

High School Design Selection Committee narrows designer to two firms, interviews next

By Theresa Knapp

The Milford High School Building Committee is getting closer to announcing the design firm for the new Milford High School.

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Designer Selection Panel (DSP) – made up of state and district representatives – is spearheading the process, conducting interviews, and making the final selection.

In December, 10 firms applied for the job and DSP narrowed that down to five, and the DSP conducted reference checks, which the town's project manager - James Riefstahl who attends the meetings - said were all "glowing."

On Jan. 13, the DSP further



Owner project manager James Riefstahl, of Next Level OPM, provided an update to the Milford High School Building Committee on Jan. 14. Source: MyMilfordTV

narrowed the field to two finalists: HMFH Architects, and Kaestle Boos Associates, both firms have experience designing high schools.

At a Jan. 14 meeting of the MHS School Building

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Milford man doing 'donuts' on New Year's Day results in damage to town property



CCTV footage caught the driver of a truck allegedly intentionally spinning out of control in the Fino Field parking lot in the early morning hours of Jan. 1. Source: @MilfordMAPD/Facebook

On Jan. 1, at 2:42 a.m., the driver of a truck was caught on camera allegedly doing 'donuts,' or intentionally spinning out of control, in the Fino Field parking lot. The incident ended shortly after he crashed into a fence that abuts the Upper Charles Walking Trail. The

driver then left the area.

On Jan. 9, the Milford Police Department publicly identified the driver, and posted a video on Facebook @MillisMAPD along with the following information.

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Hayes assigned as School Resource Officer to middle, elementary schools

In a social media post on Jan. 29, the Milford Police Department announced the assignment of Officer Brian Hayes to the School Resource Division.

The post said, "Officer Hayes has been a valued member of the Milford Police Department Patrol Division since 2018. Prior to joining the Milford Police Department as a full-time officer, Officer Hayes was a member of the Hopedale Police Department from 2015 to 2019 as a full-time police officer and a communications officer with the Town of Milford from 2011 to 2015."

Officer Hayes will spend the majority of his time at Stacy Middle School and floating throughout our elementary schools. Source: @MilfordMAPD/Facebook



Milford Police Officer Brian Hayes has been assigned to the School Resource Division and will spend the majority of his time at Stacy Middle School. Source: @MilfordMAPD/Facebook

Milford welcomes Officer Logan Beausoleil

In a social media post on Jan. 5, the Milford Police Department welcomed new officer Logan Beausoleil.

"Prior to joining the Milford Police Department, Officer Beausoleil was a member of the Boston College Police Department for three years. In the following months, Officer Beausoleil will be completing our Field Training Program before serving our community."

In a separate post, they shared that, "On January 9, 2026, our newest Officer, Officer Logan Beausoleil was the recipient of the Life Saving Award at the (MACLEA) Massachusetts Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Awards and Scholarship Ceremony. The award was in recognition of Officer



Officer Logan Beausoleil, center, recently joined the Milford Police Department. On Jan. 9, he was received the Life Saving Award for an incident that occurred while he was a member of the Boston College Police Department. Photo source: @MilfordMAPD/Facebook

Beausoleil's intervention when a fellow officer had suffered a heart attack during a CPR/First Responder training for the Boston College Police Department."

The post continued, "The Milford Police Department

is proud of Officer Beausoleil's actions as a member of the Boston College Police Department and are excited to now have him as a full-time officer with the Milford Police Department." Source: @MilfordMAPD/Facebook

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Milford Community School Use Program: Making strides

The Milford Community School Use Program has been busy this winter creating new and engaging programs for local residents. Program Co-ordinator Julie Rabinowitz and Head Program Instructor Gianna Krovocheck have been working together to develop a wide variety of offerings that appeal to community members of all ages.

Adult programs this season have included Guided Paint Night, Make Your Own Door-mat, Textured Paint Night, and Wood Sign workshops. For children, the program has hosted Movie Night, Kids Day Out, the Holiday Workshop, Valentine's Craft Workshop, Unlimited Bead Making, and Slime Factory. Even more new programs are planned to launch this spring.

One of their new children's programs in particular—Newspaper Club—has quickly become a favorite among participants. The club produces a newspaper written by kids, for kids. Launched in early January for the students at Woodland Elementary School, the first issue is scheduled for release in February, and students are eagerly anticipating its debut.

Club members have been working hard to prepare their newspaper for the printing press. A Community Use newspaper box is also planned for the Woodland library, allowing students and teachers to easily pick up a copy to read and enjoy.

Included below is a sneak peek at some of the articles that

will appear in the inaugural issue:

Extra, Extra! Community Use Times Begins

Community Use Times is a newspaper for kids by kids! You should read this newspaper because kids can be very interesting and you can learn a lot from kids. There are all types of articles such as horoscopes, would you rather, movie reviews/ general reviews, sports, etc. BOOYAH! - *Lillian Chiccarelli*

"6-7:" Good or Bad?

Have you heard of 6-7? Do you like it? Well, here at Newspaper Club we are writing about 6-7 and whether or not we like it. Which side do you land on? Read below to hear more about it and the opinions written by Newspaper Club members.

So... yeah. You've probably heard of the "6-7" meme. Origin: a song Next: So there was this basketball player named Lamello Ball who was ironically 6'7" tall. Then this kid named M said 6-7. And then that started it all. Now kids are saying it at school, in math problems or ages. - *Nicholas Cresse*

You likely heard of the gen alpha meme "6-7" slang". It might seem harmless at first but it's the opposite. 6-7 originated in the "Doot Doot" song. People say that I laugh, even though they literally laugh at numbers. Another thing is it means nothing. - *Josh Francesconi*

Six-Seven is affecting the way we learn and is a constant distraction. It is annoying teach-



Milford Community School Use Program Newspaper Club members: (Back, L to R) Gianna Krovocheck, Bree Garland, AJ Gonzalez, Nicholas Cresse, Kinley McNeil, Lillian Chiccarelli, Jesse Lemoine, Evan Santomenna, Nolan Murray, Kyle Cunningham, Max Hornberger, Julie Rabinowitz. (Front, L to R) Josh Francesconi, Anastasia Myers, Leah Rafferty. *Courtesy photo*

ers. - *Leah Rafferty*

The slang word 6-7 is getting out of hand! 6-7 is so last year. We should leave the 6-7 slang in 2025. Also, now parents and adults are saying it so it is getting annoying and 6-7 is getting cringe! - *Lilly Chiccarelli*

I think 6-7 is the worst. Three reasons why: 1. because when teachers are trying to teach, all I hear is 6-7, 6-7, 6-7. 2. It's so 2025. 3. Because my brother got entranced by it and now in my home all I hear is 6-7, 6-7. - *Bree Garland*

I think that six seven should be forgotten because it is 2026

and it was made up in 2025. I think 6-7 should be in the past. - *Kinley McNeil*

I hate 6-7. I'd love for the President of the United States to ban it and whoever says it should go to jail for 8 hours. - *Jesse Lemoine*

6-7 studios presents- the facts about 6-7. Booyah! 6-7 is a notification and is banned from school which is not fair. Everybody loves it at school and if you say it you go on time out. I declare that 6-7 must be allowed at school forever! Booyah! 6-7 is a barnacle about schrombereger's cat. Booyah!

- *AJ Gonzalez*

I like 6-7 because it is a funny saying and I like to say it over and over and over and over.

- *Nolan Murray*

6-7 is not bad because it brings kids joy and happiness. It makes them feel like fitting in. It's most likely that when someone or somebody says it with their friends, they become closer friends by saying 6-7 all the time. - *Anastasia Myers*

So... What do you think... 6-7, Good or Bad?

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Brookside's Katherine Peck nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year award

Brookside Elementary School reading specialist Katherine Peck has been nominated for National Life Group's 2025-26 LifeChanger of the Year award. National Life Group's LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence, and leadership.

Peck was nominated by her spouse, Philip Howard, for going above and beyond in every way possible to inspire and uplift those around her, from her fellow teachers to her students.

Peck understands that teaching is a team effort, and that the success of her students is closely tied to the well-being of her colleagues and the resources available to everyone in the school community. Peck is constantly advocating for the resources her colleagues require to enhance their teaching, whether it's materials, supplies, or emotional support. She is always ready to lend a hand, offering her knowledge and advice on how to make the most of available tools or how to approach tricky classroom situations. Peck is a collaborative spirit who fosters an environment of mutual support and learning among the staff, ensuring no one ever feels isolated or under-resourced.

Regarding her students, Peck understands that learning can't happen without the basics. She has made it her mission to provide each child with what they need to be ready to learn. Peck makes this possible by seeking donations and working with her community and local businesses to secure what her students require.

"Mrs. Peck's willingness to go the extra mile for her classroom and the entire school community sets her apart as a truly

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inspiring educator. Her commitment to ensuring that teachers and students have everything they need to thrive, combined with her passion for helping others succeed, creates a ripple effect of positivity and growth that benefits everyone she works with," said Howard. "Through her dedication, compassion, and willingness to share, she continues to make an impact that extends far beyond the walls of her classroom."

To be considered for an award, nominees must be K-12 teachers or school district employees, and make a positive impact on the lives of students; enhance their school or district's atmosphere, culture, and



Brookside Elementary School reading specialist Katherine Peck has been nominated for National Life Group's 2025-26 LifeChanger of the Year award. Photo source: <https://app.lifechangeroftheyear.com>

pride; demonstrate exemplary leadership at the school and/or district level; possess a proven record of professional excellence; show commitment to building a nurturing environment that supports learning; and adhere to the highest moral

and ethical standards.

Winners will be announced in early 2026. Several prizes exist including a grand prize of \$20,000 to be shared with their school/district.

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If you're a local business owner, you're juggling many priorities: growing revenue, managing expenses, supporting your team and planning for your own future. What if one tool could help with all these goals?

A workplace retirement plan might be that solution and can, directly or indirectly, offer benefits that extend be-

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Double the tax advantages.

Starting a retirement plan can deliver immediate tax advantages. For the business, employer contributions are tax-deductible. And as a participant in your company plan, your pretax salary deferrals are excluded from income taxes; your investments within the plan are tax-deferred until distributed. Many plans now offer Roth options that allow tax-free withdrawals in retirement.

Local businesses may also qualify for federal tax credits that help offset startup costs, employee education expenses and plan administration fees. Additional credits may be available for auto-enrollment features and employer contributions made during the plan's first five years.

A competitive edge in hiring.

In today's labor market, offering a retirement plan can differentiate your business from competitors and help improve employee retention.

Many plans also provide access to financial education tools and resources, helping your employees make informed decisions about saving, investing and planning for retirement.

This support can lead to greater employee satisfaction and productivity, contributing to a positive work environment for your business.

More flexible than state-sponsored options.

If you live in a state requiring an employee retirement program, you might be considering a state-sponsored plan. While these programs can provide a starting point, they typically offer fewer investment options, lower contribution limits and limited design flexibility.

Establishing your own workplace retirement plan lets you customize features for your business needs to control administrative costs, set contribution limits and offer employees a wide range of investment options. This added control in plan design can lead to better

outcomes for your business and your employees.

Reducing a hidden risk in your own retirement planning.

Business owners often have as much as 80% of their net worth tied up in their businesses, according to the Exit Planning Institute. While that demonstrates commitment to success, it also creates significant financial risk to the owner.

Relying solely on a future business sale to fund your retirement can be precarious. Market shifts, timing challenges or limited buyer interest could derail those plans. By building personal assets through your employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can gain financial flexibility and reduce the risk of having your retirement lifestyle depend entirely on one event.

Getting started. With various retirement plan options available, determining which one fits your business best can feel overwhelming.

A qualified financial advisor can help you navigate these

decisions, explaining the trade-offs between different plan types and identifying which option best suits your unique situation. They can also help you understand eligibility requirements and ensure the plan you choose aligns with your business goals and personal financial objectives.

Starting a workplace retirement plan represents an investment in your future, your employees and the long-term success of your business.

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

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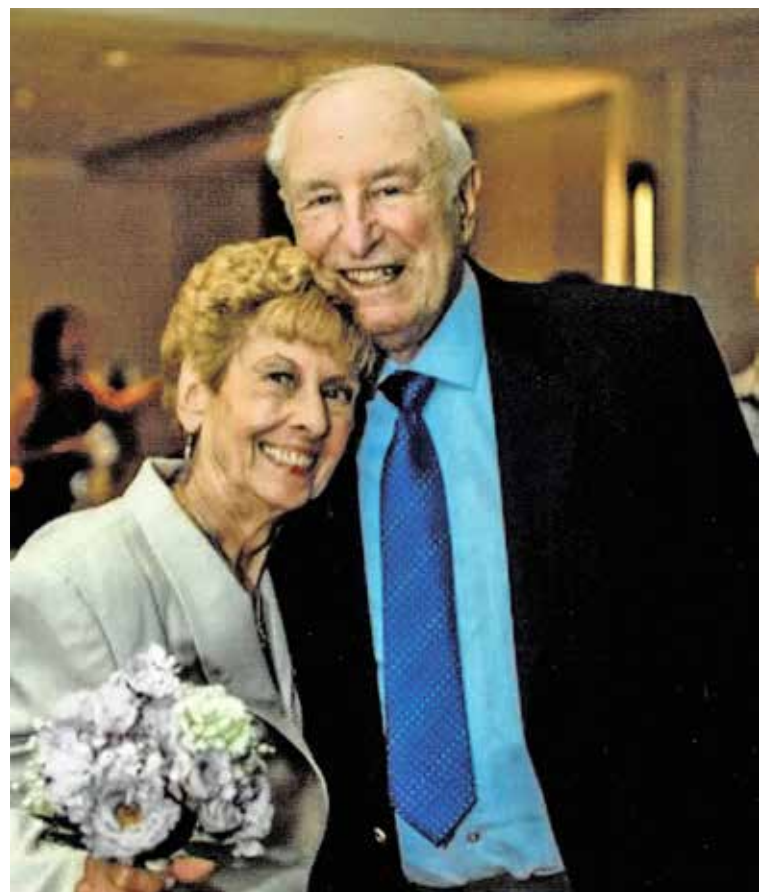


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Longtime Milford resident Tony Mastroianni, 98, recognized as Mendon's oldest resident

Mastroianni was born, grew up, and raised his family in Milford



Anthony Mastroianni with his late wife, Marjorie. *Courtesy photo*

Anthony “Tony” Mastroianni was recently recognized by the Mendon Council on Aging as Mendon’s oldest resident at 98 years young.

Tony and his late wife, Marjorie, shared an extraordinary 65 years of marriage before her passing three years ago. Together, they raised three children in Milford, where Tony himself was born and raised, before moving to Mendon 27 years ago. He is the proud grandfather of five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A World War II veteran, Tony

served an 18-month tour with the U.S. Navy in South America. His dedication to his fellow service members extended long beyond his military service.

He served as Italian Veterans Commander in both the Town of Milford and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Tony has also been recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for more than 58 years of devoted service as a Massachusetts Veterans’ Agent, supporting veterans across five area towns. His steadfast commitment to supporting veterans

and their families has left a lasting legacy, including his role as mentor to Mendon’s recently retired Veterans’ Agent Robin Fletcher.

Tony Mastroianni served as Italian Veterans Commander in both the Town of Milford and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Mendon Council on Aging recognized Tony Mastroianni’s life of service, family devotion, and community impact in their January 2026 newsletter.

Source: Mendon Council on Aging
A previous version of this story included an incorrect age.

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“Milford Man Charged With Leaving the Scene of an Accident That Destroyed Bike Path Fence... On January 1, 2026, at approximately 8:00AM, the Milford Parks Department reported heavy damage to the fence along the Fino Field section of the Upper Charles Walking Trail. A review property CCTV footage showed a dark-colored Dodge Ram pick-up truck operating erratically and drifting across the Fino Field parking lot before colliding with the wooden fence. Following the collision, the operator of the vehicle fled the scene without notifying police.

“On January 5, 2026, using a series of law enforcement investigative technology, Milford Police Detectives identified the suspect vehicle as a 2015 Black Dodge Ram owned by Luis Oliveira, 57, of Milford, MA. At approximately 5:00PM, Milford Police Detectives spoke to Patrik Veiga Oliveira, 20, of Milford, MA, who ad-

“This type of careless and reckless operation of a vehicle showed a complete disregard for the safety and property of others.”

~ Milford Chief of Police Robert Tusino

mitted to being the operator of the vehicle involved in the accident.”

“I am proud of the Milford Police Detective Bureau and the hours of investigating it took to bring this case to a conclusion.” Stated Milford Chief of Police Robert Tusino, “This type of careless and reckless operation of a vehicle showed a complete disregard for the safety and property of others.”

Oliveira has been charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, and wanton destruction of property.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

To watch the video, visit www.facebook.com/reel/4231620267092190.
Source: @MilfordMAPD/Facebook

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World-class eye surgery closer to home:

Why the Cataract Surgery Center of Milford is special

By: Roger M. Kaldawy, M.D.

For patients facing cataract surgery, choosing where to have the procedure can feel overwhelming. Many assume the best care requires traveling to a major academic hospital in Boston. In reality, some of the most advanced, safest, and most patient-centered cataract surgery in Massachusetts is happening right here at the Cataract Surgery Center of Milford, operated by Milford Franklin Eye Center.

Milford Franklin Eye Center has served the community for more than four decades, earning a reputation for comprehensive care grounded in continuity, accessibility, and physician involvement. Unlike practices that rely on rotating or visiting surgeons, the ophthalmologists here most of them live and they all work in the community, provide emergency coverage, and care for

patients before, during, and after surgery. That continuity is a key reason patients trust them.

A major distinction of the Cataract Surgery Center of Milford is that surgery is performed in a fully licensed, Medicare-certified, and QUAD A-accredited ambulatory surgery center—not a standard office. This distinction has important safety and financial benefits.

Office-based cataract surgery often requires patients to pay out-of-pocket office use fees. This is because many insurance companies decline coverage for office-based surgery because of safety concerns for surgeries performed outside accredited centers. At the Cataract Surgery Center of Milford, this is not a concern: these charges are covered by insurance. The center meets strict standards for sterility, anesthesia, staffing, in-



fection control, and emergency preparedness—comparable to hospitals—ensuring patient safety and avoiding unexpected costs.

Patients are encouraged to ask questions when referred for cataract surgery. They should ask their optometrists whether

the ophthalmologist performs surgery in an accredited center or an office, and whether any commercial relationships may influence the referral. Transparency helps patients make informed decisions about safety and cost.

The center is also a regional

leader in innovation. It was among the first in Massachusetts to adopt laser-assisted cataract surgery and advanced premium intraocular lenses, helping many patients reduce

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Milford Town Library Calendar of Events

80 Spruce Street, Milford • 508-473-2145 • MilfordTownLibrary.org • HOURS: Mon. – Thurs. 9-9 • Fri. 9-6 • Sat. 9-5 • Sun. CLOSED

Milford Town Library News
by Reference Department

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16, in observance of President's Day.

AARP Tax Aide Program

The AARP Tax Aide Program returns again this year to help seniors and low-income individuals file their income tax returns for free. Appointments are available on Saturdays starting Feb. 7 and continuing until April 4. To schedule an appointment, please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145 ext. 2. Trained volunteer preparers will be able to complete returns for the tax years 2025, 2024, and 2023. Please note however, that separate appointments are required for each tax year.

Tax Forms

All federal and state tax forms

the library has received are available in the library lobby on the Grab & Go table. Please take only what you and your family will need. Federal tax forms can also be found online at irs.gov. State tax forms can be found online at mass.gov, at MassTaxConnect.

Painting Class with Pop-Up Art School: Winter Fox

On Monday, Feb. 23, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., join licensed visual arts teacher Amber Morrison of the Pop-Up Art School for this relaxing follow-along painting program! You'll create a peaceful winter forest scene featuring soft gray trees in the distance, bold black silhouettes in the foreground, with gentle snow falling. A small fox adds a touch of warmth and charm to the composition. This program offers a calm, creative escape into

the beauty of a snowy woodland. Open to ages 13+. Registration is Required. Visit the library's events calendar to register. We expect this event to fill up quickly and will maintain a wait list in the event of cancellations.

This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Milford Town Library.

About Pop-Up Art School

Best friends and business partners; Janell Scannell and Lisa Walker work and teach side-by-side in their business. Both have earned their BFA's and are certified art teachers for grades K to 8 in the state of Massachusetts. Pop up Art School has been in business for 12 years and has taught over 2,500 art programs in public libraries and council on aging centers. In addition, they provide customizable individual and collaborative projects for teambuilding and corporate events.

Bay Path Humane Society Drive

This winter, a local scout working on a Bronze Award

will lead a drive for small blankets, sheets and toys to benefit the Baypath Humane Society in Hopkinton. A collection bin will be available at the library entrance and donations will be accepted until Feb. 14. Show some love to the rescue animals Baypath serves! Please note that this drive is NOT for food or pet beds. To donate directly to Baypath Humane Society, visit baypathhumanesociety.org and select the donate button on the right.

English Classes

The library offers free drop-in classes for adults who want to learn and improve their English. Beginner classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. An intermediate class is held on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Classes are held on the lower level of the library in the ESL Classroom. Registration is not required. For more information, please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Las clases gratuitas sin cita

previa para adultos que quieran aprender y mejorar su inglés comienzan el martes 14 de enero de 2025. Las clases para principiantes se llevan a cabo los martes y jueves por la noche de 7 a 8 p.m. Una clase intermedia se lleva a cabo los jueves de 5:30 a 6:30 p.m. Las clases se llevan a cabo en el nivel inferior de la biblioteca en el aula de ESL. No es necesario registrarse. Para obtener más información, llame al mostrador de información al 508-473-2145 x 2.

As aulas presenciais gratuitas para adultos que desejam aprender e melhorar seu inglês começam na terça-feira, 14 de janeiro de 2025. As aulas para iniciantes são ministradas nas noites de terça e quinta, das 19h às 20h. Uma aula intermediária é ministrada às quintas-feiras, das 17h30 às 18h30. As aulas são ministradas no nível inferior da

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or eliminate dependence on glasses. More recently, it became the first in the state to implant the Clareon PanOptix Pro trifocal lens, a next-generation implant providing sharp vision at near, intermediate, and distance ranges.

The center also leads in glaucoma care as well. It was the first in the region to offer Direct Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (DSLT), which delivers laser energy without touching the eye, making treatment faster, more comfortable, and precise while maintaining a strong safety profile. With this laser, patients often reduce or eliminate daily eye drops. The center was also the first in New England to use iDose TR, an advanced treatment that delivers sustained-release medication for cataract patients, a milestone covered in a Channel 5 news story.

The center was also the first to install the Unity Cataract System, a fully integrated surgical platform that combines imaging, fluidics, and phacoemulsification in one system. This allows surgeons greater control, consistency, and efficiency, improving safety and outcomes.

The center remains deeply patient-centered. Cataract surgery is typically performed using topical anesthesia—eye drops rather than injections—combined with gentle IV sedation. Patients are awake but comfortable, and follow-up care is provided by the same surgeons who performed the procedure, reinforcing continuity. Compare this to the sad and scary situation of office-based surgery, where only a pill is given and additional sedation cannot be administered due to the lack of IV access and no anesthesiologist present.

The Cataract Surgery Center of Milford offers a rare combination: hospital-level safety standards, cutting-edge technology, transparent insurance coverage approved by all insurers, and local care. Patients do not need to travel far, go outside their insurance network, or pay out-of-pocket fees to receive exceptional cataract and glaucoma treatment. For many in Milford and surrounding communities, world-class eye care is not only accessible—it is right here at home.

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Recent Milford safety log

Road rage, elevator entrapment, hypodermic needles, dumpster fire

The Milford Police and Fire Departments provided a wide range of services between Dec. 26 to Jan. 25 related to property checks, motor vehicle stops, traffic enforcement, medical emergencies and unruly patients, community policing, checking open doors, disabled motor vehicles, vehicle collisions, erratic operators, road rage, parking violations, towed vehicles, suspicious activity, road hazards and obstructions, bylaw violations, noise complaints, vehicle lockouts various alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, 911 abandoned/hangups/misdialed, drone and/or k9 deployment, radar enforcement, gas leaks and/or odors, fire odor investigations, suspicious and unwanted persons, disputes (neighbor and general), harassment and harassing phone calls, trespassing, fraud, shoplifting and larceny, soliciting, lost and found property, well-being checks, assist citizens and schools, assist businesses, follow-up investigations, animal issues (injured, strays, barking, deceased), funeral traffic, family services, and court business.

Milford also responded to several medical emergencies, and provided mutual aid to Bellingham, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Medway, Spencer, Uxbridge, and Webster.

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

- Dec. 25** at 9:40 p.m., Main St., disturbance
- Dec. 26** at 2:09 a.m., Deer St., disturbance
- Dec. 26** at 11:46 a.m., Jillson Cir., neighbor dispute
- Dec. 26** at 3:42 p.m., Fortune Blvd., preserve peace
- Dec. 26** at 6:16 p.m., Shadowbrook Ln., larceny from motor vehicle
- Dec. 26** at 8 p.m., Hayward St., motor vehicle stop, arrest. A 26-year-old Milford male warrant arrest.
- Dec. 27** at 4:17 a.m., Beaver St., threatening
- Dec. 27** at 5:02 a.m., Beaver St., threatening
- Dec. 27** at 9:56 a.m., Highland St., road rage

- Dec. 27** at 1:28 p.m., West St., hit and run accident, arrest. A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and leaving the scene of property damage.
- Dec. 27** at 3:56 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle accident, criminal application. A 32-year-old Milford female was charged with having an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Dec. 28** at 2:59 p.m., Chester Ln., threatening
- Dec. 28** at 4:43 p.m., E. Main St., harassment
- Dec. 28** at 6:28 p.m., High School, drone deployment
- Dec. 28** at 11:54 p.m., Cedar St., drone deployment
- Dec. 29** at 2:38 a.m., Main St., harassing phone calls
- Dec. 29** at 12:18 p.m., Prospect St., outside fire
- Dec. 29** at 6:23 p.m., Milford Hospital, threatening
- Dec. 29** at 8:21 p.m., Water St., intoxicated person
- Dec. 29** at 11:38 p.m., Main St., water problem/flooded
- Dec. 30** at 6:53 a.m., Fruit St., neighbor dispute
- Dec. 30** at 9:51 a.m., Medway Rd., disturbance
- Dec. 30** at 10 a.m., High St., k9 deployment
- Dec. 30** at 3:09 p.m., Main St., criminal application. A 20-year-old Milford male was charged with improper operation of a motor vehicle, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.
- Dec. 30** at 4:04 p.m., Shadowbrook Ln., arrest. A 32-year-old Webster male was arrested and charged with trespassing.
- Dec. 30** at 6:44 p.m., Birch St., identity theft.
- Dec. 31** at 3:38 a.m., Cedar St. A 27-year-old Hopkinton male was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper, and a marked lanes violation.
- Dec. 31** at 2:50 p.m., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 38-year-old Milford male was charged with speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and

- proper, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.
- Dec. 31** at 5:23 p.m., Medway Rd., larceny. A 33-year-old Milford female was charged with assault, disorderly conduct, and larceny under \$1200.
- Jan. 1** at 1:04 a.m., Haven St., fireworks violation
- Jan. 1** at 1:21 a.m., Colonial Rd., disturbance, peace restored
- Jan. 1** at 2:14 p.m., Pond St., fight
- Jan. 1** at 2:29 a.m., Depot St., structure fire
- Jan. 1** at 6 a.m., Shadowbrook Ln., disturbance, peace restored
- Jan. 1** at 5:46 p.m., S. Main St., electrical fire
- Jan. 2** at 7:49 a.m., Main St., elevator entrapment
- Jan. 3** at 3:54 p.m., Veterans Memorial Dr., unwanted person
- Jan. 4** at 3:05 a.m., Middleton St., loud music, spoken to
- Jan. 4** at 4:33 a.m., Sumner St., neighbor dispute
- Jan. 4** at 12:44 p.m., Joe's Way, criminal application. A 19-year-old Milford male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and using an electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.
- Jan. 5** at 9:56 a.m., Main St., road rage
- Jan. 5** at 1:57 p.m., Beach St., dispute
- Jan. 5** at 2:51 p.m., Fortune Blvd, criminal application. A 35-year-old Milford female was charged with identity fraud, false representation of a credit card holder, credit card fraud under \$1200, and larceny under \$1200.
- Jan. 5** at 5:43 p.m., Granite St., criminal application. A 20-year-old Milford male was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, and wanton destruction of property under \$1200.
- Jan. 6** at 3:05 a.m., Eastview Dr., parking violation. A 34-year-old Milford male was charged with having an uninsured motor vehicle, an unregistered motor vehicle, and

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What's happening at the Milford Town Clerk's Office

Town Election Information

Nomination papers are now available for Town Meeting seats. The following persons are also up for re-election at our Annual Town Election (April 7, 2026):

- Thomas J. O'Loughlin** - Select Board
 - Amy E. Hennessy Neves** - Town Clerk
 - Scott J. Crisafulli** - Highway Surveyor
 - Steven Borges** - Board of Assessors
 - *Opening* - Board of Health
 - Edward Bertorelli** - Library Trustee
 - Mary Frances Best** - Library Trustee
 - Paul J. Braza** - Park Commissioner
 - Martha White** - Planning Board
 - Leonardo L. Morcone** - Sewer Commissioner
 - Michelangelo Bon Tempo** - Town Moderator
 - Charles E. Reneau** - Tree Warden/Gypsy Moth Superintendent
 - Brendan Rickert** - School Committee
 - Michael Aghajanian** - School Committee
 - Katherine E. Consigli** - Housing Authority
 - Scott J. Crisafulli** - Vernon Grove Trustee
 - Chase Filosa** - Vernon Grove Trustee
 - Philip Ciaramicoli** - Water Commissioner
- Candidates are required to obtain 50 valid signatures of voters in the Town of Milford. There are still openings in the following Precincts:
- Pr. 1** - (3) two year openings & (2) one year openings
 - Pr. 2** - (1) two year opening &

- (3) one year openings
- Pr. 3** - (2) two year openings & (8) one year openings
- Pr. 4** - (2) two year openings & (8) one year openings
- Pr. 5** - (1) two year opening
- Pr. 6** - (6) one year openings

Candidates are required to obtain 30 valid signatures within their own precinct. Call our office with any questions or if you wish to obtain nomination papers so we can prepare them for you.

2026 Notice to Dog Owners

Dog License Renewal and Delinquent Fees Effective April 1, 2026

Beginning April 1, 2026, all dog owners who have not renewed their dog's license for the previous year will be required to pay both:

1. The 2025 Dog license plus (\$10) late fee for the unpaid year, and
2. The new license fee for the current year.

To avoid additional charges, please make sure your dog's license is renewed before March 31, 2026.

Licensing your dog helps ensure compliance with State and Town By-Laws, supports animal control office services, and assists in returning lost pets to their owners.

Cost Breakdown:

- Male & Female Dogs \$25 per Dog (per year)
- Spayed & Neutered Dogs \$6 per Dog (per year)
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biblioteca, na sala de aula ESL. O registro não é necessário. Para obter mais informações, ligue para o balcão de informações em 508-473-2145 x 2.

Center Book Group

The Center Book Group meets next on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Milford Senior Center to discuss *All the Men I've Loved Again* by Christine Pride.

In this debut novel by publishing veteran Pride, the protagonist Cora Belle approaches 40. Two of the men Cora loved and had relationships when she was in her twenties are back in her life. Lincoln and Aaron represent divergent paths and directions. Less of a romance than an exploration of self-identity and consequences, *All the Men I've Loved Again* is a reader's complicated valentine. To reserve a copy or to learn more about the Center Book Group, call 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Research Your Italian Roots

Dr. Noel Bon Tempo offers free consultations to those who want to research their Italian Ancestry. A retired pediatrician and co-founder of the Milford Free Clinic, Dr. Bon Tempo graduated from the University of Bologna Medical School in 1968 and lived in Italy for many years. Fluent in Italian, and an avid researcher of his own ancestry, Dr. Bon Tempo loves helping others navigate the many tools and records available to discover and document their own Italian family trees.

To arrange a consultation with Dr. Bon Tempo, please call 508-473-2145 ext. 2 or email milfordreference@cwmar.org the Reference Department at the Milford Town Library.

Mahjong @ MTL

A Mahjong group meets twice a month at the Milford Town Library. This group welcomes players familiar to Mahjong to join for enjoyment of the game, not for high stakes competition! The group meets on select Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m. at the library in the Quarry Room. February and March meetings include Feb. 17, March 3, March 17, March 31. Those who are interested can attend any of the meetings. Mahjong sets are provided. Questions? Please call the Information Desk at 508-473-2145 ext. 2.

Milford Area Wordsmiths

Looking for a quiet, dedicated time, and place where you can write? Join the Milford Area Wordsmiths writers' 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.

The group meets the first and third Monday of each month (except holidays) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome. Carol Allen, a retired middle-school teacher, writer and lifelong bookworm, serves as facilitator of the Milford Area Wordsmiths. For more information, please call 508-473-2145, ext. 2. March meetings include March 2 and March 16.

Tea and Book Tasting

On Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., stop by the adult services area to sample some autumnal teas and peruse seasonal books. The self-serve pop-up tea station can be found in our cozy reading nook on the main level, tucked behind the DVD section, across from the graphic novels.

Community Puzzle Drive

Back by popular puzzler demand - we're hosting a Winter

Swap refresh your stash!

Puzzles will be available on Sat. Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on our display table by the main entrance. Take one or more puzzles home and leave a puzzle or puzzles if you want! (These are not part of the library's collection and are FREE to take home - they do not need to be checked out.) If you enjoy working on puzzles, please also consider participating in our Community Puzzles in the Non-Fiction area of the library! (Note that this is a quiet area - group puzzle work is welcome, but please be considerate of others who are studying/working.

Coming in March—New Adult Book Club

Love reading and discussing books? Come join us at the new Milford Town Library Adult Book Club. The group will meet the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. For its inaugural meeting on March 17, the book selection is *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb. Gottlieb, a psychotherapist, writes about her work as a therapist helping patients and about being in therapy herself. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk or via the Libby app.

Pet of the Month: Sydney

Is seasonal affective disorder hitting you hard this winter? Come meet Sydney! This adorable, affectionate girl wants nothing more than to love and be loved! Sydney is always ready to give you a hug if you need one. It's okay with Sydney if you occasionally need some alone time, she is also totally fine entertaining herself. She likes to explore her surroundings and find fun toys to bat around.

Full disclosure. Sydney has a

food allergy. It's very important that she be on a prescription diet. For this reason, Sydney should be the only pet in the home.

Sydney is such a happy girl. She is looking forward to spending her days with a family who loves her. Could it be yours?

For information on meeting Sydney or the other cats at the Milford Humane Society please visit www.milford-humane.org



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Milford Public Schools

Important Dates:

- 2/16 - 2/20 - No School - February Vacation
- 3/13 - Early Release - all schools; No School - Shining Star

District News:

A reminder for all families: If you have had a change in any important information, please share that with your child's school, or, you can contact our Family Resource Center at 774-268-3843 to make those changes. Changes our schools need to be made aware include:

- Address
- Phone numbers
- Emails
- Emergency contacts

The Milford Public Schools want to send our appreciation to the Milford Highway Department and their partners for all the work they did getting roads, sidewalks, and parking lots cleared and accessible for our community, students, and staff for the recent big snowstorm. It was a long, cold week for these folks - thank you!

Milford High School

Step right up and secure your

ticket to the best night of entertainment this year: the Best Buddies Annual Talent Show and Pageant! Showcasing a variety of special skills and beautiful costumes, you will find yourself transported to the greatest circus there ever was! This event is hosted by our district's Best Buddies organization and is sure to bring you nothing but joy and inclusivity. Our students are so excited to show you what talents they have been hiding up their sleeves; they're just waiting for their audience to appear! If the rumblings are true, their audience will materialize on Thursday, April 9 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Milford High School auditorium. We hope to see you there for a great show filled with talents, tricks, and surprises! We are currently still looking for donations, baskets, or gift cards to help us raise money for all of our other programming. If you have any questions please reach out to Lexi Forgit (aforgit@milfordma.com), Jenna Smith (jesmith@milfordma.com) or Kailyn Santacroce (ksantac-

roce@milfordma.com).

The MHS After Prom Party is ramping up their planning and fundraising in anticipation of this year's Prom! They need your help! The After Prom Party is a safe, substance free event that takes place at Pinz after the Prom FREE OF CHARGE, open to all seniors and their guests. It's that time of year again! The After Prom Party Committee will start Flamingo Flocking soon to raise money to help pay for the After Prom Party. Starting in March, the flamingo flock will be placed at the home of a different senior each night. When the flock arrives at your home, if you are able to, please scan the QR code to make a donation. All money raised goes directly to paying for the After Prom Party. The flock will be at your home for 24 hours, then WE will move it to another house. Our committee needs volunteers. Please consider attending a meeting. Email milfordapp@gmail.com with any questions.

Woodland Elementary School

Woodland Elementary School is proud to share that Woodland's student attendance rate (the average percentage of students in attendance each day) has reached 95% for the year and is on the climb. This is a one point improvement from the same time last year. We are happy to celebrate all of our students for making school attendance a priority. At Woodland, we would love to see our end of year rate to be 96.5% or higher! We believe we can reach that goal.

Brookside Elementary School

Great job to Brookside's Ms. Marissa O'Brien, First Grade Teacher, for contributing to an article for Findcare4kids titled, "Navigating School Support: What Families Should Know From the Classroom."

Memorial Elementary School

Memorial School wants to recognize the outstanding work of their EL Department during this year's ACCESS testing! Mrs. Julie Murphy deserves special recognition for her expert planning and facilitation of the mandated ACCESS assessment for our English Language



In Ms. Christina Cueroni's Kindergarten classroom at Brookside, a QUaint wedding ceremony was held for the letters Q & U. "Students QUickly learned that Q&U are always together," Principal Houston QUoted. Students QUIetly awaited the couple to march down the aisle. It was QUite a uniQUe and memorable learning experience! Photos of the wedding party can be found here. *Courtesy photo*



We want to give a huge shoutout to all of our Building Custodians and the Facilities team this week, as they did great work cleaning up all the snow around our buildings and campuses. There are a lot of sidewalks, entrances, lots, and more that needed to be cleared and treated so our students and staff could safely return to school. Here we have our MPS Facilities team of Carlos Pena Zuluaga, Victor Pereira, and Said Ghoummid. *Courtesy photo*

Learners. Her organizational skills and attention to detail ensured smooth testing for all students. Our MES EL teachers worked tirelessly alongside their students throughout the assessment period, providing support and encouragement every step of the way. Most importantly, we celebrate our EL students who demonstrated remarkable perseverance and persistence in completing this challenging assessment. Your hard work and determination make us proud!

Shining Star Early Childhood Center

Shining Star's staff spotlight:

- Ms. Olivia MacIntosh. Olivia is a new staff member and has quickly adjusted to the hustle and bustle of a preschool setting. Friendly and depend-

able, Ms. MacIntosh is easy to work with, and a welcomed addition to the Shining Star family!

- Ms. Anna Prevelige. She is incredibly helpful with her colleagues and students. Ms. Prevelige will lend a helping hand, no matter the situation. Her support of others is greatly appreciated and acknowledged!

The Shining Star preschool students enjoyed a humorous afternoon with a performance by the Pumpnickel Puppets, which sparked engagement, imagination, and meaningful connections to storytelling and language development.

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Highlighting a couple of our student-athletes this week, Ryan Burns (boys' basketball) and Reagan Cunningham (girls' basketball). Both Ryan and Reagan earned MHS' Scarlet Hawk of the Week (SHOW) recognition for helping their team, putting up big points on the scoreboard. But maybe more impressive is the tough work they are both doing grabbing rebounds at a pretty impressive rate! Hardworking, high effort, and leading contributors on the court, both of these athletes are also excelling in the classroom as students and leaders. Way to go Ryan and Reagan! *Courtesy photo*

Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford scholarship applications due April 1

Graduating seniors from Milford or Mendon can apply

The Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford announces 2 scholarships available for graduating seniors who have been accepted at an accredited college, university or institute of higher learning with plans to enter a field related to horticulture, the environment or agriculture. We are happy to say that due to the success of our Fall Fundraiser we are able to continue providing these funds to students.

The GLGC \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded each year to a graduating senior from Milford High School or Blackstone Valley Technical School (Milford residents only) who has been accepted at an accredited college, university or institute of higher learning with plans to enter a field related to horticulture, the environment or agriculture.

The \$500 Hazel M. Schroder Memorial Scholarship will be

awarded to a graduating senior who resides in Milford, Mendon or Hopedale who has been accepted at an accredited college, university or institute of higher learning with plans to enter a field related to horticulture, the environment or agriculture.

The deadline for applications is April 1st and all the information and requirements are available on the Naviance system through the Guidance department at all four schools. Eligibility for the scholarships will be determined by the Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford Scholarship Committee.

The Greenleaf Garden Club of Milford is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Club Federation of MA, Inc. For further information contact Greenleaf-GardenClub.com or Greenleaf-GardenClub@gmail.com.



The Blackstone Valley Superintendents Consortium and the Blackstone Valley Curriculum Consortium celebrated the following Memorial teachers and administrators with a Promising Practices Award: Heidi Squadrito, Carolyn Glynn, Kellie Horne, Christine Chabot and Kerry Taylor. Congratulations! *Courtesy photo*



Ryan Burns, recent Scarlet Hawk of the Week, with the varsity coaching staff led by Coach Dana Olson (left), Eric Riley (center) and Paul Adams (right). *Courtesy photo*

HS DESIGN

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Committee, Riefstahl said, "We got a very good group of architects that submitted for this project. All of them would have been capable to do this project, we would have had no reservations."

DSP was scheduled to conduct interviews and make its final selection on Jan. 27, after the Milford Free Press deadline.

"The great news is both firms could do the job."
 ~ Jonathan Bruce, Chair
 Milford School Building Committee

At the Jan. 14 meeting, MSH School Building Committee Chair Jonathan Bruce said, "The great news is both firms could do the job, that's where we're at so...it's one of those things it's hard to fail at."

The video recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-c-eUQIFYU.

Follow the progress of the project at www.milfordpublicschools.com/about/mhs-school-building-project.



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abandoning a motor vehicle.

Jan. 6 at 9:52 a.m., Veterans Memorial Dr., assault

Jan. 6 at 11:06 a.m., Princeton Dr., arrest. A 52-year-old Milford male

was charged with “out of jurisdiction arrest on probable cause.”

Jan. 6 at 2:50 p.m., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 37-year-old Hopedale female was charged with speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jan. 6 at 4:01 p.m., Hollis Ct., chimney fire

Jan. 6 at 7:16 p.m., Exchange St., unwanted person. A 39-year-old Milford male was taken into protective custody.

Jan. 6 at 7:49 p.m., Central St., pedestrian accident

Jan. 7 at 6:06 a.m., E. Walnut St., motor vehicle accident, criminal application. A 25-year-old Milford male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop/yield, and speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper.

Jan. 7 at 4:47 p.m., Main St., follow-up investigation. A 33-year-old Framingham male was charged with larceny under \$1200, breaking entering a vehicle/boat in nighttime for felony, credit card fraud under \$1200, identity fraud, unauthorized use of a credit card greater than \$1000 value, and attempted larceny.

Jan. 7 at 11:32 p.m., Milford Hospital, unruly patient, arrest. A 41-year-old Ashland male was charged with assault and battery, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace.

Jan. 8 at 4:27 p.m., Prospect St., motor vehicle accident, criminal application. A 61-year-old Blackstone male was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jan. 8 at 5:35 p.m., Fortune Blvd., follow-up investigation. A 16-year-old juvenile was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

Jan. 9 at 7:45 p.m., Medway Rd., property lost. A 48-year-old person was charged with larceny under \$1200.

Jan. 10 at 12 a.m., Jefferson St., loud music, spoken to

Jan. 10 at 11 a.m., Congress St., hit and run accident, criminal application. A 27-year-old Milford female was charged with leaving the scene of property damage.

Jan. 10 at 12:28 p.m., Main St., assault

Jan. 10 at 11:16 p.m., West St., fire-works violation

Jan. 10 at 11:34 p.m., Manella Ave., loud music

Jan. 11 at 2:12 a.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle accident, arrest.

A 40-year-old Milford male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper.

Jan. 11 at 11:10 p.m., Pearl St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 43-year-old Milford female was charged with failing to stop/yield, uninsured motor vehicle, and operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended.

Jan. 11 at 11:54 a.m., S. Main St., structure fire

Jan. 12 at 11:10 a.m., Bowdoin Dr., property damage

Jan. 12 at 7:58 p.m., S. Main St., road rage

Jan. 13 at 11:09 a.m., Luby Ave., 911 hang-up, arrest. A 26-year-old Roxbury male was charged with assault and battery, and defacing property.

Jan. 13 at 4:31 p.m., Fortune Blvd., follow-up investigation, criminal investigation. A 45-year-old Hopkinton male was charged with shoplifting by asportation, and larceny under \$1200.

Jan. 13 at 7:08 p.m., Bodio Cir., assault.

Jan. 14 at 5:20 a.m., Cedar St., disabled motor vehicle. A 24-year-old Brockton male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Jan. 14 at 5:33 p.m., S. Richard St., outside fire

Jan. 14 at 7:51 p.m., E. Main St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 23-year-old Milford male was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Jan. 15 at 3:52 a.m., Fortune Blvd., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 51-year-old Central Falls, RI, male was charged with a motor vehicle lights violation, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jan. 15 at 2:28 p.m., Spruce St., fight, spoken to

Jan. 15 at 4:01 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting, criminal application. A 29-year-old Franklin female was charged with shoplifting by asportation, and larceny under \$1200.

Jan. 15 at 7:04 p.m., Beach St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 30-year-old Milford male was charged with operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended, unregistered motor vehicle, and unlicensed motor vehicle.

Jan. 16 at 4:25 p.m., Fortune Blvd., shoplifting. Two 13-year-old juveniles were charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and larceny under \$1200.

Jan. 16 at 9:35 p.m., hit and run

accident. A 38-year-old Milford male was charged with leaving the scene of property damage, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Jan. 16 at 10:50 p.m., Fortune Blvd., fight. Four people were charged with disorderly conduct including a 38-year-old Milford female, a 39-year-old Milford male, a 37-year-old Milford male, and a 36-year-old Marlborough male.

Jan. 16 at 11:05 p.m., Asylum St., dumpster fire

Jan. 17 at 10:16 a.m., Purchase St., assault

Jan. 17 at 7:58 p.m., Beaver St., motor vehicle accident, criminal application. A juvenile was charged with leaving the scene of property damage, and marked lanes violation.

Jan. 18 at 1:42 p.m., Whitney St., parking violation, criminal application. A 26-year-old Milford male was charged with having an uninsured motor vehicle.

Jan. 18 at 11:45 p.m., Cornell Dr., k9 deployment

Jan. 19 at 2:44 p.m., parking violation, criminal application. A 51-year-old Milford male was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Jan. 19 at 6:18 p.m., Fortune Blvd., motor vehicle accident, criminal application. A 31-year-old Milford female was charged with operating a motor vehicle with registration suspended, uninsured motor vehicle, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Jan. 19 at 6:53 p.m., Pine St., well-being check, arrest made.

A 26-year-old Milford male was charged with OUI liquor or .08%, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and forge/misuse of a RMV document.

Jan. 20 at 6:22 a.m., Central St., motor vehicle stop, criminal application. A 41-year-old Milford male was charged with operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, motor vehicle not meeting RMV safety standards, and miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

Jan. 22 at 7:41 a.m., West St., bicyclist accident

Jan. 22 at 10:14 a.m., Fortune Blvd., VIN check

Jan. 22 at 4:31 p.m., Cedar St., intoxicated person

Jan. 22 at 6:53 p.m., Birch St., road rage

Jan. 22 at 7:17 p.m., E. Main St., hypodermic needles found

Jan. 23 at 7:04 p.m., Manoogian Cir., barking dog

Jan. 23 at 8:39 p.m., Main St., unwanted person, arrest. A 25-year-old Milford male was charged with vandalizing property, trespassing, and warrant arrest.

Jan. 24 at 4:59 p.m., Roland Way, motor vehicle accident. A 25-year-old Medway female was charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and no inspection/sticker.

Jan. 25 at 11:32 p.m., School St., water problem/flooded

Source: www.milfordpolice.org/daily-call-log

Recent Home Sales

Date	Milford	Amount
01/23/2026	20 Senate Rd.	\$600,000
01/22/2026	7 Highland St.	\$515,000
01/21/2026	39 Emmons St.	\$590,000
01/21/2026	10 Shadowbrook Ln. #24	\$240,000
01/20/2026	29 Reservoir Rd.	\$840,000
01/15/2026	23 Christina Rd.	\$950,000
01/14/2026	18 Divittorio Dr.	\$575,000
01/09/2026	4 Kennedy Ln. #49	\$267,000
01/09/2026	33 Country Club Ln. #D	\$390,000
01/07/2026	318 Main St.	\$660,000
12/30/2025	56 Village Cir.	\$630,000
12/29/2025	4E Charles St.	\$595,000
12/29/2025	12 Blanchard Rd.	\$482,500
12/26/2025	55 Jefferson St.	\$530,000

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



The 3-bed, 4-bath, 2,069-square-foot house at 39 Emmons Street in Milford recently sold for \$590,000. Image credit: www.zillow.com

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Milford man charged in connection with Upton fires

Off-duty Upton firefighter and wife spotted blaze, supported apprehension

UPTON—A Milford man was arrested in January for allegedly setting one of several recent illegal fires along the Peppercorn Trail, said Upton Fire Chief Michael Marchand, Upton Police Chief Nicholas Palmieri, and State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine.

Cameron Griffin, 28, was apprehended on the night of Jan. 22 at the scene of an outdoor fire near the Peppercorn Hill parking area along Crockett Road in Upton. He was charged with unlawful burning, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace in connection with the fire. He was additionally charged with child endangerment in light of a child who was in his vehicle at the time of the incident.

An off-duty Upton firefighter saw the blaze in its early stages after being alerted by his wife and drove from his nearby home to the scene. The firefighter positioned his vehicle to block Griffin's escape and remained on scene until Upton Police arrived and took him into custody.

Upton Fire Chief Michael Marchand identified the firefighter as Firefighter/EMT

Off-duty Upton Firefighter/EMT Matthew Kerr saw the blaze in its early stages after being alerted by his wife and drove from his nearby home to the scene.

Matthew Kerr.

"Matt didn't hesitate to respond to what could have grown to a significant brush fire," said Chief Marchand. "Once at the scene, his decisive action helped Upton Police take the suspect into custody and likely end this spree of incendiary fires. On behalf of the Upton Fire Department and our brothers and sisters at Milford Fire, I want to recognize his efforts to protect public safety in our community."

Thursday's fire was one of several in the area since last summer, with at least five reported between July 25 and July 26, 2025, and another on Jan. 13, 2026. These fires are being investigated by the Upton and Milford police and fire departments, the Department of Conservation & Recreation, and the State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office. Investigators plan to seek ad-

ditional charges in connection with these incidents, all of which took place in the Peppercorn Hill Conservation Area.

"Upton Police and our law enforcement partners in Milford take great satisfaction in this arrest," said Chief Palmieri.

"Any fire can be dangerous, but especially one in an outdoor setting frequented by residents and visitors who deserve to enjoy our natural resources."

"The 2024 Massachusetts wildfires showed all of us just how quickly an outdoor fire can

spread," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Intentionally setting a fire in a wooded area is courting disaster, and this arrest demonstrates that it will have consequences."

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sone, Maven; Wild, Olive; Wild, Penny; Zheng, Andy

Grade 7
 Barbosa, Olivia; Burdierd, Sophie; Cales, Selina; Carmo, Julia; Chimborazo Guaman, Daira; Costa, Ariele De Assis, Julia; De Oliveira, Natalia; De Souza, Samuel; Gualpa Castro, John; Hausmann, Cecily Held, Anna; Johnson, Lilliana; King, Daniel; King, Edgar; Knapp, Cassidy; Lema, Lisa; Machado, Marcos; Mendonca-Young, Rhea; Muyulema Chimborazo, Mishelle; Nelson, Leah; Novelli, Kaira Ojoseitan, Joshua; Oliveira, Mirella; Paiva, Sarah; Paredes Ortiz, Danna; Rios, Noah; Stacey, Jake Tessicini, Kelsie; Varner, Zina; Warren, Jacob

Grade 8
 Alves, Benjamin; Ateawung, Myra; Awaru, Avika; Berry, Aden Ryer; Brothers, Michelle; Campos, Alicia; Canenguez Alfaro, Roberto; Carvalho, Kamilla; Conceicao, Brunna; Connerney, Carter Consigli,

Rita; Cunningham, Brooke; De Souza, Nicolas; DiGiallonardo, Brandon; Dupre, Kylie Falk, Liam; Fenneuff, Samantha; Fonseca, Mason; Garay, Judah; Geoffroy, Cali; Gkalios, Demos Gomes, Matheus; Hanna, Samuel; Healey, Brandon; Jaboin, Jordan; Keenan, Makayla; LeBlanc, Landon Macchi, Emma; McGovern, Kennedy; McGrath, Logan; McNeil, Keagan; Merrill, Colton; Metodiev, George Naugler, Abigail; Nnyanzi, John; O'Toole, Emmett; Perez Sauc, Lesly; Perry, Teagan; Pinto, Jackson Powers, Alexandra; Purtell, Melanie; Quickmire, Nicholas; Roderick, Logan; Ross, Addison; Silva Hughes, Isabella; Stokes, Madison; Strafello, Kai; Underwood, Lily; Vieira, Luanna Villa, Mey; Walker, Jack; Wallace, Ellie; Walthers, Audrey; Webster, Samuel; Wis, Giovanni; Zozzaro, Aubrey

HONORABLE MENTION

Grade 6
 Albanese, Luca; Asong, Gina; Bonilla, Dream-Eva; Braganca, Maria; Colesano, Josephine;

Costa, Maria Clara; Croeber, Ryan; Da Silveira, Francisco; Damata, Helena; Davis, Lola; De Souza, Isabella; Demeglio, Connor; DeSouza, Gabriella; Dos Santos, Alice; dos Santos, Miguel; Drumond, Miguel; Garcia Ribeiro, Isadora; Garland, Lou; Gauthier, Shea; Gonzalez Caraballo, Valentina; Guaman Guasco, Michelle; Hamada, Sophia; Harbachuck, Kora; KokEnnen, Kellan; Lema Mayancela, Bryan; Marcelino, Wesley; Marcotte, Madison; Meacham, Emma; Moore, Molly; O'Rourke, Evannah; Pereira, Milina; Perez, Emma; Purtell, Connor; Rabidou, Landon; Rizk, Rita; Rocano Vilavicencio, Matthew; Rodrigues, Sophia; Roldan Gualpa, Maximiliano; Shepard, Maryn; Snitko, Rachel; Souza Velasquez, Sophia; Souza, Karol; Souza, Luisa; Spencer Rodriguez, Analba; Zacchilli, Amelia

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 Abdon, Rhyana; Alemnkia, Joshua; Allegrizza, Harper; Benton, Hayden; Boccia, Carter; Boudreau, Ethan Bunay Chumaina, Alizon; Casto, Ariella; Ciarametaro, Maxwell; Cruz, Brendan; Day, Jacob; De Faria, Ana Carollina; Demeglio, Brody; DePietro, Ashley; DeTore, Dylan; Dos Santos Arruda, Samuel; Duran Chapa, Shadeeza; Gachau, Isabella; Hornberger, Blake; Jacobson,

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Woodland students meet with sneaker designer

New Balance sneaker design director inspires and educates Elementary artists

Recently, students in Ms. Lisa Duarte's Grade 5 Art Classes at Woodland Elementary School had a valuable opportunity to engage with Mr. Taylor Canby, a design director at New Balance. His visit was both educational and inspirational, linking classroom projects to real-world design applications.

Mr. Canby shared his journey as a designer, expressing the importance of following one's passion. This resonated with the students, especially since they had just completed a shoe design project. His insights helped them see how art can influence a major brand like New Balance.

"My students recently completed a project in which they created their own sneaker brand, using their creativity and interests to design a shoe they might want to wear. The patterns and colors were all very unique and eye catching!" said Ms. Duarte. "To be able to follow that project by meeting with a real-world shoe designer

was so important for the kids. It connected the classroom to an actual person and the complicated process involved to create something they might take for granted."

During the session, Mr. Canby guided students through the sneaker design process, explaining how a shoe evolves from sketch to final product. The students had the chance to examine various sneakers, bringing their classroom learning to life. A highlight was when they tried on some shoes he brought, which made the experience even more engaging.

Mr. Canby's visit demonstrated the significant impact professionals can have on students, encouraging them to pursue their dreams in the arts and sciences. With dedicated educators like Ms. Duarte and inspiring visits from industry leaders, Woodland Elementary is nurturing the next generation of creative innovators.

Source: Milford Public Schools



Noreen Bukenya shows a component of the sneaker engineering process. Courtesy photo



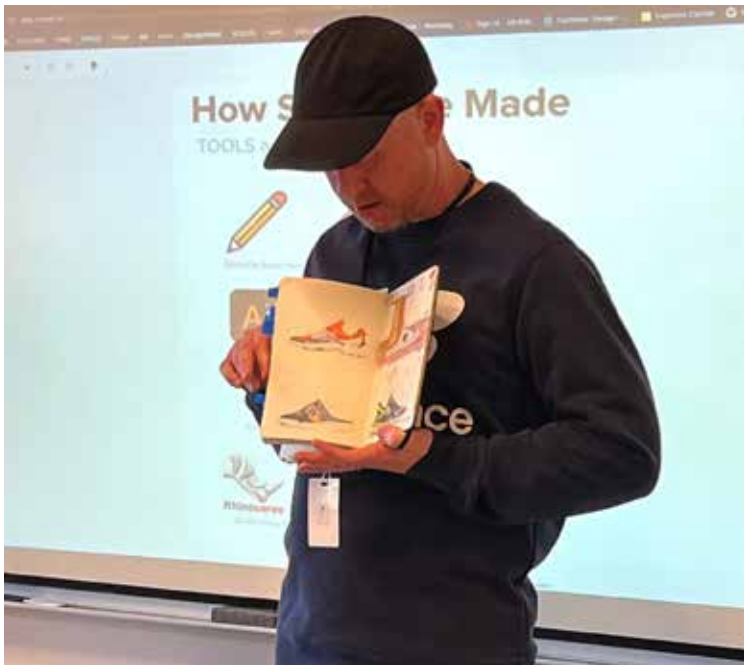
Matheus Miranda holds up a New Balance model sneaker. Courtesy photo



Ella Burrows tries on a sample New Balance sneaker. Courtesy photo



Karas Dif examines an "in process" sneaker before it is fully assembled. Courtesy photo



New Balance Design Director Taylor Canby speaks to Woodland Elementary students about how sneakers are designed and made. Courtesy photo

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SPORTS

Milford Wrestling wins 6th straight league title

Scarlet Hawks continue Hockomock dynasty with runaway victory

By Chris Villani

The Milford High wrestling team made it six Hockomock League championships in a row, outdueling 10 other schools and finishing nearly 70 points clear of its nearest competitor Jan. 31 at Foxboro High School.

The Scarlet Hawks, who have also captured four straight sectional titles and three state championships in the last four years, saw three athletes win individual Hockomock titles and four more finish as runners up.

Brayden Boccia won the 126lb division with a pin three minutes into his match. Derek Marcolini needed less than a minute to pin his opponent and win the 132lb division. The Scarlet Hawks were also the champs at 150lbs, with Josiah Carney winning via pin fall.

In addition to the first-place finishes, Dylan Wright advanced to the finals at 138lbs, Ryan Flis made the finals at 144lbs, Kaua Reis was a runner up at 157lbs, and Wanderson Dos Santos finished second at 175lbs.

Milford's latest title came after graduating a talented senior class last year that helped the program win the league, sectional, and state championships.

This year's Scarlet Hawks team, with a number of new faces in the spotlight, also showcased its depth. At 120lbs, Cameron Zicherman finished third overall in the league meet. Anthony Norris scored a third-place finish of his own at 190lbs.

Altogether, Milford amassed 222 points. Taunton finished a distant second with 156 points,



Milford wrestling huddles around head coach P.J. Boccia during a recent meet. Source: @hawknational/Instagram

followed by Foxboro, Franklin, and North Attleboro.

The lopsided result echoed last year's state final, which saw head coach P.J. Boccia's team

run away with the title, 23.5 points clear of second-place Bridgewater-Raynham.

Milford put together back-to-back state title performances in

2022 and 2023, before suffering a small setback two years ago when it came up just a point-and-a-half short to Minnechaug in the Division II meet.

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SPORTS

Hopedale/Milford Hockey building momentum

Team starts February within striking distance of tourney spot

By Chris Villani

The Hopedale/Milford ice hockey team is looking to make sure it peaks at the right time of the season, and head coach Mike MacQuarrie's team rattled off three wins in its last four games in January.

"We had kind of hit a little bit of a tough spot and then, over the last few games, we kind of turned it around," MacQuarrie said.

Hopedale/Milford has played for long stretches this winter without Noah Smith, its most experienced all-star caliber defenseman. But MacQuarrie said he is hoping to get Smith back ahead of any potential tournament run. A more stout defense would be a boost to a Hopedale/Milford team that has firepower up front, but not much depth.

"Our top line has been great,"

MacQuarrie said. "But, once you get by the top line, I only have a couple of other forwards who have scored goals."

The top line is led by senior captain Ricky Nashawaty, who has piled up both goals and assists all season.

"He is the main guy," MacQuarrie said. "It all goes through him."

Junior alternate captain Josh Balzarini is another stalwart on the top line, playing on the left side. MacQuarrie extolled his "outstanding shot."

Also drawing praise from the head coach is Michael McGrath, another junior alternate captain.

"He is a big, tough, rugged kid," MacQuarrie said. "He is doing well." He added, "Those three, they get all the points and they are carrying the team. How they go seems to be how our

team goes."

But Hopedale/Milford is hoping to get more production from different players as the season draws to a close. Freshman Jeff Corbin is contributing despite being a younger player. MacQuarrie said the youngster works hard and is "very coachable." Milford High juniors Owen Bullock and Lucas Richard are two more forwards with the potential to make a big impact and make Hopedale/Milford a deeper team offensively.

MHS freshman Hunter Lendre has shown "flashes of brilliance" in goal, MacQuarrie said.

"He is really athletic and flexible, he can react well," he said. "We are looking for him to be more consistent."

MacQuarrie said his team's depth hasn't developed as quickly as he might have liked,



Ricky Nashawaty has been a scoring leader for Hopedale/Milford all season long. Courtesy photo



Michael McGrath capped off January with a game winning goal to give his team some momentum into the home stretch. Courtesy photo

but he is impressed with how hard his players are working and how much they have improved through the winter. It has him hoping there could be a playoff spot in store.

"We are still on the outside looking in, but we are right there," MacQuarrie said. "We have a shot to make the playoffs if we can get to .500."

Library collects winter clothing for military families



Michael Shain of Thanks To Yanks with Samantha Cesario of the Milford Town Library. The library recently sponsored a donation collection drive for new winter clothing to be given to local military families. Thanks To Yanks is a local charity that supports, veterans, those deployed and military families. Courtesy photo

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