

# **Rabbits perish in Acushnet shed fire; no human casualties**

A local Friday night fire has tragically led to the death of animals.

According to Acushnet Fire and EMS, Friday, at 10:04 p.m., a 9-1-1 call was received reporting a shed fire behind a residence on Rivet Street.

Those who arrived on the scene reported that the approximately 10' x 16' structure was fully involved.

Acushnet Squad 3, Squad 2 and Engine 1 responded and the fire was quickly extinguished.

There were no injuries, but sadly the rabbits housed in the shed were killed.

The fire has been ruled accidental and is believed to have begun near the heating unit.

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# **Middleboro woman arrested after driving into Lakeville Police officer and his**

# **cruiser**

As reported by the Lakeville Police:

“On February 1, 2020, while investigating an attempted breaking and entering on Clear Pond Road a Lakeville Police Officer and cruiser were struck by a motor vehicle. The Officer was getting into his cruiser when the crash occurred. The operator of the vehicle was identified as 21-year-old Hannah Rink of Middleboro who was arrested and charged with the following:

- Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol
- Operating to Endanger
- Impeded Operation
- Speeding

Rink will be arraigned in Wareham District Court on Monday February 3rd.

The Lakeville Officer was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton where he was treated and released.”

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## **New Bedford Fire Department's District Chief Joseph Gioiosa officially retires**

“Although he spent his morning saying goodbye to another brother, we couldn't let the day go by without acknowledging him:

‘A super big congratulations to our District Chief Joseph

Gioiosa on his official retirement today. DC Gioiosa has been with the Department for almost 42 years! We will miss his energy, his extensive wisdom (about everything) and kindness to all. Certainly, a well-rounded individual and a true gentleman to everyone he met!

Thank you for your service and dedication to the City of New Bedford, Chief! We wish you a happy and healthy retirement!"



# City of New Bedford roadwork sites for the upcoming week of Feb., 2020 – Feb. 7, 2020

The City of New Bedford has roadwork sites for the upcoming week of February 3, 2020 – February 7, 2020 and they are as follows:

## **Eversource:**

- Eversource will replace the gas mains at the following locations: There will be no services tied into the new mains until after April 1, 2020 as a precaution of the winter season.
- South St. from Crapo St. to 90-92 South St.
- Woodlawn St. from Brock Ave. to West Rodney French Blvd.
- Clifford St. from Ashley Blvd. to Acushnet Ave.
- Myrtle St. from Cedar St. to Sawyer St.
- Summer St. from Studley to Locust
- Brownell St. from Arnold St. to #226 Brownell St.
- Johnathan from Arnold St. to 57-59 Johnathan St.

## **Other:**

- Contractor working at Dias Field to install new solar powered lighting.
- Contractor working at Hazelwood Park for new power supply and upgrades to parking lot lighting.
- Contractor working within the rail road right of way near Tarkiln Hill Road.
- Contractor working on concrete sidewalk repairs throughout the City.
- Contractor will begin water and sewer replacement along Cottage St between Parker St and Sycamore St. During working hours, Cottage St. may be closed to thru traffic with access by local traffic only at times. Southbound traffic will be

detoured via Pope St. or Campbell St, north bound traffic will be detoured via Sycamore Street or Willis Street. Detour signage, police details and traffic controls will be in place.

- Contractor is scheduled to continue construction of the new pumping station and installation of the site utilities at the Front St./ Elm St. site. Elm St. between JFK Memorial Highway (Route 18) and Macarthur Drive will be closed to westbound traffic. Westbound traffic will be detoured via MacArthur Drive. There will be detour signage and traffic controls in place.

- Contractor will continue scheduling appointments and will have technicians visiting various locations throughout the city to replace meters and meter interface units (meter readers). There will be no traffic controls for this work.

- Department of Public Infrastructure will be filling potholes on a continuous basis throughout the city.

- Please see the City of New Bedford website for additional street closings due to Special Events.

- Department of Public Infrastructure conducting its annual street sweeping program city-wide.

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## **Faces Of New Bedford #232: Angela Rose-Ferreira**



Meet Angela Rose-Ferreira, 28-year-old entrepreneur, nail artist/technician, and paraprofessional.

Angela, born and raised in New Bedford graduated from the Nazarene Christian Academy in 2009. Art has always been a passion of hers, whether it be dance or making custom birthday cards she always liked to create. After high school, she chose to learn a craft at the La Baron Hairdressing Academy in New Bedford.

While working on her craft as a nail artist/technician, she worked during the day as a paraprofessional at an elementary school in New Bedford and continues now with the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative working with young children in the community.

Over the past 11 years working in the beauty industry Angela has put in lots of hard work to perfecting her craft. She's a Swarovski Certified Nail Artist as well as being LCN Barefoot and Master Gel Certified and has taken courses with companies such as Wildflowers Nail Academy and Profiles Backstage so she can make a name for herself in competitions and give her clients the best quality work possible.

In 2018, after working in various other salons she decided it was time to be her own boss. She opened up her nail business

inside of Gloss Salon in Fairhaven. Moving forward her goals are to work at a fashion show in New York and become a nail educator in art technique or a beauty school instructor.

“When I was fresh into the industry, I had a lot to learn and wasn’t as confident as I am now. I’ve furthered my education over the past years taking many different classes, attending nail shows and competed in nail art competitions. I started my own business a year ago and couldn’t be more blessed with my wonderful clients. I am so lucky to be able to do what I love to do best and form great relationships with so many people. I am so thankful that others have an appreciation for my art and passion. ”

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Faces of New Bedford is a New Bedford Guide project being undertaken by Josh Souza. If you’d like to nominate someone or ask a question you can inquire with him through email at [josh@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:josh@newbedfordguide.com).

Faces of New Bedford began as a project by Colton Simmons. You can find Colton on Instagram: <https://instagram.com/simmonscolton>

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## **Dartmouth Police seeks public’s help in identifying two “devious villains”**

From the Dartmouth Police Department:

“Calling all cAHs... Calling all cAHs



Though he is brave, strong, wicked smAht, and handsome (OK, OK...maybe more so just brave, strong, and wicked smAht), the DPD "Keyboard Warrior" needs some help from his peeps, as he attempts to identify these two devious villains, who dared to challenge his super social media powers by recently stealing from Best Buy.

If anyone has information that can help the "Keyboard Warrior" rip his shirt open and expose the giant KW underneath, right before he apprehends these two villains, they are encouraged to either send him a private message or call 508-910-1755.

Up, up, and away!!!!

Thank you!

PLEASE SHARE."





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**HELP WANTED: New Bedford's PACE Head Start is seeking to fill Nurse Health Manager and**

# Health Assistant positions

## HEALTH ASSISTANT

*\$12.34 – \$19.77/hour, 30 hours per week, 39 weeks per year*

One year plus (1+) experience as a Medical Assistant, CNA, or HHA preferred. Bi-lingual preferred. The Health Assistant is responsible for assisting the Senior Health Assistant and Nurse Manager with clinical and clerical tasks pertaining to the health maintenance of students and staff. The Health Assistant will perform vision and hearing screenings, height and weight checks, medication administration, data entry, filing, and office organization. The Health Assistant is required to have a valid CPR/AED/First Aid training and computer proficiency.

The Health Assistant will provide clerical and clinical support in accordance with federal, state, and site regulations and policies, under the guidance of the Nurse Manager. Valid driver's license required. Must be able to pass CORI and DCF background checks.

Low-cost Health Insurance, Dental, Vision Plan and no cost Life Insurance are available. Excellent compensation for vacation time, personal time, sick time and paid holidays.

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

**Deadline to apply:** 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2020

Must e-mail a cover letter with your mailing address, title of position, and resume/application to: [hrjobapplications@paceinfo.org](mailto:hrjobapplications@paceinfo.org) or mail the same information to:

**P.A.C.E., Inc.**

*P.O. Box 5-626*

*New Bedford, MA 02742*

*Attn: Director of Human Resources*

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## **NURSE/HEALTH MANAGER**

*\$27.50 – \$30.00/hr., 30 – 35 hrs. per wk., 48 – 52 wks. per yr.*

RN licensure required in the State of Massachusetts and the understanding of the policies and procedures that govern Early Childhood Learning Programs. Bi-lingual skills preferred. Must be able to pass CORI and DCF background checks. The Nurse/Health Manager will oversee the operations of the Health Service area of P.A.C.E., Head Start.

This position will assist the program in adhering to the NAEYC, EEC, and Federal Program Standards regarding the physicals and vaccinations for children in the program ranging from birth to 5 years old. Will be responsible for supervising the Health Assistants; perform mandatory vision, hearing, and health screenings for all children.

This role will work professionally and possess the communication skills necessary to work collaboratively with other staff, parents, and community members to support Head Start in understanding the health needs of the population and developing strategies to address those needs. Must be physically able to safely supervise pre-school children and attend to the scope of the duties listed in the job description including, but not limited to: lifting a child up to 40 lbs., able to climb stairs, walk moderate distances for home visits and related activities.

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# **New Bedford cold weather overflow shelter open tonight, January 30**

Due to the expected temperature drop this evening, the overflow will be opened. All inquiries can be forwarded to Sister Rose House and 1-800-homeless.

All guests should plan to arrive for 6:00pm and the cutoff time will be 8:30pm. Dinner will be served between 6:00pm and 7:30pm and we wrap up between 9:45pm and 10pm.

As a reminder, the overflow will be activated on nights that the temperature is expected to be at 28 degrees or less. If the temperature were to drop below 28 at 4 or 5:00am rather than 7 or 8:00pm as an example, it doesn't ensure that the overflow would open. All guests are expected to get up at 5:00 am and exit the premises by 6 or 7:00am.

Also, precipitation or snow alone doesn't ensure that the overflow will open but are taken into consideration coupled with the temperatures. We also view the feel like temps, so as an example if the temperature was expected to be at 30 degrees but the wind-chill coupled with rain or snow presents or

“feels like” 25 degrees then the overflow would be activated.

Every year we always have grey area days but we do the best in our judgment to make the right call. On days that we are expected to open an email blast will be sent by 12pm.

Also, 1-800-homeless will notify any callers if the overflow will be open on expected days. This will be our 4th season and with all the challenges at any given time, we are hopeful to continue safe operations and save lives, especially on the coldest nights. We also are looking for extra help, especially if the number of guests expected on any given night reaches 30. We also have 25 guests on the main floor so manpower is very important.

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## **Seven New Bedford and Dartmouth Non Profits Receive \$64,000 in Grants**

Bristol County Savings Bank (BCSB), through its charitable foundation, awarded \$64,000 to seven non-profit organizations in the New Bedford/Dartmouth area during a ceremony that recently took place at the Holiday Inn Taunton. All total, the Bank presented \$353,600 in grants to 44 organizations in the greater New Bedford/Dartmouth region, the Fall River region, the Taunton/Attleboro region and the greater Pawtucket, Rhode Island region and surpassed \$22 million in total charitable commitments given since the Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation's (BCSCF) inception in 1996.

The organizations in the New Bedford/Dartmouth region that received grants from the Foundation are as follows: Child &

Family Services (\$4,000); Entrepreneurship for All, Inc. (\$5,000); Kennedy Donovan Center (\$20,000); New Bedford Art Museum (\$10,000); New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center (\$5,000); New Bedford Historical Society (\$10,000); and Waterfront Historic Area League of New Bedford, Inc. (\$10,000). Patrick J. Murray, Jr., President of the BCSCF and President & CEO of BCSB, awarded the grants to the organizations. Also participating were Kristine Cunningham, Assistant Chief of Staff to Jon Mitchell, Mayor, City of New Bedford, and representatives from the BCSCF advisory board and the Bank's area branches.

"Our mission is to support the communities we serve by making them a better place to live and work," said Murray. "Though our investments in local charitable organizations, combined with our community partnerships and volunteer activities, we do our best to fulfill that purpose."

Bristol County Savings Bank is an active supporter in the communities in which it serves. The Foundation was established in 1996 as part of the Bank's 150th Anniversary celebration. Its purpose is to fund needs that contribute to the economic and the social well-being of the people and institutions located in the greater Taunton/Attleboro region, the greater New Bedford/Dartmouth region, the Fall River region and the greater Pawtucket, Rhode Island region, with particular emphasis in the areas of education and literacy, economic development and housing for the low- to moderate-income population.





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## **Massachusetts State Police remind residents of changes to emergency services contact**

**\*77, \*SP, and \*MSP will no longer connect you to emergency services. To report an emergency in Massachusetts ALWAYS use 911.**

**Call if you can – Text if you can't! Also as a reminder: 911 can be used to report unsafe drivers, request emergency services if your vehicle has become disabled in an unsafe location, and report any unsafe situation you observe."**

**Below is an example of a silent 911 call our dispatchers**

received and our Troopers responded to:

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## Updates from PSAP Operations Division — Framingham


### Silent Call Procedure in Action!


Recently, Ellen Konigsberg, Dispatcher I, State 911 Operations in Framingham, received a wireless 911 call with no one speaking on the other end. During the open line,


### The Silent Call Procedure

If you need to call 9-1-1 and you are unable to speak for any reason, once the call is answered:


Press

#1 If you need police 

#2 If you need fire 

#3 If you need an ambulance 

If the 9-1-1 dispatcher asks questions, press

#4 For YES 

#5 For NO 

Source: MA State 911 Department and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

[www.mass.gov/e911](http://www.mass.gov/e911)

the call was mapping in a moving vehicle on I-95 southbound in Westwood.

She immediately began the silent call procedure, which is policy with every "silent" call we receive.

The caller responded to her using this procedure, indicating that they were in a vehicle travelling on the highway, and they were possibly being held against their will.

Dispatcher Konigsberg remained on the line and quickly conferenced in the State Police barracks with jurisdiction in that area.

Using a combination of the mapping tools, and the silent call procedure, Dispatcher Konigsberg was able to communicate and relay all pertinent information to responders, and the vehicle was successfully located and stopped. The situation resolved with no further incident.

**A job well done by Ellen and the responding Troopers resulting in this successful outcome!**