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What to know about the Route 28 roadwork

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A 1.7-mile stretch of Route 28 in Milton is on a diet – a road diet, that is. The MassDOT pilot program, which started Friday, Oct. 3, reduces the roadway between Reedsdale and Chickatawbut roads from four lanes to two lanes. The trial period is expected to last through spring 2026. The impetus of the change is the history of crashes in the corridor, according to the state transportation department. Its goals are to “reduce fatalities and serious injuries, speeds, and conflict points along Route 28,” the project website states. The results of the pilot will contribute to a separate but related project to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Route 28, or Randolph Avenue, and Chickatawbut Road.

What will the Route 28 changes in Milton look like?
The corridor had four 11-foot travel lanes – two for each direction – with one-foot shoulders on either side. Now, there is one 11-foot travel lane for either direction. In some areas, there

is a 14-foot two-way left-turn lane in the middle of the roadway, with 5-foot shoulders on the outer edges. Other areas have a 10-foot median with flexible delineator posts to prevent left turns, as well as 7-foot shoulders on the outer edges. Drivers should use caution and slow down in this corridor. Anyone with questions, concerns or comments can email Milton-Route28@dot.state.ma.us.

Is the state building a Chickatawbut roundabout in Milton?

The state transportation department is also moving forward with a roundabout at the intersection of Route 28 and Chickatawbut Road. It was ranked the 7th most dangerous intersection in Massachusetts. Fifty-four crashes happened here between 2014 and 2016, with nearly half of them fatal or with injury. Many residents oppose the roundabout. The project is expected to cost more than \$11 million and will advertise for bids in winter 2025. Hannah Morse covers growth and development for The Patriot Ledger. Contact her at hmorse@patriotledger.com.



Randolph Avenue and Chickatawbut Road in Milton on May 17, 2022, is one of the most dangerous intersections in the state. GREG DERR/THE PATRIOT LEDGER

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Online,” and the emphasis is on four daily ways to boost online safety:
• Create strong passwords and use a password manager
• Turn on multifactor authentication
• Recognize and report scams
• Update your software
Marshfield’s Tech Week kicks off Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. with a presentation on “Cybersecurity: Staying Safe in A Digital World” by Grace Buscher, a digital coach who owns GMB Systems in Quincy.

Staying safe in a digital world: remove fear, end the mystery

Buscher gives regular workshops and individual support at the senior centers in Quincy and in Milton, where she has run a seven-week program on understanding and navigating the internet. “If we do these programs right, it takes out the fear and stops the mystery,” she said. “We want people to know they can control what they read (online).”

How do you create so many safe passwords?

She will present “easy to understand” information on how to recognize scam emails and fake phone calls; different ways to make strong, easy-to-remember passwords; simple tips to keep your computer, phone and tablet secure, and where to get help if something goes wrong. “No complicated tech talk, just clear, practical advice for everyday use,” she said.

Learn to use free digital library services

On Monday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m., Ventriss Memorial Library staff will be on hand to help seniors get connected to free digital library services. These include Libby and Hoopla, two different library apps that provide free content (books, movies) if you have a library card. The library staff will provide one-on-one help with downloading apps, setting up accounts, exploring eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies and comics. If you bring your library card and your device, they will help you get started.

How do you manage all those photos?

Tuesday, Oct. 21, starts off with a 9 a.m. session with Katy Mayo on managing all the photos that quickly build up on your iPhone or iPad. She will teach ways to organize and find the photos by using tools to create albums that help you find them more easily.

Get some aptitude in managing smartphone apps

At 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, John Kolstad will lead a workshop on managing smart phone apps. He will review the smartphone home screen and give an overview of managing smartphone apps. This includes deleting, moving and adding new apps. There will be time for questions and answers.

It’s important to have a back up!

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m., John Kolstad will be back with a workshop on how to back up a smartphone. He will give an overview of a smartphone and show how to back up important contents, with time for questions.

Cyber criminals find seniors a favorite target

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m., there is a second session on cybersecurity and fraud with Dan Marini, the director of information security at Quincy Credit Union. Marini has given other tech workshops at the senior center and will show how to protect yourself from online threats, protect your digital and financial well-being and fight back.

There’s so much you can do on your smart phone

On Thursday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. you can learn about different camera apps for the iPhone with Rain Rodolph. Some of the apps are Distressed FX, Dramatic Black and White and Easy Cam. The apps are used to choose from a range of textured images and overlays and transform an ordinary photo into an artistic rendering.

Learn more about using Facebook

On Friday, Oct. 24, from 1-2:30 p.m., Robin Billing will give a hands-on program on how to do more with your Facebook account. The 90-minute workshop is for people who have already set up a Facebook account, downloaded the Facebook app and logged into their account using the app. Robin will cover posting/commenting/etiquette do’s and don’ts; how to create a post with texts, photos and

video; how to respond to others posts; what it means to “follow” and “unfollow friends” on your news feed, and dealing with unwanted posts and ads.

Here’s how to sign up in advance

The workshops are limited in size. To sign up in advance, stop by the front desk at the senior center at 230 Webster St. or call 781-834-5581. There is a maximum of 25 people per session except for the Facebook workshop, which is capped at 15. You can also access the Marshfield Council on Aging newsletter online

Postal service scams are one of the latest

Lately, I have been getting a steady stream of text messages that are fraudulent but at first seemed possibly real. The text messages pop up on my

iPhone and pretend to be from the U.S. Postal Service, or claim someone has used my credit card for an unauthorized purchase.

I’m told to click a link or call a number right away, to validate my information. Thankfully, I had read of this in advance and never clicked a link (that might have led to malware being inserted into my phone) and did not call any number. Instead, I contacted Apple, where a representative told me how to report Junk Fraud, and also called my credit card manager.

Cybersecurity has become a pressing issue for many local police departments, councils on aging and centers for active living, as scams increase and become bolder. Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch has asked for budget to include a new position focusing on senior scam and fraud. Reach Sue Scheible at sscheible@patriotledger.com.

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TODAY

TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

High 58

Low 53

High 64 Low 42

High 56 Low 43

High 59 Low 40

High 61 Low 49

REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Statistics for Sunday

Temperatures

High 58 Low 52 Normal high 63 Normal low 49 Record high 90 (1954) Record low 31 (1876)

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Precipitation (inches)

Sunday 0.45 Month to date 1.30 Normal m-t-d 1.53 Year to date 29.34 Normal y-t-d 33.13

SUN AND MOON

Last 10/13 New 10/21 First 10/29 Full 11/5

Sunrise today 6:56 a.m. Sunset tonight 6:03 p.m. Moonrise today none Moonset today 3:09 p.m.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is a cat's paw?

A: A light breeze

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REGIONAL CITIES

	Today	Wed.
Boston	56/52	62/45
E. Greenwich	58/50	64/40
Edgartown	62/54	64/48
Framingham	57/48	61/40
Gr. Barrington	60/48	54/35
Hartford	60/50	63/41
Hyannis	61/53	64/48
Lowell	57/49	60/40
Nantucket	64/54	64/48
Narragansett	60/53	66/43
New London	61/52	63/41
Norwich	60/49	64/35
Plymouth	59/50	63/43
Provincetown	60/54	60/48
Quincy	58/53	64/42
Springfield	59/47	62/36
Wareham	60/51	65/43
Westerly	60/50	66/37
Worcester	54/50	60/35
Yarmouth	61/53	63/45

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today	Wed.
Anchorage	50/40	46/35
Atlanta	84/62	83/61
Chicago	68/56	63/54
Cleveland	70/52	63/45
Dallas	89/67	87/64
Denver	75/49	80/45
Honolulu	88/74	87/75
Las Vegas	72/52	68/54
Los Angeles	66/56	72/54
Miami	87/72	87/71
Minneapolis	53/48	55/53
New Orleans	87/68	86/66
New York City	63/57	67/46
Orlando	85/66	81/67
Philadelphia	68/56	68/46
Phoenix	86/64	80/62
San Francisco	65/53	69/52
Seattle	61/41	62/44
Wash., DC	72/57	73/47

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