

NOTICE: City of New Bedford trash/recycling pick-up delay for Veterans Day



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City of New Bedford
Solid Waste/Recycling Collection

Veterans Day
Monday November 11th, 2019

Residential Collection
Monday Holiday-**No Collection**
All Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste Routes
Will be delayed by one day

Commercial Collection
All Commercial Trash & Cardboard Routes
will be running on schedule.

Massachusetts State Police's Colonel Gilpin Announces Retirement Effective November 15

Colonel Kerry A. Gilpin, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, today announced her retirement to members of the Department effective November 15. Below is a copy of her retirement announcement shared with the Department. Colonel Gilpin, 49, was named Superintendent/Colonel in November 2017 and has overseen the implementation of a wide slate of reforms and initiatives within the Department.

Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas Turco said: "Over the course of a distinguished 25-year career, Kerry Gilpin has committed herself to the most fundamental work of law enforcement: protecting the public, serving the community, and advancing the interests of justice inside and outside the Department of State Police. As colonel, she has implemented meaningful, lasting changes at every level of the Department, and I am grateful for her service and wish her the very best in her retirement."

Colonel Gilpin's retirement will be effective November 15.

Message of Colonel Gilpin to State Police Personnel:

Good morning,

Serving as the Colonel/Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police has been the greatest honor of my professional life. Effective November 15, I will be retiring from the State Police after 25 years of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

I want to thank Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito for the trust they placed in me to lead this agency and to implement critically important operational and fiscal reforms.

The last two years have presented tremendous challenges for the Department. However, I believe that with great adversity comes great opportunity. We have accomplished so much during this difficult time, and I am confident that you will continue to build upon this foundation.

Over the last two years, I have made it a priority to support the men and women of this agency, increasing training opportunities, equipment and safety initiatives.

In addition, we have taken concrete steps to enhance the Department's responsiveness, transparency and accountability to the public we serve. Our State Police Detective Units are clearing cases at a rate well above the national average. We continue to play a leading role in removing fentanyl and heroin – the substances driving the opioid epidemic – from our streets. Relationships with our local, state and federal partners are stronger than ever. The rollout of Orion is scheduled to begin on November 17. Our body camera pilot program is complete and we will begin requesting proposals from vendors in the immediate future. With the steadfast support of the Baker-Polito administration, as well as the Legislature, we have graduated two academy classes and will soon commence the largest class ever to enter the State Police Academy. These, along with other critical initiatives, are well underway and will only strengthen our agency.

It remains deeply disheartening to me that a small number of our personnel chose to violate our principles and values. We have taken action to address their transgressions, conducting thorough and painstaking internal investigations as well as criminal investigations. I have been tremendously disappointed that some members of this remarkable organization have betrayed the public trust that so many of us worked so hard to

earn. I have been fully committed to restoring that trust to ensure that the actions of a few do not overshadow the reputation and hard work of the vast majority who conduct themselves with the utmost integrity every day.

During my tenure as Colonel, I have depended upon the assistance of the countless MSP employees, sworn and civilian, who serve our citizens selflessly and with unfailing integrity and honor, day after day. I want to commend and express my gratitude to each of the dedicated members who serve dutifully and heroically each day. Your efforts and sacrifice to ensure the safety of our Commonwealth and its citizens are greatly appreciated.

I urge you to remain focused on your continued efforts to earn and maintain the public's trust. There is work left to be done, but I am confident it will be accomplished by the many outstanding men and women who demonstrate a relentless commitment to our organization's mission.

Serving in this position has also provided me the indescribable privilege of meeting the families of many homicide victims and missing persons. Hearing their stories and observing their strength in the face of unimaginable pain – and seeing the faith they put in law enforcement to speak for, and seek justice for, their loved ones – has been a constant source of inspiration and strength.

I leave this job with the satisfaction of knowing that I gave it my heart and soul, under the most trying of circumstances. I am extremely proud of the progress and accomplishments we have made together. The Massachusetts State Police is composed of some of the best law enforcement personnel in the nation and I leave with the privilege of having worked alongside all of you.

In closing, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Colonel, humbled by your heroism,

commitment and dedication and will remain forever changed by this amazing experience.

Massachusetts public health officials announce third death from a vaping-associated lung injury

A third person has died of a vaping-associated lung injury, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced today. The patient, a man in his 50s from Worcester County, reported vaping both nicotine and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), an ingredient found in marijuana. The patient is among more than 200 suspected vaping-associated lung injury patients that have been reported to DPH since September when Massachusetts clinicians were mandated to report any unexplained lung injury in a patient with a history of vaping to the department.

Since the state began mandating the reporting of vaping-associated lung injuries on September 11, DPH has received 220 reports from clinicians of suspected vaping-associated lung injuries, 127 of which meet the criteria for investigation by DPH. Ninety-five investigations have been completed and 21 confirmed and 47 probable cases have been reported to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). DPH will report this third confirmed death from a vaping-associated lung injury to the CDC next week.

Last month, DPH reported the state's first two deaths from a vaping-associated lung injury, a woman in her 40s from Middlesex County and a woman in her 60s from Hampshire County,

both of whom vaped nicotine.

"My condolences go out to the family of this patient who has died from a vaping-associated lung injury," said Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel, MD, MPH. "This disease is serious and potentially fatal and we are continuing to investigate the cause."

Governor Baker declared a public health emergency on September 24 and temporarily banned the sale of vaping products and devices, in response to the growing number of cases of severe lung injuries associated with the use of e-cigarettes and cannabis and nicotine vaping products in Massachusetts and nationally.

Massachusetts clinicians are asked to report to DPH any individual experiencing otherwise unexplained progressive symptoms of shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain, cough, or weight loss, of any severity, and an abnormal chest imaging study, who also report vaping within 90 days before the onset of symptoms.

In an updated DPH clinical advisory sent this week to Massachusetts clinicians, those who identify a patient with vaping-associated lung injury should ask the patient to retain any vaping material including the device and any partially used vaping product. Patients determined to be confirmed or probable cases will be contacted to see if their products meet the criteria for testing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Of the 68 Massachusetts confirmed or probable cases that have been reported to the CDC, 31 are male and 37 are female. Fifty percent are under the age of 30 and 50 percent are 30 or older. Thirty-one percent of the people vaped only nicotine, 38 percent vaped only THC, and 25 percent reported vaping nicotine and THC. DPH's online dashboard provides detailed information on vaping cases that DPH has reported to the CDC.

It is updated each Wednesday.

As a result of the vaping ban, the Commonwealth has implemented a statewide standing order for over-the-counter nicotine replacement products that allow adults to access products like gum, lozenges, and patches as a covered benefit through their insurance without requiring an individual prescription. The Massachusetts Smoker's Helpline (1-800-QUIT NOW) has doubled free over-the-counter nicotine replacement products from four weeks to eight weeks, once a person receives counseling by phone.

Individuals who are vaping are encouraged to call the Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit makingsmokinghistory.org or Mass.gov/QuitVaping to connect to treatment.

Statement of New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell on November 4 Plane Crash at Rural Cemetery

"I wish to express my condolences to the family of Paul Vidal, the pilot of the plane that crashed in Rural Cemetery yesterday. Mr. Vidal was a well-known and respected member of Greater New Bedford's recreational aviation community for many years, where his loss is being felt today.

I am profoundly relieved that the crash did not result in a much larger disaster. Despite its name, Rural Cemetery sits in the middle of the city, surrounded by densely populated

neighborhoods where thousands of residents live. It is readily imaginable that under slightly different circumstances the crash could have taken lives on the ground.

I am also grateful to the many neighbors who promptly reported the incident to authorities, and for their cooperation with the response effort. I commend the New Bedford Police, Fire, EMS and Emergency Management personnel, along with the state and federal investigators, for their unhesitant and deliberate management of the crash scene. As awful of an event as it was, the public can have confidence that its officials reacted with the utmost skill in the moment.” –Mayor Jon Mitchell

UMass Dartmouth releases study of regional marine science and technology sector

U.S. Economic Development Administration-supported analysis by UMass Dartmouth Public Policy Center offers guidance to build sector across SouthCoast, Cape Cod, and Rhode Island

“Accelerating the Marine Science and Technology Corridor” along the SouthCoast of Massachusetts and throughout Cape Cod and Rhode Island was the focus as more than 150 leaders from industry, higher education, and government gathered at UMass Dartmouth today. The meeting, the activities leading up to it, and the next steps are being funded by a three-year \$600,000 grant by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Today’s event, which marked the end of Year 1 of the EDA grant, featured the release of a UMass Dartmouth Public Policy Center study entitled, “Charting the Course: A Regional

Assessment of the Marine Science and Technology Sector in Southeastern New England,” which will be used to develop a strategic plan to build the marine economy of the region.

“There is an ocean of opportunity calling for our leadership and partnership to chart the course forward, and I know that together, we can answer this call,” UMass Dartmouth Chancellor Robert E. Johnson said. “Thanks to the Economic Development Administration’s support, we now know the cornerstones necessary to grow a vibrant, job-creating marine economy in this region, and can develop a coherent, sustainable strategy built on our strengths.”

The meeting featured remarks by Congressmen William Keating and Congressman Joseph Kennedy, an update on offshore wind development, a presentation on Portugal’s BlueTech Accelerator, and a panel discussion on undersea defense research.

“Southeastern Massachusetts has a long history as an ocean-based economy,” said Congressman Keating. “It’s fitting that our region with this vibrant history is now evolving into the nation’s leader in the blue economy sector. With the forecast predicting that over the next half century the blue economy will grow at twice the average rate as the rest of the economy, Southeastern Massachusetts has all the fundamentals in place to move forward with great success. Thank you to UMass Dartmouth for being a leader in our expansion of the blue economy in our region.”

“No region in this country is better prepared to build a Blue Economy than the South Coast of Massachusetts,” said Congressman Kennedy. “With pristine natural resources, world class academia and a relentless workforce, we stand on the frontlines of a clean energy future that can protect our environment, build our local economies and bring down energy costs for families and small businesses. Through the continued support of the EDA and the findings of this report, we will

lift up this industry and the communities that rely on it.”

The Public Policy Center report analyzes the Marine Science and Technology (MST) sector in Southeastern New England (SENE), a region composed of Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties in Massachusetts and all of Rhode Island. The sector consists of 115 companies and 21 public and nonprofit research organizations that are geographically distributed throughout the region, primarily along coastal waters. There are two areas of concentration, including one around southern Rhode Island where the Naval Underwater Warfare Center and Raytheon are located, and one around Falmouth, Massachusetts, where the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution is located.

Located at the center of the region is the 8,200-student main campus of UMass Dartmouth as well as the university’s School of Marine Science and Technology in New Bedford and Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Fall River.

Additionally, there are approximately 50 additional coastal- and ocean-related public and nonprofit organizations whose primary mission is advocacy, entrepreneurship, K-12 education, monitoring, or environmental protection.

The full research report includes an assessment of research strengths and opportunities, a workforce analysis that identifies current and future high priority occupations, and an analysis of opportunity areas and challenges for the MST sector going forward. Ten clear implications for action emerged from the Public Policy Center’s analysis:

- Build on the MST sector’s strengths by connecting traditional maritime industries to existing and emerging scientific developments and technological opportunities.
- Redouble efforts to advocate for federal funding.
- Organize and respond to the threats presented by climate change and other threats to the Blue Economy.

- Focus educational and workforce development efforts on both emerging and long-standing gaps in the regional labor force
- Reduce barriers that inhibit collaboration between regional research institutions and private industry.
- Yield more economic value from the regional MST research enterprise.
- Reimagine and transform the regional support systems designed to promote entrepreneurship.
- Educate the investor community.
- Align the region's research capacity with emerging Marine Science and Technology opportunities.
- Learn from the mistakes of other industry cluster initiatives.

Following the symposium, guided by the findings of the Public Policy Center report, UMass Dartmouth in collaboration with the SouthCoast Development Partnership and the region's planning agencies, will convene an industry Corridor Alliance to position the region as an international blue-tech cluster driven by collaboration, innovation, and education. The Corridor Alliance will develop a 10-year strategy for the marine science and tech corridor, including programmatic activities to brand the region, expand the workforce, and drive innovation.

The full Public Policy Center report can be found [here](#).

The SouthCoast's Very First Bed-Building Event with Local

Southern Mass. Credit Unions a Success

On October 29, nearly 80 volunteers from 15 local credit unions joined forces and built 40 beds for local children in need. As part of the Cooperative Credit Union Association's (CCUA) Southern Massachusetts Chapter, St. Anne's Credit Union was overjoyed to host the SouthCoast's very first bed-building event to benefit the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless' (Coalition) A Bed for Every Child initiative. The Coalition specifically works to bridge the gap in children's lives and collaborates across the state to provide free and newly-crafted beds (and a place to dream) for children with limited access to necessities. Volunteers spent the afternoon assembling, sanding and staining new beds that Catholic Social Services will distribute locally in Fall River.

A special thanks to the all participating credit unions who volunteered to make this event a success: Goldmark Federal Credit Union, New Bedford Credit Union, PCT Federal Credit Union, Santo Christo Federal Credit Union, Southern Mass Credit Union, St. Anne's Credit Union, St. Anthony of Padua Federal Credit Union and Taunton Federal Credit Union.

About the Cooperative Credit Union Association: The Cooperative Credit Union Association is a regional trade organization serving as the voice for nearly 200-member credit unions located primarily throughout Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. CCUA members hold combined assets in excess of \$45 billion and serve a collective membership base of more than 2.3 million consumers. It's on behalf of these member credit unions that CCUA advocates before Congress and state legislatures, regulatory bodies and the general public through its Better Values–Better Banking consumer awareness campaign. In addition to advocacy, CCUA

also engages its members with an array of industry resources, from compliance assets and marketing support to vetted products and service providers; an array of educational workshops and conferences; and a variety of communication channels that include a daily e-newsletter, live and recorded video programs, and a quarterly magazine focused on CCUA's advocacy initiatives. For more information, visit www.CCUA.org.

About Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless: The mission of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless is to eradicate homelessness from the commonwealth of Massachusetts. It aims to meet this mission through advocacy, developing and maintaining membership and support, public education, and creation of programs and initiatives to empower all people in Massachusetts to have a place to call home. Learn more at mahomeless.org.

About A Bed for Every Child: A Bed for Every Child is an initiative of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless that distributes new twin beds to children living in poverty throughout Massachusetts. Since its inception, the program has delivered more than 7,000 beds. Learn more at www.abedforeverychild.org.

**New Bedford Firefighters
union President states
blackouts are putting**

firefighters, residents at risk

The following was written by Thomas Carreiro, President New Bedford Firefighters, Local 841:

"First, I would like to express my condolences to the family of Ms. Barboza. As firefighters, we always believe that we can save everyone, through our efforts but we know in our hearts that is not always possible. The first arriving members to the fire that afternoon risked their lives but despite their efforts could not prevent the tragic outcome.

In the media, the efforts of the firefighters were described in the following manner:

"Lt. Kevin Cormier and Firefighter Christopher Mount, of Ladder Company 4, conducted a search of the three-family dwelling, and were able to quickly locate and evacuate Barboza, the lone occupant of the residence."

A more accurate and complete description of the efforts would be the following:

"Upon arrival fire was venting out of a 3rd-floor window indicating that flashover had already occurred inside the apartment. Because of the possibility that there may be an occupant the Chief ordered Ladder 4 to conduct a search. Lt Cormier and Firefighter Mount forced entry and without the protection of a charged line, Engine 8 was blacked out, advanced to the 3rd floor.

Encountering heavy fire and smoke they proceeded to search the apartment under deteriorating conditions. They were able to find Ms. Barboza and pass her off to members of Engine 7 who had arrived sometime after Ladder 4. Lt. Cormier and Firefighter Mount then used Engine 7's hoseline to attack the

fire, protecting Ms. Barboza and the members of Engine 7 as they continued the rescue down the stairs.”

When asked about this fire the Mayor provided the following quotes:

1) *“I asked the chief and he said it didn’t matter.”*

2) *“We asked the chief. The response time was within parameters. The blackouts continue to be something that we have to do because of fiscal pressures on the city. But the reality is, it hasn’t affected responsiveness.”*

While the members of Local 841 are sympathetic to the “tough choices” demanded by the “fiscal pressures” that New Bedford is facing, we do not believe that it is appropriate to mislead the public in order to make the tough choices appear easy. Because Engine 8 was “blackout,” Lt. Cormier and Firefighter Mount had to search without the protection of a charged line. This activity is one of the most hazardous that any firefighter can attempt. Searching without a charged line can also increase the time it takes to find victims. (Because of the extraordinary efforts of Lt. Cormier and Firefighter Mount that did not occur in this case but it may in the next case.)

To quote from a recommendation made by the National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH), which investigates Firefighter fatalities:

“Fire departments should develop SOPs to ensure that a charged hoseline is either advanced with the search and rescue crew or is operated by another firefighter providing the team with protection while entering hazardous or potentially hazardous areas containing fire. A firefighter is taking a substantial risk when entering a burning structure without a charged hoseline or protection from one. The only justification for risking a fire fighter’s life is present when there is a real chance to save another person’s life.”

While it is perhaps technically accurate to state that

“blackouts” haven’t affected responsiveness, it is clear that blackouts affect the effectiveness of that response as well as the danger that firefighters face during that response.

In addition, while it is not explained, we assume that the “parameters” that the Mayor is referring to is derived from the NFPA Guidelines (NFPA 1710) which recommends 15 Firefighters within 8 minutes and the 1st Engine in 4 minutes. What is not explained, by the Mayor, is that this guideline is for a 2-story single-family home with no basement and no exposures. This residence did not meet that standard and would have required additional resources. As noted by a recent report commissioned by the city (FACETS).

“In a general sense, the housing stock in New Bedford is older and more dense than the typical Massachusetts town. The southern, central, and western sections of the city were developed many decades ago and these residential areas include many wooden frame and multi-unit residences.

These occupancies typically range from one-family structures to as many as twelve units in a single detached structure. Older construction (typically of “balloon frame”) carries additional concerns when combating a hostile fire within the structure. Balloon frame structures, built long ago, utilize long timbers for the external walls which permit fire to communicate freely and rapidly from each level of the home to adjacent, and even non-adjacent, levels. Many of these structures have combustible siding and are constructed with narrow passages between them, creating additional fire spread hazards. ... 90% of the area committed to residential housing is occupied by multi-family and/or high-density housing.”

For the type of housing stock typical in New Bedford, the NFPA recommends 20-25 firefighters within 8 minutes. It is clear from the Mayor’s public comments that he wants a Fire Department that has fewer fire stations as well as fewer firefighters on the apparatus in those stations.

The members of Local 841 ask that as the public debate takes place on what type of fire department the citizens of New Bedford want, that all of the facts are presented to the public honestly and in the proper context. The safety of the citizens of New Bedford, as well as the firefighters who are sworn to protect them, will depend on the outcome.”

Statement of New Bedford Fire Chief Paul Coderre regarding response to Coffin Avenue Fire

New Bedford Schools to be recipient's of the Massachusetts's first-ever Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program Awards

42,000 employees from 94 municipalities and public school districts will receive cybersecurity awareness training to better detect and avoid cyber threats.

Today, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood joined legislative, municipal and public school officials to announce \$250,000 in grants awarded to 94 municipalities and public school districts across the Commonwealth to provide critical cybersecurity awareness training for over 42,000 employees to better detect and avoid cyber threats. Lt. Governor Polito addressed the group of award recipients at Worcester City Hall to mark the

end of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

The number of employees for the school system in New Bedford that will receive training are 341 for Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical School and 3,300 for New Bedford Public Schools.

Employees in communities participating in the program will receive interactive online training in topics ranging from email security to USB device safety. Employees will also receive simulated phishing emails. Phishing is a growing threat in local government in which an attacker seeks to influence the employee to take an action that may be harmful to the organization, by masquerading as a trusted entity.

"Raising awareness of the challenges posed by cyber threats is an important strategy for the Commonwealth's communities to best train and equip its employees with the tools needed to defend against cyber threats," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are pleased to collaborate with our partners in local government to understand how we can better protect our communities."

"Cybersecurity is a critical issue for Massachusetts communities and schools who face cybersecurity threats but sometimes lack the resources to prepare for and combat them," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "These first-ever cybersecurity grant funds are a crucial tool to complement the over \$9 million in funding for municipal IT infrastructure projects through the Community Compact program in providing Massachusetts communities and schools the resources and tools they need to combat cyber threats."

The grant funding was included, in part in the Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget passed by the Legislature and matched by the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security to ensure as many communities and schools could participate in the cybersecurity training as possible.

In June 2017, Governor Baker filed legislation through the Article 87 government restructuring process under the Massachusetts Constitution to establish the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security as the cabinet-level lead information technology organization in the Executive Branch.

The Executive Office of Technology Services and Security began deployment of annualized cybersecurity awareness training for Executive Branch employees to better detect and mitigate cyber threats at the state level in 2018. The training will be enhanced year-over-year to account for evolving trends in cyber threats.

In April 2019, Governor Baker filed a \$1.1 billion bond bill that includes \$600 million in information technology (IT) infrastructure funding. \$140 million of the funds are dedicated to further enhance the cybersecurity of the Commonwealth's digital assets including the standing up of a new Security Operations Center.

"Cyberattacks are an emerging and increasing threat to communities across the Commonwealth and the nation," said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood. "By strengthening our communities' cybersecurity posture, we are preparing municipal and school employees to better detect and defend against cyber threats."

"Failure to proactively defend against cybersecurity threats in today's digital world puts both the city and its residents at risk," said Worcester City Manager Ed Augustus. "This is why training city staff to follow best practices and to be vigilant in the prevention of online attacks is so critical. We are grateful that the State is taking this issue seriously and we will continue to work together to keep our community safe."

"In the wake of growing concerns relative to data privacy, security and increased threats, we are taking action to

improve the Commonwealth's preparedness within the cyberspace," said Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury), who served as Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Cyber Security Readiness. "These efforts complement a national conversation and need for resources to support cybersecurity readiness. I commend the Administration for taking an active role in working to better prepare our schools and municipalities for these very real threats."

Troop 24 New Bedford recognizes Bishop Stang student Myles Forgue for attaining Eagle Scout

Myles Forgue, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 24 New Bedford at Saint Joseph Saint Therese Church, acquired the rank of Eagle Scout on August 7th, 2019, and will be recognized for earning Scouting's highest distinction on Sunday, November 10th.

He completed his Eagle Scout Service Project at Saint Joseph Saint Therese Parish in New Bedford. The objective of his project was to restore two sets of eroded stairways and beautify the property by cleaning an overgrown playground that previously was a part of the school property. Forgue and a team of local youth leaders successfully executed the project, thereby reinforcing care for elderly parishioners, and restoring a play-space for local children. When asked what inspired him to execute such a challenging service project, Forgue stated, "As a Scout, I feel called to be a student and

citizen of the world, always searching for small ways to show great love for the world around me.”



Myles Forgue and local youth cleaning up the playground.

Forgue is an 18 year old senior at Bishop Stang High School who serves as Student Council President. Forgue is also President of the Southeastern Massachusetts Association of Student Councils, which is a regional organization that hosts leadership training and service opportunities for student leaders across Massachusetts. Further, he is an AP scholar and an outstanding leader and citizen who has collaborated with Special Olympics International to promote inclusion.

Myles credits his journey in Scouting with helping him prepare and be ready for the next step in life: “In my perspective, Scout Spirit is the opportunity to grow through cheerful service. Scouting and the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) have equipped me with the wisdom and will to advocate for student leadership and change.” He intends to pursue a

career as a collegiate professor of English Literature and leadership trainer. According to Myles, "I carry my troop's Motto- LEARN FOR LIFE AND NOT FOR THE MINUTE- every day, and it is especially meaningful as I move on to the next tier of my educational journey."

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Scouting program. As stated by the Boy Scouts of America on their website, "Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout Rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. Twenty-one merit badges are required to attain Eagle in addition to the service project. Once attained, the title of "Eagle Scout" is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle."

Sobriety Checkpoint scheduled in Bristol County from Nov. 2 to Nov. 3

Colonel Kerry A. Gilpin, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, announced that a "Sobriety Checkpoint" will be implemented by the Massachusetts State Police on a Public Way in Bristol County at some point between Saturday, November 2, 2019 into Sunday, November 3, 2019.

The purpose is to further educate the motoring public and strengthen the public's awareness to the need of detecting and removing those motorists who operate under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs from our roadways. It will be operated during varied hours, the selection of vehicles will not be arbitrary, safety will be assured, and any inconveniences to motorists will be minimized with advance notice to reduce fear

and anxiety.