

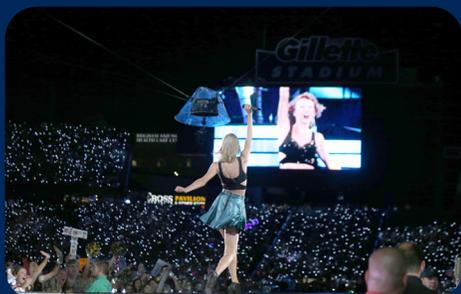
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Quarterly Insight into the Progress and Philanthropy of Kraft Sports + Entertainment

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Ready to Rock

With 2022 in the rearview, we've got our sights set on 2023 and beyond. After announcing Ed Sheeran's June 30 and July 1 shows and Luke Combs' July 22 Gillette Stadium debut earlier this fall, we recently unveiled the next slate of chart-toppers coming to Foxborough.

First up, Taylor Swift will return to Gillette Stadium for The Eras Tour on May 19, 20 and 21. The 11-time GRAMMY winner will perform in Foxborough for the first time since her 2018 Reputation Stadium Tour, when she became the first female artist to headline Gillette Stadium three nights in a row. Swift will perform at Gillette Stadium, the first NFL stadium she ever headlined, for the 11th, 12th and 13th times when she takes the stage this May.

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Find Partners in Patriotism on Twitter and Instagram by following @PIPFoxboro, and on Facebook by liking "Partners in Patriotism."

These accounts are dedicated to news and information important to the Foxborough community.



"BEST DAY OF MY LIFE"

Residents enjoy Day of Pampering, Crucial Catch Game

Each year to kick off the NFL Crucial Catch Campaign, the Kraft family and Patriots Foundation welcome cancer survivors to Gillette Stadium for the Patriots Day of Pampering. This special event brings together women from across New England to share their stories, support one another and enjoy manicures, yoga, surprise visits from members of the New England Patriots organization and more.

Among the 16 inspirational survivors in attendance this year were Foxborough residents Nicole Flood and Robin Morra. Flood and her husband moved to Foxborough in 2015 to start their family, but in 2019 as the couple was expecting their second child, everything changed in an instant when Flood was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma. Flood's team moved fast, first conducting emergency surgery to remove the tumor and then induc-

ing her pregnancy early after discovering cancer in six lymph nodes, enabling them to start chemother-

apy as soon as possible. Faced with what Flood described as a "parallel journey of joy and terror" as she welcomed her son into the world healthy and strong while starting her fight against cancer, she turned to her family, friends and Foxborough for support.

"From the beginning of my diagnosis, I knew I wasn't alone and the support that we received was what got us through the storm," Flood said. "People I didn't even know in Foxborough were dropping off food, gift cards, encouraging messages and offers to watch my daughter. We were so grateful, and it really lifted our spirits as I finished four-and-a-half months of chemo, six weeks of radiation and a year of targeted therapy infusions."

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Residents Nicole Flood (middle) and Robin Morra (far right) were among the 16 cancer survivors invited to this year's Day of Pampering and Crucial Catch Game.

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Kraft Family Thanks Town Employees with Food Truck Tour

Earlier this fall, the Kraft family thanked over 150 town employees for their continued hard work and exemplary efforts by surprising them with lunch from a local food truck. Throughout the week, the truck made stops at Town Hall, the Public Safety building and Department of Public Works, surprising employees across town with burgers, fries and other tasty eats courtesy of the Kraft family. "The partnership of

the Town of Foxborough is integral to our organization, with town employees working tirelessly to support our business operation and events at Gillette Stadium, Patriot Place and more," said Julia Pagliarulo, spokeswoman for Kraft Sports + Entertainment. "It was our pleasure to surprise these incredible town employees with lunch as a small token of our appreciation for their continued collaboration and hard work."



Championship Partnership: Pats Team Up with Public Safety to Give Residents Super Photo Op

In mid-November, Foxborough Public Safety teamed up with Partners in Patriotism (PIP) to give residents the opportunity to have their photo taken alongside the New England Patriots' six Super Bowl trophies. Foxborough Police Chief Michael Grace came up with the concept and worked with PIP to make it a reality just in time for residents to get a super shot for their holiday cards. Keeping with the holiday spirit, Public Safety also encouraged residents to bring an item to donate to the Foxborough Discretionary Fund. While this donation was entirely voluntary and not a requirement to get a photo with the trophies, Foxborough turned out to support one

another like always, donating enough items to fill four large donation bins. "The accomplishment of the New England Patriots winning six championships is the pride of many residents," said Foxborough Police Sergeant Val Collins. "Chief Grace wanted to give residents the unique experience of seeing the six Super Bowl trophies in person and help raise needed food supplies for the local discretionary fund during the winter months, a winning combination for sure." Throughout the day on Nov. 19, residents turned out to the McGinty Room at Foxborough Public Safety for their exclusive opportunity to grab a photo with the trophies, com-

memorating the championship partnership between Foxborough and the Patriots. "The Foxborough Police Department and Fire Department work hand in hand with the Kraft Group 12 months a year and have built a trusting and respectful relationship, ensuring the highest level of public safety for guests that

visit both Gillette Stadium and Patriot Place," Collins said. "This relationship provided an opportunity to bring additional stakeholders together for a great cause to benefit the community. Community-oriented policing is about partnerships and establishing deeper relationships with those we serve."



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Matthew Judon Donates Turkeys, Surprises Families at Foxborough YMCA

The holiday season is for spending time with loved ones and most importantly, giving back and helping others whenever possible. New England Patriots star linebacker Matthew Judon embodies this mindset and giving spirit, continually working to make a lasting impact beyond the football field.

Ahead of Thanksgiving, Judon teamed up with the Patriots Foundation and Hockomock Area YMCA to donate turkeys to dozens of families in need from Foxborough and the surrounding community. The Pro Bowler personally greeted each family when they arrived to pick up their turkey, taking photos and signing autographs.

"Just trying to give back a little bit and supply the community with some turkeys," Judon said. "It's good that we can do this to fill the little void and try to do my part in the community. It's really about the families that come here and get to experience this and that they get to be a family and have a happy Thanksgiving together."



While the turkeys certainly meant a lot, Hockomock Area YMCA Associate Vice President of Social Action Services Caitlin Gibbs shared that Judon being there meant even more to the families.

"The families were so appreciative and many expressed that it has been, and continues to be, a difficult year," Gibbs said. "With the added surprise of Matthew being there, we saw tears and lots of smiles. One single mom of three boys told us that, 'it was the best night for the entire family in years.' Another mother and son came to pick up their turkey and when they realized Matthew was going to be handing them out, they both cried. The son took off his sweatshirt and sure enough, he was wearing a Judon jersey!"

The support between the Patriots and the community goes both ways. Gibbs has worked at the Hockomock Area YMCA since she was 15 and been in a fulltime role with the organization since 2009, seeing firsthand the enduring partnership between the YMCA and the Patriots and the lives it has impacted.

"Our YMCA is so grateful for the years of support that we, and our community, receive from the Patriots organization," she said. "Our Y is a comfortable place people turn to when they need support and when there are amazing opportunities like this one, we always have households that we immediately think of. Countless lives have been touched and impacted positively because of the strong and special relationship we have with the Patriots."



FACES OF FOXBOROUGH JON GURLEY

Jon Gurley moved to Foxborough with his wife and son three years ago after he began working as a network engineer for the Kraft Group's IT department. Since joining the team, some of Gurley's responsibilities have included setting up private event networks and providing IT support on game and event days. Beyond Foxborough, Gurley has had the opportunity to work internationally in the Kraft Group's offices in Canada, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

"My favorite thing about working here is that nothing is ever the same," Gurley said. "I don't get into the rut of a 'same old, same old' routine because of how many different types of requests could come in."

Originally from Houston, Texas, Gurley and his family decided to relocate to his wife's hometown of Foxborough in time for their son to begin middle school. When he's not relaxing in his backyard by the firepit, Gurley enjoys walking around the cranberry bogs and Patriot Place with his family.

"The best thing about Foxborough has to be the people. Our neighbors welcomed us as part of the community from the first day we moved in," Gurley said. "While I was away earlier this year traveling, there was a big snowstorm and before we knew it, our neighbors had come and cleared all the snow so that my wife didn't have to do it alone."

Mikayla Medeiros contributed to this story.

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PATRIOT PLACE NEWS

How the Cookie Crumbles: Crumbl Coming to Patriot Place in 2023

Patriot Place just got a lot sweeter. Crumbl Cookies' gourmet flavors and undeniable tastiness are coming to Patriot Place in spring 2023, just in time for you to break all your New Year's resolutions.

Co-founded by cousins Jason McGowan and Sawyer Hemsley in 2017 and now the fastest-growing cookie company in the nation, Crumbl boasts a bonanza of baked goods for everyone to enjoy. Touting the "world's best chocolate chip cookie," Crumbl is also known

for their weekly rotating menu of award-winning classics and innovative new creations, all packaged in their signature pink box. Cookie connoisseurs will be able to purchase cookies in a four-pack, six-pack or 12-pack box. The brand-new Patriot Place location will be nestled next to IT'SUGAR in the North Marketplace and open its doors later this year. For more information, including the opening timeline when it's announced, visit patriot-place.com/tenant/crumbl-cookies.



Mass General Brigham Center for Sports Performance and Research Opening this Spring

Continuing Patriot Place's commitment to being a hub for world-class health care, the Mass General Brigham Center for Sports Performance and Research (CSPaR) will open at Patriot Place in early 2023. This new state-of-the-art facility is part of Mass General Brigham's ongoing partnership with Kraft Sports + Entertainment as the official sports medicine sponsor of the Patriots, Revolution and Gillette Stadium.

Located in the South Marketplace next to Trader Joe's, this new facility will provide world-class strength and performance training for every type of athlete. Based on the clinical expertise of Mass General Brigham Sports Medicine, the CSPaR will utilize advanced technology including 3-D biomechanics, virtual reality and artificial intelligence to focus on strength and performance training, injury prevention training and recovery. The new sports and performance center will also conduct research on motion analysis and biomechanics.

"Mass General Brigham remains one of our organization's foundational partners, from the two world-class healthcare centers already open at Patriot Place to this new performance and research center," said Brian Earley, Vice President and General Manager of Patriot Place. "We are thrilled to continue this partnership and look forward to working with Mass General Brigham for years to come as our official sports medicine partner, continuing to bring their great services to Patriot Place visitors."



Construction Continues on Freedom Wind Tunnel Indoor Skydiving Facility

Construction is well underway on the Freedom Wind Tunnel, slated to open this summer. This new facility will use the latest in virtual reality technology to offer an indoor skydiving experience for people of all ages and abilities.

Featuring a 100-foot-tall wind tunnel, the venue will be a destination for thrill seekers from across New England and will also be used for professional skydiving and military training. Guests will enjoy a variety of immersive

experiences, including being transported into a football stadium to deliver a game ball to the 50-yard-line. Avid skydivers can use Freedom Wind's virtual reality technology to learn how to get out of dangerous situations like dealing with parachute malfunctions and coming too close to cliff faces. The facility also plans to feature historical and educational skydiving museum exhibits, providing an educational and adrenaline-filled experience for all ages.

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Kicking Into High Gear: Kickball League Plays on Stadium Field

This November, members of the Foxboro Recreation Women's Kickball League took their game to the big leagues. Gillette Stadium welcomed 58 players across four teams to compete on the stadium field, ending their inaugural season on a high note.

After hearing of the success of a neighboring town's program, six-year resident Anna Broussides recommended that Foxborough start a league of their own. Armed with an idea and a group of like-minded women, Broussides turned to the Foxboro Recreation Department to get the ball rolling. Longtime resident and Recreation Director Renee Tocci took it from there, getting the league underway and teaming up with Partners in Patriotism to have the season capped off at Gillette Stadium.

"This experience means everything to us and is so special and exciting," Tocci said. "Not just seeing the stadium but actually being on the field is something that most people will never be able to do in their lifetime and playing a game where the professionals play is so cool. The collaboration between the town and Gillette Stadium is amazing."

For Broussides, the league provides a fun and athletic outlet and way to connect with other Foxborough women. Taking the league to Gillette Stadium was the cherry on top of a great season for her and her team.

"Everyone loved being able to play at Gillette with our families watching and cheering us on," Broussides said. "We felt really special to be invited to play on the same field as NFL players and are very grateful



to the Kraft organization for giving this opportunity to Foxborough residents."

Shannon Barbato, a lifelong resident and captain of one of the opposing teams, echoed Broussides' sentiments in both her passion for the league and excitement to play at Gillette Stadium.

"We didn't think our little kickball league would make it

to the pros so quickly," joked Barbato. "In all seriousness, we all thought it was very cool and for most of us, our first time on the field. As residents, we take ownership in our town and our Patriots. Being able to play a game on the field made me feel even more of a bond for this great place that I have called home for almost 50 years."

CONCERTS: Announcements Continue

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Then as the leaves turn, two icons will perform in Foxborough for one night only. Music legends Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks are coming to Gillette Stadium on Sept. 23, 2023 for an unforgettable night of live music. This spectacular show will mark the first time the two Rock and Roll Hall of Famers will perform on the same stage in New England. The show will also be Nicks' debut performance at the home of the New England Patriots and Revolution, and

Joel's second time performing at Gillette Stadium after his venue debut during the Face 2 Face Tour in 2009. Tickets are available now on Ticketmaster.com.

Finally, it's never too early to start planning for the return of a legendary rock band to the 02035. Metallica recently announced their M72 World Tour, including Aug. 2 and Aug. 4, 2024 stops at Gillette Stadium, returning to the home of the New England Patriots and Revolution for the first time since 2017. The

"No Repeat Weekend" will feature two totally different setlists with two different bands opening the show each night. Two-day and single day tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster.com.

As concerts and other special events continue to be announced, we want to remind residents that have not already done so to sign up for the Resident Rewards Program at GilletteStadium.com/partners-in-patriotism/. After providing proof of residency and registering

for an account, verified residents will be able to purchase tickets to concerts and other Gillette Stadium events during designated sale periods, download complimentary tickets to the Patriots in-stadium practice and be the first to know about other offerings as they come up. To keep up with all our latest announcements, visit GilletteStadium.com and follow us on social media (Facebook: Gillette Stadium; Twitter, Instagram and TikTok: @GilletteStadium). We hope to see you here soon!



MAKING A CRUCIA

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Morra was diagnosed with breast cancer in spring 2020. With the world shut down, her family couldn't accompany her to the hospital and medical appointments, leaving her to go to countless rounds of chemo and surgery alone. After multiple surgeries, treatments and medical procedures and what she described as a two-year nightmare, the Day of Pampering was an unforgettable experience.

"After these last two years, being there with other women who went through it just like I did made me feel like I wasn't alone for the first time in this whole ordeal," Morra said. "It's hard to explain when somebody hasn't gone through it. People think once your hair grows back or whatever then you're okay. But you're really not, you're traumatized after what you went through. When I finally was around 15 other women who have been through it, I got so much out of hearing their stories. It was the best day of my life."

The day started in style as a car service picked up Flood, Morra and the other women from their homes, dropping them off at Gillette Stadium to get their Day of Pampering underway. After enjoying a healthy breakfast, manicures, massages, relaxation yoga and jewelry and candle-making, the real surprises started. Shortly before



lunch, Patriots players David Andrews, Matthew Judon, Deatrich Wise Jr., Marcus Jones and Nelson Agholor surprised the women with gift baskets, topped off with their own personalized jerseys. As the women gathered for lunch, Patriots chairman and CEO Robert Kraft visited with the group, sharing his family's personal experience with cancer and surprising them with an invitation to attend the Patriots' Crucial Catch game against the Chicago Bears.

"This is one of the most special days to me personally because I lost the dearest person

in my life to this insidious disease over 11 years ago," Kraft said. "I know what you're going through. I remember the chemo, the radiation, the pain."

For Flood and Morra, being around people who understood what they have been through made the Day of Pampering and Crucial Catch game an unforgettable experience.

"When I received the invitation for the Day of Pampering, I honestly cried happy tears," Flood said. "It was an honor to be recognized by the Patriots organization as a warrior and thriver and to be spoiled a little bit. My

favorite part of the program was connecting with other women that 'get it.' Though we all had different cancers and journeys, we had similar emotions and fears. We shared our stories, laughed a lot, cried a little, and overall thoroughly enjoyed the day. I am so grateful for this community and am very proud to call Foxborough home."

"I felt special because I'm a Foxborough resident, I'm a survivor, and I loved to be included in my hometown team's events," Morra said. "Mr. Kraft went above and beyond for us. It was the best experience of my life."



Food for Thought: Resident STMs Shine on Tailgate Takedown

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Ahead of the New England Patriots' Monday Night Football matchup against the Chicago Bears on Oct. 24, Foxborough Resident Season Ticket Members had the opportunity to watch another heated contest.

Resident STMs were invited to One Patriot Place for the taping of an episode of NFL Tailgate Takedown, the Food Network's brand-new primetime cooking competition show with a tailgate twist. This six-episode primetime event premiered on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 9 p.m., and is hosted by Patriots Hall of Famer Vince Wilfork and Food Network personality Sunny Anderson. Every episode features two teams of tailgating duos, each representing their respective NFL team, competing to craft the best assortment of tailgate treats. Resident STMs showed their Patriot pride, cheering on their fellow members of Pats Nation as they competed against rival fans to defend their home turf in this ultimate parking lot party. Alongside Wilfork and Anderson, a star-studded cast of judges including NFL insiders Ian Rapoport and Cynthia Frelund, Top Chef winner Kelsey Barnard Clark and former NFL players Eddie Jackson and Anthony "Spice" Adams, judged these culinary masters as they battled it out.

Among the Resident STMs in attendance was David Morse, an 18-year resident and 30-year STM. Morse enjoyed getting a behind-the-scenes look at taping alongside his girlfriend's daughters Cindy and Trish.

"It was great to see what goes on as far as the production of that type of show. My favorite part was interacting with Vince and Sunny," Morse said. "I appreciate the invitation to participate in these types of activities and it's good to see that the organization cares about Foxborough STMs."

Cassie Hahn, a resident since 2002 and STM since 2012, also had the special opportunity to attend the taping with her husband, Dave. She pointed to the intricate set and being able to interact with Wilfork and Anderson as highlights for her.

"We knew this was an amazing opportunity and we couldn't pass it up," Hahn said. "The Foxborough STM events and opportunities are so special and I try to take advantage of all the offers. I love this town and I love the Pats and really enjoy doing things in and for the community. I am a proud Foxborough STM and absolutely love the fact that I'm both."

As for who won the ultimate tailgate test and took home the "Yum-Bardi Trophy"? You'll have to tune in to the Food Network to find out! The episode will premiere Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 9 p.m. and re-air over subsequent weeks.

Mikayla Medeiros contributed to this story.



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PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM FUND

Season of Giving: PIP Fund Grants \$15,675 In Support of Foxborough Community

PIP FUND GRANTS FOXBORO RECREATION \$15,000 FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

The fastest-growing sport in the country is making its way to Foxborough. With the help of a \$7,000 grant from the Partners in Patriotism Fund (PIP Fund), the Recreation Department is installing six pickleball courts at the Payson Road Recreation Complex. These new courts will add another amenity to the complex that also features playgrounds and athletic fields. Once the courts are installed, residents of all ages will enjoy them for years to come as they compete to dink, serve and third shot drop their way to the top.

The PIP Fund and Rec Department also teamed up on the funding for the Deb Giardino Pavilion, with the PIP Fund granting \$8,000 toward the cost of this new picnic pavilion that will be built at the Booth Playground Complex. Named in honor of longtime and recently retired Recreation Director Deb Giardino, this new pavilion will provide shade in the summer and shelter in inclement weather for residents congregating at the Booth for sports games, tournaments, Founders Day and everything in between. Construction is slated to begin in the spring after the ground begins to thaw.



The PIP Fund proudly supported the Foxborough Youth Basketball Program with a grant of \$500 to help keep registration costs low for participating families, as well as cover registration costs for families in need.

"We would not be able to offer as much as we do if it were not for the generosity of PIP. It means the world to us," said Foxboro Recreation Division Director Renee Tocci. "We're always looking for ways to expand and offer things to different age groups here in town. The pickleball courts will add another feature to our Payson Complex and allow many of our seniors to use our Payson Complex. The Deb Giardino Pavilion will be used by literally everyone in town at one time or another."

YOUTH BASKETBALL GRANTED \$500

The Foxborough Youth Basketball Association (FYBA) extends throughout town, bringing together 500-600 children from across Foxborough in the name of competition, community, sportsmanship and getting buckets. The PIP Fund was happy to support this organization and its mission, granting FYBA \$500 to help keep registration costs low for the participating families and cover registration for families in need.

PIP FUND SUPPORTS TOUCHDOWN CLUB

This fall, the PIP Fund proudly supported the Foxborough High School football team, sponsoring a \$175 full-page advertisement in the 2022 team program. These advertisements help offset the cost of producing the program, creating a keepsake for fans, players and their families for years to come. The 2022 Warriors squad did Foxborough proud, advancing to the MIAA Division IV state semifinals before falling to Grafton, 21-12.



Request for Donation

Partners in Patriotism Fund

The Partners in Patriotism (PIP) Fund is a registered nonprofit organization committed to supporting Foxborough-based groups and organizations that make a positive, lasting impact in the Town of Foxborough. The PIP Fund assists groups, organizations, individuals and philanthropic projects that benefit or improve the quality of life in the Town of Foxborough. The PIP Fund Grants Committee meets monthly to review grant applications in the order they are received.

Our community grants are intended to support philanthropic, charitable and humanitarian efforts of Foxborough nonprofits, organizations, civic and community groups that directly benefit the Town of Foxborough. The Fund does not fulfill sponsorship requests or projects, programs and events that do not have a direct benefit to the Town of Foxborough.

A portion of our funds also serve as a means of financial assistance to Foxborough residents who experience an unexpected emergency or loss. These personal assistance grants are intended to provide recipients with permanent financial solutions following an unexpected loss or sudden emergency that has drastically impacted the applicant's financial situation.

Every line of this form must be completed accurately and your need for funding must be stated clearly in order to be considered for review. Please attach support documentation and additional typed pages to this application as needed. For more information, visit www.GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism

CONTACT INFORMATION

CONTACT NAME (REQUIRED): _____

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

AMOUNT OF REQUEST: _____ **DATE FUNDING IS NEEDED (Be specific):** _____

REQUEST INFORMATION

Please provide a detailed summary of your request, including the need for funding and a breakdown of estimated expenses. Please feel free to also attach supporting documents and additional pages to the application that will share your story and assist the Grants Committee in assessing your request.

If this request is approved, are you willing to share this news publicly via local media? Note, your response has no bearing on whether this application is approved.

Yes _____ No _____

By submitting this form to the Partners in Patriotism Fund, you acknowledge that the Fund may request to review and verify certain information, including financial information, with regards to your request.

Mailing address: Partners in Patriotism Fund, One Patriot Place, Foxborough MA 02035
Or scan and email to: PIPFund@Patriots.com

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New Year, New Noteworthy Neighbors

A #NoteworthyNeighbor demonstrates selflessness, excellence and generosity within their community. Over the past two years, we have been honored to highlight residents who consistently display these qualities and are looking forward to sharing more of these stories in the New Year. Noteworthy Neighbors recognized during the past quarter* include:

- **Becca Leonard, Chris Rappold** and the **Personal Best Karate team**, who spearheaded the annual Turkey Trot at Patriot Place, raising money for the Turkey Brigade;
- **Chris Solbo**, a sergeant for the Army National Guard who has faithfully served our country for 14 years;
- **Ben Ricketts**, who enrolled in medical school in the Czech Republic and volunteers with Food4Vets;
- **Estelle Lemieux**, who modeled adaptive fashions at New York Fashion Week for the Runway of Dreams Foundation;
- **Greg Caparell**, a photographer who participated in the Porch Project to benefit the Foxborough Discretionary Fund;
- **Lisa Downs**, who runs the Thanksgiving and Assist-A-Child holiday programs for the Discretionary Fund and coaches girls' varsity basketball at FHS;
- **Abby Hassman**, a 2020 PIP Scholarship recipient who



set a Northeastern record in the cross country 6K;

- **Liam Wagner**, who organized a bake sale and lemonade stand to benefit the New England Hemophilia Association at only three years old;

• **Makayla Peck** and the **FHS Fashion Club**, who made blankets and hats for patients at the Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center;

• **Matt York**, a singer-songwriter who uses his music to give back with benefit concerts and compilation albums for charitable organizations;

• **Wendy Nelson**, who is raising \$50,000 and climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in support of the Fred Hutch Cancer Center;

• **Monet Félix**, who won the Highest Business Potential Award for allergy-free cupcake business Sugar and Spice;



• **Arthur Giuliano**, a pediatrician who has taken care of Foxborough families for nearly five decades; and

• **Beverly Lord**, a longtime Foxborough educator and member of the School Committee.

If you would like to nominate a future #NoteworthyNeighbor, email us at FoxboroResidents@GilletteStadium.com, and check out @PIPFoxboro on Twitter and Partners in Patriotism on Facebook every Friday to see the latest honoree.

Mikayla Medeiros contributed to this story.

*As of production date Jan. 5, 2023

Livestronger Together



Continuing the tradition of mutual support between the Patriots organization and surrounding community, several players made the time to visit members of the Livestrong program at the Hockomock Area YMCA this October.

This surprise visit was a continuation of the NFL's Crucial Catch campaign, an initiative centered on the early detection and treatment of cancer. The YMCA's Livestrong program focuses on this mission on a daily basis, offering adults affected by cancer a safe and supportive environment to participate in physical and social activities focused on strengthening the whole person. Matthew Judon, Jonathan Jones, David Andrews, Myles Bryant and Jahlan Tavai joined the Livestrong group for the afternoon to share personal stories about how cancer has affected their loved ones, compete in some light-hearted games of pickleball, take photos, sign autographs and more.

After arriving and surprising the dozens of members of the program in attendance, Jones and Judon took the time to share personal stories of how cancer has impacted their lives and to inspire them to continue to fight. In 2020, Jones' aunt was diagnosed with breast

cancer and has since made a recovery, even attending the Patriots' Crucial Catch game last season. Judon's mother was also diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020, making drastic lifestyle changes to help combat the effects of the disease.

"I'm so glad she did that and she made it through," Judon said. "Not only because she wanted to live, but I needed her to live. I need her in my life. I'm not ready for her to be gone, selfishly. So continue to fight, because we need you all."

Jayne Wheeler, a 25-year resident and breast cancer survivor, has been a member of the Livestrong group since her diagnosis four years ago. The group has helped her throughout her journey and spending time with the Patriots players and hearing their stories added an extra dose of inspiration.

"It's a very positive group and it's very uplifting to be with people that understand how you're feeling," Wheeler said. "Crucial Catch is the perfect event for me because early detection saved my life. Having the support of the Patriots here really touched my heart. It's neat to see the players here and they really make you feel like a part of the community."

Mikayla Medeiros contributed to this story.

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Paying Tribute to the Greatest Generation

Whenever possible and especially each November during Salute to Service month, the Patriots organization takes the time to recognize and remember our nation's patriots, who risk everything to serve our country and defend our freedom.

As one of these initiatives, the Kraft family, Patriots Foundation, Patriot Place and Cross Insurance teamed up on a tribute to the Greatest Generation, displaying a World War II memorial in the heart of Patriot Place throughout November. The memorial, dedicated to the veterans who served in WWII and featuring several historic quotes and images from throughout the war, was unveiled in a special ceremony on Nov. 2.

Both the memorial and the ceremony had a Foxborough flavor. One element of the multifaceted memorial was the iconic image of the flag raising on Iwo Jima, composed of dozens of photos of WWII veterans as an added tribute. Foxborough's own Josephine Miller, who proudly served as a member of the Marine Corps, was one of the featured veterans. Miller peacefully passed away at 98 years old in May, but was enshrined in this memorial and will continue to be remembered as a staple of the community and for her years of selfless service. The ceremony also brought together members of the Foxborough and surrounding communities, Patriots organization and local veterans to honor and celebrate the Greatest Genera-

tion. Among the WWII veterans on hand that morning was John Grace, Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, longtime resident and father of Foxborough Police Chief Michael Grace. A group including President of Kraft Family Philanthropies Josh Kraft, Patriots and Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett, Foxborough Director of Veterans Services Ally Rodriguez, Vice President and General Manager of Patriot Place Brian Earley and President and CEO of Cross Insurance Jonathan Cross, each thanked and celebrated Staff Sgt. Grace and the other veterans in attendance for their service and sacrifice. The group then laid a wreath alongside the memorial accompanied by a bagpipe performance before enjoying a reception at Citizen Crust. As Rodriguez shared, celebrating and remembering the Greatest Generation is essential and only gets more important as time goes by.

"All of the World War II veterans I have spent time with share one common trait: humility," Rodriguez shared. "There's a reason that World War II veterans are called the Greatest Generation, and this is why memorials and ceremonies like this are so important. It's up to the rest of us to honor and highlight the work done by these incredible individuals. Their loyalty, sense of duty, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage have inspired women and men of the generations that followed to answer our nation's call and defend her still today."



Josh Kraft personally thanked WWII veterans, including longtime resident and U.S. Army Staff Sergeant John Grace (pictured), for their service and sacrifices.

Pat Patriot and Cheerleaders Take Part in Town Halloween Parade

This year's Halloween parade attracted its biggest crowd ever, bringing together ghosts, goblins and ghouls from across town to trick-or-treat and enjoy spooktacular festivities for the whole family. Pat Patriot and the Patriots cheerleaders were among the record-breaking crowd, donning their best costumes and joining residents to share in the Halloween spirit.

Organized by Foxboro Recreation, the parade began at Igo Elementary School, snaking its way through town before ending at the Common. Local businesses lining Central Street also handed out candy throughout the day to local trick-or-treaters.

"This was probably the biggest turnout we've ever had and we were super excited to welcome the New England Patriots Cheerleaders and Pat Patriot this year for the first time," said Recreation Division Director Renee Tocci.



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Kraft Sports + Entertainment is giving one Foxborough resident the opportunity to enjoy Monster Jam when the gravity-defying, high-flying family favorite returns to Gillette Stadium on May 6, 2023. One lucky resident will win four (4) tickets to see these 12,000-pound monster trucks tearing up the dirt in thrilling wide-open competitions of speed and skill.

Drivers will push their trucks to the limit as they compete head-to-head in freestyle, skills and racing competitions, going all out to capture the event championship.

Details on how to enter this exclusive resident offer can be found in the photo caption. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. Must be age of maturity in jurisdiction of residence to enter.

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To enter to win this Foxborough resident sweepstakes, please fill out the form located within the "Resident Playbook" section online at GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism. One winner will be chosen at random and notified via email. Deadline to enter sweepstakes is **March 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.** For rules and regulations, visit GilletteStadium.com/Partners-in-Patriotism.

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