

The 3rd Annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa Will Be Held September 9th in New Bedford

Join us for the 3rd Annual Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa, presented by Club Madeirense S. S. Sacramento Inc!

Get ready for an unforgettable day of craft beer and mouthwatering food trucks in MA and RI. This year's event promises to be the best one yet, so mark your calendars and don't miss out!

Date: September 9th

Time: 1 – 7pm

Location: Feast Grounds

Live entertainment will keep the energy high throughout the day, as you indulge in a variety of exceptional craft beers and delicious food options. **Support Club Madeirense's scholarship foundation, as well as their initiatives to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for the needy, with your ticket purchase.**

General Admission tickets are available for just \$10 per person, but hurry, as tickets are limited! Purchase your tickets online in advance to secure your spot. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door for \$15 per person.

Immerse yourself in the world of craft beer with a fantastic lineup of breweries, including Buzzards Bay Brewing Company, Mayflower Brewing Company, Berkley Beer Company, Black Hat Brew Works, Creu Brew Brewery, and many more! Enjoy full pours (14 ounces) for \$7 or opt for half pours (8 ounces) for \$4. Please note that this is a 21 and older event, and no children will be allowed.

Indulge your taste buds with delectable treats from a range of food trucks such as South County BBQ LLC, Wicked Flavah, Chessy Chicks LLC, Bem Bom Food Truck, and Mom on the Go, among others. Food vendors accept cash, debit, and credit cards for your convenience.

Rain or shine, the Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa will go on! Please plan accordingly, as no refunds will be provided.

For the comfort and safety of all attendees, we kindly request no backpacks, coolers, large bags, or outside food or drink. Dogs and animals are not allowed at the event, except for service dogs.

Additional beer and wine purchases will be available, so you can explore even more flavors and pairings throughout the day. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to indulge in the finest craft beer and delectable food truck delights. Purchase your tickets now and get ready for an unforgettable experience at the Craft Beer and Food Truck Festa!

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/craft-beer-and-food-truck-festa-tickets-626484400707>

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New Bedford native Aaron Griffith heroically fighting devastating Maui fires; Want to help?

At the time of writing this, 96 individuals have lost their lives in the devastating Maui wild fires. Aaron Griffith, a New Bedford native, is one of the heroes risking their lives to stop the devastation and further loss of life.

Unfortunately, like many other victims of this tragedy Aaron has lost his home and all of his belongings. His sister gave insight to the situation on social media,

“On 8/9/23, my brother Aaron left home in Lahaina, Maui, for firefighting duty with only the clothes on his back and his firefighting equipment. Since that time, Maui has been absolutely devastated by wildfires, taking numerous lives and destroying timeless historical properties and homes – apocalyptic. Unfortunately, Aaron also lost his home and all his belongings while working tirelessly (& quite literally) carrying others to safety—a true hero.”



New Bedford native Aaron Griffith. Facebook photo.

You can help Aaron by donating to a Fundraiser organized by his family [HERE](#). Any donation is highly appreciated.

Since the fundraiser went live, Aaron's father was able to speak with him and gave us this update:

"We should all feel very proud of Aaron. His action of saving lives is nothing less than heroic. He carried elderly, women, children, and babies through streets, buildings, and hallways to safety while surrounded by flames and exploding cars, with dead human and animal bodies in the streets.

He carried a baby thrust into his arms by a woman, sheltering it from the heat, smoke, and flames; he saved them all. He found 40 people while looking for two screaming in a pool for safety and led them to safety.

He also found and rescued victims out of the water with severely burned flesh but very much alive, wrapping them in medical blankets and carrying them to safety. The stories went

on and on and on. It sounded like Armageddon. Absolutely incredible!!!”

Again, any donation will make a difference, please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the fundraiser page.

(UPDATED) ATTN: Foodies! New popular restaurant to replace “Azuma Asian Bistro” in Dartmouth

Hungry Pot, the “all you can eat” buffet is having the grand opening of their restaurant **this** weekend.



Fall River Reporter photo.

Original Article:

“Hungry Pot” which is an all you can eat Korean BBQ & Hot Pot will be coming soon to Dartmouth! It will be located at 466 State Rd which is the building that “Azuma Asian Bistro” was located in.

There are currently 2 other locations, one in Manchester, Connecticut, while the other being located in Danbury, Connecticut. The restaurant is quickly growing adding this Dartmouth location along with new restaurants in Westport, Connecticut and Wethersfield, Connecticut.

There is no official opening date set at the moment but we will keep you updated as soon as a date is made! The Connecticut locations have 5 star reviews on Google and the menu looks delicious!

All photos by Korean Hungry Pot:



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Off-Duty Fairhaven firefighter responds to scream for 911 to find drowned child

“On Saturday career firefighter Jesse Lacerda heard a panic yell for someone to call 911 while he was out in his backyard.

Jesse’s quick thinking to hop over his backyard fence lead him to take over CPR on a young child who had drowned. FF Lacerda was able to revive the child with his actions.

Another example of how our members are always on duty for the community. Thank you to group 4’s FF Lacerda.”-Fairhaven Firefighters Association, Local 1555.

**OPINION: “Is a mild,
cognitively impaired**

president less of a threat than a vindictive narcissist, Trump?"

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.

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"Unfortunately for the United States it seems more than likely that the 2024 presidential election will feature Biden versus Trump, as all competitors will have been eliminated.

With so much talent, experience, and in some cases actual integrity, available at the national and state level it is disheartening to witness a campaign with a mild cognitively impaired president squaring off with the most vindictive narcissistic ex-president to have ever filled that office.

Biden is not above receiving counsel from his advisors should he falter intellectually, unlike Trump who only accumulates opinions to be discarded while he follows his distorted beliefs and inflated sense of invincibility.

Trump's actions before, during and after his presidency, have caused more harm to democracy, the rule of law and respect for the truth that will undoubtedly continue through a second presidency.

The political landscape is littered with his supportive, hypocritical opportunistic legislators and officials, who have bargained away their souls for power, prestige and hoped for

monetary gains, and will always shy away from speaking truth to power.

Some remain umbilically attached to Trump, ever hopeful of a return to the gravy train. And then there are those who are only recently and publicly denouncing their formerly adored icon. Betting against a second Trump election they are attempting to resurrect their reputations and perhaps find employment, an elected position or ride the campaign circuit at supporters' expense.

Despite all accusations against the Bidens, even if some were verified, do not compare to the corroborated iniquities, legal and constitutional violations of Trump, his cronies and family.

There are no legitimate claims of treasonous actions by Joe Biden, unlike Trump who instigated the most severe attack upon our democratic system since the Civil War.

Though Biden is exhibiting some concerning words and physical deterioration, his democratic instincts are still intact. And he is surrounded by advisors and in contact with supporters who will remind him of his commitments to the working classes and disenfranchised who are still suffering.

Donald Trump, other than blowing kisses, giving the thumbs up and pronouncing his great love of his MAGA supporters, has done virtually nothing for them of any substance. And any ally who dares to utter criticism or suggestions contrary to his warped instincts is fired, called names and consigned to oblivion.

So facing the unfortunate inevitability of these two presidential candidates, reasonable people will vote for Biden and the loyal Trumpists will remain forever enamored and deceived by this self-absorbed vindictive charlatan. Hopefully, the latter group will be an ever diminishing constituency and electorally insufficient for Trump to make a

comeback.”-Betty Ussach.Dartmouth.

New Bedford mayor pays visit to Colonel Joe Martin who turns 100-years-old

“I paid a visit to a long time family friend, Colonel Joe Martin, who turns 100 years old this week. Joe served for forty years in the Army National Guard in various field artillery units.

During WWII, he fought with distinction in Normandy and at the Battle of Bulge. Although they were in different units during the war, Joe and my maternal grandfather John Kinney served in the same battalion after the war, and were close friends (I learned today in fact that Joe still has my grandfather’s foot locker).

Joe looks and sounds great, and I was thrilled that his family invited me to be part of his birthday celebration.”-Jon Mitchell.

Despite victim’s refusal to testify, New Bedford domestic

abuser convicted, sentenced to prison

“A 28-year-old New Bedford man was convicted of violently assaulting his ex-girlfriend this week by a jury of his peers after a three-day trial in Fall River Superior Court despite the victim’s refusal to testify in the case, Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced.

Matthew Torres was convicted of Aggravated Assault and Battery with Serious Bodily Injury and Domestic Assault and Battery. He was sentenced by Judge Susan Sullivan to serve five years in state prison.

On September 23, 2022, New Bedford Police were dispatched to a residence for a domestic disturbance after a third party called police to state that his friend has just been attacked by her ex-boyfriend. Upon arrival at the home, police met with the female victim, who told police that the defendant was high on drugs when he attacked her. She said he punched her in the face multiple times and locked her in a dog kennel for about 10 minutes. The victim was taken to the hospital, where she was diagnosed with a fractured eye socket and a broken nose.

During the trial, the victim cut off her testimony and refused to answer any questions despite being granted immunity by the court. After being given several opportunities to continue her testimony, Judge Sullivan eventually jailed her overnight for contempt of court.

Despite the victim’s refusal to testify, Assistant District Attorney Courtney Cahill was still able to go forward with the trial, utilizing the victim’s statements to police at the time of the incident as evidence, testimony from the 911 caller, two police officers, an EMT and the emergency room doctor.

The defendant is a repeat offender with a nine-page criminal

record, which includes at least three other jail or state prison sentences for crimes ranging from domestic violence to burglary.

“The defendant committed a brutal assault against the victim, which resulted in a broken nose and fractured facial bones. Unfortunately the victim would not cooperate with the prosecution despite the severe beating and the granting of immunity by the court. This is something I’ve rarely seen in my career. As the judge indicated, this undermined the court proceedings and is an affront to the administration of justice.

It’s very sad. However I commend the jury for using their common sense and concluding no one else could’ve inflicted these serious injuries. The defendant has a significant record and needs to be kept off the street to protect this victim and society,” District Attorney Quinn said.”

Cannabis Cafes could be coming to Massachusetts

By Sam Drysdale
State House News Service

A swath of regulatory changes are coming to Massachusetts’ cannabis industry, including measures to clear the way for people with past criminal records to work in marijuana shops and to allow all cities and towns to eventually host cannabis cafes.

In late July, the Cannabis Control Commission unanimously approved draft regulations intended to reflect the cannabis

industry reform law former Gov. Charlie Baker signed last summer. The commission has spent the last few months re-writing the regulations that have been in place since legal marijuana sales started in 2018.

The changes seek to increase diversity in the field, ramp up oversight on agreements between marijuana businesses and municipalities – a chronic trouble spot for the young industry – and move closer to social pot consumption sites.

“We can protect the health and safety of our citizens while reducing ... overly cumbersome and costly regulatory burdens, which help more businesses achieve and maintain profitability,” Chairwoman Shannon O’Brien said.

The commission is planning a public hearing Sept. 8 to accept public comments on the proposals in the draft regulations.

In accordance with the new cannabis law, the regulations will eliminate previously existing disqualifiers that prevented people with certain criminal charges on their records from being hired into the industry.

Marijuana establishments can still consider criminal offenses that involve the distribution of a controlled substance to a minor, including cannabis, or if they are hiring someone applying to work in a lab, the commission’s enforcement counsel Rebecca Lopez said at a July 28 meeting.

The change is intended to help move people who are selling pot illegally into the legal market, Commissioner Ava Callender Concepcion said during a presentation to fellow commissioners.

“It’s important to remove unnecessary suitability requirement barriers and allow people with criminal records to work for three key reasons,” she said. “Employment has been proven to be one of the most effective tools for successful reintegration and reducing recidivism rates. By providing individuals with the opportunity to secure stable employment,

we empower them to become productive members of society, which significantly lowers the chances of them returning to a life of crime.”

Concepcion continued, “Second, moving the legacy market to the legal market. Employment acts as a deterrent to criminal behavior. By encouraging individuals with criminal records to find employment in the cannabis industry, we then provide them with an alternative and lawful means to provide for themselves and reduce the likelihood of them resorting to engaging in the legacy, or illicit, market to meet their basic needs.”

Concepcion added that opening the hiring pool for those with prior criminal records helps employers, by providing “access to talent that brings new ideas and expertise from the legacy market.”

The rewritten regulations also bulk up the CCC with new authority to examine and approve host community agreements, which marijuana businesses are required to enter into with the cities and towns where they do business.

Under the 2022 reform law, these host community agreements (HCAs) will only be permitted for the first eight years a marijuana company is in business. “Community impact fees” that businesses pay to the city or town will not be allowed to surpass 3 percent of an establishment’s gross sales and the fee amount must be “reasonably related” to costs the municipality faces as a result of the marijuana business’s operation.

The draft regulations give the commission the authority to issue sanctions against a host community that is noncompliant with the requirements of their agreement, hold off on considering new license applications from that community or publish a list of municipalities that are out of compliance.

Seeking to apply greater oversight of community impact fees, the commission approved a draft change that would require

municipalities to include specific details on how the fees were spent, including line items for the cost and purpose of each good or service.

The proposals would also prohibit a town from requiring a business to make upfront payments as a condition for operating in the community and from obligating a business to set aside money in an escrow, bond or other account for the host community's use.

Under the proposal, the commission would have a maximum 90 days to review an HCA.

HCAs have long been the subject of disagreements between businesses and municipalities, and the CCC had asked the Legislature for power to regulate the agreements for years.

Commissioner Kimberly Roy said during the commission's meeting Thursday that she recently met with Massachusetts Cannabis Business Association President David O'Brien to discuss the proposed updates.

"They were very grateful for our work, but our work is not done," she said. "There is more work to do. They already highlighted during that roundtable areas of concern, angst, if you will, around some loopholes that still exist."

Roy said she expects many businesses to be at the Sept. 8 public hearing to weigh in.

The commission also sought to target equity in their rewrite, and would require host communities to donate, at minimum, 3 percent of each community impact fee it receives to the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund.

The fund was created in last year's cannabis industry reform law, and is intended to make grants and loans available to prospective marijuana entrepreneurs with a focus on supporting people of color and other populations disproportionately

harmful by the War on Drugs.

But the Boston Business Journal recently reported that money can't be transferred into the social equity fund until taxes taken from cannabis purchases are moved into a different state fund, due to a technical issue in how the law was written.

The regulation updates would expand the commission's pre-certification process for applicants in the state's Social Equity Program or Certified Economic Empowerment Priority Applicants, who come from underserved backgrounds.

After May 1, 2025, the new regulations would also authorize the commission to fine cities and towns that are found to be out of compliance with the CCC's municipal equity regulations, deposit those fines into the Cannabis Social Equity Trust Fund, and publish a list of noncompliant municipalities.

Following the Sept. 8 public hearing, the commission will vote on final regulations concerning HCAs, municipal equity and the suitability hiring policies. Last year's law requires that these regulations be distributed by the Secretary of State by Nov. 9.

Though it is not beholden to the same Nov. 9 deadline, the commission is also seeking to move closer to authorizing social consumption sites, such as cannabis cafes.

Commissioners eliminated a previously existing pilot program which would have initially limited social consumption sites to no more than 12 municipalities – thereby allowing any city or town to opt-in to hosting one of these establishments once the licenses become available.

Asked about a timeline for these businesses to be able to legally operate, Commissioner Bruce Stebbins, one of the commissioners leading the working group on social consumption sites, said he would like to say "as soon as possible."

“We just finished getting the results of a survey back I think about a week or two ago, so our internal team is still looking at the results of that survey ... I also know we’re doing additional work of looking at what other states have done,” Stebbins said. “But I will tell you that our working group continues to meet and, again, we want to try to bring something once we feel it’s good to go.”

Boston doctor arrested for allegedly masturbating next to 14-year old on airplane

“A Boston man was arrested and charged today for allegedly masturbating and exposing himself within the view of a 14-year-old female seated next to him onboard a flight from Honolulu to Boston in May 2022.

Dr. Sudipta Mohanty, 33, was charged by criminal complaint with one count of lewd, indecent and obscene acts while in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States. Mohanty was arrested today and was released on conditions following an initial appearance in federal court in Boston.

“Everyone, especially children, has the absolute right to not be exposed to lewd conduct when they are traveling,” said Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy. “If you engage in the type of illicit behavior alleged here, you will be caught and held accountable wherever it happens.”

“What Dr. Mohanty is accused of doing in front of a fourteen-year-old girl is reprehensible,” said Christopher DiMenna, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of

Investigation, Boston Division. "Today's arrest should make it crystal clear that the FBI takes crimes aboard aircraft seriously, everything from sexual misconduct as alleged in this case, to assault, interfering with the flight crew, and theft. If you've been the victim of a crime aboard an aircraft or have witnessed one take place, we ask you to report it to both your flight crew and the FBI."

According to the charging documents, Mohanty is an internal medicine and primary care doctor with a practice in Boston. It is alleged that, on May 27, 2022, Mohanty was a passenger aboard a Hawaiian Airlines Flight enroute from Honolulu to Boston with a female companion. Mohanty was allegedly seated next to a 14-year-old minor travelling with her grandparents, who were seated nearby.

About half-way through the flight, the minor allegedly observed that Mohanty had covered himself with a blanket up to his neck and that Mohanty's leg was bouncing up and down. Shortly thereafter, the minor observed that the blanket was on the floor, no longer covering Mohanty, and that Mohanty was masturbating. The minor moved herself to an empty seat in a different row for the remainder of the flight.

After arriving in Boston, the minor informed members of her family about the incident and law enforcement was notified.

The charge of lewd, indecent and obscene acts while in the special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States provides for a sentence of up to 90 days in prison, up to one year of supervised release and a fine of up to \$5,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting U.S. Attorney Levy and FBI Acting SAC DiMenna made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Elianna J. Nuzum of the Major Crimes Unit is 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.

Brockton, Massachusetts State Police arrest people during “Operation Hot August Nights”

The Brockton Police Department and Massachusetts State Police are cracking down on crime with “Operation Hot August Nights”. They are taking a zero tolerance approach against crime using multiple helicopters to track down criminals and make arrests.

OPERATION HOT AUGUST NIGHTS’ – A JOINT-AGENCY ZERO-TOLERANCE ENFORCMENT MISSION

The Brockton Police Department and Massachusetts State Police last night conducted “Operation Hot August Nights,” a zero-tolerance mission to interdict offenders responsible for violent crimes and narcotics dealing, as well as those negatively impacting quality of life for Brockton residents.

Numerous Massachusetts State Police units – including Troop D patrols and Community Action Team, the Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section, Gang Unit, High Risk Victims Unit, Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction and Enforcement Team, State Police Detective Unit for Plymouth County, and Traffic Programs Section – teamed up with Brockton Officers to proactively patrol the city.

Two helicopters from the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing

were on station over the city to track any suspect vehicles who tried to flee ground units. Massachusetts Environmental Police Officers on dirt bikes assisted MSP and Brockton patrols.

“Operation Hot August Nights” began in the late afternoon yesterday as patrols engaged operators of several dirt bikes and scooters who were riding erratically, causing a public safety threat to other motorists and pedestrians.

Patrol Troopers and Officers, with the assistance of the MSP Air Wing flight crews and the Environmental Police bike officers, tracked and apprehended seven such offenders.

The MSP Air Wing was also instrumental in two other arrests. One involved a driver who fled from a Trooper in Brockton and was tracked to Bridgewater, where ground units pursued the vehicle with overwatch assistance from the helicopter until the vehicle drove up to a dead end. The driver was there apprehended by Bridgewater Police and turned over to State Police for booking.

The other arrest was the capture of a man wanted for a parole violation. Troopers from the MSP Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section working the operation spotted the suspect in a vehicle and followed him with assistance from the Air Wing. Again, the suspect tried to flee but drove into a dead end, where he was apprehended by VFAS Troopers.

Troopers and Officers also made several narcotics arrests. Members of the Commonwealth Interstate Narcotics Reduction and Enforcement Team – an MSP-led drug enforcement task force – made three arrests, including one for Fentanyl possession and another for possession of a Class B narcotic with intent to distribute. MSP Gang Unit Troopers made an arrest for possession of a Class B drug, as did a Trooper from the State Police Troop D Community Action Team.

Troopers and Officers made nine additional arrests of persons who were the subjects of warrants, including one for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and another for armed robbery while masked. An additional 22 people were arrested for motor vehicle violations, including one for Operating Under the Influence 4th Offense and another for operating a motor vehicle with a license that had been suspended for a prior OUI.

For the entirety of "Operation Hot August Nights," combined enforcement by Brockton Police, Massachusetts State Police, and Massachusetts Environmental Police resulted in 35 arrests of criminal offenders, the issuance of criminal summonses to five additional offenders, and the seizure of seven dirt bikes and scooters.

All photos by the Massachusetts State Police:

