

Look WH000s back! Owl makes third visit to New England Wildlife Center after reinjuring himself

“This great horned owl was first admitted to the Cape Branch of the New England Wildlife Centers back in 2021 for a traumatic eye injury that required our veterinary team to have to remove the damaged eye.

Fortunately, adult owls can still be released with only one eye if they can pass all of our tests to show they are able to compensate. As nocturnal hunters, they do not rely on vision as much for prey location but rather their hearing.

After months of care, he was released back to the wild by the Wareham Department of Natural Resources. Now over a YEAR later he was found by the same natural resource officer, but this time for a severe wound to his leg, seizing, and wreaking of skunk.



New England Wildlife Center photo.

Great horned owls have a poor sense of smell and often prey on skunks, however, we think he might have gone after one that fought back. A direct hit of skunk spray to the face can result in temporary blindness, vomiting, and even seizures. While he is also being assessed for other infectious diseases, we believe based on how potent he smelled he got a significant amount of spray to his face. His leg wound was several days old and a large portion of the skin was infected and necrotic.

Once our vet removed all the infected tissue it was determined that there was not enough healthy skin left to close over the

muscle layer. Without proper skin coverage, the muscle layer will eventually dry out and die as well. We decided to perform a skin transplant to cover the exposed tissue. Healthy tissue was taken from over the owl's chest, which is an area that has excess skin.

After a small piece of skin was removed, the chest area was sutured closed and the skin graft was placed over the leg. The transplanted skin was sutured into place covering over all exposed muscle. The leg was then bandaged and we will perform bandage changes every few days to monitor how the skin is healing.

We are hopeful this procedure will give him a second chance, excuse me third, chance of life in the wild. The fact he was able to survive over a year with one eye does show he was compensating well so we are confident he will continue to thrive when his leg heals." -New England Wildlife Center.

New Bedford Health Department to host forum on health disparities in the region

The New Bedford Health Department and the Health Equity Compact (HEC) will be hosting the Color of Care – Southeastern MA Health Equity Forum to discuss solutions to health disparities in our region. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022, at the New Bedford Whaling Museum at 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA.

Event Details

- 4:00pm: Screening of Oprah Winfrey's documentary – Color of Care
- 5:30pm: Dinner and a special recognition of Dr. Patricia Andrade for her years of service with the New Bedford Board of Health and advocacy of health equity within the greater New Bedford community.
- 6:30pm: HEC presentation and regional listening session for the Health Care and Health Equity Bill, sponsored by the Health Equity Compact and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers

The documentary will be offered in English with Spanish subtitles and presentations and discussions will be provided in English and Spanish.

The event is free, open to all, and childcare will be available.

Please register by Tuesday, October 25th through the following QR code or by calling the health department at 508-991-6199."



Massachusetts waste and mattress bans, upcoming changes to New Bedford, Dartmouth

“As of November 1, 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection will no longer allow the disposal of the following materials in the trash:

1. Mattresses and box springs.
2. Textiles including clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, curtains, fabric, and similar products, except for textiles that are contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances.
3. Food material from entities generating more than one-half ton of food material per week (it currently applies to entities generating more than one ton of food material per week).

New Bedford Residents

Through December 31, 2022, residents may continue to dispose of mattresses and box springs as they would other bulky items. As of January 1, 2023, residents will be charged a disposal fee for mattresses and box springs. Residents will be notified well in advance of the amount of the fee and other pertinent information.

Below are some options for moving along clothing, shoes, and accessories:

- Drop off at a thrift store or clothing bin. Here's a map of some in our area: [Clothing & Shoes Drop-off Locations – Google My Maps](#). The map is also available on the City's website.
- Give away or consign items locally or online.

- Ripped or stained clothing, if it is dry and not smelly, can be bagged and placed in a clothing bin. These are turned into rags or insulation.

Dartmouth Residents

Below are some options for recycling a mattress or box spring:

- SMART customers can schedule a curbside collection appointment; \$35 for each mattress, \$10 for each box spring
 1. Call the Department of Public Works at (508) 999-0740, credit card payment accepted over the phone.
 2. Go to the Department of Public Works at 759 Russells Mills Rd, cash or check payment accepted, Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 3. If you only have a mattress, please call HandUp, a local mattress recycler, at (774) 271-8744 to arrange for pickup, \$35 for each mattress.
- Dartmouth residents can drop off a mattress or box spring at the Dartmouth Transfer Station, 976 Russells Mills Rd. Fee for mattress: \$25 each. Fee for box spring: \$14 each. Open Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Permit required to access the transfer station.
- If you are buying new, you can check with the retailer to see if they will recycle your old one.

Below are some options for moving along clothing, shoes, and accessories:

- Schedule a free curbside pickup online at <https://www.bbbsfoundation.org/schedule-a-pickup/> or call/text PICKUP to (508) 466-4590. This program benefits the Town of Dartmouth & Big Brother Big Sister Foundation.
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List of Banned Items

Below is the list of materials banned from disposal in landfills by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection:

- Cathode ray tubes – these are found in non-flat screen TVs and computer monitors
- Commercial food material (lower threshold effective November 1, 2022)
- Construction materials including asphalt pavement, brick, concrete, metal, wood, and clean gypsum wallboard
- Glass, metal, and plastic containers (bottles, cans, jars, jugs and tubs)
- Lead acid batteries
- Leaves, grass, and brush
- Mattresses and box springs (effective November 1, 2022)
- Recyclable paper, cardboard, and paperboard
- Textiles including clothing, footwear, bedding, towels, curtains, fabric, and similar products (effective November 1, 2022)
- White goods (large appliances)
- Whole tires (shredded tires acceptable)

RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts provides free technical assistance to help businesses reduce waste and comply with waste disposal bans. Contact the RecyclingWorks hotline to learn more by phone at (888)254-5525 or by email at info@recyclingworksma.com.

For more information, please visit gnbrmdistrict.org, call the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District at (508) 979-1493, or email Marissa@gnbrmdistrict.org.

Massachusetts State Police 87th Recruit Training Troop graduate

"The Association would like to congratulate our newest members from the 87th RTT on their graduation today.

Thank you to all the family, friends, colleagues, and elected officials who were in attendance at the ceremony.

Everyone at the Association is proud of the incoming class and excited to have them among our ranks while they continue the long-standing tradition of service to the Commonwealth." - State Police Association of Massachusetts.

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New Bedford has roadwork

sites for the upcoming week of October 24, 2022 – October 28, 2022

The City of New Bedford has roadwork sites for the upcoming week of October 24, 2022 – October 28, 2022, and they are as follows:

Eversource will be working on gas main relays on:

- Phillips Rd from Holly Tree Lane to Route 140

Other:

- Contractor (KR Rezendes, Inc.) will continue roadway and sidewalk work at MassDOT's Hathaway Triangle project located at the newly signalized intersection of Hathaway Rd x Nauset St.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will continue curb installation and sidewalk reconstruction along a portion of Phillips Rd from Holly Tree Ln to approximately 550' north of Birchwood Dr.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will continue sidewalk work on Pricilla Street and West Street in the vicinity of St. Luke's Hospital.
- Contractor will be working at the MassDOT project, Kings Highway.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on various streets, citywide, completing minor repairs and installations.
- Contractor (PA Landers) will be working on sidewalk reconstruction on Union St from Sixth St to County St.
- Contractor (PA Landers) tentatively scheduled to line paint the newly resurfaced roadways of Mt. Pleasant St, Rockdale Ave, Acushnet Ave, Nash Rd, E. Rodney French Blvd and Braley Rd.
- Contractor (SCR Constructors) will continue site work at the future South Coast Rail station platform locations in the city. (Church St at Carlisle St and Wamsutta St at Acushnet

Ave.) If you have questions, please email the project team at SouthCoastRail@dot.state.ma.us

Healey, Diehl Make Pitches, Points In Final Massachusetts Governor Debate

By Chris Lisinski
State House News Service

Democrat Maura Healey plans to fill in the “yes” bubble on a pair of ballot questions dealing with taxes and immigration, while Republican Geoff Diehl will select “no” on the two measures whose fates will be decided by voters on the same day they pick the first new governor in eight years.

The gubernatorial candidates met Thursday for their second and final debate ahead of the Nov. 8 election, sparring over how to blunt the sting of rising energy costs and prepare for a possible COVID-19 surge, and debating just how much power a governor has when Democrats in the Legislature have veto-proof majorities.

Both candidates said cutting taxes would be their first economic focus, and Healey made a point to again voice support for a package of Gov. Charlie Baker-proposed tax cuts the Legislature initially approved but never finalized. They took different stances on whether they might ever seek to undo cuts or impose new tax increases should Massachusetts face an economic crisis and a revenue shortfall.

“Right now we’re seeing a recession, we’re seeing home values

drop, we're seeing major manufacturers leaving our state (like) Raytheon," Diehl said. "My point is this: we need to make sure that we've got the money for the future, but I don't think the state is ever going to be in a position where we need to raise taxes over the time that I'll be in office as governor. So no, I don't anticipate ever raising taxes."

Healey declined to "commit to particular pledges" one way or the other on a possible future tax increase, saying she would want to wait to see how the circumstances unfold.

"The point right now is to make sure that surplus gets out the door, which long ago I called on the Legislature to do without further delay and I hope those checks are going out soon," Healey said, referencing the nearly \$3 billion in tax refunds that Gov. Baker is returning in accordance with a 1986 voter law.

Diehl responded by pointing to Healey's support for a proposed 4 percent surtax on household income above \$1 million, which will appear before voters as Question 1.

"She's already said she's going to raise taxes because she wants Question 1 to pass," Diehl said. "The state has enough money. They don't need to take any more of your money."

The Whitman Republican, who previously served as a state representative and was the GOP nominee for U.S. Senate in 2018, said later during the debate hosted by WCVB, WBUR, The Boston Globe and Univision that he plans to vote against the surtax, which supporters say will generate new funding for transportation and education. Healey said she will vote in favor of it.

"This is money that is necessary to support sustained, important revenue for infrastructure, transportation and education," she said.

Healey, who has served as attorney general since 2015, also

said she will vote yes on Question 4, which would maintain a new law allowing Massachusetts residents without legal immigration status in the U.S. to acquire standard driver's licenses.

"Keep the law. Seventeen other states have it for good reason," she said. "It's important for public safety."

Democrats in the Legislature enacted the measure over Baker's veto. Opponents, backed by the state Republican Party, quickly gathered enough voter signatures to put a repeal referendum on the ballot.

"I'm in favor of the repeal," Diehl said. "It's a Band-Aid to the real problem, which is immigration law. We need to make people citizens in our country and in our state sooner than what's happening right now."

Maintaining a practice that has been marbled throughout their head-to-head race, both Healey and Diehl spent much of the debate trying to tie one another to the two most recent U.S. presidents.

Healey went after Diehl's support for and from former President Donald Trump right away when moderator Ed Harding opened the evening by asking both candidates if they would accept the results of the election regardless of who wins, tying her Republican opponent to Trump's attempts to undermine the 2020 election.

"Absolutely, and look, this is a difference in this race, because my opponent is an election denier. He supports election deniers out there, including most recently last week, when he went on a right-wing radio station the morning after our debate and once again talked about the Big Lie, talked about the election being rigged, talked about Joe Biden not being the legitimate president," Healey said. "Those are the kinds of statements that incited the violence, the attack on the United States Capitol that resulted in injury and death to

police officers.”

Diehl generated headlines earlier in the race when his campaign declined to comment to The New York Times on whether he would accept the election’s results. A few days later, he clarified that he would accept the outcome if there were no signs of irregularities or voting issues and criticized the line of questioning.

During Thursday’s debate, he opened his answer on accepting the election results with the same word as Healey – “absolutely” – while defending the idea of questioning some of the process.

“Of course Joe Biden is our president. My 401(k) and a lot of people’s are becoming 201(k)s right now because of it. The fact of the matter is it’s okay to question elections,” Diehl said. “Hillary Clinton still, I don’t think, has accepted the 2016 election. Even our Senator (Ed) Markey says that we have a stolen Supreme Court because of a stolen election. So look, it’s okay to say that things like mail-in balloting in certain states may have been handled badly. I ultimately understand that Joe Biden was certified and became our president.”

National politics loomed over other major debate topics such as energy prices and abortion access.

Diehl again blamed Healey’s opposition as attorney general to natural gas pipeline expansions for rising costs of heating Bay State homes, and called her “one of the drivers of inflation” because she supported Biden.

“He’s the one who created a war on energy. We were energy independent. You have created your own war on energy in Massachusetts,” Diehl said. “That is the major driver that’s costing businesses more money, passing it on to consumers and making it so expensive to run a business, to employ people, and to try to be competitive with other businesses nearby and globally.”

During an answer about abortion access, Diehl described one section of a 2020 law known as the ROE Act as “infanticide.”

Healey seized on that language.

“The use of the term ‘infanticide’ is just a rip from the Trump playbook, an extreme playbook that does not honor or respect a woman who is faced with an incredibly difficult decision. I just find that really wrong,” she said. “I’m committed as governor to do everything I can to stand up and protect the rights of women to protect providers, because Massachusetts stands for and supports ensuring a woman’s access to abortion.”

Diehl said he agreed with the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade but recognizes state-level abortion protections as “the law of the land.” He also pivoted to discussing COVID-19 vaccine mandates when asked about health care professionals providing abortion access and pills to out-of-state residents.

“Protecting women is beyond just abortion. There are other issues. There’s issues like my running mate, Leah Allen, a nurse who was fired from her job because she didn’t want to get a vaccine because she was nursing a baby she had just had while she had been working on a COVID ward and did not think that the vaccine – she was worried about the effect on her child,” Diehl said. “We should be protecting those women’s choices as well.”

Responding to Diehl’s comments pledging to respect the state’s existing abortion laws, Healey said, “I just don’t believe that.”

“This is a race where my opponent celebrated when Roe was overturned. He celebrated it. He thinks it’s a good decision and a good idea. He wants to defund Planned Parenthood. He said he wants to jail doctors who provide abortion care,” Healey said. “And it stretches beyond that because there was a

time he didn't believe in contraception for any unmarried woman. This is not who we are, Massachusetts."

But how much does the governor's opinion on abortion matter when Democrats in the Legislature have the numbers to muscle through any bill they want, so long as they can get their full caucus on board? That, too, was a point of contention.

"I don't think you seem to understand the difference between governor and Legislature," Diehl said. "The governor enacts the laws or executes the laws that the Legislature passes. As governor, I don't make the decision on the ROE Act. The Legislature is a Democrat-controlled House and Senate. My estimation is that will be the case for a number of years. There is no way I'm changing that law, so to scare people – I know it's Halloween. Stop scaring people about abortion."

"It's just not true. The governor absolutely has a lot to do in this space," Healey said a few moments later. "You think about a governor's administration, what they're going to do with MassHealth, what they're going to do with health care, what they're going to do across a range of agencies that directly intersect on this issue – it's just not the case that it doesn't matter who the governor is."

New Bedford Police Department seeks public's help locating missing man with dementia

*****MISSING PERSON WITH DEMENTIA*****

Please share and familiarize yourselves with the attached

photos.

This is Francisco. He was last seen at his home which is in the area of Grinnell St. and County St., last night during the early morning hours.

This male has dementia, is of diminished capacity, and may speak incoherently. He may be in the area of Buttonwood Park. He may be carrying bags or have a shopping cart with him. He has dementia and his mental capacity is diminished. He is possibly wearing a grey Columbia jacket, black shoes, and a patriots winter cap.

If you see this male, please call us immediately at 508-991-6350.” -City of New Bedford Police Department.

Massachusetts man who stole from child who has down syndrome, battling cancer, sentenced

A 36-year-old Massachusetts man who broke into a vehicle in Somerset earlier this year and stole from the family of a local boy known as “Superhero Alex” was convicted by a District Court Judge and sentenced to jail, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Garrett Turner, of Kingston, was convicted of Breaking and Entering into a Vehicle and Larceny Over \$1,2000 after a bench trial in Fall River District Court on Monday before Judge Kevin J. Finnerty. The judge sentenced the defendant to two

years in the house of corrections with one year to serve and the balance of the jail term suspended for two years.



Facebook photo.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Nicole Piacentini and Danielle Madden. The trial lasted three days and 17 witnesses were called to testify.

On January 28th Somerset Police respond to a report of a motor vehicle breaking and entering. Somerset Police met with the victims, who is well known in the Somerset community as the parents of a son with down syndrome and cancer, whom the community has nicknamed 'Superhero Alex,' for the strength he's shown during his battle with cancer.

The victim's Honda Pilot was broken into overnight and her wallet containing her driver's license, debit card, credit cards, \$200 cash, gift cards in various amounts (\$500-\$700 worth) for Walmart, Target, Chick-Fil-A and Wendy's, were stolen. Just before 7:15 a.m., the victim was notified by her bank that a transaction for \$211.90 was attempted at CVS. When reviewing CVS video surveillance, the male suspect attempted a \$200 transaction at 3:50 a.m. for \$200 in gift cards. That same male suspect was seen on ATM surveillance at Bank Five at 5:37 a.m. making a withdrawal for \$243.50.

The victim's Department of Revenue card for child support was also used for \$300 in Venmo transactions. Somerset Police later determined that the Turner's Venmo account was used for the \$300 transaction. Turner was subsequently arrested by Fall River Police for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. A search warrant was obtained for the vehicle and multiple items connected to the larceny were located.

"I'm pleased the court convicted the defendant of breaking into the victim's car and stealing property. It is very sad that this criminal conduct impacted a family which was dealing with a very ill child," District Attorney Quinn said. "This defendant has a history of similar behavior. I'm happy the sentence will be served in addition the sentence he is already serving. I want to thank the prosecutors and investigators for their efforts in putting this case together, which resulted in a conviction."

The defendant is currently serving a six-month jail sentence for a larceny case out of Plymouth County.

Boston Police request public's help IDing man who allegedly stabbed 91-year old woman

"At about 8:30 PM on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, Officers from Area B-2 responded to 25 Playstead Park in Jamaica Plain on a report of an unconscious person. On arrival, officers located a 91-year-old female victim who had been stabbed multiple times.

The victim was in the area walking her dog when she was attacked by an unknown suspect. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Further investigation by detectives has led to the recovery of additional surveillance video, and Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the above-pictured individual. It is also believed that the unknown suspect sustained injuries during the attack and these injuries may have required medical treatment.

Community members wishing to assist in this investigation 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.



Boston Police Department photo.

New Bedford Police Department announces grand reveal for completed mural project

“The ‘Friends of Cape Verdean Culture Committee,’ of which Lt. Scott Carola is a member, is proud to reveal the end result of its “Band club” mural project this Friday, October 21st, at 3

pm, at 185 Acushnet Ave.

Last year, the committee was formed with the intent of identifying local artists to create a mural on the side of the historic "Cape Verdean Ultra Marine Band Club". Opened in 1917, the club has been a hub of music and culture for over a century. It is the oldest Cape Verdean club in the country.

Through generous grants and donations, the committee was able to secure the talents of local artists Eden Soares and Adrian Tio who completed the mural over the summer. The work depicts the migration of the Cape Verdean people from the islands to American shores, their contributions to our community, and their rich culture.

The committee invites the public to this formal unveiling as they introduce the artists and are joined by local community leaders for this historic event." -New Bedford Police Department.