

Massachusetts State Police raise \$865,000 to benefit first-responders, military charities

“Earlier this week, our members, friends, and family came together as part of the State Police Association Benevolent Fund Team to take part in the 8th annual BFit Challenge hosted by the Boston Bruins Foundation at TD Garden.

We would like to thank all who came out in support of such a great cause that in total raised more than \$865,000 to benefit first responders and military charities including the Benevolent Fund.”-State Police Association of Massachusetts.

All photos by the State Police Association of Massachusetts:

















UPDATE : **Regarding**
Massachusetts **Cold Case**

Homicide announcement from earlier this week

"On Monday morning, our office announced the solving of the 1991 cold case homicide of Brent Davis.

Attached to that press release (see above) was a photo of the victim. The photo was provided to the Massachusetts State Police Trooper who headed up the cold case investigation by Mr. Davis' mother.

After the photo was published in many media outlets, other surviving family members of the victim contacted our office to state that the victim's mother made a mistake when she provided the photo to the state trooper. The photo disseminated to the media was actually Mr. Davis' cousin, who is alive and well.

After speaking with Mr. Davis's family members and following up with Mr. Davis's mother, we can confirm that Mr. Davis's mother did mistakenly provide the trooper with a photo of the victim's cousin instead of the actual victim.

All parties regret the error and are asking the media to take down the previously distributed photo from their online news stories and replace it with one or both of the photos that are attached to this e-mail.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation."-Bristol County District Attorney's Office.

NOW HIRING: New Bedford's P.A.C.E. is seeking to fill Family Advocate position

COME JOIN OUR PACE TEAM!

We are looking for candidates with a passion for working with children in an early learning environment with the following qualifications and skills:

- AA/BA in Social Services or related field,
- Experience working with people from diverse cultural backgrounds,
- Sensitivity to the needs of families with low-income and knowledge of community resources essential,
- Excellent communication, verbal and writing skills, computer skills (Microsoft Office Outlook, Word, and Excel),
- Driver's License and access to a vehicle for transportation to home/agency visits,
- Bi-lingual in Spanish,
- Must be able to pass CORI & DCF background checks and meet state/federal mandates pertaining to credentials and professional development.

The Family Advocate is responsible for recruiting and enrolling eligible children for Head Start services. He/she follows federal guidelines and procedures for enrollment; completes forms, verifies eligibility, and enters family data in the computer. Home visits and family survey forms are completed to engage families in partnerships to improve and support the quality of family life while also encouraging parents to be involved in their child's education and school readiness.

The Advocate participates in case management meetings to ensure that quality services are delivered to each child and

family. He/she maintains a record of referrals, supportive services and outcomes. The Advocate facilitates positive relationships between the Head Start Program, children, families, and community agencies and services.

Head Start provides family-centered pre-school programming for over 250 income-eligible families with children from age 3 to age 5 living in the Greater New Bedford area.

To learn more about the program visit us at: www.paceinfo.org and click on the "Programs" tab.

SALARY: *\$22.06 – \$24.56/hour, 35 – 40 hours. per week, 44 – 52 weeks per year, depending on funding and caseload assignments.*

Excellent benefits include: paid vacation time, personal time, sick time and holidays; low-cost health insurance; dental, vision plans, and no-cost life insurance.

P.A.C.E. is an AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

E-mail a cover letter, resume, and the name of the position you are applying for to hrjobapplications@paceinfo.org no later than:

New Bedford Police Department welcomes their two newest officers

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We'd like to congratulate two new additions of the New Bedford

Police Department who were sworn in earlier yesterday, Ofc. Edgardo Llanos and Ofc. Jonathan Fagundes.

We wish you luck and we thank you for your service to our City!"-City of New Bedford Police Department.



City of New Bedford Police Department photo.

Lakeville Fire Departments welcomes newest firefighter to their ranks

"New firefighter introduction!

Please welcome FF Jay Davies. Jay worked his first shift for

Lakeville today.

FF Davies is currently enrolled in paramedic school and has been an EMT for 2 years. He has been working for a private ambulance company.

FF Davies lives with his girlfriend, 2 dogs, and 3 cats.

Welcome aboard Jay!"-Lakeville, MA Fire Department.



Construction for 52-unit New Bedford housing complex to begin; largest project in 38 years

"Alinea Capital Partners announced that it will begin construction on 10@8th, a new residential community in New Bedford. The transit-oriented development will include 52 units of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income working families. When completed, the project will be the largest new construction project built downtown in 38 years.

"The City continues to support the construction of new units in an effort to create attainable housing opportunities for all residents," Mayor Jon Mitchell said. "I'm grateful to Duane and the Alinea team for their investment in New Bedford, and to our partners on the state and federal levels for their support. We'"10@8th"? Is that supposed to be 1028th?re proud of the team effort underway to ensure housing opportunities for residents at every income level."

"After years of collaboration with the City of New Bedford and community leaders, we are pleased to begin construction of this landmark development. New Bedford's working families deserve housing that is convenient, attractive, and affordable," said L. Duane Jackson, Managing Member of Alinea Capital Partners, LLC. "This project would not be possible without the support of the Office of the Mayor and the public and private partners who invested time and capital to create a

viable structure to achieve long term long-term affordability for the residents of the city. As New Bedford becomes a hub of America's emerging offshore wind industry, we are proud to be a critical part of building the Whaling City's bright future."

Funding and financing for the project is being provided through a combination of city, state, and federal resources, as well as the participation of private partners. Funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other state and local resources are being used to finance the development. Mayor Mitchell awarded its funding through the city's Housing Expansion Initiative. Additional state resources, including debt and equity, were provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Livable Communities, MassHousing, and the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation. Construction financing is provided by Chase Bank.

Located at the former Mass. Registry of Motor Vehicles building in the heart of downtown's business, retail, and entertainment centers, the building will feature views of New Bedford Harbor and will be convenient to the new Southcoast Rail commuter rail station set to open in 2024.

"Increasing the supply of affordable housing in Massachusetts is critical to lowering living costs for our residents and bolstering the state's economic competitiveness," said Ed Augustus, Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities. "Transit oriented projects in Gateway Cities are key to building the bright future of the Commonwealth. Communities and residents alike benefit when there are more places like 10th@8th to call home."

The project was designed by Boston-based DHK Architects and was previously approved by the New Bedford Zoning Board. The new five story building will be LEED-certifiable, using clean energy including solar panels. It will have an underground parking garage for 19 vehicles with designated electric

vehicle (EV) ready spaces. WinnResidential will manage the project upon completion, which is currently expected in mid-2025.

“To be able to redevelop an underutilized parcel in the heart of New Bedford into a new housing community that will be affordable to 52 households is an exciting opportunity for the city and the residents who will call 10 @ 8th home,” said MassHousing CEO Chrystal Kornegay. “MassHousing is pleased to be part of this effort that is going to provide the project’s new residents with housing stability and economic opportunities in greater New Bedford.”-City of New Bedford.



City of New Bedford photo.

Brockton Police seek help locating missing 14-year old with family in New Bedford

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"Good Evening, This message is from Brockton Police.

Please be on the lookout for a missing 14-year-old girl by the name of Leanni Dossantos. Leanni is four feet ten inches tall and one hundred sixty-eight pounds. She is a light-skinned black female and has brown hair and brown eyes.

She was wearing a Black tee shirt and leggings with brown boots and a gray sweater. She was last seen at The Plus School at 250 Crescent Street.

She has family in New Bedford. If you see Leanni please call Brockton Police at 508-941-0200. Thank you."-Brockton Emergency Management Agency.



Brockton Emergency Management Agency photo.

New Bedford City Councilor Oliver opposes Healey's tax hike in her Municipal "Empowerment" Act

"On Friday, January 19, 2024, Governor Maura Healey first unveiled the Municipal Empowerment Act. A Bill which will fall on your desk in the coming days if not already.

As a member of our state delegation, you'll then begin the crucial task of dissecting this bill and discussing the impact to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the municipalities within, our residents and businesses. I'm writing this letter to express my opposition to the reform which allows increases to the Vehicle Excise Tax, Hotel/Lodging Tax as well as the Prepared Meal Tax at the local level. Although I see this as way to empower it also has the ability to divide amongst our communities and I strongly urge you to suggest or support efforts to strike it entirely.

Although it's imperative for the State Legislature to support cities and towns throughout the commonwealth and present local officials with "new tools" to better serve their communities, we must remain mindful of the major stresses our taxpayers are facing. Residents and businesses throughout the Commonwealth continue to struggle day to day as we're still under the choke hold of inflation, a troubling housing crisis, and an uncertain job market. These factors solidify the argument that this is not the time to increase these already heavy burdens.

Instead, we must continue to look for ways to cut taxes, save money, do more with less throughout all levels of government, and not just continue to come to the taxpayer with our hands out. Although locally it's been said that there are "No Plans"

to use these new proposed tools our taxpayers just can't take that chance. As Elected Officials it is our job to make life easier, not harder. I hope you'll strongly consider opposing these measures which will have an adverse effect and instead empower our residential and commercial taxpayers, our tourists, and our restaurant goers to just go elsewhere.

In closing, I compel you to sit down, take a deep breath, look in the mirror and see your constituency in the reflection, then ask whether this bill fully supports vibrant communities where people will want to live, work, play and stay."-New Bedford City Councilor Shawn Oliver.

**Dartmouth Police seek
public's help locating
missing 60-year-old woman**

MISSING PERSON



Diane Vieira

Age: 60 Years Old

Sex: Female **Race:** White **Height:** 5'4

Weight: Approx 175 lbs **Hair:** Brown **Eye Color:** Green

Diane Vieira was reported missing on Monday, January 29, 2024.

She was last believed to be at her home in Dartmouth at approximately 6:00am.

Vieira was last seen wearing black leggings, a black sweatshirt with "MV Electrical" printed on it, black and white sneakers, a long purple colored jacket, and glasses.

(Believed to be the same jacket in the above photo.)

Anyone with information regarding this individual's whereabouts is asked to please contact:

Dartmouth Police Department at 508-910-1735

or

Submit an anonymous tip using tip411 by any of the 2 methods below:

1. Text DartmouthPD and a tip to 847411.
2. Download the Dartmouth PD app in the iTunes or Google Play Store. **tip411**



You can also send a message on Facebook by following us at:

Dartmouth Police Department

Dartmouth Police Department photo.

Concerned resident warns

community about silver canisters appearing on streets of New Bedford

"I think it's time I issue a warning to parents of kids in New Bedford. The small silver canister in the photo is Nitrous Oxide. I've noticed them appearing on the streets over the last few months more and more frequently.

People use them to get high. I know this as I'm from the UK and they had their issues with appearing everywhere on the streets years ago. You can read the story [here](#).

If parents find these in their kid's possession, it's likely they aren't using them for their intended purpose. Parents need to be warned of what these things are.

I'm seeing them constantly in the gutters which means they're being dropped from cars, which means we've got people driving around under the influence of these things.

Thanks for reading. "-Jimmy Da Bosh.