

# Carver Journal

## Town recognizes first responders' efforts to save lives

by Nick Mossman

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On June 26, first responders received a call that someone was experiencing "cardiac-related" symptoms, according to Carver EMS Chief Michael Ryan. The location was not specified, however, Michael Ryan said that while en route to the scene, the person went unresponsive and once on scene, the Carver Police Department performed CPR and applied an automated external defibrillator. Once the EMS crew was on site, according to Michael Ryan, the patient received life-saving intervention that let their heart start beating again on its own.

On this call, the Select Board recognized paramedics Tyler Reardon, Selina Rossman, Katherine Borkowski, EMT Tyler Sampson and EMT Eric Fichtenmayer. The board also recognized Carver Police Sgt. Dennis Rizzuto, Officer Laicey Ieronimo and Officer Christopher Mahoney.

On Sept. 28, police responded to a person who collapsed on Main Street. After beginning CPR and applying an AED, they transferred the person to EMS care and to be transported to a hospital, Michael Ryan said. When they arrived at the hospital, the person's heart was beating on its own.

"The patient survived the cardiac event in a very large part, again, due to the teamwork of all the public safety members involved in their care," Michael Ryan said.

The board recognized paramedics Jim Wilson, Jake Warmington, Jackie Giroux and Operations Officer Rick Kates of Carver EMS. They recognized Sgt. William Kelly, Sgt. Michael Wall and Detective



First responders with Carver EMS pose for a picture with town officials. Photo by Paul Owen

Joshua Shaw of the Carver Police Department.

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On Oct. 18, someone was reported unresponsive near the main entrance of King Richard's Faire. Fair staff and bystanders gave the person CPR and Carver police applied an AED, transferring the person into the care of Carver EMS so they could be brought to the hospital. Their heart was beating again before leaving for the hospital.

The board gave life-saving awards to paramedics Jim Wilson, Matt Demers, Tim Dunham, Jackie Giroux, Operations Officer Rick Kates and EMT Joe Venti. Sgt. David Heikkila, Officer Mark Pasionek of the Carver Police Department also received this award.

During the ceremony, members of the Select Board and other local officials shared their appreciation for the work of first responders.

"I think Carver has some of the finest first responders," state Sen. Kelly Dooner (R-Taunton) said. "I think the work that you guys do on a daily basis often doesn't get the credit that it deserves." State Rep. John Gaskey (R-Carver) shared a similar perspective.

"Everybody says that we are the standard-bearers for the entire state," Gaskey said. "And for that I appreciate you guys."

Select Board member Dan Ryan spoke about how first responders have an impact on Carver's residents, including himself.

"As a citizen of Carver, and all citizens, sometimes our lives are in your hands," Dan Ryan said. "We're really appreciative that you are trained and you know the techniques to do some lifesaving things for the citizens."

## Things to do

Learn some Christmas carol history



Join the Carver Council on Aging on Tuesday, Dec. 23 to explore the stories behind Christmas carols and holiday songs from the 13<sup>th</sup> century to the 1990s. Alongside plenty of singing, there will also be a Christmas-themed raffle. Register with Alice at 508-866-4698 x3

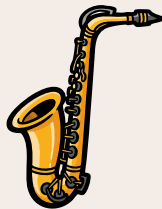
### 'Glow crazy' at Edaville



Edaville's Festival of Lights is closing out the season with a "high-energy glow party." Starting Friday, Dec. 26, the park will host a glow-themed parade, karaoke night and farewell brunch.

### End the year with live music

Brewery 44 in North Carver is capping off 2025 with a live show from the Speakeasies, a six-piece rhythm and soul band from the South Shore. The band is playing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Brewery 44 is located at 2 Montello Street.



## Town Meeting date set

The Select Board has set next year's annual Town Meeting for Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

The meeting will be held in the Carver Middle High School auditorium starting at 6:30 p.m. Petition articles must be submitted to the Select Board before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21. More information about the town meeting and petition articles is available on the [Town of Carver website](#).

## Holiday fun at Edaville's Festival of Lights



Santa Claus and members of Edaville's holiday cast. Photo by Dawn Kingston



A holiday tree lights up the streets of Edaville. Photo by Paul Owen

With train rides, ice skating and Santa Claus, Edaville is still spreading some holiday magic in its "new era." In May, the park auctioned off all of its rides after being sold to Lancelot Entertainment, who also purchased King Richard's Faire and moved the fair to the old Edaville site.

In the offseason, Edaville lives on through its Holiday Festival of Lights. The festival is open through Sunday, Dec. 28 and [tickets can be purchased online](#).

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