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A Summer of Creativity at WMCT-TV

By Zachary Benton, Youth Coordinator/Late Night Producer, WMCT-TV

This summer, the WMCT-TV team took on a creative video challenge: in just two minutes, showcase a place in Marlborough that you enjoy and your personal connection to it. For me, the choice was easy: the Marlborough Public Library.

I'm a frequent visitor to the library and a regular user of the CWMARS interlibrary loan system. I've also had the opportunity to perform my music at the library several times. Beyond the resources and programs, I've always appreciated the patient and helpful librarians who are there whenever I need assistance. The scenario for my short video naturally grew from those experiences.

After getting permission from Marlborough Public Library Director Sara Belisle, we scheduled a time to film. WMCT-TV's Jack and Garrett served as our camera operators and also offered creative suggestions along the way. The circulation desk librarian, Arden, did an excellent job of acting naturally on camera, having only discussed the basic concept of our conversation beforehand. Arden didn't need a second take - but I did!

One of my favorite parts of the project was the collaborative nature of creating the video. Much of my creative work tends to be solitary, so it was especially enjoyable to work together with the WMCT-TV team, share ideas, and see the concept come together.

It was a fun opportunity to explore a familiar Marlborough location in a new way, while also trying something creative with my WMCT-TV colleagues.

I'm looking forward to more collaborative projects like this in the future!

Until next time,
Zach

Trivia Answers:
1. East Bay 2. Java, Indonesia
3. Norman Collier 4. Violin 5. Z



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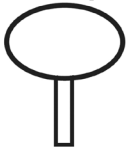
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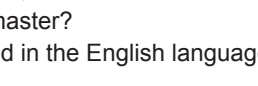
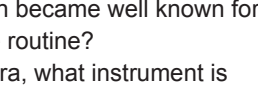
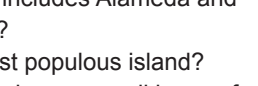
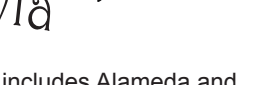
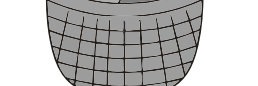
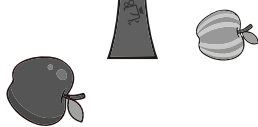
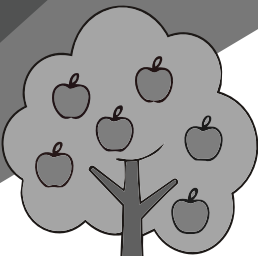
Add the limbs of the tree. Add as many as you would like!



Add more detail & more leaves. Study real trees for more fun practice.



Drawing with Mark! Check your local TV listings!



Faces of Marlborough: Recent Guests on WMCT-TV

By Ryan Malyar, Executive Director, WMCT-TV

A food pantry lifeline, a thriller writer, a recovery advocate, and a summer camp director walk into a studio - no, really, they did. Over the past few weeks, WMCT-TV's cameras have captured some of the most interesting people in Marlborough, each with a story worth your time. Here's who's been on lately, in case you missed it.

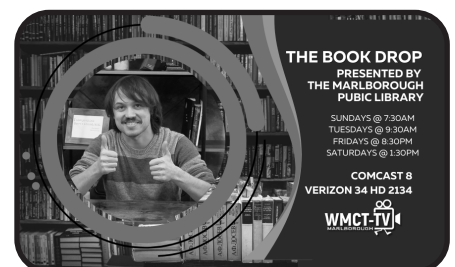
Marlborough Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Dale Dolesh and Stacey Militello joined host Ryan Malyar to talk about how this all-volunteer group has quietly become one of the biggest lifelines in Marlborough. Founded in Paris in 1833 and now active in 155 countries, the Society's two local conferences made over 225 home visits and provided more than \$163,000 in financial support to neighbors in need last year alone. They also previewed the group's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Friends of the Poor Walk, a free, dog-friendly, family-friendly 3-mile walk along the Marlborough Rail Trail happening Saturday, September 26th, 2026.

Author Sylvia Michaud. On Marlborough Minute, local author Sylvia Michaud sat down with Ryan to discuss her debut novel, *The Dark Shadows Over Longfellow Pond*, a thriller about a troubled marriage set against the backdrop of yachts, fishing trips, and New England summers on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Sylvia talked about what inspired the story, her writing process, and even read a scene from the book. She's already deep into her second novel, and copies of her first are available at the Marlborough Public Library as well as major booksellers.

MOAR - Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery. Hannah Koepper and Scott "Sunshine Scotty" Francis joined Ryan for a candid conversation about substance use prevention and the road to recovery here in Marlborough. They discussed MOAR's mission to organize people in recovery, families, and allies into a collective voice, along with weekly peer support meetings at the Recovery Connection on Main Street and advocacy efforts like the Clean Slate Bill. Scotty also shared his own recovery story, describing how community and connection - not isolation - became the foundation of his healing.

Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest. VP Laura Terzigni stopped by to recap a busy summer of camp, including Splash Pad days, museum field trips, and STEM labs, and to look ahead to what's next: fall program registration opens August 10th, with bus routes serving all four elementary schools plus the middle school. She also previewed the club's October 23rd gala, which will honor retiring President & CEO Chris Duane after 32 years of service.

You can catch all of these full conversations on the WMCT-TV blog at wmct-tv.com/blog, or on our YouTube channel. Want to see your organization featured? Reach out - we're always looking for good stories to tell.



Trivia

1. What California region includes Alameda and Contra Costa counties?
2. What is the world's most populous island?
3. Which British comedian became well known for his broken microphone routine?
4. In a symphony orchestra, what instrument is played by the concertmaster?
5. What letter is least used in the English language?

(Flip the bottom of the page for Trivia answers)

A History of Marlborough Schools

By Mike Lawton, Assistant Executive Director, WMCT-TV

As Marlborough students head back to their classrooms this September, it's worth looking at just how far the city's schools have come. When Marlborough became a city in 1890, it ran nine school buildings for 2,431 students and 55 teachers, on a budget of \$35,090, \$14.43 per pupil. Kindergarten was added that year, and an evening school opened for the city's French-speaking population.

A new high school opened on the common in 1898. By 1910, enrollment reached 2,606, though a report that year showed only 29 of 391 students entering first grade in 1895 were still enrolled by 1907, most having left for factory work.

State law reshaped schooling through the early 1900s. A 1919 act raised the minimum work-certificate grade from fourth to sixth. The "Shoe School," formed in 1929 with local manufacturers, closed in 1932 amid worker opposition.

Growth exploded after WWII. Enrollment more than doubled from 2,822 in 1960 to 6,607 by 1970, prompting new schools at Hosmer Street/Jaworek (1964), West/Richer (1966), and Farm Road/Kane (1969), plus a new high school on Bolton Street/Whitcomb in 1962. An even larger high school opened in 1977, and in 1978 the district got its first computer, donated by Digital Equipment Corp. Marlborough has had twenty-four superintendents since becoming a city in 1890. Ernest P. Carr served longest, thirty years (1912-1942).

By 1990-91, the district enrolled 3,676 pupils across five elementary schools, one middle school, and Marlborough High, on a \$16.7 million budget.

Today seven buildings (an early childhood center, four elementary schools, Whitcomb Middle, and Marlborough High) enroll roughly 4,360 students in 2026. The Fiscal Year 2026 budget ran about \$82.8 million, investment past superintendents like Ernest Carr could scarcely have imagined. Marlborough has grown from nine buildings on a \$35,000 budget to a modern seven-school district, and its commitment to its children has only grown stronger with it.



Marlborough High Football 2026 Preview

By Matthew Besachio, Sports Director, WMCT-TV

Despite having a smaller roster, Marlborough High Varsity Football enters the season with confidence after a summer of hard work and preparation. Several key players are returning, giving the team valuable experience on both sides of the ball.

Leading the Panther offensive line will be Captain Austin Brown, Nicolas Ferriera, Alex Zepeda and Wirly DaSilva. The group brings experience and leadership to the front line and will be counted on to help establish a strong running game and protect the quarterback.

In the backfield, Marlborough High returns last year's starting quarterback, Isaac Medrano. He will be joined in the running game by Jason Leblanc and JJ Monterio, giving the offense several experienced players capable of making an impact.

The defense also features a number of players who gained significant playing time last season. Safety Julian Claro and cornerback Nabil Lubwama return to the secondary, while linebackers Jayden Cubaro and Jackson Christo bring experience to the middle of the defense. Outside linebackers Dom Gould and Harry Johnston round out a veteran defensive group.

With a combination of returning starters, experienced players and strong summer preparation, the team hopes its hard work will translate into success throughout the upcoming season. The team opens the season on September 11th at 7pm at Kelleher Field.

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Quotes

"Nature uses as little as possible on anything."
Johannes Kepler

"Either write something worth reading
or do something worth writing."
Benjamin Franklin

"Words empty as the wind are
best left unaid."
Homerus



Jokes!

How did the barber win the race?
He knew a short cut.

What do sea monsters eat?
Fish and ships.

What's ET short for?
So he can fit on the space ship.

Have you heard about the restaurant
on the moon?
**The food is great, but there's no
atmosphere.**

The Kid Corner

By Lilian Roque

The Mystery Backpack

Fill a backpack with school-related items such as a pencil, book, crayons, lunchbox, and other familiar objects. Children close their eyes, choose an item, and try to guess what it is by touching it. Afterward, families can ask fun questions about school, such as what the child would like to learn or what they are most excited about.

This playful activity encourages conversation, builds excitement, and helps children feel more confident and prepared for the new school year.

Learning Portuguese:

I love going to school!

Eu amo ir para a escola!

I learn a lot at school.

Na escola eu aprendo muito.

Back to School

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21. BUS

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Marlborough Rec. Dept. Fall 2026 Programs

Marlborough families will have a wide range of opportunities to keep children active and engaged this fall, with programs offered through the Marlborough Recreation Department beginning in September.

The Marlborough Recreation Department's four-week On the Mark Archery program begins Thursday, October 1st, at Jericho Hill. Led by certified USA Archery coaches, the \$167 clinic teaches students in grades 4-8 recurve archery mechanics, safety, and precision. Equipment is provided. Register online via RecDesk using program ID 1337.

For children interested in martial arts, Marlboro Community Martial Arts is offering several registration options this fall. Register online via RecDesk to secure a spot. In addition, The Recreation Department and Kwon's Martial Arts are launching the TK Cross Afternoons adult fitness program this fall. Running Mondays and Fridays from September 14th to October 9th, the high-energy class blends kickboxing drills with functional strength and cardio intervals. Certified instruction costs \$115 for residents. Register online via RecDesk.

The Rec. Dept. is also providing opportunities beyond traditional athletics. Challenge Island Movie Magic Slime Lab will offer hands-on STEM activities after school from Sept. 28th through Nov. 2nd. Kids' Test Kitchen, designed by registered dietitians for children ages 5-10, will combine cooking and nutrition lessons on Tuesdays at the Jericho Hill Recreation Area from Sept. 22nd through Oct. 27th. The resident fee is \$205/ non-resident fee is \$215.

And for youths who are interested in more traditional sports, The Recreation Department's new six-week Sportball Multi-Sport Program starts Thursday, September 24, for children ages 2 to 5. Led by certified coaches, the high-energy sessions build coordination and confidence through foundational skills in soccer, hockey, tennis, and basketball. Registration costs \$105 for residents and \$115 for non-residents on RecDesk.

To find out more about other Fall programs, contact The Recreation Department by phone at **508-624-6925** or visit their Facebook page!

September City Events

Greek Festival at Sts. Anargyroi Greek Orthodox Church

Friday, September 4th | 5PM - 11PM |

Saturday, September 5th | 12PM - 11PM |

Sunday, September 6th | 12PM - 11PM |

Celebrate your Labor Day weekend with Greek food, pastries, live music, dancing, souvenirs, and more! Free admission, visit stsanargyroi.org for more information.

Labor Day Festival

Sunday, September 6th | 12PM - 5PM | Main St. & Gold Star Plaza

Join us for an afternoon packed with family-friendly fun and community connection featuring live music, local vendors, food trucks, and free admission right in the heart of downtown!

74th Annual Labor Day Parade

Monday, September 7th | 12PM | Main St.

Mayor Christian invites you to bring your friends, family and your festive spirit and come celebrate in one of our most cherished community traditions featuring a wide variety of floats, performers, and family fun!

Food Truck and Arts Festival

Sunday, September 13th | 11AM - 5PM | Main St. & Rt. 85

Join dozens of food trucks and vendors for an afternoon of food and fun in beautiful downtown Marlborough! Beer garden, live music, and free admission.

Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 26th | Marlborough Rail Trail

Now in its 10th year in Marlborough, this free, dog-friendly, family-friendly 3-mile walk benefits the Marlborough Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which provided over \$163,000 in support to neighbors in need last year. This year's fundraising goal is \$25,000. Register or sponsor a walker at runsignup.com/Race/MA/Marlborough/SVdPFOPWalk.

Marlborough Recreation Department Fall Programming & Events

Various sports programs, after school activities, and lessons for kids and adults of all ages. Visit mrd.recdesk.com for registration and more information.

September Events & Book Clubs at the Marlborough Public Library

Programs for children, teens, and adults throughout September. Check marlborough.librarycalendar.com for specific dates and registration.