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DEVENS IN THE NEWS:

Harvard Press:

- **Housing for Vicksburg Super Town Meeting:** Housing for Vicksburg.pdf
- **New Groton Emergency Medial Center to Open in February:** New Groton emergency medical center set to open in February.pdf
- **Veterans Breakfast Fills Devens Hall with Service:** Veterans breakfast fills Devens hall with service.pdf

Loaves and Fishes Newsletter: Loaves and Fishes News Letter.pdf

Veteran Pathways Announces New Partnership
Veteran Pathways of New England is proud to announce a new partnership with America's VetDogs, (Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind) bringing together two organizations dedicated to helping Veterans live with greater independence, dignity, and purpose. Through this partnership, we will help connect Veterans across New England with highly trained, accredited service dogs that can make a life-changing difference in their everyday lives. These service dogs are custom-trained to meet each Veteran's individual needs and are provided at no cost to those who qualify.
https://finance.yahoo.com/healthcare/articles/america-vetdogs-veteran-pathways-england-130000175.html

Community Announcements:

Farm fresh fall produce available for Thanksgiving!
Dick's Market Garden's will be delivering farm produce to Devens on Tuesday, Nov. 24th. Order in advance at https://square.link/u/EAKqHWUs. Delivery is available to Devens businesses (minimum order applies) or you can pick up at the DEC office at 33 Andrews Parkway.

Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, Bill Ashe Visitor Facility Cleanup Volunteering:
Please join us on **Tuesday 11/17 and Friday 11/20** from **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**, surrounding the Bill Ashe Visitor Facility. We will be tidying up the overall outside space including pulling weeds, cleaning gutters, removing overgrown vegetation, and light trail work. Please sign up in advance. Contact: Jacquelyn Sadowski, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, jacquelyn_b_sadowski@fws.gov, (978) 460-9704.



Health equity survey now open
The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, as part of the statewide Community Health Equity Initiative, is conducting a survey that asks about topics that affect health, including housing, access to health care, mental health, employment, education, substance use, safety, and trusted sources of information. Responses are anonymous, and results will inform decisions about programs and resources in local communities.
Find details and take the survey at mass.gov/healthsurvey. Available in 11 languages and in ASL.

Old Mill Road shared-use path public meeting Nov. 19
The town will hold a public meeting Thursday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m., upstairs in Town Hall, to present the findings of a feasibility study for a proposed shared-use path along Old Mill Road. Engineering consultant TEC Inc. will provide an update on the project, funded by a $50,000 grant through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Local Early and Actionable Planning (LEAP) program. The study evaluated potential improvements along Old Mill Road, between Ayer Road and the railroad crossing at its western end that connects to Devens.

Commonwealth Fusion Systems

How close is SPARC to net fusion energy? Come find out! 👀
On **Wednesday, December 2**, we're welcoming our neighbors to the Commonwealth Fusion Systems campus for a talk about our SPARC fusion machine and the progress we are making toward getting it ready for operation. **Alex Creely, Chief Engineer of ARC**, will share where SPARC stands today, what comes next, and why one milestone, called Q>1, matters so much.
A lot has happened since we moved to Devens. We've set up a manufacturing facility that runs 24/7, designed and built most of SPARC's magnets, and constructed the building that houses the machine. Now we're commissioning support systems and are deep into assembling the SPARC tokamak. Building a tokamak is like solving a 3D puzzle with hundreds of thousands of pieces. We've found our rhythm, and we're looking forward to finishing the machine next year.
Once it's assembled, SPARC will push for Q>1: producing more fusion energy than it takes to run the plasma. Come hear why that milestone is such a big deal for the future of fusion energy.
The details:

- **When:** Wednesday, December 2. Doors open at 4:45 p.m., last entry is at 5:15 p.m., and the event wraps up at 6:30 p.m.
- **Where:** CFS campus, 117 Hospital Road, Devens, Mass.
- **Who:** Open to the public, ages 18 and up

- **RSVP:** Register here. Registration is required, and our events fill up fast, so sign up early. Spots are first come, first served.