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# '21's first storm leaves footprint

Many communities receive at least 12 inches

By Jeff Malachowski  
The MetroWest Daily News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The first significant snowfall of 2021 blanketed MetroWest and Greater Milford with more than a foot of snow in most areas, making travel and cleanup operations a challenge.

Flakes began to fall Monday morning, then ramped up

throughout the afternoon and evening, causing road conditions to deteriorate.

"We had some heavy snow overnight," said Milford Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli. "It snowed hard."

Most MetroWest and Greater Milford communities topped a foot of snow, including Framingham with 16 inches, Marlborough and Milford with 14 inches and Natick and Franklin with 13 inches.

Hudson was one of the

hardest-hit communities in MetroWest, with between 17 and 21 inches falling in town, said Eric Ryder, Public Works director.

"It's a lot to move," he said.

Hudson Public Works trucks hit the streets Monday morning and continued clearing roads and sidewalks throughout the day Tuesday. Ryder said crews' initial efforts were to ensure the main roads were cleared before moving to secondary roads.

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Cara Grant, 13, and her brother, Colin, 11, build a snowman at their home Feb. 2 in Holliston. [DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/DAN HOLMES]

# RAIL EXCITEMENT



John Delli Priscoli, owner and CEO of the Grafton and Upton Railroad, on Feb. 1 at the Hopedale railyard, in front of the train from Franklin heading to Milford. [DAILY NEWS AND WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ART ILLMAN]

## New trains run through Milford for the first time in several years

By Jeff Malachowski  
The Milford Daily News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

MILFORD — As a train whistle blew and a locomotive pulled up to the Hopedale railyard while snowflakes fell Monday afternoon, Jon Delli Priscoli's longtime objective of having his Grafton and Upton Railroad trains run through Milford to Franklin was complete.

"This was a big dream of mine since I owned the railroad," said Delli Priscoli, who has owned the Railroad since 2008, moments before climbing aboard the train.

After a brief stop to pick up Delli Priscoli and railroad President Michael Milanoski, the train began its journey through Milford to Franklin.

The railroad company took over the former CSX line through town on Monday, with trains

expected to move through a few times a week. Locomotives are currently carrying plastic pellets and lumber for Garelick Farms' ongoing expansion project in Franklin.

The railroad owner hopes the reactivation of the Milford rail lines will spur economic development in the area. There are several vacant industrial properties along the route that Delli Priscoli said could be revamped, in part, due to the reactivation of the rail lines.

"It's new energy being pumped

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## Hundreds deported under Biden, including witness to massacre

By Nomaan Merchant  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — President Joe Biden's administration has deported hundreds of immigrants in its early days despite his campaign pledge to stop removing most people in the U.S. illegally at the beginning of his term.

A federal judge last week ordered the Biden administration not to enforce a 100-day moratorium on deportations, but the ruling did not require the government to schedule them. In recent days, U.S. Immigration and Customs

Enforcement has deported immigrants to at least three countries: 15 people to Jamaica on Thursday and 269 people to Guatemala and Honduras on Friday. More deportation flights were scheduled Monday.

It's unclear how many of those people are considered national security or public safety threats or had recently crossed the border illegally, the priority under new guidance that the Department of Homeland Security issued to enforcement agencies and that took effect Monday.

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## University course delves into the power of memes

By Scott O'Connell  
Telegram & Gazette  
USA TODAY NETWORK

WORCESTER — From Shiba Inu to Bernie Sanders, internet memes have transformed the way people — especially younger people — absorb and comment on current events.

They're also fertile ground for academic analysis, as Clark University professor Hugh S. Manon has found teaching his course, meme culture and comedy theory.



Manon

Manon, director of screen studies at Clark, recently answered questions about the class that he

said is one of the major's more demanding courses, and how memes have become a powerful new medium for humor in the 21st century.

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