

## Plant.Grow.Share. Program Encourages Community Members to Grow, Use, and Donate Fresh Produce



Jon Belber of Holly Hill Farm and John Keohane, Co-President of Keohane Funeral Home, present a free tomato container workshop for Plant.Grow.Share.

**P**lant.Grow.Share. is a collaborative effort of Keohane Funeral Home, the Weymouth Food Pantry, and Interfaith Social Services to provide fresh produce to those fighting hunger in the community. Through workshops and education, the program encourages community members to plant vegetable seedlings, enjoy their harvest at home, and then donate fresh produce to their local food pantries.

During the upcoming growing season the Plant.Grow.Share. program offers free container gardening workshops. They are also handing out free seedlings to local gardeners to plant in their own gardens in hopes that they will plant an extra row

of produce and donate the excess bounty to Interfaith Social Services' Pantry Shelf at 105 Adams Street in Quincy or the Weymouth Food Pantry at any of their pop-up locations.

**"The Plant.Grow.Share. program is just one way Keohane tries to give back and stay connected to the community. It is an environmentally friendly, grassroots initiative that has given us the opportunity to engage with community partners to address a significant need. It has been a truly rewarding experience for us," said Joe Reardon, Vice President for Community Development and Advance Planning at Keohane Funeral Homes.**

From the beginning of the program, Keohane has provided free seedlings to the community to plant in their own gardens. A few years ago, the program began offering free workshops for tomato container gardens which were very popular for both seasoned and beginning gardeners. Over the years, Plant.Grow.Share. has reached not only backyard gardeners but community institutions, such as churches and area farms which have donated fresh produce to the food pantries.

"Plant.Grow.Share. has increased awareness amongst the local farms and with CSA's and other programs, and those relationships have become invaluable. There are a number of churches that have their own gardens and those are the ones who are contributing the most to us," said Interfaith Executive Director Rick Doane.

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Seniors getting into the spirit of the 2007 Weymouth Senior Picnic.

## Luau Planned for the Weymouth Senior Picnic

**B**ack by popular demand, the Weymouth Senior Picnic hosted by the Weymouth Elder Services will be held June 11 at the Whipple Senior Center at 182 Green Street in Weymouth. To enhance the luau theme, live entertainment will be provided by The BaHa Brothers, a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band, sponsored by the Weymouth Cultural Council. Festivities start at 11:30 AM and continue until 2:30 PM.

**"The senior picnic is an event that we did every year, and then it was cut off in 2009 due to budget cuts,**

**and we're trying to revamp it," said Assistant Director Denise Ray.**

The Weymouth Elder Services is expecting 500 seniors to participate. There will be a large tent with tables and a stage with a dance floor for the band to get everyone moving. Tickets will be available at the Whipple Center.

The Weymouth Senior Picnic is partially sponsored by a Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant.

For more information, visit Weymouth Elder Services or Weymouth Senior Picnic on Facebook or call (781) 682-6140.

### Other Senior Events

The Whipple Derby, a mock Kentucky Derby, will be held at the Whipple Center on May 3. During the popular event, the gym is transformed into a race track with wooden horses.

"It's based off the Kentucky Derby. We have six heats and a race for the roses. The seniors are the jockeys and the other seniors place bets on the horses," said Ray. "We roll the dice to determine which horse moves. It's a huge event."



Team Keohane at Fenway Park for the 2018 Run to Home Base 9k (left to right): Dennis Keohane, Sharon Stacy, John Comer, Amanda Fidalgo, and Megan Dunn

Presented by **new balance**



### Team Keohane Joins 2019 Run to Home Base in Memory of Veterans Served

Team Keohane is honored to participate in the 2019 Run to Home Base 9K and 5K in memory of all the veterans served over the last year.

This year's runners include Dennis Keohane, Tim O'Brien, Sharon Stacey, and Megan Dunn. 2018 donations

reached \$7038, exceeding the original \$5000 goal. This year, Keohane Funeral Home will be matching donations up to \$5000.

**To make a donation in support of Team Keohane, visit [www.crowdfunder.com/o/en/campaign/keohane/denniskeohane2](http://www.crowdfunder.com/o/en/campaign/keohane/denniskeohane2).**

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Vegetable gardens will be planted at Keohane Funeral Homes locations in Quincy and South Weymouth. "My colleagues, Peter Moreschi and Tim O'Brien will be planting gardens in our Quincy and South Weymouth offices respectively. They do a great job of planting, tending, harvesting and delivering a great deal of produce for the food pantries," said Reardon.

Interfaith Social Services will dedicate their Food Pantry garden to growing kale. "We do a garden every year here at Interfaith and what we've mainly focused on is kale," said Doane. "It is such an amazing super food and it's something our clients ask for. It's easy to grow and we get multiple yields."

This year, the Weymouth Food Pantry will have a garden as well. "We have launched our own Food Pantry Garden in partnership with South Shore Bank and Old South Union Church, which was inspired by the Plant.Grow.Share. program. We are very excited about it—this will be our first growing season," said Executive Director Pamela Denholm.

### FREE Build Your Own Tomato Container Garden Workshops

Plant.Grow.Share. has teamed up with farmer Jon Belber of Holly Hill Farm in Cohasset to provide free gardening workshops that are open to the entire community. Participants will walk away with free tomato seedlings, a bucket container and the knowledge to grow their tomatoes to yield the best crop. At harvest time, gardeners can enjoy their tomatoes at home and then donate a portion to their local food pantries. Organic tomato seedlings from Holly Hill farm are donated by Keohane Funeral Home and buckets are donated by Curry Ace Hardware.

"We have an invaluable resource of Farmer Jon Belber who is well known for his knowledge and his ability to teach anybody how to grow," said Doane.

- **Monday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Whipple Senior Center at 182 Green Street in Weymouth. To register,

call Whipple Senior Center at (781) 682-6140.

- **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Old South Union Church 25 Columbian Street in South Weymouth. To register, email Pam@weymouthfoodpantry.org or call (781) 635-7783.
- **Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Hingham Public Library at 66 Leavitt Street in Hingham. Register online at [www.hinghamlibrary.org](http://www.hinghamlibrary.org) or call (781) 741-1405.
- **Friday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Kennedy Center, Quincy Council on Aging at 440 E. Squantum Street in Quincy. To register, call Rick at (617) 773-6203 Ext 17.

### How You Can Help

Donations of fresh produce from your garden or supermarket for Interfaith Social Services can be dropped off at 105 Adams Street in Quincy from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Donations of fresh produce for the Weymouth Food Pantry are accepted at all three Pop Up Pantry locations or at their warehouse:

- **Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** at The First Church at 17 Church Street, Weymouth
- **Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** at Crossroads Worship Center at 241 Broad Street, Weymouth
- **Saturdays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.** at Old South Union Church at 25 Columbian Street, S. Weymouth
- **Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** warehouse located at 40B Reservoir Park Drive, Rockland

Monetary donations are also always welcomed. Donations to the Plant.Grow.Share. program can be made online at [interfaithsocialservices.org/donate](http://interfaithsocialservices.org/donate) or [www.weymouthfoodpantry.org/pitch-in](http://www.weymouthfoodpantry.org/pitch-in).

For questions or to volunteer for the Plant.Grow.Share. program, please contact: Rick Doane, Executive Director of Interfaith Social Services, (617) 773-6203; Joe Reardon, Vice President for Community Development and Advance Planning at Keohane Funeral Homes, (617) 773-3551; or Pam Denholm, Executive Director of Weymouth Food Pantry at (781) 331-7682.



## GROW A ROW TO SHARE

Participating in Plant.Grow.Share. is easy and rewarding and Keohane makes it even easier by donating seedlings to backyard gardeners and food pantry patrons. Vegetable seedlings from the Artery Garden Center are available free of charge from May 20 to 24 at Keohane Funeral Home; McDonald Keohane Funeral; Interfaith Social Services and at the Weymouth Food Pantry Pop-up locations.

**"At Interfaith we anticipate a variety of seedlings, some of which are coming from students at Milton Academy who are sprouting those seedlings and bringing them in to donate as well as those seedlings that Keohane donates," said Doane.**

Even if gardeners do not have the opportunity to pick up seedlings during the week of May 20, donations of any extra produce throughout the growing season will be gratefully accepted at either Keohane or directly to either of the community food pantries. For those who would like to help in other ways besides gardening, the food pantries are also happy to receive donations of fresh store-bought produce.

*Vegetable seedlings from the Artery Garden Center are available free of charge from May 20 to 24 at the following locations:*

**Keohane Funeral Home,**  
785 Hancock St., Quincy;

**McDonald Keohane Funeral Home,**  
809 Main St. in South Weymouth;

**Interfaith Social Services,**  
105 Adams St. in Quincy

**Weymouth Food Pantry's warehouse,** 40 Reservoir Park Dr., Unit B, Rockland.



# The Hingham Community Center is a Community Gathering Place with Something for Everyone



*The Hingham Community Center is located in the John Thaxter House in Hingham.*

**T**he Hingham Community Center is a place to take karate lessons, celebrate a wedding, watch a dance recital, listen to a men's barbershop chorus and so much more. The Hingham Community Center (HCC) is a private, non-profit organization located in the historic Ensign John Thaxter House with a mission to ensure the preservation of the historic structure for the use and benefit of the community. They accomplish this goal by offering an array of classes and programs, hosting community events, providing a venue for private events, and serving the community as needed.

**"We're like a wonderful unicorn – we can do what the community needs us to do," said Executive Director Mary Ann Blackmur. "We provide an affordable place for community groups and the community to gather."**

Last fall, the Hingham Community Center celebrated the 300 years of history of the Thaxter House which was originally constructed as a family residence in 1718. A mural in the front room by John Hazelett dates back 1784. The home became a community center in 1957, then known as the Wompatuck Club and later

as the Wompatuck Community Center. It was renamed the Hingham Community Center in 1962. Blackmur said, "The John Thaxter House is a gathering place, and has always been a place where the community does gather."

Several years ago, the center was home to a large and successful dance program for children. When the dance program moved to the rec center, the Hingham Community Center had a chance to reset their mission to serve the community in a broader way. "I like to think of it as a great opportunity in returning back to the roots as a community center," said Blackmur.

To that end, the center is now a place for people to gather as a community participating in programs; renting space for events; and a place that welcomes collaboration with individuals, community groups and businesses on community initiatives, such as fundraisers, food drives and awards ceremonies.

Blackmur said that the center partners with other non-profit organizations in the community, "We provide space for non-profit community programs and groups as a place to facilitate their mission."

On Tuesday nights, the Hingham Community Center provides space for the South Shore Men of Harmony, a community barbershop group. They have been practicing at the center for fifty years. HCC has also provided space for the Hingham Newcomers Club pre-school and the Wellspring food drive, among others. HCC also provides affordable family fun, such as the Family Celebration of St. Patrick's Day or the popular Santa breakfast.

The center is a great space as a venue for private events, reunions and other special occasions. Private rentals of the center help support all the programming and community events. "We receive no funds from the town, and we don't have an endowment. We're looking to establish ourselves in the community as an integral part and relevant for having a birthday party or wedding reception or shower at the community center," said Blackmur.

## Classes for Everyone

The Hingham Community Center offers a wide variety of diverse educational, recreational, and cultural programs for everyone — children, teens and adults. Classes at HCC have been introducing children to dance, art, karate and more over the years. Many of those children have grown up and enrolled their own children and teens in HCC programs.

For children through sixth grade, HCC offers a wide selection of dance classes as well as karate, arts and crafts classes, summer camp programs, and more.

HCC offers diverse programs for teens in middle and high school, such as advanced dance and karate classes, SAT prep, and music instruction.

For adult learners, HCC offers fun and engaging programs and classes such as dance, exercise, art, and many recreational opportunities. Take a tai chi class or learn how to rejuvenate your retirement.

For more information, visit  
[hinghamcommunitycenter.org](http://hinghamcommunitycenter.org)

# New England Wildlife Center Provides Veterinary Care to Sick, Injured, and Orphaned Wildlife—and So Much More!

On any given day at the New England Wildlife Center (NEWC) in Weymouth, you might watch the veterinarians providing critical treatment to a bat or a pot bellied pig through the observation windows lining the halls of the Jane Carlee Wildlife Hospital. You might meet an intern from around the world who is learning about veterinary care. You might see a child's birthday party or a school group from the Weymouth and Quincy school systems learning about renewable energy. You could even take a nature walk or get a close-up view of local habitats and wildlife in the Weezie Nature Center. On a Saturday night, you'll find the longest running open mic night on the South Shore.

The New England Wildlife Center, a non-profit care-based science education organization, provides many services—including veterinary treatment of wildlife and exotic pets; a robust internship program; educational programs; and a nature center—but the overarching mission is to educate the public and inspire people to become stewards of our natural world.

**"New England Wildlife Center provides humane medical care to sick, injured and orphaned wild animals, and we use that care as a platform to teach, to train and to reconnect people to wildlife, to the out of doors and to one another," said Katrina Bergman, CEO of the New England Wildlife Center.**

## Wildlife Hospital

The New England Wildlife Center provides treatment and care to sick, injured and orphaned wildlife and is the only wildlife veterinary hospital in Massachusetts that treats rabies vector species such as raccoons, woodchucks, foxes, skunks and bats. The Center treats and cares for 225 different species of animals each year and has treated over 75,000 wild animals throughout the years. NEWC recently merged with the Cape Cod Wildlife Center in Barnstable.

The care is conducted under a veterinary team including, veterinarians; wildlife



*Dr. Greg Mertz treats a fox at the New England Wildlife Center's Wildlife Hospital.*

rehabilitators; veterinary technicians; and animal care workers. The day-to-day care of the animals also includes high school and undergraduate interns, which gives students opportunities to work with many species.

While only half of the wild animals treated at the center survive, those who are successfully rehabilitated are released back to their natural habitats.

## What to do if you find an injured or orphaned animal

The most important thing is to minimize contact as much as possible, according to Dr. Greg Mertz, founder of New England Wildlife Center and Odd Pet Vet. The NEWC website states, "If a baby animal is visibly injured, shows little sign of responding to your approach, or looks like they are starving, **contact New England Wildlife Center at (781) 682-4878 or Cape Wildlife Center at (508) 362-0111.**" NEWC also recommends that you call your local animal control officer.

If you come across a rabies-vector animal, such as a raccoon or a fox, do not touch that animal with your bare hands. Wear thick gloves, throw a towel over the animal, and have a container with a lid ready.

NEWC treats about 2,000 animals a year plus another 2,500 animals on the Cape and through a network of animal rehabilitators. "That is just a tiny drop

of the real problem," said Dr. Mertz, as there are millions of common wildlife injured or orphaned every year in Massachusetts.

## Odd Pet Vet

The Odd Pet Vet is New England Wildlife Center's Exotic Animal Clinic and is the only exclusively exotic animal veterinary clinic in Massachusetts. They offer affordable care for feathered, scaled, and furry patients, including reptiles of all kinds, small mammals such as hamsters and guinea pigs, and avian species, such as chickens, parrots and pigeons.

New England Wildlife Center receives no federal or state funding and the profits from the Odd Pet Vet go directly to the wildlife care and education at NEWC.

The Odd Pet Vet is open seven days a week, by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call (781) 682-4878.

## Get Involved

You can help NEWC by visiting the center which is open seven days a week from 10 am to 4 pm for self-guided tours. The small admission fee helps to support the center. You can also make a donation to the center to help sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife in need.

**For more information, visit the NEWC website at [www.newwildlife.org](http://www.newwildlife.org) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NEwildlifecenter>**



# Known as the City of Presidents, Quincy Has So Much to Discover—Historic Sites; Coastline; and Blue Hills



*The Old House at Peacefield became the residence of the Adams family for four generations from 1788 to 1927 and is now part of the John Adams National Park in Quincy.*

Quincy is rich in arts and culture, community, historic areas and recreational resources. Discover Quincy is the official tourism agency for the City of Quincy, and it is their mission to introduce Quincy to the world. Discover Quincy provides a detailed Visitor Guide; free walking tours; promotion for arts and culture and so much more. Discover Quincy is a non-profit, public-private partnership funded by the City of Quincy as well as businesses that advertise in the annual Visitor Guide & Map and works in partnership with the Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

"We are the destination marketing organization for the City of Quincy," said Margaret Laforest. Executive Director of Discover Quincy and Vice President of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce. "We partner with all the attractions and promote the city."

## City of Presidents

Settled in 1625, Quincy was originally part of the neighboring town of Braintree. Early residents included presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, along with John Hancock, the patriot known for signing his name to the Declaration of Independence in oversized script. In 1792, the north precinct of Braintree became the town of Quincy, which was named

for Col. John Quincy, the grandfather of Abigail Adams.

Visitors to Adams National Historical Park can tour the birthplaces of both John Adams and John Quincy Adams as well as the Adams Mansion, called Peacefield and known as the Summer White House for both presidents. The stately mansion continued to be home to their descendants until the early 20th century.

Recently, the City of Quincy dedicated the Hancock Adams Common, replacing a busy city street with a park that connects historic city hall in Quincy Center with the United First Parish Church, where both John Adams and John Quincy Adams and their wives are buried. The new park features tree-lined walkways, a fountain, and green spaces. "The Hancock Adams Common is transformative for downtown," said Laforest.

Other historic sites include historic Hancock Cemetery; the U.S.S. Salem and the United States Naval Shipbuilding Museum; Adams Academy, home of the Quincy Historical Society; and the Dorothy Quincy Homestead, the childhood home of John Hancock's wife, Dorothy Quincy.

Seasonally, visitors can tour the City on foot with FREE Heart of Quincy Walking Tours starting inside Old City

Hall. Walking in the footsteps of John and Abigail Adams, the sixty-minute tour brings visitors to the historic Hancock Cemetery and Adams Crypt.

## 50 Days of "Free"dom

Discover Quincy partners with over 50 organizations to present over 150 (mostly) free programs in 50 Days in mid-June to early August. The 50 Days of "Free"dom begin with the City's signature Flag Day Celebration on June 15. Every year on the Saturday closest to Flag Day (June 14th), the City of Quincy pays tribute to Old Glory with the Quincy Flag Day Parade & Celebration.

Other events include arts and culture, such as PorchFest Quincy, a free music festival held on front porches around town; children's events, such as the Thomas Crane Public Library Tot Lot Tuesdays Storytime at Wollaston Beach; historical re-enactments, such as meeting Abigail Adams at Peacefield; and so much more!

For a full listing or more information, please visit [DiscoverQuincy.com](http://DiscoverQuincy.com) or call 617-639-1117

## Recreational Opportunities Abound

Take a 23 mile guided bike tour along the Quincy Shoreline with Quincycles; wander through Mount Wollaston Cemetery on a self-guided tour; eat fried clams at Wollaston Beach; hike or ski through the Blue Hills or play golf at Granite Links Golf Club.

**"Of the 7,000 acres of the Blue Hills encompassing many communities, the majority of that real estate lies within Quincy. So for those who want to go for a nature walk, for a hike, for rock climbing—Quincy is a great place for those experiences," said Laforest.**

A new sports attraction in Quincy, is the Boston Cannons who play their home games at Quincy's Veterans Memorial Stadium. The Boston Cannons are a founding team of Major League Lacrosse, the premier professional outdoor lacrosse league.

**For more information about the attractions, sites and events in Quincy, visit the website at [discoveryquincy.com](http://discoveryquincy.com).**

## OUR TEAM

### John Congdon



John Congdon has been at Keohane Funeral Home since last October and works primarily in the Quincy and Hingham locations. John is a first-generation funeral director and had to move many times to find the right opportunities within the industry. He appreciates all the mentors who have guided him along his journey of service, and he's pleased that he made the transition to Keohane.

"John, or JW as we call him in the office—we have three John's at the funeral home, fit in immediately. He loves to be around people and is a great storyteller. Our team bonded with him immediately," said Co-President John Keohane.

John is a Licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer. His responsibilities include caring for the deceased and their family members; arranging, directing and conducting celebrations of life, memorials and visitations; processing required paperwork; personalizing each tribute to be specific to each family and mostly doing whatever he can to help the families we serve. His goal as a funeral director is to create celebrations of life that are meaningful and memorable to the families.

"Though growing up within a funeral service family gives the advantage of early exposure and employment opportunities, it often doesn't allow the person to find the calling of funeral service on their own. Funeral service found and chose me. I'm proud to call it my ministry," said John.

At the time John was in college, he anticipated working in the field of education. When his cousin died at the age of twenty, John attended the visitation and knew that he belonged in funeral service. "The call to funeral service came out of nowhere," said John. "We are called to serve and undertake the unimaginable for our communities.

I cannot imagine doing anything else in my life."

**"John has a very comfortable demeanor and puts people at ease at the most difficult times. His attention to detail is meticulous and he always finds a way to personalize each family's service," said John Keohane.**

Looking back on his journey, John realizes that his education and experience in funeral service has been excellent. "My eclectic, hands on training and formal education have made me the funeral director I am today. I'm very fortunate to have worked with so



*John Congdon joined Keohane as a funeral director last fall and has become an integral part of the team.*

many different funeral homes over the years, and thus I have many mentors who have helped me tremendously," said John.

While John has had wonderful opportunities to serve families in different communities, he now enjoys being part of the Keohane team. "At my last assignment, I enjoyed the well-rounded work. When the Keohane job posting came across my desk, I reflected on their family's excellent reputation within the industry and their community. I thought it would be great to be a part of an organization such as theirs. Their opportunity offered professional growth with the possibility of a long and fruitful future," said John.

John was born in Framingham and raised in Franklin, Massachusetts, home of the first public library in America. John currently resides in Malden and is an active parishioner of St. Raphael Parish in West Medford. John's life partner, Ashley Rivera, is also a funeral director.

John graduated from Franklin High School in 2009 and Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service, Houston, Texas in 2015 with an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Funeral Service. For a period of time, he also attended Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater.

Outside of work, John enjoys cycling, reading, spending time at the beach, walking and hiking, dining out, and traveling to new places. John is also an amateur calligrapher. "I enjoy spending much of my spare time reading, spending quality time with my partner, Ashley and other family members, keeping myself involved at church, attending bible studies, praying the Divine Office and the Rosary, dining out with friends and drinking coffee," said John.

As the funeral industry is changing rapidly, it is John's goal to continue growing in the field and to be the best funeral director he can be. "I believe we never stop learning, and I hope to never lose the zeal and ambition to learn and grow. With regard to working with families, I'm excited to be able to offer specific, tailored and personalized celebrations of life. Fortunately, Keohane offers their directors that flexibility and allows each director the creative license to best serve each family," said John.

*"John's focus is to make sure every family he cares for receives the best service possible. Every detail is looked after and he makes it his mission to create a memorable ceremony to help a family say good-bye," said John Keohane.*



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION



## *Do All Funeral Homes Offer Cremation?*

**Y**es! Not only do all funeral homes offer cremation, Keohane Funeral Home offers complete cremation services and options—we are the cremation experts on the South Shore. Our team is carefully trained to answer all your questions about cremation and to help you create the type of memorial that is right for you and your loved one.

Cremation is a method of final disposition for the deceased person's remains and has become an increasingly popular option. Just like burial, funeral services are part of memorializing the person who has passed. Cremation offers the flexibility to choose the ceremonies that are right for you. Families who choose cremation as the method of disposition have almost unlimited options for creating unique and personalized services that honor the memory of their loved one and celebrate the life that was lived, the relationships that were cherished as well as the unique contributions of that person to their community.

Our expert funeral directors will provide you with information and guidance about cremation and memorialization. There are many options for honoring a loved one who has been cremated that both pay tribute and give comfort. Most families choose a public viewing and ceremony, while some families prefer a private viewing. Other options are available, and we're here to help you create the type of memorial that is right for you and your family.

At Keohane, we are dedicated to maintaining the safety and dignity of your loved one. Each member of our

team is trained to confirm the identification of those we take into our care and identification markers are always applied to ensure that your loved one is safe. We are the only funeral home on the South Shore to offer a dedicated temperature-controlled room on site in order to provide the assurance that your loved one is protected and treated with dignity and care at all times.

Most families find it important to create a lasting memorial of some kind through earth burial or placement in a columbarium. Some families may wish to share the person amongst family members to be turned into jewelry, stored in keepsakes and more. Some families choose a location that was special to the deceased to hold a scattering ceremony there. Again, the options are only limited by your imagination. Our job is to help you find the solution that provides healing for your family and honors that life that has passed.

Honoring the memory of a loved one and the needs of the family is always the first consideration when determining what to do when a loved one dies. Complete funeral services, with or without viewing, church services, visitation, cemetery and burial options are all still available to families who choose cremation, and our funeral directors are dedicated to helping you determine how to best create the most meaningful ceremony for your unique situation.

Our highly trained and dedicated team welcomes your questions and concerns. Please call us at 1-800-KEOHANE to find out which of the many options available are right for your family. We are here to help.