

Trader Joe's to take over former Staples building



Trader Joe's will soon move into the former Staples building at 220 Fortune Blvd. Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

By Scott Calzolaio

The rumors are true - Trader Joe's is coming to Milford, and soon.

The growing zeitgeist that

is Trader Joe's, and the social media culture that comes with it, is set to bring its unique inventory to town by the end of the year. This will

be the company's 20th Massachusetts location, and the

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Milford continues Community Policing efforts



Currently, vehicles can park on both sides of Fruit Street depicting which leaves room for only one car to pass at a time. Photo credit: Scott Calzolaio

By Scott Calzolaio

It's time to tidy up parking for those who live in town. On Sept. 30, Chief of Police Robert Tusino, gave a visual presentation of some of the dangerous intersections in town.

After getting some pushback from the Select Board on a few of his proposed changes in the past, Tusino decided that instead of trying to explain the danger, he

would simply show them instead.

Using in-house drones, Tusino and his team filmed POV [point of view] shots of blind traffic turns, and corners with obscured vision. All this to show the Select Board the real-time danger these spots in town pose.

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in on the turn at Court Street and Jefferson Street, and showcases the blind spot created by the parked van on the left and car on the right.

“Hopefully this will really shed some light on what I’ve been trying to say,” Tusino said in an interview before the meeting. “The plan is to propose a bunch of options, because there is no one-size-fits-all solution for these issues.”

Among the proposed changes is an amendment to the parking-to-curb bylaw. Currently, cars can legally park 20 feet from an intersection. Tusino said that this is not nearly enough space.

“One of the big things I would like to see implemented is an increase to at least 50 feet from the intersection,” he said.

Tusino also discussed the future of traffic enforcement in town. He discussed the possibility of starting a traffic division, whose sole purpose would be to maintain the rules of the road in town.



Milford Police Chief Robert Tusino has identified several areas of concern related to street parking. This photo was taken, at night, on North Bow St. and Spring St. As the police officer was making his way down the street, the red van was coming toward the cruiser but had to pull over because there was not enough room for two cars to pass. Photo source: www.milfordpolice.org

Many residents may have already noticed the crackdown on illegal parking in town.

“Parking citations and police proactive activity has been way up since I took over,” he said.

“But still, it’s not enough. We don’t have the resources to address all the parking complaints right now.”

These are “legitimate concerns that we need to start ad-

ressing now,” he said.

Tusino has already begun planning to write an article for the May Town Meeting to appropriate the funds to address this issue.

In a presentation to the Milford Select Board, Milford Police Chief Robert Tusino said parking is impacting commuter safety and residence convenience in these ways:

- **Motor vehicle accidents:** Areas in town in which parking abuts the intersections are at an increased risk for motor-vehicle accidents.
- **Pedestrian strikes:** Specific areas of concern for intersection and residential parking congestion have seen 27 pedestrian strikes since 2020.
- **Compromised travel lanes:** At many of these intersections, vehicles of travel must cross marked lanes to pass parked vehicles.
- **Resident impact:** Town residents unable to access their own driveways and leave their residence safety due to parking congestion.

Source: www.milfordpolice.org

At a meeting of the Milford Select Board on Sept. 30, Milford Police Chief Robert Tusino discussed street parking near several intersections in town which he calls “areas of concern,” including:

- Grove St. at South Bow St.
- Water Street
- Pearl Street at Lincoln St.
- Winter St. at Granite St.
- School Street
- Fruit St. at South Main St.
- North Bow St. at Spring St.
- West St. at Union St.
- Water St. at Oliver & South High
- Water St. at Bancroft St.
- Grove St. at South Bow St.
- Court St. at Jefferson St.



A police cruiser navigates the turn from West Street onto Union Street. Vehicles parked on both sides of the street make it impossible for two cars to pass each other. Here, there is only enough room for one car to squeeze through. Photo source: www.milfordpolice.org

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fifth major grocery store chain to open in Milford.

Milford Town Administrator Richard Villani told Milford Free Press that residents have been asking him for months about the neighborhood grocery store chain coming to town.

"We welcome them to Milford," he said. "It's been one of the most asked questions, 'Are they coming? Are they coming?'" he laughed. "From talking to people, I can tell residents are really excited to see them coming to town." The store will be at the former site of Staples at 220 Fortune Blvd

where contractors can be seen moving in and out of the now hollow building, while Trader Joe's upper management conducts interviews in the old TGI Fridays building across the parking lot.

Dozens of job listings are now available in anticipation of the store's grand opening. The exact date they open is still unclear but the company website says, "Our Crew is working hard so we can open our doors in 2024."

The website also says Milford has been singled out as a perfect spot for their new store. An Aug. 29 post says, "We've consulted our maps and compass and have found a terrific location for a store in Milford, MA. We



Photo credit: Theresa Knapp

are proud to be joining the neighborhood, and to continue our commitment to providing nourishment to the surrounding communities through our Neighborhood Shares [food assistance] program."

Posts in town Facebook pages show that residents have shown interest in having a Trader Joe's

in town for years. Currently, the closest Trader Joe's to Milford is in Framingham.

The grocery chain was started in Pasadena, Calif. in 1967. They now run over 500 stores in 42 states.

For the full Trader Joe's announcement, visit bit.ly/MilfordTraderJoes.

Applications now available for the 2024-2025 home energy assistance program

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities recently announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season opened on Oct. 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

To apply, Milford residents should contact the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc. (SMOC) at 7 Bishop Street, Framingham. Their number is 800-286-6776.

HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible rent-

ers and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Milford homeowners and renters can apply online at https://toapply.org/MassHEAP or through SMOC in Framingham. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. "With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than

ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

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If you're planning to retire in a few years, are you looking forward to it? Or are you somewhat apprehensive? Are you asking yourself: "What sort of retirement can I afford?"

It's a good question — because the answer can make a big difference in your ability to enjoy life as a retiree.

And retirement can indeed be enjoyable, exciting and fun. Consider this from a recent survey by Edward Jones and AgeWave: A majority of respondents said retirement should be looked at as a whole new chapter of life, and not just a time for rest and relaxation. In other words, people are viewing retirement as a chance for new experiences and new opportunities, rather than a time to simply wind down. But if you're going to make the most of your retirement — which could last two or even three decades — you need to be financially prepared.

This preparation can involve many steps, but here are some of the key ones:

- **Decide what your retirement lifestyle will look like.** How you choose to spend your retirement years can make a big difference in the financial resources you'll need. For example, if you

plan on traveling the world, you might need more income than if you were to stay close to home and pursue your hobbies. If you can envision your retirement lifestyle and estimate how much money you'll need to support it, you can help reduce some of the uncertainties you might face once you do retire.

- **Review your income sources.** During retirement, you'll likely need to draw on all your income sources, so it's a good idea to know what you'll have available, such as your IRA, 401(k) and other investment accounts. You'll also need to decide when to take Social Security — if you wait until your full retirement age (probably between 66 and 67), you'll get much larger monthly benefits than if you started taking them at 62. And here's another variable: earned income. Even if you've retired

from your career, you might, if you desire, use your acquired skills in a consulting or part-time position. The more you can earn, the less you may have to withdraw from your investment accounts and the better position you'll be in to delay taking Social Security.

- **Consider adjusting your investment portfolio.** For most of your working years, you may have invested mostly for growth — to increase your assets as much as possible. But growth-oriented investments are also, by nature, riskier, so when you retire, you should review your portfolio to determine whether you need to move it toward a more conservative position. Also, more conservative investments may provide more current income in the form of interest payments. However, even in retirement, you may need some investments with growth

potential if you want to keep ahead of inflation.

Retirement is certainly a major milestone in your life — and adjusting to it can take some time. But there will be much less to fear — and much more to enjoy — if you've done what you can to prepare yourself financially.

Contact Mark today to discuss this topic or any of your financial goals.

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We are happy to announce three upcoming fall programs for you. Please call the office to register, 508-277-4981.

Would you like an opportunity to spend time with your infant in the company of others sharing similar experiences? Lap Babies is fun for our tiniest of friends. This 8-week series is designed for children from birth to 12 months old, and their caregiver(s), and will take place on Mondays, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. in the Milford Playcenter. This program runs from Oct. 7 through Dec. 16. Registration is required and space is limited. Sibling care will not be provided.

Join Miss Donna for Autumn Fun on the Common on the Bellingham Town Common for fall songs and storytime on Oct. 16 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. The program is for children birth to age 5 years and their caregiver. Registration is required and space is limited.

Ever wish you had a parenting manual? Join Miss Harmony for our monthly parent-led conversation, Desserts & Discussions on Oct. 23 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Don't forget to find, like and follow us on Facebook at Milford Family & Community Network CFCE.

Questions? Call 508-277-4981 or email us at familynet-work@milfordma.com. Don't forget to find, like and follow us on Facebook at Milford Family & Community Network CFCE.

Submitted by Milford Family & Community Network

Residential leaf program in effect from Nov. 4 to Dec. 13

The Town of Milford's residential leaf program will begin on Nov. 4 and finish on Dec. 13. Leaf removal hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Leaves are picked up according to numbered routes (1-5) divided by street names. For the full list of routes and street names visit bit.ly/MilfordLeaf2024.

How it works

- If your leaves are not picked up on the your scheduled day, they will be picked up on the next week's scheduled day of pick up.
- Leaves must be raked to the edge of the sidewalk or front property line (if no sidewalk exists). Note, Milford general bylaws prohibit sweeping materials onto streets or sidewalks, and violators will be prosecuted.
- Do not bag leaves for curbside removal.



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- Leaf collection equipment will only pick up leaves – no household garbage, trash, grass, sticks, rocks, etc. will be accepted.
- Do not pile leaves under low hanging branches.
- Bulk of leaves will be vacuumed. Disposal of remaining leaves will be the responsibility of the homeowner.
- If you cover your leaves, the cover must be removed prior to the first day of your scheduled pick-up. No piles will be picked up if they are covered.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns, or do not find your street on the list, please call the Milford Highway Department Office at 508-473-1274 Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The schedule can be found at bit.ly/MilfordLeaf2024, www.milfordma.gov/news, or at the offices of the Milford Highway Dept, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Select Board.

Source: www.milfordma.gov

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The future of eye care: A revolution in ophthalmology

By Roger M. Kaldawy, M.D.
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Ophthalmology, the medical field dedicated to eye health, has witnessed remarkable advancements in recent years. These innovations are reshaping the landscape of eye care, offering patients improved outcomes and more accessible treatment options. With the increasing prevalence of eye disease driven by factors such as aging populations, lifestyle changes, and technological advancements. These breakthroughs are also crucial for addressing global eye health challenges.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

One of the most significant developments in ophthalmology has been the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. These technologies are revolutionizing eye diagnosis by providing faster, more accurate, and often more objective assessments.

AI algorithms can analyze vast amounts of data, such as retinal images, to detect early signs of diseases like diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and age-related macular degeneration. This early detection allows for timely intervention, potentially preventing vision loss. For instance, Google's DeepMind has developed an AI system capable of diagnosing over 50 different eye diseases from a single OCT scan.

Gene Therapy for Inherited Retinal Diseases

Gene therapy, a technique that involves introducing functional genes into cells to treat genetic disorders, has shown great promise in ophthalmology, particularly for inherited retinal diseases. These conditions, often caused by genetic mutations, were once considered incurable. However, advancements in gene therapy have opened new possibilities for restoring vision or halting disease progression. Lux-

turna, approved by the FDA in 2017, was the first gene therapy for an inherited retinal disease, offering hope to patients with Leber's congenital amaurosis. Researchers are now exploring gene therapies for other retinal diseases, such as retinitis pigmentosa and choroideremia, expanding the potential benefits of this technology.

Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS)

Glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness, is characterized by increased intraocular pressure. Traditional surgical treatments for glaucoma often involve invasive procedures with long recovery times. Minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS) has emerged as a less invasive alternative, offering quicker recovery, fewer complications, and improved patient satisfaction. MIGS devices, such as the iStent and Hydrus Microstent, are designed to enhance the eye's natural drainage pathways,



reducing intraocular pressure without the need for large incisions. MIGS can often be performed in conjunction with cataract surgery, providing a

comprehensive solution for patients with both conditions.

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The featured appraiser will be Eric Mulak, Vice President of Eldred's Auction House, one of the leading regional antiques and fine arts auction houses in the country for 60 years, with locations on Cape Cod and Mystic, Connecticut.

Bring your treasures for appraisal, up to three items, but no jewelry, please.

This event is sponsored by the Milford Historical Commission as their Annual Open House. Visitors are invited to browse through the Museum to view memorabilia from Milford's past - Civil War artifacts,

military uniforms, the granite industry, boot and shoe, sports, and banks are on display.

The Lyn Lovell Research Room offers a glimpse into Milford's past with Adin Ballou's history, annual town reports, MHS yearbooks, as well as blue binders filled with interesting articles on various subjects.

The Museum, located at 30 School Street, is open every Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. and MHS meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month.

For more information, contact Memorialhall@townofmilford.com or 774-462-3316.

Submitted by the Milford Historical Society

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Advanced Intraocular Lenses (IOLs)

Cataract surgery, a common procedure to remove a cloudy lens and replace it with an artificial lens, has been transformed by advancements in intraocular lens (IOL) technology. Modern IOLs can now address a variety of vision problems, including astigmatism, presbyopia, and myopia. Multifocal and extended-depth-of-focus (EDOF) lenses allow patients to achieve clear vision at multiple distances without relying on glasses. Toric IOLs can correct astigmatism, reducing the need for corrective eyewear.

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Keratoconus, a progressive eye condition that causes the cornea to thin and bulge, can lead to significant vision impairment. Corneal cross-linking, a procedure that strengthens the cornea using ultraviolet light and riboflavin, has been a game-changer for patients with keratoconus. By halting the progression of the disease, corneal cross-linking can help prevent vision loss and reduce the need for corneal transplants.

Teleophthalmology: Remote Eye Care Delivery

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of telemedicine, including in ophthalmology. Teleophthalmology, which allows for remote eye care consultations and follow-ups, has become an essential tool for ensuring access to care, especially in underserved areas. Remote eye exams, coupled with home-based diagnostic tools, enable patients to monitor their eye health without frequent in-person visits. Teleophthalmology platforms, equipped with AI-driven diagnostic tools, can triage patients and prioritize those who require urgent in-person care, optimizing clinic resources and improving patient outcomes.

Conclusion

The future of ophthalmology is bright, with ongoing advancements in technology and treatment options. These innovations are not only improving the quality of care but also making it more accessible and affordable for patients worldwide. As the field continues to evolve, we can expect to see even more groundbreaking developments that will revolutionize eye care and preserve vision for generations to come.

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Style, service, and staying power – Before & After at Always Hair Salon

By Jennifer Russo

When it comes to personal style, there are two things that speak louder than everything else – our clothes and our hair. How we cut, style and color our hair is an outward expression of who we are and a reflection of our personality. A fresh cut or a new color has been proven to boost confidence and make us feel good, and when it frames our face correctly, it enhances our other features. Going for bold, playful, romantic, classic, or professional? Our hair is versatile and enables us to adapt our look entirely to whatever it is we want to put out into the world at that moment.

Before & After at Always Hair Salon in Milford is a family-owned business that understands what it means to change, while staying true to who you are. Owner Tina Stevens knew when she was in high school that she wanted to be a stylist, but as with many of us who start to plan out our lives, there was a bit of a detour to get there.

Becoming a single mom in her twenties, she worked in the restaurant industry for a number of years before turning her sights back to her original goal. As fate might have it, her daughter Elisha wanted to become a stylist and mentioned that she would love to work in a salon with her. When one of her

daughter’s friends was over and asked her what was stopping her from doing what she really wanted, it really came down to childcare for her youngest.

It’s good to have people in your corner, because when word got out about it, the friend’s mother and some others got together to help with that. So, Tina went to school and got her styling license and started working at a salon, later purchasing All American Clip Joint (which she renamed to Always Hair) and opening the Hair Unlimited and Before & After salons, all of which were very successful. She then decided to put the three salons together, effectively creating a one-stop shop for clientele to make their hair dreams a reality, with stylists that specialize in the whole gamut of color and styling options.

Before and After at Always is renowned for its color services, so if you are looking to change your look with a hot seasonal trend, like buttercream blonde, burgundy, caramel, deep mocha, or something completely different – they can make that happen for you. They are also highly skilled in color correction, for a color previously done that changed into something different over time or for those who tried a box color that didn’t work out well. The salon also uses only organic color and

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products to keep hair truly healthy.

The salon has also become a go-to for men seeking to express themselves through their hairstyle, whether it be a buzz cut, a textured pompadour fade, a crew cut, a modern mullet or anything else they can think up. Even if it’s heading in for a beard trim or to tame those brows, there are stylists ready to make it an amazing grooming experience.

“You get to know your clients so well when they are getting their hair done and you get to talking. I have had people that have been with us so long that I really would call them friends now,” shares Tina.

Before and After at Always is a family-friendly salon, and has built its reputation on making everyone feel like they are part of that family.

“It might sound cliché, but making people happy really does make me happy. My stylists and I believe in giving people quality services and treating everyone with courtesy and kindness, without any pretentiousness. We are a local salon, and we take a lot of pride in that – we love the

BEFORE & AFTER AT ALWAYS HAIR SALON



people in our community, and we want to bring that sense of familiarity and welcome when they come in to see us.”

The salon offers cuts and color for men, women, and children as well as foils, fades, updos, keratin treatments and facial waxing. Whether you just need a trim or are going for a complete hair transformation, they have total confidence that

they can give you exactly what you are looking for.

Before and After at Always is located at 196 E. Main St. in Milford’s Quarry Square Plaza. Come in for a free consultation, check out their website at www.BeforeAndAfterAtAlwaysHair.com or call 508-473-5163 to book an appointment.

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Milford Scouting for Food drive will be Nov. 9



Milford's Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Scouts BSA units will be conducting their annual food drive on Saturday, Nov. 9 to support the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

To contribute, please place non-perishable foods and toiletries (please, no expired or glass containers) in a bag or box and place them in a location visible from the street by 9 a.m. on Nov. 9. A scout will come by to pick it up.

A drop-off site will be

open at Brookside Elementary from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that same day for apartment and condo residents and anyone else who prefers it.

Visit milfordscoutingforfood.org for more details as well as a way to report donations not collected by 2 p.m.

Thank you, Milford, for your many years' of gracious generosity!

Submitted by Milford Scouting for Food

Milford Regional and UMass Memorial Health formalize their corporate affiliation

On Oct. 1, UMass Memorial Health (UMMH) announced that Milford Regional Medical Center, inclusive of Milford Regional Physician Group and its employees, are now formally part of the UMMH system. Milford Regional Medical Center's name is now officially "UMass Memorial Health – Milford Regional Medical Center."

"We welcome Milford Regional caregivers to the UMass Memorial Health family and look forward to supporting Milford Regional as it advances its commitment to providing exceptional healthcare services to the greater Milford community," said Eric Dickson, MD, President and CEO of UMass Memorial Health.

UMass Memorial welcomes approximately 2,500 Milford Regional employees and providers, which grows the system to include more than 20,000 caregivers. Ed Kelly, President of Milford Regional, will continue his role and will join the UMass Memorial Health's senior leadership team.

Among the positive benefits

offered by this new affiliation are:

- Preserving Milford Regional Medical Center as an acute care hospital offering inpatient and outpatient services, ensuring access to high quality, local care for the Milford community;
- Supporting strategic capital investment in facilities, equipment and other infrastructure to support clinical care and the local community;
- Future integration of Milford Regional into the Epic electronic medical record system;
- Maintaining Milford Regional's role as an employer of choice in the local/regional market, and enhancing Milford Regional's ability to address ongoing workforce challenges; and
- Retaining a local community board of trustees, with Milford Regional having representation on the UMass Memorial parent board.

"This is the right time and UMass Memorial Health is the right partner to pave the path for our promising future," said Kelly, who explained further that UMMH and Milford Re-

gional began their collaboration in 1991 when Milford Regional Medical Center became the first hospital to clinically affiliate with UMass Memorial Medical Center. "Since then, many additional clinical and educational programs have been created with UMMH to bolster the level of care offered to the greater Milford community through the Milford-based residency program; multiple surgical programs; and our innovative intensive care service, to name a few."

According to Kelly, Milford Regional's ability to provide highly specialized care, locally, is further enhanced as it will preserve its existing clinical relationships with other academic medical centers, including Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital.

To learn more about the corporate affiliation between UMass Memorial Health and Milford Regional, visit milfordregional.org/about-us/umass-memorial-health-affiliation/.

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Fall cleanout is greener with *Affordable Junk Removal*

There are plenty of reasons to call a junk removal service. Maybe walking through your basement has gotten difficult or there is no more room in the attic? Perhaps you are planning to move, and you need to declutter before your open house?

Figuring out who to call can be challenging. If you contact one of the big haulers, they route you to a phone center where they've never even heard of your town, plus their pricing seems vague and full of extra fees. No wonder you've let the stuff pile up—it's too much of a hassle to get rid of it!

Or you can call Affordable Junk Removal and let a local small business with deep community roots take care of everything.

Jay Schadler started his business in 2005. Back then, it was just him and a beat-up pickup truck taking small jobs and working nights and weekends when he could. As the years rolled on, his business grew, but his commitment to customer service never wavered. Now he's got a staff of ten, along with

eight trucks, servicing eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island.

Affordable Junk Removal specializes in house and estate cleanouts. If your garage, attic, or office is overflowing with stuff, take back your space and let the pros do the heavy lifting.

Jay and his team have handled it all. They've dismantled above-ground pools, hauled away ancient hot tubs, taken down old fencing, and stripped away worn carpeting. They'll come for a single item, or they'll clean out an entire house. And they can take almost anything. They can't accept hazardous materials, brush, dirt, or concrete, but everything else is fair game for them to take away.

Not everything ends up in a landfill—not if Jay can help it. He first tries to either recycle or donate items. Only after he tries to repurpose items do they end up at the transfer station.

Working with Affordable Junk Removal is simple. First, you can load stuff yourself if you want by renting a 15-cubic-yard dumpster for a week

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and chucking up to a ton of your unwanted stuff. If you need to get rid of more weight, then Jay prorates that tonnage—you never pay for what you don't use.

If you don't want to be bothered with the dumpster, they've also got a driveway special where they'll take away a truckload of your unwanted things if you pile it up. Or if you don't want to lift a finger, then you can point at the items, and the team will fill up their truck and haul away your unwanted things. However you do it, you're left with more space and more peace of mind.

Jay and his team beat the big waste haulers on both price and customer service. When you call Affordable Junk Removal, you aren't connected to an anonymous call center. Your phone call goes right to Jay.

And speaking of pricing, Jay



is upfront about it. His website shows the truck sizes and prices, so you can save time knowing your costs before you call for an appointment. There aren't any hidden costs or surprise fees with Affordable Junk Removal.

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They also have a thriving commercial business, working with contractors and roofers to clear away debris and keep the job site clean. They can even handle commercial and residential emergencies with same-day service.

Jay and his family are deeply involved in the community. He and his wife, Christine, run the Corner Market restaurant in Holliston. It's not uncommon for someone to reach Jay at the restaurant, order a sandwich, and then schedule a junk removal appointment. Yes, the local small business really can handle everything!

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The library will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

ESL Drop in Fall Class Schedule

Free drop-in classes for beginners are held on each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. and an intermediate class is held on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. These classes are FREE for adults and no registration is required. Please note that childcare is not provided and children cannot be left unattended in the library.

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NEW Writer's Group Starting November 4!

Looking for a quiet, dedicated time and place where you can write? Join the Milford Area Wordsmiths writer's group. We provide a safe place for adults (18+) to write and even share your work if you desire. All levels are welcome, from first-time writers to published authors. All genres are welcome, too, from picture books to roman-

tasy to nonfiction.

The group will meet First and Third Monday of each month (except holidays) 7 to 8:30 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. The Milford Area Wordsmiths will be facilitated by Carol Allen, a first-time writer of children's books, lifelong bookworm, and recently retired middle-school teacher. For more information, please call 508-473-2145, extension 2.

Around Town: Atelier Artists

During October, the Atelier Artists are back with their annual challenge exhibit. This year's theme is Around Town and we expect an array of highly personal and diverse artwork. In previous years, this group of senior artists have tackled still life, limited palette, doors, interiors and more. The artwork will be displayed behind and across from the Information Desk.



Watercolor & Zentangle Exhibit

The adult display case will feature watercolor and zentangle artwork created by students in Mari Steinmann's art classes at the Milford Senior Center. Mari is also a member of the Atelier Artists.

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center to discuss *Darling Girls* by

Sally Hepworth.

Hepworth, author of *The Mother-in-Law*, *The Younger Wife* and other novels, knows how to craft page turners and *Darling Girls* is no exception. Jessica, Norah and Alicia, sisters who met in foster care, are now adults with tight bonds and secrets. When human remains are found during demolition of their foster home, those secrets

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threaten to disrupt their relatively calm adult lives.

To reserve a copy or to learn more about the Center Book Group, please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145, extension 219 or email Anne at aberard@milfordtownlibrary.org

Justice Crucified! The Trial of Sacco & Vanzetti with Lisa Santoro Granite & Quarry Rooms

On Thursday, Oct. 17 from 7 - 8:30 p.m., writer and researcher Lisa Santoro will discuss the 1927 trial of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Italian immigrants and anarchists who were executed for the murder of two men in an attempted robbery. The case gripped the nation and the world and many now believe they were wrongfully executed.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Milford Town Library.

Flatbreads for a Cause: Flatbreads, Fiction, and Funds! with Rail Trail Flatbread Co. Milford

Did you know that National Friends of the Library Week is October 20 – 26th? To celebrate, on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 4 - 9 p.m., the Rail Trail Flatbread Co. restaurant in Milford will donate 35% of their flatbread sales to the Friends of the Milford Town Library! To support the Milford Town Library and this local business, please show a flyer (available at the library) to your server or bartender when you visit.

Friends Fall Booksale: October 25 & 26

Don't miss a chance to stock up on great deals on books, DVDs, puzzles, games, music and more at the Friends of the Milford Town Library Fall Booksale. The sale has NEW hours this year with the members preview on Friday, Oct. 25 from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. The sale is open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sales help fund the youth and adult summer reading programs as well as programs, lectures, concerts and other programs.

Virtual Program: Decoding the Mysteries of Cats with Stephen Quandt

Join cat behaviorist, Stephen Quandt's for a fun and informative virtual program on Monday, Oct. 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Stephen's mission is to improve your cat's behavior, reduce your stress and restore your sense of hope by strengthening the bond between you and your feline friend. You'll be educated and entertained as Stephen addresses a host of issues such as ankle biting, play aggression, early morning wake up food aggression, fear and redirected aggression.

Stephen has given hundreds of behavior consults in person and over Zoom. He believes strongly in a compassionate, collaborative and educational approach to cat behavior, and he is Fear Free Certified. Find out more on his website, catbehaviorhelp.com.

The presentation will contain videos, music, user polls, and humor! During a Q&A, participants will receive behavior

advice. To register for this program, please check our events calendar at www.milfordtownlibrary.org.

This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Milford Town Library.

Women's Auxiliary to hold annual Holiday Fair



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The Women's Auxiliary will be having their annual Holiday Fair on Sat., Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hoboken Club located at 252 Central Street in Milford

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BVT Superintendent plans to retire at end of school year

UPTON – Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, a highly esteemed and nationally recognized leader in vocational-technical education, has been a cornerstone of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District since 1994, serving as the superintendent-director. His remarkable career, which includes significant advancements and achievements, has left a proud and profound mark. He has announced his plans to retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year, marking the end of an era.

"Leading this incredible organization and serving our district's families and students has been an honor," Dr. Fitzpatrick said. "After more than three decades in a role I have profoundly enjoyed, it is bittersweet to share that this will be my final school year as superintendent-director. The decision to retire has been made collaboratively with our district school committee and with forward-thinking and

advanced planning with our leadership team for continued success."

Dr. Fitzpatrick became BVT's fourth superintendent on January 3, 1994. Previously, he was director of the Center for Vocational Technical Education at Fitchburg State College for four years, the director of statewide curriculum projects at Westfield State College and Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District for three years, statewide conference coordinator for vocational-technical leadership personnel at Fitchburg State College and Westfield State College for 13 years and assistant superintendent at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School District for 13 years.

During his tenure, voters approved bond issues, significant repair projects, a major expansion, and the opening of new vocational and adult programs. The school has received a Silver

Award and was named Pacesetter Site for High Schools That Work program of the Southern Regional Education Board in 1997, 2007-2010, and 2010-2013. The school was also named a Commonwealth Compass School by the state in 2003, one of six schools in the country to receive the 2004 National School Change Award from Fordham University, and earned designation as a 2005 Vanguard Model School by Mass Insight Education.

Dr. Fitzpatrick is the only superintendent in Massachusetts to have served as the president of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS), and the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools. Additionally, he served on the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) Executive and Governing Boards and as chairman of the New

England School Development Council. Dr. Fitzpatrick was also named Massachusetts Superintendent of the Year 2011 by MASS and AASA.

At Blackstone Valley Tech, as educators prepare students to take what they have learned and find their true passion and purpose in their professional careers, the district will celebrate Dr. Fitzpatrick's prolific career, which exemplifies this sentiment with planned events throughout the school year. His last day as superintendent-director will be June 30, 2025. This timely notice allows the District School Committee to prepare for a smooth transition in its search for its next superintendent.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT):

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon,



Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, BVT Superintendent. *Courtesy photo*

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Milford public safety log

Police and fire calls between Aug. 26 and Sept. 20, including accidents with bicyclists and pedestrians, road rage, missing persons, several arrests

The Milford Police Department provided a wide range of services between Aug. 26 and Sept. 20 related to motor vehicle stops, road rage, traffic enforcement, community policing, disabled motor vehicles, vehicle collisions including hit and runs, erratic operators, radar enforcement, parking violations, towed vehicles, suspicious activity, road hazards (traffic lights, trees, wires), property checks, property damage, noise complaints, threats, disturbances, vehicle lockouts, alarms, 911 misdials and hangups, k9 and drone deployment, preserving the peace, suspicious and unwanted persons, harassment, fraud, larceny and shoplifting, soliciting, lost and found property, well-being checks, assist citizens and follow-up investigations, animal issues (hurt, barking dogs, strays, dog bites), funeral traffic, assist schools, family services, and court appearances. They also provided mutual aid to the State Police. This is not an exhaustive list.

Entries of note include:

Aug. 26 at 10:02 a.m., Main St., forgery

Aug. 26 at 12:01 p.m., Revolutionary Way, k9 deployment
Aug. 26 at 12:29 p.m., Main and Exchange Sts., pedestrian accident, transported to hospital
Aug. 26 at 9:01 p.m., Leonard St., stolen bicycle
Aug. 26 at 9:39 p.m., E. Main St., neighbor dispute
Aug. 27 at 11:01 p.m., Main St., breaking and entering
Aug. 28 at 5:17 a.m., West St., well-being check. Arrest of 30-year-old Milford male for threat to commit crime
Aug. 28 at 9:54 a.m., Rogers St., breaking and entering
Aug. 28 at 2:12 p.m., Main St. Arrest of 28-year-old Milford male for fire-arm, carry without a license; possession of ammunition without FID card
Aug. 28 at 7:51 p.m., Spring St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 18-year-old Milford male for improper operation of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle lights violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Aug. 29 at 9:02 a.m., Lincoln St., 911 hang-up. "Child playing w/phone"
Aug. 29 at 12:57 a.m., Prospect St., unruly patient
Aug. 29 at 4:37 p.m., Hayward and E. Main Sts., bicyclist accident
Aug. 29 at 8:57 p.m., Rosenfeld Park, tagging
Aug. 30 at 12:39 p.m., Main St., fraud. Arrest of a 41-year-old Milford female for forgery of check,

utter false check
Aug. 30 at 12:59 p.m., Fino Field, remove youths
Aug. 30 at 5:58 p.m., Beaver St. bike path, tagging
Aug. 30 at 8:26 p.m., Main and N. Bow Sts., pedestrian accident
Aug. 31 at 12:16 a.m., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 19-year-old Framingham male for operating motor vehicle with license suspended for OUI, motor vehicle not meeting RMV safety standards
Aug. 31 at 12:03 p.m., Dilla St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of a 22-year-old Boylston male charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, number plate violation, speeding rate of speed exceeding posted limit, leave scene of property damage (2 counts), fail to stop/yield (6 counts), fail to stop for police, operating motor vehicle with license suspended, passing violation (9 counts), marked lanes violation (6 counts), malicious destruction of property under \$1200, no inspection sticker
Aug. 31 at 12:30 p.m., Hopkinton/Southboro line, drone deployment
Aug. 31 at 12:30 p.m., Hopkinton/Southboro line, k9 deployment
Aug. 31 at 11:47 p.m., Panthers Way, drone deployment
Sept. 2 at 6:03 a.m., Medway Rd., stolen motor vehicle
Sept. 2 at 8:18 a.m., Medway Rd., property return. Arrest of 24-year-old Worcester male for operating a motor

vehicle with license suspended
Sept. 2 at 7:41 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of 30-year-old Milford male for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 3 at 4:28 p.m., Treeland Dr., identity theft
Sept. 3 at 5:34 p.m., Main and Exchange Sts., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of 33-year-old Worcester female charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, fail to stop/yield
Sept. 4 at 1:13 p.m., West and Prospect Sts., erratic operation. Arrest of 62-year-old Woonsocket female charged with OUI-liquor; marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 4 at 1:44 p.m., Main St., follow-up investigation. Arrest of 32-year-old Worcester male charged with shoplifting by asportation
Sept. 5 at 3:24 p.m., Goodrich Ct., suspicious person. 50-year-old Milford male taken into protective custody
Sept. 5 at 8:52 p.m., Beaver Pond Rd., missing person
Sept. 5 at 9 p.m., Spruce and School Sts. Arrest of Dundalk, MD male for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 5 at 10:38 p.m., Congress St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 21-year-old Milford male charged with motor vehicle lights violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 6 at 12:44 a.m., Spruce St.,

Police say larcenies from motor vehicles on the rise

A post on www.milfordpolice.org says that larcenies from motor vehicles are on the rise. Police urge residents to remove all valuables from plain sight and lock your vehicles at all times. The post says, "We ask that all our residents continue to be vigilant and work with us." If residents have any information related to these larcenies, or witness suspicious activity, they are asked to dial 911 or call the station at 508-473-1113.

motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 35-year-old Hopedale female charged with operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended, uninsured motor vehicle
Sept. 6 at 5 p.m., School St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 26-year-old Milford male charged with number plate violation to conceal ID, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 6 at 5:16 p.m., N. Bow St. at Goodrich Ct., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 41-year-old Milford male charged with operation of a motor vehicle with license suspended, electronic device use while operating a motor vehicle (1st offense)
Sept. 6 at 8:59 p.m., Hayward St. at Carroll St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of 32-year-old Woonsocket male charged with OUI liquor; negligent

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09/17/2024	6 Tina Road	\$765,000
09/17/2024	59 Harding St.	\$540,000
09/17/2024	11 Gibbon Avenue	\$750,000
09/16/2024	1 Esther Drive	\$610,000
09/16/2024	2 Shadowbrook Lane #50	\$310,000
09/16/2024	41 Cedarview Circle	\$692,000
09/12/2024	27 Cunniff Avenue	\$480,000
09/12/2024	55 Emmons Street	\$401,500
09/12/2024	15 Carroll Street	\$237,500
09/09/2024	4 Janock Road	\$620,000
09/06/2024	27 Shadowbrook Lane #6	\$325,000
09/06/2024	25 Yale Drive	\$421,500
09/06/2024	50 Green Street #1	\$420,000
09/03/2024	8 Kennedy Lane #19	\$295,000
09/03/2024	47 Woodridge Road	\$800,000
09/03/2024	14 Edgewood Drive	\$193,000
09/03/2024	2 Naples Street	\$618,500

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The 4-bed, 3-bath, 1,815 square foot house at 25 Virginia Drive in Milford recently sold for \$590,000. Image credit www.zillow.com

Last day to submit Milford Cultural Council's grant application is Oct. 16

The Milford Cultural Council (MCC) officially opened their application process for grants funding community-oriented programming in the arts, humanities, and sciences on Sunday, September 1. Applicants can apply for grants to fund projects and events completed between July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

The MCC will prioritize proposals in the visual arts (including public art and instruction), music, performing arts, the sciences, and youth participation in creative cultural activities. In addition, the council will favor proposals that are well researched and documented, primarily benefit Milford residents, serve a large portion of the community, recognize Milford's cultural diversity, and do not rely totally on funding from the MCC.

Applicants can apply by registering and entering their proposal online at MassCulturalCouncil.SmartSimple.com.

"Last year, the Milford Cultural Council received almost 40 grant applications and awarded funds to 25 proposals that supported music, visual art, theatre, poetry, history, and community events in Milford. We encourage individuals and groups, especially Mil-

ford residents, to get creative and submit applications that would reflect the diversity and vibrancy of our community," states MCC chair Martin Montoya.

Applicants can find grant application tips in English, Spanish, and Portuguese on the MCC page on the town website at: MilfordMa.gov/309/Cultural-Council. In addition, the council is planning question and answer sessions at the Milford Town Library. The dates for these events will be announced soon. In the meantime, questions can be emailed to the council at CulturalCouncil@TownofMilford.com.

The last day to submit applications is Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024. The members of the MCC will review all applications and inform applicants of the council's decisions at the end of December. Approved grant recipients can expect to receive their full grant payment in February of 2025 once the funds have been received from the state council.

The MCC is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network



in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences, and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

As a local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Milford Cultural Council seeks to promote excellence, inclusion, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and sciences to foster a rich cultural life for all Milford residents, thereby contributing to the vitality of our community and economy. The council welcomes ideas, recommendations, and feedback regarding programs and events funded or sponsored by the council. Interested Milford residents are encouraged to attend meetings, which are held every third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. typically in Room 14 of Town Hall. Learn more online at milfordma.gov/309/Cultural-Council.

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operation of a motor vehicle, leaving scene of property damage
Sept. 7 at 9:46 a.m., West St., two arrests. Arrest of 43-year-old Willimantic, CT, male charged with resisting arrest. Arrest of 31-year-old Hartford, CT, male charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, fail to stop for police, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, fail to drive in right lane, leave scene of property damage, speeding/rate of speed exceeding posted limit
Sept. 7 at 5 p.m., Shadowbrook Lane quarries, drone deployment
Sept. 8 at 8:02 a.m., Water St. at Main St., erratic operator. Arrest of 28-year-old Waltham male charged with OUI-liquor, marked lanes violation
Sept. 8 at 2:59 p.m., Deer St., k9 deployment
Sept. 8 at 6:20 p.m., S. Bow St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 31-year-old Milford male charged with one-way violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 8 at 6:57 p.m., Hollist St. at Main St., gunshot response, unable to locate
Sept. 9 at 10:12 a.m., Annie J. Circle, motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 38-year-old Milford female charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, child under 8 years old and under 58 inches without car seat, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding/rate of speed exceeding posted limit
Sept. 9 at 11:47 a.m., Depot St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of 33-year-old Milford female charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle
Sept. 9 at 1:19 p.m., Prospect St., fraud. Arrest of 56-year-old Plymouth male charged with forgery of check, utter false check, attempted larceny by check
Sept. 9 at 2:46 p.m., Prospect St., unruly patient. Arrest of 41-year-old Bellingham male charged with threat to commit crime, assault and battery, assault, disorderly conduct
Sept. 10 at 12:21 p.m., Purchase St., outside fire
Sept. 11 at 7:52 a.m., Main St. at Bow St., larceny from motor vehicle. Arrest of 53-year-old Milford male charged with breaking and entering for misdemeanor, disturbing the peace
Sept. 12 at 6:20 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting. Arrest of 42-year-old Mendon female charged with shoplifting \$250+ by price tag tampering
Sept. 12 at 6:41 p.m., Front St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 42-year-old Framingham male charged with possession to distribute Class B drug, trafficking in 18 grams or more (less than 36 grams) cocaine, possess Class B drug. More details at bit.ly/MilfordArrest09132024
Sept. 12 at 8:11 p.m., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of 28-year-old Milford male charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 13 at 5:28 p.m., Carroll St. at Hayward St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of 43-year-old Medway female charged with OUI liquor, negligent

operation of a motor vehicle, failure to drive in right lane
Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m., Jefferson St., intoxicated person. Arrest of 45-year-old Milford male charged with OUI liquor, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, possession of open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle
Sept. 13 at 8:30 p.m., Milford High School, fight
Sept. 14 at 1:23 a.m., Water St., fight
Sept. 14 at 8:18 a.m., Prospect St., breaking and entering attempt. Arrest of 31-year-old Onset male charged with vandalizing property (2 counts), breaking and entering nighttime for felony, larceny under \$1200, attempt to commit crime
Sept. 14 at 7:55 p.m., Congress St. at Fayette St., fireworks violation, unable to locate
Sept. 15 at 2:56 a.m., S. Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of Milford male charged with OUI liquor, failure to drive in right lane, negligent operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 16 at 10:28 a.m., Main St., gunshot response, checked and okay
Sept. 16 at 2:47 p.m., Hayward St., road rage, unable to locate
Sept. 16 at 6:12 p.m., Main St., motor vehicle accident, two arrests. Arrest of 25-year-old Milford male charged with operating a motor vehicle with license suspended; arrest of 36-year-old Milford female charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 17 at 8:33 a.m., Congress St., missing person
Sept. 17 at 1:54 p.m., Beach St. at E.

Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 36-year-old Milford female charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unsafe operation of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle operator refusing to identify self
Sept. 17 at 2:14 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle accident. Arrest of 21-year-old Framingham female charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
Sept. 17 at 8:53 p.m., Dilla St., pedestrian accident, transported to hospital
Sept. 19 at 5:38 p.m., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 41-year-old Milford male charged with operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended, uninsured motor vehicle
Sept. 20 at 8:27 a.m., Main St. at Fayette St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of 32-year-old Mansfield man charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle
Sept. 20 at 8:48 a.m., Main St., follow-up investigation. Criminal application for a 24-year-old female from Harrison, NJ, charged with larceny over \$1200 (21 counts), uttering a false check (22 counts), larceny under \$1200, identity fraud
Sept. 20 at 10:22 a.m., Main St., motor vehicle stop. Arrest of a 31-year-old Milford female charged with operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, no inspection/sticker, number plate violation
Sept. 20 at 7:10 p.m., Fruit St., animal bite
Source: www.milfordpolice.org/daily-call-log

The Milford Fire Department also responded to several medical emergencies (many transported to hospital), several alarms, motor vehicle lockouts, and more. This is not an exhaustive list. Items of note include:
Aug. 26 at 1:14 a.m., Thayer St., transported to hospital
Aug. 26 at 7:33 a.m., Vickie Lane, transported to hospital
Aug. 26 at 10:17 a.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle lockout
Aug. 28 at 9:07 a.m., Cape Rd., transported to hospital
Aug. 28 at 10:32 a.m., Cedar St., alarm
Aug. 28 at 10:34 a.m., Lawsbrooke Lane, hazardous material spill
Aug. 29 at 2:16 a.m., Birch St., patient refusal
Aug. 29 at 8:10 p.m., Whitewood Rd., carbon monoxide alarm
Aug. 30 at 2:44 p.m., Congress St., outside fire, extinguished
Aug. 30 at 5:39 p.m., Kennedy Lane, alarm
Aug. 30 at 11:09 p.m., Westbrook St., noise complaint
Sept. 2 at 11:03 a.m., Penny Lane, well-being check, transported to hospital
Sept. 5 at 10:11 a.m., Chestnut St., outside fire
Sept. 5 at 4:47 p.m., Fountain St., gas spill or leak
Sept. 5 at 9:39 p.m., Bow and Claffin Sts., motor vehicle accident



Sept. 6 at 10:01 a.m., Main St., natural gas leak odor
Sept. 6 at 10:49 a.m., Birch St., water problem/flooded
Sept. 7 at 7:42 p.m., Willow Rd., animal bite, transported to hospital
Sept. 8 at 6:54 p.m., Hollis Ct., outside fire
Sept. 9 at 4:38 p.m., Colonial Rd., natural gas leak odor
Sept. 9 at 5:19 p.m., West St., animal bite
Sept. 10 at 7:12 p.m., Pearl St. at Lincoln St., motor vehicle accident
Sept. 10 at 7:53 p.m., Route 495 at Cedar St., brush fire
Sept. 10 at 8:02 p.m., Main St., natural gas leak odor
Sept. 10 at 9:05 p.m., West St., water problem/flooded
Sept. 12 at 7:29 p.m., Congress St. at Silver Hill Rd., brush fire
Sept. 14 at 7:42 p.m., Fortune Blvd., smoke investigation
Sept. 15 at 6:47 p.m., Central St., motor vehicle fire
Sept. 15 at 7:15 p.m., Congress St., outside fire
Sept. 16 at 12:10 a.m., Franklin St., tagging
Sept. 16 at 11:45 a.m., Morey Way, brush fire
Sept. 16 at 1:46 p.m., Medway Rd., outside fire, extinguished
Sept. 16 at 8:18 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle fire
Sept. 16 at 8:49 p.m., Cedar St., outside fire
Sept. 17 at 11:02 p.m., Main St. at Prospect St., motor vehicle accident
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Milford Girls' Soccer in playoff fight

Scarlet Hawks control their destiny in push for tourney bid

By Chris Villani

Milford High girls' soccer head coach Lou Colabello said this year's team is one of the most Jekyll and Hyde he has had in his tenure. The Scarlet Hawks stunned Canton, a perennial playoff team, on the road. But the same squad suffered lopsided losses against King Philip and Mansfield and let a halftime lead against Sharon slip away.

Still, MHS is well within striking distance of the tournament at the midway point of the season.

"We only lost one player from last year, so I have pretty much everybody back with a good deal of experience," he said. "The last couple of years, we have suffered mightily against the big clubs, but my expectations are that we will be better."

Some of Milford's top play-

ers this fall are relatively young. Sophomore Kyla Nashawaty is back at striker after a freshman season that saw her earn both Hockomock League and Eastern Mass. all-star nods.

"She is a super player," Colabello said. "Even though we don't score a ton of goals, she has most of them. She plays all 80 minutes and she is an energizer bunny, I wish I could instill her energy into everyone."

The Scarlet Hawks have been buoyed by another young player in freshman Giuliana Senna.

"I predict that she will be one of the best defenders in the league by the time she graduates," Colabello said. "She kicks the ball 50 yards and she turned 15 two days ago. She has for sure helped the back line."

Sensing that MHS could use more help on defense, Colabello moved the versatile Katelyn Ke-



Giuliana Senna is already among the Hockomock League's top defenders in her first season. Photo credit: Assistant Principal Jessica Zaleski



Kyla Nashawaty has been Milford's top scorer this season. Photo credit: Assistant Principal Jessica Zaleski

arnan to the back line. "She is a wonderful player and she will play anywhere for me," he said.

"She started at center mid, but she is a good enough player to make a difference anywhere."

Colabello is also hoping to get more production from three-sport athlete Ava Baglione, who was slowed by a wrist injury early in the year.

Colabello said the schedule will get a bit easier through stretches of the season half of the year, and that should help Milford's playoff chances. With

the power ranking system in place, earning wins against weaker teams and being competitive against top teams are rewarded.

"If we can win the games we are supposed to win, I think that would sneak us in," he said. "That's the way we are approaching it: give it your best shot against the real good teams, and win the ones you are supposed to."

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SPORTS

MHS Football 'battling' against tough schedule

Undermanned Scarlet Hawks competing against top tier slate

By Chris Villani

The Milford High football team is in a tough position this fall as a team with barely 30 players going up against some of the biggest, most competitive programs in the area. But head coach Dale Olson's team has responded, winning two of its first four games and nearly pulling off a win against a talented Leominster squad.

"We are battling," Olson said. "We don't have a ton of numbers and we've had a few injuries. We are getting a little worn down with a tough schedule."

Even some of Milford's strongest players have achieved success despite injuries. Olson praised the play of Jack Buckley, who is battling an injury. Andrew Rivera has a banged up shoulder, but that has not stopped him from picking off a pair of passes and returning a fumble for a touchdown through the first four games. "He is playing really well defensively," Olson said.

Junior Jason Stokes might be the Hawks' most "dynamic" player, according to his head coach. He has scored touchdowns both on the ground and through the air and is playing well on defense. Anthony Maitetta is yet another playmaker for Milford on both sides of the ball.

"Four games in, I am getting what I thought I would out of all of those guys," Olson said following a loss to Natick that sent Milford into its bye week. But he is looking for a little more success over the second half of the year.

"At Milford, we have an expectation to win every time we play," Olson said. "We are hoping to get a little bit healthier and hopefully get some more experience for the guys up front so they get better game by game."

Olson touted Milford's speed and athleticism, but noted the team is young overall up front with several players on the offensive line who are in their first year as varsity starters. "They are searching for an identity," he said.

The schedule does not get any easier now that Milford has begun Hockomock League play, and Olson noted that the league might be the strongest in the state. King Philip, which has played in six of the past eight Super Bowls, and Franklin figure to be two of the toughest tests on the schedule.

"We are playing a lot of D1 schools and playing big boy football with a roster of 32 kids," Olson said. "We have our hands full. But, if we stay healthy, we will make a playoff run."



Jack Buckley (1) and Jason Stokes (3) have been two of Milford's most explosive players this fall. Photo credit: Paige Brown Photography

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AS LOW AS \$71/WK
#P17200 • ONLY 5K MILES, SPORT
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$29,265~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$19,977**

2021 TOYOTA TACOMA 4x4
AS LOW AS \$119/WK
#TP4187 • SR TRIM, DBL CAB, 3.5L
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$42,605~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$33,677**

2021 DODGE DURANGO GT
AS LOW AS \$110/WK
#D14288 • ALLOYS, AWD, 3.6L
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$48,595~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$30,977**

2024 GENESIS GV70 3.5T
AS LOW AS \$202/WK
#TP4468 • NAV, HEATED LEATHER
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$64,700~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$56,977**

2022 TOYOTA CAMRY LE
AS LOW AS \$85/WK
#TM24-1043A • 28/39 MPG CITY/HWY
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$38,625~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$23,977**

2022 CHEVY SILVERADO 4x4
AS LOW AS \$120/WK
#C4251 • CUSTOM, 2.7L TURBO
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$54,180~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$33,977**

2021 NISSAN ROGUE AWD
AS LOW AS \$78/WK
#46502 • 26/33 MPG CITY/HWY
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$31,710~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$22,977**

2022 CHEVY TRAX LT AWD
AS LOW AS \$74/WK
#46521 • TURBO, PREMIUM AUDIO
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$27,565~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$20,977**

2023 TOYOTA TUNDRA 4x4
AS LOW AS \$152/WK
#P16564B • SR5, ALLOYS, DBL CAB
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$58,405~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$42,977**

2019 JEEP CHEROKEE 4x4
AS LOW AS \$71/WK
#P16690B • LATITUDE, ALLOYS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$34,400~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$19,977**

2022 HYUNDAI TUCSON SEL
AS LOW AS \$85/WK
#TP4523 • AWD, HEATED SEATS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$36,750~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$23,977**

2022 TOYOTA COROLLA LE
AS LOW AS \$78/WK
#TP4540 • 30/38 MPG CITY/HWY
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$26,589~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$21,977**

2020 CHEVY SONIC LT
AS LOW AS \$49/WK
#D14534RJ • 26/34 MPG CITY/HWY
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$20,595~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$13,977**

2022 TOYOTA RAV4 LE SUV
AS LOW AS \$92/WK
#ST0651A • AWD, APPLE CARPLAY
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$33,560~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$25,977**

2020 FORD EDGE SEL
AS LOW AS \$81/WK
#124-253A • TURBO, NAV, ALLOYS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$40,395~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$22,977**

2021 VW JETTA SE
AS LOW AS \$71/WK
#TP4535 • TURBO, HEATED SEATS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$29,550~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$19,977**

2022 LINCOLN NAUTILUS
AS LOW AS \$110/WK
#P16782A • SUNROOF, LEATHER
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$59,745~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$30,977**

2023 FORD BRONCO 4x4
AS LOW AS \$105/WK
#45887A • TURBO, 17" ALLOYS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$38,995~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$29,677**

2019 SUBARU LEGACY 2.5i
AS LOW AS \$67/WK
#TM25-018A • AWD, HEATED SEATS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$32,695~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$18,977**

2023 MERCEDES GLA 250 SUV
AS LOW AS \$114/WK
#TP3680 • TURBO, AWD, LEATHER
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$48,600~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$31,977**

2023 HYUNDAI SONATA SEL
AS LOW AS \$81/WK
#TP4265 • 27/37 MPG CITY/HWY
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$28,680~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$22,977**

2019 CHEVY COLORADO
AS LOW AS \$110/WK
#ST0631A • LT TRIM, 4X4, ALLOYS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$39,180~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$30,977**

2018 HONDA CR-V EX-L
AS LOW AS \$85/WK
#23377A • 27/33 MPG CITY/HWY
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$34,190~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$23,977**

2022 BUICK ENCORE AWD
AS LOW AS \$78/WK
#46323 • GX SELECT, 1.3L TURBO
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$32,225~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$21,977**

2021 MAZDA MAZDA CX-5
AS LOW AS \$88/WK
#TP4591 • SUNROOF, LEATHER
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$29,899~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$24,977**

2023 BMW X1 xDrive28i
AS LOW AS \$110/WK
#TP3908 • AWD, TWIN TURBO, NAV
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$51,595~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$30,977**

2021 RAM 1500 BIG HORN
AS LOW AS \$117/WK
#D14230L • 4X4, V8, 20" ALLOYS
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$45,710~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$32,977**

2021 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER
AS LOW AS \$124/WK
#TP4508L • XLE TRIM, MOONROOF
NEW RETAIL PRICE: ~~\$45,775~~ | **WHOLESALE PRICE: \$34,977**

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