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Quotes

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

"Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world."

Archimedes

"Stay hungry, stay foolish."

Steve Jobs

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Summer Video Workshop: CHANNEL SURFING

By Zachary Benton
Youth Coordinator/Producer, WMCT-TV

This summer at WMCT-TV's studio, 11-13 year-olds are invited to join the free Channel Surfing workshop! The weeklong workshop runs August 3-7, running 9am-12pm each day.

This year, students will be writing and acting in slices and sketches of TV shows, from "Fake and Funny News" to "The Shopping Channel," from "Reality Shows" to "Fake Commercials." On Friday, the students will compete in a Game Show.

The "best" of the clips will be screened Friday, August 14th, at 6pm at WMCT-TV's studios! Email myself, zach@wmct-tv.com, for more information!

Disclaimer: students must be Marlborough residents to attend. Reach out for registration details.

'Til next time!

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Marlborough Screams for Ice Cream: Trombetta's Takes The Top Spot

By Ryan Malyar, Executive Director, WMCT-TV

The votes are in! After asking our Facebook followers to nominate their favorite local ice cream shops and polling the finalists, WMCT-TV received 145 verified votes. The winner is **Trombetta's Farm**, earning the title of Marlborough's Favorite Ice Cream Shop.

Uhlman's Ice Cream finished in second place, with newcomer **Picco** taking third.

Congratulations to all three businesses, and thanks to everyone who participated. Be sure to visit these local favorites and enjoy a scoop (or two) this summer. Stay cool, Marlborough!

Top Three Finishers:

1st Place - Trombetta's Farm

655 Farm Road, Marlborough, MA 01752

Website: www.trombettasfarm.com

Homemade ice cream, indoor mini golf, and family fun since 1978.

2nd Place - Uhlman's Ice Cream

232 East Main Street, Westborough, MA 01581

Website: www.uhlmansicecream.com

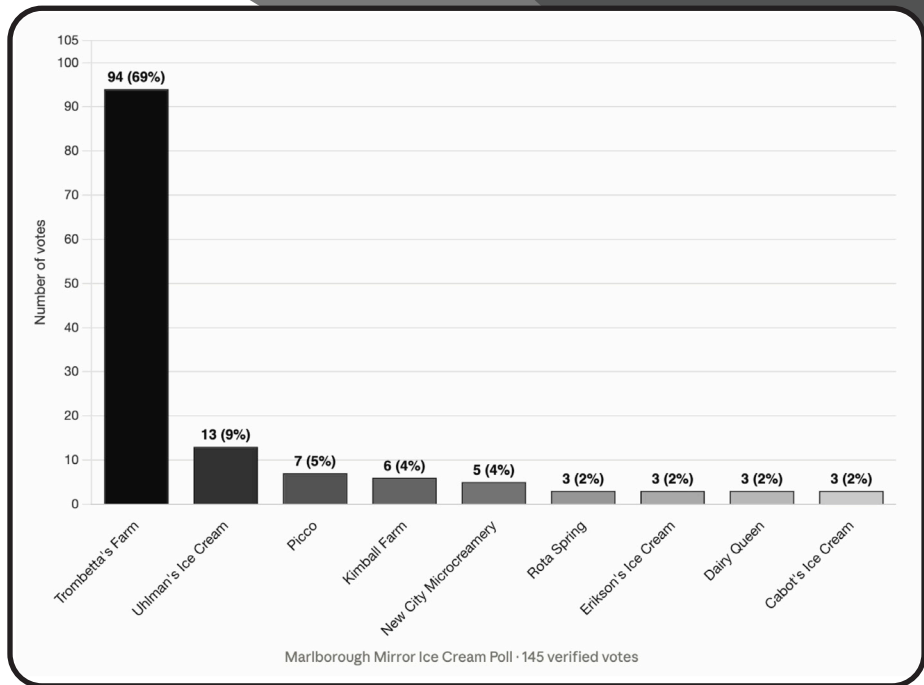
A local favorite serving premium small-batch ice cream for more than 50 years.

3rd Place - Picco Marlborough

179 Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752

Website: www.piccoboston.com/marlborough

Known for homemade ice cream and scratch-made comfort food in downtown Marlborough.



Stevens Park Renovations

By Matthew Besachio, Sports Director, WMCT-TV

Players, coaches, and families are enjoying significant improvements at the Lower Baseball Field at Stevens Park following a major renovation project completed last fall. The field, which serves as the home of Marlborough Babe Ruth Baseball and AMSA High School baseball, underwent a complete infield overhaul designed to improve playing conditions, drainage, and overall field quality for the 2026 season.

The project originated in July 2024 when the Marlborough Babe Ruth Board of Directors submitted a detailed proposal to city officials outlining a long-term vision to transform Stevens Park into one of the premier baseball facilities in the region. The proposal emphasized the field's role in youth sports development and called for several upgrades, including infield reconstruction and drainage improvements.

In response, the City of Marlborough Recreation Department partnered with the Department of Public Works and contracted Diamond Athletic Turf, Inc. of Stow to complete the renovations. Work included removing the existing infield skirt, installing new base material, laser-grading the entire infield, and adding fresh clay and new sod grass.

The improvements have already received positive feedback from local athletes. Pitchers and coaches have praised the newly rebuilt mound and improved playing surface, noting noticeable differences during early-season practices and games. Marlborough Recreation Director Charles Thebado helped oversee the project and coordinate efforts among city departments and contractors.

Located on Martin Street, Stevens Park remains a central gathering place for youth athletics and community recreation. City officials and local baseball leaders say the upgrades represent an important investment in the future of Marlborough's youth sports programs.

The project was made possible through the combined efforts of the Marlborough Recreation Department, Department of Public Works, Marlborough City Council, Mayor's Office, Marlborough Babe Ruth Board of Directors, and Diamond Athletic Turf. Community leaders hope the renovations will benefit local athletes for years to come while enhancing one of the city's most widely used baseball facilities.

The Kid Corner

By Lilian Roque

Outdoor Word Hunt

The Outdoor Word Hunt is a fun and active game that helps children practice their language while playing outside.

Parents hide syllables or word cards around the yard or playground, and children search for them to build simple words such as cat, sun, or dog.

After finding the words, children read them aloud and use them in short sentences. The game can be played individually or in teams, making learning interactive and exciting.

This activity encourages vocabulary development, reading practice, teamwork, movement, and family connection - all while making English learning fun.

Learning Portuguese:

It's summer!

É verão!

I want to go to the beach.

Eu quero ir à praia.

Lilian Roque is the author of Maria Doesn't Speak English, a true story about a young girl who arrives in the United States at age six without knowing a word of English - and the challenges she faces finding her place in school. It's a story of resilience, belonging, and the power of language. Pick up a copy on Amazon.

Mike Burns: Marlborough's Own World Cup Legend

By Mike Lawton, Assistant Executive Director, WMCT-TV

As the 2026 FIFA World Cup electrifies fans across the United States, Marlborough has its own remarkable connection to the world's biggest soccer stage and it begins right here on the fields where a young Michael Burns first learned to play.

Burns, born and raised in Marlborough, was named the 1987 Massachusetts High School Player of the Year as a Panther at Marlborough High School. He went on to become a two-time All-American at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, and was later inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

What makes Burns truly extraordinary is a distinction no other American player can claim: he represented the United States at every level of international competition. He played in the 1987 U-16 World Cup in Canada and the 1989 U-20 World Cup in Saudi Arabia, where the Americans finished fourth, before captaining the U.S. men's soccer team at the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, playing every minute of all three matches at venues including the famed Camp Nou.



MIKE BURNS WITH THE MLS NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

Burns earned 75 caps for the senior national team, appearing in both the 1994 World Cup on home soil and the 1998 World Cup in France, where he started against Germany and Yugoslavia in the group stage.

Professionally, Burns spent seven seasons in Major League Soccer, anchoring the New England Revolution's defense for five years and earning MLS All-Star honors in 1998 and 2002. After retiring, he rose from Director of Soccer to General Manager with the Revolution before joining Sporting Kansas City as Sporting Director in 2024.

This summer, as the USMNT carries the torch on home soil in front of a nation gripped by World Cup fever, it's worth remembering that a kid from Marlborough once wore that same jersey and helped lay the foundation for American soccer's rise. Mike Burns didn't just watch the World Cup. He lived it. And it all started right here.

Trivia

1. What armless statue in the Louvre is described as "The most famous work of art of the ancient Greek Sculpture"?
2. What English word for a style of cooking or the kitchen itself is directly borrowed from French?
3. Pablo Picasso was one of the suspects questioned when what item was stolen in Paris in 1911?
4. What actress was the narrator in the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird"?
5. What is the common name for Hydrogen Hydroxide?

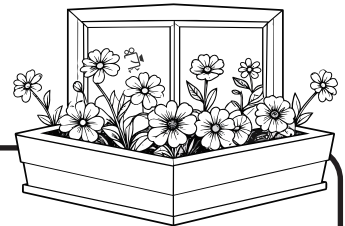
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We All Scream for Ice Cream

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8. PUSHPOP
9. CREAMSICLE
10. DRUMSTICK
11. KLONDIKE
12. FUDGSICLE
13. NUTTYBUDDY
14. DIBS
15. MAGNUM
16. SANDWICH



Discover Marlborough's Gardens! By the Marlborough Garden Club

Did you know the Marlborough Garden Club helps maintain several beautiful public gardens throughout the city? These spaces are cared for by dedicated volunteers who help keep Marlborough blooming all season long.

Here's where you can find our gardens:

Hudson Gateway Garden

Southbound side of Route 85 entering Marlborough from Hudson.

Southborough Gateway Garden

Northbound side of Route 85 entering Marlborough from Southborough, beyond Acre Bridge Road and across from Dougherty Tool.

Woodland Garden at Ghiloni Park

Along the wooded walking path inside Ghiloni Park.

Bolton Street Garden

Route 85 northbound side just before the Marlborough Police Station.

Thresher Garden

Both sides of the entrance to the Middle School on Stevens Street at Thresher Drive.

Next time you pass one of these spaces, take a moment to enjoy the hard work blooming all around our community.

HEY! Can you find Cam?

They are hidden somewhere on this edition of Marlborough Mirror.

🎉 Good luck! 🎉



Drawing with Mark!

Let's practice drawing George Washington! Start with an oval...



Using our "foundation" lines, it can be easy!



Add the eyes in middle of head, and more basic shapes

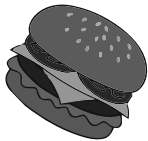
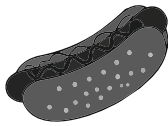


Continue drawing his face.



Now we can add final details and erase the foundation lines!

Drawing with Mark! Check your local TV listings!



Jokes!



What do you call a well-balanced horse?
Stable.

What lights up a soccer stadium?
A soccer match.

What do sprinters eat before they race?
Nothing, they fast.

How many tickles does it take to make an octopus laugh?
Ten-tickles.



July City Events



Open Mic Night

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month @ 7PM - 9PM | Bolton Street Tavern | FREE

Live Music

Fridays & Saturdays | Dante's at Firefly's BBQ
Check Facebook for performers.

Live Music Nights

Thursdays & Fridays | Kennedy's Restaurant & Market
Check Facebook for performers.

Marlborough Farmer's Market

Saturdays @ 9 AM | Behind City Hall
Check marlboroughfarmersmarket.com for additional details.

Live Music & Events

Weekends | Tackle Box Brewing Co.
Check social media for July schedule.

Live Music & Late Night

Weekends | Funky Murphy's
funkymurphys.com/marlboro

Summer Concert Series on Union Common

Thursday, July 9th & 7PM: Sunset 87 & Friends
Thursday, July 16th & 7PM: Childhood/Huck
Thursday, July 23rd & 7PM: The Usual Suspects
Thursday, July 30th & 7PM: True Vibe

International Gem & Jewelry Show

Friday, July 3rd @ 12 PM - Sunday, July 5th @ 5 PM | Royal Plaza Trade Center
Shop directly from designers, wholesalers, and manufacturers. Admission \$6-\$8 at door; \$6 online. Free for licensed wholesale buyers.

Circus Vazquez - Big Top at Solomon Pond Mall

Friday, July 3rd (through mid-July) | Solomon Pond Mall
Family-friendly big-top circus featuring world-class acrobatics, aerialists, and clowns. Extended engagement-check circusvazquez.com for full schedule and showtimes.

Jr. Celtics Academy Co-Ed Summer Camp

Session 1: Monday, July 13th - 17th @ 9 AM - 3 PM
Session 2: Monday, July 20th - 24th @ 9 AM - 3 PM

Jr. Celtics Academy, presented by New Balance, offers a co-ed summer camp for ages 7-14 of all skill levels. Participants enjoy games, drills, and competition while building basketball skills in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. For more details, visit www.nba.com/celtics/jrceltics.

Memorial Beach / Lake Williams

Open daily throughout July for swimming, kayaking, and canoe rentals. Marlborough Recreation Department.

Recreation Department Summer of Fun 2026

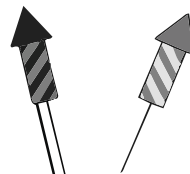
Pickleball clinics, golf lessons, sports camps, splash pads, and wading pools. Register at mrd.recdesk.com.

Summer Reading Programs at the Marlborough Public Library

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

Senior Center Summer Programming

Fitness classes, day trips, luncheons, and social events. Check the *Seniors on the Go* July newsletter at marlborough-ma.gov or call (508) 624-6910.



Trivia Answers:
1. Venus de Milo 2. Cuisine
3. The Mona Lisa 4. Kim Stanley
5. Water