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DEMOLITION DAY



Demolition was underway on Aug. 20 at the former Danforth Museum on Union Avenue in Framingham, making way for the future Framingham Regional Justice Center, which is expected to be completed in the summer of 2029. The new facility will consolidate multiple area courts including district, juvenile, probate and family and housing courts in Framingham. The three-story, 116,000-square-foot building will be a state-of-the-art courthouse housing seven courtrooms, five hearing rooms, a jury pool room, two deliberation rooms, a district attorney’s office and a court service center. The adjacent Framingham Public Library is broadcasting a livestream of the demolition on its YouTube page.

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Hopkinton ends use of its 2 automated license plate readers

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Hopkinton is the latest community to end its contract with Flock Safety. In a press release on Thursday, Aug. 20, the town announced that it has terminated its contract with the automated license plate readers company, citing “statutory deficiencies” in the agreement between Flock and the town. “Municipal contracts must comply with procurement law, and it is our duty to ensure that we meet those standards, acting in the best interests of our residents and taxpayers,” Town Manager Elaine Lazarus said in a statement.

“Once we found deficiencies in the existing contract, we acted to end the agreement.” The town notified Flock on Thursday of its decision, effective immediately. Town officials asked the company to turn off the cameras as soon as possible and to have them removed by Sept. 30. Hopkinton has just two cameras, but police had been planning to expand the network. “Public trust depends on both effective public safety and responsible, transparent government,” Hopkinton Select Board Chair Shahidul Mannan said in a statement. “When concerns

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A flock camera on Concord Street opposite Sewell Street in Framingham on May 29.

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Virginia-based chain Hangry Joe’s recently signed a lease to open at 271 Worcester Road (Route 9) in Framingham. CAROLINE BUNNELL/DAILY NEWS

‘Hot’ chicken franchise signs lease in Framingham

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The city’s roster of chicken chains is about to expand as Hangry Joe’s Hot Chicken & Wings prepares to open on Worcester Road (Route 9), one of the brand’s first locations in Massachusetts. The Virginia-based chain recently signed a lease for 271 Worcester Road and is expected to open within six to 12 months, Brad Smith, a representative from the brand, told the Daily News. It will occupy the ground floor of a two-story building that also houses Sichuan Gourmet and Black Sheep Art Collective. Hangry Joe’s is known for its Nashville-style hot chicken sandwiches, chicken tenders and wings. The restaurant also serves loaded fries, loaded mac & cheese, salads and chicken and waffles. “Our premise is simple: to offer our customers the best chicken in town and an unforgettable experience to enjoy with friends and family,” Smith wrote in an email. Framingham will be among the first Massachusetts locations to have a Hangry Joe’s. Smith said the city’s proximity to both Boston and Worcester made it an attractive target, adding that Framingham’s demographics and commuter traffic are also positive factors.

Framingham will be among
brand’s first Mass. locations

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