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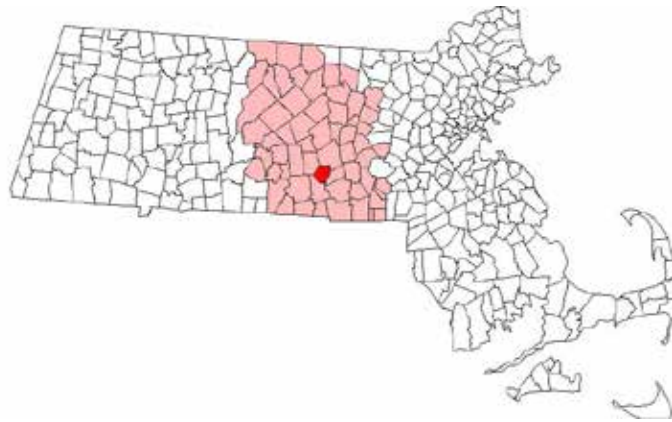
# Worcester Registry of Deeds

## Newsletter

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has become a local destination for ice climbing. The Pick-Sloan Flood Control Act of 1944 (P.L. 78-534), enacted in the 2nd session of the 78th Congress, is U.S. legis-

lation that authorized the construction of numerous dams and modifications to previously existing dams, as well as levees across the *Auburn continues on page 2*

### Community Statistics

Worcester South District

199

Number of Recordings in April 2024

\$428k

Median Home Value

89%

Homes Owned vs. Rented

6,579

Total Housing Units

428

Density (Houses per Square Mile)

The Auburn Area was first settled in 1714 and the town was officially incorporated on April 10, 1778 as the town of Ward, in honor of American Revolution General Artemas Ward. The town changed its name to Auburn in 1837, after the Post Office complained the name was too similar to the nearby town of Ware. Auburn has its fair share of notable places and people, my favorites include: The Worcester Flood Diversion Channel is a flood control channel located in Auburn and Millbury, Massachusetts. It was built by the United States Army Corps of Engineers because of the Flood Control Act of 1944. Its aim was to protect the city of Worcester, Massachusetts from future floods, as previous flooding had caused much damage to the city. It consists of a series of dams, reservoirs, and channels. During the winter, part of the channel becomes the Auburn Ice Channel, which



# Town Spotlight

## Auburn

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United States. The Pick-Sloan Act recognized the legitimate rights of states, through the Governor, to impact flood control projects, declared it to be the policy of Congress to recognize the interests and rights of the States in determining the development of watersheds within their borders and likewise their interests and rights in water utilization and control. The Act was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on December 22, 1944. It was named for General Lewis A. Pick, head of the Army Corps of Engineers, and W. Glenn Sloan of the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation.

**Tyler Joseph Beede** (born in 1993) is an American pro-

fessional baseball pitcher for the Cleveland Guardians of Major League Baseball. He has previously played in MLB for the San Francisco Giants and Pittsburgh Pirates. The Toronto Blue Jays selected him in the first round, with the 21st overall selection, of the 2011 MLB draft, but he turned down a \$2.5 million signing bonus to instead attend Vanderbilt University. He played college baseball for the Vanderbilt Commodores, and was drafted by the Giants as the 14th pick in the first round of the 2014 MLB draft. He made his MLB debut in 2018. Beede first attended hometown Auburn High School, in Massachusetts. In 2009, as a sophomore, he helped them win the Division 2 State Title, as he was

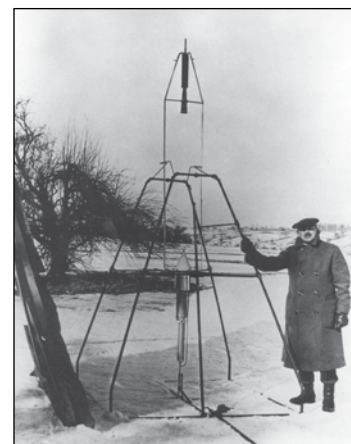
7-1 with a 0.88 ERA, with 114 strikeouts in 56.1 innings.

**John Anthony Curdo** (November 14, 1931 – September 30, 2022) was an American chess player from Auburn, Ma, best known for winning the Massachusetts State Championship 17 times between 1948 and 1985. As well as the US Senior Championship. Though Curdo never attained the rank of Grandmaster or International Master, he was known for over 50 years as one of the strongest players in New England, with victories over Grandmasters Pal Benko, Robert Byrne, and Arthur Bisquier, among many others. At his peak, his United States Chess Federation rating exceeded 2500.

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Goddard Memorial



Rocket Launch, March 16, 1926

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As of August 2009, Curdo had won 830 tournaments over the course of his career, a number believed to be a world record by a wide margin. By December 2011, he had attained 865 tournament wins, while in 2018 he had extended the number to 1000 tournament victo-

ries. His opening repertoire remained relatively consistent throughout his career, and he was well known as an expert on the Dutch Defense and the Belgrade Gambit of the

Four Knights Game. Curdo published four game collections, including the annotated game collection Forty Years at the Top and the Chess Caviar series (Chess Caviar, More Chess Caviar and Still More Chess Caviar).

**Dr. Robert H. Goddard** launched his historic rocket on March 16, 1926, from what was then the Asa Ward Farm. The 10-foot (3.0 m) rocket reached an altitude of 41 feet (12m), flew for two-and-a-half seconds, and fell to the ground 184 feet (56m) from the launching frame. Goddard's final launch from Auburn, on July 17, 1929, was also a historic first. The 11-foot (3.4m) rock-

et carried an aneroid barometer, thermometer, and a camera triggered when the parachute opened. All three instruments operated successfully and were recovered. The rocket achieved a maximum altitude of 90 feet (27m) in an 18.5-second flight covering a distance of 171 feet (52m). The site was



**Dr. Robert H. Goddard**

declared a National Historic Landmark in 1966. The site is located at 20 Upland Street, Auburn, Massachusetts, within the Pakachoag Golf Course. The Launch Site is

indicated with two markers accessible to visitors when the golf course is open. An obelisk marking the launch site itself is about 1000 feet (300m) southeast of Upland Street at the "9th Fairway, between Tee and Green," of the Pakachoag Golf Course. This marker may be difficult to access due to the nature of golf. The best advice for visiting is to walk the rock wall between the 1st and 9th fairways. A second marker, rectangular in shape, is just off Upland Street in the northwest corner of the golf course. The obelisk reads: Site of launching of the world's first liquid propellant rocket by Dr. Robert H. Goddard 16 March 1926.

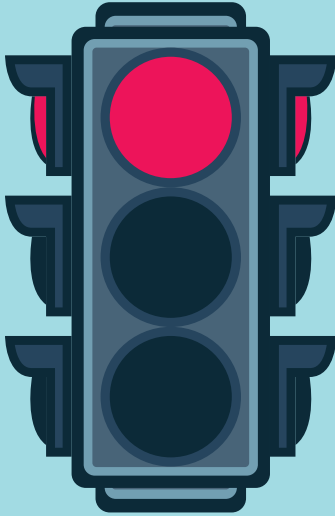
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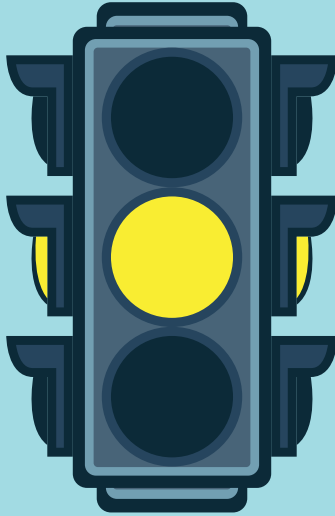
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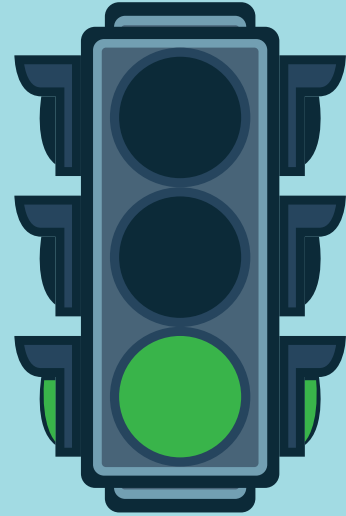
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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024** 10:00 am  
Clinton Senior Center  
271 Church Street, Clinton, MA 01510

**Thursday, May 9, 2024** 10:00 am  
Casuabon Senior Center  
153 Chestnut St, Southbridge, MA 01550

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024** 10:30 am  
Charlton Senior Center  
37 Main St, Charlton, MA 01507

**Tuesday, June 4, 2024** 11:30 am  
Spencer Senior Center  
68 Maple Street, Spencer, MA 01562

**Thursday, June 6, 2024** 10:45 am  
Douglas Senior Center  
331 Main St, Douglas, MA 01516

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024** 2:30 pm  
Upton Senior Center  
9 Milford St, Upton, MA 01568

If there are any Senior Centers that would like to schedule an event please reach out. Or any other local groups that would benefit from learning about Deeds, Trusts, Life Estates and what mistakes not to make. Call Peg Freeman 508-368-7005 to schedule an event or email [Margaret.freeman@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:Margaret.freeman@sec.state.ma.us)