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Governor Healey proclaims Emergency Preparedness Month

FRAMINGHAM – Governor Maura Healey declared September 2024 as Emergency Preparedness Month to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage planning for disasters and other types of emergencies.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and other state, local and nonprofit agencies will promote preparedness through various public outreach efforts throughout the month. These efforts are part of a month-long national campaign themed “This is why I prepare.” The goal is to personalize the reasons why local leaders and officials prepare for emergencies while encouraging others to do the same.

“Lieutenant Governor Driscoll and I have visited communities across Massachusetts impacted by the devastating effects of severe flooding and other significant weather events. We know that emergency readiness is essential to our collective ability to prepare for,

respond to and recover from hazards and threats,” said Governor Healey. “After the floods experienced by Massachusetts communities in 2023, I proposed and the Legislature enacted Massachusetts’ first Disaster Relief and Resilience Fund to increase support for municipalities and strengthen resiliency statewide. During preparedness month, I encourage all residents to assess their readiness and rely on the many resources available to prepare for the unexpected.”

“The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, Department of Public Health, and other public safety agencies collaborate closely with Massachusetts communities and across all levels of federal, state, and local government to increase our readiness amid evolving threats to our landscape,” said Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll. “Emergency Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to build upon our strong partnerships and continue the important work of preparing for the unexpected.”

“Preparedness is vital to recovery and resilience. Emergency Preparedness Month reminds us about the importance of taking proactive steps to protect loved ones and reduce the impacts of an emergency or disaster,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. “I’m grateful to MEMA and our many public health and safety partners for their dedication to enhancing statewide readiness and providing Massachusetts residents with essential preparedness planning resources.”

“Before, during, or after a disaster, it’s important to be a good neighbor and to help one another,” said MEMA Director Dawn Brantley. “During Emergency Preparedness Month, ask how you can help a loved one or member of your community prepare, especially those who may be more vulnerable due to a disability, age, or medical conditions.”

“No matter what the disaster may be, our commitment is to work with and support communities, providing them

the resources and services to effectively respond and swiftly recover,” said Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD. “To protect public health and safety we must engage with the community, foster resilience, and focus on equity and humanity. The importance of preparation cannot be overstated, and all of us share in this responsibility.”

Throughout September, MEMA and DPH will share information on their social media accounts about emergency preparedness topics, including emergency planning, building an emergency kit, preparing for disasters, youth preparedness, ways to get involved in community preparedness, and more.

People may visit [Mass.gov/ready](https://www.mass.gov/ready) to find emergency preparedness tips available in several different languages, safety tips for specific threats and hazards, preparedness resources from the MEMA, DPH, and the Massachusetts Office on Disability and other information.

MassDOT announces I-90 roadwork

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces that crews will be conducting nighttime milling, paving, guardrail and bridge repair work at various locations on I-90 eastbound and westbound no. through Friday, Sept. 6.

Lane closures will be in place during the construction operations, and traffic will be able to travel in Otis and Blandford milling and paving operations will be conducted on I-90 eastbound and westbound from mile marker 25.5 to 27.0 on Thursday night, Sept. 5 from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Sept. 6 by 6 a.m. Bridge work will be conducted on I-90 eastbound and westbound at mile marker 22.5 from now through Thursday night, Sept. 5 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Sept. 6 by 5 a.m.

In Stockbridge and West Stockbridge guardrail work will be conducted on I-90 westbound from mile marker 2.8 to 3.2 now through Thursday night, Sept. 5, from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. This work will include the closure of the Exit 3 ramp and a detour will be in place. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Sept. 6 by 5 a.m.

Bridge repair work will be conducted on I-90 eastbound and westbound from mile marker 6.0 to 6.5 now through Thursday night, Sept. 5 from 7 p.m.-

5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Sept. 6 by 5 a.m.

In Lee guardrail repair will be conducted on I-90 westbound from mile marker 9.8 to 10.2 on Thursday night, Sept. 5 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Sept. 6 by 5 a.m.

In Becket bridge repair work will be conducted on I-90 westbound from mile marker 18.0 to 19.0 on Thursday night, Sept. 5 from 7 p.m.-5 a.m. the next morning. The work is expected to conclude on Friday, Sept. 6 by 5 a.m.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to: download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Follow @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

Gas prices decrease four cents

WESTWOOD – The pace of Northeast gasoline price declines is accelerating as the summer driving season wraps up.

Buoyed by falling oil prices and adequate inventories plus a notable lack of significant tropical storm activity in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico pump prices are faithfully following the historical trend of falling in the waning weeks of summer. Demand reached a robust 9.3 million barrels a day ahead of the Labor Day holiday, according to the Energy Information Administration, but markets were unmoved.

Instead, prices are moving lower on expectations that OPEC+ countries in October will begin unwinding some of their self-imposed production cuts that have taken roughly 2 million barrels a day out of the market since 2023. The average gas price in Massachusetts is down four cents over last week (\$3.36), averaging \$3.32 per gallon. Today’s price is 14 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.46) and 42 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.74). Massachusetts’s average gas price is the same as the national average.

“The price for a gallon of regular unleaded is now below \$3 a gallon in nine U.S. states,” said Mark Schieldrop,

Senior Spokesperson, AAA Northeast. “Prices here continue to inch lower each week, but it remains unclear if we’ll dip below the \$3 mark in the Northeast.”

AAA Northeast’s Sept. 3 survey of fuel prices found the current national average down three cents from last week (\$3.35), averaging \$3.32 a gallon. Today’s national average price is 15 cents lower than a month ago (\$3.47) and 49 cents lower than this day last year (\$3.81).

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 6.5 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE Public Hearing for Tree Removal Town of Huntington

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 16, 2024** at **Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road, Huntington, MA** to consider the removal of the following trees:

Tree type and size: Maple, 24” diameter
Tree location: Federal Street (rear of 22 and 24 Russell Road)
Tree type and size: Maple, 15” diameter
Tree location: Federal Street (rear of 22 Russell Road)

Objections to the removal of these trees

must be received in writing prior to the address below to or at the public hearing. Please direct questions about this proposed removal to the Tree Warden.

Henry Sarafin, Tree Warden
Town of Huntington
24 Russell Road, PO Box 430
Huntington, MA 01050
09/05, 09/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold the Continuance of the May 14, 2024 public hearing on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024** beginning at 6:00 pm in

Stanton Hall.

The Public Hearing Continuance is for the Special Permit Application of Hull Forestlands, LP c/o William B. Hull for an Earth Removal Operation at 61 Goss Hill Road (Parcel # 324-32-A), 0 Goss Hill Road (Parcel # 326-26-0) & 0 Worthington Road (Parcel # 326-24-0).

A copy of the application will be available for review at the Public Hearing.

This Continuance is being held to discuss Consultants for a list of studies to be provided to the ZBA and paid for by the applicant.

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