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Fight over mayor’s 79% raise escalates

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QUINCY – Five citizens are suing the Quincy Board of Registrars in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, claiming that hundreds of signatures collected to put the mayor’s \$135,000 raise on the ballot were unfairly disqualified.

With the election around the corner, the plaintiffs asked for an Oct. 15 hear-

ing, which the court granted. It will take place at 2 p.m.

Three of the plaintiffs are organizers of Quincy Citizens for Fair Raises, the group working to undo Mayor Thomas Koch’s 79% raise, which he ordered for himself in 2024. The plaintiffs are Joe Murphy, Joanne Collins and Steven Perdios.

“Government is supposed to be ‘for the people,’” Perdios said in a press release accompanying the announcement

of the court action.

“But at every step of the way, our city Government has put roadblocks in front of the will of the people. We shouldn’t have to take the city to court to get them to do the right thing. It was something we never wanted, but the voice of the people should be heard.”

The other two plaintiffs are registered voters who signed the petition,

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Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch presented his annual state of the city address on Jan. 27. GREG DERR/THE PATRIOT LEDGER

South Shore celebrates seasonal fun and frights



Jack Kennedy, of Weymouth, a member of the Weymouth-Braintree Elks Lodge, looks to spook children with his spider set up in his trunk at a past Trunk or Treat event in Weymouth. ROBIN CHAN/WICKED LOCAL STAFF

Here are various events to go out and enjoy

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From haunted mansions to classic horror flicks, trunk-or-treats, and moonlit hikes, October on the South

Shore is filled with ways to celebrate both fall and fright. This year’s lineup blends local flavor with seasonal fun – a beer-lover’s crawl through Quincy and Braintree, a spooky candlelight concert in Plymouth, harvest-season mazes in Plympton, and family festivals from Hanson to Scituate. Add in ghost stories, live music, cider doughnuts and glowing pumpkins, and you’ve got a full month of reasons to get out and enjoy

the crisp air, coastal charm and community spirit that define autumn here.

Holiday House of Hanson all in once again for Halloween

When and where: 6–9 p.m. nightly through Oct. 31. 16 Woodbrook Lane, Hanson.

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It’s trickier than ever to stay safe online

MARSHFIELD – Hoping to give seniors better control over their growing use of smartphones, tablets and computers, the Marshfield Senior Center is offering a full week of workshops on new opportunities and increasing risks in the ever-changing tech world.

Starting on Monday morning, Oct. 20, and running through Friday, Oct. 24, the center will present daily workshops, including one-on-one help, on cybersecurity, smartphone tools, photo apps and Facebook social media.

“We’ve always had some type of tech fair in the fall,” Carol Hamilton, director of the Marshfield Council on Aging, said. “We had to pick and choose what we would include and had to leave some things out. This time we decided to spread it out and offer more opportunities to participate.”

Hamilton and Marilee Comerford, activities coordinator, are expanding the learning into a full week.

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, started in 2004, is observed annually in October and encourages local programs that promote safe online practices. It was started by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

For 2025, the theme is “Stay Safe

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