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Friends of the **East Boston** Greenway announce new coordinator

By John Lynds

Last week the Friends of the East Boston Greenway announced the appointment of Michelle Moon as the neighborhood's new Greenway Coordinator.

Moon is an urban planner who works on greenways, parks, placemaking, and active transit projects in collaboration with community-led groups, nonprofits, and local governments.

Moon is currently the project manager for the Fairmount Greenway in Boston, and has

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EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



The Macy's singers perform at the annual Trolley Tour and East Boston Tree Lighting. See Page 6 for more photos.

Show of Hands

GSCA holds special meeting on Mount Carmel development

By John Lynds

While members of the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) did not take an official vote Monday night on the proposal to develop the former Mount Carmel Church property into 112 units of housing, one member asked for a show of hands.

"By a show of hands, how many people are 'not' happy with the height of the development?" asked the GSCA member.

While the developer plans to renovate the church and construct four-story row-houses on the vacant parcel along Frankfort Street, the developer's plan to construct a six-story building at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent has some concerned.

Most in the audience raised

Longtime JPNA Co-Chair

Renee Scalfani leaving post

their hands in opposition of the six-story building that will replace the convent.

While it seemed most were happy with the parking ratio and design of the row-houses the height of that one building that is part of the development seems to be a point of contention among GSCA members with some saying it will cause added claustrophobia in the already thickly settled Gove Street neighborhood.

"It's too tall," said another member. "You will be choking us. We need air, we need oxygen, we need open space. It's just too big. I feel like all this development going on is sucking the air out of the community.

Developers Timothy White and Richard Egan officially filed an expanded Project Notification Form (PNF) with

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Veronica Robles honored at 15th Annual Eastie's Elves

By John Lynds

For the past 15 years the Eastie's Elves committee has picked one East Boston resident who has been an exemplary member of the community and presented them with the Albert 'Junior' Lombardi Elf of the Year award.

volunteered hours of time to the community or created programs that better the lives of residents, the yearly 'Elf of the Year' is a citizen that others should strive to emulate.

At the 15th Annual Eastie's Elves last Friday at the Hyatt Boston Harbor Rep. Adrian Madaro, the late Junior

Whether the person has Lombardi's wife, Rita, and the Eastie's Elves Committee presented Veronica Robles of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center in East Boston with this year's Elf of the Year award.

> "Veronica (Robles) has dedicated her career to improving the lives of Eastie residents of all cultures and

"Through music and the arts Veronica has become one of the most recognizable faces in our community. Her cultural center has become an oasis of cultural tolerance and understanding where all are welcome and all have a seat at the table of humanity. Over the years she has developed the philosophy in this community that the more we learn about each other the more we will learn to love and accept each other's traditions, heritage and cultures. With such ignorant rhetoric coming out of Washington D.C. daily, Veronica has emerged as a shining light and beacon of hope for all of us that call Eastie home."

backgrounds," said Madaro.

Veronica Robles has tirelessly worked to bridge the gap between the various cultures that all call East Boston

Over the years, through her Cultural Center on McClellan Highway, Robles has become a regular fixture in Eastie and has emerged as a community leader that has broken down barriers between Eastie's Latino population and non-Latino population through art, music,

During any given week Ro-

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festivals and activism.

By John Lynds

With the exception of perhaps Eagle Hill Civic Association President Debra Cave, longtime Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) Co-Chair Renee Scalfani is one of the longest continuously serving members of any East Boston community group board.

As the neighborhood's notable community groups like JPNA and Orient Heights have been taken over by new blood and newer community groups like Harbor View have emerged, Scalfani has remained a fixture in Eastie's community process for as

long as anyone can remember. However, on Monday Scalfani announced she would be stepping down from the board she has served on with passion, distinction and dedica-

tion for many years.

"It is with great sadness that I share with everyone that I decided to resign from Co Chair of the JPNA board, said Scalfani. "I was on the board many years and truly love our neighborhood. I feel that since I can't give 100 percent of myself that it is best to leave and have my seat filled by someone with the same heart, dedication and love...

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Rep. Adrian Madaro, his wife, Ariel, and the late Albert 'Junior' Lombardi's wife, Rita, present Veronica Robles with the 2018 Eastie Elf of the Year award at the 15th Annual Eastie's Elves toy drive last Friday night. Veronica accepted the award with dancers from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center. See Page 7 for more Eastie Elves photos.

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Zumix receives Boston Police grant

By John Lynds

Zumix, the East Boston popular music and performing arts nonprofit received a grant from Boston Police Youth Development Fund.

Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross announced that Zumix was one of 20 organizations to share in the \$500,000 of grant funding.

"In Boston, we work every day to make sure our young people are lifted up, and given every opportunity to succeed," said Walsh. "That means through education, through development programs, and through having a safe, stable environment that will give them the resources and opportunities they need. The Boston Police are a major partner in this, and I'm proud that today we're able to fund from this grant will go to-

20 great organizations that wards supporting Zumix's is charged with overseeing will make a lasting difference in the lives of Boston's youth for years to come."

The award winning Zumix was picked because it has long worked to provide development programs for Boston's youth, ensuring they have access to programs that give them more opportunities to thrive and succeed.

"We are thrilled that the Boston Police Department is investing in this type of work and has presented this opportunity for community-based nonprofits working youth," said Zumix's Director of Advancement Kim Dawson. "We are also honored to be partnering with the BPD to support positive and engaging activities for East Boston

Dawson said the funds

out-of-school creative youth developments programs, which include songwriting, beat-making, music production, radio broadcast, radio journalism, and instrumental

Under the leadership of Mayor Walsh, the Boston Police Department has prioritized community policing as an effective way to reduce crime, while building trust with the community. The Boston Police Department received national recognition from the Obama Administration in 2015 as being one of the top cities in the nation that is leading the way on community policing.

Earlier this year, Mayor Walsh announced the formation of the Bureau of Community Engagement at the Boston Police Department, which a citywide effort to further strengthen community policing in Boston, and focused on ways to build relationships and trust between law enforcement and residents, creating new and innovative partnerships, and promoting inclusion and diversity within the department. Commissioner Gross appointed Superintendent Nora Baston to serve as Bureau Chief for the Bu-

"As Commissioner, my number one goal to ensure all residents in Boston are safe and that includes Boston's young people," said Gross. "We have the biggest opportunity to change lives by providing resources and support to Boston's youth, and through these programs, we are able to positively impact lives and create a better city for all."

NSMH weighs in on pot shop pitched for Porter St.

By John Lynds

On Wednesday (tonight) at the East Boston Social Centers at 6:30 p.m. the City of Boston will host a community meeting regarding to proposal to place a retail marijuana facility at 24 Porter St., next door to North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSM-

The pot shop being pitched by Omnicann would occupy the former Spotless Dry Cleaners on Porter Street, but some are not too happy with the proposed location.

NSMHA CEO Dr. Jackie Moore, whose agency deals not only with mental health but also substance abuse issues in the community, suggests to the City of Boston that a precautionary approach be taken to minimize unintended consequences of the location of cannabis retail stores.

Moore, whose clients seek sobriety daily at NSMHA, said the number of cannabis stores, including density and distance controls that prevent clustering and that maintain buffer zones around well-defined areas where children and youth and other vulnerable es," she said. "The individuals groups, such as those in treatment for mental illness and or addiction frequent.

"North Suffolk encourages the Boston City Council to proceed with caution for two reasons," said Moore. "First, there is little reliable and conclusive evidence to support in various stages of contem-

what safe cannabis use looks like for individuals and communities. Second, it will be easier to prevent future harm by removing regulations in the future once more knowledge exists than it will be to later add regulation. Of the individuals we serve in our mental health and addiction programs and services, a substantial proportion have used cannabis, and of those who use cannabis, a large percentage also have used alcohol and tobacco. The use of these substances affects health, mental health, decision making and judgment and elevates

dividual and the community." Moore said NSMHA is encouraging the City Council to consider unintended consequences such as clustering of stores, negative impact on social determinants of health and vulnerable populations in its deliberations.

risk factors that affect the in-

"We are particularly concerned about the vulnerable populations that we serve in North Suffolk services and programs that provide treatment for mental illness, addictions and co-occurring illnesswe serve include youth and young adults who are particularly vulnerable to the availability of substances such as cannabis and whose brains and bodies are negatively impacted by the use of cannabis. The individuals we serve are

plation with regard to their sobriety and recovery and often are socially and financially disadvantaged. They are vulnerable to the visible and continual presence of substances that can serve as a trigger for a

lapse or relapse.' Moore said NSMHA in calling of officials to consider zoning regulations by using population and geographic based information to restrict the location of cannabis retail stores to limit density and availability.

"In particular, in addition

to the minimum distance restriction between cannabis retail stores, consider a buffer zone between retail stores and mental health and addiction treatment facilities and programs that are licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," said Moore. "For community safety and health protections, a cannabis education component and community engagement plan will be an important part of the implementation. Cannabis legalization is complex and there are potential and unknown legal implications, as well as health and community impacts. We recognize the importance of fostering a healthy relationship between cannabis retailers and the community with the common goal of healthy community integration."

City Councilor Lydia Edwards has called for a hearing to discuss potential policy changes affecting the siting of enterprises serving cannabis. as well as alcohol in the immediate vicinity of substance abuse treatment facilities.

Edwards pointed to the proposed dispensaries on Porter Street next door to NSMHA as the inspiration for the hear-

Currently, the City of Boston regulates the distance between cannabis establishments at one-half mile and creates a 500-foot buffer between such businesses and K-12 schools. The City also regulates businesses that serve or sell alcohol through licensing and zoning, but has not enacted a similar distance-based

Zoning changes typically do not impact existing enterprises, but would apply to new development and could potentially apply to substantially renovated buildings. The hearing explored whether such a buffer should be created, potential impacts and how to create parity between industries.

'The council will hold a hearing on the merits of using buffers to prevent siting of certain businesses immediately adjacent to substance abuse treatment facilities," said Edwards. "It should be noted that the city is already deploying buffers under other conditions. In the absence of a clear and transparent local approval process with weighted crite-

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bles is hard at work promoting harmony between cultures and has embraced residents seeking to learn more about not only her Mexican heritage, but also the cultures of various ethnic groups in the community.

An accomplished singer by trade, Robles expanded her love for not only her own heritage but also the love of all cultures at the Cultural Center. Through dance classes, music workshops, numerous celebratory festivals throughout the year, Robles has encouraged new comers and longtime residents alike to get involved in not only the exercise of sharing their life experiences and struggles, but to celebrate the rich diversity that has made Eastie a great place to live, work and do

A few summers ago. Robles launched a special celebration, 'Dancing Elotes' project, that has become a big hit with residents at the East Boston Farmers Market year after year.

The project included a bike-cart selling elotes, traditionally prepared corn served on the street in Mexico, as a literal and conceptual vehicle for cross-cultural culinary,

dance and sculptural experiences at the Farmers Market.

Each week, shoppers at the Farmers Market were invited to help decorate a sculpture that became a symbol of peace and unity in the community.

With funding by the New England Foundation for the Arts' Creative City Program and from The Barr Foundation, Robles is also able to provide summer jobs for Eastie youth through the project. The youth are responsible for making, preparing and selling the corn at each Farmers Mar-

"Each and every week of my life is full of lovely activities that enrich my life in several ways," said Robles. "It's impossible to share every single event or activity but right now I would like to publicly thank Adrian Madaro, our state representative and the Madaro Family Community Fund for the Honor to receive the "2018 Eastie Elf of the Year award" that reads "For your dedication and years of service to the East Boston community promoting culture, arts and social change". I truly didn't see this one coming and it was totally a surprise.'

Greenway // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

worked on the Watertown Community Path, at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, The Esplanade Association, and The Trust for Pub-

Moon said all of her work centers around connecting to people with places and nature, as well helping to improve access to a healthy lifestyle.

"I'm very excited to join the Friends of the East Boston Greenway," said Moon. "It's great to work with a group that has a long history of committed members combined with new energy to the group to continue to maintain and improve the East Boston Greenway."

Longtime Friends of the East Boston Greenway board member Karen Maddalena said Moon is a wonderful pick.

"Michele Moon is a wonderful addition to the Friends of the East Boston Greenway," said Maddalena. "With her past experience and expert knowledge she will do a wonderful job in her role as the Greenway Coordinator."

Eastie Farms' Kannan Thiruvengadam, who has been doing a lot of Greenway programming and volunteerism, called Moon "an energetic person."

"She has good knowledge of the organizational ecosystem in the City of Boston and prior work experience in green space-related coordi-



Friends of the East Boston Greenway announced the appointment of Michelle Moon as the neighborhood's new **Greenway Coordinator.**

nation work from Fairmount Greenway in Dorchester," said Thiruvengadam. "Such cross-neighborhood connection and collaboration has exciting possibilities."

Longtime Friends of the East Boston Greenway member and advocate Chris Marchi, who played a huge role in extending the Greenway to Constitution Beach several years ago, said the Friends group is lucky to have Moon.

"She has a long history of supporting open space and greenway projects and working with community residents and government officials," said Marchi. "Michelle (Moon) is a great addition with a tremendous amount of experience."

Moon said that when she is not working on public open space issues you can find her riding her bike or hiking in the White Mountains.



Public Meeting

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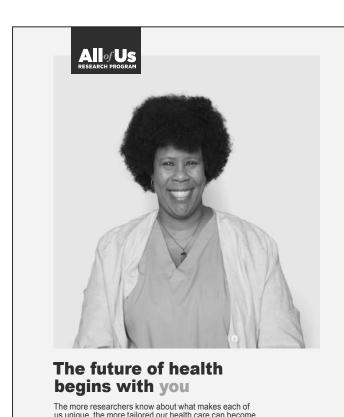
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Agenda is subject to change. Introductions - Welcome and report from the board (President, VP, Secretary)

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INFO: Suffolk Downs Informational Presentation by HYM

Next meeting: Monday, January 21, 2019

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ner is being held on Thursday, December 13, at 6 p.m., at Spinelli's in East Boston. Many thanks to our event

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We hope that you can join us to celebrate this holiday season! We will be announcing the program soon.

Sincerely, Phil Giffee

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ria, the city has used zoning,

which originated as a public

health tool, to regulate the roll-out by physically spacing

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To ensure parity between industries and to avoid stigmatizing cannabis businesses, the

hearing includes alcohol-re-

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Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Second Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Sumner St.

Orient Heights Neighborhood Association Third Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54 Ash-

Friend of the East Boston Greenway Fourth Thursday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St.

Central Square Flats Civic Association Third Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.

Gove Street Citizens Association Fourth Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room, Logan Rental Car Center

Eagle Hill Civic Association Last Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at East Boston High School Cafeteria, 86 White St.

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someone who can give what I couldn't."

Scalfani said she had the pleasure of working with a great team of board members and truly enjoyed working with state and city officials as well as the Boston Police to tackle the issues facing Jeffries Point and the neighborhood as a whole.

"Being on the board brought great joy to my heart and loved talking and meeting neighbors," she said. "But this is what's best.'

While most community meetings are dominated these days by development projects and zoning issues, Scalfani emerged as an advocate for quality of life issues.

Each month Scalfani would bring issues she and her neighbors would discuss to the JPNA meetings. Issue like park cleanliness, speeding cars, crime, public drinking, and other issues were always brought to the forefront by Scalfani during her tenure. She made the police that attended each monthly meeting aware of problem properties, illegally parked cars, unsafe traffic issues and other issues that would or could affect the quality of life for residents.

"Renee's has sacrificed years of service to the betterment of our neighborhood," said longtime Jeffries Point resident John McCarthy. "Everyone who knows Renee knows her love and work for the neighborhood."

Sen. Joseph Boncore, Rep. Adrian Madaro and City Councilor Lydia Edwards all thanked Scalfani for her years of service and all commented that the community is a better place thanks to her tenure on the JPNA.

"Renee has always done a great job," said Richard Lynds, a zoning attorney who presents regularly before the JPNA. "The JPNA Board will not be the same without her. Hopefully she will remain involved as her dedication to her neighborhood is admirable."

Former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, a longtime friend of Scalfani, thanked her for her service and her ability to

"I want to thank Renee so much for her service to the Jeffries Point Neighborhood," said LaMattina. "I have always enjoyed her passion and love for her neighborhood and during my time of the City Council she was always fair."



Longtime JPNA Co-Chair Renee Scalfani being honored by the Boston Police and Community back in 2016 for her longtime service to East Boston and the JPNA Board. Scalfani announced she is stepping down from the board.



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REMEMBER THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- as we do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, have been left out of the new economy, often through no fault of their own. Too many Americans, including children, either live in shelters or temporary housing arrangements because the strong economy ironically has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring real estate values.

For these millions of Americans, the reality is that the holiday season brings little joy.

We would note that psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive that giving to others is the best gift that we can give to ourselves is indeed true.

So we hope that our readers will take the time and make the even the smallest effort to do something for those who are less fortunate. Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the bucket of the Salvation Army Santas, there is something each and every one of us can do to make the holidays brighter for others.

CONGRATULATIONS, MANNY LOPES

We join East Boston residents in congratulating East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Manny Lopes on his appointment as the chair of the Boston Board of Health.

The appointment is another major milestone in the successful career of Manny Lopes, will now have the immense responsibility of leading the seven-member board that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

The fact that Mayor Martin Walsh named Mr. Lopes to this important position speaks well of the high esteem in which Mr. Lopes is held in the public health community and the exceptional leadership he has demonstrated at the EBNHC, an organization that has become a national model.

In his announcement, Mayor Walsh credited Mr. Lopes for having built "a culture designed to provide the best possible care for patients at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center."

Residents throughout East Boston will get a firsthand appreciation of the expertise and knowledge that Mr. Lopes has in the ever-changing field of healthcare. We have no doubt that Mr. Lopes will excel at leading the Boston Board of Health and begin introducing new initiatives that will advance the health of residents in all Boston neighborhoods.

What Bostonians will also appreciate is Mr. Lopes' accessibility and his reaching out to other local organizations in a coordinated effort to attain the desired goals. It's always been our pleasure to see Mr. Lopes at events in East Boston and neighborhood communities interacting with residents and community leaders.

This was an outstanding appointment for an outstanding administrator in the healthcare field.

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the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in October for the Mount Carmel Church project.

According to the developer's PNF filing, White and Egan plan to take the shuttered former Catholic Church, the adjoining rectory, the convent across from the church and the large vacant lot on Frankfort Street that was once owned by the Boston Archdiocese and create approximately 120,430 sq. ft. of residential space and about 22,140 sq. ft. of open space.

In total the project will include 112 units and 84 parking spaces, 71 of which are located in a below-grade garage. Thirteen of the 84 parking spaces will be located off Lubec Street in a new landscaped lot as part of the project.

The renovated Mount Carmel Church building will include 14 residential units.

The existing rectory and convent buildings will be razed and the vacant Frankfort Street parcel

will include the construction of a new building that includes 98 condominium units. The rectory building located at 128-134 Gove Street, and the convent are both compromised structurally and are not suitable for human habitation according to current Boston building codes.

According to the filing the proposed project will provide market-rate and affordable units with a variety of unit sizes and styles to accommodate Eastie's diverse and growing population.

The unit designs will vary

and include apartments and lofts. The unit mix for the 112

The development team for the Mount Carmel Church property updates residents at a Gove Street Citizens Association meeting monday night.

units will comprise a mix of studio units, one-bedroom or one-bedroom plus den units,

and two bedroom units.

Thirteen percent of the units will be designated as affordable in accordance with the BPDA's Inclusionary Development Policy (IPD).

In the PNF, White and Egan wrote that the former Mount Carmel Church building "will be the cornerstone of this development."

"This will be a respectfully reused converted into spacious loft-style living units that capture the soaring interior spaces and volume of the building," they wrote. "There will be three levels of residential units with the top-floor units capturing the currently hidden truss space above the vaulted ceiling. The exterior of the building,

including its brick-and-stone façade, will be restored. It will be sensitively repaired where religious iconography was removed. The front-door and side-window openings will be lowered to the ground to better connect the building to the street and surrounding landscape."

The developers will also create a reflective outdoor space along the widened sidewalks at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that honors Mount Carmel's history.

On the vacant lot the developers plan to erect a building that mirrors the brick row houses along Frankfort Street. The four-story structure will extend along Frankfort Street and articulate as individual row houses with separate, raised entrances and planter boxes. The fourth floor will

contain setbacks for private deck space while reducing the massing along Frankfort Street.

This design was in response to many residents at past meetings not liking the modern design of some of the buildings. The original design included a mix of glass and other materials but residents asked the developer to consider replicating the architectural styles of the turn of the 20th Century brick buildings along Frankfort Street.

The developers will also construct the six-story building at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent.

At Monday night's meeting residents asked, if the project is approved, how long it would take to construct.

White said ideally he would like to do the entire project in one phase to cause as little disruption to the surrounding neighborhood and the Donald McKay School.

"Once construction begins it would take 14 to 18 months," said White. "Ideally we would like to schedule work in the summer months when children are not in school at the McKay. Our management construction plan will be aimed at safety and keeping traffic flowing smoothly around the site. If we are unable to the project in one phase our plan is to start with the church and use the vacant lot on Frankfort Street as a staging area and then move to the Frankfort Street parcel once the church and convent is completed."

White and Egan purchased the property in 2015 for \$3 million.

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A COLLABORATIVE NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION

MAVERICK SQUARE TREE LIGHTING

On Tuesday, Dec. 4 the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center with help from East Boston Main Streets and the Chamber of Commerce held the Annual Maverick Square Tree Lighting Celebration. The event included music, refreshments and holiday treats. PHOTOS BY JOHN LYNDS



City Councilor Lydia Edwards begins the countdown to the tree lighting.



Square just outside EBNHC.



Families brave the cold to catch a glimpse of Santa and the tree lighting.



The Chamber's Jim Kearney and Joanna Cataldo pose with Santa.



East Boston children tell Santa what they want for Christmas.



Gabriela Coletta and Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



Officer Danny Simons and APAC's John White.



East Boston Main Streets Director Max Gruner (center) with residents during the event.



EBNHC Mascot, Sanito, poses with Santa.



EBNHC's Claudia Hernandez and EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder.



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FROM THE NORTH POLE TO EAST BOSTON

On Sunday in Central Square, Mayor Martin Walsh hosted the annual Trolley Tour and East Boston Tree Lighting. The event included Christmas carols, performances by the Veronica Robles Cultural Center, hot chocolate and other goodies, as well as visit from the Santa and the Mayor. Walsh got help from East Boston children as they pulled the lever and lit the Christmas tree in Central Square.



PHOTOS BY JOHN LYNDS

Sen. Joseph Boncore, City Councilors Anissa Essaibi George and Lydia Edwards and Mayor Martin Walsh.



Veronica Robles and Mayor Martin Walsh sing Feliz Navidad.



The event coincided with Miami's upset over the New England Patriots so there were a lot of winter Patriots gear on display.



BPS's Tommy Welch and his son during the annual tree lighting.



This little one is all smiles in the arms of Santa Claus.



Police Commissioner William Gross bumped into an old friend at the annual Trolley Tour.

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EASTIE ELVES

On Friday, Dec. 7 the Madaro Family Charitable Fund hosted the 15th Annual Eastie's Elves Fundraiser. Rep. Adrian Madaro, his family and Mayor Martin Walsh joined Hundreds of supporters who turned out for the annual toy drive for area children. Eastie's Veronica Robles received the 2018 Albert 'Junior' Lombardi award for her dedicated work in the community.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and his wife, Ariel, pose with Eastie Elves volunteers and all the toys collected during the charitable event.



Rep. Adrian Madaro thanks the crowd for their generosity.



Jessica Schettino and Tiana Tassinari.



The East Boston Central Catholic School Choir performs.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and his wife, Ariel, and Mayor Martin Walsh.



Max Tassinari and his wife, Tonia, Tiana Tassinari and Lauren Owens.



Liana LaMattina, Sal LaMattina, Thomas Tassinari and Tiana Tassinari.



Stacy and Lou Scapicchio.



State Veterans Secretary Francisco Urena and Rep.



Vinny Schettino and Damien Margardo.



Members of East Boston's Golden Age Club enjoy the event.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and John Vitagliano.



Jane Simpson, Jim Kearney, Joseph Ruggiero III and his fiancee, Katie Boyd.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, Sen. Joseph Boncore, Jason Ruggiero, Mayor Martin Walsh, Rocco Odessa, and City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



Staff from the East Boston YMCA are all smiles. The local Y benefits from the annual Eastie's Elves toy drive.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA RECEIVES **MWRA GRANT**

CHELSEA - Lead pipes are often a hidden danger under the streets and sidewalks for a lot of families in Chelsea, but if the City can help it, that danger will be removed one pipe at a time.

On Monday, the MWRA and the Clean Water Action Group awarded the City of Chelsea and GreenRoots for their early adoption of a program that removes, at no cost to the homeowner, lead water service lines while in the process of other infrastructure projects.

Part of that award included a \$100,000 grant to help continue the program and remove more lead water lines as the City encounters them during paving or sidewalk repair programs.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it is a common sense operation, but one that goes the extra step in replacing the line for free - as it usually is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the replacement.

"For the last year or more, as we've undertaken other construction projects on the streets, when we encounter a lead service line on the street, we are replacing it at no cost to the homeowner," he said. "The MWRA grant helps ensure we will be able to continue to do that. We all want safe and clean drinking water and having clean water is elemental."

Over time, lead can leach into drinking water, and studies have shown that lead is a neurotoxin and can affect cognitive abilities with repeated exposure. This is particularly dangerous for children and pregnant women.

"Chelsea is so proactive in doing this," said MWRA Director Fred Laskey. "They are going through the inventory and going house to house and street to street to get rid of this problem. This is something that should serve as a model in how to prevent the scourge of lead in water. No other community has forged into this."

Fidel Maltez of the Chelsea DPW said that more than 50 lines have been replaced so far under the program. Some of those were last year and came when they were working on street repairs, including to Shurtleff, Maverick, Clark, Crescent, Lawrence, Tudor and Webster streets. This year, they will take on Essex Street and will be looking for lead water lines there too.

"Every project moving forward is going to identify and remove these lines with zero cost to the homeowner," he said.

He said that any homeowner that thinks they might have a lead service line should contact the DPW at (617) 466-4200. They will send out a technician to verify if it is a lead pipe, and if it is, they will put it on a list for completion.

POLICE CONTRACT **ALMOST DONE**

CHELSEA - After more than two and a half years of negotiations, the City is on the verge of a new contract with its two police unions that will see pay increases of up to three percent and implement residency requirements for new hires.

Monday night, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino requested the City Council approve the contracts, which are retroactive to Fiscal year 2017. The Council forwarded the request to its subcommittee on conference, and will take up an official vote on the contracts at a future meeting.

The collective bargaining agreements are for the unions which represent police superior officers and patrol officers.

"Both deals encompass four years, made up of two separate contracts: a one year deal for FY17; and a subsequent three year deal for FY

19-FY20," Ambrosino stated in a letter to the City Council.

The contracts include a retroactive salary increase of 2.5 percent for FY17 and 3 percent for FY18 and FY19. There is also a 3 percent increase slated for FY20 and an additional 1 percent increase that goes into effect on Jan. 1,

All told, the retroactive salary increases total about \$876,000.

"I strongly recommend that the City Council support these agreements, which have been the subject of lengthy negotiations spanning more than two and a half years," Ambrosino stated. "We set aside in Salary Reserve for the resolution of these two agreements a total of \$700,000. Accordingly, we will need an additional appropriation from Stabilization of \$176,000 to satisfy these contractual commitments."

The salary hikes are the only cost item in the new contracts, according to the City Manager. Other items in the contracts related to longevity, detail pay, sick leave incentive, and clothing allowance are limited to clarifications or minor changes and do not add any additional costs to the City, he added.

The percentage increases for salary are slightly more than those other City Hall unions have received, Ambrosino said.

"However, in return, the City did secure new language on residency upon which the City Council insisted," he stated. "As of Jan. 1, 2019, all new police hires must live in the City of Chelsea for five years, consistent with the Ordinance approved by the City Council earlier this year."

While there was no debate over the union contracts themselves at Monday's Council meeting, District 1 Councillor Robert Bishop did raise concerns about the City's use of its stabilization, or "rainy day" funds.

Bishop noted that Ambrosino was requesting the use of stabilization funds for improvements to Eden Park and to Winnisimmet (or Chelsea) for a protective cover for the where the Ferry existed. Jonnew high school turf field as athan Green eventually was well as for the contract salary

Those stabilization funds should be used for emergency situations, Bishop said.

"I don't think any of these requests rise to the level of an emergency to use the rainy day fund," he said.

While Bishop said he supported the requests being made, he wanted assurances that any money taken out of the City's stabilization funds be replaced by free cash as soon as those funds are certified by the state.

UNCOVERING TREASURES OF THE **PAST**

EVERETT -There are no shortage of historic homes in Everett – homes and buildings with a glorious history – but it's a history lost on almost everyone living in the city.

Everett is one of the more unique Greater Boston cities with a Colonial past that has been virtually lost to time, but over the past week the comprehensive Everett Historical Survey has been completed, providing the beginnings of re-constructing the history before everyone's eyes.

"I've learned a lot about Everett," said Lisa Mausolf, the consultant who compiled the survey over the past year. "I think I only began to scratch the surface and there are a lot of magnificent properties. There was a survey done in the 1980s, but this new work represents a much more comprehensive look that what was accomplished in the `80s. Glendale Square had never been looked at holistically. No one had looked at why it looks the way it does. Everett Square has some great buildings and a lot of potential for resto-

ration and investment. I have

to say, though, the cemeteries were my favorites. Woodlawn Cemetery is incredible, and Glenwood is a wonderful municipal cemetery. The Jewish Cemetery is incredible too, and very few know it's there."

The effort to restore the past started a little over a year ago when the Historical Commission began to meet again under the auspices of retired City Clerk Michael Matarazzo and current City Clerk Sergio Cornelio. Several residents have joined the Commission, and the first order of business was to conduct an official survey.

Maria Josefson, of the City's Department of Planning and Development, has taken charge of the project and the Commission now. After reviewing the survey, she said so much of Everett's history has come alive for her.

"There's a home I walk by all the time on the way to the gym and I never stopped to notice it until I saw it was on the survey," she said. "I stopped one day and noticed how stately it was. It's one of those things that's right in front of you, but you don't notice. It's nice to understand the history behind it."

And such is the case for one of the oldest homes in Everett. Though may school children are taught about 519 Ferry St. - the Jonathan Green House few really know that the home likely dates to around 1719. Though there were once many older homes in Everett like it, most have been demolished through the years.

It is the one that does remain. The survey points out that it is the only early gambrel-roofed houses remaining in Everett. Other examples which once existed, but are no longer standing, included the Carrington-Paine House on Main Street and the Old Lynde House on Bow Street. That makes the Green House even more special, and a gem that few know about.

The house was originally located in "south Malden," and on Ferry Street, which was a route to get Malden residents prominent in Stoneham, but it is believed he came there from South Malden, which is now Everett.

That said, Mausolf said they were very excited to document the home and she said the Massachusetts Historical Commission was excited to potentially study the home to get more definite answers.

"One thing that was very interesting about that house was the folks from Mass Historical were excited about it," she said. "They really wanted to study it a little more. There aren't many communities that have a structure that old still standing."

The focus of the study, however, was more on Glendale and Everett Squares. Both are very historic, but Glendale Square had a very extensive historical survey done for, likely, the first time ever. The Square came to be during the transition from pastoral fields to a streetcar suburb. Starting in the 1880s when horse-cars began carrying people to the Square, development began to sprout there. By the 1890s, the area quickly began to transform under the new streetcar mode of transportation. After that, it began to boom, and develop into a "streetcar suburb," such as is seen in other areas of Greater Boston that are now considered urban ar-

In all, Mausolf said Everett has a lot of historic buildings and homes, and many of them are likely fit for the National Registry.

"I think it was a good project," she said. "There are a number of properties that are likely to be eligible for the National Historic Registry," she said. "It's an exciting time in seeking out Everett's history."

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EAGLE HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

DECK THE WALLS

On Wednesday, Dec. 5 the Eagle Hill Civic Association held its Annual Wreath Making and Pot Luck event at East Boston High School. The event included food, drinks and all the wreaths and ornaments a person would need to decorate.

PHOTOS BY JOHN LYNDS



Charlie Lograsso helps Roberta Marchi tie a bow.



Martha DeAraujo and her granddaughter, Lyra.



Martha DeAraujo and her granddaughter, Lyra.



Charlie Lograsso and Debra Cave show off Lograsso's Victorian inspired wreath.



Roberta Marchi puts some finishing touches on her wreath.



Ernani DeAraujo, his mom, Martha, and daughter, Lyra, get to work on a wreath.



Joshua Acevedo and his son, Jared, decorate a wreath.

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ENGINE 2 READY TO COME HOME TO HANCOCK STREET

EVERETT - The City is getting ready to re-open the historic Hancock Fire Station this Saturday, Dec. 8, but with a \$3.5 million facelift to tidy up the old fire house.

"This is a great example of the City's capital improvement plan at work for us in the fire service," said Chief Tony Carli this week while going over the finishing touches at the Station. "We haven't had a new fire station or major renovation for many, many years. We did the Ferry Street station in 1999, but that was to this extent. We have, basically, a brand new building in an older, historic building. It's very

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he, too, is proud of the investment in restoring the historic firehouse.

"Our firefighters put their lives on the line every day, and I am proud of our \$3.5 million investment in this building and infrastructure," he said. "These funds have been used to not only restore this historic firehouse, but also to include new technology to protect firefighters from exposure to any contaminates that may be on that apparatus floor. These modern upgrades will help our members stay safe and enhance our firefighting capabilities throughout the city.'

The project began one year ago when the City decided to renovate the station, mostly to help with firefighter safety and health – a move that is becoming more common in all fire departments, but particularly appropriate in Everett where a firefighter was lost to occupational cancer this summer.

The project cost \$3.5 million and actually came in under budget and on time, Carli by P&S Construction of North Chelmsford.

But more than anything, it's going to promote firefighter safety.

The renovation is fully sprinklered, has the full fire alarm system and has 100 percent of the asbestos removed. Firefighters will have a special place for their gear to be washed, and will also have a laundry area for their clothing as well – a very important measure to try to prevent respiratory ailments.

"The biggest thing here is the whole apparatus floor is blocked from the residential area," said Carli. "That is a huge piece for firefighter safety and now the firefighters will be protected in the upstairs from things like fumes and other kinds of problems."

The renovation has also kept a close eye on the historic nature of the building. In a very recent historical survey of the City's historic buildings, the Hancock Fire Station did register as a historic building. Known as the Chemical Engine House due to the fact that it housed the City's first chemical fire engine, it was built in 1899 and designed by William Hart Taylor. Taylor was an immigrant from Prince Edward Island and, in Everett, designed the old Horace Mann School and the Woodlawn Cemetery gate. In Chelsea, he designed many of the historic buildings in its downtown after the 1908 fire.

City officials said they would be re-installing the ornamental weather vane on the building for Saturday's big open house event.

Carli said they have also kept historic fire service items too, such as a large lifesaving net that people used to jump into from the tops of buildings.

said. The work has been done net and will hang it up in the quality of life, and will span ties ahead of us. I'm looking Draisen, MAPC's Executive station, and we also kept the 1930s wainscoting in the living quarters too," said Carli. "That net used to be in service in Everett. It is original."

While construction has been going on, the City had re-purposed a part of the old Everett High School to house a temporary station – a feat accomplished by the talented Public Facilities Division. While it has been an adequate temporary home, Carli said firefighters belong in a firehouse.

"The firefighters of Engine 2 are ready to get back here," he said. "I am very proud of their persistence and their patience in this. The City did a great job of constructing the temporary fire house, but they want to be back here. The firehouse is as integral as the fire trucks for us. They miss being

The Open House took place on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the new

ARRIGO UNVEILS **NEW MASTER PLAN**

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo announced Monday the launch of 'Next Stop, Revere' -- the city's first comprehensive master plan in more than four decades. The master plan will set a course for the future of Revere, a city that offers unique opportunities for transit-oriented development, amenities for visitors and residents alike, and the ability to accommodate forward-looking industries to grow with the city.

The City will team with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for a six month long community engagement process to inform policy, which will incorporate the community's vision for

"We're keeping the life maintaining and improving for us to seize the opportunities in the region," said Marc topics including housing, economic development, natural resources and open space, as well as transportation, climate resiliency, land use and zoning. The plan will identify a set of actions for the City to

take over the next 10-20 years. A kick-off event will take place on Jan. 15, from 6-8 p.m. at the Rumney Marsh Academy.

"Something special is happening in Revere," Mayor Arrigo said. "For years, we've had an amazing urban school system, prime access to regional transportation networks, a beautiful coastline and residents who care about their city and want to build a brighter future for the next generation. The time is right

forward to working hand in hand with the community to set a course for what the future of Revere will hold."

Mayor Arrigo also announced a steering committee that would provide community expertise, experience, oversight and recommendations, and called for community members to nominate themselves to join. The committee brings together experts across priority areas including: education, housing, recreation, conservation, commerce, arts and culture, elderly and veteran affairs.

"MAPC is thrilled to partner with Revere as the City prepares for the future. Revere is already one of the most diverse and vibrant communi-

Director. "This planning process will help the city's residents, businesses, and government leaders to set a vision for the future that will allow Revere to remain a place where all residents can live and pros-

The process will build upon the community engagement that began in 2015 and will incorporate the results of the community-based Suffolk Downs Development Advisory Group and the recently approved Master Plan for that transformative development. It will be managed through the City of Revere's planning and development department to realize a full-comprehensive master plan for the future of Revere as a whole.

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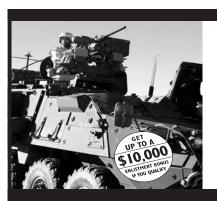
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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, December 3, 2018 No Arrests

Tuesday, December 4,

Around 11:00 AM in the area of 86 White St. a Hispanic Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Affray and Resisting Arrest

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Wednesday, December 5,

No Arrests

Thursday, December 6,

Around 9:10 AM in the area of 119 Sumner St., a 31 year old Hispanic Male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery Friday, December 7, 2018 No Arrests

Saturday, December 8,

Around 3:40 PM in the area of Sumner St. & New St., a 25 year old White Male with a Quincy, MA address was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol

Around 11:40 PM in the area of Bennington St. @ Central Sq., a 38 year old Middle

Eastern Male with a Framingham, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery (Injuries) and Disturbing the Peace

Sunday, December 9,

Around 10:45 PM in the area of 12 South Bremen St., a 31 year old Black Male was arrested for Indecent A & B on a Person.

Physician shares seasonal health advice

Gratitude. It's easy to overlook at any time but especially during the hectic holiday season when we may be distracted by material things as well as happenings in the world around us.

Think about ways to be present with your family and friends. Start new traditions that involve doing activities together, sharing, volunteering and giving. Agree to limit gifts to a few; they'll seem all the more special and meaningful.

Help your children to make homemade gifts or bake for friends and family. Read together and play games! Put phones and tablets away and have a meal together without distractions. Make a family contribution of money or time to an organization important to you. Volunteering at a soup kitchen over the holidays can be extremely rewarding.

Here are a few reminders during the holiday season so we can all be grateful for the gift of good health:

• Keep tinsel out of reach of pets and small children.

Make sure holiday greenery, especially trees, is well-watered.

• Mistletoe, holly and poinsettia plants can be harmful if ingested by children and pets

• Stick to bedtime routines to help everyone get the gift of a good night's sleep.

 Cook meats to the recommended temperature. A meat thermometer is essential and makes a great gift for friends and family.

Refrigerate leftovers promptly to avoid spoiling

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tric violinist Dec. 15, 8 p.m.,

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Tickets from \$45; Emerson

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"Cinderella" appears Dec.18-

20.Tickets start at \$39.50.

Tchaikovsky's music.

HIP-HOP

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and food poisoning.

• Sharpen all knives; dull knives are the cause of many holiday emergency visits!

• Include fresh vegetables, salads and other healthy food

in all holiday meals. • Encourage everyone to drink lots of water and stay well-hydrated.

You can find a CHA doctor near you by calling 617-665-1305 or visiting www.challiance.org/cha/find-a-doctor.

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Cambridge Health Alliance is an academic community health system committed to providing high-quality care in Cambridge, Somerville and Boston's metro-north communities. CHA has expertise in primary care, specialty care and mental health/substance use services, as well as caring for diverse and complex populations. It includes three hospital campuses, a network of primary care and specialty practices and the Cambridge Public Health Dept. CHA patients have seamless access to advanced care through the system's affiliation with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. CHA is a Harvard Medical School teaching affiliate and is also affiliated with Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts University School of Medicine. For more information, visit www.challiance.

Submitted by Lisa Dobberteen, MD, Pediatrician at CHA Cambridge Family Health

AROUND THE CITY

OBITUARIES

Thomas Costigan

Winthrop Man of the Year 1993 for his dedication to Winthrop Little League

Thomas R. Costigan of Bristol, NH, formerly of Winthrop and East Boston, died Dec. 3. He was 88 years old.



Tom served in the U.S. Navy as Boiler Technician second class on the U.S.S. during Albany

the Korean War. During his service, he was awarded a commendation for averting a catastrophic event in the ship's engine room. After his discharge, he began a career as a metal fabricator for H.P. Hood and Sons in Charlestown, where he worked until retirement.

Tom was an avid fisherman throughout his life, fishing with his brother at Boston Harbor and the Charles River, his nephews and sons at Revere and Winthrop Beaches and his grandchildren on Newfound Lake and the Pemigewasset River.

He was a Little League baseball coach in Winthrop from 1958 to 1993 and was recognized for his dedication to the League with a Man of the Year award in 1993.

His favorite pastime was watching the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots, especially when his boys and grandchildren would gather in his living room to watch and talk sports with him.

He was the beloved husband for 49 years of the late Dorothy A. (Grace) Costigan, devoted father of Thomas R. Costigan, Jr., Kevin Costigan and his wife, Michelle, Brian Costigan and his wife, Kathleen, all of Bristol, NH, Patrick Costigan and his wife, Kimberly of Winthrop and Daniel Costigan and his wife, Desiree of Plymouth, NH.



He was the cherished Grandpa of Kyle, Michael, Sean, Kevin, Spencer, Michael Patrick, Chris, Julie, Kelly, Katie, Karalyn, Kayci, Matthew, Damien, Dominick, Devan, and Declan; dear brother of Betty Garchinski of Medford; brother-in-law of Lorraine Washburn of Nashua, NH, Althea and Edward Clark of Tewksbury and Fred Grace of Massachusetts. He also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews. He was the son of the late Mary (Coombs) and Bernard Costigan and was predeceased by his siblings: Bernard Costigan and his wife, Marilyn, Mary Costigan, Bridget Higgins and her husband, David, Winifred Hegarty and her husband, James, Anna Marie Morelli and her husband, Edward.

Funeral arrangements were by Emmons Funeral Home of Bristol, NH.

Committal services and burial, with military honors, will be held in the spring. Donations in his name may be to the Newfound made Area Nursing Association (NANA) 214 Lake St., Bristol, NH 03222 or the charity of your choice.



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Judith Rita Brown

Loved her family, animals and the New Engand Patriots

Rita (Mitchell) Judith Brown of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away after a courageous battle with Cancer and Alzheimer's, surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 7 at the age of 67.

Judith was born in Boston on Feb. 24, 1951 to Dewey Mitchell and Evelyn (Moscatelli). She lived in East Boston for many years and raised her family in the Eagle Hill section of East Boston.

Judith was an avid bingo player. She loved trips to Foxwoods with family and friends. She enjoyed baking as well as taking care of her family. She was a dedicated Boston sports fan who loved the New England Patriots.

She was the beloved wife of the late James F. Brown; devoted mother of Mary De-Voy and her husband, Ronald Jr. of Braintree, Paula Brown of Revere, Judy Brown of Revere and Tina Brown of Braintree; dear sister of Barbara Anecone, Robert Mitchell and Carol Sisak and the late Phyllis Mitchell and the cherished grandmother of Jacquelyn Brown, Kasey Perkins, Jocelyn Brown, Joshua De-Voy and Jayden Brown. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Family and friends will honor Judith's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston today, Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in funeral procession to Sacred Heart Church, Brooks St., East Boston for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in celebration of Judith's life. Services will conclude with Judith being laid to rest at St. Michael's Cemetery in Bos-

While her family was important to her, her love of animals was a close second. She loved cats and dogs. In honoring this love of animals and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Northeast Animal Shelter 347 Highland Ave. Salem, MA EmersonColonialTheatre.com. 01970.

Tito Leonardo Lopez Ebanks

Died tragically

Tito Leonardo Lopez Ebanks tragically passed away on Dec. 6 at the age of

He was the cherished son of the late Tito Lopez and Patricia Ebanks of Chelsea, devoted father of Matthew Lopez of East Boston, dear brother of Helen Ebanks and her husband, Carmine Capone of East Boston, Karla Lopez of Honduras and Erik Lopez of Washington and the adored uncle of Anthony Aguilar, Emily Capone and Yahir Lopez. He was cherished and loved by the Capone Family and is also survived by many loving cousins and friends.

Family and friends will honor Tito's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Thursday,



Dec. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Friday morning at 10 a.m. A funeral service in celebration of Tito's life will take place in the Serenity Chapel of the Memorial Home at 10:30 a.m. Services will conclude with Tito being laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery Malden.

Richard Lawrence Curtis

Of East Boston, formerly of Revere

Richard Lawrence Curtis of East Boston, formerly of Revere, passed away suddenly on Dec. 8.

The beloved husband of Elizabeth (Puzzo) Curtis, he was the devoted father of Christopher Curtis and his daughter, Angela of Revere, loving son of the late Doris "Bingo" Bigwood and Dave Bigwood and is also survived by many loving brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Richard's life by gathering on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston from 3 to 6 p.m.



In lieu of flowers and in honoring Richard's life, memorial donations may be made to Richard's family to help defray funeral expenses. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit: ruggieromh.com.

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Bucky Pizzarelli performs with Catherine Russell, Dec. 14; the Weepies present their holiday tour concert, Dec. 15; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy headlines, Dec. 20; Night Ranger, Dec. 22; Jimmy Tingle does standup, Dec. 29; and Peter Wolf celebrates New Year's Eve, all at 8 p.m., at The Cabot, 286 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-927-3100, thecabot.org.

TINY TIM'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

Tickets are selling out fast, but there's still time to see Greater Boston Stage Company's production of Ken and Jack Ludwig's "Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol," through Dec. 23, with an all-star Boston cast: Dec. 15,11a.m.,2 p.m.; Dec.16, 11a.m.; Dec. 18,19, 10 a.m.; Dec. 20, 11:45 a.m.; Dec. 22, 23, 11a.m., 395 Main St., Stoneham. group rates, student matinees. greaterbostonstage. org, 781-279-2200.

CELEBRATIONS

Newton's New Philharmonia Orchestra presents Celebrations!, the first family concert of the 2018-19 season, featuring guest performers from the Boston Ballet School, Newton Campus and Newton's All-City Treble Singers, Sunday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m., at the historic First Baptist Church, 848 Beacon St., Newton Centre. \$18; students, \$10. www.newphil.org, 617-527-9717.

CELEBRITY SERIES

Guy Mendilow Ensemble, Boston City Singers, Regie Gibson and Courtney Swain perform Heart of the Holidays: A Choral Celebration in Song, Dec. 15, 3 p.m., at the Kroc Center, Dorchester; Charles Lloyd and the Marvels and Lucinda Williams headline,

Dec. 16, 7 p.m., at the Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston (tickets start at \$45; 617-482-6661; and hiphop artist Devin Ferreira and teens from the IBA youth program perform a multi-disciplinary showcase, entailed "50 Portraits of Villa Victoria," in the South End gallery, Dec. 20,

RUN AMOC! FESTIVAL

American Modern Opera Company (AMOC) presents the annual festival with four new pieces performed in venues located around Harvard Square; a cross-disciplinary dance piece; a pianist; and a recital, with AMOC's newest collaboration members, Dec. 14-16. Tickets from \$25. For tickets, more information and schedule, contact 617-547-8300, at Loeb Drama Center Ticket Service Office, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, or americanrepertorytheater.org/runamoc.

WHAT THE DICKENS!

Cambridge Youth Dance Program presents the dance-theater show, featuring contemporary dance, ballet, tap, hip-hop, flamenco, projections, narrations, and more, performed Dec. 14-23, at John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St., Boston: Frdiay, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2,7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$25-\$65. cydp.org.

BOMBA ESTEREO

The group appears Dec. 11, 9 p.m., at the Paradise Rock Club, for ages 18+ years old, and Bebel Gilberto performs Dec. 16, 7 p.m., at City Winery, Boston. WorldMusic.org, 617-876-4275.

CIRQUE CHRISTMAS

Lynn Auditorium presents Cirque Christmas, Dec. 16, City Hall Square, Lynn. lynnauditorium.com, 781-599-SHOW.

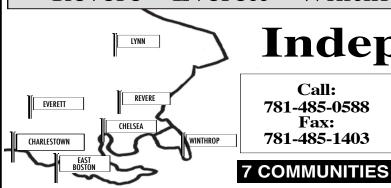
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Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 1/14/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 03, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 12/12/18

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Mayor Martin Walsh and East Boston's elected officials were on hand to light the tree in Orient Heights Square along with a special visit from Santa. The event included

performances from the Beverly

Richards Dancers and the East Boston Central Catholic Choir. Food was donated by Mi Pueblito, Spinelli's, Donna's,

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