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The demolition of the old Fall River police station on Bedford St. began on August 18. PHOTOS BY COLIN FURZE/HERALD NEWS

Fall River's old police station is coming down

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It will take a few more weeks to fully demolish the former police station on Bedford Street, according to the city's Inspectional Services department. And after a little over a month, there should be a blank spot at the corner of Bedford and High streets where the century-old building used to be. "We are anticipating the site cleanup by end of September," stated Brenda Beaudry of Inspectional Services. What lies in the site's future is so far unknown – there are no specific plans in place for the site at 158 Bedford, though city officials and commenters on social media have suggested using the space as a pocket park or a parking lot.

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With heavy machinery from Bestech Inc. taking the building down in stages, drivers and pedestrians downtown will have to be aware of traffic diversions.

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Left, Gabriel "Boomer" Amaral and Manny Silva are running as Republicans in the Sept. 1, First Bristol and Plymouth District primary. PROVIDED BY AMARAL AND SILVA

Amaral, Silva running in rare GOP primary

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For the first time in over 50 years, voters in the Fall River area will be able to choose between two Republicans running for Massachusetts state Senate. Those two men are Gabriel "Boomer" Amaral, a realtor and past political candidate from Fall River, and Manny Silva, a teacher's aide and retired IT manager from Somerset. Both candidates will be on the Republican state senate primary ballot in the First Bristol & Plymouth District, according to the Secretary of State's website. The district includes the communities of Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, Westport, Freetown, Rochester and Lakeville. Since 2011, it has been represented by Democratic state Sen. Michael Rodrigues, the powerful chair of the upper chamber's main tax-writing and budget-drafting committee, Ways and Means. For about 40 years before that, the district and its similarly shaped precursor, the First Bristol District, were represented by Democrats Joan Menard and Thomas Norton. Amaral and Silva are highly active on Facebook. Amaral has about 2,000 followers while Silva has about 570.

Amaral: Self-styled people's candidate pledges to expose corruption
Who he is: Gabriel "Boomer" Amaral unsuccessfully ran for Fall River City Council in 2021 and 2023 before coming within 219 votes of unseating Mayor Paul Coogan in the 2025 mayoral election. "As a taxpayer, as a father, as a working-class citizen, we can't take any more. The party politics is destroying our state and destroying the working class here and somebody has to stand up," Amaral told The Herald News.
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