

Historical Society presents ‘Notables & Notorious’ of the Revolution

STURBRIDGE – On Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at The Publick House, the Sturbridge Historical Society will present Regan Miner, the Development Director for TLGV, speaking about “The Notables & Notorious of the American Revolution: Curious and Infamous Characters from the Last Green Valley”.

Not every hero held a musket. The people living in the area now known as The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor (TLGV) shaped and helped win the American Revolution. They fueled the passion for declaring independence, bravely signed the Declaration, supported the war effort, and were integral in the earliest days of our democracy.

TLGV Heritage Corridor, which encompasses 35 towns in south central and eastern Connecticut from Brimfield to Norwich, is a region that spurred the revolutionary leadership of Samuel Huntington and Jonathan Trumbull but also spawned the traitorous Benedict Arnold.

As we acknowledge the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

in 2026, this talk will explore the notable and notorious figures that helped shape the region and the nation in our fight for independence.

With over 10 years of experience in the history and nonprofit sector, Miner is a public historian and a historic preservation advocate. Currently, Miner serves as the Development Director of The Last Green Valley and enjoys building partnerships to strengthen our cultural, historical, and natural resources within the National Heritage Corridor.

Her previous roles included serving as the Executive Director of the Norwich Historical Society and the Executive Director of the Fort Adams Trust in Newport, Rhode Island. In addition to her position at TLGV, Miner volunteers as Chairman of the Norwich Historic District Commission, the Commission of the City Plan, America 250 Norwich Commission, and is a Corporator at the Norwich Free Academy.

The program is free and open to the public; and is generously hosted by the Publick House.

Storytelling group, The Story Exchange, forming in Brookfield

BROOKFIELD – A new community storytelling group, The Story Exchange, is forming in Brookfield and will hold its organizational meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Merrick Public Library Annex, 18 Common St.

The Story Exchange is designed for individuals interested in telling and developing true, personal stories, shared aloud in a supportive, structured environment. The group emphasizes storytelling craft, focused listening, and constructive feedback, and welcomes participants of all experience levels.

Stories shared during meetings are expected to be true, personal narratives, typically 5-7 minutes in length, focused on a single moment or experience rather than a full life history.

The group will be facilitated by Joe Klimavich, an accredited public relations consultant and adjunct professor of communication at Worcester State University, who has taught effective speaking and communication courses for many years. While facilitated, The Story Exchange is intended to be largely member-driven, with participants shaping discussions,

stories, and feedback through shared experience.

If you’ve lived a little, noticed a lot, and you’re curious about shaping real moments into meaningful, well-told stories, you’ll feel at home with this group.

“As a public relations professional and educator, telling stories – my own and those of my clients – has always been central to my work,” said Klimavich. “Inspired by programs like “The Moth” and “Stories from the Stage”, The Story Exchange grew out of a belief in the power of true stories, told well, and the value of listening as much as sharing.”

Participation will be limited to six to eight storytellers per session. There is no cost to participate, but advance registration is required.

Interested individuals should send a brief introductory email to joe.klimavich@gmail.com and indicate whether you are interested in sharing a story during the first meeting.

Following the organizational meeting, The Story Exchange will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Merrick Public Library Annex.

Circle of Song starts winter-spring session

BARRE – The first rehearsal for Circle of Song’s winter-spring season will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Town Hall, 2 Exchange St. from 7-8:30 pm.

Rehearsal will be every Thursday between then and Thursday, May 14 with the concert on Saturday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The concert’s program includes the following songs: “Brightly Dawns Our Wedding Day”, WS Gilbert/arranged Arthur Sullivan from The Mikado; “Down by the Riverside”, traditional/arranged David Eddleman; “Les Miserables Medley”, Schonberg and Kretzmer/arranged Lojeski; “Make Our Garden Grow”, Bernstein/arranged Page from Candide; “No One is Alone”, Sondheim/arranged Brymer from Into the Woods; “The Promise of Living”, Copland/Everett from The Tender Land; “Solitude”, Duke Ellington/arranged Althouse; “Total Praise”, Richard Smallwood/arranged Rao; “Waltzing Matilda”, traditional/arranged Sand; “Till There Was You”, Lerner and Loewe from The Music Man with a quartet of Jack, Joan, Anne, Julie for the 25th anniversary of COS.

Circle of song is particularly in need of altos this session.

Singers of all ages and experience are welcome. The chorus sings in four-part harmony and there is a modest sliding scale membership fee with deep discounts for students

For more information, contact director, Julie Rawson at julie@mhof.net; 978-257-1192.

public notices

TOWN OF WARE  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on **February 3, 2026, at 6:40pm**, in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an Application for a new On-Premises, Farmer Series Pouring Permit License (Malt & Wine), an Entertainment License, an Auto Amusement License and a Common Victualler License for Fieldcrest Brewing Company LLC, located at 11 East Main Street, Ware, MA. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA.

All interest parties are invited to attend.

Nancy Talbot, Chairman  
Selectboard

01/15/2026

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE’S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lily M. Lunani to Bank of America, N.A., dated January 4, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9363, Page 302, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Bank of America, N.A. to ABS Loan Trust V, recorded on December 24, 2018, in Book No. 13166, at Page 244 ABS Loan Trust V to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR2 Trust, recorded on March 21, 2024, in Book No. 15093, at Page 133 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR2 Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee on behalf of and for the benefit of BP-JR 2 Loan Trust, recorded on June 24, 2025, in Book No. 15456, at Page 90 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of

foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on February 3, 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at 76 Aspen Street, Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land situated on the Westerly side of Aspen Street in said Ware and bounded as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin driven in the ground at the northeast corner of lot conveyed on West line of street;

Thence Southerly on said street seventy-five (75) feet to an iron pin;

Thence Westerly on land formerly of Samuel H. Giguere ninety-five (95) feet to an iron pin;

Thence Northerly seventy-five (75) feet to land formerly of J.H. Storrs, at an iron pin; and, Thence Easterly ninety-five and one half (95-1/2) feet to place of beginning, containing more or less.

Parcel 2

The land in said Ware off the Westerly side of Aspen Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin at the Northwestern corner of other land now or formerly of Wdowiak, said iron pin being set North 66° 16’ 52” West ninety-six and 04/100 (96.04) feet from the iron pin in the Westerly line of Aspen Street marking the Northeastly corner of said other land;

THENCE North 66° 16’ 52” West along remaining land now or formerly of Laurette C. Smith one hundred sixteen and 87/100 (116.87) feet to an iron pin at Aspen Grove Cemetery;

THENCE South 19° 11’ 20” West fourteen and 34/100 (14.34) feet to a stone bound;

THENCE South 18° 47’ 29” West fifty-five and 96/100 (55.96) feet to an iron pin at the Northwestern corner of land to be conveyed by Laurette C. Smith to Laura Demers; the last two (2) courses being along land of Aspen Grove Cemetery;

THENCE South 63° 46’ 18”

East along said land now or formerly of Laura Demers one hundred twelve and 72/100 (112.72) feet to an iron pin at the Southwesterly corner of other land of Wdowiak;

THENCE North 22° 25’ 55” East along said land of Wdowiak seventy-five (75) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 8,314 square feet and being Parcel “B” on a Plan of Land in Ware, Mass., surveyed for Lauretta C. Smith by Robert H. LeMaitre dated September 15, 1979 and recorded in Hampshire County Deeds, Plan Book 112, Page 74.

SUBJECT TO rights reserved by Laurette C. Smith a/k/a Lauretta C. Smith in a deed given by her to Louis G. and Marguerite Wdowiak recorded at Hampshire County Deeds, Book 2128 Page 107, if still in force and effect.

BOTH PARCELS are the same as were conveyed to us by deed of Louis C. and Marguerite Wdowiak dated Sept. 23, 2004 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 7997 Page 307. Subject to a first mortgage dated January 4, 2008 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds at Book 9363, Page 285 in the original principal amount of \$110,400.00. For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 9363, Page 281.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00)

Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF BP-JR 2 LOAN TRUST  
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
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01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2026

WARREN  
PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
Maple Lane Development -  
Rivers Bend Road

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, notice is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Maple Lane Development Corp. The Hearing will be held at the Warren Senior Center located at 2252 Main Street in West Warren.

The Applicant, Maple Lane Development Corp., is requesting a Special Permit (No. 316) under Section 3.28, Earth Removal (pursuant to Section 8) of the zoning by-laws to allow earth removal at Rivers Bend Road

(Map 04, Lots 54 and 55) in the Rural district.

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated.  
01/08, 01/15/2026

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE’S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kwasi Sarpong to Resource Capital, LLC, dated January 10, 2022, and recorded with the Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66929 at Page 69, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 P.M. on the 23rd day of January 2026**, at 29 Bacon Street, Warren, MA 01083, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:

The land in Warren, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

The land in the Center Village of said Warren situated on the westerly side of Bacon Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northerly corner of land now or formerly of William Lincoln;

Thence N. 28-3/4° E., 134 feet and 10 inches to land now or formerly of Danforth Keyes;

Thence by land of said Keyes S. 70 ½ E. 94 feet to Bacon Street;

Thence by said Street S. 19° W. 132 feet and 5 inches to a corner of land formerly of said Lincoln and being the southerly corner of said tract;

Thence by the land of said Lincoln N. 70-3/4° W. 117 feet to the place of beginning.

Said premises are conveyed

subject to the condition relative to building and fence and recited in a deed from Mary A. Ramsdell et al to Danforth Keyes dated January 1, 1866 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 732, Page 112, if now in force and effect.

Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Kenneth J. Buck and Russell D. Buck, Executors of the Estate of Robert A. Buck, dated October 17, 2016, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 56155, Page 170.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

**Terms of sale:** A deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Ligris + Associates, P.C., 1188 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02459 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

**Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.**

Resource Capital, LLC,  
Present holder of said mortgage,  
By its Attorneys,  
Ligris + Associates, P.C.  
1188 Centre Street  
Newton, MA 02459  
(617) 274-1500

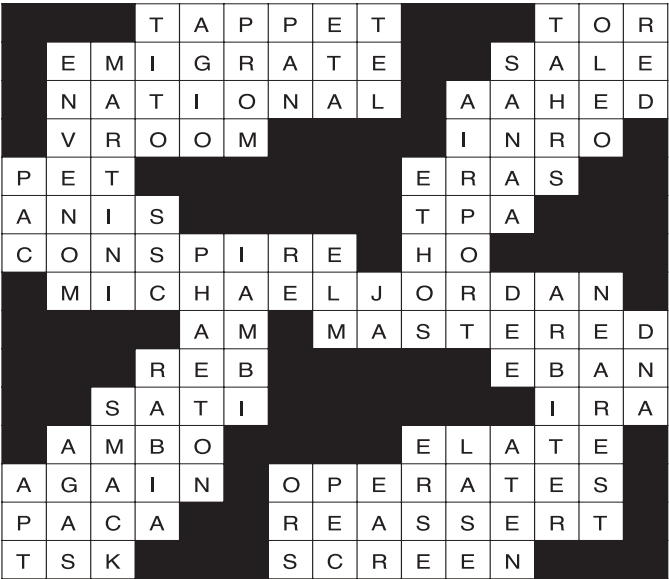
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Ware River News  
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