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Taft Library Great Cardboard Boat Race



After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the Annual Taft Library Great Cardboard Boat Race resumed July 12 at Mendon Town Beach. 13 boats took part in a total of four races. The weather eventually turned threatening, and because of that the event was concluded in record time, a mere 55 minutes. Library Director and Boat Race Organizer Andrew Jenrich presented the award certificates as the first drops began to fall. Steve Saraceno's production video premiered on ABMI-TV in July and can be accessed any time in the Archives tab at abmi8.org



ABMI Board Selects Winning Students for \$1,000 Scholarships

The three winning recipients for the 2022 ABMI Scholarship were announced at the July 7 meeting of the Board of Directors.

The winners from Bellingham were: Isabella Kelley and Alison Sawyer. The winner from Mendon was Carly O'Connell.

Board Treasurer Sue Carlson inquired as to whether the \$1,000 awards are to be issued in the fall. Publicity Director Steve Saraceno said yes, after proof of successful first semester grades are provided.

In other business Station Manager Patrick Fleming said the bookkeeper was on vacation so the most recent Treasurer's Report will be covered at the next meeting.





Board Member Diane Mela Souvanna asked whether the station's air conditioning system had been repaired. Fleming said yes.

Souvanna asked about opening night of the Concerts on the Grass series. Saraceno said Kids Night went well. The sponsoring Bellingham Town Common Trustees were on hand to distribute free snacks and water.

Board Secretary Earl Pearlman asked whether any big expenses were in the works. Fleming said that a Nexus playback unit may need replacement but he will check it out some more and see.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Sept 8 at 6:15pm via Zoom.



REGULAR SHOWS

ABMI PUBLIC CHANNEL

MONDAY

11:30am & 5:30pm Local Activities

1:00pm - Mendon History

9pm - Mendon Board of Selectmen

TUESDAY

3pm & 9pm - Real Estate Tips with Cara Alderucci

WEDNESDAY

Noon & 6pm Sports Coverage

2pm & 7:30pm - Finding Easy Walks

THURSDAY

10am & 9pm Local Sports

2pm & 8pm Real Estate & Beyond

FRIDAY-SUNDAY

11am & 5pm - Something Special

8:30am & 6pm - St. Blaise Sunday Mass

10pm - The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck

ABMI BELLINGHAM CHANNELS

Public Channel Verizon47
Public Channel Comcast 8
Education Channel Verizon 43
Education Channel Comcast 98
Government Channel Verizon 45
Government Channel Comcast 11

Lights, Camera, and Action at ABMI-TV

ABMI-TV Sportscaster Pete Royce hosts a tour of Polar Park in Worcester, home of the Triple-A Worcester Red Sox.





Polar Park first opened in 2021.

The Westwood Swing Band performs Aug. 10 at the Mendon Town Beach.



Free pony rides for the kids, provided by Ridge Valley Stables in Grafton.





Steven Max of Vinyl Echo shakes it up at Bellingham Common Concerts on the Grass show July 20.



Premium seating this summer at the Bellingham Town Common for the 2022 Concerts on the Grass series.

ABMI MENDON

PUBLIC CHANNEL COMCAST 8
PUBLIC CHANNEL VERIZON 47
EDUCATION CHANNEL COMCAST 98
EDUCATION CHANNEL VERIZON 42

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL COMCAST 11
GOVERNMENT CHANNEL VERIZON 41



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Next Meeting to take place virtually by Zoom Thurs. Sept. 8, 2022 6:15 p.m.

directions to studio

Seven things to know about ABMI

- You can post free notices for your nonprofit organization or activity on our video bulletin board. Best way is to email us at abmi8@comcast.net. You can also phone at 508-966-3234. Or send a fax at 508-966-2321.
- 2. All our public channel cablecasts stream live at the same time from our website at abmi8.org. Recorded public meetings and special events are also available for viewing in the Archive section at our site.
- 3. DVD copies of ABMI shows are available for \$15.75 per copy. We have shows going back as far as 1985, so if there's a blast from the past you'd like to see again, call us at 508-966-3234.
- ABMI encourages interested volunteers.
 Our staff is available to teach basic camera technique and non-linear editing on a one-to-one basis.
- 5. Station Manager Patrick Fleming, Publicity Director Steve Saraceno, and Production Coordinator Tyler McMinniman are generally available weekdays by calling 508-966-3234.
- 6. The ABMI public channel is Channel 8 for Comcast subscribers and Channel 47 for Verizon folks.

