



Heron on the Hunt: Canton resident Phil Reilly spotted this Great Blue Heron looking statuesque while hunting for a meal at the base of the Shepard Pond waterfall. These patient birds stand completely still while searching for fish and other small animals to prey on. Once they zero in on a target, they unleash a lightning-fast strike with their dagger-like bills to spear or grab their meal before swallowing it whole. *Have a seasonal or nature-themed photo to share? Send to submissions@thecantoncitizen.com for consideration in our print or online editions.*

Construction crews prep GMS site

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early November.

Consigli also reported that the grass fields behind GMS will be available for use by Canton Youth Soccer after the school year begins, and the parking lot at the former St. Gerard’s property on Washington Street will be used for sub-contractors.

“The Consigli Construction team has worked relentlessly throughout the summer to ensure that we open school on time and that we have a safe and accessible area for our students, staff and families,” said School Superintendent Derek Folan. “It’s been an incredible amount of work, and our school community is deeply grateful. It’s really impressive and inspiring to see the coordination and considerations of construction.”

Folan added that safety is a top priority for everyone involved. “We will go through our inspections and ensure we are ready to go before we give anything the green light,” he said. “We appreciate the patience and attention to safety by the community as we continue to adjust to these new spaces and the ongoing construction. It’s a lot, but we are thrilled and excited for the great progress.”

Tim Ericson of Consigli told members of the GMS Building Committee that trade bids have collectively come in under budget, and the overall construction budget for the project, which is set with a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$195.3 million, is currently on target.

The next meeting of the GMS Building Committee is scheduled for

Wednesday evening, September 16, in the CHS Distance Learning Lab. All meetings are open to the public.

In other Canton School Department news:

- * At its meeting on August 20, Canton School Committee members, acting on the recommendations of Assistant Superintendent Brian Lynch, voted to approve new pay rates for the following non-union and non-contracted staff positions in the upcoming school year: licensed substitute nurses (\$265/day); licensed or previously licensed substitute teachers (\$130/day); non-licensed substitute teachers (\$110/day); permanent building substitute (\$165/day); bus and van monitors (\$27.80/hour min.); bus drivers (\$32.37/hour min.); ELA and math tutors (\$33.31/hour min.); personal care assistants (\$23.06/hour min.); recording secretary (\$33/hour); van drivers (\$26/hour); charter van drivers (\$28/hour); and fleet coordinator (\$25/hour).
- * CPS District Nurse Leader Lauren Pushard has written to all families encouraging them to review the sections in the school handbooks involving medication policy and procedures; immunizations, physical exams and notifications of food allergies. Pushard asked parents to contact the building nurse at their child’s school to schedule a time to drop off their medication and any required forms by the first day of school on September 2.
- * With the approval of the new state budget, Lynch reported that

Canton Public Schools will receive an additional \$286,117 in school aid for FY27. The funds will be used for student services and special education costs, but they first must be allocated by a vote at either a special or annual town meeting.

- * Updating the committee on district enrollment trends, Assistant Superintendent Sarah Shaw reported that 49 new students and 216 kindergarteners were registered over the summer, and the total district enrollment as of August 15 stood at 3,247 students. There are currently 41 additional new students and 21 kindergartners in the queue; however, Shaw said many of these are not expected to complete the registration process. Compared to the end of school in June, overall enrollment is down at CHS (957 to 930), Hansen (526 to 501), Luce (503 to 486), and the Rodman Preschool (128 to 104). The biggest increase was seen at Galvin Middle School (718 to 741), while JFK Elementary added one student (484 to 485). Shaw said elementary class sizes range from 17 to 22 students per class with classes at the Hansen on the higher end of that range.
- * Per an agreement with the Canton Educators Association, the School Committee approved the following class size guidelines: PreK (15 students); K-2 (18-21); Grades 3-4 (20-24); Grades 5-8 (22-24); Grades 9-12 (22-24); ACCESS therapeutic classroom (18-22); Special Education (15-18); and Music Ensembles (unlimited). In rooms with specific

student stations (wood shop, art studios, science labs, guitars, computer labs, etc.), the number of students should not exceed the number of stations available. While these are the target ranges, both parties agreed that there should be a “reasonable amount of flexibility” in determining class sizes as principals must consider a wide range of factors. Going forward, Folan will meet at least once a year with CEA members to review class size and caseload data.

- * On Sunday, August 30, Canton school principals, district administrators, and School Committee members will be at the Canton Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to noon to greet families and community members as part of the market’s annual Back-to-School celebration. For more information, go to cantonfarmersmarket.org.
- Upcoming Dates and Events**
 - Aug. 26: New Educator Orientation, 8 a.m., CHS library
 - Aug. 31: First day for CPS staff, 8 a.m., CHS auditorium
 - Aug. 31: GMS grade 6 Open House, 6-8 p.m.
 - Sept. 1: Elementary Open Houses, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 2: First day for grades 1-12; Rodman PreK Open House, 12-1 p.m.
 - Sept. 3: School Committee meeting, 6 p.m., CHS Distance Learning Lab
 - Sept. 4: No School
 - Sept. 7: No School – Labor Day
 - Sept. 8: First day for PreK & kindergarten

Legal Notices

**TOWN OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

On Petition of Revere & Son Heritage Trust/Colleen Fowler; Modification of Site Plan Approval, Special Permit and/ or Variance, if necessary, are requested under the applicable provisions of the Canton Zoning By-Laws to construct a pavilion in the footprint of the historic barn and associated walkway at the Paul Revere Heritage Site on property in Industrial and Canton Center Economic Opportunity District ‘C’ located at 2-4 Rolling Mill Way, Canton, Massachusetts (Map/Lot 026_236).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room, Second Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Board of Appeals
Gregory L. Pando
Chairman
26-26-Mod SPA-SP-V

**TOWN OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

On Petition of Beau Development, Corp./DNSS Realty Trust; Site Plan Approval, Special Permit and/or Variance, if necessary, are requested under the applicable provisions of the Canton Zoning By-Laws to construct a five-story mixed use building containing 86 units of housing on property in a Central Business and General Residence District located at 634 Washington Street and 0 Revere Court, Canton, Massachusetts (Map/ Lot 026_059 & 026_065).

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Salah Meeting Room, Second Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, Massachusetts.

Board of Appeals
Gregory L. Pando
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**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Select Board held a Public Hearing on Tuesday August 11, 2026 after 7:00 PM in the Salah Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton at which the Board voted to amend the Town of Canton Traffic Rules and Regulations by designating Revolution Way as a Safety Zone and reducing the speed limit on that roadway to 20 miles per hour (mph). This change will take effect after September 21, 2026.

John R. McCourt, Clerk
Select Board

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Select Board held a Public Hearing on Tuesday August 11, 2026 after 7:00 PM in the Salah Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Memorial Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton at which the Board voted to amend the Town of Canton Traffic Rules and Regulations by designating Wentworth Road, Ridge Hill Road, Tilden Road and Talbot Road as Safety Zones and reducing the speed limit on those roadways to 20 miles per hour (mph). This change will take effect after September 21, 2026.

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Volunteer Opportunity to serve on the Climate Action Plan Implementation Committee

Mission and goals of the committee are to develop recommendations on best practices for and to monitor the implementation of Canton’s Climate Action Plan and decarbonization roadmap related goals, strategies, and activities. Short term focus (2026-2030) is on the planned reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing the generation, access, and use of clean energy for residents, businesses, and the Town of Canton.

This is a nine (9) member board with three members at large. This is a one (1) year appointment. This committee is a once-a-month commitment.

All members are appointed by the Select Board

If you are interested, please complete the application found on the Town of Canton website www.town.canton.ma.us and send to bos@town.canton.ma.us. The deadline for applications is September 18, 2026.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO26P2101GD
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
In the matter of: Timothy Coakley
Of: Westwood, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Robert Coakley of Westwood, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Timothy Coakley is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Robert Coakley of Westwood, MA
John Coakley of Dedham, MA
(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO26P2034EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781)830-1200
Estate of: Jean M Vachon
Also known as: Jean Marie Vachon
Date of Death: 05/06/2026**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carol A Waters of Inverloch, Victoria – Australia requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Carol A Waters of Inverloch, Victoria – Australia be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO94P1941GMR
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR RESIGNATION OF
A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED PERSON
Norfolk Probate and
Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
In the Interests of:
Timothy P. Coakley
Of: WESTWOOD, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Sheila Coakley of Westwood, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. NO23P2818EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Road
Canton, MA 02021
(781)830-1200
Estate of: Robert E. Berson
Also known as: Robert Berson
Date of Death: 01/03/2022**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A - Formal Appointment of Successor PR has been filed by Evan J. Krame of Rockville, MD and Monica Goldman of Rockville, MD requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Evan J. Krame of Rockville, MD and Monica Goldman of Rockville, MD be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/16/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 11, 2026

Colleen M. Brierley
Register of Probate

or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/09/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

U N S U P E R V I S E D ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Lee M. Peterson, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 05, 2026

Colleen M. Brierley
Register of Probate