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'The Bronc,' a memoir about Milford legend Charles Brucato Sr.

A first American generation story

By Scott Calzolaio

Every American family has an origin story, a tale about a generation that sacrificed to seek out glory in a promise-full nation.

This is not quite that. This is the next generation's story - an account of the first trueborn American in an Italian family, and Milford legend, Charles Brucato Sr. (1916-

Charles (Charlie) Brucato Jr., 77, and his brother John, 69, recently sat down with the Milford Free Press in Charlie's office where a copy of their new memoir, "The Bronc," sat signed and on display.

The book is an account of the life of their father, a firstgeneration American with a strong sense of duty towards his nation despite the discrimination he faced in his youth.

Initially, "The Bronc" was



John Brucato (left) and his older brother Charles Jr. pose with a copy of their new memoir "The Bronc." Courtesy photo

something Charles Jr. set out to write for his family. The in-house memoir was meant to be passed on to grandchildren and beyond.

"It was John's idea to make this family project into something bigger," said Charlie, a retired educator and principal.

They explained that this project was less about high-

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Milford Community School Use Program offers activities to residents of all ages

Organizers seek people with a hobby or interest they want to share with others



This year, the Milford Community School Use Program celebrated 50 years of running the summer day camp program in Milford. Pictured are the camp staff and campers enjoying a WooSox game this past summer. Courtesy photo

The Milford Community School Use Program offers yearround recreational, educational and cultural activities for children, teens, adults and the elderly. The mission of the Milford Community School Use Program is to

provide a well-balanced program of activities, courses and programs to meet the varying needs and interests of the local residents

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Anna was only 3 months old when she found her way to the Milford Humane Society with her brother in July 2023. She was tiny and sickly. One of our wonderful volunteers stepped in to take Anna (and her brother Alvin) home to give them round the clock care and attention.

Fast forward to October 2024 and Anna is now a happy and healthy 18-month-old. This beautiful tiger tux enjoys spending time with her people. She likes to be pet and brushed. Anna will greet you with a chirp and follow you around flopping down for belly rubs. Sometimes a girl needs her space though, so Anna will let you know when she has had enough attention.

Anna is curious and playful, everything she sees must be explored and of course batted around! She is always interested in what is on the other side of a closed door and she is a world-



class sprinter. Anna loves to play fetch, bringing her toys back to

you to continue the game. If you are ready to add a spunky new



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lighting their father's achievements, and more about the microcosm his story represents in the mid to late years of the Great Depression.

"I thought we had something here that could resonate with anyone that has immigrant ancestors from this time," said John, a retired attorney. "So we had quite a lot to work with."

Charlie started with a DNA test and found their family tree. From there, he discovered immigration records, real estate records, and more. After getting his overview, he conducted local research.

"I went to the Milford Library and went through every newspaper from 1905 on," he laughed.

From articles, anecdotes, and records, the brothers were able to create thorough and powerful recollections of their father's life.

The beginning of the memoir chronicles the immigration of their grandparents (who did not speak English), to the early life of Charles Sr. where poverty and discrimination were commonplace.

Where the Milford Bike Trail now runs, there were once railroad tracks. On one side of the tracks, Italian immigrants – a minority at the time - owned most of the property.

"When my father was a kid, they couldn't cross the tracks without getting called names," Charlie said.

From the isolation they experienced, came competition amongst themselves. Pickup

baseball games took over the fields beyond the tracks, and those kids became exceptional baseball players. This translated into those kids winning a state championship for Milford High School which helped ease racial tensions in town, Charlie said.

From high school, Charles Sr., an elite Milford athlete, was one of the few in town to receive a scholarship to play baseball (and football) at the College of the Holy Cross. He received a diploma and began working in education.

Shortly after, the attack at Pearl Harbor occurred and the United States was thrust into war. Charles Sr., feeling a strong sense of duty towards the country in which he was born, enlisted in the United States Marines Corps.

John's background in education, history, and psychology led him to become more interested in their father's journey through the Pacific War Theater during WWII.

Sifting through a myriad of documents, John was able to follow his father's journey with incredible accuracy thanks to the meticulous records taken at the time. "My goal was to try and follow my father from boot camp all the way through every campaign in World War II."

Charles Sr. did not often discuss his time enlisted, but John said his father's harrowing experiences there left a lifelong impression on his dayto-day life.

John said, "We wanted to be very candid about what he struggled with, because everyone from the so-called 'Greatest Generation' struggled with the same thing, having all been survivors of a terrible war."

Those wartime experiences, John added, shaped the man their father became for the rest of his life, as an educator and father of four.

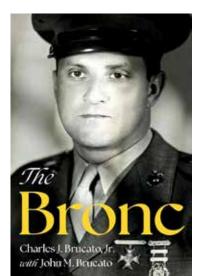
His story, they agreed, does not exist in a vacuum. Their father's tale of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness echoes through millions of American families.

"We can learn a lot about what's really important in this country," Charles said. "I think we live mostly in a very self-centered society now. The important thing is to be somebody who really cares. My father truly cared."

"The Bronc" is available to purchase on Amazon. and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Milford High School Pool is also available for Open/ LapSwim on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, plus some Saturday afternoons. Registration fees are reasonably priced and available as individual classes, along with options for seasonal and monthly passes. Other classes like Blanket Making, The Bloom Bar, CPR/First Aid, and Make Your Own Pasta are available seasonally.

What this diverse group of activities have in common, along with many others, is they are all conducted at Milford's Public School facilities outside of regular school hours.

Chris Burns, now the Director of the Milford Community School Use Program, explained the basics. "It started in the 1970s to put the school facilities to good use for educational, rec-



Charles Brucato Sr. (1916-1999) was a U.S. Marine who served in World War II. "The Bronc" was a lifelong Milford resident, educator, and coach. Courtesy photo account of the life
of their father,
a first-generation
American with a
strong sense of duty
towards his nation
despite the
discrimination he
faced in his youth.

The book is an

reational, and cultural activities outside of regular school hours. I remember it from when I was growing up in town. While some offerings have changed over the years, the program has thrived."

Sessions are listed on the website, and registration can be completed online. People can find out about new offerings by joining the email list or seeing flyers around town, like at the Town Hall and Milford Town Library.

"We add new classes by request," Burns said. "Based on a suggestion, we recently started 'Safe Sitter' to teach teens about caring for younger children. Another way we introduce new offerings is when an instructor has an idea. Someone with a skill teaching people a hobby they have or something they have worked at, like guitar, or makeup application, can propose a class. Then, there's a

budget we need to work out to pay the instruction fees, so we don't lose money on the programs we run."

The Community School Use Program has partnerships with Milford Special Olympics and Sweet Inspirations. It is not-forprofit and is self-funded, meaning registration fees pay for the instructors and the management of the program.

If you or someone you know has a hobby or interest and you would like to offer a program, contact communityuse@milfordma.com or call 508-478-1119. For more information, or to register or sign up for the email list, visit milfordcommunityprogram.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs or email chrisburns@milfordma.com. You can also follow them on Facebook @milfordcommunityuse.

Source: Milford Community School Use Program



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Milford Town Library offers free home delivery service

Library materials can be delivered on a temporary or regular basis

By Theresa Knapp

There are many benefits to having a public library card, but did you know the Milford Town Library offers a free delivery (and pickup) service to Milford residents?

"We've offered the service for several decades to Milford residents on either a regular or temporary basis; some folks can't leave their homes to come to the library so we bring the library to them," said MTL staff member Anne Berard.

"We believe reading and learning are central to the well-being of everyone and to be able to help people continue with that practice is so important. A 95-year old lifelong reader who uses the home delivery service wrote that she 'so depends' on the service as about one-third of her day is spent reading."

Berard said the library will deliver to private homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities, noting that some patrons use the service while recovering from surgery.

"We have about a dozen people using the service at the moment and a dedicated group of volunteers who deliver. Reference librarians usually prepare the book bundles with specific titles people ask for, and we'll also choose a variety based on their reading tastes," said Berard. She noted MTL staff often add



"A 95-year old lifelong reader who uses the home delivery service wrote that she 'so depends' on the service as about one-third of her day is spent reading."

~Anne Berard, Milford Town Library staff member, referring to the MTL's free home delivery service

movies, magazines, books on CD, or playaway [a preloaded audiobook] since patrons using the home delivery service are Are you interested in the library home delivery (and pickup) service for yourself or someone else?

The application process is simple, you can call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145 (option 2) or email reference@milfordtownlibrary.org

not able to browse the library shelves for new materials.

For more information on the program, or to sign up, residents

can call the MTL Information Desk at 508-473-2145 (option 2) or email reference@milfordtownlibrary.org.



How can business owners plan for an exit



Mark Freeman, CEPA

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If you're a business owner, you always have a lot to do and a lot to think about. But have you put much thought into how you'll eventually leave it all behind?

Even if you're a few years away from that day, it's a good idea to create an exit strategy. If you're like most other owners, most of your net worth may well be tied up in your business so how you exit that business can have a big impact on your finances and your retirement.

As you begin the exit strategy process, you'll need to examine some basic questions, such as how much you want for your business and how much it's worth. But you'll especially need to plan for the mechanics of your exit — that is, just how you're going to sell or transfer ownership of it.

Essentially, you have three main options:

• Internal sale or transfer — You could sell or transfer your business to someone affiliated with the company, such as a family member, business partner or even a group of employees. The advantages of this method are that you'll have greater control over the timing of your exit, and you'll be able to provide greater continuity for your employees, clients and suppliers. One

potential disadvantage is that your net sales proceeds may be less than what you'd get from selling the business to an unrelated third party.

• External sale or transfer -The biggest benefit of selling or transferring your business to an unrelated third party is that you can potentially maximize your net sales proceeds. But you'll need to consider some tradeoffs, too. For one thing, a sale to an outside person or business usually requires a long and possibly expensive due diligence process. Also, you'll have less control over the timing of your exit than you would if you sold the business to an internal source.

• Liquidation – If you liquidated your business by selling all your assets and shutting down operations, you could end up with far fewer net proceeds than if you sold the business to an internal or external source. However, you

could raise cash pretty quickly. But if you chose to liquidate or dissolve your business, it could potentially be disruptive for your employees, clients and suppliers.

Because everyone's situation is different, there's no clear-cut formula for deciding which of these exit options is right for you. And it isn't simply a matter of numbers, either, because you'll need to consider some intangible factors, too. How will your family be affected by your choice? How would you feel if your business was in someone else's hands, or no longer existed? You'll need to work out these issues, along with the financial ones, before you decide on your business exit strategy.

Fortunately, you don't have to go it alone. You may want to consult your financial, legal and tax advisors, and possibly work with a commercial banker and a business evaluation expert. By drawing on several sources of expertise, you can feel more confident that you'll make a decision that's appropriate for your needs.

One final suggestion: Don't wait too long before you begin putting together your exit strategy. Time goes fast — and when the time comes for you to say goodbye to your business, you'll want to be prepared.

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

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MetroWest Boston Visitors Bureau announces grant program

The MetroWest Boston Visitors Bureau (MBVB) recently announced its annual mini grant program is now accepting applications.

Designed for marketing and advertising projects that will promote tourism in MetroWest, grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each are available. The MBVB will consider applications for projects devoted to marketing a MetroWest event, attraction, restaurant, shop, or cultural or recreational offering. The applicant does not need to be a 501(c)3 charitable organization, but must be based in one of the 19 towns that comprise MetroWest or be devoted to attracting potential visitors to those 19 towns, including Medway and Millis.

Eligible projects include brochures and other printed collateral; print, TV, radio, outdoor or online advertising; and websites. Advertising in the Bureau's co-op advertising program is also eligible. The marketing project must be targeted, at least partially, at potential visitors who live more than 50 miles from the event or business location.

Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for 25% of their campaign, up to \$10,000.

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Grant applications can be submitted at www.bit.ly/ FY25minigrant and will be reviewed on a rolling basis from now until Dec. 1. Awarded grant funds must be spent prior to June 30, 2025. For questions, or to discuss your project idea prior to submitting an application, please contact MBVB Executive Director Stacey David at sdavid@metrowestvisitors.org.

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This group for caregivers meets in person. Dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia isn't easy, so it is helpful to share your concerns and personal experiences with others who completely understand what you're going through. You will also learn about proven strategies to help you better care for your family member.

This month's topic will be "Preparing for the Holidays." Call 508-473-0035 to RSVP or contact Director of Compass Programming Jenn Hozempa at jhozempa@cornerstonemilford.com for more information.

Women's Auxiliary to hold annual Holiday Fair Nov. 23

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

Find some unique Christmas gifts from our local crafters. We will also be selling homemade baked goods, raffle baskets, and of course our handmade cappelletti.

Library seeks gift wrap donations for holiday wrapping station

The Milford Town Library's self-serve gift-wrapping station was such a success last year that it will be back again this year.

Starting in December, the Milford Town Library will provide paper, tissues, bows, tape, and tags along with space (away from curious eyes) for patrons to wrap their gifts.

If you have any wrapping supplies to spare, please drop them off at the MTL Information Desk.



Glaucoma treatment: iDose TR

Commonly asked questions

By Roger M. Kaldawy, M.D Milford Franklin Eye Center

Glaucoma is a condition that can damage our field of vision. It occurs when the pressure inside the eye is higher than what the eye can tolerate. Glaucoma is treatable with drops aimed at lowering eye pressure, but many patients find it challenging to use these drops consistently due to irritation, side effects, or simply forgetting. In these cases, iDose TR, a new sustained-release implant, can offer an innovative solution for managing intraocular pressure without the need for daily eye drops.

What is iDose TR?

iDose TR is an FDA-approved prescription medication and drug delivery system for patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension. The implant contains travoprost, a prostaglandin analog that has long been used in eye drops to lower intraocular pressure by increasing the outflow of fluid from the eye. However, unlike traditional drops, iDose TR is gently implanted directly inside the eye, where it releases the drug slowly over time, reducing the need for frequent applications.

How does iDose TR work?

iDose TR delivers a sustained release of travoprost, which helps reduce and maintain healthy eye pressure levels. The tiny implant is placed in the eye's trabecular meshwork during a minimally invasive procedure performed under local anesthesia at our state-of-the-art surgery center. Once in place, iDose TR continuously delivers the medication for an extended period, reducing the need for daily drops while effectively managing eye pressure.

The implant does not need to be removed, as it is designed to remain in the eye for many months. In some cases, patients may benefit from the iDose TR implant for up to a year or longer before a replacement is

needed.

Benefits of iDose TR

iDose TR offers several key advantages over traditional glaucoma treatments:

- **Long-lasting effect:** Reduces the need for frequent eye drops, improving adherence and convenience.
- Minimally invasive: The implant is inserted via a simple surgical procedure, often performed under local anesthesia.
- Reduced side effects: May result in fewer side effects, such as redness, irritation, and blurry vision, compared to traditional eye drops.
- Improved quality of life: By eliminating the need for daily drops, iDose TR enhances patient comfort and convenience.

Who is a candidate for iDose TR?

iDose TR is approved for patients with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension.

However, not every patient is an ideal candidate. Contraindications include:

- Infection or suspected infection in the eye or surrounding area
- Corneal endothelial cell dystrophy or prior corneal transplant
- Narrow angles, where the iris and cornea are too close together
 Allergies to any of the ingre-
- dients in the implant
 If you meet the criteria,
 iDose TR may be a great option
 to help manage your glaucoma
 and reduce the need for daily

Risks of iDose TR

eye drops.

Like any medical treatment, iDose TR comes with some potential risks. While generally well-tolerated, clinical trials have shown the following possible side effects:

- Increased eye pressure
- Eye pain, irritation, or redness



- Inflammation of the iris (iritis)
- Dislocation of the implant (rare)
- Macular edema, a swelling of the retinaPossible permanent brown
- pigmentation of the iris It's important to discuss any concerns with your ophthalmologist to determine if iDose TR is right for you.

Alternatives to iDose TR

There are several other effective treatments for open-angle

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Milford Family & Community Network CFCE to host 'Desserts and Discussions' Nov. 20

Milford Family & Community Network CFCE's monthly Desserts & Discussions program will take place on Nov. 20 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Bancroft Memorial Library in Hopedale. This round table

discussion for parents and caregivers is a great way to connect and support one another through the journey of parenting. Registration is required.

For more information, visit https://bit.ly/MilfordFamily-

CommunityNetworkCFCE, call 508-277-4981 or email familynetwork@milfordma. com. They can also be found on Facebook at "Milford Family & Community Network CFCE".

Town-wide leaf removal underway through Dec. 13

The Town of Milford's annual residential leaf removal service is now underway through Dec. 13.

The leaves will be picked up by the day of the week by route number: Monday (Route 5), Tuesday (Route 3), Wednesday (Route 4), Thursday (Route 1), and Friday (Route 2). Pickup is between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Leaves must be raked to the edge of the sidewalk or front property line (if no sidewalk exists). Do not rake leaves onto the sidewalk or into the street. The bulk of leaves will be vacuumed, any remaining leaves are the responsibility of the homeowner.

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glaucoma and ocular hypertension. These include:

- Eye Drops: Prostaglandin analogs (like latanoprost), beta-blockers (timolol), alpha-2 agonists (brimonidine), and carbonic anhydrase inhibitors (dorzolamide) are common options.
- Laser Surgery: Selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT) and cyclophotocoagulation are minimally invasive procedures to improve fluid drainage or reduce fluid production.
- Surgical Implants: Devices such as the Ahmed glaucoma valve and Ex-PRESS glaucoma implant help drain excess fluid from the eye.

Each treatment has its own set of benefits and risks, and the choice depends on the severity of glaucoma, overall health, and patient preferences. Discuss your options with your ophthalmologist to determine the most appropriate treatment.

Is iDose TR for me?

If you've found daily eye drops challenging, or if they haven't effectively controlled your glaucoma, iDose TR might be the solution you're looking for. It offers long-lasting pressure control, fewer side effects, and greater convenience, allowing you to focus on living your life without the constant worry of administering drops.

The iDose TR implant helps reduce the burden of daily drops, improving patient compliance and quality of life. At Milford Franklin Eye Center, we are committed to offering the latest advancements in glaucoma care, including iDose TR. We are proud to have performed one of the first iDose TR procedures in New England at our Cataract and Surgery Center of Milford. As a leader in advanced eye care technology, we are thrilled to be among the pioneers of this groundbreaking treatment. Our surgery and surgeon were featured in a segment broadcasted on Channel 5 TV. We are available for second opinions and dedicated to providing world-class outcomes. Here's to pushing the boundaries of eye care!

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MYC seeks community donations for its Thanksgiving dinner

The Milford Youth Center is seeking donations from the community for its annual Thanksgiving dinner to take place on Nov. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. The meal will include turkey (and other meat options), side dishes, desserts, and drinks.

Last year the group served over 100 after-school meals. To accomplish the goal this year, MYC is asking individuals, families, organizations, businesses, restaurants, etc. to donate toward the project. Items needed include turkeys and other cooked meats, vegetables, vegetarian options, side dishes, appetizers, dinner rolls, desserts, drinks, and gift cards to make purchases for the event.

If you donate a food item, you are asked to provide a detailed ingredient card.

For more information, contact jabrantes@milfordma. gov or visit milfordyouthcenter. org/2024/09/24/looking-fordonations-for-our-after-schoolmyc-thanksgiving-dinner-6/



Christmas Tree lighting planned for Friday, Nov. 29



Tree Lighting ceremony in 2022. Photo source Citizens for Milford Facebook page

Citizens for Milford is planning the Ninth Annual Milford Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Draper Memorial Park on the evening of Friday, Nov. 29. All Milford residents are invited to arrive starting at 5:30 p.m. for chili, cookies, warm brownies with ice cream, and hot chocolate. The tree will be lit at 6:30 p.m. This community event is free and open to everyone.

Highlights of this year's event will include the holiday carol sing-along led by members of the Greater Milford Community Chorus, as well as a special visit from Santa Claus. Santa will arrive at 5:45 p.m. and will visit with kids and families until the event ends at 7 p.m. Families are encouraged to take their own photos with Santa.

Event Chairpersons Rosemary Trettel and Kim Smith state, "The Milford Christmas Tree Lighting has become a beloved community event. Citizens for Milford invites all residents to join us on Nov. 29 as we launch the holidays in Milford and begin to celebrate the peace and joy of the season."

If it rains or snows heavily on Nov. 29, Citizens for Milford plans to light the tree at 6:30 p.m. but will scale back other activities as needed. Please check in on the Citizens for Milford Facebook page www.facebook.com/CitizensforMilford if the weather looks questionable.

Citizens for Milford is thrilled to be collaborating once more with the Greater Milford Community Chorus, Milford's Red Heat Tavern. the Milford Public Schools Food Service, and the Milford Parks Department to provide the best possible community event this year. Joining us for the first time this year is The Rail Trail Flatbread Company, which will be serving warm brownies with ice cream. Citizens for Milford is also grateful to the Milford Cultural Council, which has awarded grant funds in past years to help fund this event.

The historic and beautifully revitalized Draper Memorial Park occupies a triangle of land in the downtown Milford area, located at the intersection of Congress Street and Main Street.

About Citizens for Milford Citizens for Milford is a volunteer, nonpartisan, grassroots organization, which includes a diverse group of citizens who care about our community. Participation in our projects and events is open to everyone in Milford. More information is available on the group's website CitizensforMilford.com.

Actually, Homelessness Does Exist in Your Backyard

November is National Homelessness Awareness Month

They are disheveled, un-showered, pushing a shopping cart full of belongings asking for handouts. These are the stereotypical images we have of the homeless. Yet the reality is that there are thousands of unhoused in the state who are not so easily visible and likely living in your community.

Massachusetts, like much of the country, has seen a surge in homelessness over the last year. Overall, the latest state count reveals there are more than 29,000 homeless in the state; a

"All I need for the winter is a pot to melt snow in for

drinking water."

~ Man in his 40s living in a tent in the woods*

54% increase from 2023. Statewide data indicates this crisis touches EVERY community in the state.

Thousands of 'Hidden Homeless'

Despite the number of homeless individuals accounted for, there exists a population of unhoused individuals—unlikely part of any statistics—they are known as the "hidden homeless," who number in the thousands in Massachusetts.



54% Increase from 2023

They are experiencing homelessness out of sight by sleeping in temporary spaces such as their cars or on the floors or couches of family and friends.

An increasing number are seniors on fixed incomes who can no longer afford their rents or mortgages. Because these individuals are

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"Because I stayed one night in a motel and then had to sleep in my car, I was still considered not homeless enough to receive emergency shelter services."

> ~ Woman in her 20s evicted by her landlord*

"hidden," from national or local statistics, they lack access to housing support

Central Mass. Housing Alliance Executive Director Leah Bradley provides additional insight into the state's homelessness and what can be done to help with this crisis. To read the Q&A:

Scan the QR Code



Or visit milfordregional.org/aboutus/community-benefits/

* Quotes are from local individuals who have spoken to members of the Community Benefits Committee. They are not identified for safety and privacy reasons.



UMass Memorial Health - Milford Regional Medical Center's Community Benefits Committee is bringing awareness to the homelessness crisis that many in our service region are facing.

SCHOOL USE

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and allow the town's school buildings to be used when school is not in session.

This year, in addition to its ever-popular Extended Day afterschool care program, as well as Travel & Biddy Basketball, children's programs will include offerings like lifeguard training, pottery class for kids, Safe Sitter, Little Veterinarian School and Stem Sleuths.

For adults, in addition to its free estate and retirement planning workshops, it has added another free informational workshop, Senior Safety Tips for Independent Living.

Additionally, the program offers fitness programs that are affordably-priced with trained instructors. We have Gentle Yoga, Stiff Man Yoga, Circuit Fusion, BootCamp and SplasHIIT.

SplasHIIT is a low-impact pool workout with class times available Monday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday and

Thursday mornings. The Milford High School Pool is also available for Open/LapSwim on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, plus some Saturday afternoons. Registration fees are reasonably priced and available as individual classes, along with options for seasonal and monthly passes. Other classes like Blanket Making, The Bloom Bar, CPR/First Aid, and Make Your Own Pasta are available seasonally.

What this diverse group of activities have in common, along with many others, is they are all conducted at Milford's Public School facilities outside of regular school hours.

Chris Burns, now the Director of the Milford Community School Use Program, explained the basics. "It started in the 1970s to put the school facilities to good use for educational, recreational, and cultural activities outside of regular school hours. I remember it from when I was growing up in town. While some offerings have changed over the years, the program has thrived."

Sessions are listed on the



The Milford Community School Use Program lead supervisor staff from this past summer including (L to R) Assistant Supervisors Colby Pires and Joe Gagnon, Nurse Katie Morrow R.N., Summer Camp Supervisor Gianna Krovocheck, and CIT Trainer Emily Naff. Courtesy photo

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website, and registration can be completed online. People can find out about new offerings by joining the email list or seeing flyers around town, like at the Town Hall and Milford Town Library.

"We add new classes by request," Burns said. "Based on a suggestion, we recently started

'Safe Sitter' to teach teens about caring for younger children. Another way we introduce new offerings is when an instructor has an idea. Someone with a skill teaching people a hobby they have or something they have worked at, like guitar, or makeup application, can propose a class. Then, there's a budget we need

To register, follow the QR code. **Open a Family Account** and start browsing for programs, classes, camps and more. As you find a program you like, add it to your shopping cart and continue looking for more programs. After setting up an account, you can pay through UniBank. **Credit cards and** check payments are accepted online. Walk-in registration is accepted at Milford High School, 31 W. Fountain St. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



to work out to pay the instruction fees, so we don't lose money on the programs we run."

Program has partnerships with Milford Special Olympics and Sweet Inspirations. It is not-forprofit and is self-funded, meaning registration fees pay for the instructors and the management of the program.

If you or someone you know has a hobby or interest and you would like to offer a program, contact communityuse@milfordma.com or call 508-478-1119. For more information, or to register or sign up for the email list, scan the QR Code or visit milfordcommunityprogram. activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs or email chrisburns@ milfordma.com. You can also follow them on Facebook @milfordcommunityuse.

Source: Milford Community School Use Program



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The Community School Use



Milford public safety log

Police and fire calls include tagging, unruly patients, several arrests

The Milford Police Department provided a wide range of services between Sept. 21 and Oct. 25 related to motor vehicle stops, traffic enforcement, community policing, disabled motor vehicles, vehicle collisions including hit and runs, erratic operators, parking violations, towed vehicles, VIN checks, suspicious activity, road hazards (traffic lights, trees, wires), property checks, property damage, bylaw violations, general and noise complaints, threats, disturbances, disputes, fireworks violations, vehicle lockouts, open doors, alarms, 911 misdials and hangups, k9 and drone deployment, preserving the peace, suspicious and unwanted persons, harassment, fraud, identity theft, shoplifting and larceny, soliciting, lost/found/returned property, well-being checks, assist citizens and follow-up investigations, dog complaints (bites, injured, lost, strays, noisy, deceased dogs), funeral traffic, assisting schools, family services, and court business. They also provided mutual aid to Bellingham and Medway.

This is not an exhaustive list. Entries of note include:

Police Department

Sept. 21 at 8:19 a.m., S. Bow St., stolen motor vehicle

Sept. 21 at 2:11 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting. A 36-year-old Hopkinton female was charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise

Sept. 21 at 8:34 p.m., Purchase St., fireworks violation

Sept. 21 at 10:16 p.m., Hillcrest Dr., Windsor Rd., dispute

Sept. 22 at 6:51 p.m., Bragg Slipp, fight, peace restored

Sept. 23 at 8:05 a.m., Main St., shoplifting. A 31-year-old homeless male was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation and trespassing

Sept. 23 at 7:04 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle stop. Summons issued for a 26-year-old Milford male charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, child under 8 years old and under 58 inches without car seat **Sept. 23** at 8:56 p.m., Milford High School, juvenile arrest. A 15-year-old was arrested and charged with assault with a

dangerous weapon and carrying a dangerous weapon on school grounds

Sept. 23 at 9:57 p.m., Church St., motor vehicle stop. A 27-year-old Milford male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, motor vehicle lights violation, failure to stop/yield.

Sept. 24 at 2:44 a.m., Brook St., drone deployment

Sept. 24 at 5:32 p.m., Main St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 25-year-old Bridgeport, CT, male charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, number plate violation to conceal ID, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, number plate violation, fail to stop/yield

Sept. 25 at 12:39 a.m., Vine St., breaking and entering attempt

Sept. 25 at 1 a.m., Vine St, drone deployment

Sept. 25 at 1:27 a.m., Bancroft Ave., breaking and entering

Sept. 25 at 2:24 p.m., Woodland Elem., assist schools, report filed

Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m., Louisa Lake, tagging

Sept. 26 at 4:38 p.m., Prospect St., unruly patient

Sept. 26 at 7:14 a.m., Fino Field, fireworks violation

Sept. 27 at 9:16 a.m., Congress St., motor vehicle stop. Criminal application issued to a 44-year-old Milford man charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and using an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle (1st offense)

Sept. 27 at 8:13 p.m., S. Main St., motor vehicle accident, arrest. A 43-year-old Bellingham male was charged with OUI per se (BAC .08 or greater), and operating a motor vehicle negligently so as to endanger

Sept. 27 at 10:37 p.m., Main St., investigation. Criminal application issued to 22-year-old Milford male for possession of child pornography and disseminating photograph of sexual or intimate parts of child

Sept. 28 at 2:53 a.m., Lincoln St., motor vehicle stop, arrest made. A 36-year-old Milford male was charged with OUI-liquor or .08%, marked lanes violation, license not in possession

Sept. 28 at 3:43 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting. A 35-year-old Milford female was charged with shoplifting by price tag tampering

Sept. 28 at 10:35 p.m., Cedar St., motor vehicle stop. A 24-year-old Milford male was charged with a motor vehicle lights violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle

Sept. 29 at 12:37 a.m., Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest made. A 26-year-old Milford male was charged with OUI-liquor or .08%, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, possessing open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, motor vehicle lights violation

Sept. 29 at 4:18 a.m., N. Vine St., gunshot response, unable to locate

Sept. 30 at 1:22 a.m., Main St., fight, arrest made. A 38-year-old Milford male was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace

Sept. 30 at 9:17 a.m., N. Bow St., motor vehicle stop, citation issue. A 41-year-old Milford female was charged with operating a motor vehicle with license suspended

Sept. 30 at 1:35 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting, criminal application. A 51-year-old Medway female was charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise

Sept. 30 at 6:16 p.m., Medway Rd., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 24-year-old Milford male was



charged with a motor vehicle brakes violation and operating a motor vehicle with license suspended

Oct. 1 at 4:53 p.m., Medway Rd., shoplifting. A 39-year-old Bellingham male was charged with shoplifting by asportation Oct. 2 at 12:21 p.m., Cedar St., motor vehicle accident. A 42-year-old Hopedale male was charged with operating a motor vehicle with registration

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Milford Town Library Calendar of Events

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By Reference Department

Library Hours

The library is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving. We wish our patrons a happy, healthy holiday.

NEW Writer's Group

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 romantasy 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, ext. 2.

ESL Drop in Fall Class Schedule

Free drop-in classes for beginners are held on 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. Classes will not be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 or Thursday, Nov. 28. Please note that childcare is not provided and children cannot be left unattended in the library.

Aulas gratuitas para iniciantes são ministradas terças e quintas-feiras às 19h e uma aula intermediária é ministrada às quintas-feiras às 17h30. Estas aulas são GRATUITAS para adultos e não é necessária inscrição.

As aulas não serão realizadas na terça-feira, 26 de novembro, nem na quinta-feira, 28 de novembro. Observe que não há creche e as crianças não podem ficar sozinhas na biblioteca.

Se llevan a cabo clases gratuitas sin cita previa para principiantes los martes y jueves a las 7pm y una clase intermedia los jueves a las 5:30pm. Estas clases son GRATUITAS para adultos y no es necesario registrarse. Las clases no se llevarán a cabo el martes 26 de noviembre ni el jueves 28 de noviembre. Tenga en cuenta que no se proporciona

cuidado de niños y que no se puede dejar a los niños solos en la biblioteca.

Fused Glass Workshop— Wait List Only

Glass artist Deenie Pacik Guiliano of Vindauga Glass will lead a class to create custom fused glass coasters or suncatchers on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Granite & Quarry Rooms. Registration is full though we'll keep a short wait list in case of last minute cancellations.

Participants will be guided throughout the process of making these unique and beautiful pieces using Wissmach Fusible 96 COE glass including dichroic glass, chopped glass (frit) and colorful paints. Deenie then takes the pieces to her studio to be fired in the kiln and then ready for pickup at the library soon after. Registration is required and the fee for materials is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. To be added to the wait list, call the Info Desk at 508-473-2145 option 2 or email, reference@milfordtownlibrary.org . This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Town Library.

Artwork: Ed Iacovelli

Local artist Ed Iacovelli returns to exhibit his soul stirring pen, ink and watercolor paintings at the library throughout November. Ed, who is colorblind, began sketching over 50 years ago, inspired by the artwork of Eric Sloane, a prolific Americana landscape artist. In recent years Ed started incorporating watercolors into his work after studying with an instructor at the Hopedale Community House.

Natalie Tessicini: Entomology Display

During November, Natalie Tessicini, a Milfordian and entomology graduate student will fill the adult display case with insect specimens and educate patrons about these fascinating and incredibly diverse species. Stop by to check out Natalie's work.

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 10



a.m. at the Milford Senior Center to discuss *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

Rutledge, a journalist and photographer who had previously written a history of the San Diego Zoo, based this novel on the real life cross country journey of two African giraffes following the 1938 hurricane that nearly killed them.

Woody Nickel, a character wholly of Rutledge's imagination, is a poor, lonely 17 year old who travels with the giraffes to ensure their safety. Along the way, Woody develops deep bonds with the animals and learns much about human nature in all its complexity. Told from Woody's perspective as a 105 year old man decades later, the tale is a bittersweet ode to a time that shaped him for the remainder of his long life.

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

The Role of the Honeybee in Our Environment

Join Kenneth Warchol, a veteran beekeeper who will share his knowledge, through a narrated visual presentation, The Role of the Honeybee in Our Environment on Tuesday, Dec.3 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Travel right inside a beehive to better understand the mysterious social insect and the role that it plays in humanity's survival on Earth and learn about the challenges honeybees face in our environment. Find out how we can help this insect that is essential to our own survival. This event includes a tasting of 15 different honeys from around the world.

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

Home Delivery Service

The Milford Town Library offers FREE home delivery service to Milford residents with a valid library card. Volunteers deliver and return library materials on either a temporary or regular basis.

We can deliver to private homes, assisted living facilities or nursing homes. If you or your family members can't get to the library, let us help! To learn more, call 508-473-2145 ext. 2 or email: reference@milfordtownlibrary.org

Dignity Matters: Menstrual Products Drive

During November, the library will be sponsoring a drive for menstrual and feminine care products to support the organization Dignity Matters which provides period care supplies to poor, homeless and disadvantaged teens and women. These essential items are not covered by SNAP benefits. Donations of tampons, pads, and liners can be brought in and left in the bin located inside the library. Sanitary pads are the preferred product. Dignity Matters is based in Framingham and Westborough.

Donations Needed for Gift Wrapping Station

Last year's self-serve gift wrapping station was such a success, we'll be bringing it back in December! We provided paper, tissues, bows, tape and tags along with space to wrap away from prying eyes. If you have any wrapping supplies to spare, we'd welcome any donations at the Information Desk.



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suspended, uninsured motor vehicle, no inspection/sticker

Oct. 2 at 3:37 p.m. Madden

Oct. 2 at 3:37 p.m., Madden Ave., report of breaking and entering attempt

Oct. 2 at 8:59 p.m., S. Main St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 22-year-old male from N. Clarendon, VT, was charged with a motor vehicle lights violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle

Oct. 2 at 10:29 p.m., Main St., erratic operator, arrest made. A 33-year-old Milford male was charged with OUI-liquor or .08%, licensed suspended for OUI, marked lanes violation

Oct. 3 at 6:56 a.m., Mark Dr., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 34-year-old Milford female was charged with failure to stop/yield, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle

Oct. 3 at 1:06 p.m., Medway Rd., stolen motor vehicle

Oct. 3 at 11:47 p.m., Shadowbrook Ln., missing person, report filed

Oct. 4 at 10:15 a.m., E. Main St., vandalism

Oct. 5 at 10:55 a.m., Vine St., neighbor dispute

Oct. 5 at 11:25 a.m., Prospect St., fight, criminal application. A 43-year-old male was charged with assault and battery, disorderly conduct

Oct. 6 at 10:57 a.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting, criminal application. A 62-year-old Milford male was charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise, larceny under \$1200

Oct. 6 at 4:26 p.m., Spruce St., hit and run accident. A 21-year-old Mlford male was charged with leaving the scene of property damage, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle

Oct. 7 at 10:21 a.m., Prospect St., arrest. A 43-year-old Mendon male was issued three arrest warrants

Oct. 7 at 4:26 p.m., Thayer St., motor vehicle accident, criminal application. A 28-year-old Milford female was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle failure to stop/yield

Oct. 7 at 6:17 p.m., investigation, summons issued. A 59-year-old Medford male was charged with filing a false police report

Oct. 8 at 6:25 p.m., Prairie St., stolen motor vehicle

Oct. 8 at 7:01 p.m., Main St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 41-year-old Milford male was charged with operating a motor vehicle with license suspended

Oct. 9 at 8:51 p.m., Grove St., motor vehicle accident, arrests made. A 22-year-old Milford female was arrested and charged with OUI liquor or .08%, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, license not

in possession. A 44-year-old Milford female was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, interfering with duties of a police officer

Oct. 10 at 8:54 a.m., W. Fountain St., summons. A 42-year-old Milford female was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle

Oct. 10 at 5:03 p.m., Fortune Blvd, shoplifting. A 49-year-old Hopedale female was charged with shoplifting by asportation **Oct. 10** at 6:20 p.m., Main St.,

threatening. A 27-year-old Milford male was charged with assault, threat to commit crime

Oct. 11 at 2:44 a.m., Cedar St., arrest. A 19-year-old Milford male had a warrant for arrest

Oct. 11 at 10:10 p.m., Forest St., motor vehicle accident. 31-year-old Milford male was charged with OUI-liquor or .08% (2nd offense), leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, marked lanes violation, speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper

Oct. 12 at 1:55 a.m., Water St., disturbance. A 37-year-old

Milford male was charged with disturbing the peace, assault and battery, threat to commit a

Oct. 12 at 12:06 a.m., Naples Ct., gunshot response. Checked and okay

Oct. 12 at 12:08 a.m., Beach St., motor vehicle stop. A 26-year-old Mendon male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, obstructing an emergency vehicle Oct. 12 at 2:40 p.m., Main St.,

hit and run accident with personal injury, juvenile arrest. A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage.

Oct. 12 at 7:15 p.m., Main St., suspicious activity, juvenile arrest. A 15-year-old juvenile was charged with possession of a Class C drug

Oct. 12 at 7:59 p.m., Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest made. A 46-year-old Milford male was charged with operation of a motor vehicle with a license suspended, motor vehicle lights violation, possession of a Class B drug



Oct. 12 at 11:04 p.m., Beaver St., intoxicated person. A 50-year-old East Longmeadow male was charged with malicious destruction of property under \$1200

Oct. 13 at 2:33 p.m., Cedar St., stolen motor vehicle, unable to locate

Oct. 13 at 3:26 p.m., Fayette St., fight, arrest made. A 27-year-old Hopedale male was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon

Oct. 14 at 1:13 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle stop. A 37-year-old Milford male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, motor

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- Active enrollment in e-statements you must sign into your online banking account at least once every 12 months to keep enrollment active.

Thanks To Yanks donates to Youth Center



Mike Shain, president and founder of Thanks to Yanks, stands with the snacks the organization recently donated to the Milford Youth Center. After a recent charity event supporting Gold Star families, Thanks To Yanks had an additional supply of snacks which it then donated to the center. Thanks To Yanks is a locally based nonprofit dedicated to serving those in our military while supporting the families that love them. They can be found on Facebook at ThanksToYanks. Courtesy photo

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Dept of Public Health awards \$3.1 million to prevent problem gambling

Funding will support youth prevention programs, expand workforce development programs for treatment agencies

In October, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced \$3.1 million in grants to community-based organizations to support two initiatives aimed at addressing the impacts of problem gambling on state residents.

DPH's Office of Problem Gambling Services (OPGS) will fund a \$2.1 million Youth Leaders in Problem Gambling Prevention initiative and provide \$1 million in funding for Project Build Up 2.0. The Youth Leaders project is a peer-to-peer program designed to actively engage young people (ages 12-21) in problem gambling prevention; Project Build Up 2.0 provides workforce development opportunities to recruit and retain employees for outpatient substance use and gambling treatment programs.

"Our focus remains on supporting and promoting prevention, referral, and treatment options to help those with a gambling problem, which is particularly important as access to gambling expands," said Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. "These two initiatives will augment our efforts to prevent problem gambling among youth and help fortify our workforce capacity in the outpatient substance use and gambling treatment space."

The Youth Leaders in Gambling Prevention project will build programs that empower young people to lead and develop problem gambling prevention, advocacy, and community strategies to raise awareness of problem gambling and related health issues throughout the state. The project will be led by three organizations: Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center in Boston, Public Health Institute of Western MA, and The Latino Education Institute at Worcester State University. Each organization will receive \$700,000 annually to implement the program and award \$5,000 scholarships for higher education for youth participants who complete the project.

As part of its treatment support services, OPGS has awarded a new round of grant funding for Project Build Up 2.0, an existing workforce development program for outpatient substance use and gambling treatment agencies two areas with a high level of comorbidity. Up to 20 organizations will receive \$25,000 annually for two years to support workforce development, staff recruitment and retention, and marketing strategies to promote problem gambling treatment. Health Resources in Action, Inc. (HRiA) has been selected

to design and implement the grant selection process with community input and establish an advisory committee to evaluate and select grantees. Approximately \$1 million will be awarded annually through June 30, 2029, for a total of \$5 million.

Problem gambling can significantly impact an individual and their family, relationships, social interactions, and employment. Just as with substance use problems, problem gambling has been associated with worse academic performance, anxiety, and overall poorer quality of life, which in turn can interfere with career goals and social relationships. The 2021 MA Youth Health Survey found that 42.4 percent of high school and 43.47 percent of middle school students had gambled in the previous year.

"Reaching young people before they start down a path to gambling is critically important," said Office of Problem Gambling Services Director Victor Ortiz. "Supporting workforce development for problem gambling treatment providers will build the capacity of our outpatient treatment programs to address problem gambling and co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders."



Milford Public Schools districtwide news

November 27-29 - No School - Thanksgiving break.

On Oct. 11, in between professional planning and learning meetings, the collective staff of the Milford Public Schools gathered together for the annual presentation of the Sen. Louis Bertonazzi Outstanding Educator Award. Each year, six educators (one from each school) are recognized for their outstanding efforts on behalf of our students, colleagues, and school community. One of those six is named the Outstanding Educator of the Year. As is often mentioned, we have many phenomenal educators in our schools who do amazing things in the classroom. Their efforts should also be celebrated and acknowledged. However, the Bertonazzi Award is a chance to call out just a few of the many outstanding teachers we have for some "extra" recognition and appreciation Congratulations are in order to these awesome educators! This year's honorees include:

- Milford High School: Nicholas Molinari
- Stacy Middle School: Lisa Rizoli
- Woodland Elementary School: Katherine Andrews
- Memorial Elementary School: Christine Skiba (Outstanding Teacher of the Year)
- Brookside Elementary School: Laura Nadolski
- Shining Star Early Childhood Center: Carrie Austin

Technology Integration Specialist Sarah Boyle kicked off the annual MassCUE Fall Conference this week at Gillette Stadium. Sarah is the President Elect of MassCUE, which stands for Massachusetts Computer Using Educators. This large organization folds a Fall Conference that attracts educators from around New England and beyond, and vendors of technology from around the globe that support teaching and learning, innovation, school safety, and cybersecurity. We are lucky to have such a wellrespected educator in Sarah representing Milford at Mass-CUE and beyond.

MHS

11/26 - School Council Meeting - 7 p.m.

12/2 - Parents for Music Meeting - 7 p.m.

12/12 - Family/Teacher Conferences - 6 - 8 p.m.

12/13 - Senior Formal

Dale Olson was recognized at the Harvard Football Educator Appreciation Day on Oct. 19. Mr. Olson is the Head Football Coach at Milford High School, delivering great results both on and off the field. The team has made it to the divisional semi-final the last 3 seasons and has sent 21 graduating seniors on to compete in the NCAA. Mr. Olson works tirelessly to help his studentathletes and families through the recruiting process and has consistently helped his players secure outstanding offers to compete at excellent colleges and universities. Additionally, Mr. Olson serves as one of the MPS Attendance Supervisors, helping students and families overcome obstacles to consistently attend school.

Milford High School "new-comer" students went on their first field trip in the USA. Teachers Cat Neville and Bianca Guerreiro organized the trip and took students to the Southwick Zoo. This was also the first time the EL Department organized a field trip for English Learners. This was a wonderful experience for our new students and a great chance to learn and practice their English skills!

Principal Otlin and NHS Officers welcomed six new members to the National Honor Society, a group that recognizes exceptional work in the classroom and service to our community. Congratulations to Bree Cornelius, Aiden Collins, Jalise DeJesus, Gianna Niro, Sean Donovan, and Mikayla Baccari.

MHS Theater Workshop presents "Radium Girls" by DW Gregory. Shows Nov. 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. Tickets on sale soon.

Stacy Middle

11/20 - PTO Meeting - 7 p.m. **12/18** - PTO Meeting - 7 p.m.

The Community Foundation for MetroWest held a Community Leadership Reception on Thursday, Oct. 10 honoring their Equity in Education Action Projects. One of their Equity in Education Action Projects is an Afterschool Math Tutoring Club at Stacy Middle School. This program is a true collaboration between the Foundation, Milford Public Schools, Life Science Cares, and Saga Education. Last year, this program served 20 Sixth Grade students with 95% of the students showing growth on diagnostic testing. This year we are doubling our impact by continuing to serve 20 Sixth Grade students and adding 20 Seventh Grade students. A big thank you to Nilda Arroyo at Stacy Middle School for facilitating the program as the Afterschool Math Tutoring Club Liaison.

Grade 7 students will be making their annual visit to Nature's Classroom the week of November 18-22. Students will learn about our local ecosystem, among many curriculum content areas explored on site. Additionally, students experience an extended stay away from home, learning to live and work together with peers under the supervision of teachers, staff members, and parent chaperones.

Woodland Elementary
11/19 - Family/Teacher Con-

ferences - Grade 4; Grade 5 Teams 9 and 10 only - 6 - 8 p.m.

11/20 - Family/Teacher Conferences - Grade 3; Grade 5 Teams 11 and 12 only - 6 - 8 p.m.

12/2 - Family/Teacher Conferences - Grade 3; Grade 5 Teams 11 and 12 only - 6 - 8 p.m.

12/3 - Grade 5 Concert at MHS - 7 p.m.

12/4 - Family/Teacher Conferences - Grade 4; Grade 5 Teams 9 and 10 only - 6 - 8 p.m.

12/10 - Grade 4 Strings Concert at WES - 7 p.m.

Woodland Elementary School is proud to share that Science Teacher Wendy Marino (grade 5) has been named the Worcester County Science Teacher of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. This is a testament to her great work integrating Project Lead the Way and Open Sci Ed programming in her classroom and across the school. Ms. Marino is a dedicated veteran educator who also serves as Woodland's Curriculum Team Leader for Science.

Brookside Elementary
No updates.

Memorial Elementary

11/26 - Picture Makeups

Memorial teachers Kellie Horne, Lauren Woodbury and Jessica Lema were featured in the September MABE (Multistate Association for Bilingual Education - Northeast) newsletter. Milford is opening a dual language classroom in September, 2025. Be on the lookout for upcoming information sessions.

Shining Star Early Childhood Center

Congratulations to this month's preschool students who displayed outstanding character traits. Way to go Stars!

Cooperative: From Mrs. Verdura's class Natalie.

Kindness: From Mrs. Austin's class: Jhon & Darshith, from Ms. Pedersen's class: Cody & Gabriel and from Mrs. Gray's class: Lupita. Bravery: From Mrs. Riordan's class: Harrison.

Responsible: From Mrs. Austin's class: Lisa & Ridit, from Mrs. Riordan's class: Maeve, from Mrs. Waltsak's class: Zaniya and from Ms. Pedersen's class: Bernardo.



Recent Home Sales

Date	Milford	Amount
10/31/2024	33 Camp St.	\$610,000
10/31/2024	140 Highland St.	\$505,000
10/31/2024	3 Naples Ct.	\$535,000
10/25/2024	2 Larson Rd.	\$615,000
10/24/2024	21 ½ Short St.	\$350,000
10/23/2024	28 Beaver St.	\$709,000
10/22/2024	16 Walden Way	\$735,000
10/18/2024	3 Calvin Dr.	\$640,000
10/18/2024	8 Selma Cir.	\$809,000
10/17/2024	3 Shadowbrook Ln. #14	\$307,000
10/17/2024	13 Fayette St.	\$540,000
10/16/2024	18 Shadowbrook Ln. #38	\$225,000
10/16/2024	13 Clarridge Cir.	\$515,000
10/10/2024	134 Beaver St.	\$479,000
10/10/2024	0 Birch St. (0.3 acres)	\$175,000
10/09/2024	37 Purchase St.	\$606,000
10/08/2024	45 Fiske Mill Rd.	\$637,000
10/03/2024	14 Brookfield Rd.	\$587,000
10/03/2024	55 S Bow St.	\$550,000
10/02/2024	3 Cormier Cir.	\$625,000

Source: www.zillow.com / Compiled by Milford Free Press



The 3-bed, 2-bath, 1,860-square-foot house at 55 S. Bow Street in Milford recently sold for \$550,000. *Image credit www.zillow.com*

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. W020D1826DR

Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street, Worcester MA 01608 (508) 831-2200

> Renata Lima vs. Thomas Carney

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant to appear, plead, or answer in accordance with Mass R Civ P / Mass R Dom Rel P Rule 4, if appearing to the court that this is an action for **Divorce 1B**.

Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before January 07, 2025.

If you fail to do so this court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.

Justice of Probate and Family Court Leilah A. Keamy October 09, 2024

Cornerstone at Milford residents visit Tougas Farm



One of the curious goats at Tougas Family Farm during a visit by Cornerstone at Milford residents. Courtesy photo



Cornerstone at Milford resident Margaret Bannerman takes a seat in the farm-themed playground at Tougas Family Farm. Courtesy photo



Cornerstone at Milford resident Dolores Russo visits with one of the young goats at Tougas Family Farm in Northborough. *Courtesy photo*



Cornerstone at Milford resident Sandy Paquette enjoys the farm-themed playground also. *Courtesy photo*



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SAFETY LOG

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vehicle brakes violation, unsafe operation of a motor vehicle **Oct. 15** at 6:59 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting. A 39-year-old Uxbridge female was charged with shoplifting by asportation (over \$250), larceny over \$1200 **Oct. 16** at 8:44 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle stop. A 27-year-old Milford male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, speeding rate of speed exceeding posted limit

Oct. 18 at 7:12 a.m., Medway Rd., trespass. A 44-year-old homeless male was charged with trespassing

Oct. 18 at 9:11 p.m., Della St., abandoned motor vehicle. A 39-year-old Everett male was charged with abandoned motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended Oct. 19 at 2:01 a.m., Main St., motor vehicle stop, arrest made. A 19-year-old Framingham male was charged with failure to stop for police, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended (subsequent offense), negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding rate of speed exceeding posted limit, uninsured motor vehicle, failure to

stop/yield (3 counts), number plate violation to conceal ID, possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended, marked lanes violation, distributing Class D drug, person under 21 in possession of liquor, open container of marijuana, possession of marijuana 1 ounce or less with marijuana concentrate, possession of a Class E drug

Oct. 19 at 8:19 a.m., Harvard Dr., motor vehicle accident. A 48-year-old Milford male was charged with leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, speeding in violation of special regulation Oct. 19 at 9:47 p.m., Central St., motor vehicle stop. A 40-year-old Milford male was charged with OUI-liquor or .08%, motor vehicle lights violation, marked lanes violation Oct. 20 at 1:54 a.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle stop. A 29-vear-old Brockton female was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, number plate violation to conceal ID, uninsured motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, using an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle (1st offense) **Oct. 20** at 3:17 p.m., Camp

St., gunshot response, checked

and okay

Oct. 20 at 5:57 p.m., Congress St., fight. A 34-year-old Milford male was charged with assault and battery on "+60/disabled," assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery on a police officer causing serious bodily injury, disturbing the peace (subsequent offense), disorderly conduct



Fire Department

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:

Sept. 21 at 9:58 a.m., Jionzo Rd., outside fire

Sept. 22 at 11:50 a.m., E. Main St., fire alarm

Sept. 22 at 6:13 p.m., Depot St., motor vehicle accident

Sept. 25 at 4:38 a.m., Fortune Blvd., transported to hospital

Sept. 25 at 6:01 a.m., Claffin St., transported to hospital

Sept. 26 at 6:22 a.m., Tanglewood, transported to hospital

Sept. 26 at 4:11 p.m., Fortune Blvd., gas leask odor **Sept. 27** at 11:52 a.m., Mil-

ford High School, medical emergency, transported to hospital

Sept. 27 at 6 p.m., San Clemente Cir., fire-other

Sept. 28 at 7:20 a.m., Medway Rd., carbon monoxide alarm **Sept. 29** at 3:43 p.m., Genoa Ave., outside fire

Oct. 1 at 11:08 a.m., Colby Dr., transported to hospital Oct. 2 at 7:13 a.m., School St., motor vehicle accident

Oct. 2 at 3:35 p.m., Main St., fire alarm

Oct. 3 at 10:28 a.m., outside fire

Oct. 3 at 12:31 p.m., Maher Ct., transported to hospital

Oct. 3 at 12:33 p.m., Walden Way, transported to hospital **Oct. 6** at 7:27 a.m., Central

St., smoke investigation

Oct. 8 at 6:25 p.m., Cedar St.,

natural gas leak odor **Oct. 8** at 7:16 p.m., Depot St., smoke investigation

Oct. 11 at 8:36 p.m., Depot St., transported to hospital

Oct. 12 at 3:25 p.m., Fino Field, pedestrian accident, transported to hospital

Oct. 13 at 1:19 p.m., Birch St., odor investigation

Oct. 14 at 4:21 p.m., Dilla St. bike path, well-being check, transported to hospital

Oct. 18 at 12:11 a.m., Woodland Elem., alarm

Oct. 18 at 6:23 p.m., Milford High School, pedestrian accident, transported to hospital

Oct. 19 at 8:03 a.m., Prospect St., odor investigation

Oct. 19 at 9:55 a.m., Kellett Dr., gas spill or leak

Oct. 20 at 1:42 p.m., Congress St., smoke investigation Oct. 20 at 11:34 p.m., Eben

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St., carbon monoxide alarm

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SPORTS -

Milford Field Hockey continues upward swing

Scarlet Hawks increasingly competitive in strong league

By Chris Villani

A season after earning a playoff spot for the first time in nearly three decades, the Milford High field hockey team put together another competitive season, and head coach Jenna Casello says she's pleased with the way her program is improving.

"I think our skill is getting better every day," Casello said. "We were more competitive with the teams in our league than we have been in the past."

Casello said the Scarlet Hawks' overall attitude as a team is a big reason for their continued improvement.

"They are buying into the things that I am saying," the third-year coach said. "They take what I say and make the changes and show that they are improving in practice and implementing their skills into the games as well."

Junior Kylie Merrill has been a mainstay for the Hawks in goal. She racked up 284 saves during her junior season. "I have heard from numerous coaches this year and last year who say the saves she makes are amazing," Casello said. "She has no fear. She will drive at the ball and save any ball that is shot at her."

Senior Samantha Fazo has earned both Hockomock League all-star and honorable mention honors during her high school career.

"She has a great understanding of passing patterns that will move the ball up the field, and of the game as a whole," Casello said. "She receives the ball, scans the field, and is able to make a transition across the field to help us keep the ball and our momentum moving in a positive direction."

Fellow senior Lindsay Casman is another offensiveminded player who moves the ball up the field and past defenders, her coach said, describing her as a "role model captain" during her four-year varsity career.

Casello also praised the



The Milford High field hockey team is getting more and more skilled each year. Photo source: Athletic Director Peter Boucher

physical play of Taryn Bethel, calling her "one of the most coachable players" she has ever had on her team.

"She is so dedicated to the sport," Casello said. "She is always getting hit, but that's because she is throwing her body at the ball or into other players."

Casello said Milford has been able to use its improved skill to show its opponents in the top flight league that it is here to compete. "Next year, it's going to be a little bit of a challenge because we are losing some amazing seniors," Casello said. "We'll be practicing skill work and show up with a 'ready' mindset to take feedback and learn."





SPORTS

Milford Boys Soccer earns playoff spot

Scarlet Hawks stifling opponents with strong defense

By Chris Villani

Milford High boys' soccer head coach Antonio Pinto had a relatively young team coming into the 2024 season and was hoping to be above .500. After earning nine wins and four ties through the first 17 games of the season, it's safe to say the Scarlet Hawks had exceeded even their head coach's expectations.

"It's a really good group," Pinto said. "They matured throughout the season. Usually, we would get in a tough game and we would roll over in the last minutes, but we got a lot better in those crunch time moments."

Andre Moura has been stellar on defense as part of a unit that permitted only 12 goals through the first eight Hockomock League games of the season. Sophomore goalkeeper Robbie Cappelli has a goals-against average south of one per game. On the attack, strikers Danny and Marcos Da Silva are both double-digit point scorers.

"They work well with each other," Pinto said.

Milford's defense has been a particular strength, according to the head coach.

"We have been sticking together defensively," he said. "We are in a lot of tight games, so being able to compete and stay tight and not allow goals has been important."

All but four of Milford's



The Scarlet Hawks' defense helped lead them to the postseason this fall. Photo source: Athletic Director Peter Boucher

games this fall have been decided by two goals or less, and Pinto said the experience will serve his team well in the tournament.

"The playoffs will be tough, there is a lot of good competition," he said. "But we can compete with anybody I think, we can keep it right."

Pinto said each game in the playoffs will be a "little final" and he said he feels the Hawks have the chance to win a few games and make a run in the tournament.

Milford has some skilled seniors, including Moura, Tiki Lourenco, and Gabe Santos, but the bulk of the Hawks' core will be returning for at least one more season after this one. The experience gained this fall playing in the Hock and in the state playoffs bodes well for the next couple of years, a prospect that has Pinto excited.

"[The experience] is going to be massive," he said. "I know the kids are living in the moment, but I do think, every now and then, about the next three years and the sophomores that we have. It's nice to have a future and a plan for the program."



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