

# Museum to present 'Frederick Douglass and Ireland'

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NEWPORT — The first program of the Museum of Newport Irish History's Michael F. Crowley Lectures for 2018-2019 will be "Frederick Douglass and Ireland," presented by Christine Kinealy, on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The talk will be held at the International Tennis Hall of Fame, 194 Bellevue Ave., in the special-event room.

Kinealy's presentation will explore Douglass' time in Ireland and his lifelong fascination with the country and its people.

In August 1845, Douglass arrived in Dublin as a young fugitive slave to oversee the publication of his life story, "The Narrative of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, Written by Himself." He had been persuaded to travel to Britain where he would be safe from the danger of being captured and returned to his "master."

However, an Irish Quaker printer and abolitionist, Richard Webb, offered to reprint the book and thus provide Douglass with an income. So Douglass traveled to Dublin and remained in Ireland for



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four months. He said that for the first time in his life, he felt truly free and like "a man, and not a color."

Kinealy is the founding director of the Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. She is the author of 20 books and numerous scholarly articles on Irish and Irish-American history, including the recent "Frederick Douglass and

Ireland: In His Own Words."

A reception with light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will be held after the lecture.

Admission is by donation: \$5 for Museum of Newport Irish History members, \$20 for nonmembers.

Reservations are required through [NewportIrishHistory.org](http://NewportIrishHistory.org)'s "Lectures" page or by calling Ann Arnold at 841-5493.

## Cox Communications to open new store

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MIDDLETOWN — Cox Communications is opening a new "solutions store" in a West Main Road shopping center after removing its retail counter inside Flint Audio Video amid a State Police investigation into alleged illegal nude-photo sharing there.

The new store will open

in December in the former RadioShack in Middletown Plaza, which also includes Aldi, Staples and Home Depot, according to a statement from Cox Communications on Monday.

When Cox announced in July that it would no longer have a presence in Flint Audio Video in the Aquidneck Shopping Centre, a Cox spokesman said the company was "extremely disturbed"

by allegations regarding Flint employees, The Daily News previously reported. Six Flint employees, including the co-owners, have been charged.

A store employee told State Police on May 10 that Flint employees were allegedly accessing electronic devices left for repairs and sharing nude or compromising photos they found, according to court papers.

### CALENDAR

The Calendar runs in each edition as space allows. It does not usually include events that require advance registration or an admission charge of more than \$100.

### TODAY

**HURRICANE BOOK DISCUSSION:** Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road, Jamestown, noon. Book discussion group on "Thirty-Eight: The Hurricane That Transformed New England" by Stephen Long. Free. 423-7280.  
**HURRICANE DOCUMENTARY:** Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road, Jamestown, 6:30 p.m. Airing of Emmy award-winning 1973 PBS documentary, "Wake of '38." Free. 423-7280.  
**AUTUMN TEA:** Union Public Library, 3832 Main Road, Tiverton, 2-4 p.m. Will be held rain or shine. 625-6799.

### WEDNESDAY

**'FOOD BOAT' EDUCATION:** Aquidneck Growers Market,

Memorial Boulevard, Newport, 2-6 p.m. Eating with the Ecosystem provides educational information, food demos at farmers market. Free to attend. [EatingWithTheEcosystem.org](http://EatingWithTheEcosystem.org).  
**GENOCIDE LECTURE:** O'Hare Academic Building, 38 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, 7-9 p.m. Brown University professor Omer Bartov shares story of genocide in an Ukrainian city before, after World War II. Free, registration preferred. [PellCenter.org](http://PellCenter.org) or [EventBrite.com](http://EventBrite.com)

### THURSDAY

**PICKLEBALL 101:** Hunter Park, 105 Third St., Newport, 9:30-11 a.m. Clinic for new and beginner-level players to learn the game. Free. Newport Recreation, 845-5800.  
**SEARCH ENGINE TIPS:** Parlor Bar & Kitchen, 200 Broadway, Newport, 6-8 p.m. Newport Interactive Marketers hosts a tips-and-tricks session with SEO optimization guru Dan Shure. Free, registration recommended.

[NewportInteractiveMarketers.com](http://NewportInteractiveMarketers.com).

**LYME GROUP HOSTS PSYCHOLOGIST:** United Congregational Church, 524 Valley Road, Middletown, 6 p.m. Newport Lyme Support Group hosts clinical psychologist Dr. Joseph Trunzo, to talk about managing chronic Lyme disease. Free. [lymenewport@gmail.com](mailto:lymenewport@gmail.com).

**RUG-HOOKING DEMO:** Portsmouth Free Public Library, 2658 East Main Road, Portsmouth, 6:30 p.m. Roberta Conti demonstrates the art and talks about how her mother's passion for rug-hooking spread to her. Free. [PortsmouthLibrary.org](http://PortsmouthLibrary.org) or 683-9457.

**PFLAG OPEN HOUSE:** Channing Memorial Church, 135 Pelham St., Newport, 7-8:30 p.m. Meeting to gauge interest in regular gatherings for parents, families, friends, allies and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender nonconforming community. Free. Doreen LePage, [led1pflagnewport@gmail.com](mailto:led1pflagnewport@gmail.com).

### LOCAL BRIEFS

**NEWPORT**  
**Professor will explain 'Anatomy of a Genocide'**

Brown University professor Omer Bartov will deliver a lecture, "Anatomy of a Genocide," as part of the Pell Center fall lecture series at the O'Hare Academic Building, 38 Ochre Point Ave., on Wednesday from 7-9 p.m.

For more than 400 years, the Eastern European border town of Buczacz, which is today part of Ukraine, was home to a highly diverse citizenry. It was here that Poles, Ukrainians and Jews all lived side by side in relative harmony. Then came World War II, and three years later the entire Jewish population had been murdered by German and Ukrainian police, while Ukrainian nationalists eradicated Polish residents.

Bartov is the author of "Anatomy of a Genocide: The Life and Death of a Town Called Buczacz," along with several other well-respected scholarly works on the Holocaust and genocide. In his talk, Bartov will explain how ethnic cleansing doesn't occur, as is so often portrayed in popular history, with the quick ascent of a vitriolic political leader and the unleashing of military might.

The event is free. Advance registration is recommended. For more information or to register, visit [PellCenter.org](http://PellCenter.org).

**TIVERTON**  
**'Rocky Horror' screening gets audience into the act**

An airing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show," with live shadow-casting from the RI RKO Army, will be hosted at the Tiverton Public Library, 34 Roosevelt Ave., on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Props will be provided for participating audience members, so please do not bring your own. The movie is rated R, and the event is geared toward and open to adults. Registration is required for accurate prop and seat count. For more information or to register, visit [TivertonLibrary.org](http://TivertonLibrary.org).

**NEWPORT**  
**National Theatre Live broadcasting at Pickens**

"King Lear," a production by London's National Theatre featuring Ian McKellen, will be broadcast live at the Jane Pickens Theater, 49 Touro St., on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Considered by many to be the greatest tragedy ever written, "King Lear" sees two aging fathers — one a king, one his courtier — reject the children who truly love them. The result is a tale of pitiless ambition and treachery, as family and state are plunged into a violent power struggle with bitter ends.

Tickets cost \$17. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [JanePickens.com](http://JanePickens.com).

**NEWPORT**  
**Learn search engine tricks from marketers**

Newport Interactive Marketers will host a session on search engine optimization tips and tricks at Parlor Bar & Kitchen, 200 Broadway, on Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

Search engine optimization expert Dan Shure will offer fresh tips and tricks to increase website traffic that are easy to implement.

The event is free but registration is recommended. For more

information or to register, visit [NewportInteractiveMarketers.com](http://NewportInteractiveMarketers.com).

**MIDDLETOWN**  
**Lyme support group to host psychologist**

The next monthly meeting of the Newport Lyme Support Group will feature a presentation by clinical psychologist Dr. Joseph Trunzo at United Congregational Church, 524 Valley Road, on Thursday at 6 p.m.

Trunzo will speak about managing chronic Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, and his recent book, "Living Beyond Lyme." He is a member of the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society and the founder of Providence Psychology Services.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, email [lymenewport@gmail.com](mailto:lymenewport@gmail.com).

**PORTSMOUTH**  
**Library to host rug-hooking demo**

Roberta Conti will demonstrate rug-hooking at the Portsmouth Free Public Library, 2658 East Main Road, on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Conti credits her mother, Wilhelmina Shaw, who taught rug hooking at Swinburne School for more than 25 years, for introducing her to the hobby. Over the years, Conti's mother tried to get her interested in the hobby without success. Then as she was cleaning out her mother's basement in 1986, she found a little stool, and that one project turned into a passion for rug-hooking.

The event is free. For more information or to register in advance, visit [PortsmouthLibrary.org](http://PortsmouthLibrary.org) or call 683-9457.

**NEWPORT**  
**PFLAG to hold initial meeting**

PFLAG of Greater Providence will hold an open house at Channing Memorial Church, 135 Pelham St., on Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.

The group holds monthly support meetings for parents, families, friends, allies and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender nonconforming community. The open house will be to gauge interest for more meetings in the Newport County area.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Doreen LePage, [led1pflagnewport@gmail.com](mailto:led1pflagnewport@gmail.com).

**MIDDLETOWN**  
**Prevention coalition to host Family Day at Second Beach**

The 10th annual Family Day will be hosted by the Middletown Prevention Coalition at Sachuest Beach on Friday from 5-9 p.m.

The event features food trucks for dinner and refreshments, live music by local artist Ben O'Connor, a sandcastle building contest, and fun and games for the whole family. Please bring beach chairs and blankets to sit on for various events.

The day is free to attend. For more information, visit [mpc.middletownri.com](http://mpc.middletownri.com) or "Middletown Prevention Coalition" on Facebook.

## SAFETY

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As of Monday, 23 school districts had put in their requests for \$20.6 million from this newly created pool of state money. Some, seizing on the word "safety," requested the money for roof repairs and "hazmat remediation."

Providence, for example, requested close to \$7 million for roof repairs and \$1.9 million for in-door air-quality improvements. But the city's school department also requested money for security lighting (\$137,760), security cameras (\$1,296,513), and a broad category called "building hardening" (\$155,800).

East Providence, North Kingstown and Coventry sought the money for "communication systems" and, in Coventry's case, "security lighting." North Kingstown also requested the money for a "monitoring system." Westerly sought the money for "building envelope improvements, according to a summary provided Monday by the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Fung's city, Cranston, requested \$158,860 for "security access controls."

Since there are more requests than money, state Department of Education spokeswoman Meg Geoghegan said: "Applications will be reviewed by the School Building Authority Advisory Board, which will make its recommendations to the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education in October.

State lawmakers put another relatively small pool of money — \$2 million, according to the Department of Education — in this year's state budget to help communities that did not already have "school resource officers pay to hire one or more after July 1, 2018.

Several districts have already put in their bids, including East Providence (one officer at the high school), North Smithfield (two officers — one at the high school and one at the middle school), and Tiverton (one officer at the middle school)." The new "categorical fund" would pay 50 percent of the cost of each new officer, hired after July 1, 2018, for up to three years.

School resource officers are defined here as "career law enforcement officers employed by police

departments and assigned to work in collaboration with one or more schools. Officers receive specialized training in school policing before being assigned to a school."

Meanwhile on Monday, Fung held a press conference to talk about his proposals, including a pledge to pay half the cost of stationing police officers in schools.

Of Raimondo's attempt to ban concealed carry of firearms on school grounds, he said: "Executive orders and sheets of paper are not going to stop criminal madmen from committing criminal acts. Just think of airports. We prevent weapons from getting on airplanes not by a sign on the door, but by TSA agents and security."

He held his press conference at the Edgewood Highlands School, where Raimondo recently alleged his city's neglect had resulted in a "exploding toilet."

"This was not the result of maintenance issues, but instead a burst Providence Water pipe outside of the school that flooded into the school. It is nearly the same thing as blaming Gina Raimondo for the fire at the lottery complex due to a bird's nest, said Fung, accusing Raimondo of "ridiculous hyperbole."

### MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

#### NEWPORT

**Today**  
Canvassing Authority, 11:30 a.m., City Hall.  
Cliff Walk Commission, 4:30 p.m., public library.  
School Committee Ad Hoc School Building Committee, 5 p.m., Newport Area Career & Technical Center  
Tree Commission, 6 p.m., public library.  
**Wednesday**  
City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.  
**Thursday**  
Historic District Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

#### MIDDLETOWN

**Today**  
Zoning Board of Review, 6 p.m., Town Hall.

#### Wednesday

Planning Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall.  
Personnel Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall.  
**Thursday**  
School Committee, 5:30 p.m., Oliphant administration building.

#### PORTSMOUTH

**Today**  
School Committee, 6 p.m., Town Hall.  
**Wednesday**  
Planning Board, comprehensive community plan workshop, 7 p.m., Town Hall.

#### TIVERTON

**Thursday**  
Recycling Commission, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall.