

MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

NEWPORT
 Tuesday
 Cliff Walk Commission, 4:30 p.m., Library
 Tree Commission, 6 p.m., Police Department
Wednesday
 City Council, 6:30 p.m., Innovate Newport
MIDDLETOWN
 Tuesday
 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 5:30 p.m., Fire Department
 Zoning Board of Review, 6 p.m., Town Hall
Wednesday
 Technical Review Committee, 9 a.m., Town Hall
 School Building Committee, 5 p.m.,

Oliphant Administration Building
 Planning Board, 6 p.m., Town Hall
PORTSMOUTH
 Tuesday
 Dog Park Operating Committee, 5:30 p.m., Library
 School Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall
TIVERTON
 Tuesday
 Conservation Commission, 3 p.m., Library
 Personnel Board, 5 p.m., Library
 Town Council, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 School Committee, 7 p.m., High School
Wednesday
 Zoning Revision Committee, 5 p.m., Senior Center

WEATHER

Coastal Rhode Island
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Northeast wind around 17 mph. **Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Northeast wind 9 to 14 mph.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Northeast wind around 11 mph. **Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Northeast wind around 10 mph.
Extended
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. East wind 10 to 13 mph. **Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Northeast wind 8 to 11 mph.
Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. East wind around 11 mph. **Friday**

Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Northeast wind around 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Northeast wind 11 to 13 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Northeast wind 10 to 13 mph.
Marine
Tuesday: NE wind around 15 kt, with gusts as high as 23 kt. Mostly cloudy. Seas 1 ft or less. **Tuesday Night:** NE wind 8 to 12 kt. Partly cloudy. Seas 1 ft or less.
Tides, etc.
 Tuesday's low tides: 11:20 a.m. High tides: 5:31 a.m., 6:03 p.m.
 Tuesday's sunrise: 6:37 a.m., Sunset: 6:38 p.m.

Irish Museum kicks-off 22nd Annual Lecture Series

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The Museum of Newport Irish History announces the first talk of its 22nd Annual Lecture Series, featuring renowned historian and director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University, Christine Kinealy. Kinealy's illustrated talk, "Forgotten Heroes of Ireland's Great Hunger," will be presented on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, and virtually via Zoom. The lecture is made possible by a gift from Virginia Pittsley, given in memory of Dr. Cheryl A. McCarthy.

The tragedy that struck Ireland between 1845 and 1852 is often viewed through the lens of cold-hearted bureaucrats, greedy merchants, or indifferent landlords, who put profit, principles of political economy, and prejudice above the need to save the lives of the Irish poor. But this is only part of the story of the Great Hunger. Dr. Kinealy's presentation will examine the contributions of several men and women who risked their lives—and sometimes their livelihoods—in caring for the sick and the starving. A number of them had no connection to Ireland.



Kinealy

As Jacques Judah Lyons, Rabbi of Shearith Israel in New York, told his congregation in 1847, "There is but one connecting link between us and the sufferers...That link, my brethren, is humanity." Kinealy is director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University. A graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, Kinealy has published extensively on Ireland's Great Hunger and the Irish Abolition movement. Her publications include the award-winning, "This Great Calamity, The Great Hunger in Ireland," and two recently edited volumes, "Heroes of the Great Hunger" (2021) and "More Heroes of the Great Hunger" (2022). The latter two books were in-

spired by the front-line workers, unsung heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kinealy's research on the Great Famine has been widely acclaimed, including an Emmy in 2017 for her contribution to the documentary, "The Great Hunger and the Irish Diaspora." Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Reservations are required for in-person and virtual participation. A \$5 fee for in-person participation is requested. There is no fee to Zoom. For details and the links to reserve, please visit the "Lectures" page at www.NewportIrishHistory.org or contact Ann Arnold at (401) 841-5493.

National Wildlife Refuges photo contest winners announced

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The Friends of the National Wildlife Refuges of Rhode Island announced the winners of their 23rd annual amateur photo competition. Contestants were asked to submit photos taken on one of the five National Wildlife Refuges in Rhode Island. The Refuges are Ninigret NWR in Charlestown, Trustom Pond NWR in South Kingstown, John H. Chafee NWR at Pettaquamscutt Cove in South Kingstown and Narragansett, Sachuest Point NWR in Middletown and Block Island NWR. The "Best of Show" has been awarded to "Solitude" taken by Alison Lohrum of Newport, at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge. The winners in the four different categories are:

Wildlife:

1st place: "Color Coordinated" by Sky- lar Dunn of Pawtucket, taken at Sa-



chuest Point NWR

2nd place: "Blue Bill Cleared for Take-off" by Stephen Wood of Wakefield, taken at Trustom Pond NWR
 3rd place: "Caught in the Act" by Sky- lar Dunn of Pawtucket, taken at Sa- chuest Point NWR

Flora

1st place: "Sunflower Parade" by Pam Marsden of Bristol, taken at Sachuest Point NWR
 2nd place: "Eastern Skunk Cabbage" by Stephen Wood of Wakefield, taken at

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 PROVIDED BY ALISON LOHRUM

Trustom Pond NWR
 3rd place: "Pollinator Friendly" by Carmen Rugel of Middletown, taken at Trustom Pond NWR

Wildlife Habitat/Landscape

1st place: "Ninigret Pond Sunrise" by Millie White of Westerly, taken at Ninigret NWR
 2nd place: "Quiet Evening" by Alison Lohrum of Newport, taken at Sachuest Point NWR
 3rd place: "Water Snake" by Carmen Rugel of Middletown, taken at Trustom Pond NWR

Children under Age 14 - Any Subject on a Refuge

1st place: "Snail Friends" by Sally Finkle of Cranston, taken at Sachuest Point NWR
 2nd place "Water and Trees" by Sally Finkle of Cranston, taken at Sachuest Point NWR

Railroads

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and offer a convenient travel option for tourists, contributing to our region's economic growth and vitality." The grant should make it possible to restore passenger service to the Gulf

Coast after Amtrak reached an agreement with CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads last year to clear the way for passenger trains to resume operating on the tracks the freight railroads own. "We've been fighting to return passenger trains to the Gulf Coast since it was knocked offline by Hurricane Katrina. That 17-year journey has been filled with obstacles and frustration - but

also moments of joy, where local champions and national advocates were able to come together around the vision of a more connected Gulf Coast region," said Rail Passengers Association President and CEO Jim Mathews. In one of the biggest other grants, the Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad in Washington state will get \$72.8 million to upgrade the track and related infra-

structure to allow that rail line to handle modern 286,000-pound railcars. A project in Kentucky will receive \$29.5 million to make improvements to 280 miles of track and other infrastructure along the Paducah and Louisville Railway. And in Tennessee, \$23.7 million will go to helping upgrade about 42 bridges on 10 different short-line railroads.

Cars

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Water events are already sold out, but admittance to both is included in the all-inclusive ticket. **Highlights for this year's Motor Week**

The weekend begins on Thursday with the Bonhams Car Auction Preview at the International Tennis Hall of Fame, which begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 6 p.m. Another auction preview will be held at the same place the following Friday. The actual auction takes

place at 4 p.m. on Friday. Here, car enthusiasts who purchase the \$100 bid package can bid on 53 vintage collector cars, including a 1960 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster which Bonhams estimates to be worth between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million. Throughout the weekend, Audrain Motor Week will host 10 seminars, four of which will be hosted by Newport resident and car enthusiast Jay Leno. The topics range from responsible estate and auto donation planning to remarkable automobile designs. The Gathering, one of the main events of the weekend, is a showcase of cars from collectors across New England. Attendees, including Jay Leno, are served beverages and food as they pe-

ruse through rows of vintage cars on the lawn of Rough Point mansion. Of course, the Concours d'Elegance closes out the weekend on Sunday. It will feature over 100 vintage cars competing to be this year's Best in Show. The competition has several categories, including Most Elegant and Timeless Luxury. Last year's Best in Show was a 1930 Bentley Speed Six Sports Saloon.

Free events to attend

The Village at the International Tennis Hall of Fame will be open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Guests will be able to walk the grounds and view automobiles on display. There will also

be a Bellevue Car Display on Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with cars on display along Bellevue Avenue. The Audrain Tour d'Elegance, a parade of vintage automobiles across Newport County, will start at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. The tour begins at Second Beach and snakes its way up Aquidneck Island then down the coast of Tiverton to Little Compton before turning around and heading back to Newport all the way to Brenton Point before turning around again and finishing at La Forge Restaurant in Newport. A Cars & Coffee event will also be held on Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at Fort Adams, giving guests the opportunity to view various automobiles at the historic venue.

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