

Massachusetts Sheriff Hodgson rallies Sheriffs across country to increase communication between DHS, law enforcement

“Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson rallied about 130 Sheriffs from across the country in an effort to increase communication between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and local law enforcement in communities from coast to coast.

In a recently sent letter to U.S. Sens. Ron Johnson, Rob Portman and Rick Scott, America’s Sheriffs urged them to introduce and pass federal legislation that would require DHS to notify local law enforcement if it will be placing illegal immigrants in their communities.

With the Biden Administration set to eliminate Title 42, experts have estimated hundreds of thousands of migrants will be crossing the border into the United States in the coming months.

“My home, my family and my heart are in Bristol County, Massachusetts, and I swore an oath to do everything I can to keep the people of Bristol County safe,” Sheriff Hodgson said. “As part of this oath, I joined about 130 of my fellow Sheriffs in urging increased communication on illegal immigrants being bused, flown and placed in neighborhoods across the country.

“Bristol County residents Christopher Mills and Sabrina DaSilva lost their lives at the hands of illegal immigrants. North of Bristol County in Milford, Mass., Matthew Denice lost his life when he was dragged to his death by a drunk illegal

immigrant behind the wheel,” Sheriff Hodgson continued. “I fully believe that not every illegal immigrant in our communities has criminal intentions, but to reduce the risk of harm, this is the responsible thing and the right thing to do to give Bristol County residents the maximum opportunities to be safe.”

Sheriff Hodgson was invited to a roundtable discussion before these members of Congress last year on the topic of illegal immigration, and this letter served as a follow up to that discussion, which was carried on C-SPAN.” -Bristol County Sheriff’s Office.

PUPDATE: Massachusetts coyote puppy mistaken for a dog introduced to foster sibling

“We know you have been waiting for a pup-date on the young Eastern Coyote we have been caring for. Well, we have some exciting news: he was finally introduced to his foster sibling and they are getting along swimmingly!

She is a young female pup who was transferred to our hospital from the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island. She is about two weeks younger and a bit smaller so we have been waiting until she caught up in size to formally introduce the two.

It was a little slow at first, but once they felt each other out they quickly began to bond. Before long they were wrestling and playing with each other, which is a crucial to their normal development. Due to the size discrepancy we are

not leaving them together full time yet, but they will spend a couple hours a day together so that they continue to bond. Once the female is a little larger they will move into a larger cage together where we will provide natural climbing items, enrichment activities, and regular health checks.

Our primary goal is to raise the pair as naturally as possible. When it comes time for release it is critical that they have the skills they need to survive and have a healthy fear of humans. Having a sibling to model behavior from goes a long way towards maintaining their wild instincts and we are so grateful that these two bonded so quickly.

As rewarding as this process is, it takes A LOT of resources to do it right. Each of these pups will require hundreds of hours of care and cleaning, about 300 lbs of specialty food, regular veterinary checks, and all of the preventative medications and vaccines that it takes to get them prepared to start their lives in the wild. Will you consider making a donation today to help us get them home? Follow the link here to donate.

Thank you for your support and join us in wishing these two good luck! If you have questions about peacefully existing with co-coyotes or about an animal in need please call our desk we will be happy to assist.

#easterncoyote #pupdate #fostersiblings #wildlifevetcare #naturelovers #makingprogress #goodnewsmonday." -Cape Wildlife Center.

Newborn puppies abandoned in Massachusetts, left in box on side of the road

"On Friday night, May 13, 2022, between 8:00pm-9:00pm, six newborn puppies were left in a box on the side of Cedar Street in Holliston, Massachusetts.

These puppies are now being cared for by animal control. The Holliston Police Department is seeking information related to these puppies, which are estimated to be less than one week old.

Any tips to assist in locating the person(s) responsible for abandoning these puppies will be greatly appreciated. **Tips can be kept confidential.** Contact the Holliston Police Department directly at 508-429-1212 or email Detective Ciara Maguire at maguire@hollistonpolice.com or contact the MSPCA at lawenforcement@mspca.org.

Abandoning animals is illegal in Massachusetts. If you cannot care for a pet, contact any local shelter or the MSPCA.

**** Be advised that these puppies are NOT available for adoption at this time and we cannot respond to inquiries. ****

Holliston Police Department.



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New Bedford nonprofit receives \$25,000 from Boston's Latino Equity Fund

Eight local nonprofits to receive COVID-19 recovery funds to promote economic development, health equity and wellbeing in Latino communities.

The Latino Equity Fund (LEF) today announced \$200,000 in grants to eight Latino-focused organizations as part of the LEF's COVID-19 Response Fund partnership with The Boston Foundation. The funds will be distributed to the grantee partners as they continue to provide enhanced services to help Latino communities recover from the strains caused by COVID-19 and the longer-term economic challenges the pandemic unleashed.

The grant announcement comes as the new report, *iAvancemos Ya!: Persistent Economic Challenges and Opportunities Facing Latinos in Massachusetts* was published by The Latino Equity Fund in partnership with Boston Indicators and the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy at UMass Boston.

The report seeks to highlight opportunities to improve economic conditions among Massachusetts' Latino communities. The report traces the historical and demographic roots of the state's unique Latino communities, and outlines six trends that have shaped the current situation for the state's Latinos and that can serve as pathways for future opportunities.

The pandemic exacerbated long-standing challenges facing Latinos. Today, for example, a quarter or more of the 800,000 Latinos in Massachusetts struggle with food insecurity, and data show Massachusetts Latinos have low rates of intergenerational economic mobility. Yet the report also sheds light on how the economic rebound from the 2020 recession provides opportunities to improve socioeconomic conditions.

"LEF's mobilization of funds is a true testament to our commitment to action in response to data and advancing recovery for many of our community leaders still balancing the effects of COVID on their operations," said Evelyn Barahona, Director of Latino Equity Fund. "We selected organizations whose leadership and position in the community is mission critical to promoting economic prosperity, health equity and wellbeing for Latinos in Massachusetts."

Eight nonprofits will each receive \$25,000 to aid in the continued development of resources for accelerating and promoting sustainable pathways for recovery. The funds support organizations working in areas such as job training, economic and income supports for businesses and families, affordable housing and homebuying programs, increased access to early education and care to allow caregivers greater ability to

work, and support for entrepreneurs and others targeting areas of opportunity in the Gateway Cities.

The organizations include:

1. Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy (Boston)
2. Maverick Landing Community Services (MLCS) (East Boston)
3. Mujeres Unidas Avanzando (MUA) (Dorchester)
4. La Alianza Hispana, Inc. (Boston)
5. Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores (New Bedford)
6. Latinx Health Collaborative (Boston/Regional)
7. The Latino Health Insurance Program, Inc. (Framingham)
8. Sociedad Latina (Roxbury)

“These grants address a number of the issue areas highlighted in ¡Avancemos Ya!, as part of the LEF’s larger strategy to work with our nonprofit partners to provide greater equity for Latinos,” said Juan Fernando Lopera, Co-Chair of the Latino Equity Fund. “At a time when Massachusetts faces an outstanding need for workers, empowering our talented, entrepreneurial and fast-growing Latino communities to fill that need is a crucial step that provides benefits for everyone in the state.”

“LEF is committed to deepening our community investments to provide culturally sensitive and timely grantmaking,” said Aixa Beauchamp, Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Latino Equity Fund. “Through responsive and innovative initiatives, we can create a community and philanthropic network for diverse donors to connect and learn. We will continue to aid Latino and BIPOC communities through this public health and economic crisis to see a brighter future.”

Two defendants arrested, charged with shooting 36-year old New Bedford man to death

Two men have been apprehended in connection with the April 29th homicide of 36-year-old Luis Miranda in New Bedford, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Jonathan Medina Perez, 41, was arrested early this morning at his home on Pleasant Street in Fall River. He is charged with Murder and Two Counts of Armed Assault with Intent to Murder.

Jonathan Goncalves, 33, of New Bedford was arrested on Saturday at his family's home on Washington Street in New Bedford, and charged with Accessory to Murder-Before the Fact and Accessory to Murder-After the Fact.

The arrests came as a result of an extensive investigation by Prosecutors from District Attorney Quinn's office, State Police Detectives assigned to District Attorney Quinn's office and New Bedford Police detectives.

Both defendants will be arraigned this morning in New Bedford District Court. The arraignments will be handled by Assistant District Attorney Shawn Guilderson, who coordinated the investigation into the homicide.

At 1:01 am on April 29, ShotSpotter alerted New Bedford Police to shots being fired in the area of 193 Weld Street. When first responders arrived on scene, they located a male gunshot victim as the lone occupant of a Chrysler Sebring. The victim, later identified as Miranda, was determined deceased on scene by New Bedford paramedics.

More information on the details of the investigation will be

revealed during both defendants' arraignments today.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife: "How to plant a bumblebee-friendly garden"

The loss of bumblebees and other native pollinators can have devastating consequences on the biodiversity of Massachusetts. Learn how to plant your garden to help pollinators.

Spring is here, and that means many people are starting to plan and plant gardens and flowerbeds around their homes. Many native bumblebee species are in decline and can benefit from thoughtful gardening choices. Before you start planting, review the tips below to ensure your yard is a welcoming place for native bumblebees and other pollinators.

The decline of bumblebees

The number of bumblebee species in Massachusetts has dropped from 11 to 7, with 3 of the 7 (*B. fervidus*, *B. terricola* and *B. vagans*) in danger of disappearing from the state in the next decade if current trends continue. These losses can have devastating consequences for native biodiversity with cascading impacts across the ecosystem. The diversity of bumblebees impacts the diversity of native plants. In turn, these native plants provide food and homes to an array of insects and animals.

Multiple threats are contributing to the decline of bumblebees. Some threats, like introduced parasites, are very

difficult to combat directly. Luckily, the effects of these threats may be offset by measures such as providing more habitat by planting a bumblebee-friendly garden.

Planting tips

- Avoid pesticide use, particularly those containing neonicotinoids.
- Avoid cultivars of native plants which don't produce floral nectar. In most plants, you can check for nectar by removing the flower from the base and squeezing it—a bubble of clear liquid means it has nectar. For species with a nectar spur, you can check for nectar by placing a light source behind the flower.
- Avoid exotic plants—they can have dramatic negative effects on bumblebee-native plant relationships and can contribute to bumblebee decline.
- Design plantings to ensure nectar and pollen are available for bumblebees throughout the entire growing season.
- Create nesting and overwintering sites. A dry, protected cavity containing straw, small clumps of moss, and/or dried grass located on or below the ground is ideal.
- Diversity matters! Bee abundance is not the same as bee diversity. Observe visiting bumblebees and notice if there are different species of bees.

Recommended native plants* for bumblebees

All bumblebees need adequate sources of floral nectar and pollen throughout their life cycle to keep populations humming. A truly bumblebee-friendly garden needs a variety of native plants that flower throughout the growing season.

- Aster (*Eurybia macrophylla*, *Symphotrichum laeve*, *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)
- Bee balm (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Blue flag iris (*Iris versicolor*)
- Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- Carolina rose (*Rosa carolina*)

- Common buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis)
- Dogbane (Apocynum androsaemifolium, Apocynum cannabinum)
- Goldenrod (Solidago flexicaulis, Solidago odora, Solidago rugosa)
- Joe-pye weed (Eutrochium maculatum)
- Meadowsweet (Spiraea alba, Spiraea tomentosa)
- Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata, Asclepias syriaca, Asclepias tuberosa)
- Old field toadflax (Nuttallanthus canadensis)
- Spiked lobelia (Lobelia spicata)
- St. John's Wort (Hypericum canadense, Hypericum punctatum)
- Spotted touch-me-not (Impatiens capensis)
- Swamp thistle (Cirsium muticum)
- Pasture thistle (Cirsium pumilum)
- Turtlehead (Chelone glabra)
- Virginia rose (Rosa virginiana)
- Wild yellow indigo (Baptisia tinctoria)
- Wild raspberry (Rubus occidentalis)

** Please note: Common plant names are provided in this list for easy reference, but always double check the species you purchase is native! Use the GoBotany tool to look up if a species is native.*

More ways to help bumblebees

Share what you're seeing in your garden and help scientists learn about the food source and habitat requirements of different species of bumblebee. The "Bee-cology" Project is a citizen science initiative that is crowdsourcing information about Massachusetts bumblebees. Learn more about the project and how to submit your observations.

OPINION: “Sheriff Hodgson’s commitment to New Bedford’s Ash Street Jail is why he gets my vote”

The following is an opinion sent to New Bedford Guide. It does not reflect the opinion of New Bedford Guide, nor is it an OP-ED. In fairness and objectivity, we share opinions from our readers whether we agree or disagree with their opinion.

“To the Editor:

It being an election year, it’s no surprise that a big issue I’ve seen in the media with regard to the Sheriff’s race is the Ash Street Jail and Regional Lock-Up in New Bedford.

The jail opened in 1888. It’s more than a century old. It used to house pirates, infamous ax murderer Lizzie Borden and all manor of troublemakers in the old whaling days of New Bedford and Bristol County. The last public hanging in Massachusetts took place right there in the visiting area, or at least that’s how the urban legend goes.

I’ve read and heard the calls from Sheriff Hodgson’s political opponents to close the jail. It’s too old, they say. It’s too expensive, they say. It has a laundry list of problems, they say.

They’re wrong. You know how I know they’re wrong? I ran the place for several years.

In 2014, I was given and accepted the opportunity to lead the team at the Ash Street facility as Assistant Deputy

Superintendent of Security. Over the next five years, I witnessed the work and compassion shown by each and every staff member there. The Ash Street team took and continues to take enormous pride in the facility and its stellar reputation in law enforcement circles.

The facility is clean, quiet and safe. It passes annual inspections/audits from several different organizations, from the state Department of Corrections to the city Fire Department and Health Department. These successes are squarely the reflection of the hard work and dedication of the staff.

Every day while at Ash Street, I saw inmates in classes and programs, taking advantage of the educational, substance abuse and other opportunities offered by the Sheriff's Office to help them get back on the road to success. Every day I saw it.

Aside from the jail, law enforcement agencies from across the county use the regional lock-up to house their arrestees so they don't have to hold them at the police stations. If someone is arrested in Dartmouth, Rehoboth, Berkley or any other community in Bristol County, they can be brought to Ash Street before their court appearance, which frees up police resources in the communities which would otherwise be tasked with watching an arrestee.

The BCSO Civil Process division is also based at Ash Street, and provides a valuable and necessary service to the community.

The Ash Street Jail is not the dilapidated money pit that political activists and candidates say it is. It is a vital county asset, manned by capable, diligent and outstanding officers.

I take great pride in the facility, and Sheriff Hodgson's commitment to this facility and the corrections professionals who work there are just another reason why he has my vote in November.

Have a story, opinion, or talent you want to share? Email us at info@newbedfordguide.com.

Joseph Oliver III
Dartmouth.”

Massachusetts State Police Air Wing, an eye in the sky for local fire departments during recent wildfires

“Over the last couple of weeks the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing has assisted Fire Departments throughout the state with multiple large wildfires.

Using both their aircrafts’ fire mapping technology, as well as their FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) cameras, MSP flight crews have been able to identify the size and shape of the fires and the areas of greatest concern. The Air Wing can provide fireground incident commanders with real-time video and still images of the scene, allowing firefighting assets to be placed where they are needed most.

This video was taken by an MSP Air Wing crew during a support mission over a May 1 wildfire at the Blue Hills State Reservation in Milton. The crew in Air 3, responding from the unit’s Plymouth Airbase, was in communication with both the Quincy and Milton Fire Departments. The fireground command post in the Blue Hills was monitoring live video downlinked

from the helicopter to assist commanders in making tactical fire suppression decisions.

#policeaviation

#wildfireseason

#firefighting” -Massachusetts State Police.

Massachusetts State Police Dive Team assist DCR with unfouling mooring lines

“The Massachusetts State Police Marine Unit and Dive Team provided assistance to the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) with a deep dive in the Quabbin Reservoir to 140.’

Members unfouled mooring lines for a weather station. Additionally, Troopers assigned to SP Belchertown provided 24/7 security for the Quabbin which provides Boston with its water supply.” -State Police Association of Massachusetts.



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Massachusetts Police K9 “Kitt” who died in line of duty, honored with fallen officers in memorial service

Braintree Police Department K9 Kitt was honored during the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC., an event that was live-streamed by the National Police Dog Foundation. The second week of May is a week to honor the fallen brothers and sisters of police departments around the nation from 2021 and in years past.

National Police Week offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty. National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees.

Braintree Officers, on their own time and dime, went down to Washington D.C. to honor fallen officers, K9 Kitt, Lt. Principe, and Sgt. Decross.

On June 4th, 2021, K9 Kitt, a 12-year veteran of the department, and three other Braintree Police officers responded to a domestic incident. While police were chasing the suspect, he hid in nearby woods. Police believe that the suspect intentionally hid so as to be able to ambush the officers and the K9.

As the suspect open fired on the officers, K9 Kitt absorbed the first rounds, but two other officers, Kitt's handler Braintree Police Officer Bill Cushing, and Officer Matthew Donoghue were also shot and wounded. Unfortunately, K9 Kitt died on scene, having given his life protecting the other Braintree officers allowing them to recover from their injuries and go home to their families. The two officers were both taken to local hospitals and are undergoing surgery.

All photos by the Braintree Police Department:

