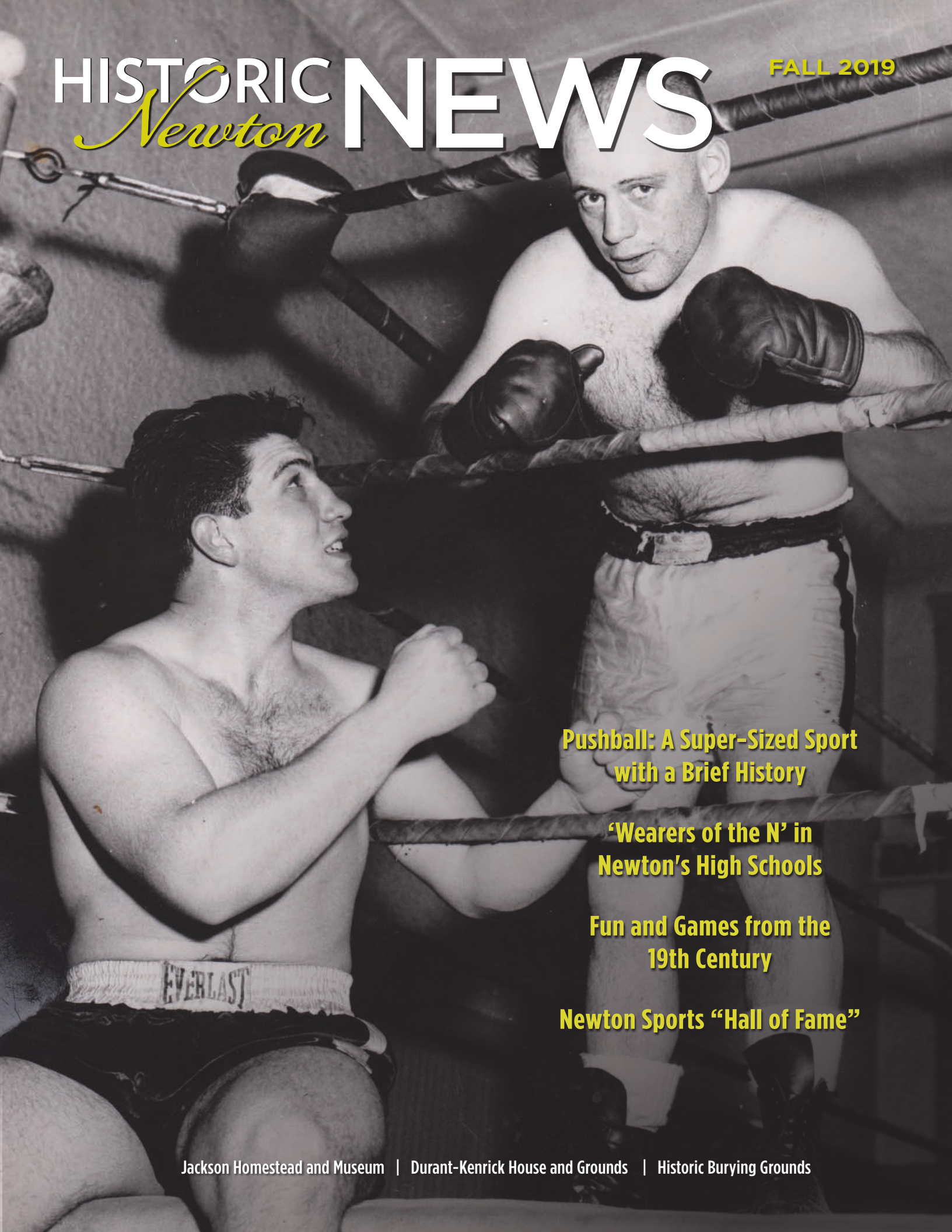


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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Historic Newton,

Peer into the nooks and crannies of Newton history and all sorts of remarkable stories can be discovered. Just in the theme of this publication – sports and play – we find an obscure sport that was invented by a Newton man (Pushball) and a fascinating street sport (Chinese 9-Man volleyball) with origins in Boston's Chinatown and a powerful connection to

Newton. Countless 9-Man players have lived or practiced here over the decades. You may have heard of Olympic skater Dr. Tenley Albright or title-holding boxer Joe DeNucci, but Newton has been home to many winners. One of my favorites is archery mega-champion Dorothy Smith Cummings (see more on pg. 11).

Whether you are active in a sport or an ardent fan (or both) I hope summer brought you lots of opportunities to experience the thrill of play. Now, join us later this fall to try archery for yourself or for the opportunity to see Chinese 9-Man volleyball in Newton. Take a walk on our history tours or play old-fashioned games at Hayfest. There are still many opportunities to get active with Historic Newton before the winter sets in!

Warmest regards,


Lisa S. Dady
Director



Ticket Drawing for BC Hockey

Historic Newton members are eligible for a drawing to win a pair of free tickets to a hockey game of Boston College versus

University of Connecticut at the Conte Forum on Friday, November 8. Enter your name and contact information by midnight on October 31 and winners will be drawn on November 1. If you're not yet a Historic Newton member, join by going to newtonma.gov/HNmembership or calling 617-796-1450.

Thank you for your interest!

About the cover: Joe DeNucci (left) and Paul Stivaletta before a boxing match at the Boston Arena (now Matthews Arena) in 1961. Born and raised in Nonantum, DeNucci was a professional middleweight boxer before he became State Auditor.

Fun and Games from the 19th Century

When not sewing, hoeing, or helping their parents with other chores, 19th century children found clever ways to entertain themselves. Here's the story behind three of the games you'll see at this year's **Hayfest**, our annual day of family fun that takes place this year on **Sunday, October 6 from noon to 4 p.m.**



This hoop-tossing game was a popular activity for young girls during the early 1800s. Invented in France in this time, it was called *le jeu de graces* in French. Historically, it was considered a proper game for young ladies, designed to make them more graceful. Boys seldom participated, and when they did, they usually played with one boy and one girl. The game can be played in pairs, or with multiple people as a "round robin." To start, a player places the hoop on top of her set of sticks. The sticks are then crossed, and quickly pulled apart, launching the hoop into the air! Another player tries to catch the hoop with one or both of her sticks.



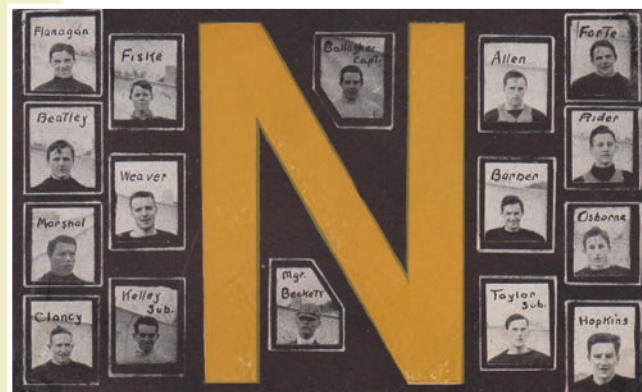
No one knows exactly how this game began, but it has been played in ancient

Egypt, Greece, and China. One of the most popular myths regarding the origin of Tug of War is that the sun and moon played this game each day as they pulled back and forth, casting light and darkness over the planet. The game was used in ancient China to train warriors. Sometimes more than 500 soldiers per team used a rope almost 550 feet long, with shorter ropes attached. In the 1800s, a Tug of War tradition began among seafaring men, who were required to tug on lines to adjust sails while ships were under way. Now it's useful for team-building.



Earliest records of sack racing date back to the middle ages. Racers donned sacks around their feet, tied them underneath their necks, and either hopped or shuffled towards the finish line. When Americans adopted sack-racing in the 19th century, the sport became more competitive. Colleges incorporated sack-racing into their track and field events, and distances ranged anywhere from 50-150 yards. An illustration in the *Sporting and Dramatic Journal* of 1884 even shows racers hopping over 18-inch hurdles! Now, the game is more for amusement than anything else. After all, it's difficult to be serious while hopping.

'Wearers of the N': Sports in Newton's High Schools



When Newton High School's first building opened in 1859, students did not play sports at school. Instead, they did calisthenics – gymnastic exercises, usually without special equipment – for their exercise. Physical education was later conducted in a drill shed that was built in 1891, also used as a gymnasium and a venue for large assemblies, such as graduations.

The construction of the drill shed coincided with the early days of school sports. Football at Newton High School was being played by 1894. The 1910 yearbook listed two teachers for Physical Training: Alfred D. Browne and Elizabeth M. Westgate – and they took their jobs seriously. "The department of physical training at Newton High School is an integral part of the educational curriculum, and the work there, graded and prescribed under the direction of the directors, is measured by the same scholastic standards as the academic work in any other department," the yearbook stated.

Sports in 1910 included football, baseball, track and field events, basketball (invented in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts), tennis, golf and hockey. Browne started a "heavy gymnastics" team for men in 1908. Girls competed

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PUSHBALL: A Super-Sized Sport with a Brief History



While the popularity of football and baseball exploded at the end of the 19th century, a very different game was also taking shape. Imagine a team trying to push a gigantic, 50-pound ball into a goal, while the opponent does everything in its power to stop it. Pushball was pioneered by Moses G. Crane, a Newton resident and intrepid inventor

whose list of patents filed was as extensive as it was unsuccessful. Crane, by all accounts, was a man bursting with ideas, from how to freeze ice cream, to how to beat eggs, to how to clean pliers. His one lasting patented design was for the fire alarm signal box.

Crane's idea for pushball started at Harvard University, where his sons played football. Crane was skeptical of the game's viability as a spectator sport because he thought it was too intellectual for the general public, with a ball that was too small for people to follow easily. His solution was to go to another extreme, with a six-foot tall ball that weighed 50 pounds and took nearly three hours to inflate. The first ball was manufactured in 1894, with the materials

costing \$175 (approximately \$4,500 in today's dollars) before labor costs.

While the game never gained much traction in America, a British entrepreneur named E.V. Hanegan was intrigued, and took it upon himself to bring pushball to the United Kingdom. The first exhibition game was held just outside of Leeds in August of 1902 before a crowd of around 4,000. The sport received mixed reviews in the British press but had a disastrous debut in New York in November 1902. Then a makeshift ball became waterlogged and eventually weighed roughly 500 pounds, leading to the game's cancellation midway through. Pushball would continue in various forms (including a version with players on horseback) through the early 1950s before mostly disappearing. Though Crane misjudged the future of football, his name can still be found on fire alarm equipment.

Were Newton Teams Racially Integrated?

In the first part of the 20th century, many national sports leagues upheld racial segregation. One of the first sports to change was boxing, which allowed Jack Johnson, an African American, to fight a white opponent for a heavy-weight title in 1910 (Johnson won). Major League Baseball did not integrate until Jackie Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. The National Basketball League changed its rules in 1950. In golf, Charlie Sifford made news when he entered the PGA Tour in 1961.

Most colleges and universities set their own policies about integration. Harvard fielded integrated teams in the 19th and 20th centuries. The first black athlete at Boston College, Lou Montgomery, played on the football team in the late 1930s and early 1940s but had to stay home when his team traveled to the South because of segregation at the opposing schools.

In Newton, the semi-professional Newton Colored Giants played in West Newton from 1924 to 1942, first on Prospect Street and later on the West Newton Common. The team also had different names – the Colored Town Nine, and the West Newton Colored Tigers. Early on, when the Giants played against the mostly white Newton Catholic Club, the cheering divided along racial lines, recalled Frank L. Ryan, who grew up in Newton. This made the atmosphere so uncomfortable that the black players and spectators left in silence after the Giants suffered a scoreless defeat. Later, the Giants joined the senior division of the Newton Twilight League in 1935. In 1937, they finished first in the division. In the 1940s, they won the junior division championship. Team treasurer Alfred Haywood's son, Howard, later became the pastor at Myrtle Baptist Church.



The semi-professional Newton Colored Giants baseball team, 1936

Yearbook photos show that Newton High School students of color participated in school sports as early as 1910. That year, Lloyd Francis Marshall played on the football and track teams. After he graduated, he moved to Worcester and became a dentist. Members of the Newton Colored Giants also participated in sports at Newton High School. Segregation rules that affected other leagues didn't seem to apply in Newton schools.

‘Wearers of the N’: Sports in Newton’s High Schools

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in field hockey or basketball. Apparently, funding for girls’ sports was not too robust, as the girls held a candy sale to benefit their team, with proceeds of approximately \$90.

In the early part of the 20th century, varsity athletes at Newton High were known as “Wearers of the N.” The variety of sports slowly expanded for both genders. By 1933, girls’ tennis had been added. The 1949 yearbook showed a boys’ ski team with five members and a modern dance team for girls.

Physical education remained part of the curriculum. Students who attended Newton’s middle and high schools from the 1950s through 1970s remembered having to wear unflattering gym suits to their gym classes. On the “You Know You’re From Newton If...” Facebook page, women described one-piece “ugly green rompers” that “snapped up the front with elastic around the legs that you pulled up like bloomers.” A graduate of Newton North in the 1970s said he wore a gray Newton North t-shirt and black gym shorts. By the 1990s, students brought their own shorts, sweatpants, and t-shirts for their classes.

The roster of school sports expanded even more through the second half of the 20th century, especially for girls. Title IX, a federal law which passed in 1972, prevented federally-funded schools from discriminating against students because of their gender. Today, a variety of sports, including volleyball, wrestling, swimming, soccer, and ultimate Frisbee, are offered in the city’s two high schools.

Newton North football, 1985



Drill or Gymnastics?

THE 19TH CENTURY DEBATE

While sports have dominated physical education in American schools for more than a century, there was a time when controversy erupted over the direction of physical education in Massachusetts. During the Civil War, the Massachusetts Department of Education recommended to the state legislature a bill introducing compulsory military training for boys aged 14 and older to serve as their physical education. Passage of this bill could have led other states to do the same, as at the time Massachusetts was seen as a trailblazer in education.

One of the main figures opposed to this bill was Nathaniel T. Allen, founder of the West Newton English and Classical School, known locally as the Allen School. During a joint session of the Massachusetts Committees of Education and Military Affairs, Allen noted that his school had run military drills for two years, and had found that students responded better to gymnastics. This conclusion was shared by principals of several other schools, who also testified. Allen’s opposition was also moral, as he found that the “use of the death giving musket, sword, and bayonet” was antithetical to the positive values he strove to instill in his students. The sentiment was echoed by the abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, who specifically invoked religion in his argument against military drills.

Finally, Allen called upon the testimony of his colleague, Dr. Diocletian (“Dio”) Lewis, who developed “new gymnastics” during the 1850s, as he believed that then-current exercises in schools were too punishing for young people.

Before opening a physical education training school in Boston in 1861, Lewis exhibited his new curriculum in schools around Newton, including Allen’s. In his testimony, Lewis gave a detailed account of the physical benefits of gymnastics relative to military training, and brought in two students to demonstrate. The student of gymnastics outperformed the soldier. Eventually, the bill to make military training compulsory was dropped.

Mandatory military training in Massachusetts physical education was proposed again during the next two decades, yet never adopted. Lewis would continue to develop his training regimen, publishing *The New Gymnastics for Men, Women, and Children* in 1862. He later collaborated with Catharine Beecher (Harriet Beecher Stowe’s sister), a proponent of calisthenics for women, at a school in Lexington. In the end, the efforts of Allen and Lewis to oppose military drill had a wide-ranging impact, shifting the focus of physical education from marches to gymnastics-inspired exercises for both boys and girls.



Dr. Diocletian (“Dio”) Lewis

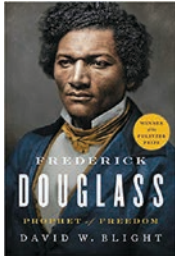
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Join us at our walking tours, public programs, and special events! Watch our web site, www.historicnewton.org, for additions and updates.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 19, 7:30 pm

HISTORY BOOK CLUB MEETING



The History Book Club of Historic Newton meets to discuss

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom by David W.

Blight. This biography of Douglass won the Pulitzer, Bancroft and Parkman Prizes. The New York Times described it as a "comprehensive, scholarly, sober" account of a fascinating, brilliant man whose life "spanned the upheavals of the 19th century".

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free and open to all
Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE MUSEUM DAY



Enjoy free admission to the our museums through a special one-day nationwide program sponsored by *Smithsonian Magazine*. Learn more about the Underground Railroad at the Jackson Homestead and about three families over three centuries at the Durant-Kenrick House. Download your tickets now for September 21 admission.

Locations: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street, and the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Avenue

Admission: Free with downloaded ticket, smithsonianmag.com/museumday/

Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, September 21, 9:30 am and Wednesday, September 25, 10:30 am

STORYTIME AT THE MUSEUMS



Our free, bi-weekly Storytime program engages kids 0 months to 3 years old

by focusing on literacy, Newton's history, play, and lessons from our museums. Families are welcome to bring older siblings. This week's theme is "Leaves." For a complete schedule, go to newtonma.gov/story.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum (Saturdays) and Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds (Wednesdays)

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

FREE FIRST WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION TO OUR MUSEUMS

Everyone is invited to enjoy free admission to our museums.

Locations: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street, and the Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, October 5, 9:30 am and Wednesday, October 9, 10:30 am

STORYTIME AT THE MUSEUMS

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is "Fall." For a complete schedule, go to newtonma.gov/story.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum (Saturdays) and Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds (Wednesdays)

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Sunday, October 6, 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

HOMESTEAD HAYFEST



Drop in for a day of old-fashioned fun at our annual hands-on family festival. Try your hand at butter making, cider pressing, and candle dipping, and learn the history behind these 19th century activities of daily life. Why was butter mysterious to folks in the 1800s? Which recipes are best for dyeing cloth? Join us rain or shine to find out!

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free and open to all

Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, October 19, 9:30 am and Wednesday, October 23, 10:30 am

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Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum (Saturdays) and Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds (Wednesdays)

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Sunday, October 20, 4:00 pm
9-MAN DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING



9-Man volleyball, a street game played by Chinese-Americans in cities across North America, has origins in the 1930s in Boston's

Chinatown and a profound connection to Newton. The game, and the culture around it, is a gritty, athletic treasure fiercely protected by a community of players who require that 2/3 of players are "100% Chinese." The film by Ursula Liang, who grew up in Newton, takes us behind the scenes of the game, giving us insights into Chinese-American history. A preview of the Boston Asian American Film Festival (held October 24-27).

Location: War Memorial Auditorium, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

Saturday, October 26, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

ARCHERY DAY AT HISTORIC NEWTON



Did you know that Newton was home to the first archery club in Massachusetts? From 1911 to the 1950s, the Newton Archers practiced and competed at Newton Centre Playground, and spawned national champions. At Archery Day, you can learn more about this history, try out a bow and arrow with On the Mark Archery, plus view historic archery equipment and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For questions and further information about all events, call 617-796-1450 unless otherwise noted.

bring your own to display. Bring the whole family! Rain date, Sunday, October 27.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: \$20 per person (includes archery session and museum admission), \$15 for Historic Newton members and children ages 12 and under. Register at historicnewton.org or come on the day of the program.

Information: 617-796-1450

Sunday, October 28, 3:30 pm

HISTORIC NEWTON WALKS

HALLOWEEN TOUR OF EAST PARISH BURYING GROUND



Who says burying grounds have to be spooky? Newton's oldest, the East Parish Burying Ground,

dates back to 1660 and serves as the resting place of Newton's founding families. Explore Newton's history and explore this community resource in this special tour of the art of remembrance, and life and death in Newton.

Location: Meet at the corner of Cotton and Centre Streets; park on Cotton Street.

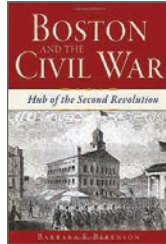
Admission: Suggested donation, \$10 per person. Register in advance through newtonma.gov/HNwalks or come to the start of the tour.

Information: 617-796-1450

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00 pm

AFTER SUFFRAGE: A 20/20 PERSPECTIVE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS, 1920 - 2020

How were women's rights impacted once they gained access to the ballot in 1920? Join author, Barbara Berenson, for a talk that will explore how



women have fared politically and legally over the past century. Consider how women activists have built alliances,

review some of the key developments over the past century, including a discussion of the campaign for the Equal Rights Amendment, and discuss the historical connections between women who opposed suffrage and those who oppose women's rights today.

Location: Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1360

Thursday, October 31, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD



As you make the rounds with children on Halloween night, please stop by the Jackson Homestead and Museum for treats and free museum admission tickets that may be used throughout the fall. Enjoy trick-or-treating at the historic home.

Location: Jackson Homestead and Museum, 527 Washington Street

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

NOVEMBER

Saturday & Sunday, November 2 and 3, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

FREE FIRST WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION TO OUR MUSEUMS

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
BURYING GROUNDS FALL CLEAN-UP



Spend the morning helping to care for the East Parish Burying Ground, the largest and oldest of Newton's three historic burying grounds. Help rake leaves, collect rubbish and fallen limbs, and clip shrubs and plants that are encroaching on historic gravestones. Please bring rakes, gloves, or tarps if you have them and wear sturdy shoes.

Location: Meet at the corner of Centre and Cotton Streets, Newton Centre; park on Cotton Street.

Admission: Free

Information: 617-796-1450

DECEMBER

Saturday & Sunday, December 1 and 2, 10:00 am-5:00 pm

FREE FIRST WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION TO OUR MUSEUMS

Sunday, December 1, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

MEET THE MAKERS AND MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the museum stores at the Jackson Homestead and the Durant-Kenrick House on Museum Store Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. All museum shop merchandise is 20% off!



In addition, enjoy the free Meet the Makers event: Newton artists will be at each museum

for part of the day and you can purchase artwork directly from them. Newton authors sell and sign their books from 1 to 3 pm.

Location: Jackson Homestead, 527 Washington Street and the Durant-Kenrick House, 286 Waverley Avenue

Admission: Free

Information: newtonma.gov/MeetTheMakers, 617-796-1450

Sunday, December 15, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

HOLIDAY CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF DURANT-KENRICK HOUSE



Built in 1734, the Durant-Kenrick House was the home of families who observed the winter holidays in different ways. Take a special tour of the house by candlelight led by Historic Newton staff, enjoy winter caroling, and sip hot cider and cocoa. Kids can create winter crafts, too. Register in advance through historicnewton.org or come on the day of the tour.

Location: Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, 286 Waverley Ave.

Admission: Adults: \$15 non-member, \$10 Historic Newton members and children ages 10 and over

Information: 617-641-9142

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Alex D'Amore has logged over 177 hours volunteering with Historic Newton over the past two years, most of it wearing headphones. He has been migrating both VHS tapes and audio cassette tapes made in the 1980s-90s to digital formats for preservation purposes. Along with that, he is creating searchable spreadsheets that will allow researchers to find relevant subjects discussed on the tapes. A graduate student at University of Massachusetts Boston, Alex just completed a thesis on "Language of the Herodians" in which he explored the material culture of Herodian Judea. Thank you to Alex and to all of our volunteers for the hours they have spent helping Historic Newton.

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A Newton tradition since 1969, Cabot's Ice Cream has been owned and operated by the Prestejohn family for all of its 50 years. Joseph Prestejohn has been active as an Historic Newton

corporate member since 2014, enthusiastically contributing to support our youth and education programs in addition to our historical archives.

Cabot's contributions help to update museum collections, maintain the archives at Jackson Homestead, and enrich the community through engagement at youth and family events like the Storytime and the annual Hayfest. "Historic Newton is the keeper of Newton's memories," says Joe, "and we're so happy to be a part of that history and to play a part in those memories."

In addition to providing support to Historic Newton, Cabot's regularly donates goods and services to local educational organizations.

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David G. O'Neil of Newton Highlands has been a devoted attendee of Historic Newton's annual House Tour since 2012. In 2007, he founded Story Trust to help families, businesses, and

organizations tell stories that create a lasting legacy—as personal memoirs, business-history books, and oral histories.

Prior to Story Trust, David worked as a high school English teacher, book editor, video producer, and publishing executive. As a nationally recognized speaker, storyteller, and historian, David views his support of Historic Newton as part of his civic duty to his home community.

David is also an avid cyclist and can be seen on early weekend mornings with a group of fellow riders in and around Newton. "We always stop for coffee and a treat," notes David. "We joke that our group should be called 'Pedaling for Pastries.' "

Thank you, Joe and David, for helping to keep the stories and memories of Newton relevant, active, and significant to audiences of all ages. To find out how your organization can support Historic Newton with corporate membership, visit newtonma.gov/HNSponsor.

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A Sunny, Spectacular Preview Party

Lindsay and Chris Pike graciously hosted Historic Newton's 2019 Preview Party at their Craftsman Style home in Newtonville, which at one time was the residence of a state legislator, a theater owner, a restaurateur, and two Presidents of Brandeis University, including the school's founder. Guests including Senator Cynthia Creem and Representative Kay Khan celebrated the Newton House Tour. The party was Historic Newton's opportunity to thank The Village Bank, the tour's lead sponsor, as well as many other sponsors, along with owners of the homes on the tour, the Historic Newton Board, and the volunteer House Tour Committee.

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Historic Newton Board President Suzanne Cuccurullo with Joe De Vito, Village Bank President, and Historic Newton Board member Susan Paley



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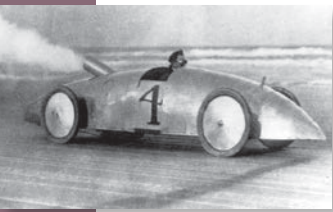
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Automobile Racing: Twin brothers Francis and Freelan Stanley invented a steam-powered car and also a race car which in 1906 set the world's land speed record of 127 miles per hour in

Daytona Beach, Florida. Race car designer and driver Louis Ross of Newtonville was one of the first American drivers to complete a mile course in under one minute.



Baseball: Dom DiMaggio (Joe's younger brother) played center field for the Boston Red Sox from 1940 to 1953, missing three years due to service in World War II. During his 10 full seasons, he totaled 1,679 base hits, more than any other major leaguer in that time. His spectacles gave him the nickname, “The Little Professor.”



Cycling: In 1883, Abbot Bassett completed the first recorded 100-mile bicycle ride. He later became secretary of the League of American Wheelman and business manager of *Bicycling World* magazine.



Ice Skating: Growing up in Newton, Tenley Albright skated at Crystal Lake. In 1956, she was the first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in figure skating. She also won the world figure skating championships. After she retired, she went to Harvard Medical School and became a surgeon.



Golf: Donald J. Ross, sometimes called the Michelangelo of golf course design, is responsible for masterminding over 400 golf courses in the U.S., including Brae Burn, Charles River, Newton Commonwealth, and Woodland. As a player, he won the North & South Open three times, as well as Massachusetts Opens in 1905 and 1911.

The following athletes with Newton ties made achievements in sports that extend beyond the city limits. We focused on athletes in the 19th and 20th centuries. Newton North and Newton South High Schools each maintain an athletic Hall of Fame, where additional information about standout local athletes and coaches may be found. If you'd like us to know about someone we didn't include, please email us at social@historicnewton.org

Archery: Dorothy Smith Cummings won her first national archery title in 1919 when she was 16 years old. She eventually won seven National Archery Association (NAA) championships. She and her father, NAA organizer Louis Smith, are both part of the national Archery Hall of Fame.



Boxing: A. Joseph DeNucci, born and raised in Nonantum, won a Golden Gloves championship in 1956, then became a professional middleweight boxer. He competed in the most boxing matches in Boston Garden history and was inducted into the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame. He later served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and as State Auditor. The Nonantum Boxing Club and the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton host an annual Joe DeNucci Fight Night in his honor.



Tai Chi: Grandmaster Bow Sim Mark won an International Tai Chi Gold Medal

in China in 1984 and was also named “One of the Most Influential Artists of the Millennium” by Inside Kung Fu magazine. She established the Chinese Wushu Research Institute in Boston in 1976 to promote the study and practice of martial arts from China.

Tennis: Considered the “queen mother of American tennis,” Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman won 45 U.S. tennis titles and helped organize the Wightman Cup competition between British and American teams. She spent most of her adult life at a home in Chestnut Hill near the Longwood Cricket Club, where she conducted clinics and tournaments for women.





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