

6 residents displaced, one in critical condition following major fire in New Bedford

Early Tuesday morning at 7:37am multiple 911 calls were received for a reported structure fire at 145-147 West Hill Rd in New Bedford. Upon arrival, Firefighters were faced with heavy fire on the first floor extending into the second floor and attic space.

The crews of E1, E7, E8, L1, L4 along with Command Units 1 and 2 made an aggressive interior attack on this rapidly spreading fire and ensured all occupants were out. Additionally, Engine 9 was dispatched early due to the extent of the fire.

The six tenants from this four unit building were able to escape prior to Fire Department arrival due to working smoke detectors. Four of the tenants were treated and transported to St. Luke's hospital by New Bedford EMS. One patient is in critical condition at St. Luke's Hospital ICU.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by New Bedford Fire Investigators along with the State Fire Marshals Office. New Bedford Police, New Bedford Emergency Management, and the Providence Canteen also assisted during this incident. The American Red Cross is assisting six displaced residents. Three pets are accounted for and one remains missing.

Carlos Pimental Felix was live at the scene.

Last week New Bedford residents can register to vote in the preliminary election looms

Looking to cast your vote in the 2023 New Bedford preliminary election? Friday, September 22nd is the last day you can register to vote! There are three ways you can register, you can do it online, in person, or by mail.

Online:

If you have a signature on file with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, you can register online. You can also pre-register, update your address, update your name, and change your political party designation.

Voter registration forms submitted online must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the date of the voter registration deadline.

In person:

In Massachusetts, you can register to vote in-person at:

- Your local town clerks, election commission, and Boards of Registrars.
- The Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth Elections Division.
- The Secretary of the Commonwealth's regional offices.

Voter registration forms completed in-person are valid on the day that they are signed.

By mail:

You can register or pre-register to vote with a mail-in voter

registration form. Print, fill out, and sign the voter registration form. Mail the signed form to your local election office. Your voter registration form must be postmarked by the voter registration deadline.

If you are registering to vote in Massachusetts for the first time, you should include a copy of identification that shows your name and address with your form. If you don't include a copy of your ID, you may need to show it the first time you vote.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see a full timeline with important dates of the New Bedford election.

New Bedford Firefighter's son Porter's spirits high while battling rare, aggressive brain cancer

8-year-old "Porter G" is fighting a rare and aggressive brain cancer and can use some help from south coast residents. His father who is a New Bedford Firefighter recently created a "GoFundMe" to help pay for the extremely expensive costs of the medication they need. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to get to the GoFundMe and let's all rally together and help this child fighting cancer.

A message from the family,

Hi everyone. We wanted to post an update on Porter and also have a new financial need that we thought could use a separate

fundraiser.

For those that don't know, our now 8yo son Porter was diagnosed with a rare(mostly) childhood brain cancer, called DIPG (diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma) in January. It has a median survival rate of 11 months. Only 10% of kids are alive after 1 year. There is no cure and it can not be removed through surgery. There are some promising drugs and trials going on right now but those are the only option for hundreds of kids. Experimental medicines with unknown outcomes.

In July after a few months of improving health and symptoms, Porters condition worsened almost overnight. We spent a night in the ER and then 3 days inpatient at Boston Children's Hospital. After multiple tests and a long MRI we were told Porter's tumor had progressed significantly and he only had a few weeks to live.

With this new diagnosis, he was removed from the clinical trial he was on and we started Hospice care at home. Not wanting to just give up we started looking for something, ANYTHING, we could possibly do. Besides radiation, there are NO treatments or medications approved to treat DIPG so without being on a clinical trial, we do not have access to any drugs through traditional means.

After doing tons of research and talking to other families, we can get some medications through a third party but the cost is out of pocket. Insurance is not an option. Our first order for 3 months worth was \$12,000.

Porter is still fighting. The doctors were wrong about the timeline. His latest MRI showed that the tumor is still growing but at a slower rate than they thought. There's a chance that these medications are slowing things down and with time and maybe higher doses, could give us a shot. If this continues we will need to order more medication. At \$4,000 a month we'll be out of money quickly. This is literally our

only option currently, and we will not give up.

A gigantic thank you to everyone that has already donated or helped in any way. Your support through all of this has been incredible.

The Guillemette family

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Massachusetts City in state of emergency after “catastrophic flooding” Monday night

Leominster, Massachusetts has declared a state of emergency after “catastrophic flooding” hit the area late Monday evening. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency issued an evacuation alert for areas near the “Barrett Park Pond Dam”.

“Due to a potential issue at the Barrett Park Pond Dam, persons in low-lying areas of the Fall Brook tributary to Fall Brook along Central St, Fall Brook & the North Nashua River, should evacuate & safely leave the area. Shelter is available at Skyview Middle School.”



Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency photo.

Governor Maura Healey issued a statement on the state of

emergency,

“My heart goes out to residents and public safety officials in Leominster and other communities experiencing catastrophic flooding tonight. I’ve spoken with Mayor Mazzarella, and @MassEMA, @MassStatePolice, and @MassDFS are on the ground with boat rescue and emergency response teams doing everything they can to keep people safe.”

The Superintendent of Leominster Public Schools cancelled school amidst the flooding,

“Good evening, Due to the extensive flooding from today’s storm, the Leominster Public Schools will be closed on Tuesday, September 12th. Please stay safe.

Respectfully

Paula Deacon, Superintendent”



Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency photo.



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Off shore wind vessels will begin “Inter-Array Cables Installation” for Vineyard Wind project

From September 10th through mid-October, cable laying operations will be taking place off the coast of the Vineyard. The Cable laying will be for the inter-array cables beginning

with array cables lines five and six.

This operation consists of 4 unique vessels.

“C-Pioneer” is the stationary support vessel which will be supporting cable pulling activities for the inter-array cables.



Photo by Vineyard Wind.

“Adhemar De Saint-Venant” is a trenching support vessel that will be performing cable trenching and burial works.



Photo by Vineyard Wind.

“F/V Seafarer” is a safety vessel that will monitor traffic and facilitate safe movement of other vessels in the area.



The Seafarer. Photo by Vineyard Wind.

“Isaac Newton” is the cable laying vessel which will be conducting cable laying operations and will remain on site until October.



The Isaac Newton. Photo by Vineyard Wind.