

Relay hosting concert fundraiser

BELCHERTOWN – Quaboag Valley Relay for Life will host a fundraiser to “Scare Cancer Away” on Saturday, Apr. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Belchertown Untied Church of Christ, 18 Park St.

The featured performer is Ray Guillemette, Jr. the 10-time international award-winning Elvis tribute artist.

The event is being held to help cancer patients, fund more research to help with the government cutbacks, and to honor those we’ve lost too soon to cancer.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at <https://buccsangels.ticketspice.com/rays-of-elvis-relay-fundraiser>.

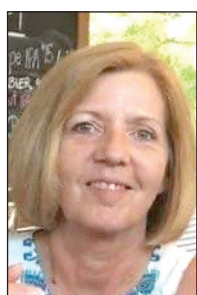
Refreshments will be available for purchase.

OBITUARIES

Dawn Frances (McKenzie) Diloreto

1957-2026

BELCHERTOWN – It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Dawn Frances (McKenzie) Diloreto, age 68, at her home in Belchertown on March 30, 2026.



Born on April 3, 1957, in Marlborough, Massachusetts, she was the beloved daughter of the late Donald and Lorraine (Mahoney) McKenzie.

Dawn’s life was beautifully woven with love and family. She cherished 48 wonderful years of marriage to Fred “Skip” Diloreto, with whom she built a life filled with laughter and warmth. Together, they were blessed with two daughters, Jennifer Barkyoub and her husband, Eric, and Amanda Staples and her husband, Mark, who brought her

immense joy and pride. Dawn was also a doting Nonni to Cooper, Cameron, Clara, and Emerson, further enriching her legacy of love.

Dawn grew up in Marlborough and later lived in Spencerport, New York, before settling in Belchertown to raise her family 35 years ago. She embraced her role as a homemaker with grace and dedication. While she took on part-time roles at CVS and as a receptionist at a hair salon, her most fulfilling work was caring for her own family as well as being a nanny, where she nurtured and cared for the children of the Hulmes and Cote families. A remarkable cook, Dawn possessed an extraordinary ability to craft meals both from scratch and by following recipes. Her specialties included “Nonni

bread” and pasta sauce, creating unforgettable meals that drew family and friends together for delicious Sunday dinners.

Dawn is survived by her husband, “Skip”; her daughters; her siblings, Maureen Margraf, Donna Callahan, James McKenzie, and Gary McKenzie; and was predeceased by her siblings, Renee Boutwell and Kevin McKenzie. Her life touched many, and she will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A graveside service will be held at South Cemetery on Monday, April 13, at 11 a.m. to honor Dawn’s memory and celebrate her beautiful life.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the D’Amour Cancer Center, supporting those battling the disease she faced with courage.

DEATH NOTICES

Diloreto, Dawn Frances (McKenzie)
Died March 30, 2026
Graveside service
April 13, 11 a.m.
at South Cemetery,
Belchertown.

Hennessey, Joan M.
Died Feb. 27, 2026
Celebration of Life
graveside Saturday,
April 18 at 10 a.m.,
South Cemetery,
Belchertown

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The Sentinel OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place. The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Hearing Special Permit Legal Notice

Belchertown Planning Board

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, and pursuant to the Town of Belchertown Chapter 145-27 and 145-69, the Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing to discuss a site plan proposed by 50 Federal Operating Company, LLC, P.O. Box 326, Belchertown, MA 01007 for site plan approval for a Multiple Dwelling Development at Pelham Road, Belchertown, MA 01007, Map 238, Lot 62 & 63, owner: 50 Federal Operating Company, LLC.

Place: Belchertown Town Hall, 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA

Date: **April 28, 2026**
Time: **7:15 pm**

Remote access information:
<https://meet.goto.com/173538941>

Access Code: 173-538-941

The application is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk and Planning Board office, 2 Jabish Street

Daniel Beaudette, Chair
Belchertown Planning Board
04/02, 04/09/2026

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) SALE OF 6 BERKSHIRE AVENUE AND 8 BERKSHIRE AVENUE, BELCHERTOWN MASSACHUSETTS

The Town of Belchertown (the “Town”) is seeking proposals to sell the following two (2) parcels of Town-owned property (individually or together, the “Property”): (a) the 1.022-acre parcel of land with the building and other improvements thereon located at 6 Berkshire Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts, and identified on Assessor’s 243 as 243A (the “6 Berkshire Property”), and (2) the 1.028-acre parcel of land with the building and other improvements thereon located at 8 Berkshire Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts, and identified on Assessor’s 243 as 244 (the “8 Berkshire Property”). Proposers may submit proposals for the purchase of the 6 Berk-

shire Property, the 8 Berkshire Property, or both, provided that a separate proposal is submitted for each Property. The property record cards are attached as **Exhibit A** and the Assessor’s map is attached as **Exhibit B**, which exhibits are incorporated herein.

Copies of the full Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Town Manager’s Office located at Finnerty House, 1 South Main Street, Belchertown MA 01007. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Steve Williams, the Town Manager, by email at swilliams@belchertown.org.

Proposers are advised that the deed by which the Commonwealth conveyed the Property to the Town, recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 5341, Page 34 (the “Deed”), states that the Property is to be used for those uses set forth in the Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation Economic Development Plan of 1993 (as such plan may be changed from time to time, the “Plans”). Attached to and incorporated into the RFP as Exhibit C are the 1993 Plan, the 2001 Plan, the 2009 Plan, and the 2014 Plan. The following is a list of some, but not all, of the uses set forth in the Plans: offices, commercial, business, light industrial, and retail; research, and/or development, assisted living facilities and/or services in support thereof; education; hospital and/or geriatric center; recreation; tourism; and other uses that support the economic development of the Town. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Town will consider all proposed uses of the Property, even if not listed on the Plans, and may seek all approvals required to allow such use, including demolition and redevelopment of the land.

All questions must be submitted in writing to Steve Williams, Town Manager, email: swilliams@belchertown.org and facsimile: (413) 323-0403, and received by the Town on or before 3:00 p.m. on April 21, 2026. Questions that the Town, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate for a response will be answered in writing and sent to all proposers on record as having requested the RFP. It is the Town’s preference to use email

to respond to questions and to send future addendums to potential proposers who have provided their contact information to the Town.

Proposals must be sent or delivered to the Town Manager’s Office, Finnerty House, 1 South Main Street, Belchertown MA 01007 on or before **11:00 a.m. on April 28, 2026** at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened. Proposals become public information when opened. Late proposals will not be considered.

The successful proposer must enter into a purchase and sale agreement, substantially similar to the Purchase and Sale Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated herein (the “P&S”), within thirty (30) days from the date the sale of the Property is awarded to the proposer. The terms and conditions applicable to the sale of the Property are more fully set forth in Section K and Exhibit D of the RFP.

No proposer may withdraw his or her proposal for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The awarding authority is the Belchertown Select Board.

The Town of Belchertown, acting through its Select Board, reserves the right to waive any informality, to negotiate sale terms with the successful proposer, to award the sale of the Property to the proposal deemed in the best interest of the Town, and/or to reject any or all proposals if it is in the public interest to do so. 04/09, 04/16/2026

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET PRESENTATION PUBLIC HEARING

The Belchertown School Committee will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, to present the FY27 School Department Budget. The public is invited to attend the presentation, which will be held in the Chestnut Hill Community School Auditorium. Members of the Public can access the meeting via live stream. Link will be located at www.belchertownps.org under the School Committee link at the top of the page beside the Agenda for this meeting. 04/02, 04/09/2026

Notice of Meeting Board Hearing Relative to Proposed Zoning By-law Amendments Pursuant to MGL c.40A, §5.

The Belchertown Planning Board will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the town’s zoning by-laws. The public hearing will be held both remotely and in person:

Select Board Meeting Room, Lawrence Memorial Hall 2 Jabish Street, Belchertown April 28, 2026 at 7:05 p.m.
Remote access information: <https://meet.goto.com/173538941>
Access Code: 173-538-941

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is:

1. To amend §145-68, Board of Appeals, to delete the words “Select Board” and replace them with “Town Manager”.
2. To amend §145-69, Special

Permits, Subsection B, to delete the words “Select Board” and replace them with “Town Manager”.

The complete text relative to the proposed amendments are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Town Clerk’s office and the Planning Board office and at masspublicnotices.org 04/02, 04/09/2026



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The Town of New Braintree Highway Dept. is seeking qualified applicants for the immediate full-time position of Skilled Laborer / Truck Driver. Applicants must have a valid Massachusetts Driver’s License, Class B (CDL) with DOT Medical Examination Certification and a Hoisting Engineer License Class 2B with DOT Medical Examination Certification. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and an employment application to: Highway Department, 110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree MA 01531.

Highway Dept. Seasonal Laborer

The Town of New Braintree is seeking a qualified candidate to perform seasonal work in the maintenance of town commons, roadways, grounds and cemeteries. Applicants must have a valid Massachusetts Driver’s License (Class D). This is a seasonal position for 20 hours per week with a flexible schedule, May through October. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and employment application to: Highway Department, 110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree MA 01531.

For further information, please contact Richard Ayer, Highway Superintendent, at 508-867-2451, or via email at Highway@newbraintree.gov.

A.A./E.O.E.

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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- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts’ public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

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