REGION

Gas prices at the pump decrease 12 cents from last week

WESTWOOD – Drivers are getting some relief at the pump as gasoline prices continue to ease across the Northeast.

Crude oil and gasoline prices steadily declined for about a month on building anticipation that the war with Iran might be nearing its end and unfettered product flows through Strait of Hormuz could resume.

Tightening inventories of both oil and gasoline are keeping some pressure on pump prices: U.S. crude inventories fell by 17.2 million barrels last week, reaching the lowest level since March 1985, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Inventories of gasoline also declined by 900,000 barrels and are now 6% below the five-year average, the EIA reported. The drawdown came even as gasoline production climbed 356,000 barrels a day to more than 10 million barrels a day, the highest rate in more than 10 months as refiners ramp up output to meet summer demand.

Total domestic demand last week reached 9.21 million barrels a day, the highest level in three weeks, and exports remain elevated as countries around the world turn to the U.S. to replace product previously delivered via the Strait of Hormuz. Over the past four weeks, gasoline exports have trended about 20% higher than last year and oil exports have averaged 23% higher over the same period.

The average gas price in Massachusetts is down 12 cents from last week ($4.17), averaging $4.05 per gallon.

Today's price is 44 cents lower than a month ago ($4.49) and 97 cents higher than this day last year ($3.08). Massachusetts's average gas price is 13 cents higher than the national average.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Worthington
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Worthington Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in response to a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) regarding the following proposed work at 181 River Road:

• Addition of a 27' x 32" bedroom/bathroom to the west side of the primary residence.

The Hearing will be held **Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 7:00 PM** in the Selectboard meeting room at Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road.

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CHESTERFIELD

Town lists July 3 and 4 events

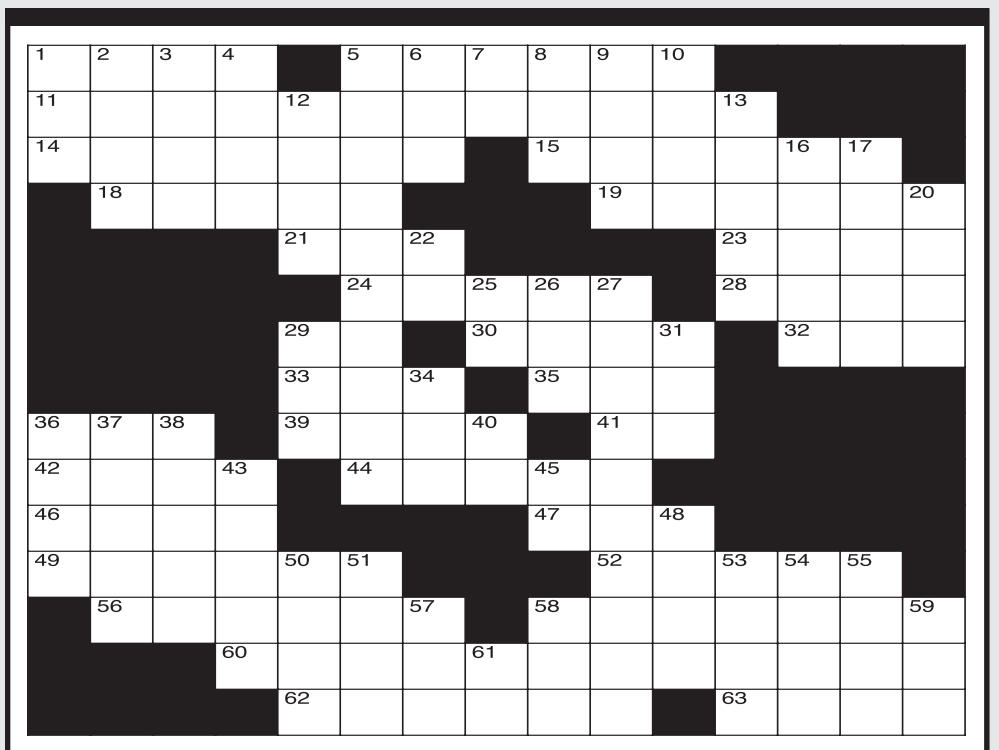
CHESTERFIELD – A Block Party with a car show, food trucks and a live band, Sidetracked, takes place Friday, July 3 from 4-7 p.m.

On Saturday, July 4 from 7-10:30 a.m. a pancake breakfast takes place at the Firehouse. Heritage Pops Orchestra performs from 9-10 a.m. ind again from 11:30 a.m.-1 o,n, in the Town Center.

There will be honoree presentations at 10 a.m at the viewing stand. The parade takes place from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Other events include reading of the Declaration of Independence, viewing stand of Cadaence Cayo, Maggie Sturtevant, Garrett Bak, Bob Osborne and Elizabeth Garcia at 10:15 a.m, and National Anthem Rus and Jen Peotter, AJ and Sylvia Lapinsi and Suzanne and Jim Krebs.

Other events include: chicken barbecue from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the church, a magic show from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Russel Park. Rolling Scones and Ed Popielarczyk, Exhibits and face painting Town Hall takes place all day as well as pie and treats on the Library lawn.



CLUES ACROSS
1. __ chat
5. Statue near the Pyramids
11. A process to change the look
14. Herb
15. Think about excessively
18. Bass vocal part
19. Supreme Allied Cmdr. of NATO
21. A major division of geological time
23. New Zealand parrot
24. Cognitive contents
28. Lump of yarn
29. Atomic #109
30. Let go of
32. Indian title of respect
33. Whereabouts unknown
35. Electronic data processing
36. Drivers' licenses count
39. Snakelike fishes
41. They precede C
42. Popular personal computers
44. Intermediate community stage in ecological succession
46. Wings
47. Indicates position
49. Pleasantly smooth or soft
52. Jeweled headdress
56. In slow tempo
58. __ Falls
60. Reassertions
62. Eras
63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN
1. Corporate executive
2. A plant used for flavoring food
3. Opinion or belief
4. Sheep in their second year
5. Intensities of sound
6. Indicates support for
7. Expression of laughter
8. OJ trial judge
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. True bugs genus
12. Lawyers argue theirs
13. Body parts
16. Closes tightly
17. World Heritage site in Nigeria
20. Islamic calendar month
22. Commercial
25. "Westworld" actor Harris
26. They __
27. Religious guilds
29. Woman (French)
31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
34. Brew
36. Spiritual leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Older citizen
43. Scad fish genus
45. Morning
48. Line passing through the center (abbr.)
50. Double S-shaped curve
51. Small, thin person
53. Older
54. Mars crater
55. Humanities
57. Word element meaning ear
58. To the __ degree
59. Residue
61. It cools your home

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

ARIES
Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you are a powerhouse this week. Your energy levels will remain steady as the days go on, and people will notice your drive. Channel this energy into something positive.

TAURUS
Apr 21/May 21
It's your week right now, Taurus, and the stars want to indulge. Indulge in something luxurious and enjoy yourself. You have earned the right to some pampering.

GEMINI
May 22/Jun 21
Use your gift of gab to mend a relationship issue that stemmed from a misunderstanding, Gemini. Expect some invitations to come your way and a surprise text mid-week.

CANCER
Jun 22/Jul 22
You are feeling extra sensitive to others' energy. It is alright to decline social invitations to protect your peace of mind. A creative breakthrough may emerge while alone.

LEO
Jul 23/Aug 23
Don't shy away from the microphone or the spotlight, Leo. Whether it is at work or in your personal life, your charisma will be your greatest asset this week. You will be the star of the show.

VIRGO
Aug 24/Sept 22
Decluttering can go a long way to making you feel better, Virgo. Clear your desk to clear your mind. Once the physical chaos is gone, you may find the answer to the problem you have.

LIBRA
Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, the scales start to tip toward your personal life instead of your professional one this week. Focus on your spouse or special someone and make time for extra moments together.

SCORPIO
Oct 24/Nov 22
Let go of a habit or a resentment that no longer serves you, Scorpio. Just like a snake sheds an old skin, you'll feel lighter and ready to tackle anything.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov 23/Dec 21
You might be ready for a trip, Sagittarius. Even if you can't take a flight right now, explore a new neighborhood or try a different restaurant you've been meaning to check out.

CAPRICORN
Dec 22/Jan 20
A small adjustment to your budget now may lead to a big payoff later on, Capricorn. Your financial discipline is a superpower this week, so stick to the plan.

AQUARIUS
Jan 21/Feb 18
Others are finally catching up to all of your big ideas, Aquarius. Pitch that unconventional plan you have been holding back and you'll likely have some fans.

PISCES
Feb 19/Mar 20
Pay attention to any coincidences that pop up during the next several days, Pisces. The universe is trying to tell you something about your next move.

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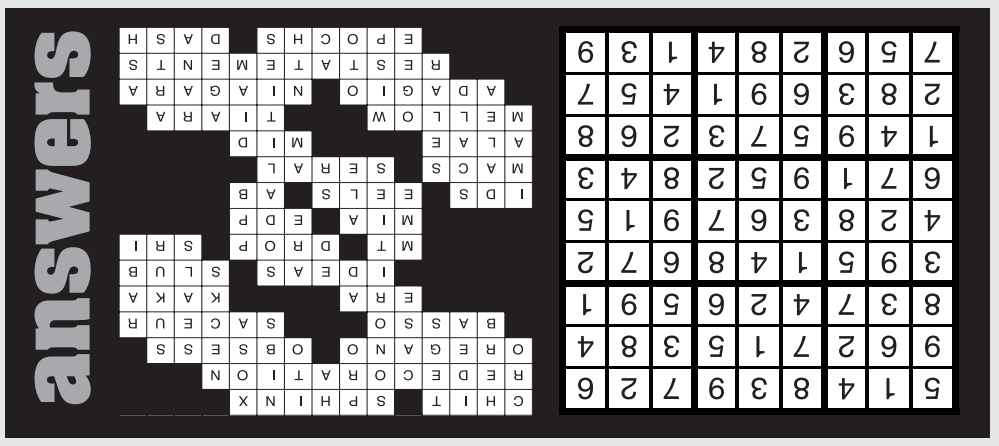
SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

answers



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1	9	5	6	3	7	2	4	8
4	2	3	9	1	8	7	6	5
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