



## HUDDLE INFO August 3, 2020

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is well.

I wanted to be sure you were all aware that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has completed their survey and review of their proposal to allow various types of hunting at several Rhode Island preserves. Over 1,600 comments were received along with two petitions, including one with over 6,000 signatures. Responses were largely against the plans. As a result modifications were made that included scrapping a parking lot to be built in a small neighborhood on the far side of the Narrow River, eliminating hunting with guns in the Chaffee preserve and any hunting near Narragansett Elementary School and the bike path. Please read the ProJo article below for more information. I was taken aback by the snarky final statement by the spokesperson for Fish and Wildlife but pleased with the overall results.

[https://www.providencejournal.com/news/20200803/us-scales-back-plans-to-allow-hunting-at-wildlife-refuges-in-ri?utm\\_source=SFMC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Providence%20Journal%20this-just-in%202020-08-03&utm\\_content=GTAO\\_PJ&utm\\_term=080320](https://www.providencejournal.com/news/20200803/us-scales-back-plans-to-allow-hunting-at-wildlife-refuges-in-ri?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Providence%20Journal%20this-just-in%202020-08-03&utm_content=GTAO_PJ&utm_term=080320)

I thought this was an interesting story also from the ProJo about some early history in Rhode Island that concerns slavery. Please take a look.

<https://www.providencejournal.com/opinion/20200801/our-hidden-history-local-governments-roadblock-to-emancipation>

And that reminds me to remind folks that OLLI at URI is returning to summer classes this week. I will be teaching my Civics course on Thursday afternoon with a few changes and later this month I will be doing Roger Williams. All virtual (yes, I am a little nervous but glad to be doing these courses. I have a few other ideas up my sleeve but they will have to wait until after the election. Anyway, if you are new to the huddle and unaware of OLLI – I’d be happy to give you some information. You can find pretty much everything you need here: <https://web.uri.edu/olli/>

This article is about a week old from the Washington Post but reiterates some points we have been making of late so please take a look.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/07/24/stop-fretting-about-trump-do-something-about-it-right-now/>

### Reminder about upcoming elections:

Date	Coverage	Election Type	<a href="#">Voter Registration Deadline</a>	<a href="#">Mail Ballot Application Deadline</a>
09/08/2020	State Primary	Primary	08/09/2020	08/18/2020*
11/03/2020	General Election	Election	10/04/2020	10/13/2020*

Remember there are three ways to vote (although you can only choose one of them!)

1. **Vote at the polls on Election Day.**
2. **Vote by mail.**
3. **Vote Early.** Take care,

That’s it for today. Looks like the flowers and veggies will be getting some much needed rain tomorrow. Take care,

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