



April 28, 2025

Manager's Report

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager



School Department Capital Projects

Regular Update:

- I participated in last week's meeting of the School Department Building Advisory Committee. While I will provide an update here, I encourage anyone interested to [view this meeting](#) on the archived footage on the NKSD website as it was lengthy and covered a lot of information.
 - The Committee received a presentation on the various Construction Delivery Methods available for the middle school project. It was a presentation only; no votes were taken.
 - The Committee also received an update on the status of the Stage II submittal with RIDE from the Superintendent. He explained that they've been in regular contact regarding their feedback, redesign, and they plan to share a plan with the School Committee at their May 6th meeting prior to submitting to RIDE on May 7th.
 - The most important topic was a review of a revised Middle School design and cost options. One way to reduce costs significantly (by approx. \$6 million) would be to remove the Net Zero concept, but there did not seem to be an appetite to remove this concept.
 - Another concept would be to add Pre-School programs to the building, but this would only increase the footprint and increase the cost of the project, leaving less for capital improvements elsewhere.
 - Another option would be to increase enrollment to 525 students. This would create a disparity with Davisville Middle School while increasing the RIDE reimbursement from \$19.4 million to \$23.8 million.
 - The final option, which was supported by NKSD Administration and unanimously supported by the Building Advisory Committee, would be to add a third floor, eliminate some luxuries and reduce the overall square footage of the building by 3,400 sq ft, ultimately reducing the cost of the building by approx. \$8.1 million, allowing these funds to be used for other capital improvements and increase the eligibility of the building for the 35% RIDE reimbursement from 65% to 72.3% of the Middle School Project.
 - I believe the Superintendent will be bringing this proposal to the School Committee as the Building Committee is advisory only.



Public Safety Complex Project

Regular Update:

- We continue to make significant progress during our internal staff Public Safety Complex Bond Project work sessions. We are currently reevaluating some efficiency and cost-savings measures by placing Fire Administration at Station One versus a combined Police/Fire complex at Quonset.
 - We are attempting to process to a draft footprint for consideration and we are evaluating the potential need for relocation of our fueling system.
 - We continue to work on the Quonset site with the hope of finalizing a purchase and sale tentative Agreement for review before Town Council.
 - My hope is for another 4-8 weeks of internal staff meetings before hosting a Public Meeting for a presentation of where we are, along with opportunity for Public Comment.

Revolution Wind

Regular Update: Offshore Wind Farm



- We had our regular bi-weekly meeting with Revolution Wind regarding their **Offshore Wind Farm Project** in Quonset Business Park.
 - Construction and the importing of cable is going well.
 - They are scheduling the delivery of a condenser which is not expected to have any impact to the neighborhood or abutters.
 - Outreach is going smoothly with no new concerns, and we are awaiting dates from Orsted and Revolution Wind regarding a small tour for staff who participate in our bi-weekly calls.
- As always, anyone with questions and /or concerns is encouraged to contact Revolution Wind directly, at (401) 251-2207 or info@revolution-wind.com. They provide us with regular reports on all constituent concerns that they receive, and how they are resolved.

Projects/Updates



Wickford Waterfront Project

- A very limited update: our Solicitor is actively involved in all aspects of this project and our discussions with the surety company.
 - We met with our consultant last week and were advised that they are proceeding with awarding a bid to a new contractor. The new contractor has been advised of all events taking place within Wickford over these next 6-months as well as my, and the Town's request that the steel pilings, fencing, and debris be removed by Memorial Day weekend.
 - Our goal is to get the project back up and running, on-time with a significant aesthetic improvement to the area by the next holiday weekend.
- I will continue to keep the Council and public up to date with these updates.

North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony



- Along with Council President Mancini and Councilperson Matt McCoy, I attended last week's North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards night.
 - My, and our, **congratulations to Ben Mandel** of our Planning Department on his award for his work in in Economic Development and Business Outreach within our community.
 - This recognition is well-deserved as Ben's efforts have been appreciated and recognized where he has achieved proven results.

Updates



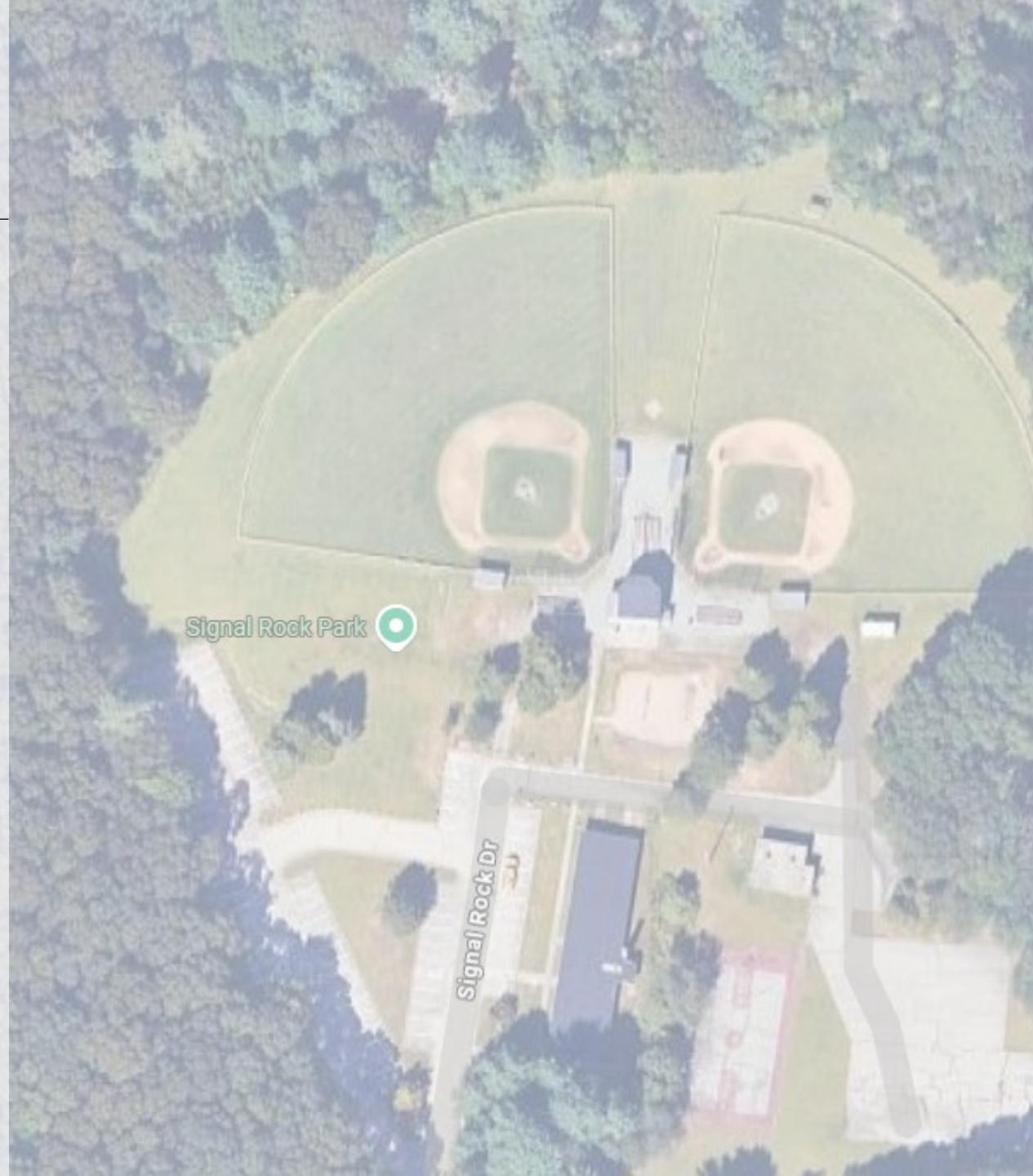
RI Department of Transportation

- We had a virtual meeting with RIDOT last week which was followed up by a call between Dave Walsh of RIDOT and me later on in the week. We continue to express the concerns of our Public Safety and Public Works Departments relative to their upcoming Frenchtown Road Bridge, South County Trail Bridge and the Devils Foot Road/Railroad Bridge projects over the next 15-months. We are hoping to hear back on these concerns.
- Design and engineering work continues regarding the **Post Road/West Main Street Sidewalk Project**. RIDOT is working and discussing with our staff regularly regarding concerns and suggestions. It appears they hope to begin work sometime in 2026/27 with the project completed in late 2027.
- The bid for the **Wickford mini-roundabout** project was advertised on March 31st, with a scheduled bid award for May 2nd.
 - Their goal is to have all work conducted at night to eliminate traffic issues. They estimate work commencing sometime after Labor Day, with a mid-October completion date.
 - We are awaiting confirmation but **an informational meeting with a tentative date of May 14th, at 5:30 p.m.** here in Council Chambers has been set aside for Wickford businesses and residents where RIDOT will present details on the project. *Attendees will have the opportunity to answer questions, but the meeting is not a venue for design suggestions or questions on whether the project's status is under consideration as the bid and design will have already been completed.*
 - This is an opportunity for RIDOT to work with businesses and residents and address questions as to how the project will be moving forward and best avoid disturbances for these stakeholder groups.
- **RIDOT has also announced overnight and weekend lane closures beginning later this week, on Route 1 at the Route 138 interchange starting May 1st to complete their bridge project.**
 - We will continue to promote this news on our website and social media platforms.

Updates

Signal Rock

- Funding was previously approved by Council, and we've since completed significant demolition of deteriorated buildings at this park.
- We've completed significant field improvements as well.
- The next step is for us to develop a master plan for the park campus and to bring it to Town Council for approval when complete.
 - This is currently on hold as we complete Yorktown Park and Ryan Park improvements but hope to bring a concept before you in the next 6-months.



North Kingstown 2025

TOWN BEACH PARKING PASS



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RESIDENTS:	\$10
NON RESIDENTS:	\$20
RESIDENT SENIOR/VETERAN:	\$5
NON-RES SENIOR:	\$10

ADVANCE PURCHASE REQUIRED
REQUIRED FOR PARKING AT BEACH MAY 31 - SEPT 4, 2025

AVAILABLE STARTING MAY 1ST

VALID PROOF OF RESIDENCY & VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
IN PERSON OR MAIL-IN SALES ONLY - CASH OR CHECK ONLY
RESIDENT, NON-RESIDENT, SENIOR & VETERAN RATES AVAILABLE
80 BOSTON NECK RD (REC OFFICE) & 100 FAIRWAY DR (TOWN CLERK)
OPEN WEEKDAYS, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM & SOME EXTENDED HOURS

PARKING MONITORED & ENFORCED BY NKPD

Updates

2025 Beach Parking Passes

- On sale starting May 1st at the Recreation Department (80 Boston Neck Rd) and the Town Clerk's Office (100 Fairway Drive), during regular business hours.
- Extended hours on Wednesday, June 11 (11 a.m. – 3 p.m.) on Saturday, June 14 (Noon – 3 p.m.), on June 22nd & June 26th.
- Individuals will need their valid vehicle registration for each vehicle that will receive a parking permit, as well as valid driver's license and/or proof of residence if addresses do not match.
- Pricing has not changed from last season:**
 - Residents: \$10, Non-residents: \$20
 - Seniors (55+) receive a 50% discount
 - Multi-passenger (10+) pass. Vehicles: \$20 (residents) & \$40 (non-residents)

Updates

<p>Concerts at North Kingstown Town Beach 10 Beach Street start 6:30pm*</p> <p>-sponsored</p> <p>*In the event of rain, the concerts are held at NK High School, 150 Fairway Dr. NK. Please call 401-268-1543 after 2:30 for any updates. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to be comfortable.</p> <p>June 24 and August 26 ONLY: Shuttle available at NK Town Hall, 100 Fairway Dr.</p> <p>There will be NO parking at the beach after 5:30 only drop-offs. Parking at the beach prior to 5pm will require a parking pass from the Town.</p> <p>Sorry, but no pets allowed unless they can play an instrument!</p> <p>Concerts are free, but donations are gratefully accepted.</p> <p>For more information, find us at www.NKArtsCouncil.org</p>	<p>NORTH KINGSTOWN ARTS COUNCIL</p> <p>ARTS COUNCIL</p> <p>NORTH KINGSTOWN ARTS COUNCIL</p> <p>TUESDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES</p> <p>A FULL SCHEDULE OF THE 2025 CONCERT SERIES</p>	<p>Our bands are booked. Your donation directly impacts these events.</p> <p>With your support, we can bring fun to our community. Thank you for donating today!</p> <p>Food Trucks</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="156 692 256 1020"> <p>June 17 The New Reminisce 50s-70s Rock</p> <p>June 24 Take it to the Bridge Classics to current tunes.</p> <p>July 8 Purple Honey Rock with elements of Reggae, Jazz and Pop</p> <p>July 15 Liz Spencer Band Southern Rock Band</p> <p>July 22 Country Wild Contemporary Country</p> <p>July 29 Neal and the Vipers Blues and R&B</p> <p>August 1 Howlin' Rhodes (FRIDAY) R&B / Country / Swing band</p> <p>August 5 Wing Nuts Classic Rock</p> <p>August 12 Narrow River Southern RI Acoustic Band</p> <p>August 19 Big "Dawg" Issac R&B to Ballads</p> <p>August 26 Brass Attack Big Band Sound - Soul, Rock, Pop, Motown</p> </td><td data-bbox="256 692 394 1020"> <p>different rain location: Deville's Middle School - 200 School St.</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Sunset Farms, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	<p>June 17 The New Reminisce 50s-70s Rock</p> <p>June 24 Take it to the Bridge Classics to current tunes.</p> <p>July 8 Purple Honey Rock with elements of Reggae, Jazz and Pop</p> <p>July 15 Liz Spencer Band Southern Rock Band</p> <p>July 22 Country Wild Contemporary Country</p> <p>July 29 Neal and the Vipers Blues and R&B</p> <p>August 1 Howlin' Rhodes (FRIDAY) R&B / Country / Swing band</p> <p>August 5 Wing Nuts Classic Rock</p> <p>August 12 Narrow River Southern RI Acoustic Band</p> <p>August 19 Big "Dawg" Issac R&B to Ballads</p> <p>August 26 Brass Attack Big Band Sound - Soul, Rock, Pop, Motown</p>	<p>different rain location: Deville's Middle School - 200 School St.</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Sunset Farms, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p> <p>Meat Sweats, Mummys Ice Cream, NANU Burmese Fusion, Deli, Saugy Shack</p>
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A flyer for the North Kingstown Arts Council featuring a wavy border at the top. The text includes: 'Our bands are booked!' in red, 'Your donation directly impacts these events.' in blue, 'With your support, we can bring fun to our community.' in green, and 'Thank you for donating today!' in orange. The 'ARTS COUNCIL' logo is in the top right. The 'NORTH KINGSTOWN ARTS COUNCIL THURSDAY FAMILY CONCERT SERIES' is in the center. Logos for 'Dave's Fresh Marketplace' and 'Bento Boxes, Better Service' are included. A QR code is in the middle. The bottom half lists dates and performers for July and August, with a 'WEDNESDAY' note at the bottom.

Boards & Commissions

- In our efforts to enact some recommendations from the [Boards & Commissions Report](#) we presented to Town Council last year, we are expected EDAB and the Wickford Advisory Committee to make presentations to Council, most likely at the June meeting.
 - Our Planning Director, Nicole LaFontaine, will be coordinating this.

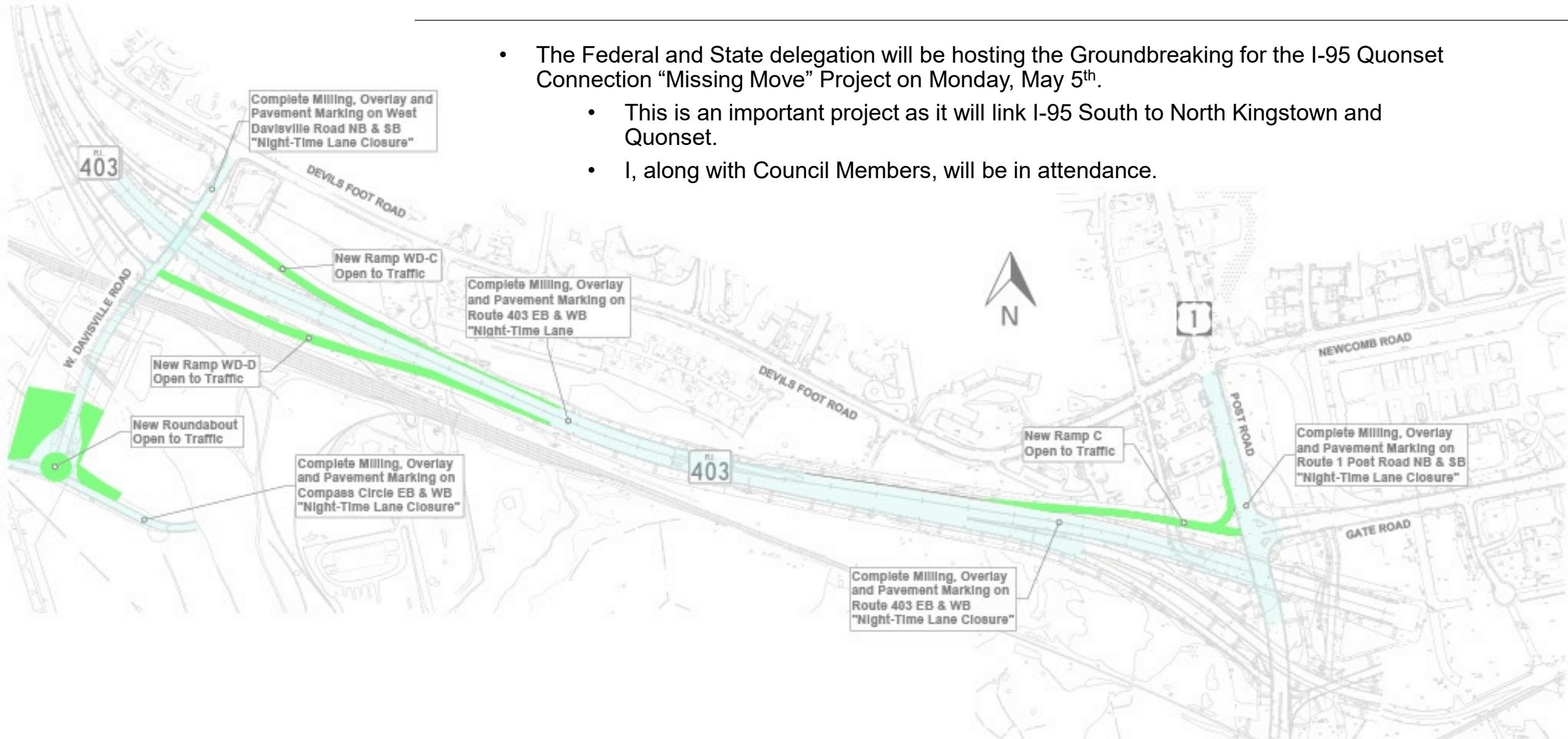
North Kingstown Arts Council

Summer 2025 Concert Series

- In conjunction with our Recreation Department, the Tuesday and Thursday evening Summer Concert Series will be starting again on June 17th at the bandshell at the Town Beach.
 - These are well-attended events with food trucks and shuttles for parking; music begins at 6:30 p.m.
 - For a full schedule of concerts on each evening, please visit www.nkartscouncil.org

Updates

- The Federal and State delegation will be hosting the Groundbreaking for the I-95 Quonset Connection “Missing Move” Project on Monday, May 5th.
 - This is an important project as it will link I-95 South to North Kingstown and Quonset.
 - I, along with Council Members, will be in attendance.



Updates

- My thanks to **Public Works Department** as they assisted numerous groups this past weekend in picking up the results of their Earth Day Clean-Ups and bringing what was collected to be disposed of at our Transfer Station.
 - Congratulations also to the **Post Road Business Alliance** which organized their first-annual Post Road Clean Up to commemorate Earth Day and successfully collected an estimated 3,300 lbs of trash (more than 1.5 tons)!





Thank You

April 28, 2025

A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager



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