

Junior Police Academy Returns With Success



The Holliston Police Department's junior police academy was up and running again this summer, after a few years break due to COVID.

The camp was created in 2014 with the goal of educating middle school-aged children on what it takes to be a

police officer. Officers Michael Woods and Brian DiGiorgio run the camp.

This summer, the August session of the camp ran Aug. 8-12, and 18 middle schoolers attended.

DiGiorgio said the program is free as the funding is

from the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation, a foundation that provides funding for nonprofits.

He explained the schedule for the week. The kids arrive

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Thanks To Yanks Makes Impact On Veterans, Active Military

By CAROLINE GORDON

Some Holliston veterans have received donations of heating oil. Others, gift cards when they've needed them.

Assistance like this comes from organizations like Mike Shain's Thanks to Yanks.

Many years ago, Shain became inspired to support veterans after attending a lunch-in for a post memorial day parade, and decided to start Thanks to Yanks, a non-political 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support military members, veterans, and their families.

"Thanks to Yanks is for saying thank you. It is an attitude of appreciation for those who serve and especially for the families of those who serve," he said.

Shain said he comes across many people don't know there are servicemen who are deployed.

"While yes, it's true they aren't in Afghanistan, we do have people overseas. There is actually a mass contingency of the Mass National Guard in the Middle East, so we

just sent them girl scout cookies," he said

In addition to sending over the sweet treats, Thanks to Yanks also sent over thank you cards written by the Milford Senior Center.

Shain touched on a photo of soldiers sipping Dunkin' coffee on the Thanks to Yanks website, noting the coffees in one hand and guns in the other.

"These soldiers were doing sniper training for another government. I reached out to them and asked them what they can use and everyone drinks coffee," he said.

He said the soldiers requested K-cups, so Shain reached out to the franchise owner of Dunkin' who is based in Holliston and owns many Dunkin' shops in the area. Shain said he provided Thanks to Yanks with the K-cups to send over to the soldiers.

The work the organization does on the local level, also shines through. In addition to the oil

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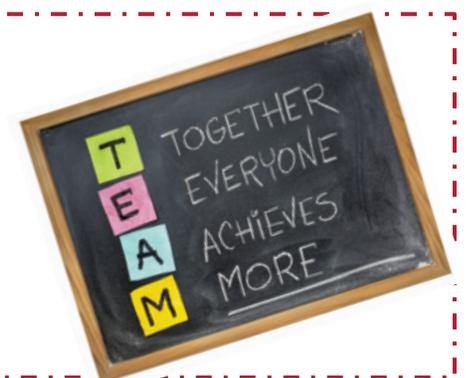
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at the station at 9 a.m. every morning and leave at 3 p.m.

DiGiorgio said on day one, the kids toured the station and were grouped into four squads to make up one platoon.

He said the remainder of the program was run at the Holliston High School, where they



had access to High Elements Courses and a ropes course the kids trained on.

DiGiorgio added there were guest speakers, noting that on Tuesday the State Police Air Wing came in and demonstrated how to fly a helicopter, which excited the kids.

Additionally, on Thursday, the kids ventured to Boston Harbor for a field trip to see how the State Police Marine Unit operates.

At the end of the week, the group graduated from the academy.

The July session saw a little K9 action as well.

“Special thanks to Holliston’s very own K-9 Mattis and his partner Sergeant Hagan for the great demonstration yesterday afternoon. The recruits learned about how much we depend on our Police K-9’s and the important role they play in keeping our communities safe,” according to the Holliston Police Department Facebook page.

“It’s a good week. It’s all positive,” DiGiorgio said.



It has come to our attention that a paid Political Spotlight did not have the proper disclaimer stating “Paid Advertisement” in our August edition. For the record, the article was paid for by the Committee to Elect Chris Doughty. This was an unfortunate oversight. As the publisher I do not endorse any candidates and as a media source stay neutral in all political matters. I apologize for any confusion this oversight has caused. This experience has shown how passionate our readers are. Keep on reading.
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donations and the gift card donations, “We have worked with the Holliston Veterans agents on many projects over the years, and have also gotten to meet many members of the Holliston VFW,” he said.

Aside from sending the cookies, cards and coffee, Thanks to Yanks also runs a program called Hope for Heroes, which is held near veterans day each year.

At the event, volunteers collect items for veteran homeless shelters. Additionally, they collect items such as snacks and games to fill care packages.

“A taste of home is always appreciated,” Shain said.

He explained that post 9/11, he believed there should be a way to thank military families for the service of their loved ones, so he organized the 9/11 dinner, an event for military families to dine together, which lasted for 13 years.

In addition to commemorating military servicemen and their loved ones, the dinner also celebrates the fallen first responders of 9/11.

“We had 450 guests who all came for free. Again, it was just a way for us to say thank you for your service, thank you for your sacrifice,” he said.

Shain added that during the last three years of the dinner, the Medal of Liberty, an award given to the families of a soldier who died in action, was awarded to a family.

“We were blessed to be able to incorporate the Medal of Liberty Ceremony into our 9/11 dinner,” he said.

Thanks to Yanks Volunteer Maggie McIssac said working with Shain is “an absolute pleasure” and that he “puts his heart and soul” into the organization.

“You can see his excitement at an event when he is selflessly helping and doing good things for others. Mike is a great listener with innovative ideas while also offering sound, wise advice. He has the best intentions with what he is doing and he is always incredibly grateful to all those who help contribute to the cause, no matter how big or small that contribution may be,” she said.

McIssac touched on the impact of Thanks to Yanks.

“Thanks to Yanks is such an important organization because there are not a lot of civilian lead support groups for active military, veterans, and their families in the area. The outreach from the proceeds raised over the years has extended to areas all over New England and worldwide,” she said.

McIssac continued, “Mike and his organization has touched the lives of so many countless service men and women and their families. There will also be a need to support the military veterans in so many various capacities, and that is why it is so important to have a non-profit group like Thanks to Yanks.”

Pictured L-R facing are Mila Cales of troop 64720 a Junior and Selina Cales of troop 65017 a Brownie and Mike Shain the Founder and president of Thanks To Yanks, recently Thanks To Yanks received a generous donation of Girl Scout Cookies. This taste of home was sent to the 182nd battalion of the Massachusetts National Guard this is currently deployed in the Middle East.



Holliston High School Principal Reflects On Upcoming School Year

BY CAROLINE GORDON

Holliston High School Principal Nicole Bottomley shared her thoughts on the upcoming school year.

She said she is most excited about watching students grow their leadership skills to improve the community.

In order to ensure students are growing as leaders and enhancing the community, she said administrators are in “constant contact” throughout the summer to collaborate on how to improve the school systems.

She explained that over the summer, teachers work together on various projects that will help connect the faculty and parents.

Bottomley touched on COVID-19 noting she hopes that students and faculty will experience a school year without the need for COVID restrictions but if that isn’t the case, the “amazing” nurses at all of the schools will navigate the “ever changing” COVID needs and will also communicate with families and educators.

“We have the opportunity to reset and start anew each and every year. We bring forward the aspects of the school year that worked well from the previous year and reimagine those that did not. It is truly a gift that we have the opportunity to start fresh every single year,” she said.



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Holliston Athlete Earns Spot at Ninja Nationals

Olivia Eramo of Holliston traveled to Las Vegas to compete in the Ultimate Ninja Athlete Association World Finals in mid July. This was Olivia's second trip to World's representing Surge Ninja located in Hopkinton Ma. This season Olivia placed on the podium in every local and regional competition she attended. This

success earned her a top ranking spot on the UNAA national leaderboard. Olivia is coached by Carter Hopping of Surge Ninja. Coach Carter adds " I am very proud of Olivia and all of my athletes who represented Surge Ninja. The hard work and perseverance throughout the entire season earned them their

trip to the UNAA Worlds. They gave 110 percent on the Worlds course, exceeding my expectations. my athletes are fierce, dedicated competitors to the sport of Ninja. Olivia attacks each obstacle and course run. I can always count on Olivia` giving it her all. No matter what the outcome is she finishes with a smile!"



Olivia Eramo with Coach Carter Hopping at Ultimate Ninja Athlete Association World Finals in Las Vegas

History Mystery Rallye

Think you know all about Holliston? Do you know some of the "hidden in plain sight" facts of Holliston's past?

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council will host a Friends & Family History Mystery Rallye on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 PM.

Join your family, friends, and a few strangers competing on a mystery tour of Holliston to discover little known facts about our town, win prizes, and support local charities. What could be better than that?

Registration for this fun event will be \$15 per car prior to the day of the Rallye, and \$20 on the day of the event.

Starting at St. Mary's Church parking lot, you'll need a car, driver, and at least

one navigator to follow the map directions to various sites around town for about 35 minutes.

The rallye ends where it started and participants will turn in their findings and enjoy games, snacks, and conversation about what "new" history they discovered on their quest. When the reports are tallied, winners will be announced and prizes awarded.

To pre-register, send your name, address, and check payable to KofC #14224 to Tom Anguish, 542 Winter St., Holliston, MA 01746.

While the results are being tallied, the knights will also be drawing the winning tickets from their 14th Annual Charity Raffle which concludes at the end of September. They

have presented over \$260,000 to charitable organizations so far, and this year's raffle will add to that total. There will be five winning cash prizes from \$100 to \$1,000. You could also be a winner in this event if you have a ticket.

They'll be selling tickets at Celebrate Holliston in September. You're already a winner in the eyes of the food pantries, veterans' organizations, the Senior Center, and others receiving the council's donations.

So, two big fun events! First event: buy your raffle tickets to help others and possibly win a prize. Second event: and head to St. Mary's Church parking lot on Oct. 9 for an enjoyable history-mystery road rallye!

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Timmy Cakes and Tim's Trot make September a very busy month for The Timothy O'Connell Foundation

As many people in Holliston know, The Timothy O'Connell Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2008 in honor and loving memory of Timothy O'Connell.

Tim was a friend to all who met him and he continues to be a great inspiration. Timmy courageously battled acute myeloid leukemia between May 2007 and his death on Sept. 9, 2008, just two days after his tenth birthday. Tim's warm smile, his gentle and loving spirit, his boundless hope, and his incredible physical and emotional strength will forever live with those who knew Tim and those who now know about Tim.

Timmy's absolute favorite food was a double layer chocolate cake with chocolate frosting – now known to many as **Timmy Cake**. For the 12th year, a not-so-small army of volunteers will help Joanne, Tim's mother, make about 300 Timmy Cakes. Baking Tim's favorite cake and sharing hundreds with the community as a fundraiser for Tim's Foundation creates a way to celebrate Tim's life, his birthday, and mark his passing. Many families have now formed their own traditions to enjoy their



Timmy Cakes.

Everyone is welcome to purchase a Timmy Cake for \$60 to support The Timothy O'Connell Foundation. As in past years, Timmy Cakes will be sold at Saint Mary's Center Lobby on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 5:30 until 8 pm. On Sunday, Sept. 11, Timmy Cakes will be available from 8 am until 1 pm.

In addition, the 10th and **FINAL Tim's Trot** will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 3 pm at Holliston High School. Pre-registration at www.timsteam.org is open and is greatly encouraged! Click on the EVENTS tab and then click on Tim's Trot. Check-in before the Trot will begin at 1:30 pm this year.

Tim's Trot regularly attracts over 900 runners, walkers, and strollers for the 1.9 mile course. Trotters who register by Sept.

10 for Tim's Trot will receive Tim's Trot bags, Tim's Trot t-shirts, magnets, angels, reminder bands – and will be entered to win one of seven Timmy Cakes that will be given randomly at the Trot.

Timmy Cakes and Tim's Trot, as well as other fundraisers, support donations made by The Timothy O'Connell Foundation to many organizations devoted to the needs of cancer patients and families during cancer treatment. The Foundation also supports families after the loss of a child to cancer through its support of bereavement programs. In addition, The Foundation supports research and development of treatments and cures for leukemia and other cancers.

Organizations on the "front line" of treatment and research such as The Jimmy Fund, St.



Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Be the Match (the National Marrow Donor Program), the American Cancer Society, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital-Boston, have been recipients of the Foundation's giving.

Organizations which provide less direct - but no less important - "treatment" to children and their families affected by cancer, including Make-A-Wish, The Children's Hospital League, The Zakim Center, Flashes of Hope, Camp Sunshine, Give Kids the World, Super Sibs!, and the Ronald McDonald House are also supported by Tim's Foundation.

To date, the Foundation has awarded over \$900,000 in gifts to these and other organizations, including \$130,000 in scholarships to residents of Holliston, Massachusetts for post-secondary education in health-related fields.

Since 2014, Tim's Foundation has funded a research laboratory at the University of Minnesota. This research project is named for Tim and researches AML with the FLT-3 mutation - the disease that took Tim's life. The research at the lab is led by Timmy's doctor from Children's Hospital, Doctor Peter Gordon. The O'Connells are honored by Dr. Gordon's dedication to Tim's memory and they are very happy that they can help further research of AML. Over the last eight years, Tim's Foundation has donated \$200,000 to Doctor Gordon's and Tim's research lab.

Please contact Joanne O'Connell at joanneoconnell@comcast.net for further information. Please contact her asap if you or your company would like to sponsor Tim's Trot this year. T-shirt production with company logos will be finalized soon.



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The Holliston Lions Club is pleased to announce they will be hosting their first ever Charity Golf Tournament. The proceeds from this tournament will be used to fund the Holliston Senior Graduation Class of 2023 Scholarship Fund and other Holliston Lions charities.

1st Vice President Mark Ahronian is chairing the event and together with his committee the following information has been provided:

Location: Pinecrest Golf Club, 212 Prentice Street Holliston, MA 01746

Date: Friday October 15, 2022, **Time:** 9AM Scramble Start registration opens at 7:30

Cost for Golfers: \$125 per person includes greens fees, cart, practice balls and buffet lunch

Cost for Sponsors: there are three sponsor levels ranging from \$125 to \$500

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- **Bronze:** \$125 Name on one hole, logo in program and on Holliston Lions Website

Members of the public are welcome to join us for lunch at the golf club for \$30 and participate in fun and raffles.

1st Vice President Mark stated “we would love to make this an annual event to involve members of the community in a fun and entertaining event. We’ll be offering several prizes and opportunities to participate in raffles and contests. We have enjoyed massive support from the community for all our events and we hope to see the same level of support for this event.”

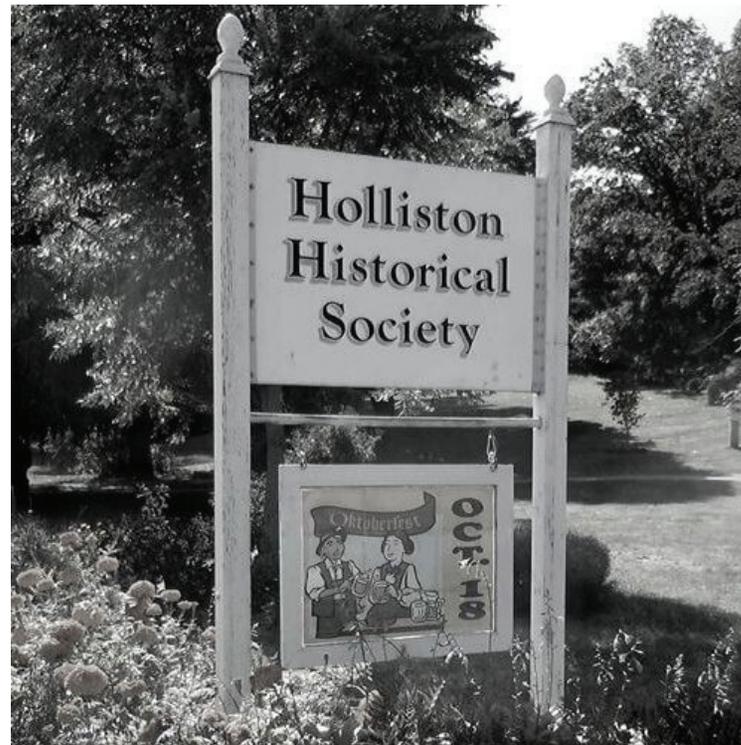
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We look forward to seeing you at this event and other events of the Holliston Lions Club.

For more information about the Holliston Lions Club, you can read more about their annual donations and contributions to the Town of Holliston on their website. There is more information about joining this vibrant community organization as well.



Holliston Historical Society's 41st Harvest Fair



After a very “toasty” summer, it’s time to welcome in autumn with the Holliston Historical Society’s annual Harvest Fair!

Our 41st Fair takes place on Sunday, Sept. 18, (with a rain date of Sept. 25), from 10 am to 4 pm.

The Fair, located on Route 16 in Holliston, is a great way to celebrate the advent of cooler, crisper weather with many ven-

dors, antiques, crafts, a silent auction, food, and of course, our apple pies! There will also be tours of our historic house as well.

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Glenn Brown

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You'd never take them to a car lot and ask, "What car do you want to drive home today?" Yet, the crazy notion of financing a \$75,000 car for your teen would cost considerably less.

Take control, don't be another victim - The student debt crisis has many sides to blame: government taking over student lending in 2009, unlimited money supply allows schools to raise tuition 5-7% annually and students (plus parents) desire for "brand name" schools on top of college rankings lists.

College Rankings lists are brand marketing - CNBC's latest "Colleges That Pay Off The Most" listed Stanford #1 again, followed by the usual trophy schools - ones kids (and parents) brag about attending. Criteria is based on 10-year earnings of graduates minus college costs.

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Use Net Price Calculators (NPCs) - Found on a college's website, these are designed to generate your personal cost to attend. You'll share information from tax returns, size of non-retirement investment accounts, children's accounts (i.e. 529s) and for merit scholarship purposes supply GPA, test scores, class rank and activities.

You'll discover if \$55K tuition may be \$34K, \$23K or harsh reality it will be \$55K. Because you've shared available savings, your teen can visualize their debt obligation upon graduation before they get emotionally invested.

The road less traveled yields merit - "Top ranked" schools get thousands of honor roll students applying and willing to pay, so merit scholarships are awarded to those truly moving future rankings.

Same honor roll student discovers a lesser-known college based on a program of interest, engages with a local recruiter, shares financial information, and chooses early decision or early action - here comes the merit.

For these schools to compete, they're willing to invest in your kid's ability to excel upon graduation, raise the 5 and 10-year earnings of graduates from the program and be an advocate for the college.

Eliminate emotional decisions to raid investment accounts, borrow heavily and/or delay retirement to make your teenager happy, because they won't be. Instead, lead a process that engages

them, puts them on a desired career path and provides financial transparency now and in their future.

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MassBay Community College proudly announced today that its Class of 2022 has achieved a perfect pass rate on the national American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) licensure exam. Individuals who pass this exam are fully qualified to enter the profession and work as Radiologic Technologists. In addition to passing the ARRT exam, all seven Mass-Bay graduates were offered jobs in the field.

"It's a proud moment for these hard-working professionals, for their families, and for us at MassBay," said Karen Hansen, M.Ed., R.T. (R), Radiologic Technology Program Director. "This exceptional group of students successfully navigated both web-based didactic classes while completing over 1,600 radiography hospital hours during two years of COVID. They rose to the challenge of this unprecedented time in health care, showing tremendous perseverance and true dedication to the profession."

The MassBay Radiologic Technology Class of 2022, including their hometowns and place of employment are:

Kelsey Champagne of Mendon, MA

- undecided

Nikki Chin of Brookline, MA

- Tufts Medical Center

Ashley Gorham of Upton, MA

- Brigham & Women's Hospital

Megan Keefe of Arlington, MA

- Cambridge Hospital

Isaiah Simpson of Holliston, MA

- MetroWest Medical Center

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- Tufts Medical Center

MassBay's Associate Degree in Science, Radiologic Technology program is offered during the day in a full-time, 21-month sequence of five consecutive semesters starting in the fall; or as a part-time evening (Flex) format of eight semesters starting in the spring.

"Students who graduate from Mass-Bay's with an associate degree in radiologic technology have been well-prepared for the profession by the rigorous, up-to-date curriculum and by our compassionate, knowledgeable, and experienced instructors," said Lynne Davis, Ed.D., Dean of Health Sciences. "Students further benefit from clinical rotations at the finest hospitals, clinics, and imaging centers in our region, which provide them with the opportunity to work with imaging professionals, patients, and state-of-the-art equipment. We are proud, but not surprised, but the outstanding achievements of the class of 2022. Congratulations are due to them and to the entire MassBay radiologic technology team of Karen Hansen, M.Ed, RT(R), Bill Cote, MA, RT(R) (CT), and Karen Steinhoff, BSRT(R)."



MassBay Community College Associate in Science Degree, Radiologic Technology Graduating Class of 2022, from left to right in the back row Brian Tavares, Kelsey Champagne, Isaiah Simpson, and Megan Keefe. (Photo/MassBay Community College).



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The Town Administrator Newsletter recently debuted under the moniker, "Holliston Hometown Newsletter." Town Administrator Travis Ahern told the Select Board at its March 7 meeting that the quarterly newsletter already had 857 people subscribe as of that date. The eight-page electronic document includes information for town meeting, updates on town projects, important deadlines, lists seasonal jobs, and much more. To subscribe, visit www.townofholliston.us/subscribe

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Writers' Group

First Tuesday of the Month 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Instructor: Lois Hosmer
All pieces are welcome. Enjoy a morning of listening, writing, and camaraderie. Hope to see you there.

Monthly topics are on page 10.

Legal Hour with Jay Marsden

(Taking a break for the summer) Attorney Jay Marsden can meet with individuals for a complimentary 30 min consultation. You must call the Senior Center in advance to schedule your consultation.

Podiatry Clinic

Wednesday, August 31st 10:00 am -1:00 pm

Dr. William Cooper will be at the Senior Center with appointments starting at 10am. Reserve your time by calling the Center. A fee of \$35.00 is due at the time of your appointment and checks must be made out to Dr. Cooper.

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Veterans Coffee Hour

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Thursdays, 12:30 pm-2:00 pm Instructor: Carmen Chiango
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This survey will be used by the Envisioning Future Holliston committee to generate an official town report. Following the presentation at an upcoming town meeting, this report will be publicly available for all town committees, boards, residents and stakeholders.

It seeks your views, priorities and commentary about Holliston in the areas of: water resources & open space, community character & design, housing, town services, age-friendly services, climate resiliency & sustainability, economy, connectivity, public recreation, schools and library.

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Holliston Receives \$194,200 Grant for Street Projects

By THERESA KNAPP

In August, the Baker-Polito Administration announced its annual Shared Streets & Spaces Program awards, totaling \$16.4 million.

Seven Regional Transit Authorities and 138 municipalities received funds to provide "technical assistance and project funding to help Massachusetts cities and towns design and implement changes to curbs, streets, and parking areas in support of public health, safe mobility, and community growth and revitalization," according to www.mass.gov.

Holliston received a grant of \$194,200 "to replace a sidewalk and install crosswalks, ADA-compliant curb ramps, electrical vehicle charging equipment, and park amenities such as a kiosk, bench, and bike rack as part of the 9 Green Street redevelopment project," according to the press release.

For more information, including a full list of recipients, visit <https://bit.ly/3puk2oz>

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Local Water Restrictions Continue Due to Drought Conditions

By THERESA KNAPP

As of press time, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts remained in a “critical drought,” according to the Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card.

The majority of the state is in critical drought status except for Cape Cod (level 2, significant drought); and Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket and western MA (Level 1, mild drought).

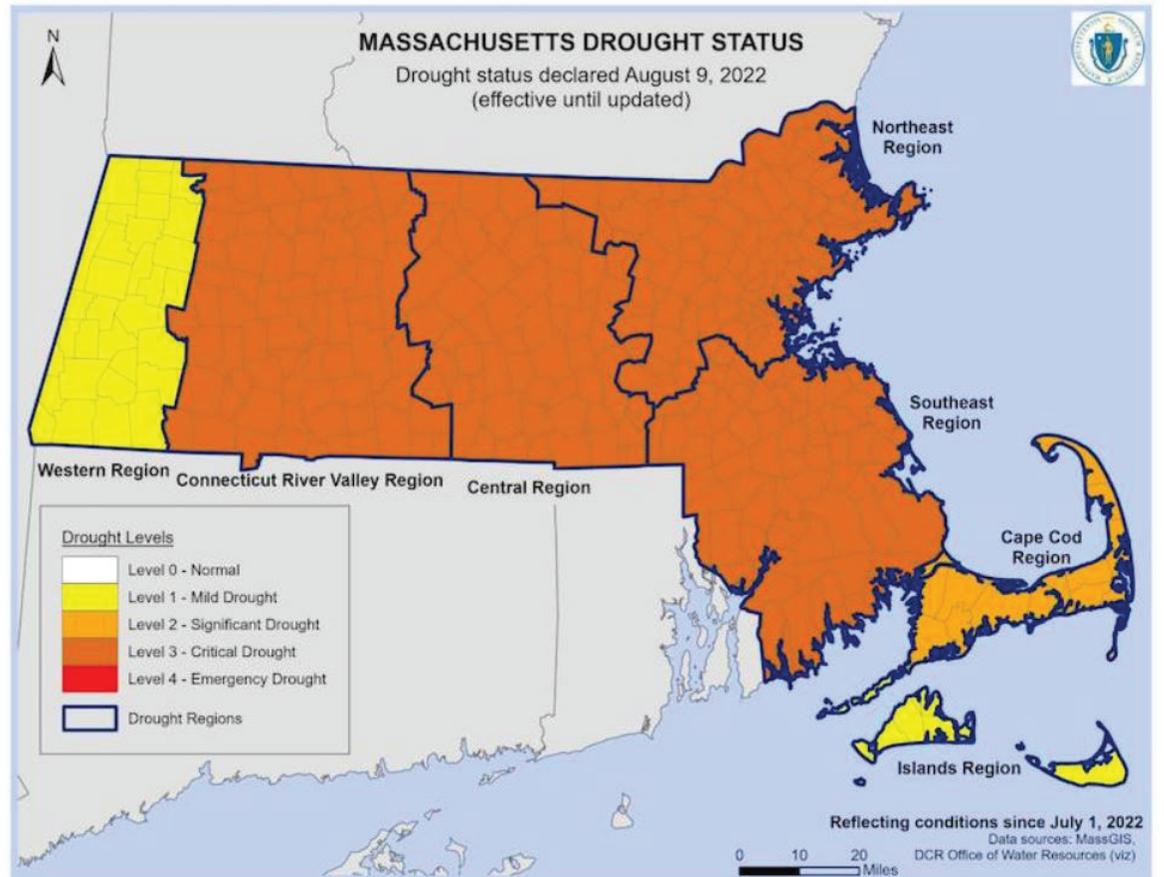
↳Municipalities in regions designated Level 3 are advised “to ban all non-essential outdoor water use. Essential uses for water include health, safety and regulatory uses, as well as for the production of crops, maintenance of livestock and other core business functions,” according to the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The latest data available at press time from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection said, “168 cities and towns had implemented outdoor water use restrictions, and 156 of these restrictions are mandatory,” according to www.mass.org.

A chart of “Current City and Town Water Restrictions” lists:

- Holliston – days watering allowed per week: 0 (effective 7/22)

To check current drought status, visit www.mass.gov/info-details/drought-status



Massachusetts residents living in “Level 3: Critical Drought” areas (dark orange) should refrain from all non-essential outdoor water use. Source: www.mma.org.

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Diverse Holliston Meeting Sept. 13

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Diverse Holliston has been working to encourage and support Holliston Public Schools in updating curriculum to include a full picture of American history, even the parts that don’t make the American government look so hot. If we don’t know the true history, we are bound to repeat it. Indeed, we see that this is true if we are honest with ourselves about the fact that white supremacy and patriarchy still underpin every single aspect of American society.

Diverse Holliston has also been collaborating with the Envisioning Future Holliston Committee to encourage representation of the interests of Holliston residents who often feel excluded from the power structure in Holliston. One piece that Diverse Holliston is particularly interested in learning more about and sharing is how Holliston became the town that it is today. What happened to the Nipmuc people who lived here before the colonists arrived? How is it that we remain a largely white town? What choices were made along the way as the town developed, that ensured that it would stay effectively segregated? Just as it is true on a national level, if we aren’t honest with ourselves about where we have come, how can we be honest with where we are going?

Diverse Holliston values making policy and change in Holliston that will support growth of economic, cultural, racial, religious, and queer diversity, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all residents.

If you share these sentiments, please join us not just in Facebook and email membership, but by volunteering your time.

We fight back against systems of oppression by organizing from the grassroots, local level, by changing things piece by piece in our own town. Many of

you know, it’s not just the southern states that have a problem with systemic racism or trans/homophobia. Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, White Nationalism, and anti-LGBTQ+ sentiments are alive and growing in all corners of our country.

If you share the value of making our town and schools more accessible, welcoming, and equitable places for all kinds of people, please demonstrate your support with action.

Diverse Holliston has been busy meeting with both town and school representatives this

summer and we would like you to save the date for our next Diverse Holliston meeting where we will set goals for this upcoming year for our school and town involvement. There is a lot of work to do, and we would appreciate as much involvement as possible.

Please mark your calendars for the next Diverse Holliston meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7pm, Zoom link will be provided upon RSVP to barb.fritts@gmail.com.

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Tuesday September 6, 2022
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tinkertime

Wednesday September 7, 2022
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM
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Thursday September 8, 2022
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Sensory Playtime

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Friday September 9, 2022
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1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
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Monday September 12, 2022
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Friday September 16, 2022
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Monday September 19, 2022
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VIRTUAL HISTORY BOOK CLUB

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Tuesday September 20, 2022
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Breaker Space

Thursday September 22, 2022
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Friday September 23, 2022
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Drop In Game Day

Monday September 26, 2022
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No School Movie Matinee

Tuesday September 27, 2022
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
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10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Drop In Play Group

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Tinkertime

Wednesday September 28, 2022
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Sports

HHS Athletics: Solid Past & A Bright Outlook Ahead

Baker In 8th Year As Panthers' A.D.

By KEN HAMWEY
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Matt Baker, who's beginning his eighth year as Holliston High's athletic director this month, was pleased and proud of the results and achievements that student-athletes turned in during the 2021-22 school year.

The Panthers' list of successes included six Tri Valley League championships and two state titles. Baker also was delighted that three of the school's teams advanced into the round of eight in tourney action.

The TVL champions included boys soccer, girls cross-country, girls winter track, boys and girls swimming/diving and softball. The girls cross-country team and the girls winter track contingent won state championships. Advancing to the "elite eight" were field hockey, girls lacrosse and girls volleyball.

"It was great to see all of our student-athletes' hard work pay off," Baker said. "The athletes competed intensely and the coaches deserve credit for their leadership. The two state title teams got a police escort back to town and that was special for the school and the community. The memories for those teams will always be wonderful."

Baker emphasized that the six league crowns are very meaningful achievements because "they not only speak to the athletes' talent and effort, but also to the strength of the TVL." Baker called the TVL "as good as any league around."

Holliston also had two individual state champions — Carmen Luisi (cross-country and spring track) and Anthony Touchette (wrestling). "Carmen won the all-state meet in cross-country and topped the field in the two-mile event in track," Baker noted. "And, Anthony was the Division 3 champion at 106 pounds."

The 43-year-old Baker indicated that about a dozen student-athletes will be competing at the collegiate level. And, he singled out Katie Crews and Brennan Ibbitson, who captured

the Panther of the Year Awards. Crews played soccer, ice hockey and lacrosse while Ibbitson competed in football and indoor and outdoor track.

"Katie was steady and solid throughout the year," Baker said. "A terrific leader, she was a two-time captain and a key component on all three teams. Brennan was a captain in all three sports and one of the area's top shot put and discus throwers. He set a school record in the discus. A quiet leader, he provided great effort and set a great tone in all three sports."

The role that high school athletic directors play once had some glory and glamor linked to the position but nowadays it's all about scheduling games and practice times, coordinating transportation, hiring and evaluating coaches, maintaining fields and facilities, monitoring pandemic regulations, overseeing registrations, physicals and eligibility, communicating with the Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), dealing with complaints, and ensuring that referees and umpires are assigned.

"In the past, providing transportation and getting referees was automatic," Baker said. "But, because of the pandemic, those two areas have become complex problems. There's a shortage of bus drivers and refs and it just means paying more attention to details."

Three areas where Baker saw quality results were in participation, the hiring of new varsity coaches and the school's fields and facilities.

"Participation in sports increased by 10 percent over last year," Baker said. "And, we've got about 350 students competing in each of the three seasons. Our highest turnout is in the fall. The numbers have bounced back and it's very rewarding to see more students participating. That's why we're in business. Our objective is to ensure that students enjoy a positive experience no matter what level they're at."



Matt Baker is in his eighth year as Holliston High's athletic director.

Four new varsity coaches and a new trainer were hired for 2021-22. They include: Julie Harrington (swimming/diving), Derek Bedard (boys hockey), Jay Dupuis (boys tennis), Joel Bernstein (girls tennis), and Whitney Howe (trainer).

"Julie is the recreation director for the town of Medway and she did a nice job leading the boys and girls swimming/diving teams to a league title," Baker said. "Derek was a hockey player at Holliston and also was an assistant coach. Jay coaches boys soccer but took the reins of the boys tennis team while Joel Bernstein, a teacher at the high school, directed the girls tennis squad. Whitney has been a trainer for 12 years, the last five at Milford high. All did a great job and I hope they're with us for the long haul."

Baker had two varsity coaching vacancies occur and he's filled both (boys basketball and girls volleyball).

"Chris Vanesian, who's a middle school math teacher in Holliston, will be coaching basketball," Baker said. "He's been a jayvee coach at Holliston and

ball and the recreation department, our baseball field got a nice upgrade. They spent \$15,000 on the infield, so our home games have been moved from the middle school to the high school. Last spring was only the second time baseball was played at the high school since I've been the A.D. here."

Baker likes the state of Holliston sports and he has high hopes for the year ahead.

"We had our share of success last year and we hope that will continue for the year ahead," Baker said. "We're pleased that participation has returned to pre-pandemic levels. There were less covid-19 restrictions last year and it was great to get back to state tourney competition. We had three teams (baseball, boys lacrosse and tennis) with sub-.500 records qualify for the playoffs. Because of scheduling strong opponents they qualified. I'm also excited to see how our new coaches will do and my primary hope is that we adhere to post-pandemic standards."

Attributes that so often enable an athletic director to be successful are patience, being calm under pressure, able to prioritize daily tasks, able to relate to students, coaches and parents, and providing support for athletes and coaches.

"What I like about being an athletic director is the day-to-day interaction with students and coaches," Baker added. "It's also a plus to have support from our administration, teachers and parents. During the two years of covid, I told our coaches to be patient and adapt."

Words of wisdom that no doubt led to success last year at Holliston High.

Medway and was an assistant at Lasell College in Newton. He's got a lot of familiarity with our program and should relate well to the players. Bob Scumaci will coach girls volleyball. He was a member of the Franklin High volleyball coaching staff last year and will be a great addition to our program."

Baker is delighted with the upgrades at two of the Panthers' fields. New turf was installed at the football field and the baseball field has undergone a needed lift.

"The turf at the football field was replaced a year ago, so that'll be a big plus for field hockey, soccer, lacrosse, football and frisbee," he said. "And, thanks to a partnership effort of youth base-

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08/15/2022	30 Morgans Way	\$1.0 mil
08/10/2022	19 Spruce Street	\$500,000
08/09/2022	19 Whispering Lane	\$1.28 mil
08/08/2022	40 Peter Street	\$950,000
08/05/2022	112 Mohawk Path	\$1.3 mil
08/01/2022	152 Prospect Street	\$500,000
07/29/2022	260 Marked Tree Road	\$700,000
07/29/2022	116 Church Street	\$580,000
07/27/2022	196 Courtland Street	\$900,000
07/27/2022	110 Golding Street	\$916,000
07/26/2022	19 Garrett Way	\$575,000
07/25/2022	18 Cabot Road	\$615,000
07/25/2022	27 Greenview Drive	\$715,000
07/22/2022	15 Partridge Way	\$988,000
07/22/2022	54 Pilgrim Road	\$850,000
07/22/2022	78 Woodland Street	\$440,000
07/20/2022	610 Marshall Street	\$213,000
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07/19/2022	309 Willowgate Rise	\$840,000
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07/18/2022	145 Morgans Way	\$1.05 mil
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