

Massachusetts State Police Association of Massachusetts donates food to 150 families

Thank you to State Police Association of Massachusetts for organizing today's food donation to 150 families in Boston's Grove Hall neighborhood.

MSP's Colonel Christopher Mason, Deputy Superintendent Scott Warmington and many Troopers were thrilled to help distribute the items to members of the community at the Neighborhood Network Center!"- State Police Association of Massachusetts.

All photos by Massachusetts State Police:



New Bedford Boy Scout hosts another successful annual clothing drive

“Troop 24 New Bedford’s scout Colby Blais hosted his annual clothing drive at Grace Episcopal Church on School and County Street this Sunday.

It was a great community service project. He’s been putting this on every November for the last 8 years.

Colby’s Clothing drive was a great way for scouts to help out the neediest in our community. We provided jackets, blankets, hats, gloves, socks, scarves, and personal hygiene products to lots of people who desperately needed them today. We donated what was left to the Salvation Army.

Thank you, scouts!”-Michael Blais.

All photos by Michael Blais:



Massachusetts Environmental Police release great horned owl tangled in soccer net

A Massachusetts Environmental Police Officer assisted in the release of a great horned owl found tangled in a backyard soccer net in Mattapoisett.

It was removed by Mattapoisett Animal Control and brought to Mattapoisett Animal Hospital where, after examination, it was determined to be safe for release.

Bristol County Sheriff Office's FREE Autism Safety Seat Belt Covers are a smashing success

Our free Autism Safety Seat Belt Covers are a hit, and they're making waves far from Bristol County. We received this note from a special education teacher named Erin from Illinois:

"Thank you so much for the seat belt covers. I am a teacher in Morris Illinois for a life skills program. I work with students of many different abilities and I think that this is an amazing thing you are doing. My aunt mailed these to me and I know that my students' parents will be so grateful when they get these for their kiddos. Thank you so much and have a wonderful day."

We're glad to help Erin. If anyone is interested in these free Autism Safety Seat Belt Covers, please contact Tina Marie LePage, our Manager of Public Programs, at tinemarielepage@bcso-ma.org or 508-995-6400 ext. 3640.



Bristol County Sheriff's Office photo.

Boston Police Department seeks public's help in finding woman

Missing Person Alert: The Boston Police Department is issuing a missing person alert and asking for the public's help in an effort to locate 24-year-old Trish Simpson (pictured) who was last seen in the area of 171 South Street in Jamaica Plain yesterday evening. Trish is described as a light-skinned black female who is short in stature. There is no clothing description available at this time.

Anyone who sees Trish Simpson is asked to call District E-13 Detectives at (617) 343-5628 or 911.

Community members wishing to assist the search anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner.



Boston Police Department

Good Samaritan donates filled backpacks to Seekonk Police for kids involved in traumatic events

“Mackenzie, a Dighton/Rehoboth High School Senior, dropped off backpacks filled with toys, games, Legos, stuffed animals and other great items for children involved in traumatic situations we may encounter. We will carry these bags in our cruisers and hopefully bring a smile to a child’s face during a stressful event. Unfortunately, we deal with these type of calls frequently.

Mackenzie works with Project351, whose values are Kindness, compassion, humility, and gratitude. Ambassadors reflect the core values as they serve and lead in their communities.

Way to go Mackenzie! Keep up the good work!

P.S. He is smiling. I promise. ?”



Seekonk Police Department photo.

**Massachusetts State Police
seeking public's help in
finding missing 13-year old**

girl

The Pittsfield Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police are seeking a missing 13-year-old girl, Roos Bajanth.

We are investigating the possibility that Roos may be with a male she met online, and whose identity is not known to us at this time.

Roos left her home on Columbus Avenue, Pittsfield, last night around 8:30 PM and has not returned home. She is 5'5" tall and weighs 90 lbs. She has brown skin, black hair, and brown eyes.

She is believed to be wearing a brown winter jacket, a red shirt, and possibly pajamas.

Information suggests that Roos may have been in the Schenectady, N.Y., area earlier today, but whether she is still in that area remains part of the ongoing investigation.

Anyone who thinks they have seen Roos or has information on her whereabouts is urged to immediately call 911 or Pittsfield Police at 413-448-9700 ext. 0.

We ask that media in New York and Massachusetts please release this information as soon as possible.

The Massachusetts State Police are currently reviewing available information to determine if the criteria for an AMBER Alert are met. Regardless of whether an AMBER is ultimately activated, we have concern for Roos' safety and well-being and ask that this information be publicized. Two photos of Roos are attached. The one in the white shirt is the more recent.

Playworks donates recess equipment to New Bedford Public Schools

Gift of equipment from Playworks New England helps to ensure students engage in safe and healthy play during school recess.

Playworks New England has generously donated recess equipment for use by elementary school students of New Bedford Public Schools. The nineteen sets of interactive items and play gear are designed to ensure that safe and healthy play can happen during school recess, despite the impact of COVID-19, school officials said.

In thanking Playworks, Thomas Anderson, Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools, stated, "Our students have really taken advantage of and thoroughly enjoyed the Playworks program in past years. Its many structured games and exercise activities designed for recess periods have not only sparked but have inspired teamwork and cultivated leadership skills. Despite the many challenges of COVID-19, the district hybrid plan demonstrates that 'school is still school' and recess remains a very important part of school days. Especially now, play is a vital aspect of our elementary students' school day; it helps provide a sense of normalcy."

Noting how "New Bedford Public Schools has been a long-time Playworks partner, strongly advocating for safe healthy play for their students," Jonathan Gay, Executive Director of Playworks New England, remarked, "Now more than ever, due to the stress, anxiety, and isolation of COVID-19 and the impact on students, kids need to play. This donation of equipment will support New Bedford students in their goal to be active and experience fun in the midst of this highly challenging situation. By playing, kids can experience joy and some sense

of regularity in the coming months.”

Emily Westgate is NBPS Manager of Curriculum, Data and Assessment for Health and Wellness. In accepting the donation, Ms. Westgate noted, “We are grateful for our continued partnership with Playworks New England and their recent donation to our elementary schools. We continue to utilize the many resources and best practices developed by Playworks to ensure students across the district have access to play.”

Leading organizations across the nation have urged schools to continue recess to help reduce the level of stress, anxiety, and isolation students may feel as they return to school. Play continues to be a natural opportunity for students to develop social-emotional skills and build positive relationships with both their peers and adults. New Bedford Public Schools has approached recess with COVID-19 considerations and has relied on best practices from leading organizations including the Center for Disease Control and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

About Playworks

Playworks is the leading national nonprofit leveraging the power of play to transform children’s social and emotional health. Playworks currently serves more than 1,300 schools in 23 U.S. cities, and reaches more than 700,000 students directly and through professional training services.

All through November

Massachusetts State Police to feature department members who served in honor of Veteran's Day

In honor of Veterans Day, the Massachusetts State Police again this year will feature Department members who served or are serving in our nation's armed forces, as well as members' loved ones who are serving or have served.

We are proud of those members of the MSP family – sworn, civilian, and loved ones – who are serving the cause of freedom both in the US and across the world. We are grateful to all who have worn the uniform of this great nation's armed forces and thank them for their service.

Please check this album frequently for new additions. We will continue to post photos through the month of November.

The Office of Media Relations thanks Trooper Ed Hartwell of the Employee Assistance Unit, the Department's Veteran's Liaison, for his assistance with this project.

Dartmouth's "My Brother's Keeper" to host "Pop Your Trunk" toy drive to support

local families for Christmas

On Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 10:00am-12:00pm Brother's Keeper will be hosting a Pop Your Trunk Toy Drive to support its annual Christmas Assistance Program for local families.

To help encourage a strong turnout, The Corey C. Griffin Foundation has pledged \$10 to My Brother's Keeper for every item donated, up to \$10,000. Created in memory of Corey C. Griffin (1986-2014), the Corey C. Griffin Foundation (www.coreycgriffinfoundation.org) partners with innovative non-profits focused on serving underprivileged youth as well as those with medical challenges.

Since 1990, My Brother's Keeper has brought joy to children and reduced the stress for parents during the Christmas season. In December 2019, My Brother's Keeper delivered personally-selected gifts to 3,200 families – supporting more than 13,000 children and adults.

Christmas season 2020 is expected to have a heightened need so the toy drive will make continued giving possible in a safe environment. We have already received over 1,400 requests for our Christmas Assistance Program from local families in need.

Another way to support the Christmas effort is by purchasing high-need items from My Brother's Keeper's Amazon Wish List. Visit www.mybrotherskeeper.org for details.

My Brother's Keeper does not receive any local, state or federal funding, and relies on private donations to serve the community.

What:

- The Pop Your Trunk Toy Drive needs donations of all types of toys. Examples of high-demand items include: Legos, LOL Surprise dolls, superhero action figures, arts and craft kits,

science kits, board games, video games, books, scooters, infant toys, Axe or Old Spice gift sets, and anything representing Boston sports teams.

- **Items must be new.** Gifts should not be wrapped.

Who: My Brother's Keeper

Where: Hosted at **both** My Brother's Keeper Facilities:

- My Brother's Keeper Easton Building, 534 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02356
- My Brother's Keeper Dartmouth Building, 1015 Reed Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747
- Participants will remain in their vehicles as staff/volunteers safely remove gift donations with a pop of their trunk.

When: Saturday, November 14, 2020, 10:00am-12:00pm

Contact: Josh Smith, My Brother's Keeper, Director, Dartmouth; 774-305-4577; jsmith@mybrotherskeeper.org

More About My Brother's Keeper:

My Brother's Keeper is a Christian ministry with locations in Dartmouth and Easton, Massachusetts, which delivers furniture, food and Christmas gifts free of charge to local families in need. The organization's mission is "to bring the love and hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve." Anyone living in My Brother's Keeper's service area is eligible to receive help, regardless of religion.

My Brother's Keeper was founded in 1988 by a husband and wife from their home basement, and now has grown to over 4,000 volunteers and 14 full-time employees working together to make more than 9,000 deliveries each year. Over the past 32 years, My Brother's Keeper has made over 150,000 deliveries to help provide hope and support to those in Massachusetts.

My Brother's Keeper has provided food assistance to Brockton-area residents for 25 years from its Easton facility and recently launched a new food program at its Dartmouth facility to respond to the surge in demand for food assistance locally during the COVID-19 pandemic. From March 10, 2020 to the present day, My Brother's Keeper has made 12,000 emergency food deliveries worth an estimated \$2.2 million to 38,000 children and adults.

To donate or learn more about getting involved with My Brother's Keeper, visit www.MyBrothersKeeper.org or call 774-305-4577.