

New Bedford Beach seasonal parking passes now available!

The City has announced that seasonal parking passes for East Beach, West Beach, and Fort Taber Park are now available for purchase.

Residents of New Bedford can purchase passes for \$15, while those 65 and over can obtain them for just \$5. Greater New Bedford residents, including those from Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Freetown, and Assonet, can purchase passes for \$30. For all others, the price is \$60.

Passes can be purchased at several locations, including the Parks, Recreation and Beaches office at 181 Hillman St. Building 3, the Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Traffic Commission office at the Elm Street Parking Garage, and the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center at 181 Hillman St. Building 8 during open gym and recreation time.

City or area residents must bring their vehicle registration.

Advance purchases must be made with cash only at the above locations, while on-site purchases at the beaches starting in May can be made with credit cards only. Hourly and daily parking options are also available during the summer at Fort Taber and East Beach.

East Beach, West Beach, and Fort Taber, located in the South End of New Bedford, are popular spots for picnicking, swimming, sports, and games during the summer. Lifeguards will be on duty from May 25 to September 2.

For more information about parking passes or the beaches, contact the Parks, Recreation and Beaches office at 508-961-3015.

Massachusetts State Police robot dog “Roscoe” takes bullets in Barnstable for his humans

“At noon on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad Troopers John Ragosa, Michael Rockett, and Stephan McKay responded to a residence at 24 St. Francis Circle in Barnstable to assist a SWAT Team comprised of local Cape Cod police officers with a situation involving an armed barricaded subject.

Upon their arrival the Troopers learned that the subject had fired upon officers with a rifle and barricaded himself inside the residence. The Troopers deployed two PacBot 510 tracked robots and a SPOT four-legged robot, commonly referred to as a robot dog, to assist in locating the subject inside the residence. Deployment of the remote-controlled robotic platforms allowed the team to safely gather crucial intelligence and provide situational awareness of the suspect and the home’s interior.



Massachusetts State Police photo.

The Troopers conducted interior and exterior robotic operations to systematically check the house. Trooper Ragosa first deployed the SPOT robot – one of two operated by the unit – through the two top floors of the residence and cleared them. Trooper Ragosa then deployed the SPOT –nicknamed “Roscoe” – into the home’s basement. Controlling SPOT remotely, he first cleared a closet in the basement and then was about to open another door when the male suspect suddenly appeared from a bedroom armed with a rifle.

The suspect attempted to knock Roscoe over and was eventually successful in doing so. After Roscoe was knocked down, the suspect, still carrying the rifle, began to ascend the stairs leading out of the bedroom. Unbeknownst to the suspect, SPOT robots have a self-righting function, and Trooper Ragosa was able to return Roscoe to his feet. Trooper Ragosa then began to walk Roscoe up the stairs behind the ascending suspect. When the suspect realized, with apparent surprise, that Roscoe was behind him on the stairs, he again knocked the robot over and then raised his rifle in the Roscoe’s direction. The robot suddenly lost communications.

The Troopers would later discover that that Roscoe had been shot three times by the suspect and had been rendered inoperable.

After shooting Roscoe, the suspect shot at one of the PacBot robots that was outside a sliding door, missing it and striking an above-ground pool in the backyard. SWAT operators subsequently introduced tear gas into the house; a short time later the suspect surrendered without further incident. He was taken into custody by Barnstable Police.



Massachusetts State Police photo.

At the request of Barnstable Police, Roscoe was left in place inside the basement until the State Police Crime Scene Services Section and Firearms Identification Unit documented the scene.

The incident provided a stark example of the benefits of mobile platforms capable of opening doors and ascending stairs in tactical missions involving armed suspects. In addition to providing critically important room clearance and situational awareness capabilities, the insertion of Roscoe into the suspect residence prevented the need, at that stage of

response, from inserting human operators, and may have prevented a police officer from being involved in an exchange of gunfire.

The following day, Trooper Ragosa brought Roscoe to manufacturer Boston Dynamics to have the company assist in removing the projectiles and to conduct a damage assessment. The company has expressed an interest in keeping Roscoe for research, and the process of replacing him with a new SPOT platform is underway.

Roscoe was one of two SPOT robots operated by the MSP Bomb Squad, which is assigned to the state Department of Fire Services. The Massachusetts State Police and the Department of Fire Services are committed to the use of advanced technology such as mobile robotic platforms to resolve hostile situations while reducing the threat to human life.”-Massachusetts State Police.



Massachusetts State Police photo.

S&P cites New Bedford's 'very strong management' in affirming City's Bond Rating

"NEW BEDFORD – A leading credit rating agency has affirmed the City's credit rating, pointing to New Bedford's effective leadership and strong economic prospects.

Standard & Poor's recently awarded New Bedford a AA+/Stable long term enhanced rating and affirmed its AA-/Stable underlying rating, giving the City high marks for financial health and management. Among the key metrics the City scored high on were: Very Strong management, Very Strong liquidity, Strong economy, and Strong institutional framework. S&P uses 10 grade levels in its evaluations, from General Default to Strong, Very Strong and Extremely Strong.

"The ratings reflect our view of New Bedford's very strong management with strong financial-management policies and practices – including its quarterly review of budget-to-actual reports; detailed five-year capital plan that it updates annually, including planned funding sources; (and) investment-management policy that adheres to commonwealth statutes," the 2024 S&P Global Ratings report states.

"New Bedford's economic profile has benefitted from the city's diversification away from its traditional dependence on port activities, as well as from the city's relative affordability and investments to support offshore wind development," the report also stated.

"These high marks are a testament to the professionalism and commitment of our finance and economic development teams,"

Mayor Jon Mitchell said. “Our disciplined management of the City budget and our efforts to expand and diversify the regional economy are producing tangible outcomes – notably lower interest rates that mean savings for taxpayers.”

The high credit ratings helped the City solicit several competitive bids and sell \$23.5 million worth of bonds and notes earlier this month. Proceeds will fund various capital projects.”-City of New Bedford.

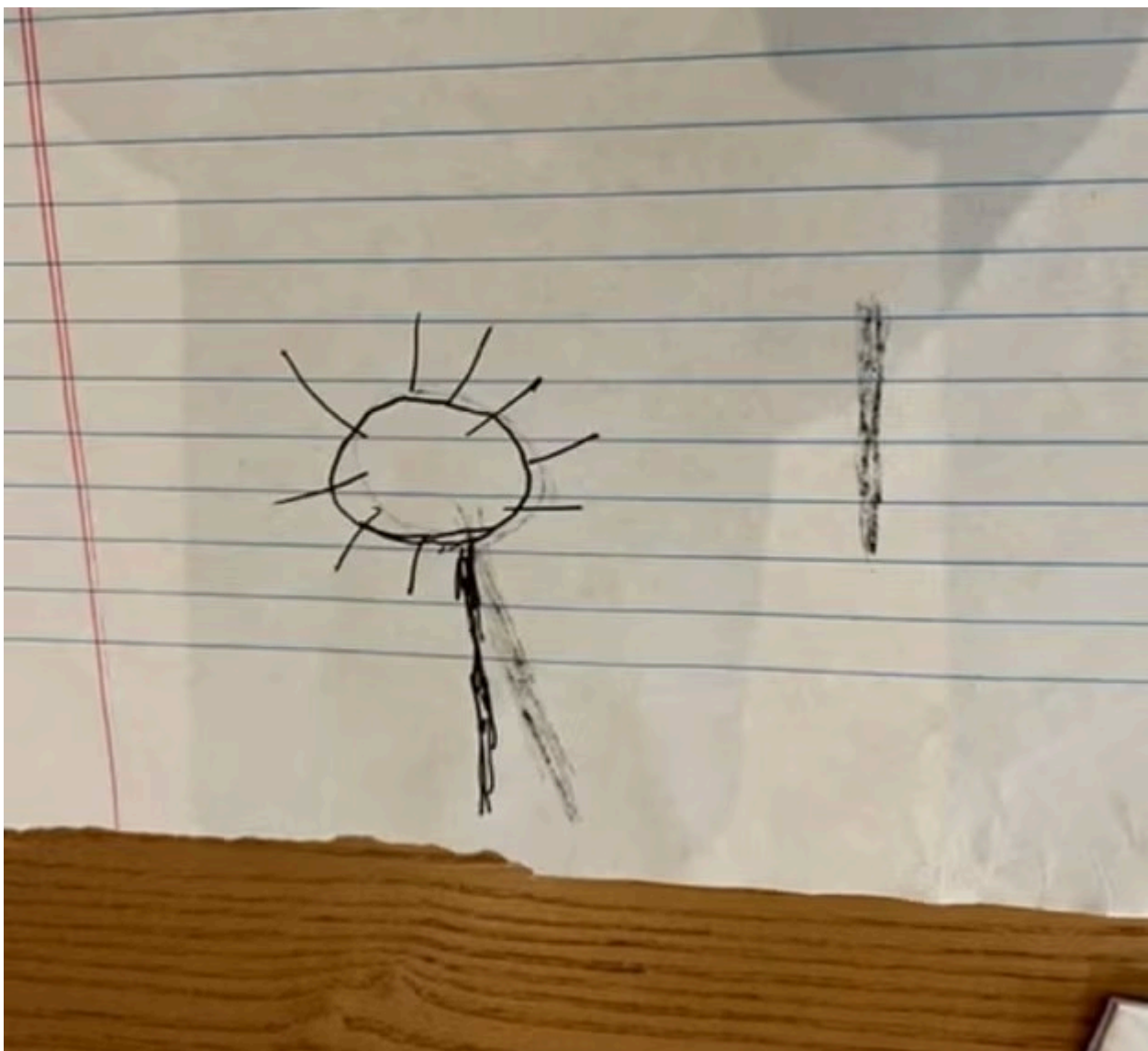
Boston jury indicts Ohio man for alleged participation in Rwanda Genocide that killed 800,000

Defendant allegedly participated in killing of Tutsi men, women and children.

“BOSTON – An Ohio man was indicted today by a federal grand jury in Boston for a nearly three-decade scheme to conceal his alleged involvement in the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which left more than 800,000 people dead. The defendant was also charged with obstruction of justice and perjury for allegedly offering false testimony in the 2019 Boston trial of convicted Rwandan genocide perpetrator Jean Leonard Teganya.

It is alleged that the defendant participated in the killing of Tutsi men, women and children by striking them on the head with a nail-studded club and then hacking them to death with a machete.

Eric Tabaro Nshimiye, a/k/a Eric Tabaro Nshimiyimana, 52, of Uniontown, Ohio, was indicted on four counts of perjury; one count of obstruction of justice; and one count of engaging in a scheme to conceal material information from federal authorities. Nshimiye was previously arrested and charged by criminal complaint on March 21, 2024. Following an initial appearance in federal court in the Northern District of Ohio, Nshimiye was detained pending a detention hearing scheduled for March 31, 2024. He will appear in federal court in Boston at a later date.



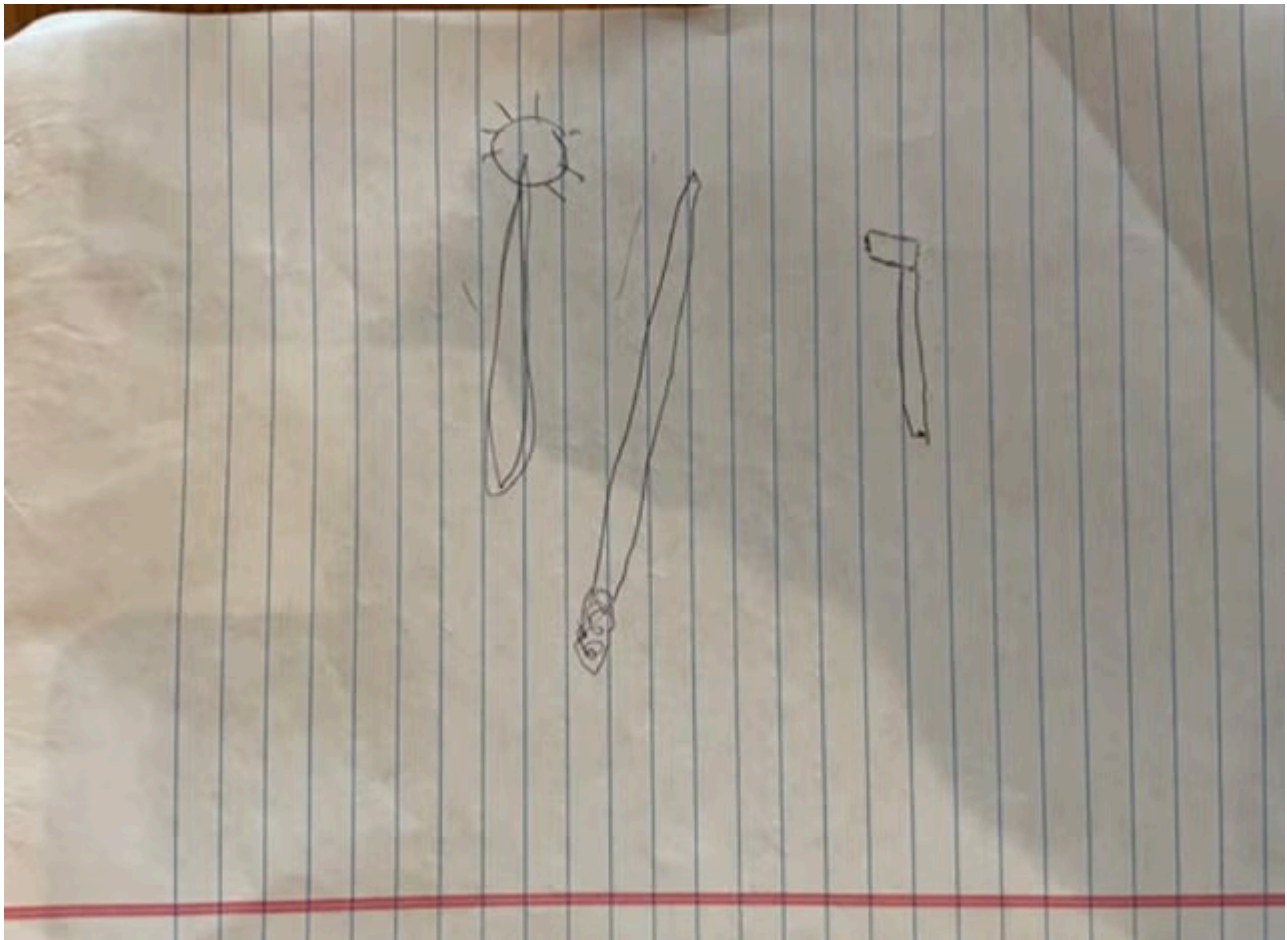
A second witness drawing depicts the type of weapon Nshimiye allegedly used to kill, with victims including a 14-year-old boy the Ohio engineer had also helped murder (Department of Homeland Security)

According to the charging documents, Nshimiye was a medical student at the University of Rwanda campus in Butare, Rwanda in the early 1990s. At that time, the country had significant ethnic division: about 85% of its population were Hutus, and about 14% were Tutsis. Both Nshimiye and Teganya were well-known student members of the MRND political party, the ruling Hutu-dominated party that incited the genocide, and the Interahamwe, the notoriously violent youth wing of that movement. According to court documents, in the spring of 1994, after the Hutu president's plane was shot down over Kigali, the country spiraled into one of the worst ethnic genocides in modern history. Members of the Hutu majority murdered approximately 800,000 Tutsis, including women and children, in a 100-day frenzy.

It is alleged that Nshimiye participated in the killing of Tutsi men, women and children by striking them on the head with a nail-studded club and then hacking them to death with a machete. The charging documents allege specific instances of Nshimiye's criminal conduct, including his murders of a 14-year-old boy and of a man who sewed doctor's coats at the university hospital. Witnesses in Rwanda recently identified the locations of the killings and drew pictures of Nshimiye's weapons. It is further alleged that Nshimiye both participated in and aided and abetted the rape of numerous Tutsi women during the genocide.

According to the charging documents, Nshimiye fled Rwanda in the summer of 1994, after an attacking Tutsi rebel group drove genocidaires into the Democratic Republic of Congo. Nshimiye made his way to Kenya where, in 1995, he allegedly lied to U.S. immigration officials to gain admission to the United States as a refugee. Nshimiye emigrated to Ohio and, in subsequent years, allegedly continued to provide false information about his involvement in the Rwandan genocide to obtain lawful permanent residence and ultimately U.S. citizenship. By allegedly concealing his crimes, Nshimiye has

lived and worked in Ohio since 1995.



Witness drawing depicts the type of weapon Nshimiye allegedly used to kill, with victims including a 14-year-old boy the Ohio engineer had also helped murder. Department of Homeland Security photo.

In 2017, the United States charged Teganya with fraudulently seeking asylum in the United States by similarly concealing his membership in the MRND and his involvement in the genocide. When called to testify at trial on Teganya's behalf in 2019, Nshimiye said that neither he nor Teganya participated in the genocide. Teganya was ultimately convicted of two counts of immigration fraud and three counts of perjury in April 2019. The complaint alleges that Nshimiye assisted Teganya in obstructing justice at Teganya's trial and falsely testifying about Teganya's involvement in the MRND. It is also alleged that Nshimiye perjured himself when he denied his own membership in the MRND and Interahamwe.

The charging document also alleges that Nshimiye made false statements to federal agents when he was recently interviewed about his activities before coming to the United States and about the documents he signed to obtain citizenship. In response to questions, Nshimiye allegedly continued to make false statements to conceal his involvement in the genocide.

The charge of falsifying, concealing, and covering up a material fact by trick, scheme or device provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of obstruction of justice provides for a sentence up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Each count of perjury provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes that govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; Shawn S. Gibson, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Detroit; Matthew O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service, Boston Field Office; and Denis C. Riordan, District Director of the Fraud Detection and National Security Division of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Boston Field Division made the announcement today. This matter was investigated with the assistance of the United States Interagency Human Rights Violators & War Crimes Center, the Copley, Ohio Police Department and the Summit County, Ohio Sheriff's Office. Assistant U.S. Attorneys John T. McNeil and Amanda Beck of the National Security Unit are prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and

until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.

Senator Warren, Massachusetts Delegation Urge Biden to Expedite Visa Process for Haitians

U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), along with the entire Massachusetts congressional delegation, sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Rena Bitter, urging them to expedite the processing of immigrant visas for Haitians – particularly for relatives of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPRs). The request comes as Haiti has plunged further into chaos, with gangs reportedly uniting, ousting the country’s prime minister, and coordinating attacks that some warn could spark a civil war.

“We write to express our increasing concern regarding consular operations at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti,” wrote the lawmakers. “We urge the State Department to expedite the processing of immigrant visas for Haitians, particularly for relatives of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPRs).”

Haiti has already struggled with long-standing challenges that have contributed to the deterioration of its security situation, including one of the deadliest earthquakes in modern history, severe corruption, massive protests, and crippling debt. In 2021, the assassination of President

Jovenel Moïse plunged the country into a state of unrest. As of 2023, the country has had no democratically elected government, and gangs now control an estimated 80 percent of the capital city. The local population faces skyrocketing rates of homicides, kidnappings, internal displacement, cholera, and starvation.

“As you recently highlighted, Haiti presents ‘one of the most urgent challenges we face as an international community.’ The situation in Haiti demands urgent, creative solutions to ensure that, at a minimum, relatives of U.S. persons can be quickly processed and reunited with their families in the United States,” wrote the lawmakers.

This crisis has led many individuals to seek asylum in the United States. Massachusetts has one of the largest Haitian diasporas in the country, and many Haitian-Americans are desperately trying to sponsor family members still in Haiti. Thousands of Haitian relatives of U.S. citizens and long-term permanent residents (LPRs) are in the processing queue for family-based immigrant visas. However, the U.S. embassy in Port-au-Prince – the U.S. government’s only post in the country – has been operating on an emergency-only basis due to the ongoing security crisis and has suspended or greatly delayed the processing of most visa services.

“The State Department must implement stop-gap solutions to more quickly process visas for Haitians in need of urgent protection, even as the U.S. Embassy maintains minimal operations in Haiti,” continued the lawmakers. “We appreciate the scale and complexity of this issue and applaud the work the State Department has already done to explore creative solutions to address the backlog. Still, we urge the State Department to ensure that solutions are implemented with the urgency that this issue demands.”

Specifically, the lawmakers are recommending the State Department implement the following policy and operational

changes to visa processing in Haiti, including:

- Waive the personal, in-person appearance requirement, at least for Haitian immediate relatives of U.S. persons.
- Ramp up capacity for processing Haitian immigrant visas at a third-country post.
- Establishing a new location for in-person requirements besides the U.S. embassy, given the particularly high level of unrest in the neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince and the threat posed to those who leave their homes.
 - Senator Warren has led ongoing efforts to protect the rights of asylum seekers and other migrants, and to hold the United States accountable to its humanitarian obligations:

In February 2024, Senators Warren and Markey sent a letter to U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations Chair Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Vice Chair Susan Collins (R-Maine), urging them to increase funding for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Shelter and Services Program (SSP) to \$5 billion in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) appropriations bill for fiscal year 2024.

In February 2024, Senator Warren and colleagues submitted an amendment to the Emergency National Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024 that would provide \$5 billion for the FEMA's Shelter and Services Program without requiring U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to ramp up its detention and deportation efforts. Senator Warren worked with Senator Padilla and others to submit a similar amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Spending Package in March 2024.

In December 2023, Senator Warren, along with the entire Massachusetts delegation, wrote to FEMA raising concerns about a lack of federal funding for non-border states like Massachusetts experiencing a significant influx of migrants and requesting additional federal SSP funding for the Commonwealth.

In November 2023, Warren, Markey, Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.),

Ben Ray Luján (D-N.M.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), and Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) sent a letter to DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Ur Jaddou, about several policy proposals to help address delays in issuing employment authorization documents.

In September 2023, Senators Warren and Markey applauded the Biden administration's redesignation of TPS for Venezuelan migrants.

In August 2023, Senators Warren and Markey and Representatives Katherine Clark (D-Mass.), Lori Trahan (D-Mass.), Seth Moulton (D-Mass.), James McGovern (D-Mass.), Richard Neal (D-Mass.), Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.), Jake Auchincloss (D-Mass.), Ayanna Pressley (D-Mass.), and Bill Keating (D-Mass.) sent a letter to Secretary Mayorkas and Director Jaddou, urging them to expedite the processing of EADs for individuals paroled into the United States, which would lessen the strain on available humanitarian and housing resources.

In March 2023, Senator Warren and lawmakers submitted a public comment against the Biden administration's proposed rule to restrict asylum at the southern border. The senators called on the Biden administration to withdraw the rule in its entirety.

In January 2023, Senator Warren and nearly 70 other lawmakers sent a letter urging President Biden to reverse the administration's expansion of the inhumane Trump-era border policy known as Title 42 and to abandon the proposed asylum "transit ban" rule. The lawmakers also encouraged the President and his administration to work with Congress to develop safe, humane, and orderly border policies that enforce our immigration laws and uphold the right to asylum under domestic and international law.

In September 2022, Senator Warren led members of the Massachusetts delegation in a letter to DHS and FEMA calling for funding from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to be

allocated swiftly to organizations assisting newly arrived migrants in Massachusetts.

In September 2022, Senator Warren released a statement condemning efforts to use asylum seekers as political pawns and committing to assisting communities in need.

In November 2021, Senator Warren stated her opposition to the continued use of Title 42 to expel asylum seekers and called for the Biden administration to rescind this policy.

In October 2021, Senator Warren joined Senator Menendez in criticizing the inhumane treatment of Haitian migrants and called on the administration to support long-term stability in Haiti.

In October 2021, Senator Warren called on Chris Magnus to commit to transparency regarding the investigation into the events in Del Rio, Texas during his confirmation hearing to be CBP Commissioner.

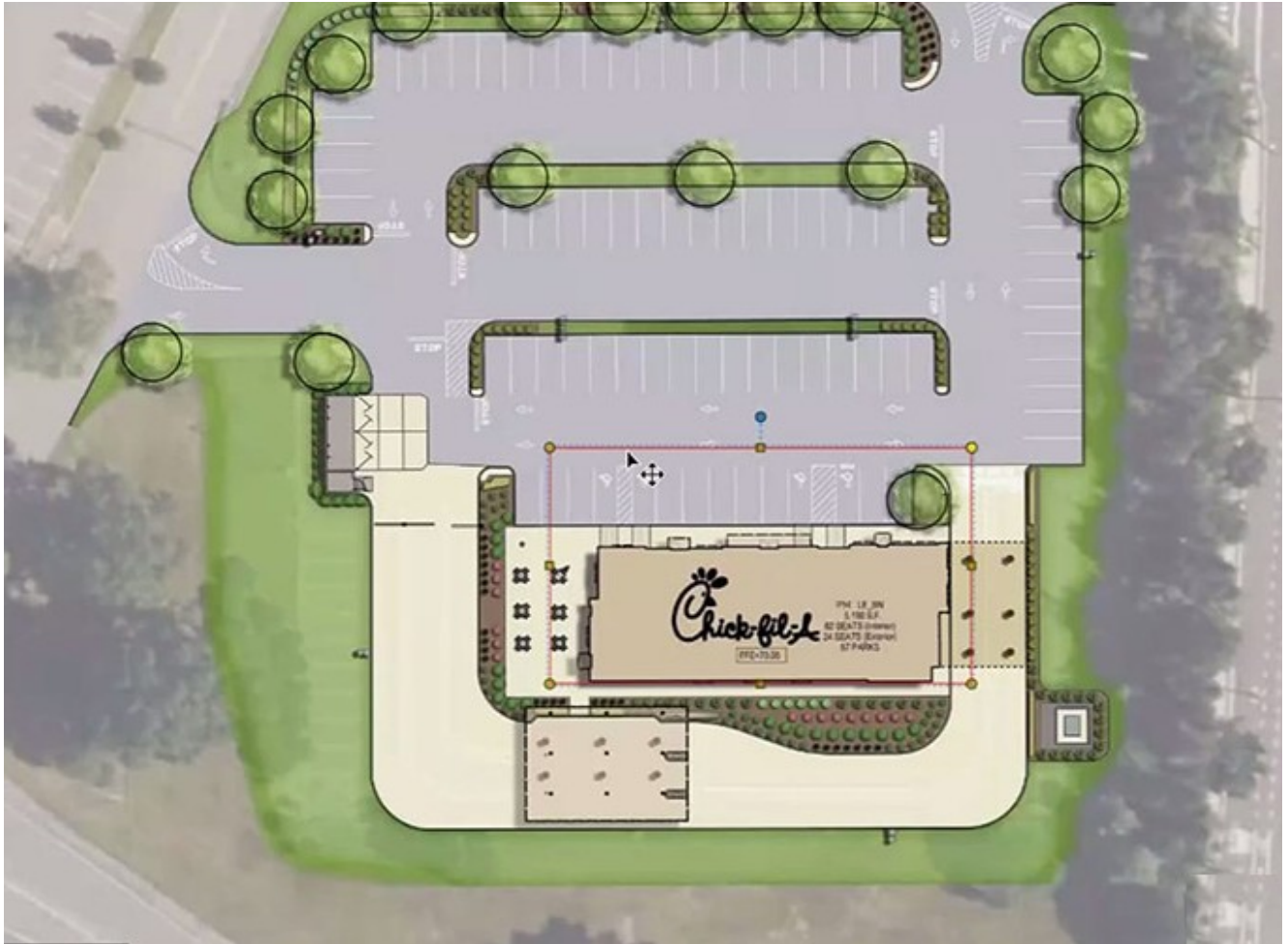
Everything you need to know about the newly proposed Chick-Fil-A at the Dartmouth Mall

Dartmouth, Massachusetts – The Dartmouth Planning Board discussed a proposal on Monday, March 25th, 2024, which would bring a Chick-fil-A restaurant to North Dartmouth. The Chick-fil-A would replace the old Sears Auto Center at the Dartmouth Mall Plaza.



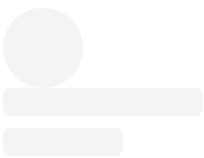
Google Image.

The proposed Chick-fil-A would feature a drive-thru with three lanes for ordering, which would then merge into two lanes for meal pickup. The restaurant would have 62 interior seats and 24 exterior seasonal seats, with a patio planned for the left side of the building. The parking area in front of the restaurant is designed to accommodate approximately 87 parking spaces.



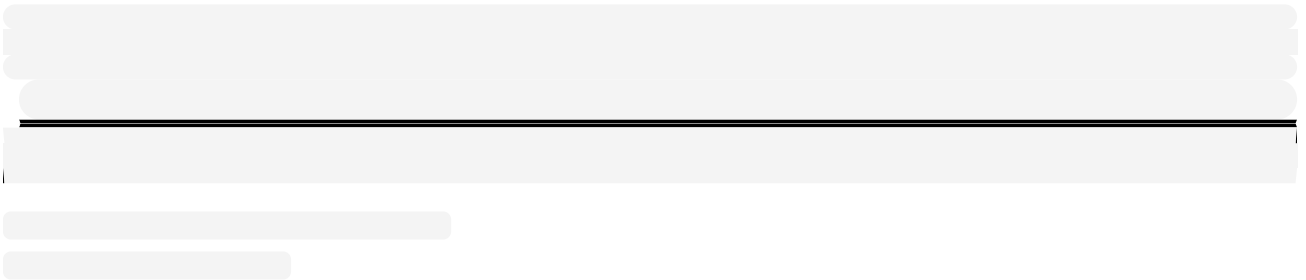
Dartmouth Community Media photo.

The development team stated that they will add significant landscaping to improve the overall look of the area and enhance stormwater management. The proposal is still under review, and no final decision has been made.





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Boston Democrat: Shelter

Costs Put Massachusetts State Budget At “Breaking Point”

By Colin A. Young

State House News Service

As chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz sits in the catbird seat of budget and policy development on Beacon Hill.

The Boston Democrat offered a glimpse Monday afternoon at the various balls he is trying to keep in the air simultaneously as the 2023-2024 legislative session gets into crunch time ahead of the July 31 end of formal business: emergency shelter policy, the fiscal 2025 budget, Gov. Maura Healey’s housing bond and policy bill, the governor’s economic development bill, and more.

Talking with the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts during an event focused on prioritizing equitable economic development, Michlewitz provided updates on the House’s plans for the remainder of the session and shared his own thoughts on some of the leading issues of the day.

“Massachusetts is also seeing a migrant crisis like like no other state in the nation, one that has put our emergency family shelter system and our budget at a breaking point at the moment,” Michlewitz said. “And although our fiscal outlook is still pretty strong, and we built up our reserves to record highs, the budget before us today that we’re dealing with is going to be one of the most challenging I’ve had to deal with as the chair. As we see declining revenues over the last couple of months here, the spending pressures on the commonwealth only continue to climb.”

Michlewitz and House Speaker Ronald Mariano will unveil the House’s budget plan the second week of April, and the chairman

said it's been difficult to develop this spending plan because he's not exactly sure what's led to state tax collections running \$186 million behind last year and \$275 million behind the year-end estimate that has already been slashed by \$1 billion.

"It's my sixth budget, going through this. And besides COVID, this is probably the most difficult one. And the COVID budget was kind of easy, in a sense, because you could just point to COVID and blame COVID and say, 'it's COVID and we can't do that right now.' We can't really do that right now," Michlewitz said. "With the declining revenues, we don't have an exact reason exactly why our revenues are declining the way they have been. And it's making it, certainly, for a challenging cycle. But we'll get through it, we're working through it, we have the resources to do so."

Among the budget measures Michlewitz previewed were help for school districts that are "still struggling to cope with a declining fiscal picture" despite the 2019 K-12 funding reform law and the continuation of universal school meals. He said that he's also aiming to preserve the state's recently-upgraded bond rating, since that will allow the state to borrow money for other priorities at a lower cost.

"A lot of these bills that we're talking about – whether it's the housing bond bill, or the economic development bond bill – they're gonna require us to spend some capital through the bond market. And for us to do that, we have to have a strong rating to accomplish those goals that we want to out of those two bond bills," he said. "If we don't do that, we may hit some challenges, we may not reach our entire goals, particularly around housing."

And housing, the chairman said, is number one "in terms of priorities that we all kind of share" in the Legislature. Though Healey filed a housing bond and policy bill in the fall, Michlewitz said the final product "isn't going to be a

House initiative, it's not gonna be a Senate initiative, it's going to be all of us."

"Now, we may have different pieces of the policy that we may have some disagreements on as we get into the nitty gritty of the bill. But, certainly, the idea that we need to pass something significant that will put us put in a strong investment standpoint, of housing money, putting capital out on the street related to housing, but also creating some policies that will allow that to flourish and grow ... that's one, definitely, thing that we are agreeing upon."

Mariano signaled last week that the House may include in its housing bill the authority for cities and towns to impose transfer taxes on real estate transactions above a given dollar amount as a way of generating revenue for affordable housing initiatives. Michlewitz went into detail Monday on the House's internal debate on the topic.

"One of the challenges with that discussion is that every community has a little different take on what would work. You look at Boston and how Boston operates, and how many properties would be over a million [dollars] or \$2 million, or whatever the threshold would be, versus a smaller city or town which isn't going to accumulate the same amount of money. Or, maybe a smaller town that's wealthy, that's going to accumulate a lot of money that may not be able to put all that money into into building affordable housing, because they may have some zoning issues related to how small their community is," he said.

Michlewitz added, "These are all things that we're going to have to weigh ... you're trying to put a lot of round pegs in the square holes in some respects. And trying to create that flexibility, I think is something that we're working through."

And with most of his time occupied by work on the budget and the housing bill, Michlewitz said he hasn't had a good chance

yet to sink his teeth into the \$3.5 billion economic development bill that Healey filed at the start of the month. But he did draw a line between one part of the bill – a \$1 billion infusion for the state's life sciences sector – and the housing crisis the state is working to address.

"One of the reasons why we're in a housing crisis is because we had such a large growth of population in 2010 to 2020, and didn't have the production of housing at the same rate that we had the population growth, which has obviously created a greater demand and less supply," he said. "And one of the reasons why we had that population growth is because of the life sciences initiatives that grew in the commonwealth through the last 15-20 years, and brought a lot of economic development to us, brought a lot of population to us, brought a lot of energy to the commonwealth."

The chairman added, "So we know how important this is to our economy. We know how important it is to the continued growth of our economy. And we're going to certainly prioritize it as we go forward."

Michlewitz, who hails from the North End of Boston, also shared his view of the dispute playing out between the state and Milton over the town's rejection of a zoning plan that would have complied with the MBTA Communities Act. That law requires communities served by or near MBTA service to adopt zoning that allows multifamily housing by right in certain areas, and the state has sued Milton over its non-compliance with the law.

Michlewitz said Monday that he thinks "the greatest challenge in our housing issues right now and the biggest disease of it is NIMBYism," he said referring to the "not in my backyard" stance.

"It's not necessarily policies, it's people prefer to not have density near them, involved in them or around their community.

And I think that trying to balance that discussion, I think, has been one of the biggest challenges that you've seen recently," he said. "And I don't think that's anything different to the rest of the country, but certainly, it's, it's when we have a limited amount of space here in the commonwealth – we are one of the oldest infrastructures in the country – I think that that's probably one of the biggest challenges that we're facing, and I think that that's taken full center stage in relation to the Milton debate and discussion that's been going on right now."

He added, "But it's not just Milton, there's other communities that are having a hard time grappling with this conversation directly. And there's different nuances to each of them and you can't put one in a one-size-fits-all kind of box. Because Milton has their gripes about this policy, and some of them aren't the craziest discussions in the world. And I think it resonated amongst the population in Milton during that vote. But there's other committees that are dealing with this as well."

City of New Bedford announces curbside yard waste collection to begin soon

"It might not feel like it outside (yet), but spring is here, and that means collections for yard waste, brush and branches will begin soon.

Grass, Leaves, and Twigs

Capitol Waste Services seasonally collects grass, leaves, and

twigs on a weekly basis. In 2024, weekly curbside yard waste collection begins the week of April 1st and ends the of week December 9th. Grass, leaves, and twigs are collected on the business day following the regular trash and recycling collection: Curbside Yard Waste Collection

- Monday Solid Waste Collection → Tuesday Grass Collection
- Tuesday Solid Waste Collection → Wednesday Grass Collection
- Wednesday Solid Waste Collection → Thursday Grass Collection
- Thursday Solid Waste Collection → Friday Grass Collection
- Friday Solid Waste Collection → Monday Grass Collection

Grass, leaves, and twigs are accepted loose in barrels and/or biodegradable brown lawn and leaf bags. Do not use cardboard boxes, plastic trash bags, or the City-issued trash and recycling carts.

Branches & Brush

Capitol Waste Services seasonally collects branches and brush on the last Wednesday of each month.

In 2024, collection for brush & branches begins Wednesday, April 24th and ends Wednesday, November 20th.

This collection is by appointment only. Please contact Capitol Waste Services at (866) 569-1718 to schedule an appointment.

Branches and brush need to be bundled and tied. Individual branches must not exceed four inches in diameter. Branches and brush must be securely tied in a bundle that does not exceed four feet in length and two feet in diameter.

Department of Facilities and Fleet Management

(508) 979-1520 for questions about curbside recycling, curbside solid waste and drop-off recycling, missing and damaged carts, ordering extra recycling carts.

Capitol Waste Services

(617) 569-1718 for questions about the curbside solid waste

collection, curbside recycling, bulky waste appointments, brush appointments, yard waste pickup, and missed stops.
"-City of New Bedford.



NOTICE City of New Bedford

Collection for **Yard Waste** begins,
Monday, **April 1, 2024**, through
Friday, **December 13, 2024**.

Yard Waste collection is the day following your trash day. There will not be yard waste collection on Monday, December 16th, for trash day Friday, December 13th. The last yard waste pick-up day for Friday trash days, will be Monday, December 6, 2024.

Yard waste should be placed in store bought barrels, or biodegradable leaf bags ONLY!
Please do not use city issued trash and recycling carts for Yard Waste.

Collection for **Brush & Branches** begins,
Wednesday, **April 24, 2024**, through
Wednesday, **November 20, 2024**
by appointment ONLY!
Please call (617)569-1718 to schedule.

Yard waste, brush & branches can also be brought to the
Recycling Center
1103 Shawmut Ave.
during normal business hours:
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday · 12pm – 5pm
Saturday · 7:30am – 3pm

Fairhaven Firefighters swamped day of accidents requiring “Jaws of Life” medical emergencies, fire

“Busy day for group 2. Responding to multiple medicals and this 3 car motor vehicle accident at the same time quickly taxed our service.

Engine 2, Medic 1, Medic 2, and Car 2 responded and provided care. The jaws of life were requested to assist with extrication.

Prior to this emergency being resolved Engine 2 had to break away to respond for a fire emergency, this required a ladder to be driven from the station by our EMS/training captain due to no additional staffing. Great job by group 2 and all of our members always doing more with less.

Special shoutout to the mutual aid we received!”-Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555.



Ed Peppin Photography image.

Massachusetts man pleads guilty to hunting under the influence, wanton waste of deer, corn baiting

“In 2022, in the last hour of the last day of primitive firearms deer season, MEP officers walked in on a known baited tree stand in Clarksburg and encountered a man hunting deer over corn bait with insufficient blaze orange on. After making contact with the hunter, it was discovered he was also hunting under the influence of alcohol.

Further investigation determined that the tree stand was permanently erected over 3 years ago and he also shot an antlerless deer on Christmas Eve over the bait. He was unable to recover the deer, even though it was later found only 150’

from the tree stand, scavenged by coyotes.

He was charged criminally for second offense hunting under the influence, hunting over bait, insufficient blaze orange, use of a permanent tree stand and wanton waste of a deer.

This past month, in Northern Berkshire District Court, the defendant plead guilty to all 5 charges and lost his hunting license for 3 years. This suspension should be recognized by the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact in almost all of the United States."-Massachusetts Environmental Police.



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