

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Legal Advertisement  
Town of Belchertown  
Lake Wallace Sensory Trail  
Extension  
CONSTRUCTION OF  
THE FINAL PHASES OF  
AN ACCESSIBLE TRAIL**

The Town of Belchertown invites sealed Bids for the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail Extension Project, a 5,000-foot-long, 5-foot-wide, fully-accessible recreational and educational trail. The Project connects to the existing Sensory Trail—Phase One—which was constructed in 2022. The planned trail follows a course that wraps around Foley Field and continues north-northeast along an existing cleared easement to an open reflection area. When connected to Phase One the trail allows for an uninterrupted connection from Route 202 to the athletic fields, the woodlands, the reflection area, and other key community gathering points in the vicinity.

Bidding of this project is being completed by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development (EOED) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Recreational Trails Program through funding from the Federal Recreational Trails Program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. The estimated construction cost

for this project is approximately \$525,000.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications will be available electronically beginning April 17th, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC), 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104, phone: 413-781-6045. Electronic copies may be obtained by contacting Sue Ortiz at [sortiz@pvpc.org](mailto:sortiz@pvpc.org).

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the greatest possible bid amount, considering all alternatives and made payable to Town of Belchertown.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates as required by

M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail Extension.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be

awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the grant programs. The Town of Belchertown may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town, and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

Questions regarding the bid specifications should be directed to Erica Johnson at the PVPC, 413- 781-6045 or [ejohnson@pvpc.org](mailto:ejohnson@pvpc.org). Contract documents may be viewed at the PVPC, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104.

**A pre-bid meeting will take place on Thursday April 25th at 10:00 AM.** Those interested should meet in front of the Belchertown Parks and Recreation Department located at 66 State Street, on a drive noted as Whitlock Way. The meeting will include accessing the existing Lake Wallace Trail and proposed trail extension.

**Bids must be received at the office of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Bids will be opened and read at that time.**  
04/18/2024

**SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of April 19, 2024 the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

**2002 BMW 3 Series**  
VIN: WBAET37492NG78677  
Color: Green  
LKO: Joseph Wood  
Address: 226 West Street  
Ware, MA 01082

**2007 Nissan Maxima**  
VIN: 1N4BA41E87C817139  
Color: Blue  
LKO: Thaysha Colon  
Address: 121 N Main Street,  
M7  
Belchertown, MA 01007

**Relentless Towing**  
Belchertown, MA  
413-530-3804  
04/04, 04/11, 04/18/2024

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**

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for fiction. Chehade is a resident of Granby and an educator in Amherst.

Khan, who lives in Belchertown, won the Massachusetts Book Award in 2023 for her fifth and most recent novel, “The Miraculous True Story of Nomi Ali”, also listed in The New York Times’ “Best Historical Fiction 2022” as well as The New York Times’ “Books for Summer 2022.”

Khan’s other novels include “Thinner Than Skin”, winner of the French Embassy Prize for Best Fiction at the Karachi Literature Festival 2014. Born in Pakistan, Khan has also lived in the Philippines, Japan, England, Morocco, and Oceania.

In her children’s book “Homeland: My Father Dreams of Palestine”, Moushabeck, who lives in Amherst, recreates the vibrancy of her father’s memories of Palestine through the bedtime stories he told her and her sisters as children. Through their father’s memories, the Old City of Jerusalem comes to life: the sounds of juice vendors beating rhythms with brass cups, the smell of argileh drifting through windows, and the sight of doves flapping their wings toward home.

These daughters of the diaspora feel love for a place they have never been, a home they cannot visit. But, as their father’s story comes to an end, they know that through his memories, they will always return.

Illustrated by Reem Madooh, Homeland is a love letter to home, to family, and to the persisting hope of people that transcends borders.

“Stories Told & Untold: Writing Between Memory & History” is hosted by BVJ, a grassroots group of primarily Belchertown residents who formed on Jan. 29, 2017, during a rally on the Belchertown common to protest the president’s executive order banning refugees and immigrants.

BVJ’s mission statement reads, “We are residents (and friends) of Belchertown, MA who want to come together to organize events and actions for peace and justice in our town and the wider world. BVJ provides a virtual platform to communicate and connect with other neighbors to share information, support, and plans for peaceful, non-violent activism that is relevant to Belchertown.”

In January, BVJ hosted the Zoom event “A Community Conversation Towards Peace in the Middle East with Holocaust Survivor Marione Ingram.” BVJ oversees a private Facebook group and a public page, Creating a Welcoming Community in Belchertown.

The event is free and open to the public.

## Send Us Your Community Summer Events

**Turley Publications will print your Summer event FREE OF CHARGE in our Summer Fest Supplement which will be published May 22, 2024.**  
Total circulation of 85,000 which reaches over 200,000 readers in the Pioneer Valley.  
**Event Should Be Non-Profit & Open to the Public**

FREE Calendar Listings Reaching over 200,000 Readers in the Pioneer Valley

Event Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name & phone number for more information \_\_\_\_\_

*Please specify if you would like your name and number printed in the paper.*

**Deadline for Calendar submissions is April 22.**

**MAIL YOUR LISTING INFORMATION TO: Turley Publications, Attn: Jamie Joslyn, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or email\* them to: [jamie@turley.com](mailto:jamie@turley.com)**  
**\*Be sure to indicate “Summer Event” in the subject line of your email.**

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Midway between south and southeast
4. For each
7. Airborne (abbr.)
10. Photographs
11. They \_\_\_
12. It’s important in respiration (abbr.)
13. Monetary unit
15. Cool!
16. A son of Jacob
19. Cut off
21. Devour
23. Agent of one’s downfall
24. Best
25. Network of nerves
26. Partner to “oohs”
27. Origins
30. Sewing utensil
34. Alias
35. Swiss river
36. Greek mythological figure
41. Type of whiskey

45. Lay to rest
46. “Rule, Britannia” composer
47. Select jury
50. Feeling
54. Action regarded as morally wrong
55. Makes angry
56. Act incorrectly
57. Defensive nuclear weapon
59. Class of escort aircraft carrier
60. To what degree
61. Buzzing insect
62. The human foot
63. “The Leftovers” actress Dowd
64. A place to stay
65. Sun up in New York

**CLUES DOWN**

1. An involuntary muscular contraction
2. Earnest
3. Cuts out surgically
4. Can’t move
5. Baseball stat
6. British soldier
7. Traditional medicine plants
8. Political party controlled by managers
9. Hebrew prophet
13. Supporter
14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
17. Liberty Mutual mascot
18. Georgia rockers
20. A place where building is done
22. Large, deep-bodied fish
27. Clothing retailer
28. Supplement with difficulty
29. Annoy constantly
31. Founder of Babism
32. Indigenous person
33. Sea eagle
37. Leave behind
38. Time of day
39. Colorless crystalline compound
40. They lay out course requirements
41. A diamond has three
42. Algerian coastal city
43. Remove cover
44. Rechristened
47. Distinctive practice
48. Defunct phone company
49. Turkish officer of high rank
51. Eliminate from the body
52. Witness
53. Soviet Socialist Republic
58. Founding Father