

Public Notices

Town of Barre Public Hearing Notice Transfer of Liquor License Change of Officers/Directors and a Change of Stock Interest

TAKE NOTICE that the Select Board will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Beverages License for 15 Exchange, Inc. dba Bruso Liquor Mart premises located at 15 Exchange Street, Barre, MA for a Change of Officers/Directors and a Change of Stock Interest. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.

For the Select Board:
Melanie Jackson
Town Administrator
11/06/2025

**PUBLIC AUCTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN PURSUANT TO
THE PROVISIONS OF
M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A
THE FOLLOWING
VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD
ON November 22, 2025**

AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:

2012 Nissan Pathfinder
VIN: 5N1AR1NB9CC609886
2004 GMC Sierra 1500
VIN: 1GTEK14T14Z173876
2008 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BE46K48U779834
2021 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 5YFYP4MCE0MP061488
2009 Toyota Camry
VIN: 4T1BE46K49R137072
2012 Ford Explorer
VIN: 1FMHK8D86CGA58519
2008 Dodge Durango
VIN: 1D8HB58N28F149563
2007 Honda Civic
VIN: 1HGFA16567L031277
2005 Ford F-350 Super Duty
VIN: 1FTWX31515EC34207
2023 Yamaha R1
VIN: JYARN66E5PA003233
**The sale will be held at
Early's on Park Avenue
536 Park Ave.
Worcester MA 0160
11/06, 11/13, 11/20/2025**

**Town of Barre
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Tax Classification Hearing**

TAKE NOTICE that the Select Board will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30PM** in the Select Board's Meeting Room at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA for the purpose of selecting a residential factor, which will determine the percentages of tax burden to be borne for each class of property for fiscal year 2026. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.

For the Select Board:
Melanie Jackson
11/06, 11/13/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL TIMBER OPERATORS

The Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, is offering for sale standing timber and cordwood located on the Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs and Ware River Watershed. For details, contact the Water Supply Protection Division Office on or before **November 17, 2025**, at 857-274-7090.
11/06/2025

GFA commits \$75,000 to Heywood Hospital over three years

GFA Federal Credit Union announces a three-year contribution commitment totaling \$75,000 to Heywood Hospital, beginning with an initial \$25,000 donation this year.

This support strengthens the longstanding partnership between two organizations founded in Gardner, each dedicated to serving the well-being of the communities in the region, one focused on physical health and the other on financial wellness.

Heywood Hospital, a vital community-operated healthcare provider, has been a cornerstone of accessible, quality care for North Central Massachusetts for over a century. Likewise, GFA Federal Credit Union has supported its members across Gardner and nine surrounding towns, empowering them through financial services that help build

stronger, more resilient communities.

“Heywood Hospital has long been a cornerstone of Gardner, providing care that strengthens both the health and resilience of our community,” said Mark Hettinger, President and CEO of GFA Federal Credit Union. “At GFA, we share that same unwavering commitment to service, to community, and to the people who call this region home. Our support for Heywood Hospital is more than a partnership; it’s an investment in a healthier, stronger future, ensuring that well-being is safeguarded today and continues to thrive for generations to come.”

Funds from GFA’s contribution will aid Heywood Hospital in enhancing its facilities, expanding programs and meeting the growing

healthcare needs of the area.

Rozanna Penney, President and CEO of Heywood Healthcare, added, “We are deeply thankful for GFA’s generous support and partnership. Both our organizations were born from a commitment to serve this region, and this collaboration continues to build on that legacy. Together, we stand stronger, ensuring that the people in our communities receive the care and support they deserve.”

GFA’s contribution reflects its long-standing tradition of investing in the people, organizations, and institutions that define the character of the communities we serve. This partnership symbolizes the strength, pride and enduring spirit of our region, communities that work together to care for one another in every way.

First ever poetry contest open to Worcester County residents

SOUTHBRIDGE – The Jacob Edward Annual Poetry Contest: The Bill Tremblay Poetry Prize is open to all members, Worcester County current and former residents and students, and employees of Worcester County businesses.

Winning poems and poets are honored with a winners’ reading, including a brief reading by Bill Tremblay, to be held on Jan. 29, 2026.

To enter the Jacob Edward Library annual poetry contest, you must be

either a resident of Worcester County, or a student or employee of institutions within Worcester County. First Place winners of previous JEL annual poetry contests are not eligible to enter.

Submissions will open on Oct. 1 and close on Nov. 28 for the inaugural Annual Contest. No poems will be

considered with a postmark later than Nov. 28.

Contest guidelines
Poems must be the entrant’s original work in English and must not be previously published. Poems composed using AI will not be accepted.

Submit no more than three poems in any form.

Paper submissions must not be stapled or attached in any way and poems must be for-

matted for 8 1/2 inch x 11 inch paper.

Do not put your name on the individual poems; entrants will be judged anonymously. Include a cover sheet with your name, address, telephone number, email address, and the title of each poem.

Submissions should be mailed to: Bill Tremblay Poetry Prize, c/o Jacob Edwards Library, 236 Main St., Southbridge, MA 01550

Submissions will not be returned. Winners will be listed on the JEL website and announced via the library’s Instagram and Facebook pages.

Entry fee
There is a modest entry fee of \$10 to submit. Checks or money orders only made out to the Jacob Edwards Library, please. Please note the submission or the contest fee on the check or money order.

Judging and awards
First Place is a \$100 prize; Second Place, \$75; and Third Place, \$50. Winning poets will also receive a signed copy of Bill Tremblay’s book, “Southbridge: My Triggering Town”.

Contest winners will be announced in December 2025. The Winners’ Reading & Award Reception will be on Jan. 29, 2026 at the Jacob Edwards Library, at 6:30 p.m.

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Elementary and Secondary Education, as well as reviewed student exit surveys from the past several years.

A school district study was completed in 2011, and a regionalization study was completed in 2021.

Grant said a total of 205 students in town opt to school choice out of the school district, with 72 going to Quaboag, 58 to Quabbin, 21 to Tantasqua, and the remainder to other districts.

There are currently 397 students in the school district throughout all grade levels. During the 2002-2003 school year, there were 810 in-district students.

Grant said over 20 school districts in the commonwealth operate with a tuition agreement. Most of them are small towns with lower student enrollment.

Grant said the task force is still waiting for firm numbers about the financial benefits or drawbacks of entering into a tuition agreement, including the cost to educate each student.

He said the school choice rate set by the state is currently \$5,000 per student. He said this amount was set in 1991 and many school districts are pushing to have that amount increased.

The next step for the task force includes reviewing formal proposals from both Quaboag and Quabbin school districts, and scheduling informational meetings with the community.

“We should always be talking about what can we do better for our students,” Grant said.

Public comment
North Brookfield Teachers Association President Damian Sarrette expressed concerns about the task force formed to explore a tuition agreement with another school district.

Sarrette acknowledged that the school district was in “dire straits,” but he was not in support of closing the high school.

He said the task force meetings were difficult to attend, and his requests for virtual access were not met.

Sarrette said tuitioning out the high school students is not the right decision for the school district.

Special education paraprofessional Margaret Hanson said she doesn’t believe the true cost of tuitioning out the students is known, especially in terms of special education.

“My deep feeling is that we cannot fully comprehend what it is going to cost us if we tuition out the kids,” she said. “I cannot support tuitioning the kids out.”

STEM presentation
Superintendent Timothy McCormick said the school district has had significant growth in the area of STEM education.

He said last spring and this fall the school district received funding from the state to support an Innovative Career Pathways in Advanced Manufacturing. This has allowed the school district to expand its STEM offerings without impacting the local budget.

“That designation allows our students to take STEM courses in grades nine through 12 to receive credentials for real world experiences for the work force while graduating with distinction,” he said.

McCormick invited students enrolled in the first year of the program to speak to the School Committee about their experiences.

Sixth grader Micha’el shared that STEM has taught him a lot of skills, which he will be able to use in his future career. He showed the

committee his 3D models he was able to design and print on one of the school district’s six 3D printers.

Micha’el said he has even started his own 3D printing business and is earning money to buy a dirt bike.

Eighth graders Noah and Vincent said they have been learning about robotics and how it relates to factory jobs.

“You really get a scope for how it impacts the world and how you can integrate yourself into some of those jobs,” Noah said. “You can learn problem solving, time management, and overall just the construction of how these things are made.”

Vincent said the robotics program gives the students a head start in their careers.

Ninth grader Dante said the goal of the Advanced Manufacturing pathway is to prepare students for careers in these fields.

Superintendent’s goals
McCormick shared his five goals for the 2025-2026 school year. His goals include increasing accountability and achievement in English Language Arts and mathematics, monitoring progress and alignment to the District Strategic Plan, implementing a district wide data cycle process, engaging in continuous leadership development and advancing Universal Design for Learning and high-quality instructional materials.

Administrators’ reports
Elementary School Principal Arthur Murphy said the next free senior cit-

izen breakfast will be held Monday, Nov. 17.

He said the school has developed an Instruction and Data room for monthly after-school meetings of the leadership team. He said staff use this room and meeting time to review student data.

Murphy also shared the school’s improvement plan, which focuses on curriculum and instruction enhancement, meeting the needs of all students and providing a supportive and inclusive learning environment and fostering a culture of belonging.

High School Principal Brian Beck said teacher Caitlyn Malone attended the OpenSciEd Teacher Leader Network event.

Beck said a school wellness day is being planned for Nov. 12, which is a half-day for students.

Beck said the high school’s improvement plan will focus on curriculum and instruction, meeting the needs of all students and fostering a culture of belonging.

Director of Student Services Dr. Michael Baldassarre spoke about the first meeting of the Special Education Parents Advisory Council. He said a number of parents of attended the meeting.

He said the meeting participants developed a survey,

which was sent out to parents and he has received about 40 responses from the survey.

Baldassarre said the SEPAC will host a spaghetti supper on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. in the elementary school.

He said the school district will be visited by the Department of Education in January 2026.

Baldassarre said he continues to work with area special educators to find resources for parents and find cost savings for the school district through collaboration.

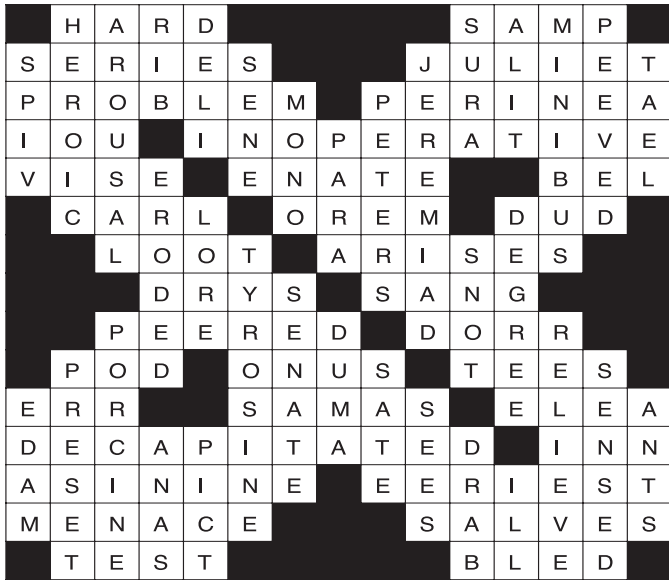
Student Council update
Student Council representative Noah Gillette spoke about homecoming events and

spirit week.

He said the annual Giving Turkey food drive is coming up. Each teacher is given a bag for students to donate nonperishable food items in.

“The teacher with the most will wear the turkey costume,” Gillette said.

Recognitions
McCormick said the first senior citizen pancake breakfast of the school year was held recently. He said about 20 seniors enjoyed the free breakfast and he thanked the students and volunteers who worked to make this possible.





EARLY DEADLINE

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There will be an **EARLY CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE**

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