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## Recycling & Sustainability Day coming April 6

WAKEFIELD — On Saturday, April 6, 2024, State Representative Kate Lipper-Garabedian will host her third annual Recycling & Sustainability Day for Wakefield residents, partnering with the Wakefield Department of Public Works, Wakefield Municipal Gas & Light Department, and organizations local to the Town and across the Commonwealth. This one-day event is a unique hub that allows Wakefield residents to consciously clear clutter while making a difference and learning how to further their sustainability initiatives. The Recycling and Sustainability Day event takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, at Wakefield Memorial High School.

At the event, Wakefield residents can learn about existing programs and new Community Solar options with Wakefield Gas & Light, which also will collect and dispose dehumidifiers free of charge; engage with a variety of local groups; learn more about the Wakefield Environmental Sustainability Committee and participate in its recycling of plastic pet packaging and batteries; and consider sustainable practices with organizations like Black Earth Composting. The event also will feature a paper shredding truck.

With no fee per car, residents can upcycle up to two pieces of

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## Pet Sematary?



A WOMAN walks her dog in the Old Burial Ground.

(Mark Sardella Photo)

## Reflections from the Lowe Zone

### Leave it to the birds

By GAIL LOWE

Leave it to a flock of birds to teach me something about humbleness. Since winter's launch in December, I've fed the birds that live in a big rhododendron bush in our backyard. Counted among them are a handsome red cardinal and his small brown wife, nuthatches, blue jays, finches, mourning doves and sparrows.

I've loved hearing their chirps, whistles and trills and watching them perform gymnastics

as they fly and swoop through the air aiming for a brown cylindrical tube hanging from a shepherd hook 25 feet from our rear atrium doors and upstairs bedroom windows. When we had snow, their colors put on a beautiful exhibit of color against the stark white.

The birds are persistent in their habits and have been willing to share seed droppings with

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## Senators weigh impacts of cap on shelter stays

By ALISON KUZNITZ  
State House News Service

BOSTON — Senators are weighing the ramifications of limiting the number of months that families can stay in the state's emergency shelter system, an approach the House advanced this week to prevent the program from imploding beneath its soaring costs.

Sen. Liz Miranda said Senate leadership discussed the matter Wednesday, as the House passed a spending bill to impose time limits -- up to nine or 12 months

-- for people housed in emergency shelters as the waitlist for more families to access the system continues to climb. Senate Democrats met in a private caucus Wednesday morning.

"I'm grateful to the Senate leadership that's already questioned and discussed the unintended consequences of what a time limit could look like in our shelter system just yesterday, for hours," Miranda said, without divulging specific details, during a homelessness prevention

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# Gail Haggerty, 87

*Enjoyed nights around the campfire and loved dogs*

WAKEFIELD — Gail Haggerty, age 87 of Wakefield, died on Tuesday, March 5 at the Benchmark Senior Living at Woburn. She was born in Beverly on July 13, 1936 and was the daughter of the late Ruth Caswell.



Gail was a loving mother, wife, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved spending time with her entire family, especially at family gatherings. You would find her and my dad at their camp every weekend enjoying the fresh air and sitting around the campfire at night. One of her favorite things to do was having her kids and grandkids up to the camp. She was an avid New England Patriots fan as well as a football enthusiast. If there was a game on, she would be watching it. She loved dogs and they have always been a part of her life. She was an extremely strong

woman who went through a lot in her life but always had a smile on her face.

She was the beloved wife of the late John Haggerty. She was the loving mother of Alice Flanders and her husband Mark of Conway, SC; Laurie Heeney and her husband Michael of Milford, NH; Kevin Haggerty and his wife Laura of Wakefield; Kelly Haggerty of Wakefield; and

Jack Haggerty of Stoneham. Gail was the grandmother of Kevin Shumacher and his wife Kristen; William Schumacher; Brian Schumacher; Sean Heeney; Ryan Heeney; Morgan Haggerty; Shane Haggerty; Jake Haggerty; Ava Haggerty; and Abigail Haggerty. She is also survived by her nine great grandchildren.

Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield on Monday, March 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, 173 Albion St., Wakefield on Tuesday, March 12 at 10 a.m. Interment, Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield. For online guestbook and directions, please visit [mcdonaldfs.com](http://mcdonaldfs.com).

# Obituaries

## Michael Hourihan, 56

*Enjoyed the outdoors, movies and concerts*

WESLEY CHAPEL, FL — Michael Hourihan, 56, of Wesley Chapel, FL was suddenly called to his seat in eternity with his Lord and Savior on February 25.

Michael was a Wakefieldian, born and bred. He graduated from Wakefield Memorial High School, class of 1986. Educated at Middlesex Community College and Northeastern University. His great sense of humor connected him to many long-lasting friendships. His appreciation of nature and the outdoors developed into many camping trips through the years with family and friends to the North Conway, NH area, which held a special place in his heart. Going to the movies, attending concerts with his children and preparing his perfected cuisines of chicken marsala and boiled dinners were just a few of his favorite pastimes.



(Dave); preceded in death by his brother Timothy and Aunt Nancy Canty. Michael also leaves his grandson Rocco; his nephews Sean Porterfield (Kristina) and Cody and Caden Hourihan; his niece Danielle; great-niece Lydia; great-nephew Ben; and Aunt Peggy.

A service will be held Saturday, March 9 at Bridgeway Church, Wesley Chapel, FL at 3 pm. There will be a Celebration of Life in MA in July, with a date and time to be announced.

Michael's pride and joys were his six children: Lindsay, Tyler, Jacob, Isabella, Joshua and Caleb. He leaves his parents Tom and Linda Hourihan; his sister Kelly (Hourihan) Porterfield

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this room together, many of the advocates, who have been working in partnership with us on policy, bring in the Legislature, and bring in their team, including the secretary of housing, secretary of health and human services, secretary of economic development," Decker continued. "We need a more transparent plan, or task force, commis-

sion, whatever you want to call it, that allows us to see who's sitting at the table and who's having these complicated conversations with really hard choices that we have to make at the end of the day."

Those thorny funding decisions will also be hashed out as the House and Senate work through their fiscal 2025 budget

proposals, Decker said.

"We need to take a much more strategic view of what are we funding, what decisions are we making to ensure that we're making progress to prevent additional homelessness," she said.

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gently used furniture (with right to refuse poor quality items) with Habitat for Humanity; recycle outdated electronics with peace of mind for proper data erasing with Green Team Junk Removal; and recycle clothing and housewares. Fees will be charged for TVs (\$20), monitors

(\$20), window ACs (\$10), mattresses (\$45), box springs (\$45), and car tires (\$12). Residents also can recycle Styrofoam (\$10 per bag). Cash, card, and checks made payable to "Green Team Junk Removal" will be accepted. Questions can be directed to [greenteamjunk@gmail.com](mailto:greenteamjunk@gmail.com)

or (508) 361-0519.

"After another successful event last year, I am excited to again support and expand civic engagement for climate action individually and collectively while highlighting climate leadership from the grassroots to the State House," said Repre-

sentative Lipper-Garabedian, a member of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy and the Zero Waste Caucus. "The hub offers an opportunity to jumpstart our spring cleaning with a sustainability foundation, gear up for a meaningful Earth Day, and

explore ongoing opportunities to address our climate crisis."

Please follow Representative Lipper-Garabedian's social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube at @KateforRep and consult her email newsletters for information regarding the event.

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studio at the back of Wakefield Memorial High School, 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging, remote meeting, 6:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Finance Committee, Town Administrator's Conference Room in Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Permanent Building Committee, remote meeting, 7 p.m.

Environmental Sustainability Committee, remote meeting, 7:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Environmental Sustainability Committee's Waste Reduction Subcommittee, remote meeting,

7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

The Housing Authority will

have a hearing on its Annual Plan at the Crystal View Apartments, 101 Broadway, 3:30 p.m.



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