

this week are as follows: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22 and Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 (grand finale). Voices and Votes will feature a slate of events and activities this week culminating in the grand finale on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 29 Depot St. in Douglas. At 2 p.m. on the 25th, the exhibit’s pop-up art show contest will reveal its winners during a closing reception. Visitors can cast their votes during their visit to the exhibit to decide who will take home the

people’s choice prizes. Also during the closing reception, the winner of the children’s mock election, featuring stuffed animal candidates, will also be announced. Throughout the exhibit’s stay in Douglas, kids have had the opportunity to cast their ballots to elect the mayor of Douglas. More than 150 children have already participated in this hallmark of the democratic process. Families are encouraged to visit in order to submit a vote! Lastly, the closing reception will host a session surrounding

the prompt of “What Democracy Means to Me.” Visitors will have an opportunity to engage in conversation and dialogue with others to share their views on the significance of citizenship and civic duty. For more information and schedules regarding Voices and Votes, please visit mysfpl.org/moms or contact Lisa Mosczynski at LisaM367@gmail.com and at 508-341-4876. We are excited to welcome you as we conclude this most compelling exhibit’s time in Douglas.

Northbridge tree lighting celebrates fifth year

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge Tree Lighting committee will be celebrating the fifth year of lighting up the Whitinsville Town Common. This annual celebration has continued to grow and is attended by hundreds of people each year.

The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 3-5 p.m.

This is a free event and there is a lot to do and see. Free hot chocolate, baked goods, & snacks are provided. Free Face Painters and Balloon Makers will be on hand for the kids as well as crafts they can make. Santa will be visiting and available to take pictures and you can write him a letter and leave it in his mailbox. Live music is also provided to complement the festive atmosphere. New this year, there will be an Ugly Sweater contest and gift cards will be awarded to winners! Our very popular Raffle baskets will also be on hand that you can take a chance on. Lastly we will be collecting Toys for the Northbridge Police Department’s annual drive as well as food donations for our local food pantry.

More information and updates can be found on our Facebook page “Northbridge Tree Lighting Celebration.” This event is co-sponsored by Northbridge Beautification along with support from the Northbridge Police & Fire Departments. The event and all of the lighting & holiday decorations throughout town are funded by our generous sponsors including both businesses and residents in town. Donations can be made payable to Northbridge Beautification ☐ Cheryl Tivnan 201 Samuel Dr., Whitinsville, MA 01588 or you can Venmo @northbridge-beautification We always welcome new members and volunteers. If you are interested please contact the Tree Lighting Committee Chair, Joanna Schomberg at northbridgeholidaylights@gmail.com.

Whitinsville Social Library hosting open house

W H I T I N S V I L L E — Visit Whitinsville Social Library during its open house Thursday, Oct. 23 from 5-7 p.m. to see proposed floor plans, drawings, images and more for the renovation and expansion of the library. The open house will include opportunities to speak with the design team from Oudens Ello, project managers from LeftField, and the library director, about different aspects of the project. Learn from the experts about the floor plans, exterior renderings, the project schedule, and the grant from the commonwealth and proposed funding from other sources. Community members are welcome to offer their feedback on the design. The Library Expansion project is in the planning and design phase with conceptual design due to the state by Dec. 31. The images and drawings shared at this open house are based on information gathered from community members and library stakeholders through in-person events and online surveys during the spring of 2024. To learn more about the project, visit the library’s Web site, www.northbridgemass.org/WSL.



The Witches of Sutton performed at Waters Farm on Oct. 19.

Courtesy

Bryce helps foster literacy at Douglas Public Library

DOUGLAS — Join us at the Douglas Public Library for a special program where kids can practice reading aloud to Bryce, a sweet-natured whippet who loves nothing more than lying down and listening to our young readers, hoping to earn a cookie at the end of the book.

Over the last ten years, the library has provided a welcoming space for our young readers who struggle with reading to practice in a non-judgmental environment by reading to dogs. This atmosphere creates a supportive, safe, and comfortable environment for children so that they feel less nervous about reading aloud. These pups sit quietly by and listen without criticism as your young reader works their way through the book of their choice. Right now, the Douglas Library is fortunate that Jean Riganati is kind enough to share Bryce with us.

So if you have any young readers who struggle and are looking for a non-judgmental ear to read to, we have four time slots on the third Wednesday of each month: 5:45, 6, 6:15, and 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis. If Bryce’s schedule is full for the current month, we will sign you up for the following month. Contact Debbie at the library for more information or to register (dsoderman@cwmar.org or 508-476-2695).



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Remark

5. Upper body part

8. Expression of dismissiveness

12. Alternate name

14. Popular beverage

15. Swiss river

16. Step-shaped recess

18. Rocker Stewart

19. Bright shade of color

20. Popular "street"

21. Wrath

22. Heat units

23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals

26. Fall back into

30. Remove from the record

31. Sound a splash made

32. Popular Dodge pickup model

33. Jamaican river

34. Notable event in Texas history

39. Cool!

42. Subset of Judaism

44. Newly entered cadet

46. Duct in urinary system

47. Exterminator

49. Snatch quickly

50. Have already done

51. Less healthy

56. Therefore

57. What couples say on the altar

58. Mysteriously

59. Look angry or sullen

60. Bird's beak

61. Taco ingredient

62. Square measures

63. Google certification (abbr.)

64. Singer Hansard

CLUES DOWN

1. Pubs

2. Wings

3. Popular BBQ dish

4. Small sponge cake

5. Open-roofed entrance halls

6. Organize anew

7. Type of wine

8. Forums

9. North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)

10. Pond dwellers

11. Large integers

13. Signaled

17. Brief

24. Type of student

25. Tibetan monasteries

26. Revolutions per minute

27. NY Giants great Manning

28. Local area network

29. Residue from burning

35. Illuminated

36. Vasopressin

37. Notable space station

38. Wood sorrel

40. Adhering to laws

41. Chose

42. Hovel

43. Stood up

44. European city

45. Works ceaselessly

47. Mistake

48. Sun-dried brick

49. Sicilian city

52. A steep rugged rock or cliff

53. Murder

54. Other

55. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 24-31

Thursday, Oct. 24

At Uxbridge Library, come hear a tale, at six o'clock sharp when the pumpkins pale. A spooky read-aloud, ghostly and bright — a lantern-lit evening, a shiver, delight.

Friday, Oct. 25

In Douglas, the griddles are humming away, at the Fire Hall breakfast to start your day. From seven to ten, flapjacks will rise, with coffee and syrup under autumn skies.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Whitinsville's River Bend Farm wears gold, a harvest fair lively, a sight to behold! Hayrides roll from ten till four, with cider and fiddles and crafts galore.

Sunday, Oct. 27

In Sutton's First Congregational Hall, the choir will sing where the leaves now fall. Two in the afternoon — sweet harmony rings, with apple desserts and the joy music brings.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

The Northbridge Senior Center sets the scene, for bingo and soup at twelve-fifteen. Costumes welcome, laughter free — the prize might be you or the number "B-3."

Thursday, Oct. 31 — Halloween!

Children of Uxbridge, Douglas, Sutton, too, come march in costume, bold and true! Trick-or-treat runs six to eight, be kind, be safe, and don't be late. Jack-o'-lanterns flicker down Main Street's glow — another October, another show.

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\$315,000, 82 Heritage Dr #82, Bayer, Debra A, and Bayer, David W, to Cooper, Rebecca J.

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\$270,000, 1 Elm St, Bouthiellette, Julie, and Tankis, Christopher, to Premier Rc Properties LLC.

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\$525,000, 131 Rogerson Xing #131, Immanuel, Aaron T, and Reubendran, Evangeline J, to Fertitta, Valerie J, and Fertitta, John.

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\$485,000, 102 Crownshield Ave #102, Hauck, Barry T, and Hauck, Renee M, to Gadhiya, Bhavinkumar M.

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News from Beginning Bridges, CFCE

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Beginning Bridges CFCE ‘s vision is that children, youth and families reach their full potential now and in the future. Our mission is to work with families and community partners to create the conditions for children, youth and families to thrive socially, academically and economically. Funding for the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC)

and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head Start). Beginning Bridges CFCE has funding for the towns of Mendon, Northbridge, Upton & Uxbridge. Currently, our FREE comprehensive services include weekly indoor and outdoor parent/child playgroups. We also offer parent education programs, the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire and can connect families to community resources.

Upcoming Events- Registration is required for all upcoming events. Links can be accessed on our website or contact Emily Murray at 508-278-5110 or

Emurray@smoc.org.
Please check our website and Facebook page for our latest Newsletter and information about our Playgroups.

Monday 11/3/25 – Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - 9:30 – 10:00 - Upton Town Library, 9 Milford Street, Upton. Register on the Upton Town Library website.

Wednesday 11/12/25 – Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - 10:30 – 11:00 - Whitinsville Social Library, 17 Church Street, Whitinsville. Register online at the Whitinsville Social Library Website.

Wednesday 11/19/25 – Coffee and Conversations – 9:45 – 10:45am – Join us for Ms. Deb’s Music & Movement program from 9:15-9:45am, followed by Coffee & Conversations. Coffee & Conversations is an informal play time where families will be able to build social connections, learn about early childhood development and family friendly resources. Please bring your own coffee. Muffins will be provided by the Muffin House Cafe. Please register online at the Beginning Bridges CFCE website.

Please check our website www.BeginningBridgesCFCE.weebly.com for more information and details.

And the shred goes on, Lions style



UXBRIDGE — It’s a service with a purpose. A win-win for all. The Uxbridge Lions have provided the semi-annual Shred Day for more than a decade with an eye on fundraising for its many charities and aiding in the effort to recycle paper and electronics.

The fall event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m., at the VFW Parking Lot, Route 16 and Cross Road in Uxbridge. Experts say just about everything with your name or personal information on it should be shredded. So, load up those old documents, files, check, receipts and medical records and watch the

Pellegrino Truck securely shred your materials. The Lions will partner once again with OnSite Computers who will guarantee the secure destruction of electronic devices including phones, electrical cords, DVDs, cameras, USB cables, flat screen monitors, keyboards, radio and stereos. That’s quite a list!

Voted the Best Small Club in its region more than once, the Uxbridge Lions promote both service projects and fundraisers. From the donation of \$5 per copy paper sized box or \$10 per large electronic item and \$5 for smaller ones, numerous local activities and

organizations are supported. And the Lions have lost track of how many tons of paper the Pellegrino Truck hauls away each Shred Event.

The Uxbridge Lions Club is part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world. The club meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at the Uxbridge Senior Center. For information, contact uxbridge.ma.lions@gmail.com.

The Upton Bloomer Girls are once again hosting their Fall Vendor Fair at BVT High School 65 Pleasant St. in Upton on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair will feature 50+ vendors, Country Kitchen, baked goods, raffles, and “Bloomer Girls’ Treasures.” This event is generously sponsored by the Upton Bloomer Girls, a 501(c)4 women’s charity organization that offers resources, helping hands, or other assistance to current Upton residents who are in need of additional support. Free parking, free admission, and opportunities to win great door prizes.

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Friday’s Child



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Randy is a friendly and outgoing young man who enjoys staying active and exploring his community. Some of his favorite outings include sporting events, museums, and trips to the zoo. At home, Randy loves playing on his Nintendo Switch—his go-to games are Animal Crossing and Donkey Kong—and he has fun bringing stories to life with his puppets. He’s also a talented artist who enjoys expressing himself through his drawings. When it comes to food, Randy can’t resist pizza, cheeseburgers, and French fries. He also has a big love for music, especially classic rock. Some of his favorite artists are AC/DC, Fleetwood Mac, Billy Joel, and Queen, and he loves to rock out to their songs. Looking ahead, Randy dreams of traveling to Africa one day to help children living in poverty—a reflection of his kind heart and caring nature.

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The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with. To learn more about adoption from foster care visit www.mareinc.org . Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.





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The value of shopping where you’re known

Before the first frost even settles on the mill roofs in Whitinsville and Uxbridge, local shopkeepers are already bracing for winter. October may bring its share of cider festivals and leaf-peepers, but for many small businesses, it also marks the beginning of a long stretch of uncertainty.

The truth is simple: small-town stores live or die by local loyalty. National chains can ride out a slow quarter, but the family-owned bakery on Main Street or the crafts shop tucked behind the post office depends on whether people choose to buy their bread, gifts, and hardware here at home.

Every time someone drives past downtown to make an online purchase, a little bit of the local economy goes with it. The dollars that might have sponsored a youth team, repaired a park bench, or supported a school fundraiser vanish into a faceless algorithm. Nobody at a corporate warehouse in Nevada knows that Douglas celebrates a tree lighting in December or that Northbridge still puts wreaths on the veterans’ graves.

The irony is that most residents do care deeply about their towns. They show up for parades, vote at Town Meeting, and take pride in their history. But supporting a community isn’t only about civic duty—it’s also about economic habit.

When you buy a coffee in Whitinsville, you’re helping pay the rent for the barista who lives two streets over. When you buy your gifts from the small shops along Douglas’ town common, you’re helping a local teen keep a part-time job. And when those businesses stay healthy, they pay local taxes that keep the plows running when the snow inevitably piles up in January.

The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce has worked for years to remind residents that shopping local doesn’t mean paying more—it means keeping more. Studies repeatedly show that for every \$100 spent in a local business, roughly two-thirds stays in the community. The same amount spent online sends most of it far away.

This winter will test that equation again. Inflation has slowed but not vanished, heating costs are creeping up, and families are watching their budgets closely. That makes it tempting to chase the lowest price on a screen instead of the warm welcome across the counter. But the difference between those two choices is the difference between a Main Street that glows in December and one that fades quietly into vacancy.

The good news is that it doesn’t take much to make a difference. Pick one local store, one restaurant, or one service each week and give them your business. Attend the late-fall craft fairs and small markets that dot the Valley from now through December. Show the next generation that community isn’t an abstract idea—it’s something you invest in every time you open your wallet.

In towns like ours, commerce and connection go hand in hand. When you shop where you’re known, you’re not only buying something—you’re keeping your hometown alive.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author’s name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author’s name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump is for us

To the Editor:
Did you know that a network of 2,500 “activists” in Massachusetts alerts communities that ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] or ERO [Enforcement and Removal Operations] is in the neighborhood?

Both are federal enforcement agencies that enforce federal law under the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution, lest anyone forget.

The “alert” network is run by Lucy Pineda, a native of El Salvador, and head of Latinos Unidos. The Boston Globe lavished praise on her and her activists. Her brother is an illegal criminal sweetheart who was arrested by ICE.

Todd Lyons, Chief of Enforcement and Removal Operations, said that she endangers the lives of ICE agents. Lyons said people like Pineda and her “activists” help “violent criminals continue to victimize migrant communities.”

ICE arrested Pineda’s brother, a criminal illegal from El Salvador for the following: domestic assault and battery, violation of a restraining order, operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol in Peabody. At the time of his arrest, federal agents had in hand two prior arrest warrants for leaving the scene of an accident and compulsory insurance violation for which he failed to appear in court.

This is the Dems’ poster boy for a wannabe American voter. Conservatives simply welcome legal immigrants who get jobs, not arrest warrants.

After ICE arrested 1,400 criminal illegals in our state in May, the Globe sent “reporters, photographers and videographers to canvas immigrant communities to understand the effect of that surge.”

I could have saved the Globe time and money. The effect is that criminals are on their way home to Cuba, Venezuela, El Salvador, Guatemala, and name-your-own hellhole country.

The Globe posted a video of Lucy shouting at ICE agents. “You’re targeting our hard-working community ok!? Remember, karma exists! Karma exists, OK!?” Targeting criminals who do not work seems like a lawful idea to me.

Some people may be sympathetic to the

10 million illegals that Biden’s auto-pen allowed to flood over our southern border. You may be sympathetic to the panhandler. You may give him a dollar.

Would you give him \$3,500 a week? That is what blue state taxpayers are doing: giving each illegal family \$3,500 a week, \$14,000 a month. Maybe families in Wellesley live on \$14,000 a month, but not the rest of us.

In our state, we have spent \$3 billion on them in three years. On Sept. 30, ICE arrested an illegal criminal alien from Guatemala, convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon in Framingham. Can you say “el deporto?”

Did you know that in the last days of Joe “what a crook” Biden, his auto-pen gave a convicted illegal alien murderer a “reprieve” from deportation because he feared “torture” in El Salvador? He is so bad that his own people want to inflict punishment on him. I believe convicted murderers should be “tortured” with prison time. Long prison time. They did not give their victims that chance.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the 2023 illegal immigration surge cost state and local governments \$9.8 billion. The CBO said that the surge population is “barely educated and fails to pay state income taxes.” The CBO said: most of the 2023 illegal alien public school students “do not speak English, do not read or write in their own language, and have “issues.”

In all the Healey Hotels for illegals, the illegals get free food, free benefits, free insulin, free pizza, immediate delivery or “they” complain. There is no mention in the Freedom of Information documents of helping “them” find a job. Or transportation to work!

As the Boston Herald opinion piece said: “We’re working. They’re not.”

“Amiga Non-deportada Healey” cut local aid, but approved \$5 million for “free” lawyers for illegals facing federal deportation.

Do we taxpayers get “free” new roads and “free” new senior centers?

No way, José! Trump is for you. Dems are for them.

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Vote no on Article 10

To the Editor:
Uxbridge will be holding its Fall Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Rd. There are numerous articles on the Town Meeting warrant. Some are basically housekeeping items for our local government. But some others have significant implications, including negative consequences, if they are to be approved.

Among these bad articles is Article 10, which asks for special legislation to change how Uxbridge publicizes meetings and hearings. During the Finance Committee’s joint public hearing with the Select Board, several members spoke of the need to repeal the requirement of posting information about meetings and hearings using obsolete means. But the actual wording of the article doesn’t reflect the concerns discussed at the public hearing. Instead of accomplishing the ostensible goal of simplifying town communications, this warrant article, if passed, will likely reduce governmental transparency in Uxbridge.

State law, our town’s home rule charter, and the Uxbridge bylaws describe how our local government should notify people of certain types of meetings and hearings. For example, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 4, Section 13 (b) states that towns must post legal notices in a newspaper of general circulation’s print publication, on the newspaper’s website, and on a statewide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices.

This is a reasonable law which clearly states where interested townspeople can find out when town activities are taking place. It also ensures that this information is available on the media the population prefers – newspapers for those who prefer physical media, and the Internet for those who get their news digitally.

The Uxbridge Home Rule Charter has similar requirements. Notices of proposed budgets and public hearings must be published in a local newspaper and on the town Web site. Other notices must also be made available at the town clerk’s office and the town library. Again, these are reasonable requirements which grant citizens access to town information using the media and

means with which they are comfortable.

Our town’s bylaws do have some posting requirements which many of us could consider obsolete and unnecessary. Besides posting town notices at Town Hall and the town Web site, the bylaws require some notices to also be physically posted at the DPW Administration Building and all post offices in the Town of Uxbridge.

I doubt many people in town seek out information about town meetings, budgets, and hearings at the DPW Administration Building or the post office.

But instead of revising the few bylaws passages that require notices to be posted at the DPW Administration Building and town post offices, Article 10 overrides the common-sense requirements of state law and our town charter. Instead of requiring that town notices be published in physical newspapers and the town website, Article 10 now allows any committee or town official to publish notices in their choice of one or more of the following media:

“a print newspaper of local or general circulation;” OR

“newspaper’s website;” OR

“websites reporting local news and opinion which satisfy all criteria for digital publication as set forth in said subsection (b) of said section 13 of said chapter 4;” OR

“a statewide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices; or”

“a townwide website that may be maintained as a repository for such notices.”

Take note of the use of the word, “or,” in Article 10. Rather than ensuring that public notices will be made available in a regular and predictable way, this article allows town committees or town officials to play “hide and go seek” with public notices if they wish. As Article 10 is written, some public notices may only be published in print copies of newspapers. This would shut out people who prefer to get their news through electronic means.

Or, the town could alternate between posting notices on the town website with posting on a state website. At any given point, townspeople would not be sure where

Mark the location of late emerging perennials



Melinda Myers

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) has red, orange, or yellow flowers and can be late to emerge in spring.

As you prepare your gardens for winter, consider marking the location of late emerging perennials to avoid accidentally weeding them out next spring. Use bulbs, commercial or DIY plant labels, stones or simply leave their stems intact to help guide

your cleanup efforts next spring.

These late emerging perennials may have you worried they died overwinter. Lingerin

than normal spring temperatures can further delay their appearance. Be patient and know this

adaptation allows them to avoid damage from late spring frosts as they wait for the soil to warm and begin growing.

Hardy hibiscus, balloon flower (Platycodon), leadwort (Ceratostigma), Crocosmia, Red-hot poker (Kniphofia), whirling butterfly (Gaura lindheimeri), Butterfly bush (Buddleia), Russian sage (Perovskia atriplicifolia), and blue spirea (Caryopteris x clandonensis) are a few you may have growing in your garden. Many native plants like butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia*), Culver’s root (*Veronicastrum*), Indian pink (*Spigelia marilandica*), Joe-pye weed (*Eutrochium* spp. formerly *Eupatorium*), asters, liatris, and goldenrods can also be late to emerge. It’s easy to accidentally weed these out during spring cleanup.

These plants are worth the wait since they add extra color to our mid and late season gardens. They extend the beauty, pollinator appeal and food source for many insects, and songbirds visiting your gardens.

Try leaving the stems or a portion of the stems of these plants intact until the new growth emerges. Unfortunately, many of us have accidentally removed these, too.

Plant tags will identify the plant and mark their location but can be unsightly. Try placing a colorful dowel rod, golf tee or short bamboo stake at the base of these plants. Number each and mark them on your garden plans to help track the plant’s identity.

Stones or shells, where they are abundant, can be placed next to or surrounding these plants to mark the location. These tend to stay put and may be less obtrusive than plant tags. Just be sure to alert anyone helping in the garden of their purpose and that they need to stay put.

Or mark their spot with bulbs. Plant spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, hyacinths and alliums next to these plants to extend your garden’s bloom time and help prevent damage to the perennial plants.

Avoid tulips, crocus and other bulbs that animals love. Squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits and deer may move or eat your marker.

Consider using a mix of early, mid and late spring flowering bulbs to further extend the color in your garden. Or skirt these late emerging plants with early spring blooming perennials like woodland and creeping phlox, candytuft or rockcress. You’ll enjoy the added color as you wait for the other plants to make their appearance later in the spring.

When spring arrives, exercise patience as you wait for the return of beautiful, late emerging perennials.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the “Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition” and “Small Space Gardening.” She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda’s Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Free kids’ clothing giveaway at Valley Chapel Nov. 8

UXBRIDGE — Families in the community are invited to a Free Kids’ Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9:30 – 11:30 am at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Rd., Uxbridge.

This family-friendly event offers free children’s clothing of various sizes, and everyone is welcome to come and find what they need—no registration or proof of income required.

In addition to clothing, there will be fun activities for the kids, including board games, face painting, and popcorn. It’s a great opportunity for families to enjoy a morning together while picking up some essentials.

While all items and activities are free, guests are welcome to bring non-perishable food items to contribute to People First the food pantry of Uxbridge. Donations are appreciated but not required to participate.

Come join us for a morning of community, fun, and support!

For more information, contact the church 508-278-2315 or visit valleychapel.us or facebook.com/VCUxbridge.

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to look to find town notices. They could be published in any one of the five sources listed above. There is no requirement that public notices be published in predictable and stable media.

Town Meeting Article 10, filled with practically indecipherable legalese, can enable town committees and/or town officials to hide notices of controversial happenings. They could change the media every time they wish to post something, so townspeople wouldn’t be sure as to where they could find town notices. It is not inconceivable that the school committee, for example, would only post notices of its public hearings on a statewide website, while the finance committee would post notices of its budgetary hearings on a newspaper’s website. There would be no consistent location to find information about Uxbridge public notices. This article allows committees and town officials to choose from one or more of five options. There is no requirement that they choose consistent or multiple places in which to post public notices.

It is certainly reasonable to omit certain obsolete posting requirements from our town bylaws. Many of us would probably have no problem if public notices were no longer displayed at the DPW building or the post office.

However, it is important that public notices be disseminated consistently and predictably. There is no good reason why town public notices can’t be published in a local newspaper, the newspaper’s website, and the town website. It’s even a good idea to include some state websites as well. By doing this, the citizens of Uxbridge could easily and predictably look up the dates and purposes of town meetings and public hearings, using the media they prefer and to which they are accustomed.

Simplifying posting requirements for town hearings and meetings could have been, and should have been, addressed through a simple revision of our town’s bylaws. Article 10 does not simplify posting requirements. Instead, it overrides reasonable state law and town charter requirements, and replaces them with a convoluted and unpredictable maze of possible posting locations.

I urge all citizens of Uxbridge to attend the Fall Annual Town Meeting and to vote No on Article 10!

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Koopman Lumber announces plans to acquire Lyon & Billard, a Trusted Name in Connecticut’s Building Supply Market

WHITINSVILLE — Koopman Lumber, a third-generation, family-owned supplier of building materials with a growing presence in New England, is excited to announce its plans to acquire Lyon & Billard, a respected building materials supplier with more than 180 years of history serving professional contractors and homeowners in central Connecticut.

Lyon & Billard currently operates four Connecticut locations, including Berlin, Cheshire, Meriden, and East Hampton. The company is serving customers throughout Connecticut and parts of Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. While the acquisition is not yet finalized, Koopman and Lyon & Billard have entered into a definitive agreement, and the companies are in the midst of the transition. More updates will be shared in the coming weeks, but for now, it is business as usual at both companies as they work together to prepare for the next chapter.

Upon completion, Lyon & Billard will continue operations under its his-



Left to right: Dirk Koopman, Owner/CEO, Koopman Lumber; Edd Goralnick, President, Lyon & Billard; Denise Brookhouse, CFO, Koopman Lumber; and Tony Brookhouse, COO and co-owner, Koopman Lumber.

toric name, now branded as “Lyon & Billard, Part of the Koopman Lumber Family.” Koopman plans to support the integration by introducing its ERP system, providing BisTrack training for employees, and initiating light renovations at several locations to improve the customer and team experience.

“Lyon & Billard has built a well-known brand in Connecticut, with a history that runs deep,” said Dirk Koopman, CEO of Koopman Lumber.

“We are excited to welcome their team into the Koopman family and provide the tools, systems, and support needed to help them and their customers

thrive well into the future.”

Customers can expect a steady focus on operational improvements, technology upgrades, and long-term investments in people, infrastructure, and the local Connecticut community. This continues Koopman’s tradition of giving back and supporting the regions where we work and live.

“We could not have asked for a better partner than Koopman Lumber,” said Edd Goralnick, President of Lyon & Billard. “They are the real deal: family-owned, fiercely committed to doing the right thing, and ready to invest in our people and our future. This is going to be fun.”

Koopman Lumber, founded in 1939 and headquartered in Whitinsville, Mass., will soon operate 17 locations across Massachusetts and Connecticut. The company’s mission is “Supplying Excellence for Generations,” a promise it brings to every team member, customer, and community it serves.

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Simon Fairfield Library launches Douglas Mill newsletter

DOUGLAS — How often do you find out about an event around town after it has already happened? There are local events, meetings, gatherings, and goings-on occurring in our local community throughout the year, but how are we supposed to find out about them? Unless we are connected to social media and following multiple sources (or reading every page of the local paper) the answer is often that we don't.

What can you do to keep informed more easily? Join “The Douglas Mill” Newsletter! The Douglas Mill is a monthly email newsletter that is sent right to your inbox at the beginning of each month, providing you with a “concise schedule of cultural and civic events that are taking place in town,” in one easy to find location. To sign-up, please visit www.mysfpl.org/douglasmill.

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We are located at 279 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville. Come discover what makes Whitinsville Christian School such a wonderful place to begin your child’s educational journey!



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With Don Prang on the banjo, Marty Ayotte on the harmonica and hand percussion, and the amazing Savory Crackers on guitar, mandolin and lead vocals, the Blackstone Muleskinners provided some of the best and finest back porch, roadhouse, and foot stompin’ fun at Plummer Place last week! “It was a fabulous afternoon of entertainment,” shared Joyce Brill, one of the concert goers. “It was some nice old-time music to listen to, and I just loved it!” said Gloria Woodson, another older adult attendee. A big thank you to the Friends of Northbridge Elders (FINE) for sponsoring this event! For more information on FINE or Plummer Place, Home of the Northbridge Senior Center, please call (508) 234-2002.

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Valley Chapel presents Leanna Crawford with Cade Thompson in concert

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Tickets: available online through The Q 90.1 FM. Purchase here: <https://www.theq901.com/>

Seats are limited; early purchase is strongly encouraged.

Known for her heartfelt vocals and honest, Scripture-rooted lyrics, Leanna Crawford connects with audiences through songs like “How Can You Not,” “Honestly,” and “Still Waters.” Joining her is Cade Thompson, a rising voice in Christian music recognized for faith-forward anthems and high-energy live per-

formances.

Valley Chapel is family-friendly and accessible. If you need special accommodations, please reach out in advance.

About the Artists

Leanna Crawford is a contemporary Christian artist whose music centers on authenticity, encouragement, and the hope of the Gospel. Cade Thompson is a Christian singer-songwriter known for energetic, radio-friendly songs that encourage bold faith and everyday hope.

About Valley Chapel

Valley Chapel is a welcoming church in Uxbridge committed to loving God, serving people, and blessing our community through worship, discipleship, and outreach.

BVT Admissions to hold open house

UPTON — Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School will hold an Admissions Open House for prospective students and their families on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. No registration is needed.

The evening is an opportunity to tour the state-of-the-art facility located at 65 Pleasant Street in Upton and see for yourself how BVT is transforming education and the lives of its students. Meet staff members who will be on hand as a resource to answer questions about academics, student support services, student activities, and the admissions process.

The schedule of events will include mini-sessions featuring the Special Education program and the support available to students at BVT and during the application process. Also, learn more about the Spanish Immersion program and how to enroll.

If you are interested in learning more, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/admissions/openhouse.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational

Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

WCS

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“With a full-time school nurse, and counselors in the upper and lower schools, our commitment to our students was evident. This combining of the departments allows for a better partnership with families, students, teachers, and our team.”

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ESS provides services such as direct academic support in study skills, reading, math, occupational therapy, and consultation for teachers and parents. The department also oversees progress monitoring, testing accommodations, and wellness resources to ensure each student receives the support they need to thrive.

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**225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO25P3506PO
TRUST CITATION
In the matter of:
2002 Providence Road Nominee Trust**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Lisa Ochs of Saint Augustine FL** requesting Remove the Trustee as set forth in said petition, and for such further relief as this Court deems proper . 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 11/04/2025. 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Kearny, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 09, 2025
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
October 24, 2025

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The Trial Court
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Worcester Probate and Family Court**

**225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO25P3524EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate Of:
**Alan Whittemore
Date of Death: 09/17/2025**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Adam Robert Whittemore of San Diego CA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Adam Robert Whittemore of San Diego CA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **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 11/11/2025.**

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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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: October 14, 2025
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 24, 2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court**

**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO25P3503PO
TRUST CITATION
In the matter of:
2002 Bolduc Family Irrevocable Trust**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Lisa Ochs of Saint Augustine FL** requesting Remove the Trustee as set forth in said petition, and for such further relief as this Court deems proper . 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 11/04/2025.

2002 Providence Road Nominee Trust
225 Main
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Kearny, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 09, 2025
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
October 24, 2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David M. Bouley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Residential Mortgage Services, Inc., dated September 17, 2019 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61067, Page 164, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for PHH Mortgage Corporation, recorded on May 10, 2024, in Book No. 70493, at Page 206

PHH Mortgage Corporation to Selene Finance, LP, recorded on December 3, 2024, in Book No. 71367, at Page 300 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on November 4, 2025, on the mortgaged premises located at 17 D Street, Unit C, DeVillle Condominiums, Whitinsville (Northbridge), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The Unit known as Unit No. C in the DeVillle Condominium located at 17

D Street, (Whitinsville) Northbridge, Massachusetts, and established pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A by Master Deed dated February 3, 2005 and filed with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 35655, Page 363. ("The Master Deed"). Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the common areas and facilities of the property ("Common Elements") as described in said Master Deed as being attributed to the Unit, as may from time to time be amended. The Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of M.G.L.A. Chapter 183A, and the said Master Deed and the Declaration of Condominium Trust, dated February 3, 2005 and recorded in Book 35656, Page 1, all as may be amended (Collectively the "Condominium Documents").

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61067, Page 161.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

SELENE FINANCE LP
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150 California St.
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28145
October 10, 2025
October 17, 2025
October 24, 2025

Uxbridge Progressive Club hosting country music dances

UXBRIDGE — The New England Country Music Club presents dances with live, classic country music on the following dates: Sunday, Nov. 2 with Borrowed Time band and Nov. 16 with Rustic Country. Location is the Uxbridge Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., with music from 1-5 p.m. Admission charge, cash bar.

Douglas Scouting Association to host Holiday Market fundraiser

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Scouting Association will host a Holiday Market Nov. 28-30 at the Olive Branch Masonic Lodge, 7 Depot St., with proceeds to benefit the Scout Hall. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, complete your holiday shopping in a country store setting with a large variety of homemade items for your browsing pleasure. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available for shoppers. Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and Discover) are welcome.

Community invited to Thanksgiving Eve service in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — As families set their tables and plan their holiday travel, Valley Chapel is opening its doors for a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 p.m. The one-hour gathering offers a calm, meaningful pause before the bustle of the big day—featuring Scripture readings, prayer, and music centered on gratitude and hope. Thanksgiving has a way of drawing people together, and this service is designed with the whole community in mind. Whether church is part of your weekly rhythm or you're simply looking for a quiet place to reflect, you'll find a

warm welcome. Attendees are encouraged to come as they are and bring family, neighbors, or friends visiting for the holiday. The service will focus on thankfulness—both for blessings close to home and for the opportunity to serve others. It's a space to reset, remember what matters, and step into Thursday with grateful hearts. For more information, please contact Valley Chapel or visit the church's social media pages.

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DIRECTOR NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to November and the start of the holiday season!

The Senior Center will carry on the annual Thanksgiving meal distribution for Uxbridge residents. This year’s meal will be held on Monday, November 24th. At your request, lunch can be delivered to your home between the hours of 11:30am-1:30pm, or, if you prefer, you can drive by the senior center to pick it up. Lunch will consist of hot, sliced, turkey with gravy with mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, and a roll, and cranberry sauce on the side along with a personal sized Table Talk Pie for dessert. We are accepting monetary donations to the Center to help support this project. The lunch is free and open to all Uxbridge seniors and the disabled. Please call the Center if you would like a lunch or if you would like to donate. Once again, this year, the Senior Center received a Fallon Health Mini Grant to cover for some of this project. We appreciate their continued support!

A big shout out to the Hannaford’s Pharmacy for sponsoring our Flu and COVID Shot Clinic last month. Over 60 vaccines were distributed in this event! Thank you, Hannaford’s Pharmacy, for keeping our seniors safe!

Appointments are available to help folks with Fuel Assistance Applications with SMOC (South Middlesex Opportunity Council). This program begins on November 1, 2025. Please call the senior center for more information and schedule your appointment.

Don’t forget, Medicare open enrollment is from October 15th-December 7th! Please call the senior center and book your appointment with Pat Nectow, our SHINE counselor, as soon as possible. Pat is available to meet one-on-one with you to discuss your health insurance options.

The Senior Center received a special frame regarding the Olympic champion Alice Bridges. Alice’s niece, Carole McDonough, who is an Uxbridge resident, presented this frame to us to hang prominently in the center. Alice won a bronze medal for third place in the 100-meter backstroke in the 1936 Olympic games held in Berlin. Alice grew up in Uxbridge. She initially swam in the local Pout Pond. After a few years, she swam at the Whitinsville Community Center pool. The bridge on Route 16 over the Mumford River in Uxbridge is dedicated as the Alice Bridges Bridge in her honor. Thank you, Carole, for this special gift to us!

Happy Thanksgiving to All!
Lisa

Mondays, November 3rd – 1:30 pm & November 17th – Painting Nutcracker Craft with Sally! Cost is \$10.00 per person and due upon signup. Class size is very limited. Be sure to stop by and sign up!

Monday, November 3rd – 3:00 pm

– 4:00 pm - Computer Tutoring with students from Blackstone Valley Tech. Please call ahead to book an appointment. This will be held on the first Monday of each month.

Tuesdays, November 4th, 18th & 25th – SHINE Appointments - Pat Nectow, our SHINE Counselor, is back to help you with your health insurance questions. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule an appointment.

Tuesday, November 4th – 1:00 pm – Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be discussing “The Scent Keeper” by Erica Bauermeister. You are welcome to join us for lunch on this day, just be sure to call ahead to “book” yours! Next book club meeting is on Tuesday, December 9th.

Thursday, November 6th – 10:30 am – Veterans’ Services with Carl Bradshaw by appointment only. Call 508-278-8622 to sign up.

Thursday, November 6th – 12:00 pm – Lunch trip to Beef Barn in N. Smithfield, RI – Transportation is available, but we encourage those who can, to meet us there. You are required to bring your own money to pay for your lunches.

Friday, November 7th – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy. His guest speaker will be Dr. Cherukuri, physician at UMass Medical and he will be presenting on “Heart Health”. There is typically a wait list for these events. Be sure to RSVP.

Friday’s November 7th & 14th – 1:30 pm – Rehearsal for the Christmas Choir with Sally. Sign up to join in on the fun! All are welcome!

Tuesday, November 11th – The Senior Center will be closed today in observance of Veterans Day. We will re-open on Wednesday, November 12th.

Tuesday, November 11th – 9:00 am – 11:00 am – Veterans Day – Honoring All Who Served. Please join the UHS Student Council for Coffee & Donuts at the Uxbridge Senior Center.

Thursday, November 13th – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm – Big BINGO at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO & cash prizes! Packets of 10 games for \$10. Transportation will be provided. Let us know if you’d like to join us for lunch on this date by calling or stopping in to RSVP. You must sign up by 12 noon the day before game day.

Friday, November 14th - 12 noon – November Birthday Cake Celebration. We will celebrate all the November birthdays!

Tuesday, November 18th - 1:00 pm – Benefit Enrollment Specialist – Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment with Meka. Next date will be Tuesday, November 18th.

Wednesday, November 19th – 10:30 am – 12:30 pm – National Grid Customer Care Event – A representative from National Grid will be available to answer and assist you with discount rates, payment plans, arrears forgiveness, special protections, energy saving, and more. If you plan on joining us for LUNCH on this day, please call ahead to RSVP as space is limited. This event will be held monthly on the 3rd Wednesday.

Wednesday, November 19th - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm – “PopUp Library”. Books will be on display to check out, library card sign-ups, book hold pick-ups, etc. This program is being offered by the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

Thursday, November 20th – Movie Afternoon at the Uxbridge Senior Center watching Clint Eastwood “Every Which Way but Loose”. Transportation is available.

Friday, November 21st – 12 noon – Annual Thanksgiving Celebration Sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection Inc. Come join us for our annual holiday meal with all the fixings. Entertainment TBA. Sign up early as there is typically a waitlist.

Monday, November 24th – 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm - Thanksgiving Meal Distribution. Our annual tradition continues. Please call the senior center if you would like a hot lunch. Lunches can be picked up at the center or delivered to your home.

Tuesday, November 25th- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ask the Nurse Free Blood Pressure Clinic with the Salmon Health VNA. RSVP if you’d like to join us for lunch.

Thursday, November 25th – 1:30 pm – Santa Paint by Number with Sally! \$7.00 per person. Class size is limited so be sure to sign up early!

The Senior Center will be closing on Wednesday, November 26th at noon-time and we will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Card Game played during lunch on Mondays.

Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday. Pick up begins at 8:30 AM. Please sign up in advance by calling 508-278-8622 to reserve your seat on the van. Shopping trip is available on Monday, November 10th vs. Tuesday, November 11th as we will be closed.

Tuesday’s Walk & Talk Walking Club Program will resume in the Spring.

Tuesdays, Exercise Series: Balance & Power 12:15 – 1:15 pm & Move & Groove

PLUMMER PLACE

Home of the Northbridge Senior Center

The following events will take place at Plummer Place, Home of the Northbridge Senior Center. We are located at 20 Highland Street in Whitinsville. Telephone: (508) 234-2002. All programs require signing up by calling or stopping by our Main Office. Northbridge residents have priority for programming and events.

Regular Programs:
Mindful Meditation
Every Thursday at 9:30am

Dull Men’s Club
Tuesday, October 28th
Guest Speaker Joel Brown, Veterans Story Sharing
Call Amy for more information.

Grief Support Group
Monday, November 10th
1:30pm-2:30pm

Women on the Move
Wednesday, November 12th
9:30am-10:30am

Reading Between the Lines Book Club
Wednesday, November 19th
10:30am-11:30am
Call Kelly to find out what book we are currently reading!

Writing Your Way Writer’s Group
Thursday, November 13th
2:30-3:30pm
Please note: due to the holiday, there will not be a class on November 27th. Call Lori with any questions.

Special Events and Activities:
Halloween Harvest Party! Thursday, October 30th from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Entertainment by Roger Tincknell and themed luncheon. Tickets are \$10 each, limit of 2 tickets per person and Northbridge residents have priority. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the main office. Costumes are encouraged and costume prizes will be awarded, however costumes are not required! This program is sponsored by Unibank and a grant from the Northbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is support-

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm held at McCloskey School.

Knitting Club every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm – Even if you don’t know how to knit or crochet, come and visit us! The group members are always willing to teach you! No Knitting Group on Nov. 11th.

Every Wednesday – 9 am – 3 pm – The Uxbridge Senior Center Transportation Program Community Shuttle. This shuttle is for seniors and individuals with disabilities to destinations such as post office, pet care appointments, hair salon or barber, bank, pharmacy & shopping anywhere in the Uxbridge/Northbridge area. Note: this replaces the weekly bank/pharmacy and Shaw’s Ocean State rides. Call 508-278-8622 for more information and to book your FREE ride. Requests require a 48-hour notice. NO SHUTTLE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.

Wednesdays - “Canasta” Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game – START TIME IS NOW 1:15 PM due to parking spaces. Let us know if you’d like to join us for lunch! No Games on November 26th.

Wednesdays – Play Scrabble! – START TIME IS NOW 1:15 PM due to parking spaces. – Come by for an afternoon playing Scrabble. Boards are supplied by the senior center. Let us know if you’d like to join us for lunch! No Games on November 26th.

Medical Transportation is accepting appointments. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your rides.

The senior center is in need of the following donations: Lysol wipes, newly packaged napkins, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, tea (regular and caffeine free), ground regular & decaf coffee. We thank you for your support!

Feel free to contact us at 508-278-8622 or visit us on our web page at Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa or like us on our FB page or by googling Uxbridge Senior Center and our new YouTube Channel or even dropping by.
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ed by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Medicare Open Enrollment Program
Tuesday, November 4th
10:30am-11:30am
Join us for an important meeting to discuss updates to Medicare and any health or drug plan changes. Sponsored by SHINE. SHINE counselors provide Medicare counseling free of charge. Don’t wait until it’s too late.

The Brew Crew
Wednesday, November 5th
9:30am-10:30am
Come and enjoy Plummer Place’s newest program offering guest speakers, timely topics, and fun activities to jump start your day. All are welcome and treats, coffee/tea are on us! November’s guest speaker is: Northbridge Police Chief, Tim Labrie. Please drop in and join us! Call Amy for more information.

Senior Veteran’s Breakfast
Thursday, November 6th
9:30am-10:30am
Please join us for this free event to honor our beloved senior veterans. Northbridge residents have priority. Two ticket limit per person. Tickets are available at the main office, and you must have a ticket to attend. Sponsored by the Northbridge Police Association, Unibank, FINE, and Representative David Muradian. Please note: if you have attended this program in the past, your ticket is being mailed to you. Any questions, please call Amy.

Great American Landmarks
Wednesday, November 12th
1:00pm-2:00pm
Please join us for this enjoyable, patriotic event and learn about great American Landmarks such as the USS Arizona Memorial, Hoover Dam, and the Grand Canyon.

What’s For Dinner?
Smart Kitchen Program with Fallon
Thursday, November 13th
9:30am-10:30am
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Tuesday: Walking club 9 am, Cribbage 9:00 am, Zumba 9:30 am, Lunch & Bingo 11:30am, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.), Line dancing 2 pm
Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, Darts 11:30 am, MahJong 12:45pm, Dominoes 1 to 2:30pm
Thursday: Walking club 9am, Chair Yoga 9:30am, Pitch 9:00am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30pm
Friday: Balance & Strength 10am

Tuesday & Thursday lunch club please call the Friday before to sign up.
November Lunch Menu:
Tuesday 10/28: Butternut bisque, salad, rolls, & fruit
Tuesday 11/4: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, & pudding
Thursday 11/6: Baked mac & cheese, salad, & ice cream sundaes
Tuesday 11/18: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, & cupcakes
Thursday 11/20: Sweetish meatballs with egg noodles, carrots, & cake
Tuesday 11/25: Chicken broccoli Alfredo, garlic bread, & cookies
Friday Shopping Schedule: Please call 48 hours in advance to schedule your ride. Grocery shopping pick up starts at 9:45.
Friday 11/7 & 11/28: Hannaford
Friday 11/14: Walmart

Friday 11/21 Price Chopper
NOVEMBER EVENTS:
The center will be closed on Tuesday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.
Wellness Clinic Dates: Monday November 3rd & Tuesday November 18th, 10 am to 12 pm. The nurse is happy to check your blood pressure, can do a finger stick blood sugar. If you have any questions or concerns please stop in and see the nurse.
Shine Meeting: Monday November 3rd @ 9:30. Open enrollment is coming and changes are being made. Learn about these changes and if they affect your coverage. You may call the center to sign up by 10/30.
Hearing aid cleanings: Thursday November 6th. Darci will be here doing clearings from 10 am to 11 am. Please call the center to schedule an appointment.
"The Machine" Jesse Green: Thursday November 6th @ 12 pm. Jesse Green will

be here to talk about his chainsaw sculpting career and where it has taken him in life. You may have seen his show on the National Geographic Channel, now you can meet him. Lunch is \$4.00 per person and will be salad, mac n cheese, & ice cream. Please call the center to sign up by 11/1.
The Sunshine Club invites you:
The Sunshine Club meets the first Tuesday of every month. The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday November 4th @ 2 pm.
Annual Halloween Party: Friday October 31st @ 12 pm. Enjoy refreshments, laughs, & games. This is a free event! Please sign up by 10/22.
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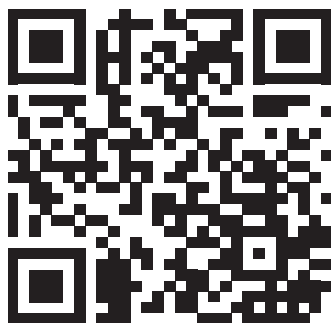
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