

# Plum Island hydrant meeting slated for Wednesday

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NEWBURY — A public meeting to review the timelines and work for the Plum Island hydrant project will take place Wednesday at 6 p.m. in PITA Hall on Plum Island Boulevard.

City officials have chosen a contractor to replace the fire hydrants at an estimated cost

of \$3.25 million.

The project is expected to start the second week of September.

City leaders say that water pressure will be maintained while the work continues. Several fires on the island have been extinguished in the past year and officials realized that the hydrants were defective.

The project includes

replacing 145 defective hydrant assemblies that were installed using inferior materials and low-quality workmanship a decade ago, resulting in what city officials have called a “corroding water distribution system.”

The city received about \$4.5 million last year after a lead contractor agreed to a financial settlement at the

request of state officials.

Mayor Donna Holaday said at the latest City Council meeting that the public session is being held to answer questions about how people will be affected once the work begins.

She said construction crews will try to make the project as least disruptive as possible.

The contractor will

replace the hydrants and assemblies, and install an estimated 63 new isolation valves during the first two construction seasons, which generally run from April through November.

In the third year of the project, the contractor will do final paving to repair the sections of road dug up during the work.

Because of the

narrow roads on Plum Island, access to streets where work is being done will be limited or restricted during the day, city officials said.

Construction hours will generally be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. But water shutdowns, detours and road closures will take place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## SPRAY PARK



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Sisters Ella Johnson, 5, left, and Ava, 8, of Haverhill play in the water fountain on Inn Street in Newburyport on Monday afternoon. Their family often visits Newburyport.

## NEWBURYPORT NEWS IN BRIEF

### Author speaks at Andrews Library

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### Waterfront Movie Series

The Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce & Industry presents the eighth annual Waterfront Movie Series, with “Beauty and the Beast” on Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The movies will be shown on a 40-foot inflatable screen with an HD Blu-ray projector and Bose sound system. Movies begin after sunset at about 8 p.m.

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# RI man caught with illegal fireworks

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NEWBURYPORT — An expensive over-the-border trip for fireworks fizzled for a Rhode Island man after he was forced to turn over everything he bought as part of a plea deal with an Essex County prosecutor last week.

Chad Borges, 27, of Bristol paid \$1,200 for fireworks at Phantom Fireworks in New Hampshire on June 27 before crossing the border into Massachusetts and getting pulled over by state police in Salisbury for speeding.

In Newburyport District Court on Thursday, Borges saw the unlawful possession of fireworks charge continued without a finding for months. The speeding charge was filed while a charge of unlicensed

operation of a motor vehicle was dismissed on \$100 court costs.

But as part of his plea deal, Borges had to say goodbye to the 26 items of fireworks.

According to Trooper Brad Sullivan’s report, he checked fireworks regulations in Rhode Island and learned that only ground and hand-held sparklers are

legal in that state.

Sullivan wrote that he clocked Borges at 85 mph in a 65 mph zone at 12:41 p.m. on June 27. Borges pulled over without incident. A check of his driver’s license found that it had been suspended earlier in the month for failing to appear or pay a fine. Sullivan informed Borges, and his lone passenger, whose license was

also suspended, that the car would be towed.

During an inventory search of the car, Sullivan saw fireworks in the trunk and back seat.

“He told me fireworks were legal in Rhode Island. He just came to New Hampshire because Phantom Fireworks has some good deals,” Sullivan wrote in his report.

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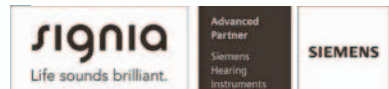
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