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Yue hits two goals at Baystaste Marathon

Westwood resident and Westwood High School teacher, Yue Zhai, finished the Baystate Marathon on October 18 and achieved two goals."I improved my performance by over 15 minutes compared to the Cape Cod marathon last year. Meanwhile, I hit my fundraising goal—$1000 for the Special Olympics MA." Yue said.

As an ABA tutor in the WHS Transition Program and a member of the support staff for the Unified basketball and track teams at Westwood High School, Yue has the privilege of seeing every day what happens when students with developmental differences are given opportunities to participate, belong, and believe in themselves.

"I am especially proud that Westwood is a Unified Champion School. Our Unified Track team finished as the group runner-up at the Special Olympics State Meet this past May!" Yue said. "More importantly, through the Special Olympics, our students learn teamwork, respect for their rivals, fair play, and perseverance—lessons that go far beyond the playing field."

Running 26.2 miles is a huge challenge, even for an experienced athlete. When the race started, it's only 32 degrees. " My muscles are almost

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Audrey brought history to life in front of our eyes with a colonial tea set.

Westwood Scouts explore Quincy history

Over the long weekend in October, Troop 3 Westwood traveled to Quincy for the President Camporee. Troops from across the Commonwealth participated in a variety of activities throughout the weekend.

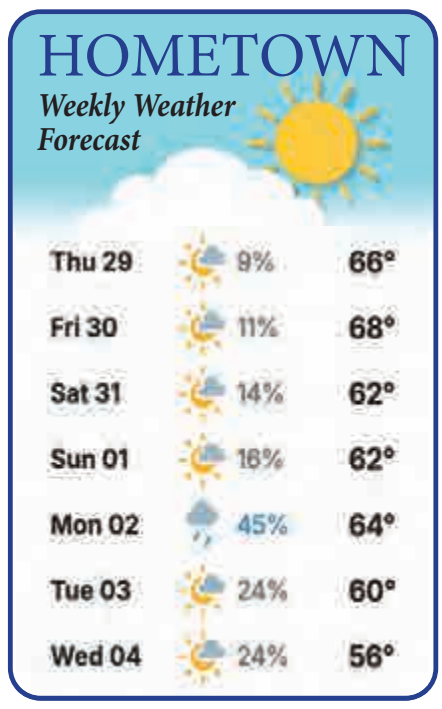
The weekend began with setting up our campsite, where Troop 3 had approximately eight tents. The troop used teamwork and previous experience to organize the site. An opening ceremony welcomed Scouts to Quincy.

After the opening events, we went on a three-hour hike that included a visit to the USS Salem (CA-139), a decommissioned World War II-era naval vessel. Touring the ship sparked a lot of curi-

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Discussing Michael "The Duke" Dukakis with Scott Kerman

By Isabell Macrina
Hometown Weekly Staff

A comedian and a former Massachusetts Governor walk into a kitchen. No, it's not the start of a bad joke, it's the premise of the book "The Duke: Weekly Conversations with the Last Honest Politician" written by comedian

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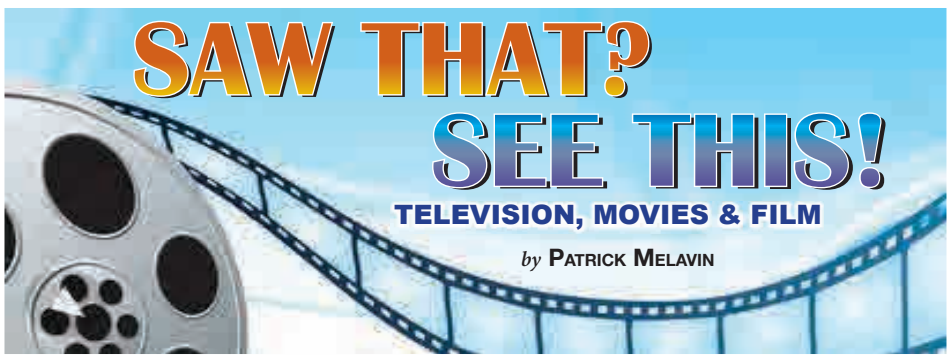

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Everybody enjoys a good love story on film, from across the globe and all generations it is a universally adored genre. From lovers against the world, secret affairs, friends becoming lovers, there are so many different little sub-genres of romance for people to choose from. For today I thought it would be interesting to explore one of the more unconventional ones, supernatural! When it comes to this genre, there is typically one film the general public will be reminded of.

Released in 1990, "Ghost" is a supernatural romance film starring Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore, with Swayze's character named Sam, being evidently a ghost! With a mugging gone bad that leaves Sam looking for answers, he struggles to find ways to communicate with his grieving wife while solving his murder. It is widely recognized as a monumental film for the time with the unconventional relationship between a spouse and their deceased partner.

Little do most people know, it was not the first of its kind, with "Kiss me Goodbye" being an inspirational predecessor! Released in 1982, the plot follows the same outline starting with the life of a recent widow named Kay, (played by Sally Fields) whose husband Jolly (played by James Caan) was a Broadway showman who fell down the stairs at home. When Kay plans to eventually remarry to her new partner, Jolly returns to her life causing mischief and making her question her sanity all at the same time. I loved the slight campiness throughout this film, from being convinced there's a talking dog, the comical arguments between Kay and Jolly, it deals with a serious and somber topic in such a tenderly light hearted way that you can't help but smile throughout the whole film.

I greatly enjoyed watching both of these films, and I had always grown up knowing of "Ghost", but finding out about this film was a real treat. I would recommend this charming oddity if you grew up fans of films such as "Ghost", or simply the what the 80's had to offer for obscure comedies! For a fun fact as well, "Kiss Me Goodbye" was actually based off of a Brazilian film released in 1976 titled "Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands".

With "Kiss Me Goodbye" being availed for streaming on Amazon Prime, and "Ghost" on Paramount+, there's no reason to sit down and check them out today! As always, if you were a fan of "Ghost" or others like that, see this!

Christmas Craft Fair

The Saint Joan of Arc Parish (churches of St. Margaret Mary and St. Denis) in Westwood is sponsoring A Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00AM – 2:00 PM in the lower hall of St Margaret Mary Church- 845 High St, Westwood. The Fair location is wheelchair-accessible using an elevator, and there will be a Pre-Loved Jewelry table, a large Bake Sale, and Vendor goods and 50/50 Raffle, Breakfast pastries and lunch refreshments (Turkey Chili and pizza) will be available to purchase. The Church Choir will lead Christmas Caroling at Noon around the tree. There is no entry fee.

We have 35 vendors committed and ample parking at the Church! The proceeds of the fair support the St. Katharine Drexel Society's Acts of Mercy including making blankets for the homeless, collecting winter coats, providing baby clothing and supplies to mothers in need, providing Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts to people living in shelters, and collecting and delivering more than 500 Christmas gifts to local children, as well as those in Roxbury and Quincy.

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frozen, after 20 miles, there were several moments I wanted to quit. When those moments came, I thought of my students and the determination they show every day. They inspired me, I also had something to share with them after finishing. The most important lesson from running a marathon is that we can dream big. Start a step, run slowly but never stop, it will come true finally. " Yue said.

Sports has been an important part of Yue's life long before he came to the United States. In China, he was the chief editor of a sports magazine and served as an Olympic torch bearer for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

"From China to America, many things have changed over the years, but sports is still my love," Yue said. "I am not only a runner and cyclist, but also an advocate for the spirit of sports. Sports belong to everyone, including my students with special needs."

"Every kid needs a champion," he added. "Thanks to the Special Olympics and the opportunities it creates for my students and athletes of all abilities, After



enrolling in the Baystate Marathon, I contacted Special Olympics Massachusetts and launched this charity marathon program."

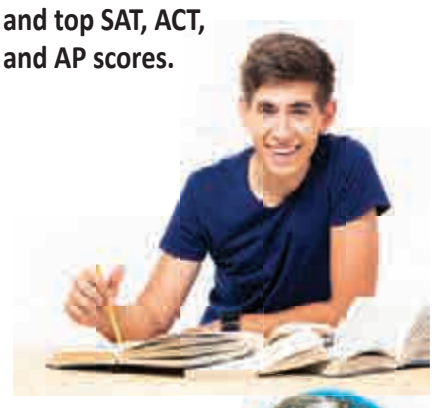
Yue has lived in Westwood for eight years and he expects to continue giving back to the community he calls home.

"I like this friendly community and look forward to contributing more to it," he said. "I have launched two Tai Chi workshops at the library, and the third will be in January 2027. I am also discussing the details with the Westwood Recreation Department now. I live here, I love it here, and I hope we can do something together to make it better."

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Hometown Weekly is excited to unveil a brand-new horoscope column, bringing readers personalized insights into their astrological signs each week! This column promises to add a touch of engaging and thought-provoking predictions tailored for everyone.

Friday, Oct. 30 - Thursday, Nov. 5

ARIES: Emotions may run deeper than usual as the weekend begins, encouraging you to slow down and reconnect with the people who matter most. By Sunday, your confidence returns, and you may feel inspired to take the lead. Midweek, focus on organizing your priorities and following through on promises. Small, consistent efforts will help you make meaningful progress.

TAURUS: The weekend invites you to find comfort in familiar surroundings and spend quality time with loved ones. As the days progress, you may feel motivated to express yourself more boldly and pursue something creative. By Tuesday, practical matters deserve your attention. Take time to review your routines, handle unfinished business, and make space for the things that bring you peace.

GEMINI: Conversations with family or close friends may bring unexpected clarity this weekend. Allow yourself to be vulnerable rather than trying to make everything lighthearted. Sunday and Monday offer opportunities to have fun and embrace your playful side. By midweek, your attention shifts toward responsibilities. A little planning now can help you feel more confident about what lies ahead.

CANCER: Your intuition is especially strong as the weekend begins, making this a good time to reflect on your needs and reconnect with your inner world. You may feel ready to step outside your comfort zone by Sunday. Let yourself enjoy new experiences without overthinking every detail. Midweek, practical decisions help you turn an inspiring idea into something tangible.

LEO: The weekend encourages you to reconnect with your community and consider which relationships deserve more of your energy. By Sunday, the spotlight finds you, bringing renewed confidence and a desire to express yourself. Use Monday to pursue something that excites you. As the week progresses, slow down and tend to the small details that support your bigger ambitions.

VIRGO: You may feel drawn toward quiet reflection as the weekend begins, especially if recent responsibilities have left you feeling drained. Sunday and Monday bring a welcome boost of confidence and opportunities to enjoy yourself. By Tuesday, the Moon in your sign puts your needs front and center. Trust your judgment, but remember that progress doesn't require perfection.

LIBRA: The weekend offers opportunities to deepen friendships and reconnect with people who understand your perspective. You may feel especially inspired to pursue a personal goal on Sunday and Monday. As the week continues, take a closer look at your emotional needs and private concerns. Giving yourself room to reflect can help you move forward with greater clarity.

SCORPIO: With the Sun in your sign, this is your time to embrace personal growth and make decisions that reflect who you are becoming. The weekend favors emotional connection, while Sunday and Monday encourage you to step confidently into new opportunities. Midweek, take stock of your long-term goals and the people who support them. Trust your instincts without rushing the process.

SAGITTARIUS: The weekend encourages you to slow down and acknowledge feelings you may have pushed aside. By Sunday, your attention turns toward adventure, learning, and the possibility of something new. Let curiosity guide you, but stay grounded as the week progresses. Tuesday through Thursday are ideal for refining your plans and taking practical steps toward a goal that excites you.

CAPRICORN: Close relationships take center stage this weekend, offering opportunities to strengthen trust and share your feelings honestly. Sunday and Monday encourage you to embrace a little spontaneity and reconsider what brings you joy. As the week progresses, your ambitions may become clearer. Break larger goals into manageable steps instead of expecting everything to fall into place at once.

AQUARIUS: You may find yourself balancing professional responsibilities with a desire for emotional connection this weekend. Sunday and Monday offer a chance to recharge through creativity, romance, or a favorite hobby. By midweek, consider whether your daily routines are helping or hindering your progress. A few thoughtful adjustments can restore your energy and make your schedule feel more manageable.

PISCES: The weekend invites you to explore new perspectives and make room for experiences that expand your horizons. Sunday and Monday bring attention to home, family, and the comfort of familiar spaces. As the week unfolds, creative inspiration may give way to a need for practical organization. Trust your imagination, then create a plan that allows your ideas to flourish.

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Scott Kerman about former Governor Michael Dukakis.

Michael Dukakis served as the governor of Massachusetts from 1975 to 1979, and from 1983 to 1991, making him the longest running governor in the history of the state. But Scott Kerman met him in 1977 at an ice cream fundraiser hosted by Kerman's parents. Years later, they reconnected in Brookline which led to Kerman interviewing Dukakis for a sports show as they were both major Boston sports fans. Through conversations and connections, Kerman eventually pitched co-authoring Dukakis's biography.

"Guys, there's never been a book written about Michael Dukakis," Kerman told the group with an air of disbelief. "There's been a book written about every politician known to mankind. Dan Quayle has a book! It's misspelled, but Dan Quayle has a book!"

Kerman's background as a standup comedian and connection with Dukakis lets him approach the subject of a politician's life in a new direction, one of grace and highlighting the person behind the politics. The book was written over the course of four years and over 200 hours of conversations around a kitchen table. He said that Dukakis puts the "f" in frugal, thinking everything can be fixed with duct tape, wearing decades old sweaters, some of which are from his famous Blizzard of '78 broadcast, and making turkey soup for winter out of turkey carcasses after thanksgiving. In fact, one year when the public learned of this fact, he woke up to dozens of turkeys the day after thanksgiving and had soup ready for months. Dukakis even talks to telemarketers, cleaned graffiti off mailboxes, and much much more.

While tying in the personal anecdotes, the book does cover Dukakis's political career, including his run for President in 1988. He competed against well known candidates like Joe Biden, Al Gore, and Gary Hart before securing the democratic nomination. His running mate, Senator Lloyd Bentsen, delivered the famous "You're no Jack Kennedy" like to Dan Quayle in the vice presidential debate. Kerman does outline the missteps that led to Dukakis's losing, the photo riding a tank during his army career in the Korean Demilitarized Zone when he had a photo of him, in uniform, looking pretty cheery, and the stoicism he showed in a debate question regarding the hypothetical assault against his wife and what he would do in response.



Scott Kerman, local comedian, talks about his history with Dukakis and how the conversations with him led to the idea of writing this book.

Dukakis seemed to take all this in stride though. He would sit and talk with Kerman about his past, what could have gone wrong, and how he's glad things worked out the way they did. Dukakis even talked about his brief stints as cameos in hit television shows at the time, in "Cheers" and "St. Elsewhere," the latter of which he proudly told Kerman he still owned that very same tracksuit.

If the story of a Massachusetts governor famous for sweater wearing, full of anecdotes, and the cover of which shows a 90-year-old man smiling after he learned Kerman brought tiramisu with him interests you, be sure to check out "The Duke: Weekly Conversations with the Last Honest Politician" on library shelves and in stores now.

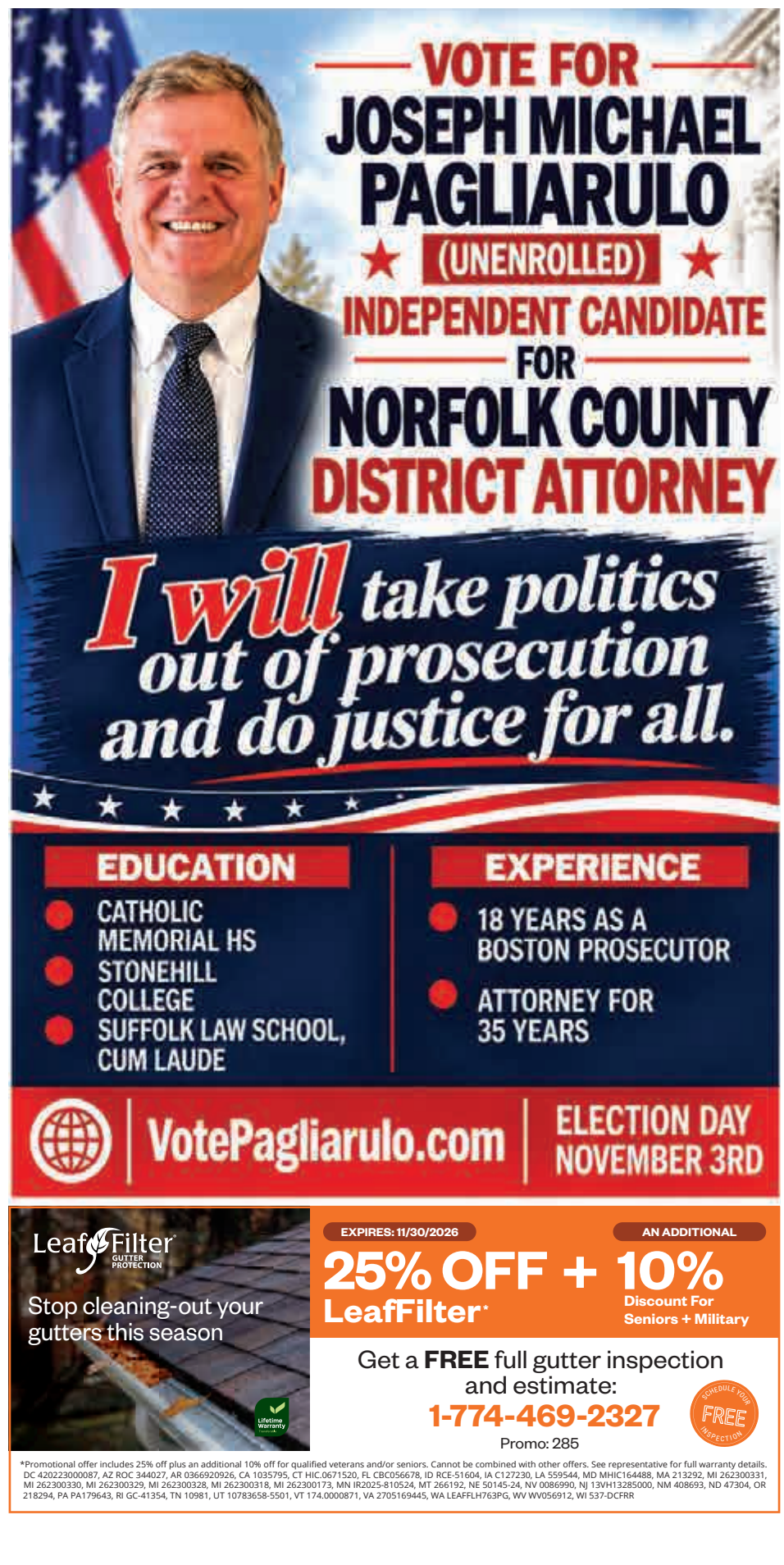
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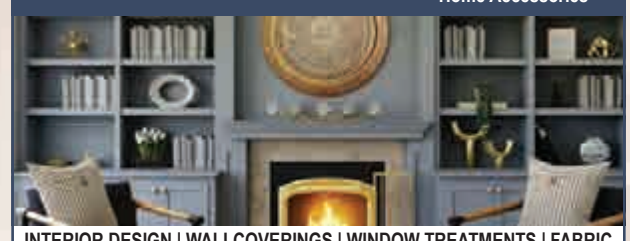
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Why turkey is a Thanksgiving tradition



Every year, as November arrives, families across the United States prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with a familiar centerpiece on their dinner tables: a golden-brown roasted turkey. For generations, turkey has been closely associated with the holiday, becoming a symbol of family, gratitude, and togetherness. But how did this popular bird become such an important part of Thanksgiving tradition?

The history of Thanksgiving dates back to 1621, when English colonists in Plymouth, Massachusetts, shared a harvest celebration with members of the Wampanoag people. The gathering lasted several days and included food from the surrounding land. Historical accounts suggest that wildfowl was served, although there is no definitive evidence that turkey was the main dish. Other foods likely included deer, seafood, corn, and vegetables.

Turkey gradually became more popular as Thanksgiving developed into a national holiday. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving, helping establish the holiday as an annual American tradition. During the following decades, turkey increasingly became associated with the celebration. The bird was large enough to feed an entire family, making it a practical choice for a holiday centered on sharing a meal.

Today, preparing a Thanksgiving turkey remains an important tradition in millions of American households. Some families spend hours seasoning, stuffing, and roasting their birds, while others use deep fryers or modern cooking methods. Recipes are often passed down through generations, allowing family members to preserve their culinary traditions while creating new memories.

The traditional Thanksgiving meal usually includes much more than turkey. Side dishes such as mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, green beans, and pumpkin pie complete the feast. Every family has its own favorite recipes, and regional differences add variety to the holiday table.

Despite changing lifestyles and dietary preferences, turkey continues to hold a special place in Thanksgiving celebrations. Some households choose ham, chicken, or vegetarian alternatives, but the turkey remains one of the holiday's most recognizable symbols.

Ultimately, Thanksgiving is about more than the food served at dinner. It is an opportunity for people to gather with loved ones, reflect on what they are grateful for, and enjoy time together. Whether roasted according to a traditional family recipe or prepared in a modern way, turkey represents a longstanding custom that connects generations.

As Americans gather around their tables this November, the Thanksgiving turkey will once again take center stage, reminding families of a tradition that has become an enduring part of the nation's holiday culture.









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Halloween safety tips

With Halloween falling on a Saturday night this year, families are encouraged to take extra precautions to keep trick-or-treaters, partygoers and drivers safe. Increased evening activity makes visibility, supervision and responsible celebrations especially important.

Parents should accompany young children while trick-or-treating, use sidewalks and cross-walks, and carry flashlights or glow sticks to improve visibility. Costumes should fit properly to prevent trips and falls, and reflective tape can help children stand out to motorists. Children should only visit well-lit homes and wait until they return home for an adult to inspect their candy.

Drivers should slow down in residential neighborhoods, remain alert for children crossing streets and avoid distractions behind the wheel. Party hosts should provide nonalcoholic drink options, arrange safe transportation for guests who consume alcohol and ensure everyone has a safe way to get home.

By planning ahead and looking out for one another, residents can help make Halloween a fun and safe celebration for the entire community.













How interest rates are reshaping the U.S. housing market

From the Northeast to the South, borrowing costs are changing what buyers can afford, how quickly homes sell, and where families choose to live.

As mortgage rates fluctuate and home prices remain elevated, the American real estate market faces a difficult balancing act. For prospective buyers, a change of even one percentage point in interest rates can determine whether a home is affordable or remains out of reach. For sellers, the same change can influence how quickly a property sells, how many offers arrive and whether a price reduction becomes necessary.

Mortgage rates remain one of the most important factors influencing the housing market. Higher borrowing costs have added pressure to buyers already navigating elevated home prices, insurance costs and property taxes. As financing becomes more expensive, households must reconsider their budgets, while sellers face a smaller pool of potential buyers.

Higher Interest Rates, Fewer Buyers

When interest rates rise, borrowing money becomes more expensive. A larger share of a buyer's monthly income must go toward the mortgage, leaving less money for other expenses. Some buyers respond by purchasing smaller homes, moving farther from employment centers or postponing their search altogether.

Consider a buyer financing $320,000 over 30 years. At a 6 percent interest rate, the principal-and-interest payment would be approximately $1,919 per month. At 7.5 percent, that payment rises to about $2,238. The difference of roughly $319 per month amounts to nearly $3,830 annually, excluding taxes and insurance.

Higher borrowing costs also affect sellers. When fewer buyers can qualify for financing, homes may remain on the market longer. Sellers who need to move quickly may offer closing-cost assistance, reduce asking prices or accept less competitive offers.

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relationship between mortgage rates and housing affordability. Its chief economist, Lawrence Yun, has emphasized that borrowing costs remain a significant obstacle for buyers, particularly when home prices continue to outpace what many households can comfortably afford.

However, rising rates do not automatically cause home prices to fall. Limited housing inventory, strong local employment and desirable neighborhoods can keep prices elevated despite declining sales activity. In some markets, homeowners with older, lower-rate mortgages are also reluctant to sell because purchasing another property would mean taking on a more expensive loan.

Lower Rates Can Unlock the Market

When mortgage rates fall, buyers gener-

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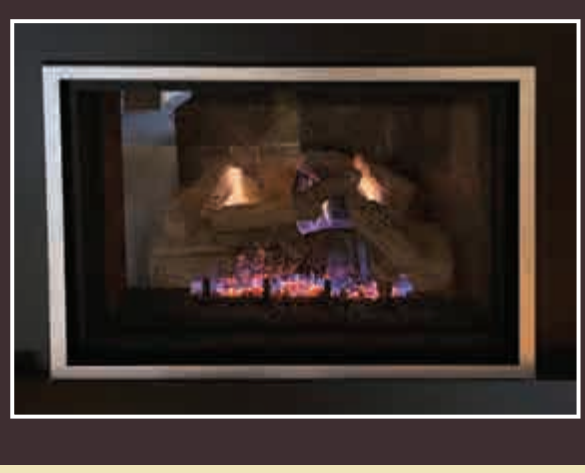
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MEDIAN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOME PRICES BY U.S. REGION*

MEDIAN HOME PRICE & ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE**

Second quarter of 2026

Northeast - $547.2K (+3.8%)
Midwest - $340.8K (+3.6%)
Southern States - $380K (+1.0%)
Western States - $637.9K (−0.8%)

National Median - $434,900 (+1.5%)

What the Numbers Mean: The West had the highest median home price at $637,900, while the Midwest had the lowest at $340,800—a difference of $297,100. This illustrates why buyers can often find more living space for the same budget in the Midwest than in expensive Western markets. Meanwhile, the Northeast recorded stronger annual price growth than the South, showing how regional demand and housing supply influence affordability alongside mortgage rates.

*Source: National Association of REALTORS®, second-quarter 2026 existing single-family home price report. **Annual changes compare the second quarter of 2026 with the second quarter of 2025.

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ally gain purchasing power. Lower monthly payments can help households qualify for larger loans, while buyers who previously postponed their plans may return to the market.

For example, reducing the interest rate on a $320,000, 30-year mortgage from 7.5 percent to 6 percent lowers the monthly principal-and-interest payment by approximately $319. For many households, that difference could make a starter home attainable or provide enough room in the budget to compete for a better property.

Lower rates can also encourage existing homeowners to refinance, freeing up household income for other spending. Meanwhile, increased buyer demand can help sellers attract more showings and offers, potentially shortening the time required to sell.

There is, however, a potential downside. If many buyers return at once while the number of homes for sale remains limited, increased competition can push prices upward. Some of the savings from lower mortgage rates may then be offset by higher purchase prices.

The Federal Reserve influences mortgage rates indirectly through its monetary policy. Long-term Treasury yields, inflation expectations and investor demand for mortgage-backed securities also play important roles. Consequently, a Federal Reserve rate cut does not guarantee that mortgage rates will fall immediately.

One Price, Four Different Housing Markets

Interest rates influence affordability nationwide, but geography determines what buyers receive for their money. Housing prices vary considerably across the country, meaning the same budget can purchase very different properties depending on the region.

In the Northeast, where housing costs are often elevated, buyers may find older colonial-style homes, modest detached houses or smaller properties in established communities. In expensive metropolitan areas, the same budget may purchase a condominium or a home requiring substantial renovation. Limited land availability and strong demand in many communities contribute to the region's higher housing costs.

The Midwest often offers more space for the money. Buyers may find detached homes with multiple bedrooms, a yard and a garage at prices that would purchase considerably less space in parts of the Northeast. Smaller cities and communities outside major metropolitan centers can offer particularly attractive options for families seeking affordability.

In the Southern states, buyers may find newer construction, open floor plans and larger lots in many suburban and smaller metropolitan markets. However, rapidly growing cities can experience significant price increases, while homeowners in some areas must also account for rising insurance premiums, severe weather risks and property taxes.

The West presents another varied picture. In expensive coastal markets, particularly in parts of California, buyers may need to settle for smaller homes, condominiums or properties farther inland. Some inland communities offer more space for the same budget, although commuting expenses and local employment opportunities can affect the overall value.

These regional differences mean a household relocating from the Northeast to parts of the Midwest or South may be able to purchase more living space without increasing its budget. Yet lower purchase prices do not always mean lower total housing costs; property taxes, insurance, commuting expenses and local wages must also be considered.

A Market Waiting for Relief

Housing sales respond to more than interest rates alone. Employment conditions, consumer confidence, household incomes and the number of homes available for sale all help determine whether buyers are willing and able to make a purchase.

For buyers, higher rates may create opportunities to negotiate when competition is limited, provided they can manage the monthly payment. Those waiting for lower rates must also consider the possibility that more competition could follow, potentially pushing home prices higher.

For sellers, realistic pricing and flexibility may matter more than waiting for a sudden return to the exceptionally low borrowing costs seen in previous years.

Ultimately, interest rates are only one part of the housing equation. Home prices, income growth, available inventory and regional economic conditions all influence the outcome. Whether rates rise or fall, understanding how financing costs interact with local prices will remain essential for Americans deciding where, when and how to buy a home.





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Industries investors should consider during an economic downturn

When the economy slows, essential services, disciplined spending and financial resilience may offer investors a measure of protection.

When economic growth weakens, unemployment rises and consumers tighten their budgets, investors often seek industries capable of weathering turbulent markets. While no sector is immune to a recession, research from established financial research firms and investment advisers points toward several industries that have historically demonstrated greater resilience.

According to investment firms and other industry leaders, healthcare, consumer staples and utilities have often held up better than economically sensitive industries during recessions. Based on these findings, investors may want to consider investigating in the following areas.

1. Healthcare and pharmaceuticals:
Prescription medications, medical treatments and essential healthcare services remain in demand even when household budgets shrink.

2. Consumer staples:
Companies selling groceries, household cleaners, toiletries and other everyday necessities can benefit from relatively consistent consumer demand.

3. Utilities:
Electricity, natural gas and water providers deliver essential services that households and businesses continue to need during economic contractions.

4. Discount retailers:
Budget-conscious consumers may turn to discount stores and lower-priced brands as they look for ways to stretch their paychecks.

5. Telecommunications:
Internet access and mobile phone services remain important to households and businesses, potentially supporting recurring revenue.

6. Cybersecurity:
Organizations continue to face digital security threats regardless of economic conditions. However, technology budgets can still be reduced during prolonged downturns.

7. Waste management:
Trash collection, sanitation and disposal services provide recurring, essential services to municipalities and businesses.

8. Repair and maintenance services:
When money is tight, households and businesses may repair existing vehicles, equipment and buildings rather than purchase replacements.

9. Defense and government contractors:
Companies with established government contracts may benefit from relatively predictable funding, although political decisions, contract changes and budget cuts remain significant risks.

10. Essential food production and distribution:
Food manufacturers, agricultural suppliers and grocery distribution businesses support a fundamental consumer need, even when spending elsewhere declines.

These industries are not ranked by expected investment returns. Their inclusion reflects business characteristics that may help sustain demand, not a guarantee of stock-market performance.

Industries to approach cautiously

Investors may want to examine their exposure to luxury goods, travel and leisure, high-end restaurants, automobile manufacturers, speculative technology companies, highly leveraged real estate businesses and cyclical manufacturing. These industries can face declining demand, financing pressures or reduced corporate spending during downturns.

Financial companies may also experience rising loan defaults, while energy producers can be hurt by falling commodity prices. Nevertheless, some businesses in these sectors can outperform, particularly when valuations are attractive or economic conditions begin to recover.

A disciplined approach matters

Recession research and business-cycle analysis emphasize that defensive industries may offer relative resilience, but market performance varies across recessions. Investors should examine company debt, cash flow, profitability and share valuations rather than choosing investments solely by industry.

Diversification across sectors and asset classes, maintaining an appropriate cash reserve and matching investments to personal financial goals may help manage risk.



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Home improvements that deliver the best return on investment

Exterior upgrades, modest kitchen renovations and fresh paint top the list of projects that can boost a home's resale value without breaking the bank.



Homeowners looking to increase their property's value may be tempted by a major kitchen overhaul or an expensive addition. However, the best return on investment often comes from smaller, carefully chosen improvements that enhance curb appeal, improve functionality and make a home more attractive to potential buyers.

Industry cost-versus-value studies consistently show that exterior improvements and modest interior updates can outperform expensive luxury renovations when it comes to recovering costs at resale.

Here are several home improvement projects worth considering.

Replace an Aging Garage Door

A new garage door is one of the strongest contenders for the best return on a home improvement investment. Because garage doors often occupy a large portion of a home's front exterior, replacing a dented, faded or outdated model can dramatically improve its appearance.

Modern steel doors offer a variety of styles, require relatively little maintenance and may provide better insulation. Homeowners can maximize their investment by selecting a durable design that complements the house rather than an expensive custom model.

Upgrade the Front Entryway

First impressions matter, and an attractive entrance can help a property stand out. Replacing an old steel entry door, repainting the front door or updating exterior lighting can make a home look more inviting.

Simple additions, including fresh house numbers, clean walkways, trimmed shrubs and attractive landscaping, can further enhance curb appeal without requiring a substantial budget.

Give the Kitchen a Moderate Makeover

A modern kitchen remains an important selling point, but homeowners do not necessarily need to replace everything to achieve a noticeable improvement.

A modest renovation might include painting or refinishing cabinets, installing new hardware, replacing an outdated faucet, improving lighting and updating worn countertops. Keeping the existing layout can avoid costly plumbing and electrical changes.

The goal is to create a clean, functional space with finishes that appeal to a broad range of buyers. High-end appliances and luxury materials may be attractive, but their additional cost is not always recovered at resale.

Refresh Interior Paint

Few improvements can transform a home as affordably as a fresh coat of paint. Neutral colors can make rooms feel brighter, cleaner and more spacious while helping prospective buyers imagine their own furnishings in the space.

Attention to trim, doors, ceilings and scuffed walls can make the entire property appear better maintained. Professional painting may be worthwhile when extensive preparation or repairs are necessary.

Improve Siding and Exterior Appearance

Damaged or worn siding can make an otherwise attractive home look neglected. Replacing failing siding, repairing loose boards or refreshing exterior finishes can improve both appearance and protection from the elements.

Homeowners should prioritize necessary repairs before investing in decorative upgrades. Choosing materials suited to the local climate can also help control future maintenance expenses.

Update Bathrooms Without Starting From Scratch

Bathrooms can benefit from relatively inexpensive improvements, including a new vanity, modern fixtures, updated lighting, fresh paint and new caulking. Replacing worn hardware and addressing leaks or ventilation problems can make the room feel newer without the expense of a complete remodel.

Maintain the Roof and Improve Energy Efficiency

A sound roof can reassure buyers that a major expense is less likely to arise soon after purchase. Similarly, sealing drafts, improving attic insulation and addressing inefficient heating and cooling systems can improve comfort and potentially reduce utility bills.

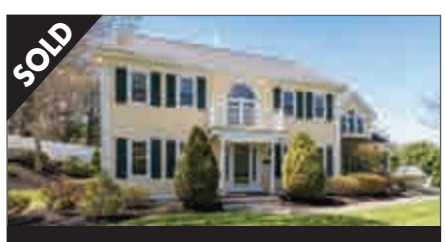
These projects may not always deliver the highest immediate resale return, but they can prevent larger problems and provide practical long-term benefits.

The Bottom Line

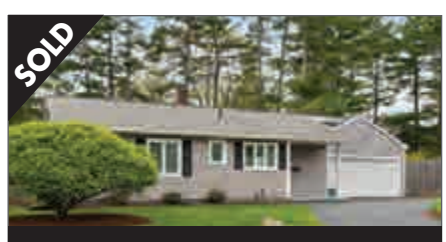
The smartest home improvements are not necessarily the most expensive. Homeowners should prioritize visible upgrades, essential repairs and modest renovations that suit the property's style and neighborhood.

Because construction costs and resale values vary by location, obtaining several contractor estimates and consulting a local real estate professional can help determine which projects make the most financial sense. Above all, spending wisely is often more valuable than spending heavily.

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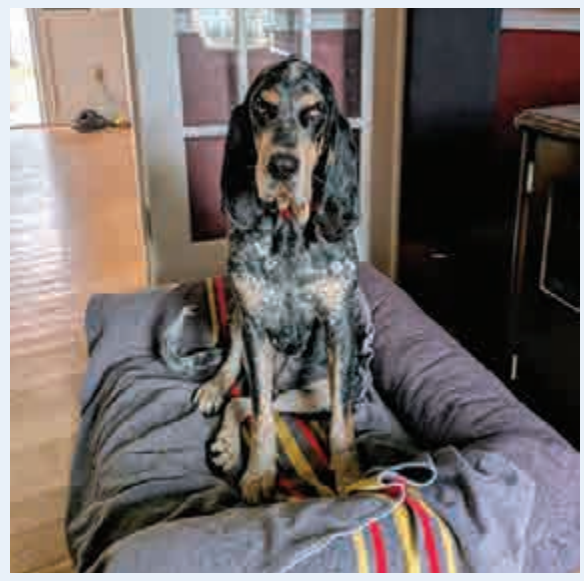
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Westwood Scouts to hold Food Drive

Westwood Cub Scouts will hold their annual Scouting for Food Drive on Saturday, Nov. 14 to benefit the Westwood Food Pantry.

On Saturday, Nov. 7 approximately 60 Cub Scouts will distribute flyers throughout Westwood neighborhoods outlining the food pantry's most-needed donation items.

Residents who receive a flyer are asked to leave bags of nonperishable food donations outside their front doors by 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. Scouts will collect the donations and bring them to Thurston Middle School for sorting.

Residents who do not receive a visit from a scout can drop off donations at the Thurston Middle School cafeteria, located at 580 High St., from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 14. Volunteers will be available to help unload donations.

The annual drive provides an opportunity for the community to support the Westwood Food Pantry and local families in need.

For more information about the pantry and its needs, visit www.westwoodfoodpantry.org.

WPL to Host Seasonal Health Program

The Westwood Public Library will host "Sniffles, Sneezes, & Seasonal Diseases with Public Health Nurse Kevin Myers" on Monday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at the Main Library.

With cold and flu season approaching, Myers will lead a practical and informative session focused on staying healthy, protecting others and preparing for the months ahead. Attendees will learn about illness prevention, everyday healthy habits and steps to take when feeling sick.

The program is intended for adults, and registration is required. Space is limited to 60 participants.

For more information or to register, visit the Westwood Public Library event calendar.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 87

The Westwood Tree Warden will hold a public hearing, pursuant to M.G.L., Chapter 87- Public Shade Trees:

Hearing Date: November 18, 2026 at Time: 6:30 pm
Place: Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street
Applicant – Jane O'Donnell/ Westwood Affordable Housing Associates, Inc.
Project Address – 22 School Street, Westwood, MA 02090

The public hearing is to consider the granting of permission for removal of one (1) tree within the public property in front of 22 School Street, Westwood, MA 02090, which property is also known as Assessor's Map 23, Lot 081.

The tree removal plans and application are available for viewing in the office of the Tree Warden at 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA 02090, during regular business hours. Electronic copies of said plans and application are available upon request. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing. If you cannot attend the hearing, you may submit comments in writing to the Tree Warden at the above address or by email to kcatrone@townhall.westwood.ma.us at least three business days in advance of the hearing date.

Westwood Tree Warden

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF WESTWOOD

Westwood Stormwater Bylaw, Chapter 350
Westwood Conservation Commission

The Westwood Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing, under

Chapter 350 of Westwood General Bylaws on:
Date: November 18, 2026 at Time: 7:00 pm
Place: 50 Carby Street
A permit is requested by Jeff Ziberman
Address – 123 Oak Street, Westwood MA 02090

The project is located at 123 Oak Street, Westwood, MA 02090. The applicant is proposing land disturbance of more than a ½ acre of land to tear down the existing single-family home, and construct a new single-family home with associated utilities, driveway and grading. This property is also known as Assessor's Map 35, Lot 101.

The plans and application are available for viewing on the Town's website under "Current Applications Link" for the Conservation & Stormwater Management Division at www.westwoodpermit.org, and click on "Conservation Commission Applications". You may also view the material between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday at the Conservation Commission Office at the Carby Street Municipal Building at 50 Carby Street, Westwood, MA 02090. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing and make their views known to the Conservation Commission. If you cannot attend the hearing please submit comments in writing to the Conservation Commission Office at the above address or by email to kcatrone@townhall.westwood.ma.us at least three business days in advance.

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WESTWOOD SCOUTS
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osity as we learned about how sailors lived aboard it. After the tour and the hike back, we had dinner prepared by troop members Kendall, Christine and Celine, along with support from other members of the troop.

The following day, Sunday, the troop joined two other troops for a hike through Quincy, where we learned about John Quincy Adams and John Adams. We visited their final resting places and learned about their leadership. Hearing about these presidential leaders was very inspiring.

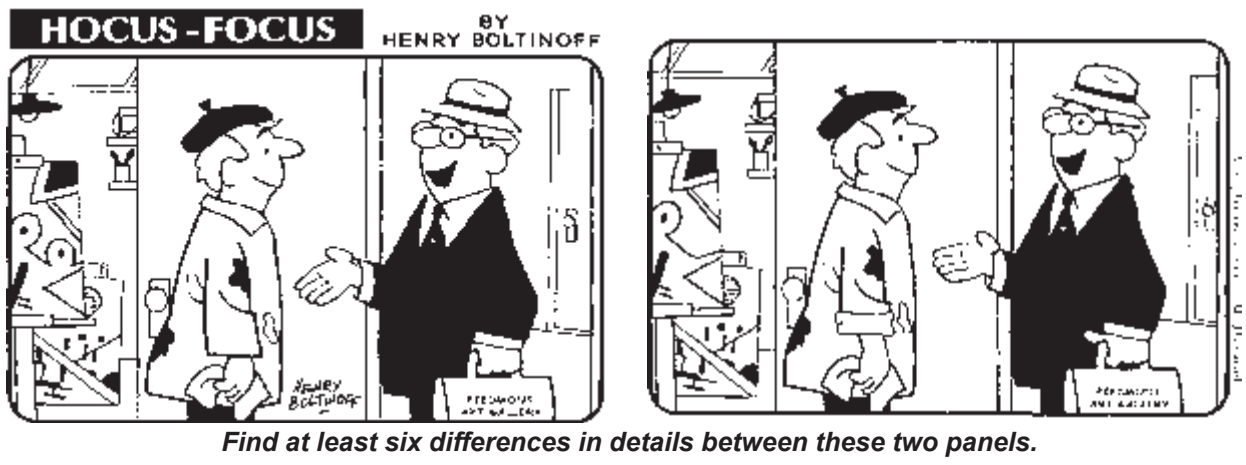
While there, the troop also participated in a community service project to help build flower beds. Our troop members dug holes, and another troop followed by helping fill them with soil and add plants.

Our time was cut short because of the weather forecast. With a storm approaching, we had to end our activities early.

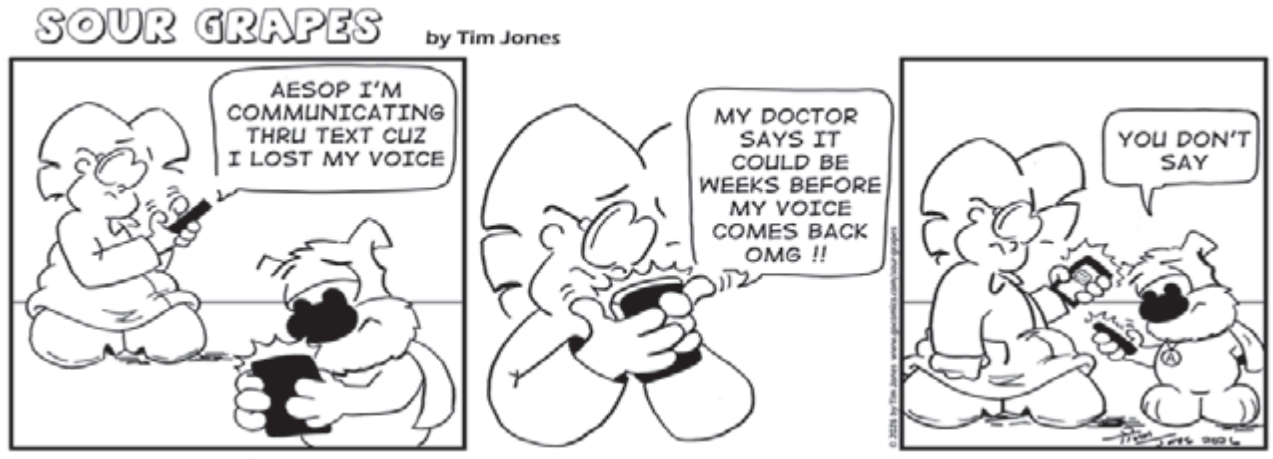
Throughout the weekend, our troop learned about two of our country's presidents, how they shaped the nation, and the town where they are laid to rest. We practiced teamwork, respect and leadership while supporting one another and learning from the experience.

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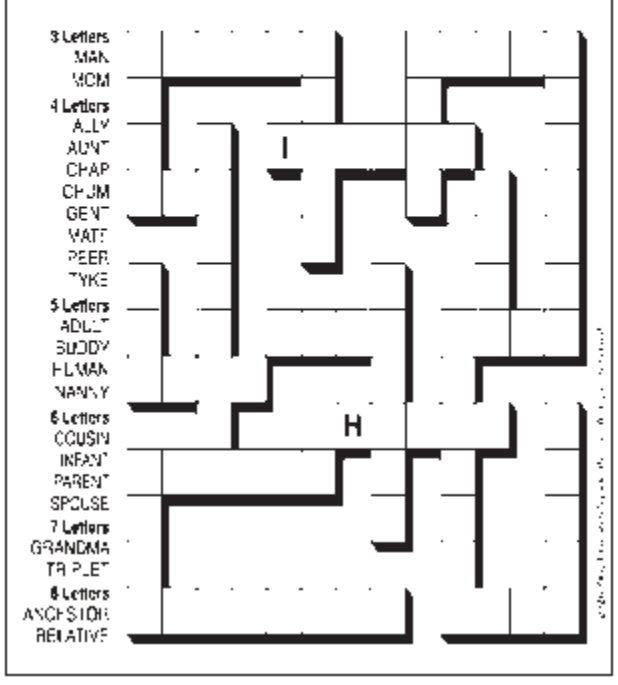
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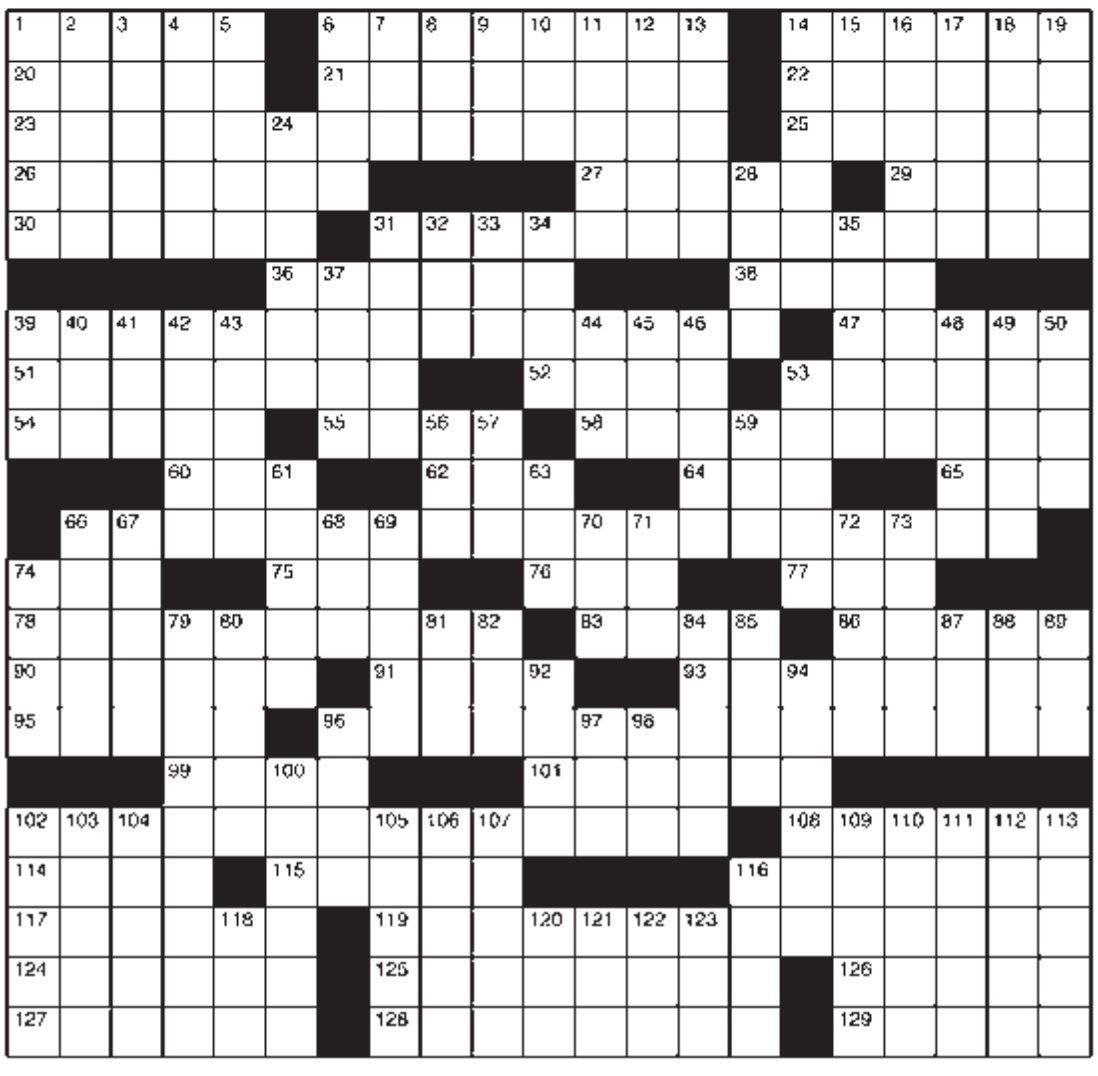
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ACROSS
1 "It's — cause!"
6 Square mile, say
14 Puccini's "— Butterfly"
20 Roping event
21 Broken ceramic bit
22 Trapped after a blizzard
23 Stumbled and really got hurt?
25 Starting a golf game, with "off"
26 As yet unborn
27 Don't fully believe
29 Bird
30 Winged seed of a maple or elm tree
31 Stress felt after eating jalapenos?
36 Arranged like a ladder
38 Organic compound
39 Gymnast?
47 Banquet
51 One giving paid money back
52 U.S. territory since 1898
53 Noonday nap
54 Sight-related
55 Flooring square
58 Person walking with a limp?
60 Actor Mineo
62 Lac liquid
64 Pro vote
65 OR hookups
66 Bribed a judge in order to win?
74 Body part with three bones
75 Wriggly fish
76 Tram cargo
77 Actor Linden
78 Battles between Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie?
83 Ex-U.N. leader Annan
86 Martini & — (vermouth)
90 DeGeneres and Burstyn
91 Get really wet
93 Exchanges favors, in politics
95 More guileful
96 Mailed in the opposite direction of?
99 Hoops great Bryant
101 Last Greek letters
102 Bounding along merrily on a Swiss mountain?
108 Himalayan guide
114 Johnson who directed "Knives Out"
115 Electric fan's sound
116 Dissolves out via percolation
117 Riddle
119 Sluggish mammal wearing a pair of hats?
124 Golden ager
125 Fearful
126 San Diego ballplayer
127 Third-largest Danish city
128 Cold carnival treat
129 Tarnish

DOWN
1 "— a jealous mistress"
2 — Doone (cookie brand)
3 Strong dislike
4 Train system in Philly
5 Heavy drinker
6 Raised coil
7 Negating word
8 "What was — do?"
9 General —'s chicken
10 Sound made during a physical
11 Novelist Charles
12 Mistake
13 Do a tally of
14 Glove alternative
15 High card
16 Heavy slumber
17 "Sayonara!"
18 76-Across digger
19 A right one is 90 degrees
24 Wiped clean
28 Male sibling, in dialect
31 Father: Prefix
32 Pixieish sort
33 Good bud
34 Prudish sort
35 Opera singer Anne — von Otter
37 Tech news website
39 To and —
40 Sales agt.
41 Small newt
42 Old cereal with an alien mascot
43 Open, as a drink bottle
44 British tavern
45 Gasol of the NBA
46 TV prizes
48 Meat jelly
49 Actor Card of "Vice"
50 Sailors, colloquially
53 Spherical bacterium, informally
56 Zodiac feline
57 Body part with three bones
59 Establish
61 Gazes creepily
63 ETs' craft
66 Cave dwarf
67 Insinuate
68 Dawn moisture
69 Blink brightly
70 Rankle
71 Olds oldie
72 Basketball great Bird
73 Socially cold
74 55 bills, informally
79 Looking through a keyhole, say
80 2002 scandal company
81 King, in Nice
82 Devitalize
84 Writer Fannie
85 Ames' state
87 35mm camera type
88 · · ·mo replay
89 Doctrine
92 Psy and BTS' music genre
94 Very excited, slangily
96 Meeting, informally
97 U.K. record label
98 Lion lair
100 Watch out for
102 Playground rejoinder
103 Like ruled paper
104 Pamphleteer Thomas
105 Saint — and Nevis
106 Writer Shaw
107 Teaser ad
109 Lock holders
110 Dazzling success
111 1970s sitcom
112 — dish (bio lab item)
113 Ghostly white
116 — majesty (high treason)
118 Year divs.
120 AAA service
121 Tolkien fiend
122 Malti- — (hybrid dog)
123 Play on words



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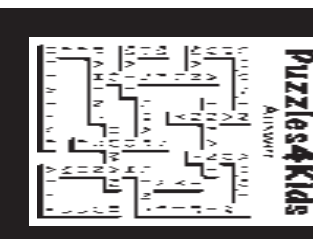
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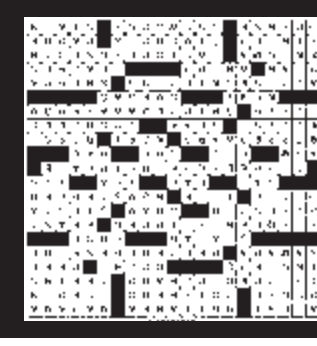
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES:

Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Sleeve is rolled up. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Door is moved. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Painting is different.





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Location/Address: East St.
Result: Investigated
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MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: Clapboardtree St./Washington St.
Result: Investigated
-
MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: Forbes Rd.
Result: Investigated
-
MVA With Injuries
Location/Address: East St. Rotary/East St.
Result: Investigated
-
MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: East St.
Result: Investigated
-
Vandalism
Location/Address: Grafton Ave.
Result: Investigated
-
MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: Washington St./Clapboardtree St.
Result: Arrest(s) Made *
-
MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: Canton St./East St. Rotary
Result: Services Rendered
-
MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: University Ave.
Result: Investigated
-
Shoplifting
Location/Address: University Ave.
Result: Arrest(s) Made *
-
MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: Pond St./Oak St.
Result: Investigated
-
Shoplifting
Location/Address: University Ave.
Result: Investigated
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MVA Property Damage Only
Location/Address: University Ave.
Result: Investigated

Senior Corner

Westwood COA Weekly Schedule:

Westwood Council on Aging Activities Calendar:

Friday, October 30 – Thursday, November 5, 2026

Friday, October 30

8:00 AM – Wonder Workout
9:00 AM – Bridge

Monday, November 2

8:00 AM – Wonder Workout
9:00 AM – VSO Help
10:00 AM – Pilates
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Open Studio
1:00 PM – Hand & Foot Card Game
1:00 PM – Low Impact Exercise
Veterans Trip to Buckman Tavern and Lexington Green

Tuesday, November 3

8:00 AM – Yoga / Floor Yoga
9:30 AM – Hiking Club
9:30 AM – Chair Yoga
10:00 AM – Drawing Class
11:00 AM – Zumba
12:00 PM – Mah Jongg Intro
12:00 PM – Pizza & Movie
12:30 PM – Watercolor
2:00 PM – Stretch & Tone
2:15 PM – Mah Jongg Guided

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 AM – Wonder Workout
9:00 AM – SHINE
9:00 AM – Current Conversation
9:00 AM – Walking Club
11:00 AM – Powisset Cooking Class
11:30 AM – Norwood Lunch and Theatre Trip
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM – HESSCO Lunch
1:00 PM – Knitting
1:00 PM – Low Impact Exercise

Thursday, November 5

8:00 AM – Floor Yoga
9:30 AM – Chair Yoga
9:30 AM – COA Nurse
10:00 AM – Watercolor
10:00 AM – Hand & Foot Game
11:00 AM – Pilates
11:00 AM – Book Group
12:00 PM – Intro to Mah Jongg
12:30 PM – Mah Jongg
1:00 PM – Bingo
2:15 PM – Guided Mah Jongg

For additional information, call 781-329-8799 or visit the Westwood Council on Aging website. Please call the center to sign up. Please call Elaine (HESSCO) at least two days in advance at 781-329-6514.

WPL to Host Civic Love Brunch

The Westwood Public Library will host a "36 Questions for Civic Love Brunch" on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Community Meeting Room at the Main Library.

Inspired by the Boston Public Library and the National Public Housing Museum's 36 Questions for Civic Love program, the event is designed to bring people together, encourage meaningful conversations and strengthen relationships among neighbors and community members.

During the 60 minute program, participants will be paired with someone they do not know and take turns asking a series of 36 prepared questions. Topics range from memorable teachers to unsung heroes in the community, encouraging participants to share experiences, learn about one another and build connections.

The National Public Housing Museum defines civic love as a commitment to the common good and the belief that everyone benefits when society works toward collective well-being. The concept recognizes that community involvement, volunteering and working toward social justice can all be expressions of that commitment.

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided.

The program is intended for adults, and registration is required. Space is limited to 32 participants.

For more information or to register, visit the Westwood Public Library event calendar.









Real estate market remains stable

Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell today released the real estate recording statistics for September 2026, which showed increases in property sales, property values, and overall sales volume compared to September 2025, demonstrating continued stability in the Norfolk County real estate market despite ongoing affordability challenges.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 9,166 documents in September 2026, a 4% decrease compared to the 9,511 documents recorded in September 2025, and a 10% decrease from August 2026.

"September's recording activity reflects a Norfolk County real estate market that continues to adapt to ongoing economic conditions while maintaining overall stability," noted Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell. "Although many key market indicators suggest continued confidence in Norfolk County real estate and underscore the enduring desire of individuals, families, and businesses to live, work, and invest in Norfolk County, buyers continue to navigate affordability challenges and limited inventory. Economic factors like rising interest rates will affect the economy and individuals trying to navigate the real estate market in Norfolk County."

The total number of deeds recorded for September 2026, representing both commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 1,439, a 3% increase from the 1,396 deeds recorded in September 2025, but down 6% from August 2026. Looking at just real estate sales, 714 properties were sold in September 2026, a 4% increase compared to the 684 properties sold in September 2025.

"The increase in both deeds recorded and property sales compared to September of last year is a positive indicator but the downward trend from August of 2026 should be concerning," stated Register O'Donnell.

The average sale price for both commercial and residential real estate in September 2026 was $1,115,833, a 15% increase compared to September 2025, and a 5% decrease from August 2026. The total value of commercial and residential sales recorded in September 2026 was approximately $797 million, a 20% increase from the approximately $662 million recorded in September 2025.

"The double-digit gains in both average price and overall sales volume compared to September of 2025 show there is a demand to live in Norfolk County," said Register O'Donnell. "While higher interest rates affect what buyers can afford, the lack of available homes for sale remains a major factor in property prices across our communities."

Lending activity remained relatively stable compared to the same month last year. A total of 1,443 mortgages were recorded in September 2026, a 2% decrease from the 1,469 mortgages recorded in September 2025 and a 4% decrease from August 2026. According to The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the average mortgage interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage during September 2025 ranged between 6.26% and 6.5%, while rates during September 2026 ranged between 6.71% and 7.03%.

"The modest decrease in mortgage activity compared to September of last year reflects the continued impact of higher interest rates on the real estate market," stated Register O'Donnell. "Despite these borrowing challenges, lending activity remains relatively steady, demonstrating that individuals and businesses continue to pursue real estate opportunities throughout Norfolk County. However, these broader lending trends and interest rate movements bear watching."

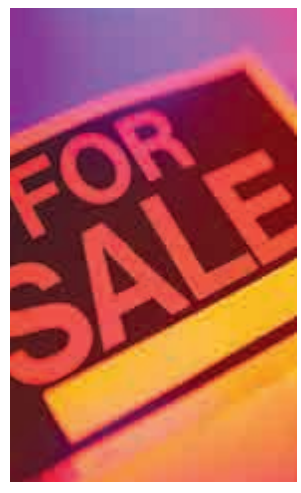
The Registry continues to closely monitor foreclosure activity. In September 2026, there were 9 foreclosure deeds recorded as a result of mortgage foreclosures taking place in Norfolk County, compared to 6 foreclosure deeds recorded in September 2025. Notices to foreclose, which represent the first step in the foreclosure process, increased to 35 in September 2026 from 23 in September 2025.

"Although foreclosure activity remains relatively low by historical standards, increases in both foreclosure deeds and notices to foreclose warrant continued attention," said Register O'Donnell. "Economic pressures, including housing costs, household expenses, and other financial obligations, can create challenges for some homeowners. We encourage anyone experiencing difficulty meeting their mortgage obligations to seek assistance as early as possible."

For the past several years, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has partnered with Quincy Community Action Programs (617-479-8181 x376) and NeighborWorks Housing Solutions (508-587-0950) to help anyone facing challenges paying their mortgage. Another option for homeowners is to contact the Massachusetts Attorney General's Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD) at 617-727-8400.

Register O'Donnell concluded, "September's real estate activity reflects a market that remains fundamentally sound. While some categories showed modest declines, year-over-year increases in property sales, average sale prices, and total sales volume demonstrate confidence in Norfolk County real estate. Norfolk County remains a desirable destination for homeowners, businesses, and investors. However, challenges do appear to be on the horizon."

To learn more about these and other Registry of Deeds events and initiatives like us on Facebook at facebook.com/NorfolkDeeds, or follow us on X at x.com/NorfolkDeeds and Instagram at instagram.com/NorfolkDeeds.



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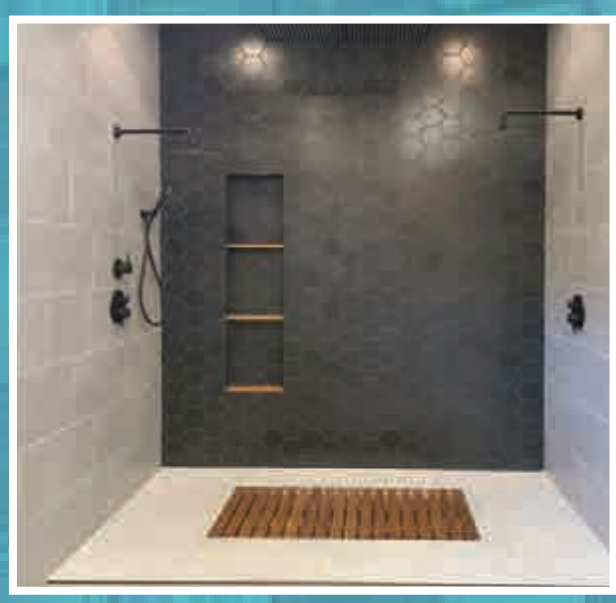






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