

Did you know that Massachusetts has moose? Stay a respectful distance away to enjoy them!

Did you know that we have moose in Massachusetts? Moose are surprisingly elusive, especially considering their large size. They can stand up to 6 feet tall at the shoulder, with females weighting 500-700 pounds and a male weighing 600-1,000 pounds.

Historically, moose roamed the forests of Massachusetts. However, by the early 1700s, unregulated hunting and extensive forest clearing for pastures and farming by early settlers led to their disappearance. Moose began to appear again in greater numbers in Massachusetts starting around the 1980s, expanding south from neighboring states. Moose populations grew in northern New England from a combination of forest cutting practices and protection from unregulated hunting. Moose can now be found in most of western and central Massachusetts, with occasional sightings in eastern Massachusetts.

Moose are an important natural resource in Massachusetts and their recent return is a testament to the state's high quality wildlife habitat and management. Moose hunting is prohibited in Massachusetts.

Find tips on viewing moose and preventing conflicts with moose [here](#).

Description

Moose are the largest members of the deer family in North America. In the fall, an adult cow (female) moose can weigh from 500 to 700 pounds and a bull (male) moose can weigh from 600 to over 1,000 pounds. They can stand up to 6 feet tall at the shoulder and have long legs 3-4 feet in length, which

allow them to walk in deep snow. Only bulls grow antlers, which begin growing in March to early April and are fully grown by August when the velvet is shed. Antlers are shed beginning in December, though some young bulls retain their antlers until late winter. Moose have large, almost horse-like heads, with a flap of skin that hangs beneath their chin called a bell, which is more pronounced in adult bulls than in cows or immature bulls. Moose vary in color from light brown to almost black, with the face generally dark brown or black on bulls, and light brown on cows.

Life history

Cow moose breed at 2 or 3 years of age. In mid-May they give birth to 1 to 2 calves weighing 20–25 pounds. By fall, the calves will weigh almost 300 pounds! Unlike deer, moose offspring stay close to their mother after birth and she will actively protect her calf against predators. Moose are most active at dawn and dusk. The breeding season (rut) for moose runs from September to October. This is a time when rutting moose are seen more often because they are actively seeking a mate. Increased moose activity also occurs in April and May when the adult cow drives off her young of the past year before she calves.

Because of their large size and strength, adult moose have very few natural predators, which explains their general lack of fear of humans and bold behavior. However, young, sick or injured moose can succumb to predation by black bears or coyotes. In Massachusetts, most moose die from vehicle collisions, accidents in the wild (drowning, falls, etc.), disease, starvation, and old age. In recent years, climate change, winter tick, Brainworm (a tiny parasite carried by white-tailed deer), liver flukes, and a combination of stressors have become significant factors for moose populations.

Food, habits, and habitat

Moose, like deer, lack upper incisors; they strip off browse

(twigs and other plants) and bark rather than snipping it neatly. Moose eat large amounts of leaves, twigs, and buds, as well as sodium-rich aquatic vegetation in the summer. Willows, aspens, maples, oaks, fir, and viburnums are their preferred foods. Land areas recently logged or disturbed by fire, wind events, or beavers provide excellent moose habitat as these sites contain new plant growth. In the summer, moose tend to seek food and relief from flies and mosquitoes by spending time in wetlands. Winter food mostly consists of buds and twigs, needle bearing trees, and hardwood bark. A healthy adult moose can eat 40–60 pounds of browse daily.

View or download the Living with moose PDF fact sheet.

Disturbance in south-end leads to struggle, arrest of New Bedford man with 19 adult arraignments

“NEW BEDFORD – Police have arrested a man on weapons charges following a south-end disturbance.

On Sunday, July 7th, patrol officers responded to the area of David St. and Salisbury St. regarding a man who had just brandished a firearm. Upon arrival, Officer James Sullivan located the male, who he saw reaching into a cross-body bag he had been wearing. As Officer Sullivan attempted to engage him, he quickly tossed this bag to the ground.

Ofc. Sullivan then attempted to secure the man when he suddenly pushed away and tried to flee from the scene.

Although resisting, he was eventually taken into custody and placed into restraints with the help of a good Samaritan. The suspect was then identified as Mr. MARCELL GONCALVES, 27, of 25 Dudley St.

As officers arrived on the scene to assist, GONCALVES was found to have a pair of brass knuckles and a knife in his possession. The bag that GONCALVES had tossed was found to contain a P80 Polymer "Ghost gun" with no serial number. The gun was loaded with 12 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

GONCALVES was taken into custody and charged with numerous serious offenses, including carrying a large-capacity loaded firearm without a license, assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, and possession of a firearm without a serial number. GONCALVES has a previous conviction for possession of a firearm stemming from a case in 2018. He also has an open case for possession of a high-capacity feeding device from an incident in April of this year.

GONCALVES has 19 adult arraignments on his record, 13 of which resulted in dismissals at court. He is currently held without bail at the Dartmouth House of Correction.

If you have any information you would like to share with the police, you can do so anonymously by visiting our website, newbedfordpd.com, or by calling 508-99-CRIME."-City of New Bedford Police Department.

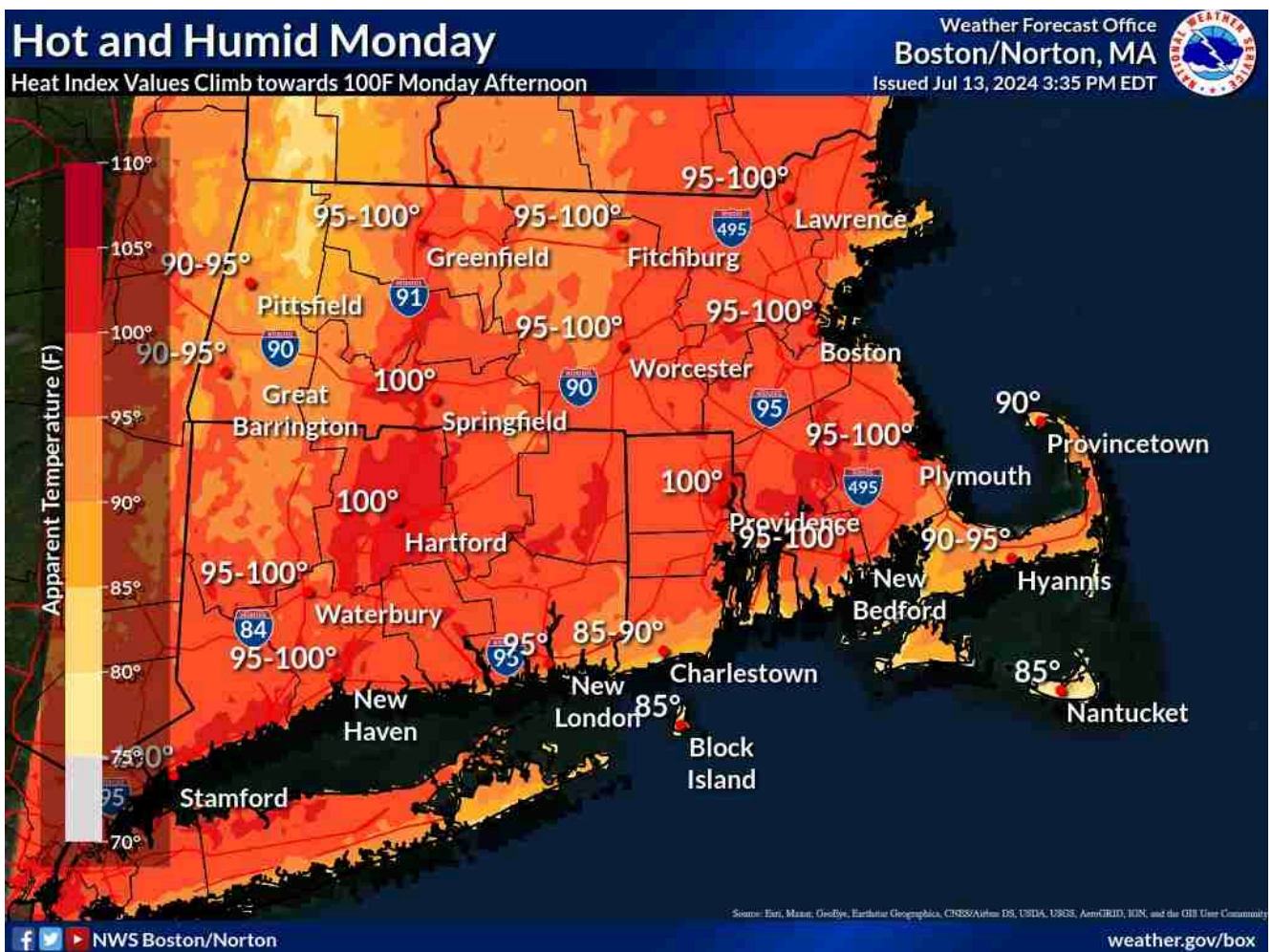
Dangerous heat, humidity

coming to Massachusetts with heat indexes as high as 105°F

“Dangerous heat and humidity is on tap Mon through Wed and there will be the risk for some afternoon and evening showers & t-storms. A cold front brings relief from the heat and humidity Thu, Fri and Sat.

Our attention turns to the return of dangerous heat and humidity to start the work week. Heat peaks Tuesday, with potential for heat index values to exceed 105°F!

Now is the best time to ensure cooling devices are in working order and you have a plan to beat the heat!



Monday's "Hot Peaks" and heat indexes. U.S. Weather Service Boston photo.

Maximum Heat Index Forecast (°F)

	7/14	7/15	7/16	7/17	7/18	7/19	7/20	7/21	Maximum
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
Boston	89	94	105	103	83	81	86	87	105
Hartford	93	100	105	106	83	82	84	88	106
Hyannis	83	86	95	93	78	75	79	79	95
Lowell	93	98	106	103	86	83	85	87	106
Nantucket	78	79	84	90	77	74	76	77	90
New Bedford	90	94	99	100	86	82	85	88	100
Newport	84	85	90	92	78	77	79	79	92
Providence	92	97	103	105	86	83	84	86	105
Springfield	91	98	103	102	83	82	84	86	103
Worcester	90	97	103	102	84	82	83	86	103



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U.S. Weather Service Boston photo.

Young men allegedly steal bicycle from New Bedford's Yesteryear Cyclery; reward offered

“Once again it is with heavy heart and sadness that I tell you my store was visited by some misguided youth. On Thursday of this past week, 2 young men were acting suspiciously in our main store and left, headed over to our used bike department, entered and stole a very nice bicycle that was for sale.

It makes me so sad that young boys like this have been brought up in an atmosphere where stealing is okay. How will they end up in later years?



Yesteryear Cyclery photo.

The saddest part is that my entire used bike department is dedicated to Gifts to Give. A great portion of every bike sold is directly donated to this local nonprofit organization which is solely for the benefit of local homeless and needy families yet these young men choose to turn a blind eye to what is right or wrong.

Frankly I blame the parents for losing control of their kids today. It's time to bring back old fashioned morals because if you're reading this and agreeing with me, you were brought up by parents who knew better and made you into what you are today."-Kim Camara.



Yesteryear Cyclery photo.

Wareham DNR announces passing of French bulldog “Puppy Doe” after surgery

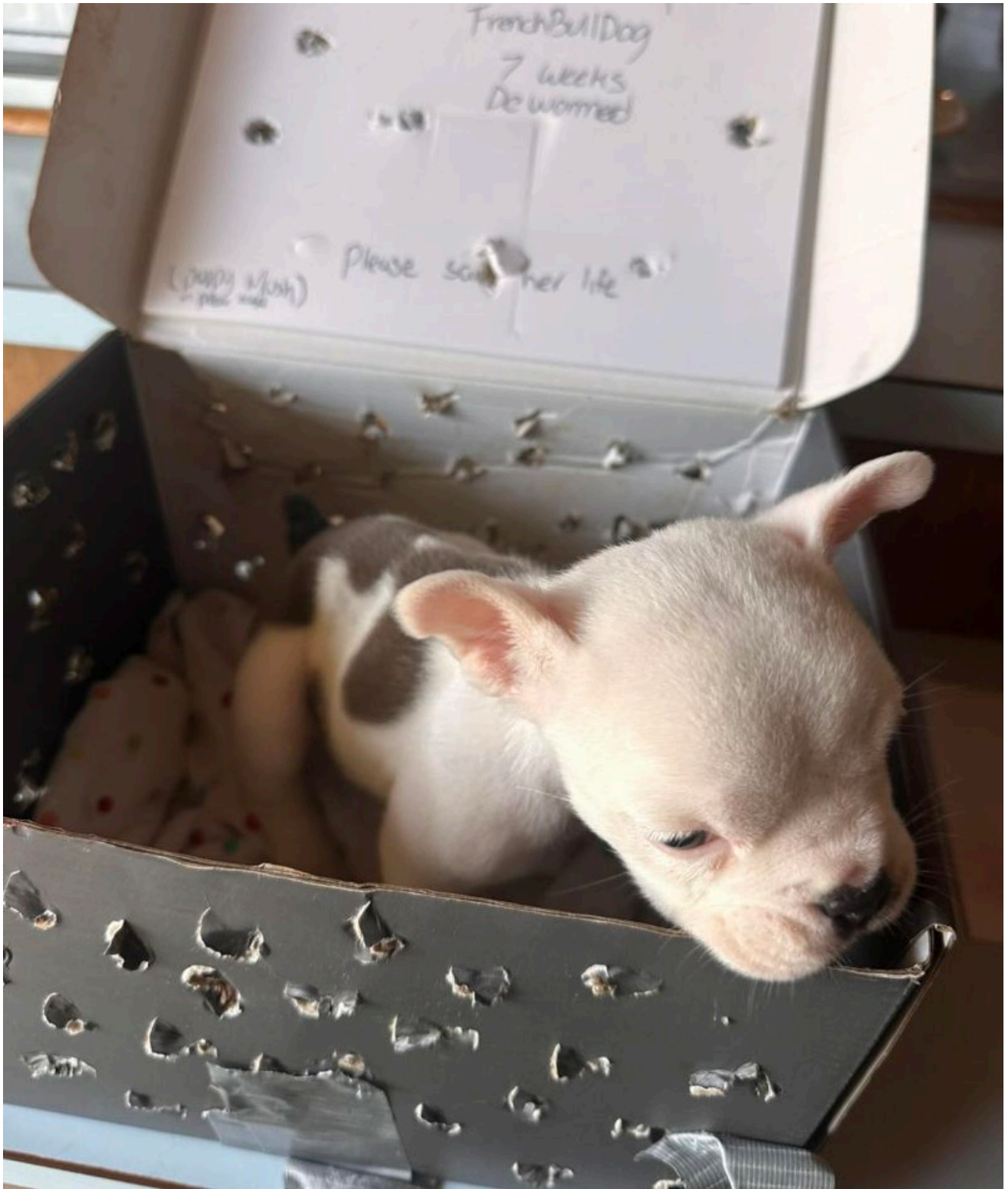
“It is with a heavy heart that we write this post to update everyone that has shown support for the French bulldog puppy that was found, affectionately called Puppy Doe.

With the generous help of the Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast, she went in for what we had hoped to be life saving surgery. Puppy Doe was already at a significantly higher risk due to her age, breed, and condition. Although she made it through the surgery, she very quickly declined and had to be humanely euthanized due to emergency circumstances.

We want to take a moment to thank everyone involved with her care, treatment, and ultimately her end of life care.

We hope that everyone who showed interest in her adoption will find it in their hearts to adopt one of the hundreds of shelter pets that are patiently waiting for their forever home. Puppy Doe's story caught the heart of so many, but there are many animals with similar stories that have not received the same attention.

Please reach out to your local animal shelter to see what you can do to assist with the care of so many animals just like Puppy Doe. □"-Wareham Department of Natural Resources.



Wareham Fire Department photo.

With “Feels Like” temps as high as 98° South Coast cooling centers opening, including New Bedford

“New Bedford, MA – YMCA Southcoast branches are opening their doors to the public during the heat wave to keep community members cool and safe.

All are welcome at the following 4 branches July 15th-17th, from the hours of 12:30-5pm.

You do not need to be a YMCA member to stop by and keep cool in the Welcome Center. All that we ask is for you to check in at the Welcome Center desk when you arrive.

New Bedford YMCA

25 South Water St.

New Bedford

MA 02740

508-997-0734

Fall River YMCA

199 North Main St.

Fall River, MA 02720

508-675-7841

Gleason Family YMCA

33 Charge Pond Road

Wareham, MA 02571

508-295-9622

Stoico/FIRSTFED YMCA

271 Sharps Lot Road

Swansea, MA 02777

508-678-9622." -YMCA.

Operation Clean Sweep seeks volunteers for New Bedford's Clasky Common Park, downtown area

WHEN: July 20th from 9am – 12pm

WHERE: SERVPRO 1476 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA

You can pre-register online by going [here](#).

- Free t-shirts to all volunteers
- Gloves and tools provided
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Review the safety notes
- Walkins Welcome
- Free pizza from Dominos!
- Coffee & Donuts provided by BASK

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



CLASKY COMMON PARK/ DOWNTOWN AREA CLEANUP

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Cleaning. Restoration. Construction.

Dartmouth/New Bedford
508-999-2380

SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 17
SEPTEMBER 14

SAFETY TIPS

- Wear closed-toed shoes
- If you find a needle, syringe, or sharps, DO NOT TOUCH

9:00AM to 12:00PM

located at SERVPRO
1476 Purchase Street, New Bedford

Coffee and donuts
provided courtesy of



PIZZA provided by



Preregistering at OperationCleanSweep.net helps us to plan our event.

FREE T-Shirts to All Participants | Gloves and tools provided | WALK-INS WELCOME



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Operation Clean Sweep Anti-Litter Campaign is working to improve the quality of life in New Bedford through organized cleanups, education, and advocacy.



Operation Clean Sweep photo.

Box truck flips onto SUV and a bizarre accident in Norton

At approximately 2:30pm on Thursday, Norton Police and Fire Departments, and EMS received multiple calls about a box truck that was resting on its side with part of it on top of an SUV.

First responders raced to the scene of the accident on East Main Street and Burt Street in Norton to find that indeed a box truck with "Yale Appliance" on the side of it was on its side and resting on top of a red SUV.

A preliminary investigation suggests that the box truck was heading west on Main Street and swerved to avoid a vehicle turning left onto Burt Street when it veered off the road, hit a tree, went up on two wheels and was about to fall on its side when it landed on the red SUV that was about to turn.

The box truck had two passengers who were transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. The sole passenger of the red SUV was uninjured.



Norton Police Department photo.

Professional Graphic Designers Bring Exciting New Digital Art Program to New Bedford Kids!

SketchyGOichie is excited to introduce DRAW!, a 10-week art course designed to ignite the creativity of young artists aged 7-18. This program, crafted by renowned commercial artist Roger Andrews, offers a one-of-a-kind chance for kids to dive into the world of digital art with the guidance of industry pros.

Roger Andrews, a seasoned freelance content creator, has spent over 25 years bringing conceptual illustrations and characters to life for major companies like Hasbro, Puma, Toyota, Lucas Licensing, and Disney.

Despite his impressive career, Roger's true passion lies in mentoring young artists. "Creating the DRAW! program is my way of giving back," says Roger. "This course isn't free, but it's packed with value, giving young artists the skills and confidence they need to shine in the digital art world or develop a lifelong hobby."

The Digital Newbie Level (for ages 7-13) includes 90-minute sessions every Saturday from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Each session costs \$30, and drop-ins are always welcome. The course includes all necessary materials, such as iPads with drawing apps and accessories, ensuring that each child has the tools they need.



With class sizes capped at 15 students, everyone gets plenty of personal attention. Parents can track their child's progress through downloadable links after each session. If a class is missed, online access to session content ensures no one falls behind.

Joining Roger in teaching these courses is Ashlianna Felix, a talented graphic designer and illustrator from New Bedford, Massachusetts. Ashlianna has a background in merchandise design, promotional graphics, and animated emojis for popular movies and cartoons. She has extensive experience working with children of all ages and skill levels, making her an invaluable part of the DRAW! program.

Her passion for both art and education shines through in her teaching, providing students with a fun and enriching experience. “Kids love tech, they want to have their hands on whatever feels the most current, and this is just an awesome outlet to do so in a productive way,” says Ashlianna.

Seats are limited, so early registration is recommended to secure a spot in these eagerly awaited courses. For more details and to register, [CLICK HERE](#)



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A post shared by New Bedford Guide (@newbedfordguide)

2024 Piping Plover nesting season a success: birth of two chicks on New Bedford's East Beach

“The New Bedford Conservation Commission is pleased to announce that the 2024 Piping Plover Nesting Season was successful in fledging two chicks on East Beach!

These two chicks are only the second and third chicks to be born in New Bedford in modern times. This success is due to the diligent work of City staff and our partners, as well as the exceptional cooperation and consideration of the general public and beachgoers for giving the protected nesting area and breeding plover pair the space needed to raise their

young. These birds will soon begin migrating back south after summering on our coastline.

Thanks again to everyone for being conscientious of the natural world we share around us! If you have any questions, comments, photos, or stories related to the plovers (or any other nature experiences), contact Environmental Stewardship at (508) 991-6188."-City of New Bedford.