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"Ride the Ferry Day" Press Event

Press Clippings

Press generated by the "Ride the Ferry Day" event on Thursday, Nov. 19, included the following. A complete list of clippings, including duplicate articles shared across multiple sites and publications and a listing of TV news mentions, can be found at the end of this document.

Hingham Anchor, Nov. 18

https://www.hinghamanchor.com/show-what-ferry-service-means-to-you-take-a-ride-on-thursday/

Brockton Enterprise, Nov. 19*

https://www.enterprisenews.com/story/news/2020/11/19/south-shore-fighting-against-looming-cuts-ferry-commuter-rail/3777709001/

Hingham Patch, Nov. 20

https://patch.com/massachusetts/hingham/take-action-save-ferry-greenbush-town-hingham?utm_source=article-mostrecent&utm_medium=rss&utm_term=community%20corner&utm_campaign=recirc&utm_content=normal

Politico, Nov. 20

https://www.politico.com/newsletters/massachusetts-playbook/2020/11/20/galvin-investigate-trump-low-traffic-at-logan-prompts-job-cuts-new-name-in-mix-for-biden-cabinet-490952

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Photos from the Event

















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"HELLO, WE'RE PATRICK AND MEGHAN. HAVING ONLY ONE CAR, THE FERRY IS CRITICAL FOR US. THE LACK OF EASY ACCESS INTO BOSTON WOULD BE A MAJOR PROBLEM, AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW WE WOULD NAYIGATE THAT."

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THELLO, I'M GARY. FOR ME THE WHOLE ISSUE IS QUITE SIMPLE. I'M CONSIDERED AN ESSENTIAL WORKER. AND THAT MEANS TAKING THE FERRY INTO BOSTON IS ESSENTIAL FOR ME.

"Ride the Ferry Day" Video



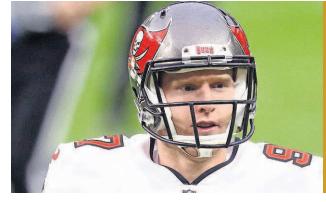
On Thursday, Nov. 19, we organized a "Ride the Ferry Day" event in which media outlets were invited to ride the 7 and 7:30 a.m. ferries out of Hingham and Hull and interview riders and elected officials about the harm of the potential service cuts.

During this event we also filmed a two-and-a-half-minute video that included several interviews and a close-up look at what commuting on the Ferry is like.

To view the full video, visit: https://vimeo.com/482687787



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Fatal opioid overdoses on the rise in Mass.

By Joe Difazio THE PATRIOT LEDGER USA TODAY NETWORK

PLYMOUTH – Opioids killed more than 1,500 people in the first nine months of 2020, a 2 percent increase in overdose deaths compared to the same period last year, ac-

cording to state estimates.

According to data released by the state Department of Public Health on Wednesday, an estimated 1,517 people died from opioid overdoses from January to September, up from 1,485 deaths in that period last year.

The state reports both confirmed and suspected fatal opioid overdose cases while it investigates deaths.

"The opioid epidemic continues to impact too many families and vulnerable populations, who have had to contend with the added fears and stress of the pandemic," Public Health Commissioner Dr. Monica Bharel said during a Public Health Council meeting Wednesday.

Opioid deaths rose as the state contends with another crisis, the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed more than 10,000 people in the state.

Plymouth Police Chief Michael Botieri said the stress and isolation of the pandemic have probably made it more difficult on those struggling with substance use.

"People are stuck at home with nowhere to go and nothing to do," Botieri said.

He said Plymouth County has seen an increase in deaths, and that the pandemic has made it tough for Plymouth County Outreach, a collabora-

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RECORD-HIGH DEMAND STRAINS FOOD PANTRIES



Weymouth Food Pantry volunteer Tess Simkus, of Weymouth, packs fresh fruits and vegetables for Thanksqiving meals.

As more people need food, fewer are able to feed them

By Jessica Trufant and Mary Whitfill

THE PATRIOT I EDGER USA TODAY NETWORK

WEYMOUTH hanksgiving is a celebration of inclusion, and a time when Pam Denholm said food pantries can typically rely on families adding extra place settings to their tables and welcoming neighbors, friends and relatives who may otherwise go without a holiday meal. But the COVID-19 pandemic is forcing fami-

lies to keep celebrations small, adding another layer to a year that has put a tremendous strain on local food banks.

"Families aren't able to do that, so they're hav-

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Hingham's World's **End to get** its first deer hunt

Reservation will be closed Dec. 2 and 9

By Mary Whitfill

THE PATRIOT LEDGER USA TODAY NETWORK

HINGHAM - A controlled deer hunt at World's End Reservation in Hingham will take place for the first time next month as ecologists work to reduce the deer population they say has grown exponentially over the last two decades.

"Fifteen to 20 years ago, there were no deer at World's end, so there was no need for population control," Aaron Gouveia, public relations director for The Trustees of Reservations, told The Patriot Ledger on Wednesday.

Ten shotgun hunters will be allowed to participate in the two-day deer hunt, and Gouveia said preference was given to hunters who have worked with The Trustees in the past. Controlled hunts have happened at other Trustees properties – 98 deer were killed on 32 properties in 2018 – but this is the first time World's End will host a hunt.

The hunts will take place on Wednesdays, Dec. 2 and 9. The property will be closed to visitors both days.

The state annually hosts a controlled deer hunt in the Blue Hills Reservation, usually in two phases, an archery hunt and a shotgun hunt. This year, the Blue Hills hunt is archery only. It started Nov. 16 and will continue through Dec. 3.

"Based on recent spotlight surveys, vegetation surveys, regular observations by staff and complaints from adjacent property owners, we know the deer population at World's End has grown significantly in recent years," The Trustees of Reservations says on

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Hull cancels annual Thanksgiving bonfire

"... We can't

put 1,000

people out

By Wheeler Cowperthwaite

THE PATRIOT LEDGER USA TODAY NETWORK

HULL – The annual Thanksgiving night bonfire in Hull has been canceled this year as state officials continue to discourage large

gatherings. "Given our current environment, and as much as it's a really beloved tradition, even outdoors we can't put 1,000 people out there," Hull Fire Chief Chris Russo said. "We've postponed it and, the good Lord willing, we'll have it next year

and it will be better and bigger than ever."

Russo said he called the vendors who supply the pallets for the bonfire two weeks ago and told them it wouldn't be happening this year.

He said he had some hope that the bonfire could still be held until it became clear that Massachusetts, and the country, is in the midst of another surge in cases.

Last week, the state estimated there were 29,082 active COVID-19

cases, a 40 percent increase from 20,720 cases the week before, along with a 32 percent rise in the number of hospitalizations for COVID-19, up to 702 people.

there." Russo said Hull resi-Fire Chief dents have been good Chris Russo about following the

rules, wearing masks and keeping their distance.

"That's why we're not inundated with a tremendous number of cases," he said. "I'm proud of everyone who's doing their fair share, and if we keep at it, we'll get through it."

South Shore is pushing back against planned MBTA cuts

By Joe Difazio

THE PATRIOT LEDGER USA TODAY NETWORK

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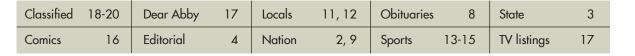
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Jason McCann, of Hull, is a founder of the group Save the Ferry, which is protesting the MBTA's proposal to cut ferry service between Hingham, Hull and Boston amid the pandemic.







TOMORROW Partly cloudy High: 56 Low: 39





The sound of hunters' shotguns is headed to World's End

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its website. "This hunt has been two years in the making because The Trustees recognizes that a proactive and ongoing relationship with our surrounding community is important for a deer management plan."

Jeff Denoncour, an ecologist with The Trustees, said as many as 61 deer were counted on the property last month.

"That suggested the population is trending upwards and that, without management, we'd start to see negative impacts," he said.

Controlled hunts have been held on state and reservation land for decades. Forests that contain significantly high deer populations are vulnerable to increased spread of invasive plants, reduced plant diversity, loss of tree species and destruction of habitat for insects, ground-nesting birds and other wildlife, the state Division of Fisheries and Wildlife says.

Forests in Massachusetts are able to sustain fewer than 20 deer per square mile, but the state promotes a management goal of as few as six.

Denoncour said World's End is uniquely di-

verse, with more than 300 documented plant species and more than 230 bird species.

He said there is no specific number of deer

He said there is no specific number of deer that will be targeted in this year's hunts, and that it will likely not be a one-year occurrence.

"We don't expect to solve this issue year one. We'll have to take an adaptive approach and likely do it on an annual basis," Denoncour said. "Our vegetation surveys will be what tells us how well it is working and what we need to do."

World's End in Hingham is a 251-acre property controlled by The Trustees. The non-profit group took over the property in 1967. It's a popular spot for hikers and birdwatchers, and The Trustees regularly hosts guided nature walks, summer camps and more.

The Trustees of Reservations controls 116 properties on 27,000 acres in Massachusetts. For more information on the hunt, visit thetrustees.org.

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South Shore resists T cuts

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"It's a huge blow if this service goes away," said Cathy Murray, of Hull, who commutes into Boston via the ferry to her job at Massachusetts General Hospital. "If you're lucky, it's an hour to drive."

Murray was enjoying a book as she rode into Boston on the 7:30 a.m. ferry.

"It's great for the environment

"It's great for the environment and it's great for your mental health," Murray said. "You don't have to fight the traffic and you can work or enjoy a book."

Kate Crenier, of Hull, was helping her 4-year-old learn letters on the ferry in a seat nearby. Crenier said she takes the ferry into Boston every day.

"I'd be so upset if the ferry goes away," Crenier said.

State Reps. Joan Meschino and James Murray were on the boat as part of the push to ask the T to rethink cuts.

"We understand during these times it's difficult and ridership is down, but ridership will come back," said Murphy, whose district encompasses most of Weymouth and part of Hingham. "We don't want to look short term and shut down ferries that we need on the South Shore. Besides just moving people, there's a lot of investment and commercial development in and around the trains and ferries. ... It would send a chilling effect for investment."

In addition to cutting the ferry, the T has proposed running no commuter rail trains on weekends or after 9 p.m. during the week, and reducing subway service, including on the Red Line, by 20 percent during peak times and 40 percent in off-peak times.

Some bus routes might be cut or consolidated, including several on the South Shore. The 714 Hingham and Hull bus line and the 221 Quincy and Weymouth bus route, for example, would be eliminated. The MBTA created an interactive map to help riders visualize the cuts.

Six commuter rail stops would be closed, including the Plymouth station. The commuter rail overall



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Tom Lyons, of Hull, says he moved there because of the ferry service.

would have reduced peak weekday service.

The commuter rail changes would save the T \$8 million in fiscal 2021 and \$45 million in fiscal 2022, officials said. Cutting the ferry service, including the Charlestown leg, would save the T \$3.5 million in fiscal 2021 and \$13 million in fiscal 2022, they

Meschino called the savings by losing the ferry a "short amount of money." She said she's afraid that if some MBTA services go away, it would be years before they come back, if ever.

The T is having a series of meetings about the changes and taking input on the cuts via an online portal before deciding on the cuts in December.

A meeting specific to the South Shore will take place virtually on Nov. 23 at 6 p.m.

"The MBTA is carrying out a comprehensive outreach process as it wants public feedback and will take it seriously," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said in a statement. "The MBTA's ability to incorporate specific requests and feedback into its proposals for service adjustments and restoring service will depend both on whether there is ridership that justifies the service and durable revenue available to pay for such additional service."

Because of the coronavirus, the

MBTA said the commuter rail is seeing about 13 percent of normal ridership, with ferry service at about 12 percent, the subway at about 24 percent and buses at about 41 percent.

The T says it is trying to avoid cutting service for commuters in areas with low car and homeownership, communities of color and places with a likelihood of high ridership. Public transit options that have high ridership in critical areas will see the least service cut, according to the T.

The T said even though it's only running about 75 percent of its usual ferry service, it's only averaging about seven riders per trip, making ferry service less affordable.

Meschino, whose district covers Hull, Scituate, most of Hingham and part of Cohasset, said the T's model for addressing what is critical transit is flawed.

"They should be assessing other things like the value that's lost to the community. They're essentially taking the transit out of the transit-oriented developments in Hingham, Hull and Scituate," Meschino said. "They're making it harder and, in some cases, impossible to get to work. Transit is the foundation for economic development, affordable housing, for congestion mitigation, for public health and for all of our climate change initiatives."

Meschino said the ridership during the pandemic is artificially depressed because people are being asked to stay home. She said once the ferry is gone, it would be hard to get it back, and that each ferry rider will become another car driver clogging up the Southeast Expressway.

It's also unclear how many jobs may be lost by the potential cuts. The T did not respond to a request for comment about potential job

Bob Lawler, general manager for Boston Harbor Cruises, which runs the T's ferry service, said about 140 people running the ferry could be out of work.

"We're hoping the MBTA comes up with anything besides wholesale cuts to the ferry service, "Lawler said. "We feel these are vital services. ... It'd be very difficult to bring back."

The T owns four ferry boats, which would be mothballed if cuts are made.

In addition to the voices of South Shore legislators, the towns of Cohasset, Hull, Scituate and Hingham have hired John Guilfoil Public Relations to help their campaign asking the MBTA to limit cuts on the South Shore.

A grassroots group of commuters called Save the Ferry has formed to advocate for keeping the service.

T officials have indicated that even if more federal aid arrives to help the MBTA weather the coronavirus storm, it may not suspend the cuts. The Legislature has different ideas.

The state Senate on Wednesday adopted an amendment to its fiscal 2021 budget that requires the T, if federal funding arrives, to make "reasonable efforts" to restore any cut services or paused capital projects "that unduly impact ridership."

That approach, if it's included in the final budget, could come into conflict with the strategy outlined by Department of Transportation and MBTA leaders.

Material from State House News Service was used in the report. Joe Difazio can be reached at jdifazio@patriotleger.com.



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Ride the Ferry Day

Press clips associated with the "Ride the Ferry Day" media event by John Guilfoil Public Relations, on behalf of their clients, the Towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate.



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case and now as a part of a settlement, it is all getting shipped back. >> we were very happy to see the result that was achieved by the attorney general. because of the misrepresentation that was involved. agreed to pay almost half a million dollars in penalties and not market and sell in the state again. >> hopefully this is a warning to other companies out there. we reached out to the company and the attorney about the settlement and we did not hear back. >> 7 news night team. fast forward to tomorrow when leaders from several south shore towns will be co-hosting ride the ferry



day. the ferry from hall into boston. they are protesting the proposed service cuts which would eliminate the haul fehr rishgs an hov lane just north of boston is ready to reopen.



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>> we're very concerned that if they completely eliminated name off all the service that there will be nothing there to build back on as we come through and go out of the pandemic. >> we understand of covid is a real problem. that's a real issue that the tea is face when it comes to the budget shortfall but the overall scheme of things brighter days are ahead. the ridership was for the ferry before covid hit. the ridership will come back after we get through this difficult time. >> the general manager for boston harbor cruises which runs that he's ferry service says 140 people could be out of a job that he eliminates very service composed...



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on the maps no major accidents to report. we also are seeing a lot of green. which is good for this hour, the expressway still a little bit slow, we haven't seen too much relief just yet. still very the stop and go. patches of traffic as you make your way into the city. drive times today are kind of normal. 12 minutes on the expressway. 11 minutes on the pike. if you take the "t" ju remember those shuttle buses on the green line. >> thanks. opponents of the mbta proposed service cut ready to rally...

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Local officials decry cuts to MBTA service

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HINGHAM - State legislators and public officials from Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Scituate gathered for a news conference at the Hingham Shipyard on Monday to decry the planned cuts to commuter rail and bus service, as well as the elimination of the MBTA ferry.

"We're angry on the South Shore.

We're disappointed," said state Sen. Patrick Kearney, who represents Marshfield and Scituate. "Right now, their approach is so short-sighted that it is going to stifle the economic recovery when this pandemic is over." Last week, the MBTA unveiled proposed cuts to service meant to counteract a \$579 million budget gap for the upcoming fiscal year brought on by plummeting ridership during the pandemic...

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Show What Ferry Service Means To You: Take A Ride On Thursday!

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This Thursday, Nov. 19, is "Ride the Ferry Day" — when commuter boat advocates plan to demonstrate to the MBTA the importance of ferry service to Hull, Hingham, and other South Shore communities.

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South Shore pushing back against MBTA cuts

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Take Action To Save The Ferry And Greenbush In Town Of Hingham

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The Board of Selectmen continue to advocate for the preservation of ferry and commuter rail services on the South Shore in partnership with other local, regional, and state legislators. Town leaders... are teaming up with Hull, Scituate, and Cohasset to oppose cuts, speaking out and sending letters to the MBTA and other state officials, and participating in various MBTA meetings to express strong opposition and concerns.

Thursday, November 19th (tomorrow) is an important day to take action and Save the Ferry...



South Shore is pushing back against planned MBTA cuts; 'A HUGE BLOW'

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