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Judith McIntosh, Chair of the SRVHS Board of Directors. "We are deeply committed to our mission to preserve the history of the Swift River Valley. The sale allows us to strengthen our operations, make much-needed capital improvements, and expand educational programming that serves the greater community."

Proceeds from the sale will be used to make capital improvements and accessibility updates to the Whitaker-Clary House, fund long-term maintenance of museum buildings, and implement a new strategic plan.

"We understand that the community places great trust in us as stewards of Quabbin history," said McIntosh. "This sale ensures that we can devote greater resources to fulfilling our mission."

The Swift River Valley Museum is open during the summer season and by appointment. For a glimpse into the life of each of the four lost towns, visit the Whitaker-Clary House, Prescott Church Museum, and Carriage Shed at the historical society's location at 40 Elm St.

About the Swift River Valley Historical Society

The Swift River Valley Historical Society is the leading resource in preserving the artifacts, stories and records of the towns that were lost in order to create the Quabbin Reservoir water supply that serves eastern Massachusetts: Prescott, Dana, Enfield, and Greenwich.

SRVHS collaborates with communities, organizations and agencies to provide educational opportunities and programs about the history of this region and to ensure appropriate management and protection of those resources and artifacts, including the Quabbin watershed, to engage public interest and support.

The Swift River Historical Museum is open Wednesdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. from June to September. Admission to the museum is free.

Read more at www.swiftrivermuseum.org, or on Facebook at Swift River Valley Historical Society.

Wildlife on Wheels

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Monty and said he likes to look around the room. The reason for him sticking out his tongue periodically is to taste the air of the environment he is in.

Ball pythons usually eat rodents and blend very well in trees. Monty is not a fully grown ball python, and their name comes from their inclination to coil themselves into a ball.

The next animal friend was Zippy the Russian tortoise. Zippy can live up to 50 years and has a diet that includes vegetation, flowers, and some fruits.

The next animal friend was loud at the beginning of the program and Gilbert thought it may be a good time to bring him out.

"The loud one in the box," Gilbert said.

The commotion came from Cheese the white leghorn rooster. Cheese came to The Zoo at Forest Park after he was hatched as a science experiment in a local classroom.

Gilbert described Cheese as one of the friendliest roosters you will ever meet. He is about 8 years old and his species can eat just about anything they can find.

The next animal friends featured on Wildlife on Wheels are the Madagascar hissing cockroaches. These unique cockroaches, native to Madagascar, are important to the ecosystem as they are decomposers. They break down decaying plant and animal matter and return important nutrients to the soil.

Hissing helps them scare predators away. One of the kids asked if these cockroaches have any predators, and Gilbert said lemurs and monkeys will eat them. Males are distinguishable from females due to the presence of horns near their head.

The last friend to appear was the lionhead rabbit, Meatball. This rabbit gets his name due to him rolling up into a ball. The lionhead rabbit gets its name from the beard that grows around their faces.

Meatball was given to



Animal Keeper and Educator, Cameron Gilbert, held Monty the ball python.



Submitted Photos

Cameron Gilbert is shown with Zippy the Russian tortoise who lives at the Zoo at Forest Park.

the zoo in a box as a surrendered pet. Lionhead rabbits are recognized as a domesticated species and live where their human caretakers live.

Gilbert says Meatball is anywhere from 8 to 9 years of age.

For more information on Wildlife on Wheels, visit www.forestparkzoo.org.

Second Chance launches emergency fundraiser

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services has launched an urgent fundraising campaign to replace the heating system at its Adoption Center after the existing system failed and was deemed unsalvageable despite extensive repair efforts.

"The Adoption Center is home to vulnerable animals every single day, including puppies, kittens, seniors, and pets recovering from illness or surgery, all of whom rely on a warm, stable environment to stay healthy and comfortable," said Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer at Second Chance.

"The failure of our heating system during a period of extended cold weather makes this replacement especially urgent. We brought in professionals who explored every possible option to repair the system, but unfortunately there is no way to save it. Heat is not optional for the animals in our care, and while replacing the sys-



Submitted Photo

Second Chance Animal Services is launching an emergency fundraiser to replace the heating system at its Adoption Center in East Brookfield.

tem is a major, unexpected expense, delaying is simply not an option."

Charlton Oil, a longtime supporter of Second Chance, helped set up temporary heat to keep the building open and staff are monitoring the temperature around the clock until the new system can be installed.

In addition to serving as an Adoption Center, the building functions as an emergency placement facility for pets displaced during natural disasters and other emergencies. During events such as the historic ice storm that knocked out power for a week, Second Chance provides critical shelter and care

for affected animals.

Without a functioning heating system, the organization's ability to respond in similar situations is at risk.

Second Chance is working to raise \$14,000 to cover the cost of replacing the commercial heating system as quickly as possible. Funds raised will go directly toward installation so the organization can continue providing lifesaving care and remain prepared for emergencies.

Community members are encouraged to support the fundraiser or help spread the word.

For more information or to donate, visit givebutter.com/shelterheat.

About Second Chance Animal Services

Second Chance Animal Services is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 1999. Second Chance began as an animal shelter and grew to help more pets in need.

Today, Second Chance

operates Community Veterinary Hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester providing access to the highest-quality veterinary care for all. Subsidized rates are provided to underserved communities to ensure access to care for all pets in need.

Last year Second Chance helped over 64,000 pets live better lives through full-service veterinary care, spay/neuter services, adoption services, community & educational outreach programs, training, and a pet food pantry. For more information, visit Second Chance's website at www.secondchanceanimals.org.

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Town of Warren Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 166 Section 22, a public hearing will take place on the petition of National Grid to install 5 JO Poles on Reed St., and relocate 11 JO Poles on Reed St., beginning at a point approximately 1100 feet in a west direction. This hearing will be held on **Thursday, March 12th, 2026 at 6:00PM** at the Warren Senior Center, 2252 Main St., West Warren.

Richard Eichacker, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
02/26, 03/05/2026

TOWN OF WARE Public Hearing Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Ware Town Hall 126 Main Street, Ware, MA or Join Online: <https://zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 784 604 1861 Passcode: 01082

FY 2026 Town of Ware CDBG Application

The Town of Ware Community Development Authority, with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware – Town Hall Meeting Room or via Zoom with the meeting ID and Passcode noted above.

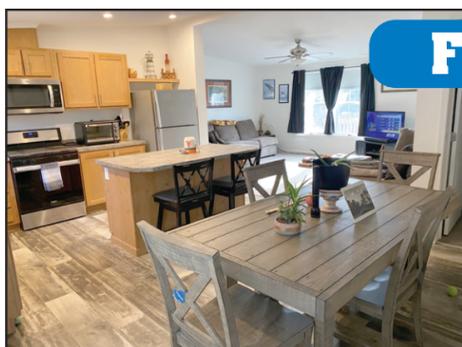
The public is encouraged to

attend these meetings to discuss the FY26 application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for up to \$950,000 in available Community Development Block Grant Funds. Any person with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Community Development Authority, Planning Department, Ware Town Hall, or through email at psmith@townofware.org. All written comments will be presented during the public meetings.

The Town is seeking input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. Construction of the Cottage Street improvement project

is currently being reviewed. The CDBG application will also include a request for funding for up to five social service programs including, but not limited to, adult basic education and GED preparation, domestic violence prevention, elder services, and community health.

The Ware Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Anyone who requires special accommodation for either public meeting should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413) 967-9648 ext. 118. For further information contact Para Smith, Director of Planning & Community Development at (413) 967-9648 ext. 118 or psmith@townofware.com or Erica Johnson at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or ejohnson@pvpc.org. 02/26/2026



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