



*“A handsome shoe  
often pinches the foot.”*

*French proverb*



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(Above): 6-year-old Catherine Messina and 7-year-old Giuliana Gallotto on their bikes at the Bike Rodeo at the Endicott Estate.

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## Youngsters enjoy Bike Rodeo

by Scott Heald

On a warm, pleasant summer day on Wednesday, July 31, the town's Parks and Recreation Department joined with the Fire and Police Departments to offer the annual Bike Rodeo at the Endicott Estate.

This year's version of the annual event provided several hundred children with opportunities to bike along a marked obstacle course in the Estate's parking lot, watch a Police K-9 demonstration, interact with creatures from the local Animal Rescue League, pick up a free bike helmet, get face-painting done, listen to some tunes and enjoy lunch.

The festivities opened at 10 a.m., featuring youngsters and counselors from the summer playground program.

The law firm Breakstone White & Gluck handed out free bike helmets to children.

Then kids were encouraged to ride their bikes and scooters around the course, which was demarcated into straightaways and turns.

As age-appropriate pop music wafted from the gazebo, the Police handed out Bike Rodeo t-shirts. Around 11 a.m. Officer Sweeney of the Norfolk Sheriff's Department put on a K-9 demonstration with Sawyer.

Later, everyone had some grilled items and ice cream for lunch, before the Dedham Fire Department cooled things off with spray from a fire hose.

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(Above): Tessa O'Connor, age 3 1/2, was one of about one hundred children receiving a free bike helmet from the law firm Breakstone White Gluck. Tessa is shown here with Attorney David W. White from that company.

(Below): Parks and Recreation staff member Alyssa Elliot paints a rainbow-with-cloud on the face of 3-year-old Nora Sullivan.



## Board of Selectmen Three finalists for Town Manager announced

Former Town Administrator  
William Keegan among the contenders

by Scott Heald

At a meeting at Town Hall on Thursday, July 25, the Selectmen learned that the search firm retained to recruit a new Town Manager has narrowed the field to three finalists, one of whom is deeply familiar with Dedham's municipal government.

Nancy Baker, Interim Town Manager, said the board had received a report from Community Paradigm Associates, which the board engaged to help screen applications for the Town Manager vacancy. She said that firm worked with the search committee appointed by the Selectmen, and had recommended the three finalists for the board's consideration.

Baker announced the finalists' names as follows, which she described as "in no particular order, as presented by the search committee and the search firm": Melissa Goff, Deputy Town Administrator for Brookline, Massachusetts; William Keegan Jr., Town Manager for Foxborough, Mass. and formerly the Town Administrator in Dedham; and Leon Goodwin, a foreign service officer with the United States State Department who was previously Town Manager for Salem, New Hampshire.

The board unanimously approved a motion by member Sarah MacDonald to accept the committee's report "and express our deepest appreciation to them for keeping to what, I have to be honest, I thought was a very aggressive and unattainable schedule. I appreciate the time they put in to getting us this far."

Baker noted, "As has been the board's practice, we will work on scheduling site visits for each of our three candidates over the next several weeks, and schedule interviews... for some time in August."

## Norfolk County recognition luncheon next week

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On Thursday, August 8, RSVP volunteers from all corners of Norfolk County will congregate for an enjoyable afternoon of conversation, gifts, good food, raffle drawings, singing; Presidential pins and certificate awards. A lot of hard work was put in by RSVP Advisory Board Members to make this event a great success. Many thanks to Claire Howsberger, Lois Darr, Joanne Douglas, Steve Eosco, Debbie Fradkin, Laura Kulas, Dorothy Leonard, Roberta Poff, Ruth Pontremoli, Florence Pressler and Dan Seligman.

This year, Jake Comer, former National Commander of the American Legion will be honored for his lifetime of service and upon retiring from Norfolk County Rides for Veterans Program.

We are grateful to Dedham Savings Bank & Needham Bank, which continue to be our Luncheon Sponsors.





(Above): Officer Sweeney of the Norfolk Sheriff's Department gave a demonstration involving the search dog Sawyer to an audience of several dozen children and adults.

Photo by Scott Heald



(Left): Kids negotiated the Bike Rodeo course on bikes and scooters on Wednesday.

Photo by Scott Heald

*More scenes from the Bike Rodeo*



(Above): Two female Muscovy ducks, which were brought to the Bike Rodeo by the Animal Rescue League of Boston, so that kids could meet them. Debby Chaplic of the Animal Rescue League said, "ARL enjoys the Dedham events we participate in every year, with the Dedham Bike Rodeo being one of the favorites. We enjoy the opportunity to answer questions from the youth of Dedham and to introduce them to some of the animals in our care. This year, the heat brought the unique challenge and changed up the animals we typically bring, but kids seemed to enjoy meeting the ducks, chickens and Maggie the tortoise, who's an ARL alum."

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(Above): Steven Carpenter, age 4 1/2, riding his bike at the Bike Rodeo.

(Right): At the Bike Rodeo, Steven FitzPatrick, 11, had his face painted with eye-black and his arm with logos of two Boston pro sports teams.



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