

# Mayflower Council Has A Ship!



SCOUT ME IN™

Mayflower Council has started a Sea Scout Ship at the Wessagusset Yacht Club in Weymouth. Any and all youth are welcome join as long as they meet the requirements (14 or 13 and graduated 8th grade). No Scouting experience necessary! Sea Scouts will learn how to sail, navigate the ocean, repair vessels, and so much more! If you're interested, come to the information night at the Wessagusset Yacht Club on Friday September 14th 5 pm – 8 pm. Park in the Wessagusset Beach Parking Lot and follow the attached picture for walking directions (less than 1/4 mile). If you can't make it, please fill out this form for more information and to sign up!



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## Gathering of Eagles

More than 60 Eagle Scouts and family members gathered at the Franklin Country Club on Saturday, August 18th for the Mayflower's inaugural Gathering of Eagles. The council's NESAC Committee sponsored the event to honor the council's Class of 2017-2018 Eagle Scouts with a BBQ lunch. The event brought together Eagles from across the council for fellowship, to celebrate, share stories, and enjoy good food. Retired Army

Major Richard Keogh reflected on earning his Eagle Scout badge during a brief ceremony. "The skills you learn becoming an Eagle Scout may change, but the values do not," said MAJ Keogh, inspiring Eagles young and old. At the end of the luncheon, the Eagles rededicated their commitment to the Eagle Badge and to Scouting. All attendees received an event patch. Many thanks to Matthew Boczanowski and Sean Riley, event organizers, and the entire NESAC Committee for their effort. A special thanks goes out to all Mayflower Gathering of Eagles attendees, supporters and sponsors.

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## **Staff Changes At Mayflower Council**

We regretfully announce that Bill Dunbar, Field Director, Headwaters District will no longer be working with the Mayflower Council effective August 17th. This is a great loss to the council but we can only wish Bill the best of luck in this new chapter of his life. Bill's duties will be assumed by Rick Riopelle, Director of Field Service until a new district executive is hired.

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## **Staff Changes**

We regretfully announce that Stephen Lavoie, District Executive of Sachem District will no longer be working with the Mayflower Council effective August 10. This is a great loss to the council but we can only wish Stephen the best of

luck in his new endeavor as youth minister at St. Rose of Lima Church in Northborough. Stephen's duties will be assumed by Rick Riopelle, Director of Field Service until a new district executive is hired.

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## **Pack 47 Plymouth Welcomes Girls To Their Pack**

Meet the first girls to join Cub Scouts Plymouth, Den 47

Please click on the link below to view the article from the Old Colony Memorial paper.

Old Colony Memorial Article

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## **A Balm for Babies**

## **Meet the latest Northeast Region winner of the Adams Award.**

Brendan Sullivan was born in distress, and the local hospital doctors quickly realized keeping him alive was beyond their capabilities. Fortunately, he was rushed to Boston

Children's Hospital, deemed America's top pediatric facility by *U.S. News & World Report*. Brendan didn't just survive – he thrived.

Last year, it was time to give back. For his Eagle project, Brendan returned to Boston Children's to complete a two-part project for the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

**WHAT THE PROJECT ENTAILED:** For Part 1, he recorded 150 children's books for nurses to play using iPads that Brendan provided. The idea came from NICU nurses, who told him the sound of human voices is soothing to their young patients. Part 2 was to recruit quilters to make special covers for the NICU's incubators. "There was a shortage of quilt coverings back when I was a newborn in the NICU," Brendan says. "I asked about this during my first meeting at Children's, and the big need was still there."

**HOW HE FOUND HIS READERS:** Getting volunteer readers was easy: Brendan's friends, fellow Scouts and adults associated with his troop pitched in to record books in a makeshift studio he set up at his church.

The 40-plus hours of raw recordings needed plenty of editing; fortunately, a troop parent had expertise and volunteered to help.

**HOW HE FOUND HIS QUILTERS:** Finding quilters was a bit tougher. "From the clerk at the grocery store to the parents at the soccer field to the halftime break at a [New England] Patriots football game, we asked everyone," Brendan says. He ended up receiving about 50 quilts from Maine to North Carolina, and they are still coming in.



Brendan Sullivan records audiobooks for Boston Children's Hospital. Assistant Scoutmaster David Hoskyns reads. Darlene Salvatore, certified Child Life Specialist at the hospital, stands with one of the donated quilts. Grace Huddleston flips through pages to read.



Brendan Sullivan organized a drive for quilt covers and audiobooks for newborns in the NICU at Boston Children's

Hospital, where Brendan spent the beginning of his life.

**NOT PICKING FAVORITES:** “They are all my favorite,” Brendan says of the quilts. “They were all made with love and care by some very special individuals who donated their time, talent and craftsmanship to help some very special children.”

**THE NICU-EAGLE CONNECTION:** Each quilt

includes a patch memorializing Brendan’s project, and families are invited to take a patch home with them. “I want the parents currently in the NICU to know this was part of an Eagle Scout project done by someone who was once where their child is today,” he says.

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS:** During the course of his project, Brendan had a chance to meet many NICU staff members. “They all welcomed me in as a Scout but also as a NICU graduate,” he says. “During my visits, I was introduced to several of my nurses – the same nurses who cared for me as a baby. It was very emotional for all of us.”

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## **Your District Has A Name**

We are happy to report names have been chosen for the Mayflower Council districts.

The process, as outlined by the VP of Operations included each of the district key 3 to submit 3 names to be reviewed and approved by the VP of Operations and the Marketing Committee.

The following names are effective immediately:

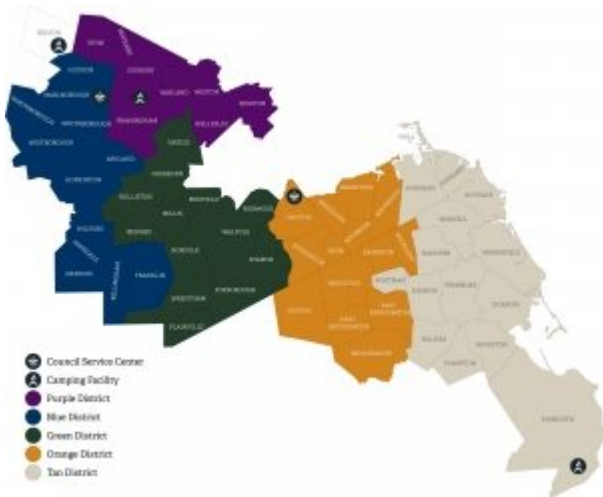
Blue District = **Headwaters**

Purple = **Post Road**

Green = **Metacomet**

Orange = **Sachem**

Tan = **Cranberry Harbors**



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# Update BeAScout Pins to Reflect Status

Updating unit pins on BeAScout is an important step in helping prospective Scouts and their families get in touch with units in your council.

BeAScout is open for units to indicate boy-only (default), family pack, or girl-only AND the date that they will begin accepting female applications.

1. Log in to your My.Scouting account; select Menu at the top left
2. From the drop-down menu, select your unit

3. Select Organization Manager
4. Select the Settings tab
5. Scroll to Family Scouting
6. If remaining boy-only, do nothing (this is the default setting); otherwise, select girls only or boys and girls
7. Enter the date that the unit will be welcoming girls.
8. Click Commit

For a pdf with instructions, [click here](#).

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## **Memorial Day**

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Monday, May 28th in honor of Memorial Day.

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## **Investment In Character 2018 Golf Classic**



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We will be playing Rain or Shine. See you at The International!

The International is a golfer's paradise, featuring two award-winning 18-hole golf courses, including the Robert Trent Jones designed The Pines plus one of the largest practice facilities in New England. Nestled in the rural orchard community of Bolton, Massachusetts and boasting panoramic views of the Nashoba Valley, the club is recognized for its accessibility and inclusive atmosphere.

We will be playing **The Pines Course**, the longest Golf Course in the US. Built in 1901, The Pines Course originally consisted of 66 acres of open farmland that proved to be ideal for a "short but tricky" nine-hole course. In 1954, Geoffrey Cornish, with input from Francis Ouimet, had the distinction of designing the regulation course that exists today. In 1972, Robert Trent Jones was contracted to enhance the experience and modify many of the slick greens and challenging bunkers. Although many options, The Pines is home to the signature "Tiger Tees" topping out at 8,325 yards and rated the longest and toughest course in America.

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