

DASH Laundromat Hosts 2nd Annual Free Laundry Day This Sunday In Dartmouth

Dash Laundromat is excited to announce their much-anticipated event of the year: the **2nd Annual Free Laundry Day!** On July 28th, from 7 AM to 9 PM, we invite the community to join us at our location on One State Rd., North Dartmouth, for a day of complimentary laundry services.

To participate, simply download the Speed Queen mobile app and enter location code DASH01 to claim your free wash and dry cycles. As a special treat, every visitor will receive a refreshing free Del's Lemonade, perfect for beating the summer heat while your laundry gets done.

The festivities don't stop there! Engage in the excitement with chances to win special prizes throughout the day. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a regular customer, everyone is welcome to enjoy this day of community, cleanliness, and celebration. DASH is also doing a clothing drive with Walt's Mobile Closet! Bring new, unopened socks and underwear to donate to a worthy cause.

Remember, the last wash cycle starts at 8 PM, so be sure to plan your visit accordingly. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to experience Dash Laundromat's top-notch facilities and hospitality, all completely free of charge.

Join them on July 28th for Free Laundry Day at Dash Laundromat – where clean clothes and community spirit come together!

For more information, visit <https://dashlaundromat.com/>



New Bedford artist is creating hand made memories for Southcoast residents

Ray Genereux, a talented collage artist based in New Bedford, MA, creates unique pieces that are perfect for weddings, birthdays, and other special occasions.

Ray's artistic journey began with photography, but he soon expanded into creating intricate collages, incorporating his photographs and experimenting with various techniques.

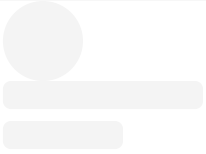


Ray's diverse array of artworks includes local collages, cabinets, collage postcards, cigar box collage art, and encaustic wax collages. His dedication to his craft has led him to participate in numerous shows and festivals. However, his recent move to Kilburn Mills in New Bedford has provided a stable base to continue creating and showcasing his unique pieces.

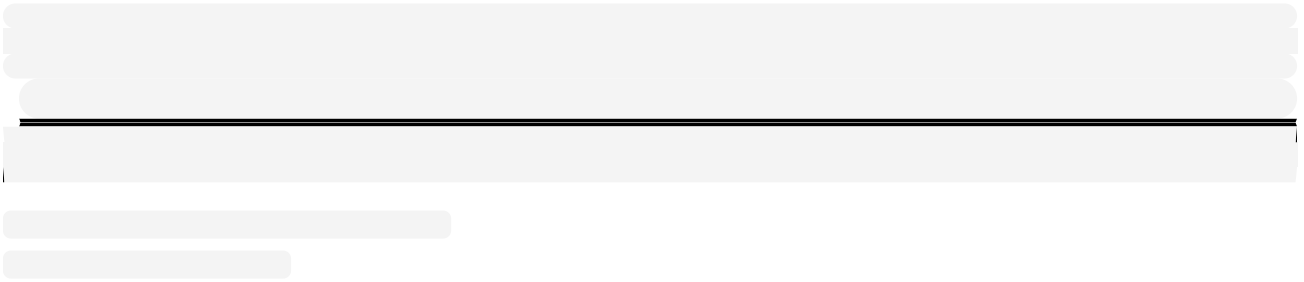
One of Ray's most touching creations is a custom cigar box he made for his sister. Filled with photos and memories from their life, the box serves as a cherished keepsake. Despite her Alzheimer's, his sister still looks at the box and recognizes those precious memories, highlighting the emotional impact and personal connection that Ray's art can provide.

Ray's work makes for great gifts, and he can customize all of his creations to fit any person or topic. Whether you're looking for a unique piece for a special occasion or a personalized gift that tells a story, Ray's art is sure to inspire and captivate.

For more information or inquiries, email him at rgglimpses@comcast.net.



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Dartmouth Police Dept. awards two for their quick actions in emergencies

“This morning, Officers Max Szteliga and Dominik Sullivan-Souza were presented with the department’s Life Saving Award for their actions on June 3, 2024.

Officers Szteliga and Sullivan-Souza were on patrol when a call came in requesting an ambulance for someone unresponsive in a vehicle on the side of the road. A citizen driving in the area came across the vehicle, put it in park, and dialed 911.

Upon arrival, officers found the male not breathing with no pulse. He was pulled out of the vehicle, and they began CPR. Shortly after, a shock was administered using an AED where the victim then regained a pulse and consciousness.

Because of their quick response and life saving actions, Mr. Dembitzki is now doing well and visited the station today with his family to be a part of the ceremony.

Congratulations gentlemen, and incredible work by all involved!!  “-Dartmouth Police Department.



9 stranded, deceased marine wildlife events in Massachusetts in less than a month

“Around New England since about the beginning of July:

- 6/28/2024: 146 live dolphins stranded, 37 died, 7 euthanized, 102 survived
- 7/05/2024: 4 dead dolphins
- 7/06/2024: Dead dolphin
- 7/10/2014: Dead Loggerhead turtle this summer
- 7/10/2024: Dead Minke Whale
- 7/12/2024: Dead Humpback whale, last was seen healthy had the name ‘Lollipop
- 7/14/2024: Dead Humpback Whale’
- 7/18/2024: Dead dolphin (in oil soot by offshore wind vessel)
- 7/19/2024: Unidentified dolphin or small whale found this evening

We may have missed several and will update, this is not normal.

*The sources used to compile the list are social media and news sources. No official sources have provided aggregated data to the best of our knowledge.

*We are not stating the cause of death, only that they have occurred.

*Dates and data may change as information is available.”-Save

the Dolphins and Whales NJ.



Minke Whale off Rhode Island. In onslaught of dead and stranded animals.

Operation Clean Sweep and Scouts remove 1600lbs of trash from New Bedford parks

“Well this is a first!! 2 cleanups on the same day and same time.

43 total Volunteers.

Thank you to Asst Scoutmaster Tomas Tavares with Girl Scout Troop 24G Young Ladies and Boy Scout Troop 24B Young Men and their parents for a very thorough cleanup of Buttonwood Park. 33 bags and about 840 pounds of Trash and debris and a Propane Tank. Looks like a beautification project swept thru many

acres of the Park. Including the basketball and tennis courts. And Playground area.

Thank you to Richard Leary from The Friends of Buttonwood Park for assisting the Scouts and cleaning out invasive plants.



Thank you to Operation Clean Sweep team member Lynn Amicucci for coordinating the cleanup for Buttonwood Park.

If you haven't been to Buttonwood Park lately, you need to enjoy this beautiful Park.

Also the Clasky Common Park neighborhoods definitely got a "clean sweep". Thank you to Taunton Federal Credit Union and their team for making a huge difference! All our

28 Volunteers cleaned up about 780 pounds of trash. From Purchase St to County St and all the streets in between, this neighborhood and Clasky Common Park now looks awesome. Shout out to the local residents that are making an obvious difference trying to keep the local neighborhood cleaner. It definitely shows.



Thank you to our City Drivers Carlos and first timer Andrea.

And introducing Jared the new City Street sweeper for completely filling up the container. Thank you Jared.

And of course our Operation Clean Sweep team Lorraine Sweeney, Lynn Coish, Sophie Wotton, Lynn Amicucci, and special help from Kayla who takes the bus and walks to help out with most cleanups.

And thanks to Doug Glassman of Servpro for hosting our location. We left the site "Like it Never Happened."

And Thank You to Dominos for the best Pizza ever and to BASK for providing the coffee and donuts."-Operation Clean Sweep.

All photos by Operation Clean Sweep:



UPDATED: Family seeks public help locating New Bedford man missing for 3 days

UPDATE: Amilcar is not back home. Thank you to all who helped spread the word by liking, sharing, or commenting.

“My friend Ana Barreto had to file a missing person’s report on her brother, Amílcar Ricardo Soares Barreto, and was hoping you guys could post this poster to your instagram and Facebook accounts.

Please help spread the word!! He’s been missing for 3 days. “- Alexis Kazlauskas.



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PERSON?

NAME: Amílcar Ricardo Soares Barreto

AGE: 23

HEIGHT: 6'6"-6'7"

WEIGHT: Approx. 180 lbs

PIERCINGS: NONE

TATTOOS: "Anonymous" mask tattoo on right forearm

LAST SEEN: Friday July 19, 2024 Summer St. New Bedford MA
at 10 AM, left his sister's house in a light blue t-shirt and black
pants to go to the New Bedford District Courthouse at 75 N 6th St

IF YOU KNOW ANY INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

New Bedford Police Department - (508) 991-6300

Ana Barreto - (774) 417-2534

Mary Walker - (774) 441-2231

Tattoo:



Largest Massachusetts Veterans Group Asked Veterans Affairs Secretary Santiago To Step Down

By Sam Drysdale, State House News Service

The largest veterans services organization in Massachusetts took a vote of no confidence in Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jon Santiago last month, calling for him to step down from the job.

The Massachusetts chapter of the American Legion, which represents more than 35,000 veterans in the Bay State, said Santiago has broken tradition with previous veterans affairs secretaries in not attending certain meetings, conventions and banquets when invited. Santiago represents the veterans services arm of Gov. Maura Healey's administration.

Citing a "total lack of respect displayed by Secretary Santiago" for the organization, the Legion called for him to step down in a letter to Healey sent in mid-June.

The organization took the lack of confidence vote in at their state convention in Marlborough from June 5 through 7. A follow-up letter sent to Healey on Monday said the organization never received a response from the administration.

"Secretary Santiago has failed to address the American Legion Department of Massachusetts, the largest veteran's organization in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Secretary Santiago has been invited to the last two Department Conventions, last two Department Commander's Banquets, and the last two National Commander's Banquets. All previous

Secretaries of Veterans Services of the Commonwealth have accepted all invitations to speak to the American Legion Department of Massachusetts at every event invited to by our organization," the letter to Healey from the Legion says.

It's signed by Department Commander Sandra Davis, past national commanders of the Legion John Comer, Paul Morin, and Department Adjutant Lisa McPhee.

The Executive Office of Veterans Services asserted that Santiago has displayed an "extensive engagement with the veteran community."

The office has attended at least 16 events and visits with the American Legion over the past 16 months, nine of which Santiago personally attended. This included the American Legion's Memorial Day ceremony last May, and visits to Legion Posts in North Brookfield, Nantucket, Duxbury, Braintree, South Boston, Attleboro and Weymouth.

Deputy Secretary Andrea Gayle-Bennett attended the American Legion Memorial Day ceremony this year, as well as the organization's 75th installation of officers ceremony in Chinatown and two Post visits in 2024.

EOVS says that of the six events mentioned in the letter, the office already had earlier scheduling conflicts, and their Office of Scheduling did not have a record of an invitation of two of the events.

"The total lack of respect displayed by Secretary Santiago towards the single largest veteran's organization in the Commonwealth and the world, the 35-000-member strong Department of Massachusetts American Legion, requests you remove Secretary Santiago from his position of Secretary of Executive Office of Veterans Services," says the letter from the Legion.

McPhee said in an interview Monday that the Legion has given

the administration "heartburn" over one of its policy goals and connected Santiago's non-attendance with their opposition to a measure proposed by Healey.

McPhee said the American Legion is one of the only organizations to oppose a piece of Healey's so-called HERO Act, or An Act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans (H 4172).

The Legion supports almost all of the policies in the bill, McPhee said, except a provision that would waive license plate fees on specialty veteran license plates. There is a one-time \$30 registration charge for these plates, plus a \$40 special plate fee charged every two years.

Those dollars are sent directly to the Chelsea and Holyoke Soldiers' Homes, into a fund earmarked specifically for recreation and personal care items. McPhee said the homes use those funds for toiletries, clocks for the bedrooms, new mattresses and whiteboards, as well as recreational activities like fishing trips or museum visits.

McPhee said the Legion has asked that if the HERO Act prevails with the fee waiver, that the administration adds a \$1 million line item to the budget to continue to fund recreation activities and personal care items at the facilities.

Healey's budget proposal for fiscal year 2025 included about a \$5 million increase each for the operations of both soldiers' homes.

"The secretary of veterans affairs should be addressing the largest veterans service organization in the state," said McPhee. "We're all trying to do the same thing, we have the same goal, but if we come to an impasse, don't ignore us."

In addition to serving as the veterans services secretary – a job that Healey elevated to a Cabinet-level position for the first time in the state's history – Santiago works one day per

week at Boston Medical Center's emergency room, and is in the U.S. Army Reserves, where he has been deployed twice, to Syria and Kuwait, according to his LinkedIn.

"We understand that he's busy, but if he can't make it, send someone else who knows what's going on," McPhee said. "Let's have a conversation. And we can't have a conversation if you don't show up."

In a statement, EOVS said Santiago has been engaged with the Legion and other veterans service organizations.

"From day one, Secretary Santiago and the Executive Office of Veterans Services team have been committed to extensive engagement with the veteran community, including the American Legion," the statement says. "We look forward to continuing our work to expand partnerships with all veteran service organizations in Massachusetts."

New Bedford Fire Dept. names Owen Costa as honorary Deputy Fire Chief

"We had the distinct honor of welcoming Owen Costa to our firehouse family. Owen has been officially named an honorary Deputy Fire Chief by New Bedford Fire Department Fire Chief Scott Kruger and the members of Local 841 New Bedford Firefighters!

Owen, your bravery and courage inspires us all. You are a true hero, and we are honored to have you as an official member of

our firehouse family.

Check out the video to see Owen officially join the firehouse family!"-IAFF Local 841 New Bedford Firefighters.

Boston Police seek help identifying underwear-masked bandit in alleged armed robbery

"BPD Community Alert: Detectives Assigned To District A-1/A-15 Seek The Public's Help To Identify The Following Individual In Relation To An Armed Robbery In Charlestown"

Detectives assigned to District A-1/A-15 (Downtown/Charlestown) are seeking the public's assistance to identify the pictured individual involved in an armed robbery (knife) incident that occurred at about 8:47 PM on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the area of 285 Main Street. The suspect is described as a white male with tattoos on his right forearm, wearing a blue t-shirt, gray running pants with dark stripes, and black sneakers.



The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding these incidents. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact District A-1/A-15 Detectives at (617) 343-4571.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner."-Boston Police Department.



Lakeville Police, Massachusetts EP respond to fatal emergency on Long Pond

“LAKEVILLE – Chief Matthew Perkins reports that the Lakeville Police Department responded along with the Lakeville Fire Department to assist the Massachusetts Environmental Police during a fatal emergency on Long Pond Saturday afternoon.

Lakeville Police responded to Long Pond at 4:58 p.m. after receiving a request from the Environmental Police for Lakeville’s dive team and police boat to assist in the search for a man in his 60s who reportedly went missing in the pond earlier.

The missing person was located at 5:43 p.m. and was transferred to Lakeville Fire medics. Lifesaving measures were attempted, however the man was pronounced dead at a local hospital shortly after arrival.

All unattended deaths in Plymouth County are investigated by State Police Detectives assigned to the District Attorney’s Office. The Environmental Police was already on Long Pond when the person was reported missing.

Any additional media inquiries should be referred to the District Attorney’s Office.”-