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Zonta Club helps women in need with hygiene kits

The Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley announced that 600 feminine hygiene kits were assembled for women and girls in need by some amazing volunteers at the Venture Way Collaborative on Feb. 21.

Special thanks to VWC, Jazzercise Amherst Fitness, Girls Inc. of the Valley, Palmer Public Library, Soul Shine Consignment Boutique, Making Waves Belchertown, The Polished Room, Blush Med Spa, Chamelions Salon, Wilbraham Tanning, Wilbraham Monson Academy and the Skin Studio Wilbraham for their support in collecting product donations. The club also received heart-warming messages and cash to purchase need-



ed products thanks to the publicity from local publications.

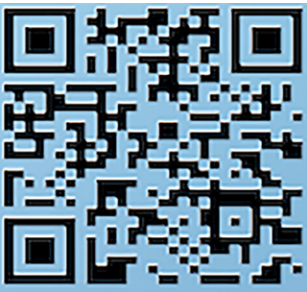
Amherst Survival Center was the only non-profit who showed up to get the kits, so they left with hundreds of kits and a trunkload of additional feminine products. Zonta Club members and volunteers will deliver the rest of the kits to the Care Center, Gray's House, local food banks, police departments, etc.

Suicide awareness walk returns to Grenville Park

WARE – During Mental Health Awareness Month, community members and students from Ware Public Schools, will gather at Grenville Park for the third annual Out of the Darkness Campus Walk to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The 5K walk will be held at Grenville Park, 73 Church St., on Saturday, May 2, with check-in starting at 9 a.m. and the walk at 10 a.m. People can register at afsp.org/ware or scan the QR code.

This event was established in 2024 by School Resource Officer Jeannine Bonnayer and Ware Public Schools Food Service Manager Kristen Murphy, to help to bring



awareness to and start a conversation about suicide. In March of 2023, Murphy's son Ethan Donnelly died by suicide at the age of 24.

Murphy died in February of 2025, after a brief but fierce battle with a rare and aggressive cancer. This walk fundraiser was a cause very close to her heart, and a way she could honor her son's memory.

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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, Section 3 of M.G.L., a Public Hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on **Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Town Hall Banquet Room, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA.** Anyone wishing to comment may do so at this time.

The Select Board, acting as Tree Warden, has posted the following tree to be removed:

On 18 Common Street, a Norway Maple tree located between the Merrick Public Library and the Library Annex. Removing the tree would make it possible to install a 16' x 16' parking area to provide ADA-accessible parking for the Wood Room/Meeting Room and Barn program space. Without this improvement, ADA-accessible parking at 18 Common Street would not be

feasible.

This notice is also posted on the Town Website; the Brookfield Town Clerk's Office, 6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA; the Brookfield Post Office on Route 9; and a local newspaper.

Brookfield Select Board
selectmen@brookfieldma.us
03/20, 03/27/2026

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