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News Recap & Peak Into The Week

-Oct. 28, 2024-

Taking in Backyard Views...

With bumper-to-bumper traffic on northern highways popular with leaf peepers, she appreciates the easy access to nature's kaleidoscope in her own town.

It's during this time of year that she is most grateful to live in her region, and to have a change of seasons complete with shiny red fruit, and bright orange gourds.

So while the cold white flakes will undoubtedly appear at some point in the coming months, for now, she is perfectly content to have green under her feet, falling leaves overhead, and a period of calm, no matter how short-lived it may be.

(Special thanks to Bill Massaro and John Thompson whose tireless efforts helped to restore and protect the Overlook at the former Medfield State Hospital property. The visitors pictured are among the many who have benefited.)

The Week Ahead...

*(When "**Executive Session**" is noted, it means a private meeting is scheduled, as allowed by law, only for [specific topics](#). While the public is not permitted to attend these sessions, each one must be preceded by a brief public meeting to allow citizens to learn the reason for the private session.)*

[Monday, Oct. 28 to Friday, Nov. 1](#) – In-person early voting each day, various hours. (See article below.)

[Monday, Oct. 28 -- Medfield Outreach Advisory Board](#), 6 p.m. – Key topics: General Outreach update

regarding clinical services (book clubs); community assistance programs (various drives, fuel assistance); prevention updates (Medfield Coalition for Suicide Prevention, Medfield Cares About Prevention, interns, recent/upcoming initiatives); and open discussion.

[Tuesday, Oct. 29 -- Blake Middle School Site Council](#), 3:30 p.m. – Key topics: Updates on school and budget/planning; district strategic plan/school improvement plan; and parent/family education/engagement.

[Tuesday, Oct. 29 -- Board of Health](#), 5 p.m. – Key topics: Request for new animal permit at 275 South St. (5:05 p.m.); 48 Elm St. Dover Mill LLC/Matthew Smith developer request for variance to reduce minimum setback distance from wetlands for new septic system (**[5:15 p.m. - public hearing notice here](#)**); health agent and Charles River Public Health District shared services grant updates; board initiative to acknowledge individuals actively supporting public health; community outreach planning for Medfield Day 2025; and review of recent updates to tobacco regulations.

[Tuesday, Oct. 29 -- Conservation Commission](#), 7 p.m. – Key topics: Discussion and vote regarding 42 Elm St. proposed Memorandum of Understanding regarding work at project site reflecting revised plan of record and declaration of restrictions for developer Scott Colwell.

*Meetings may be held in person, virtually via Zoom, or using a hybrid format. **Notices should be read closely to determine how the meetings will be held.***

Final pre-Election Day reminder...

Early Voting Continues

for One More Week

Early in-person voting at the **Town House** on Main Street ends **Friday, Nov. 1**. The hours for voting vary by day **[as noted on this schedule](#)**.

In addition, **specimen ballots for the Nov. 5 election** are available on the town website for reference:

- * **[Precincts 1 and 2](#)**
- * **[Precincts 3 and 4](#)**

On election day, **Tuesday, Nov. 5**, polls will be open from **6 a.m. to 8 p.m.** at The Center on Ice House Road.

[The town website provides comprehensive voting and election information.](#)

Ballot question resources:

- * Massachusetts [Information for Voters booklet](#)
- * **Ballotpedia** [2024 Massachusetts ballot question explanations](#)

Political signs keep disappearing

On a related note, Medfield is one of many communities across the country experiencing missing political lawn signs. *The Boston Sunday Globe* mentioned Medfield in the Oct. 27 paper, community members have been expressing concerns on social media, and Medfield Police have been notified of numerous incidents over many weeks (and the department will continue to take resident complaints).

In Old Lyme, Connecticut, a man was caught on camera stealing a political sign earlier this month, according to [Eyewitness News 3](#). In other states, citizens have been placing tracking devices on their signs allowing police to track down the thieves. In central Massachusetts, [CBS News recently reported](#) that political signs were set on fire on a residential lawn.

Upcoming Meetings Tackle Topics,

Allow for Public Input before Vote

Medfield may be considered a small town, but there's a lot going on, and big discussions (some with votes) are coming up in the weeks ahead.

Among the **key topics** (there are others not noted):

- * **Montrose School** project follow-up (especially regarding **traffic**), **and artificial turf field review, as part of a larger site plan**. Public hearings have begun, and it's possible that on **Monday, Nov. 4**, Planning Board will continue Montrose discussions, including review of a traffic engineering report that raised concerns, especially at the Brook Street and Rte. 109 intersection. [A video clip of the discussion is available here](#). Then on **Thursday, Nov. 7**, Conservation Commission has tentatively scheduled a hearing about the Montrose proposal, with a focus on the artificial turf field. Board of Health will also take up the field topic -- likely in November (it is not noted on the Oct. 29 meeting agenda).
- * **School Building Committee site selection for Dale Street School project**. The committee plans to vote on [Wednesday, Nov. 6](#) at its regularly scheduled meeting that begins at 7 p.m. This vote is for planning purposes so the project can keep moving forward with or without Massachusetts School Building Authority (that Authority decision is due mid-December). Committee members have said that

based on extensive survey results and other public input (also welcome at the meeting), the consensus is to keep the school on its current site.

- *** Change in school start times.** On **Thursday, Nov. 14**, Medfield School Committee expects to vote on a change in new school start and dismissal times for **2025-26 school year** so that middle school and high school students can begin school **nearly an hour later** than currently. This change will necessitate **elementary students** starting school **nearly a half hour earlier** than now. Dismissal times will generally change to the same degree, with [details available here](#). Research shows later start times provide **student health and academic benefits** for adolescents. However, the change is not without challenges, including the potential for **significant morning traffic tie-ups, especially since Montrose School begins most days at 8 a.m.** -- the same time now proposed for elementary schools, and amidst peak commuter traffic (*see link to Montrose-related video clip above*). Even without Montrose in the mix, Medfield Police have been trying to find ways to unsnarl school traffic tie-ups. Other potential challenges include **longer bus rides** for students (due to traffic), and conflicts with **childcare**, student **jobs** and certain sports schedules. A community forum was held in May **before any specific start/end times were made public**, and without traffic studies conducted (unlike other districts that have made changes). As a result, School Committee has been fielding questions and concerns since the start of the school year as parents process the potential personal impact of changes less than a year away. Community members are encouraged to provide feedback on the school start-time change via e-mail to [Medfield School Committee](#).
- *** Proposed 40B project on former alpaca farm property at 86 Plain Street with 24 units planned.** Hearings recently started with Conservation Commission reviewing wetlands boundaries to reach mutual agreement with the developer. Wednesday, Oct. 30 is the deadline for citizens and the town (representing multiple boards) to submit comments to [Kat Miller of Mass Housing](#), the financing agency reviewing the 40B proposal. [Details on the project can be found here.](#)
- *** Continued Select Board discussion of off-leash designated areas in town, most notably behind Wheelock School.** No specific date has been set, but based on the last meeting, it is on the board radar.

Water/Sewer Bills to Arrive Soon;

Drought Declaration Skips Medfield *(for now)*

Bills for town water and sewer service will be mailed to Medfield customers on **Nov. 4, 2024**, according to Department of Public Works Director Maurice Goulet.

The bills will reflect water and sewer rate increases of 5 and 4 percent respectively, as approved by Medfield Board of Water and Sewerage on Sept. 16. [The new rates, as of Oct. 1, can be found here.](#)

Rate increases are influenced by many variables, including the operating budget, current and future capital projects, drops in customer revenue (oftentimes tied to weather patterns that cause a reduction in outdoor water use), and the need to have a "rainy day fund" of retained earnings to deal with uncertain water demand or unanticipated expenses. (*Pictured: inside the new water treatment plant off Elm Street.*)

Helping customers track use, costs

The Board of Water and Sewerage had anticipated moving to quarterly billing (vs. biannual currently) in 2024 to help customers keep closer tabs on their water/sewer service costs. However, that change may not happen until 2025.

At the same time, the DPW is in the process of installing more advanced meter-reading systems as another way customers can check on water usage on a more frequent basis to avoid billing surprises.

If a water/sewer bill is higher than normal, DPW notes on the town website it could be caused by certain situations, such as:

- * A new meter installation that replaced a stopped meter;
- * A leaky faucet or toilet;
- * An extended period sprinkler system use; or
- * Irrigation leaks.

Questions about high water usage can be directed to the Water and Sewer Division at (508) 906-3004 or [via email](#).

Based on [division regulations](#), customers have the right to seek an adjustment of their water bills within 60 days in certain situations, such as billing errors, incorrect meter readings, or lack of a connection to the town system during the billing period. If an adjustment is denied, it can be appealed by written letter to the Board of Water and Sewerage within 30 days.

Medfield Not Part of Drought Declaration

On Oct. 11, the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force [declared a "mild drought"](#) in the Northeast Region and part of the Southeast Region, but Medfield was not included in the declaration.

However, if the dry weather continues, the task force may add Medfield and adjacent towns to the list, which would then trigger water bans.

[CBS News reported that a dry fall could lead to a dry winter.](#)

Town is Awarded \$500K
to Support MSH Project

Medfield is now slated to receive [\\$500,000 from a state grant](#) for redevelopment of the former Medfield State Hospital (MSH) property with Trinity Financial, according to Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development.

The state agency announced via an [Oct. 24 press release](#) its fiscal-year 2025 One-Stop-for-Growth grants totaling more than \$161 million, of which Medfield is one of 171 community beneficiaries.

As noted on the state website, funds for Medfield will be provided through the **HousingWorks** program (one of many grants bundled under the One Stop application process) to support “construction of the public road network and utilities required to put a dilapidated former state-owned property back into productive use.”

To date, the Commonwealth has granted Medfield \$5.5 million of support for the MSH redevelopment project over the past three years, mostly for **infrastructure needs**, but also for a small amount of **remediation**. Additionally, Bellforge Arts Center benefited from a \$600,000 grant for **chapel remediation**, which has been completed.

Town Administrator Kristine Trierweiler shared that engineers were recently on site to prepare the former MSH site for installation of electrical lines and other utilities. Road and off-site intersection planning are also underway.

Based on initial financial projections, it was estimated that \$30 million total would be needed for infrastructure purposes for the Trinity redevelopment of the MSH property.

Other progress noted...

As also reported by Treirweiler, the MSH development team has been advancing building design while coordinating closely with Town officials on various issues.

"Recently, the project secured its first allocation of state historic tax credits, with Massachusetts Historical Commission awarding \$100,000 per building, totaling **\$2.7 million**," as noted in the [Oct. 15 Town Administrator newsletter](#).

The credits, based on qualified restoration expenses associated with MSH buildings on the **National Register of Historic Places**, will help to reduce certain taxes associated with the project.

Still to be determined: A date for Trinity and Medfield to close on the sale of the property so that Trinity can assume official ownership. Based on revised timelines, the closing was anticipated in March 2025, but **could be delayed further**.

Trinity representatives had hoped to provide quarterly update presentations to Select Board, so a project status report is possible before the end of the calendar year.

In the meantime, security of the former MSH continues to be a challenge with a recent break-in and burglary reported in the police log. Allegedly someone had attempted to live in one of the buildings.

(Editor's note: A Trinity representative was contacted on Friday afternoon for input on the recent state grant, but no response was received in time for this article.)

Easement Misstep Clears Way for Gristmill Gate Installation

When the Select Board discussed in September a resident proposal to install a **locked gate** on his private property at 6 Grist Mill Rd. – abutting the town-owned **Kingsbury Pond Gristmill** on Route 27 -- attendees noted that a [signed and notarized 1992 conservation easement document](#) prohibited the structure.

At the time, town counsel and Select Board members appeared to place weight on the terms noted in the document. However, it was recently discovered, and confirmed by Select Board Chair Eileen Murphy, that the **agreement was never fully executed** by the town. Flags now mark the area where the gate will be installed.

When the conservation easement was initially created, it was to ensure that residents of the **Grist Mill Road subdivision** had access to the pond and adjacent trail that ran along 6 Grist Mill Rd. -- a step designed to enhance their enjoyment of the area and property values.

Murphy did not know how the final steps to execute the agreement **fell through town cracks more than 30 years ago**, but it's likely a related warrant article will be brought forth to May 2025 town meeting to rectify the situation. It is also unclear if other easements for sewer and open space/conservation, as noted in subdivision plans, are affected by lack of town actions when deed-related documents were finalized by developer Ralph Costello.

In the meantime, it has been deemed that the Courtney family, who own 6 Grist Mill Rd., has the right to install the locked gate, despite objections from abutters, who along with the Courtneys, belonged to the longstanding neighborhood association when the gate proposal first came before Conservation Commission review in July. The commission voted in favor of the Courtneys after seeing no wetlands-related risk with the gate installation.

The proposed gate is intended to **block vehicle access** to the easement area which includes the **circular turnaround** behind the gristmill – a site Tom Courtney alleges has been frequented by late-night cars. Only

public safety and town officials will have keys to the gate.

Still to be determined is the fate of a **memorial bench** (*seen in background of flag photo*), and other Eagle Scout projects created over the years, located on the Courtney property.

The memorial bench honors two World War II veterans missing in action, Douglas MacKeachie and Richard Werner. It was installed in June 2017 during a [special town ceremony](#). Deed records show the Courtneys purchased 6 Grist Mill Rd. in July 2018.

News Briefs & Reminders...

- * **CORRECTION:** Due to a *Medfield Insider* reporting/note-transcription error, the town has received about **\$200,000 in Opioid Settlement funds to date -- not \$1 million**. The [state dashboard](#) shows the town received \$92,139.29 in 2023. Additionally, Outreach Director Kathy McDonald recently shared with Select Board that she estimates the town received about \$100,000 for 2024. *Apologies to readers for the inadvertent mistake.*
- * On **Monday, Nov. 4** from 5 to 6 p.m., the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee is helping to demystify **composting** by sponsoring a **workshop at Medfield Public Library** in the meeting room. The workshop will explain composting, cover its importance and provide practical tips for getting started, whether in the backyard or through other options. Featured workshop leaders are Lauren Beitelspacher and Jackie Alford. To support resident efforts, Earth Machine compost bins for backyard composting are also available for \$35 each. Contact [Barb Meyer via e-mail](#) with "Compost Bin" in the subject line.
- * Conservation Commission recently approved **beaver trapping at Kingsbury Pond and Danielson Pond** after it heard concerns about clogged dams. As noted by commission member and Department of Public Works foreman Bobby Kennedy (who abstained from the commission vote), the trapping needs to take place during Massachusetts trapping season. According to the [state website](#), the season opens Nov. 1 and ends April 15. Kennedy noted that when beavers clog dams during drought conditions and rain follows, flooding is more likely.
- * In other **School Building Committee news**, the committee has established an additional means of sharing Dale Street School project information via a dedicated Constant Contact e-mail account. Community members can [join the list here](#).
- * Applications for the **Senior Tax Work-Off Program** are available from the Council on Aging at The Center on Ice House Road. They are due back to COA by **Monday, Oct. 28**. [More information is available here](#).
- * **Medfield Energy Committee** continues to seek public input on whether Medfield should adopt the Specialized Code via this [short, four-question survey](#).

- * On **Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m.**, Council on Aging will host a talk at The Center featuring **estate planning** attorney, Tim Borchers. A Medfield resident with 30 years of estate planning experience at Borchers Trust Law, he will provide answers to a variety of common questions, share checklists for wills, trusts, and financial plans, and address concerns.
- * **Medfield Helping Hands**, an organization that recruits community volunteers to help residents in need, has shared that a meeting will be held at **2 p.m. on Nov. 8** at Medfield Public Library to **rally winter support** for a popular resident. [More information here.](#) Beyond this one need, anyone can sign up to [join the local Lotsa Helping Hands list](#) to learn about ways to support fellow residents in need.
- * A home at **33 Pound St.** (circa 1950) is proposed for demolition, triggering a mandatory Medfield Historical Commission review in accordance with the town Historic Preservation bylaw applicable to homes 50 years or older. The same applicant (Medfield Holdings LLC) is seeking a special permit from Zoning Board of Appeals for a proposed new home to be built on the prior non-confirming lot. Both hearings take place on **Wednesday, Nov. 13**. The ZBA hearing takes place at 6 p.m., while the commission hearing is scheduled for 7:15 p.m.

Further Ahead...

(Dates/topics based on town calendar, public hearing notices, or prior meeting information; subject to change)

Sunday, Nov. 3:

-- End of daylight saving time -- turn clocks back

Monday, Nov. 4:

-- Planning Board (Montrose site plan, board goals)

Tuesday, Nov. 5:

ELECTION DAY -- Presidential/State Elections -- polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., The Center, 1 Ice House Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 6:

- Council on Aging
- School Building Committee (site selection vote)

Thursday, Nov. 7:

- Conservation Commission (Montrose artificial turf)
- Affordable Housing Trust

Monday, Nov. 11:

-- **VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY -- non-emergency offices closed, no public meetings** (18th Annual "Light Up Baxter Park" event, 5 p.m. ceremony)

Tuesday, Nov. 12:

- Select Board

Wednesday, Nov. 13:

- Medfield Energy Committee
- Medfield Historical Commission (33 Pound St. demolition request)
- Zoning Board of Appeals (15 Bridlefield Ln.)

Thursday, Nov. 14:

- School Committee

Monday, Nov. 18:

-- Planning Board

-- Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Committee (11 a.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 19:

-- Select Board

Thursday, Nov. 28 & Friday, Nov. 29:

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY -- non-emergency offices closed, no public meetings

Community Events & Initiatives...

VOLUNTEERS COLLECT leftover candy for troops

Helping Hands organizers will once again be collecting **leftover Halloween Candy** to share with several Medfield organizations and Operation American Soldier. Operation American Soldier sends packages to U.S. troops overseas.

Residents are asked to drop off candy on **Friday, Nov. 1 or Saturday, Nov. 2** at 7 Penobscot St. or 7 Copperwood Rd. between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Donations can be placed in coolers outside garage doors. Anyone donating is asked to keep the candy in bags.

ZULLO OFFERS more live music, plus exhibit

Medfield's own Tom Duprey returns to the Zullo Gallery with a cadre of musicians that comprise, **"TickleJuice,"** at 7 p.m. on **Saturday, Nov. 2**. Featured music is described as "improvisation meets liquid jazz, Bulgarian reggae, and Michael Jackson at a rock concert, shaken (not stirred) with your local orchestra and resident street musicians." [Tickets are \\$15 per person via this site](#) or at the door. Seats are limited; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Continuing at the Zullo through the Nov. 2 show is the **30th Annual Juried Exhibit** featuring 75 pieces from 67 artists, including paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and mixed-media. Works can also be viewed via the [Zullo Gallery website](#), and all is for sale.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY features preservation talk

On **Monday, Nov. 4** at 7 p.m., **Medfield Historical Society** is hosting a free program at First Parish church, 26 North St., on **preserving history**. Featured speaker is "*A House Restored*" author Lee McColgan, who will share his experiences restoring the 300-year-old Loring House in Pembroke. McColgan's challenges include using period materials and techniques, tapping into lessons learned from traditional crafts, and managing the emotional toll of living in a home under constant repair. He will also focus on the value of preserving the past to find meaning and purpose for the future. Beyond his book, McColgan has contributed to a number of high-profile restoration projects, including Boston Old North Church and Louisa May Alcott Orchard House. His expertise has been featured in *Architectural Digest*, *The Boston Globe* and *Wall Street Journal*.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZES luminaries for Veteran's Day

The American Legion Auxiliary is once again selling **candle-lit luminary bags in honor or in memory of a veteran**. The bags will be displayed in Baxter Park on **Veteran's Day, Monday, Nov. 11** from Noon until 7 p.m. Proceeds from the luminary fundraiser benefit veterans and their families, the Stephen Hinkley Award, and Girls State program. Bag inscriptions and payment to American Legion Auxiliary should be send care of Michelle Doucette, 17 Pleasant St., Medfield. Bags are \$6 each or 2 for \$10. Checks can be made out to ALA 110. **Deadline to order bags is Monday, Nov. 4.**

FIRST PARISH hosts blood drive

First Parish Unitarian Universalist and American Red Cross are holding a fall blood drive on **Saturday, Nov. 23** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church location at 26 North St.

As reported by the Red Cross, recent hurricanes Helene and Milton caused the cancellations of more than 100 drives in the affected regions, making [an already short supply of blood and platelets](#) worse.

Ultimately, blood and platelet donations go into a national supply and are sent to wherever they are needed most.

[Click here to make a blood donation appointment](#) in Medfield.

ANGEL RUN sign-ups continue

Early-bird registration for the annual 5K on Sunday, Dec. 8 continues until Nov. 3 at a special price of \$30 per person, which includes a 2024 Angel Run shirt.

After Nov. 3, the registration fee increases to \$35 per person and does not include a shirt. Standard online registration will then close on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 11:59 p.m., however, in-person, day-of registration will be available.

Angel Run proceeds are distributed in partnership with Medfield Outreach. [More information about the Angel Run is available on the MFi website.](#)

E-mail community event information to MedfieldInsider@gmail.com by 5 p.m. the Friday prior to publication each Monday morning.

Medfield Insider -- Past Issues

[Oct. 21](#) -- New MSH off-leash, Montrose turf, 86 Plain St., archaeological sites, Donovan MHA honor

[Oct. 14](#) -- School start-time vote deferral, PSB sign, Commtty Mkt season end, bike accidents, vol slots

[Oct. 7](#) -- CivicAlerts, MBTA Zoning okayed, Elm St./Hannah Adams developer issues, gun range noise

[Sept. 30](#) -- Medfield Day pics, School Committee mtg/contracts, Fire grant, rail trail, Metacomet courts

[Sept. 23](#) -- Medfield Day prep, hydrant flush, smoker rights attendee, Montrose, Tilden projects, voting

[Sept. 16](#) -- Playground opening, roundabout revisited, building energy, gristmill gate, MCAP funding

[Sept. 9](#) -- Montrose project review/turf, housing projects, ConComm (86 Plain, Elm, O High, gristmill)

[Sept. 2](#) -- Water main/fire issues, EEE/mosquito alert, school resource officers, new town composter

[Aug. 26](#) -- Montrose project w/turf, lost & found ring, SC meeting recap, alpaca farm update-40B

[Aug. 19](#) -- Safety/incidents, gristmill gate/Elm/Danielson ConComm actions, library events, coyote II

[Aug. 12](#) -- Mother Anna's opening, MSH graffiti, in-law apartments/AUDs by right, COVID/West Nile

[Aug. 5](#) -- West Nile mosquitoes, Tilden Village annual plan, Stigmatine home, ConComm 8/15 topics

[July 29](#) -- Planning Board goals, Hannah Adams home listed, facility plan w/Arrowstreet, more W/S

[July 22](#) -- PSB & court cases update, Parks & Rec mtg recap, interns, Community Electricity update

[July 15](#) -- River search, water/sewer rates, community electricity update, Hinkley opening, Adams site

[July 8](#) -- Legislator history tour, FY2025 key town issues, Registry visit, Metacomet closing, coyote

[July 1](#) -- New train regs, legislator history tour set, county deed registry visit, SBC survey reminder

[June 24](#) -- New school resource officer, site survey, K9 refund, board changes, water plant event

[June 17](#) -- MPD chief contract, horse save, school start times, Bellforge, AHT loan, Perfect Strangers

[June 10](#) -- Brook Street concerns, Kidsborough Blake space, SBC forum summary, heart safe goal

[June 3](#) -- Gristmill cutoff/gate, post-fire help, roundabout debate, MHS graduation, old Hinkley bricks

[May 27](#) -- Memorial Day details, Gold Vets plaque, 21 North opening, MFi Legacy Fund grants

[May 20](#) -- Police topics/enforcement, bears, PFAS litigation, SBC forums, various newsletter links

[May 13](#) -- Town meeting recap, restaurant updates, market promo, school PR cost, SBC forums

[May 6](#) -- Town meeting info., Bellforge line up, school start times, 40B rent increases

[Apr. 29](#) -- PFAS woes, weekend event pics, high school ranking, Red Gate Farm mill clip

[Apr. 22](#) -- Trinity update, future sidewalks, extra garden plot, gazebo names, big event weekend

[Apr. 15](#) -- Dog bylaw update, alpaca farm vernal pool, K enrollment, *Boston Globe* eclipse coverage

[Apr. 8](#) -- 30K town water bill, Officer Manganello departure, solar eclipse, Saltonstall home relisted

[Apr. 1](#) -- Election results, afterschool space, town health help, Paul Alberta, last MBTA Zoning hearing

[Mar. 26](#) -- Special edition-MBTA Communities Zoning

[Mar. 25](#) -- Town election, alpaca farm subdivision, community electricity, hydrant flushing, P&R award

[Mar. 18](#) -- Town administrator pay bump, moderator candidate Q&A, West St. crash, alpaca farm end

[Mar. 11](#) -- Habitat for Humanity, tree hearing, Select Board topics, MBTA & IE sessions, knitting

[Mar. 4](#) -- MBTA Zones narrowed down, SRO shift/officer retirement, Metacomet lights, pickleball

[Feb. 26](#) -- MPD break-in info, community market news, Salvatore buy-up, Danielson mtg recap

[Feb. 19](#) -- Tree removal notice, water/sewer appeals, Rep. Garlick news, Trinity/MSH progress

[Feb. 12](#) -- Candidate list, moderator Q poll, teacher contract/family leave, drop box, Garrison Path

[Feb. 5](#) -- Trinity SB meeting promo, dept. budget insights, election prep, MSBA/Dale questions

[Jan. 29](#) -- Holdovers movie filming, MBTA Zoning update, school budget revision & K planning

[Jan. 22](#) -- MBTA Zoning site review, ATM articles w/Bellforge petition, barn renovation, Danielson Pond

[Jan. 15](#) -- MHC reviews of 13 South St. & Harding subdivision, SBC RFP planning, MEC updates

[Jan. 8](#) -- SBC next steps for Dale, school solar update & ConComm actions, warrant closing

[Jan. 1, 2024](#) -- Top 10 2023 topics, court cases, MSH vandalism, missing pets, rainbow pic

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