



TOWN OF BOXFORD

Community Newsletter

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MATTHEW COOGAN

Greetings Boxford Residents

I hope everyone has the May 14th Annual Town Meeting on their calendars! Town Meeting will start at 7PM in the Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium. This will be the first meeting for new Town Moderator Kim Holliday. Jerry Johnston will be handing over his gavel to Kim after serving as Town Moderator from 1997 to 2023. Thank you, Jerry, and best of luck to Kim!



Information on Town Meeting, including the Warrant Articles and supporting documentation, is available on the Town of Boxford website, either by clicking the “Town Projects” tab on the home page or by directly typing the page URL: www.boxfordma.gov/TownMeeting2024. The Town Moderator’s Forum will be held on Tuesday, May 7th; it is an opportunity to learn about all of the Warrant Articles.

[Article 10 on the Town Meeting Warrant](#) is a debt authorization to fund the design of a new DPW Facility. Information about this project is available at www.boxfordma.gov/NewDPW. The Boxford Permanent Building Committee hosted a public information session on Monday, April 29th that included a presentation of a schematic design for the new facility. A recording of the session and presentation materials are also available on the project website. A new facility would replace our current facility, which has not kept pace with population, work, and equipment growth. The structures are in poor condition, present occupational health and safety issues for DPW employees, and are inadequate to meet the Town’s needs.

The Town will be transitioning to a new automated curbside trash and recycling collection program through G.Mello that will reduce costs for the Town by about 20%. It will officially begin on July 1, 2024. Information on the program, including actions residents will need to take to be part of the program and to receive the Town-issued, Town-owned standardized trash and recycling bins, is available on the project website: www.boxfordma.gov/WasteStreamTaskForce. **[Town Meeting Warrant Article 6](#)** sets the new annual curbside waste and collection fees. In this newsletter, you’ll find additional information on the new curbside trash and recycling collection program.

Residents should have received information in the mail on Boxford Community Electricity. This is a community aggregation offered by the Town that provides new electricity supply options for Boxford residents and businesses. Participants in the program will continue to receive a single electricity bill through National Grid. A public information session was held on Tuesday, April 23rd and **[residents can view the recording of the session and review the presentation materials through this link](#)**. Please visit the program website for additional information: boxfordelectricity.com.

Finally, thank you to all the staff and all the volunteers on our Boards and Committees who help manage these important projects, many of which will be on the warrant to be considered by voters at Town Meeting. I hope to see you all on May 14, 2024!

TOWN CLERK

At the beginning of March, the Town Clerk's office welcomed third and fourth-grade students and Spofford Pond School teachers to participate in a mock primary election. Students were asked to select the ballot of either the Fruit Party or the Vegetable Party and vote from among several selections within each party. Not surprisingly, the overwhelming majority of voters chose the sweeter of the two, the Fruit Party, and the results included several write-in choices.

The Presidential Primary occurred on March 5, with 2,059 of Boxford's 6,593 registered voters participating (less than thirty percent). Most voters chose to vote by mail. 1,270 voters submitted Republican ballots, 783 submitted Democratic ballots, and 16 submitted Libertarian ballots. President Biden won the Democratic contest in Boxford with 685 votes. Former President Trump won the town's Republican contest with 637 votes.

At the end of March, Boxford was one of 19 towns required to participate in a recount for the March 5 race for Republican State Committee Man for the First Essex and Middlesex District. All ballots were recounted by hand and the winner of that contest remained unchanged.

We are currently preparing for the [May 14 Annual Town Meeting](#) and the May 21 Annual Town Election. This year we are introducing new technology for Town Meeting voting. Each voter will receive a handheld electronic response card and will be asked to register their votes by pressing 1/A for yes or 2/B for no.

Those who requested vote-by-mail ballots for this election will receive them in the next few weeks. Polls will be open on May 21 from 7am until 8pm at Town Hall, 7A Spofford Road.

The ballot for the Town Election will contain the following contests and ballot questions:

Select Board, vote for 2, 3 years:

Costello, Charles J., candidate for re-election
Stickney, Judith Ann, candidate for re-election
Crea, Lindsey Michelle
Rio, Daniel P.

Board of Assessors, vote for 1, 3 years:

Diana M. Headrick

Planning Board, vote for 1, 5 years:

Barnes, James H.

Board of Health, vote for 2, 3 years:

Ellard, James V., Jr.
Taggart, James

Boxford School Committee, vote for 2, 3 years:

Meyer, John Lewis Lamb
Wilson, Keith

Masconomet School Committee, vote for 1, 3 years:

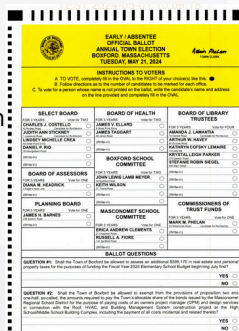
Clements, Erica Andrew
Fiore, Russell A.

Board of Library Trustees, vote for 4, 3 years:

LaMantia, Amanda J., candidate for re-election
Havey, Arthur W.
Lemaire, Kathryn Cofsky
Parker, Krystal Leigh
Siegel, Stephanie Robin

Commissioners of Trust Funds, vote for 1, 3 years:

Phelan, Mark M., candidate for re-election



QUESTION #1: Shall the Town of Boxford be allowed to assess an additional \$599,170 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Fiscal Year 2025 Elementary School Budget beginning July first?

Yes ___ No ___

QUESTION #2: Shall the Town of Boxford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bonds issued by the Masconomet Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of an owners project manager (OPM) and design services in connection with the Roof, HVAC, and Building Management System construction project at the High School/Middle School Building Complex, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes ___ No ___

COUNCIL ON AGING

With the arrival of Spring and its longer hours of daylight, we have seen a real boost in attendance at fitness classes, lectures, bridge, and special social events at the COA. We will be expanding activities in the coming months so look for new activities that may interest you.

During April residents were treated to "Nun of This and Nun of That" a performance by the Delvena Players and Singer Matt York performing Willie Nelson. We also had Maurice (Mo) Pratt from the Sheriff's Department speak on scams to a large audience. Folks we given an opportunity to have lunch and chat with our new librarian, Angelina Miller. Our Lunch Bunch made trips to the Poet's Inn, the Silver Fountain Tea Parlor, Mexicali Cantina Café and Fusilli's Cucina. A new Studio Art Class began in April that we hope will take off.

Coming in May is a speaker from Consumer Affairs speaking on Online Safety. On May 8th we will be holding one of our very popular Teas in honor of Mother's Day. The Tri-Town COAs scheduled a special day of lunch and trivia with Masco's 7th grade. A Candidates forum will be held here on May 13th. Two special crafts will be done in May, a Mother's Day floral arrangement and a patriotic sign. Also, back by popular request is a trip to Westwood to Frugal Fannies.

Cookouts will be back soon and hopefully at 10 Elm Street. With a generous grant from the Institution for Savings we purchased a new grill that is almost too pretty to use. In addition to the cookouts starting up at the end of June, we have fantastic news that we have finally found a Zumba Instructor who will begin classes on June 3rd.

For those of you who are still wondering where your newsletter is, we need your assistance. Due to the high postage costs, we are attempting to do most of the newsletter electronically. If we have your email we will send it directly to you. If you do not have email but have wi-fi it can be viewed on the Boxford website or on Facebook. Printed copies are still available at the COA, Town Hall, the Library, Four Mile Village and at the Institution for Savings. If none of these options work for you, let us know and we will mail your monthly issue.



SPRING AT THE LIBRARY

Have you noticed that the Boxford Town Hall and Town Library have a new sign outside?

Thank you to the previous library director Kevin Bourque, the Board of Library Trustees: Jayne Smallman, Carolyn Anderson, Christina Eckert, Amanda LaMantia, Denae Ramos-Pachucki, Kathryn Lemaire, Krystal Parker, Charlene Mead, and the town DPW for all your hard work in making this happen.



Spring Holiday Closings at the Library:

Memorial Day – Closed on Saturday May 25th and Monday May 27th.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

MAY

All Ages:

·On Wednesday, May 8th at 1pm come to the library and visit the goats from Goats to Go to learn all about these amazing animals from the experts.

Children:

In-person

- Music & Movement, Thursdays at 10 am.
- Preschool Storytime, Tuesday & Wednesday at 1:30 pm.
- Lego Club, Thursday, May 23rd at 4:00 pm, the theme is Gardens (for ages 5+).

Adults:

In-person

- Friday Movie Matinee, Fridays May 3rd, and May 24th at 12pm.
- Crochet Club, Tuesdays on May 7th, and May 28th at 1pm.
- Cookbook Club Friday, May 10th at 12pm. The chosen cookbook for May is Company: The Radically Casual Art of Cooking for Others by Amy Thielen.

- Poetry Circle Tuesday May 21st at 7pm.
- Afternoon Book Club Wednesday, May 29th at 1pm. They will be discussing The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré.
- Impressionism Art Program, Thursday May 23rd at 7pm.

Virtual

- Evening Book Group Wednesday, May 15th on Zoom at 7pm. In May, they will be reading and discussing The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes.

For more information visit our Events Calendar on the Library's website at: www.boxfordma.gov/town-library

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Town of Boxford Trash Program is changing effective July 1st. The orange stickers used currently will no longer be valid or required after that date. Please consider that fact when purchasing stickers. For more information, please contact the Board of Health Office at 978-887-2875.

The Board of Health office welcomes Yoonjin Lee to our team! Yoonjin resides in Boxford with her husband and three children. When looking for a new hire, we were looking for an exceptionally talented individual full of energy and enthusiasm and Yoonjin fits this above and beyond!

“Springing” into Mosquito Season

What a re-leaf! NEMMC is back out in Boxford treating mosquito breeding sites.

Spring rains which we have had a lot of create vernal pools. Vernal pools are depressions in the land, covered by shallow water for variable periods from winter to spring, but may be completely dry for most of the summer and fall. These areas of standing water don't last very long and are temporary spring nurseries for many different species of organisms, including those pesky spring mosquitoes. In the spring, when our technicians go into the field, they are looking for mosquito larvae breeding in these shallow pools. The vernal pools are usually found in the woods of suburban areas. At every site encountered, technicians dip for mosquito larvae. Multiple dips in the same area are extremely important to determine the threshold for any larval treatment.

Some vernal pools will have various kinds of frogs, salamanders, and fairy shrimp. These organisms can control mosquito larvae in that pool by feeding on them. Pools with natural organisms tend to show that the overall mosquito larvae population is below the threshold for larvicide treatment. Sometimes, another pool just feet away will not have all these natural predators, and the mosquito larvae in a single dip may be in the hundreds. The untreated larvae create many thousands of flying biting adult females weeks later. Those are the pools that we target for larviciding and are historically sites that breed every spring. Application of these larvicides may be by backpack or by hand, depending on the size of the woodland pool. The larvicide used contain naturally occurring bacteria (Bacillus thuringiensis & B. speargicus) that targets only the mosquito larvae that ingest it. So, birds, animals, other insects, reptiles, amphibians, fish, even your children and family pets are not harmed when encountering the treated water.

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR

This quarter, we address two more commonly asked questions that residents often have about the assessment process. As always, residents who have questions regarding their property value are encouraged to contact the Assessors' office.

How does the Assessor gather information about my property? In order to determine fair market value of a property, Assessors must engage in the collection of accurate and up-to-date property data. Assessors use a variety of tools for data collection including aerial imagery, homeowner questionnaires, and real estate listings. However, the most accurate information is obtained from on-site inspections. These inspections may be conducted on properties that have recently sold, properties that have recently been issued building permits, or in accordance with the state-mandated ten-year cyclical inspection program. Residents are routinely notified in advance of on-site inspections and Assessors make every effort to schedule a time at the resident's convenience.

Do I have to allow an assessor into my home? No, but it is typically in your best interest to do so. Otherwise, Assessors must make estimates on the condition and characteristics of a property. Interior inspections improve the quality of the valuation process and reduce errors, saving time and expense for taxpayers and the town because fewer assessments are challenged. Additionally, if a taxpayer files an appeal of their assessment, failure to allow an inspection of their property may result in the loss of their appeal rights. The cooperation that a majority of our residents show during the inspection process helps to ensure the development of fair and equitable assessments.

Please contact the [Assessor's office](#) at (978) 887-6692 if residents have additional questions.



Photo courtesy of Carolyn Miller

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Online payments are available!
Purchase trash stickers, dog licenses, burn permits and pay your property or excise tax.

<https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/selection>

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Excise tax bills for vehicles registered on January 1st were due on March 18th. If you did not receive a bill, please contact the office at 978-887-3674 or email TreasurerandTaxCollector@town.boxford.ma.us.

The 4th quarter real estate tax bills for FY 2024 are due on May 1st.

Massachusetts law provides for charges of interest and fees on delinquent tax bills. Demand fee is \$10; interest rate on real estate tax bills is 14% and 12% on motor vehicle excise tax bills charged from the date following the due date through the date that payment is received by the town. Date of postmark is irrelevant.

To avoid being assessed interest and fees, consider these tax payment tips:

- Expect delays in delivery of payments by US Mail. There is risk of temporary or permanent loss of payment and item cannot be traced.
- There is increased frequency in theft of mail deposited in US Postal Service blue mailboxes. Checks are "washed" by removing name of payee and amount and fraudulently replacing both. Checks are then cashed for amounts far in excess of original amount. It can take an excessive amount of time to recover the stolen funds from one's bank account, if at all.
- If using the online payment option with your checking account, please remit payment directly to the Town of Boxford at 7A Spofford Road, Boxford. Payments mailed by bank service companies to the lockbox address in Medford without a payment coupon, are re-mailed to the town, causing additional delivery delay.
- The safest way to make a tax payment is online via the town's website, www.boxfordma.gov. No fee is charged if paying directly from a checking account. Credit card convenience fees are assessed to the user.
- Payments are accepted at Town Hall during office hours Monday-Thursday 8:00AM – 4:30PM. Payments made after business hours may be deposited in the secure lockbox located to the right of the front door entrance to Town Hall.

MASCONOMET

The Masconomet School Committee invite you to follow our [blog](#) for important updates information. Our blog is a vehicle through which we foster awareness of MSC topics, information, progress and resources for deeper learning. We post school committee meeting updates and recaps, district highlights, and community events.

We intend to continuously connect our actions with the [district vision](#). The school committee's focus is on vision, mission, policy, budget, superintendent oversight, and advocacy. We balance the needs of our many stakeholders, and monitor progress toward goals.

To stay updated, [follow us on the Masco App](#), [follow us on Facebook](#), or [follow us on Instagram](#). Many thanks for your support!

TRI-TOWN SCHOOL UNION

Happy Spring from the Boxford Elementary Schools!

We want to thank, recognize, and congratulate long-time Spofford Pond Principal Dr. Kathryn Castonguay who will be pursuing a new leadership opportunity with the Stoneham Public Schools in the 2024-2025 school year. Kathryn has been a steadfast and dedicated long-time leader at both Cole and Spofford Pond Schools and we thank her for her 21 years of service to the children and families of Boxford. We have gratitude for her innovative mindset, relationship-building, and collaborative approach.

As Dr. Castonguay transitions out of our district, we are pleased to announce that Spofford Pond Assistant Principal Mrs. Amanda Sullivan has been appointed as the Interim Principal of the Spofford Pond School for the 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Sullivan started in Boxford in the summer of 2022 and has quickly established herself as a trusted and capable educational leader, who has worked closely with Dr. Castonguay and the Spofford staff and community over the past two years. We are excited that Mrs. Sullivan will have a three-month transition period with Dr. Castonguay this spring to ensure continuity in the leadership of the building.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Since February of this year, the Permanent Building Committee has been working with Helene-Karl Architect to start the process of designing a new Department of Public Works (DPW) facility to replace the existing 54-year-old garage, auxiliary sheds, and trailers. For almost two decades, the Town has documented the need for a new facility to safely and efficiently support DPW operations. The existing facility has not kept pace with population, work, and equipment growth. The structures are in poor condition, present occupational health and safety issues, and are inadequate to meet the Town's needs.

CURRENT DPW Facility Challenges	NEW DPW Facility Design would include
Deteriorated conditions of 54 year old garage & 20+ year old salt shed	New DPW facility that will increase safety, productivity & efficiency for the next 50 years
Failing 30+ year old fuel pump	New fuel pump station
Code compliance issues including OSHA	Proper ventilation, fire protection, life safety, ADA compliance
Insufficient containment of hazardous materials	Secondary containment of hazardous materials
Insufficient storage requirements and inadequate electrical service	Indoor vehicle storage that will protect the multi-million-dollar assets
Inadequate storage requirements and inadequate electrical service	Properly designed vehicle maintenance and repair areas
No stormwater controls	Storm water controls
No vehicle wash area	Closed system vehicle wash
Undersized employee space including locker/toilet area and muster area	Code and OSHA complaint safe work environment for town employees
Nonexistent employee space including training area	Appropriate employee facilities to meet state mandated requirements
	Opens up space for more recreational uses at Town Hall

DPWs are classified as first responders. Our DPW is on call 24 hours a day to handle emergencies that include snow and ice storms, removal of road hazards, windstorm clean-ups, pothole repairs, and support of EMS, fire, and police departments. They also maintain and manage our street drainage, bridges, culverts, athletic fields, campuses, Stiles Pond Beach, and town buildings, as well as provide engineering services, and support at Town events with the setup and takedown of tents and booths.

At the May 14th Town Meeting, voters will be asked to authorize \$1.55M to fund the completion of the proposed site and building design and put the project out to bid for construction. The new facility will be centrally located on 3 acres of Town owned land beyond the Recycling Center and adjacent to the solar array. During this next phase, the proposed site and building will go through a comprehensive design development process to further refine and value engineer the project and create the most cost effective and efficient DPW facility for Boxford.

For more information, please visit our website: www.boxfordma.gov/NewDPW.com

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Please welcome our new administrative assistant, Samantha Mento. I'll let Samantha tell you a little about herself:

Hello, I am very glad to be joining the Town of Boxford in the Inspectional Services Department. Within the first couple weeks I have been welcomed by all Departments. I am eager to continue to learn more about this field. I have worked within municipal government previously however I am new to this role. I am excited to work with a great team and strive to support the community of Boxford. I am still exploring this beautiful town. I am an avid hiker and happy to enjoy the beautiful trails here. I look forward to settling in and forming new friendships here in town. Please feel free to stop by or give me a call at the office!



Inspectional Services Team left to right: Doug Small, Electrical Inspector; Peter Delaney, Inspector of Buildings; Samantha Mento, Administrative Assistant; Rick Danforth, Plumbing & Gas Inspector

Thank you, Samantha, for becoming a part of our department. Working with three inspectors she remains busy all day long. Our department continues to provide full service to our clients and residents.

DIRECTOR OF LAND USE

The Boxford Conservation Commission reviewed and approved town-sponsored culvert replacement projects at Glendale Road and Pye Brook Lane during the first quarter of the year. Each of these projects were designed to comply with stringent new stream crossing standards. In each case, old undersized pipes will be replaced with a much wider three-sided box culvert with an open bottom, and will resemble small bridges. The stream running through the new culvert in each case will have a natural stream bed and space enough for terrestrial wildlife passage to the side of the stream.

Bids were reviewed and a consulting firm selected for peer review of two new driveways proposed by 599 Main Street LLC and intended to serve four lots on a 38-acre parcel of land located off Main Street and Silvermine Road. The Commission is now awaiting funding to set up the peer review accounts.

The Conservation Commission interviewed three candidates to fill a vacancy on the Commission, recommended the Select Board appoint Josh Rathbun. Josh was appointed on April 22nd. Welcome Josh, and thank you to the other candidates for their interest in conservation.

The Boxford Planning Board hosted a discussion on the 105 Depot Road project proposed by True Homes & Design. Three development scenarios were offered showing 252, 205, or 66 units on this 27-acre parcel. It is not certain that this project will proceed.

The Planning Board, the Merrimack Valley Planning Board and the Boxford Housing Partnership hosted a Saturday morning discussion on March 16th of the MBTA Communities Act and the efforts made by the town to comply with the Act's requirements. [Recording of the meeting and presentation materials are available on the Town website.](#)

New lots were created through the "Approval not Required" process at 94 Main Street (from one lot to two lots), the 599 Main Street LLC parcels on Main Street and Silvermine Road (from one lot to four lots), and on Georgetown Road on the Boxford/Georgetown line (from four lots to three lots).

The Planning Board interviewed two candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board, and recommended Jim Barnes to the Select Board for appointment. Jim Barnes was duly appointed and will serve the unexpired term vacated by John Adams last fall.

The Community Preservation Committee reviewed and voted to recommend funding for the Johnson Field Playground Project (\$350,000 total), the Stiles Pond Study Project (\$75,000 total), the Boxford Document Center Climate Control Project (\$14,875 total), and the Boxford Common Irrigation Well Project (\$20,000 total). The CPC recommendations were submitted to the Select Board for their further approval and placement on the [Warrant for Annual Town Meeting to be held May 14, 2024.](#)

The Community Preservation Committee seeks a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Committee.



Photo courtesy of David Manzi

BOXFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Happy Spring to All! The warmer temperatures bring far more recreational activities to our roadways. Please be mindful of the cyclists, the runner and walkers as you pass. We ask that you please give extra space to the cyclists because it is early in the season and there are potholes on the roadways. If you do see cyclists exhibiting poor etiquette please give the Police Station a call. There are several groups that park at different locations throughout the community and we are more than willing to meet with them to try to improve their cycling etiquette.

We are in the process of installing and programming three new solar powered traffic enforcement signs; one on Topsfield Road and two on Main Street.

We are looking forward to our Boxford Spring events: the Memorial Day Celebration, Little League Opening Day Parade, Middle School and High School graduations.

Please take a walk through one of our beautiful forested areas and enjoy the warmer Spring weather!

BOXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Did you know that Boxford Fire has 4 certified car seat technicians? These members finished a 3-day course, learning about various car seats and how to safely install them. They also maintain their certification bi-annually via attendance to seminars and local car seat check events.

Members can assist individuals with infant, rear and forward-facing seats. You can call the Fire Department to set up an appointment Monday-Friday between 9:00am-4:00pm.

A few quick safety tips:

- Always read the side label for proper height/weight restrictions
- Make sure your car seat is not expired (safety label located on side of seat)
- Avoid purchasing second hand or receiving from a friend (you may not know the history)
- Car seats should be replaced following a car accident



You can visit www.safekids.org for additional resources.

Boxford will be holding a local car seat check event on Friday June 21, 2024 at East Fire Station from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

BOXFORD COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Communications Department wishes to congratulate Dispatcher Marguerite "Peg" Decoteau for passing a major work milestone of 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Boxford! We also want to congratulate Dispatcher Maddi Pitcairn on being hired as a Full Time Firefighter in the Town of Topsfield.

Dispatcher Jim Fernandes retired on February 25th after over 18 years of service to the Town of Boxford. Best Wishes in retirement Jim!

We are still working with our new CAD/RMS Software vendor to finalize the transfer to the new software which we anticipate being around the first of May.

It was a very busy for all Public Safety Departments on April 4th as we saw a late season rain/snow event with very gusty which resulted in about 10 road being closed due to downed trees in wires. About 300 residents also lost power at various times during that day and the following day. As a reminder to all residents, if you lose power, please notify National Grid at 1-800-465-1212.

- You will be connected with an automated system which will immediately alert National Grid as to your outage.
- If multiple residents in your area call it will immediately alert National Grid to a more widespread outage.
- It is very important that ALL residents experiencing an outage call National Grid immediately when an outage occurs so that prompt repair of the problem can begin.
- Please do not call the Police or Fire Departments to report an outage unless you have an emergency.
- If you do have an emergency, please call 911.
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You can also download the National Grid app on your smart device through which you can also report outages.

VETERANS SERVICES

On Saturday March 30, 2024 There was a somber celebration of life and sacrifice for more than a dozen communities at the North Andover Vietnam War Memorial rededication ceremony.

Memorial Day 2024 Schedule of events

Sunday, May 26

- 8:30 – Mount Vernon Cemetery
- 9:00 – Brookside Cemetery
- 9:45 – Second Congregational Church of Boxford. Veterans meet in front of church and march in as a unit as service begins
- 11:15 (Approximately) – Place wreath at Civil War Monument This takes place after the Ice Cream Social which follows the service.

Monday, May 27

- 7:30 – Harmony Cemetery (Ipswich Rd. near Kelsey Rd.)
- 8:00 – Round Top (Curtis Guild Camp)
- 8:30 – Ancient Cemetery
- 9:00 – Parade Assembly – Former Council On Aging parking lot in East Boxford Village. Units form into parade order. Coffee and doughnuts served
- 9:30 – PARADE STEPS OFF – March to Village Cemetery
- Parade reforms and marches to James L. Melvin Green for the Memorial Day Ceremony. Ceremony to include address, laying of wreath, taps, and volley

Veterans Services continues to distribute our monthly mobile food pantry to Veterans and surviving spouses with the support from the Greater Boston Food Bank if you have any questions or would like to know more information please contact Jillian Kemp at 978-771-3791.

Please be safe and we are here for you all.
For additional information please call (978) 688-9525

Sincerely,
Joe and Jillian

TRI TOWN COUNCIL

TTC's Board is Recruiting!



Do you connect with Tri-Town Council's mission? Are you looking for a rewarding experience, sharing your expertise and time supporting healthy foundations, youth prevention, and a caring community? TTC's Board of Directors is looking to add new members. Have marketing, legal, fundraising, public health or other business experience to share? We want to meet you!

Monthly commitment is about 2ish hours per month, and Directors commit to a 2 year term, with the opportunity to serve additional terms. Interested in learning more? [Meet TTC's current board here.](#) Reach out to Board President Jessica Schoonmaker at schjessica2020@gmail.com

BOXFORD PTO

Calling all Boxford Elementary Parents – Board Members Needed!

Have you ever wished you could be more involved with Boxford's amazing elementary schools? Now's your chance!

The Boxford PTO is seeking enthusiastic individuals to fill key [Board Member positions](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Is that YOU?

We have exciting openings for [Teacher Wishes](#), [Fundraising & Events](#), and Secretary. Help us guide fundraising efforts, plan awesome events, connect schools, families, and the community. Your contributions will directly support Boxford's students and teachers and create a vibrant school environment.

Ready to join our team? We'd love to hear from you! Contact us to learn more at boxfordpto@gmail.com
Don't miss this opportunity to make a lasting impact!



BOXFORD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

STILES POND BEACH 2024 REGISTRATION INFO

Welcome to Stiles Pond Beach! We are so glad you are here. Please see membership information below.

- Family: \$250
- Individual: \$125
- Senior: \$50
- August membership only: \$100. Please see a lifeguard to sign up and pay in person for this option.

If you are a Boxford resident or family in need of financial assistance to access a Stiles Pond membership please message the Beach Director!

Stiles.Pond.Boxford@gmail.com

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION](#)



Photo courtesy of Gerry Grieco

BOXFORD COMMON IS OPEN

Spring 2024 Schedule [CLICK HERE](#)

Please continue to be respectful to other users:

- Field Permits are required to reserve time on Boxford Common Fields
- Please contact boxfordcommoninfo@gmail.com to inquire about availability
- Please pick up any trash or recycling – please leave the turf free on any debris
- Please adhere to scheduled times and be off fields as scheduled
- Please PARK in Marked Spaces only and utilize far parking lot

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WEST BOXFORD IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Please join us for an awesome drop-in yoga class at Lincoln Hall on Monday (and every Monday) for an energizing, yet gentle yoga class at 6:30 pm with the best group of yogis ever. Embrace your intention to make time for YOU ... whether you're a beginner or have been practicing yoga for a while, please join us for an inspirational class where you can reset from the demands of life, strengthen your body and invigorate your mind, body & soul. \$10 drop-in fee (sign in at the table located in the rear of the room and place \$10 in the bucket) ~ no commitment ~ please bring your mat ~ we have blocks.

Where: Lincoln Hall (upstairs), 563 Main Street (intersection of Route 133 and Main), Boxford. There's plenty of parking on the side and in the back.

It's the perfect way to begin your week!

Sponsored by the West Boxford Improvement Society. Proceeds go back into the community.



BCATV Boxford Cable Access Television

BCATV is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in 2005 currently operating 3 cable television channels for the enjoyment of the residents of Boxford. Our funding comes from a small access fee on each cable subscriber's monthly cable bill.

Our Government Channel, Comcast Ch 8 / Verizon Ch 39, records and plays back most Boxford government meetings. Many of the meetings are broadcast live whenever possible. We have been providing this service since our incorporation over 15 years ago.

Our Educational channel, Comcast 99 / Verizon 40, is oriented towards Masconomet events. Masco spring sporting events, concerts, special events and Class of 2023 events are being featured with many being broadcast live on our website streaming channel.

Our Public Access channel, Comcast Ch 8 / Verizon Ch 45, covers other Boxford events not mentioned above, such as youth sports, local concerts, Memorial and July 4th Parades, BAA Men's Softball starting mid-June, etc.

The homepage of our website, www.BoxfordCableTv.com, lists links to all the upcoming live streaming events for the next 10 days. In addition, there is a [TV Schedules](#) link and an [Upcoming Events](#) link on our home page which provide a quick way to see what is going on in Boxford over the upcoming 10 days.

Further down on our homepage is our Video On Demand (VOD) widget, which allows residents to playback previously recorded event videos and even download them as desired. There are also links to other websites of specific interest to the residents of Boxford.

In summary BCATV strives to strengthen our community by increasing and enhancing communication among our residents via our website and our 3 local cable access television stations.



TOWN MEETING

 TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

 Masconomet Regional High School Auditorium

 7:00 PM

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

 TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

 Boxford Town Hall
7A Spofford Road

 7:00 AM - 8PM

MODERATORS FORUM

 TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

 Boxford Town Hall
7A Spofford Road

 7:00 PM



BOXFORD Park PROGRAM

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
JUNE 25 - JULY 25
9:30AM - 12:30PM

\$90/WEEK*

Learning Programs, Art, Sports & Theme Weeks



REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN MAY

*WEEK OF JULY 2 \$60/WEEK DUE TO 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY



Town of
Boxford
Massachusetts

G. MELLO
Disposal Corp.

The Town of Boxford is beginning a new automated curbside trash and recycling collection program with G. Mello Disposal Corp. starting on July 1, 2024

What you need to know:

- Every household that does not opt out of the program by the beginning of June will receive one Town-owned 65-gallon trash container and one Town-owned 95-gallon recycling container
- Trash will be collected weekly (every week), recycling will be collected bi-weekly (every other week)
- Trash stickers will no longer be necessary after July 1st
- In order to participate in the program, **you must pay the \$175 annual user fee by June 21st**
- Households are able to purchase up to two additional 65-gallon trash containers and one additional 95-gallon recycling container
- Standardized, 33-gallon “overflow” trash bags will be available for purchase at Town Hall for \$6/bag

For more information, please visit

www.boxfordma.gov/WasteStreamTaskForce