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## ZBA approves extension for Loftel permits

By John Lynds

Although the permits granted in 2016 by the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals for the 'Loftel' project on the corner of Orleans and Porter streets are still valid, the new attorney for the project did not want to take any chances. At last week's ZBA hearing Attorney Richard Lynds asked and was granted an extension on the 2016 permits to make sure they were still good through the 10 to 14 month construction phase for the project.

Boston Trade International, owned by the Patel family, has taken some hits in the community as abutters to property have complained for months now that the old industrial factory looks worse than ever. The Patels bought the permitted and Boston Planning and Development Agency-approved project

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## BPD sends out Christmas warning about deliveries

By John Lynds

With only a few more days to place those online orders to arrive in time for Christmas, the Boston Police Department sent out several safety tips for the delivery of packages during this busy shopping season. "During the holiday season, the Boston Police Department advises residents to be aware of delivery packages being stolen

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Jumping for Joy, Kennedy School Principal Kristen Goncalves (right) and her staff from the Patrick J. Kennedy School jump with Boston Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie after the Red Sox Foundation and Franklin Sports donates new gym equipment to the school.

## Boston Red Sox Foundation, Franklin Sports donate gym class equipment

By John Lynds

Christmas came a little early this year for the students at the Patrick J. Kennedy School in East Boston.

Last Wednesday morning students got a surprise visit from Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie and representatives from Franklin Sports bearing gifts.

Kennedy School Principal Kristen Goncalves said the

school was taken by surprise by the donation of physical education equipment and the special appearance of Wally and Tessie.

"We really were 100 percent surprised with the donation as the Red Sox Foundation called us the day before to say they had a donation and wanted to surprise the students," said Goncalves. "The Red Sox Foundation represented that called ex-

plained that Franklin Sports had made a major donation of brand-new physical education equipment and wanted to donate it to PJ Kennedy. We of course immediately said 'Yes, please.'"

This year Franklin Sports, the official Batting Glove of Major League Baseball, announced a three-year agreement with the Boston Red Sox and Red Sox Foundation not

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## BPDA approves project at 656 Saratoga St.

By John Lynds

At its last meeting of the year the Boston Planning and Development (BPDA) approved the 30 unit rental project proposed for a large vacant lot on Saratoga Street.

Developer MG2 plans to develop the 16,500 sq. ft. va-

cant lot at 656 Saratoga St. into market rate rental housing by combining six parcels on the lot into one developable parcel.

The original plan would have MG2 erect a five story, 50 ft. building. The building would have included 62 units with a mix of studio, one and

two-bedroom units and retail opportunity on the ground floor. A later scaled down version then called for 43 units of market rate rentals that would be a mix of studio, one and two-bedroom units and 39 parking spaces and eliminated the retail component.

However, the community still felt at five stories and over 50 ft. tall the building was uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighborhood and sent MG2 back to the drawing board. MG2 then lowered the building to four stories and 40 units with 30 parking spaces. This was the plan that was rejected by members of the HVNA at a meeting a few months back.

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## Location

### Residents weigh in on proposed adult-use marijuana facility

By John Lynds

Following a contentious meeting last Wednesday at the East Boston Social Centers regarding an adult-use marijuana facility proposed at 24 Porter St., the City of Boston's Zoning Board (ZBA) of Appeals will now have to decide if the location is the best fit for the neighborhood.

Right off the bat, city officials facilitating the meeting between the proponent, Omnicann, and residents laid down the ground rules for the meeting. They said the city-sponsored community meeting was not designed to debate the state's marijuana laws. Those laws, city officials explained, have already been decided by the voters during a statewide ballot initiative.

Still, that didn't stop some from expressing the view that although Eastie voters over-

whelmingly supported recreational marijuana use, they never imagined it would end up in their own backyard.

However, city officials asked the community to look at Omnicann's proposal as a 'zoning' issue and whether or not the 24 Porter St. location would be a good fit for the neighborhood.

It was abundantly clear during the meeting that many residents, aside from whether or not they agree with adult recreational marijuana use, did not think Omnicann's location would work.

Like many other recreational facilities being pitched for Eastie, there are around seven in the pipeline as of today, Omnicann's proposal is thorough, includes a solid security component and painstakingly addresses all the state and city regulations for

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## Councilor Lydia Edwards highlights accomplishments in her first year

By John Lynds

This week City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who was sworn in as District One's new city councilor last January, released her one-year report highlighting the issues, accomplishments for 2018, as well as her goals for the next year.

"I am extremely grateful to have represented our communities the past year in City Hall as district city councilor," said

Edwards. "It's been rewarding to roll up my sleeves and get to work maintaining and improving your quality of life as a resident of East Boston, Charlestown and the North End. I started this journey running on a campaign platform promising to govern with integrity, independence, and to make an impact by speaking truth to power on behalf of my constituents."

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City Councilor Lydia Edwards.

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Dear Virginia,  
Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal life with which the child-hood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove. Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is not a sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is not proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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# Webster Bank awards grant to NOAH

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) received a boost for its housing services last week from Webster Bank.

NOAH was a recipient of a \$5,000 Community Reinvestment Act grant from Webster Bank. The money was part of \$61,500 to 13 organizations in Greater Boston.

NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffie said the grant money will be used to sure up NOAH's first-time homeownership and foreclosure prevention counseling programs.

"NOAH is very grateful for this much-needed donation to help fund our first-time homebuyer, financial fitness and foreclosure prevention programs," said Giffie. "These services do not pay for themselves and one cannot charge

for what the services are actually worth, but with assistance from Webster Bank, our high-quality staff can offer expert assistance and advice without a client fear there is another agenda in play. Webster helps us reach hundreds of people and families each year. We appreciate it."

Webster Bank, through its Community Reinvestment Act program, is committed to building strong communities by supporting economic and community development organizations, especially those that focus on affordable and supportive housing, said Debora Drapalla, regional president-Boston, Webster Bank.

"The annual CRA grant program is a key component of Webster's mission to support low- and moderate-income residents across the Boston area and build stronger communities," said Drapalla.

"Webster has become a part of the fabric of the Boston community, and we work diligently to live up to the people and local organizations we serve."

Webster also provides construction loans, tax credit investments, and technical assistance to community organizations, while Webster employees serve as board members and volunteers for many nonprofit groups within the bank's footprint, Drapalla added.

NOAH has continuously run a successful first-time homebuyer program for years. These homebuyer education classes provide a comprehensive overview of the necessary steps towards purchasing a home. NOAH's staff and a wide variety of guest speakers educate clients on how to locate, finance, and buy property. Graduates of these classes receive certificates from the

City of Boston, which allows them to apply for better loans, helps them with down payment assistance, and gives them overall greater credibility when buying their first home.

Since the 2008 housing market crash that crippled the U.S. economy, NOAH added a foreclosure prevention counseling program for residents.

The goal of this program has been to help those homeowners facing foreclosure understand their options and determine the best and most affordable solution for their own situation. NOAH's counselors work with clients one-on-one to develop an action plan based on individual needs, create budgets, contact lenders and negotiate mortgage terms.

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At last month's HVNA meeting MG2's attorney, Richard Lynds, said his client has reduced the number of units to 30 and knocked an entire floor off the building, bringing the height down to just under 32 ft. at three stories.

As currently proposed, the 30 residential units are anticipated to consist of 14 studio units, seven one-bedroom units, and nine two-bedroom units.

This project will also include a financial contribution of \$28,500 to be used toward the relocation of the MBTA bus stop and shelter on west-bound Bennington Street/Moore Street on the Route 120 to the far side of the intersection. This transportation enhancement will improve operations on the Route 120 bus and improve pedestrian safety. In addition, a \$3,000 contribution to the Salesian Boys and Girls Club Incorporated will be used for gen-

eral operating capital for the club, which provides athletic, tutoring, dance, cooking, and educational programming for local children. Another contribution of \$3,500 to the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Corp. will be used for general operating capital needed to sustain and implement youth programs which include art making, dance, and musical activities.

In its ruling the BPDA said the project makes progress towards Mayor Martin Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class. The project includes four "income restricted" units. Earlier this fall in response to increased population growth, Mayor Walsh announced updated housing targets supporting the creation of new affordable housing, increased access to homeownership opportunities, and preventing displacement of residents.

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running such a facility.

However, Omnicann's location just outside Central Square and wedged between the mouth of the Sumner Tunnel and North Suffolk Mental Health Association (NSMHA) is what concerns residents most.

First, there is the traffic issue.

Many residents at last week's meeting let Omnicann's President, Arish Halani, know about the traffic woes the community has been suffering since MassDOT removed the Sumner Tunnel Toll Plaza and reconfigured traffic flows in the area. Residents at the meeting feared that the adult use marijuana facility would become a destination for not only Eastie residents but for residents in surrounding communities, adding to the already unbearable traffic issue plaguing the streets.

Halani and his father, Omicann co-founder Sohail Halani, said they have tried to address that issue by proposing a later opening time for the facility once traffic dies down during the morning commute.

Halani said that after monitoring traffic in the area they would not open the shop until 10 a.m.

However, some still felt having a destination business with no off-street parking would overtax the business district because customers would not only flock to the location and add to traffic, but would also have a hard time finding parking once they reached the location. While there are two municipal lots close by they residents argued that those lots could not guarantee designated spaces for the facility and the other lots in the area at Liberty Plaza and Walgreens are privately owned lots and not open to public parking.

The other major issue was the facility's proximity to NSMHA, an agency that deals not only with mental health, but also substance abuse issues in the community. NSMHA CEO Dr. Jackie Moore, whose clients seek sobriety daily at NSMHA, is on the record as saying the city should consider controls that prevent clustering and maintain buffer zones around well-defined ar-

eas where children and youth and other vulnerable groups, such as those in treatment for mental illness and or addiction frequent.

Many at last week's meeting agreed with Moore.

City Councilor Lydia Edwards said she is a realist when it comes to adult-use facilities proposed for the neighborhood and outright said at last week's meeting, 'Get ready because they are coming.' However, like many, she questioned not the facility and what it is offering but the owner's decision to place such a facility in a congested area near a substance-abuse treatment facility.

"It's about location, location, location," she said.

Recently, Edwards held 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 hearing.



Omnicann's President, Arish Halani, pitches his plan to site an adult use marijuana facility on Porter Street.

After last week's community meeting Edwards said she was moved by patients who testified about the benefits medicinal marijuana has had on their lives and their support of the facility. However, with six other adult use facilities proposed for Eastie Edwards said she feels other locations in the neighborhood could not only serve the needs of those needing or wanting adult use marijuana but do so without having a tremendous impact on the quality of lives of abutters, the community as a whole and the patients of MSMHA.

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from homes," said the BPD in a statement. "With the holidays quickly approaching, we want to take this time to remind our residents to protect themselves from being targeted."

The police said residents can protect themselves from becoming victims of home delivery theft by following a few simple tips.

Police say you should send any package to the residence

of a trusted friend or relative whom you know will be home. Be sure that the friend is ready and waiting to retrieve the package when the doorbell rings.

Another tip is ask the package delivery company to hold the package if you will not be home. Many delivery services like FedEx and UPS have local distribution centers, and will hold packages for up to five

days.

When shopping online, police suggest that you request that your package is marked "signature required." This requires the delivery person to stand by and wait until you're available to retrieve the package. You could also put a note on your door, requesting the deliverer go to your next-door neighbor for the signature if they are usually home.

Another good tip is leaving special instructions on where to deliver the package. Police say a good place is on the side or back of the house, so the package is out of sight from

the road. You can also ask the delivery person to take and discard the note with him/her or leave it with the package.

Police say that you should always use a company or shipping provider that provides a tracking service and check online to see when your package is scheduled to arrive.

Another good tip for those who rather do all their holiday shopping online is to have the items shipped to the nearest store for "in-store pick up."

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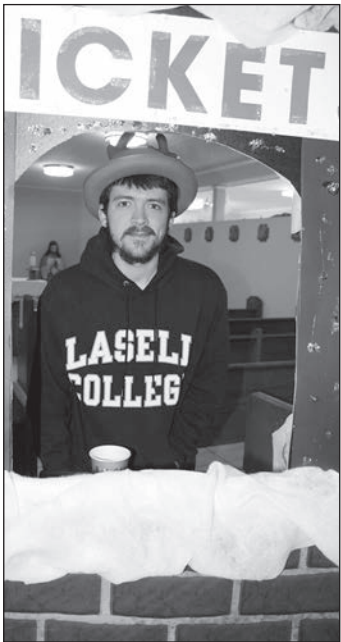


ST. LAZARUS CHURCH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SANTA ARRIVES ON THE POLAR EXPRESS



Facepainting decorator Mary Biagiotti, with Amani Hassairi.



Anthony Biagiotti at the Tickets Station welcomes guests to the Santa Breakfast.

St. Lazarus Church in East Boston held its annual Santa Breakfast on Dec. 9 in the church hall.

More than 120 guests – children and families - had a delicious homemade breakfast in the festively decorated hall that had a “Polar Express” theme this year.

The children enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus. There were drawings for prizes.

Breakfast Co-Chairs Diane DiGiacomo and Jayne Biagiotti and their committee did a great job organizing the event that is always a much-anticipated tradition each December.

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Carlos Brown and Andrea Brown, with children, Sebastian Brown, Valentina Brown, and Helena Brown, visiting with Santa Claus at the St. Lazarus Santa Breakfast.



“Spidermen” Joey Bicknell, Corey Bicknell, and Marco Bicknell.



Christina Diruzza visits with Santa.



Enjoying a visit with Santa Claus are Cameron Draskovic, Donovan Powers, Nico Cardinale, and Joseph Ruggiero.



Wanda Silverio and her granddaughter, Daysi Matos, enjoy the Santa Breakfast.



Carla DiRuzza, Marianna Cincinnato, and Judy Mullen.



All aboard the Polar Express, the Decorating Committee, Larry Keegan, Diane DiGiacomo, Jayne Biagiotti, Carol Pizziferri, and Mary Biagiotti.



Fundraising Chair Joseph Ruggiero, Carla DiRuzza, and Alexandria Brangiforte.



Diane DiGiacomo, Carol Pizziferri, and the Rev. Mirek Kowalczyk, Pastor.



Co-Chair Diane DiGiacomo, Paul Racki, Co-Chair Jayne Biagiotti, Laura Keegan, Alessia Schiavuzzo, Alyssa Carrano, and Giuseppe Cincinnato.



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### ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This is a wonderful time of the year, to paraphrase the song, with holiday music playing in the malls and on our car radios, resurrecting our earliest childhood memories -- even for the younger set -- of Christmases-past.

We choose just the right tree, decorate it carefully with our family-heirloom ornaments, and when we first turn on the lights, it brings a smile even to the oldest among us.

Despite the hectic rushing to and fro, everybody it seems, is in a good mood. We endure the traffic, the long lines in stores, and more, because we know that what we are doing will bring joy and happiness to others.

For those of us with young children, we get to see Christmas through their eyes, giving us a second-chance to experience the wonder and joy that we felt when we were their age.

Although all of us celebrate Christmas in our own way, the common thread is one of peace, joy, and happiness, regardless of religious or secular beliefs. Whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or a Seinfeldian Festivus, the spirit of the season imbues us with a sense of togetherness that (unfortunately) only comes once a year.

We wish all of our readers a happy holiday season.

### ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS -- SAFELY

Christmas this year is part of what for many people will be a four-day weekend, which means that for many of us, we will be indulging in the "Christmas spirit" early and often.

By no means do we wish to cast negative thoughts, but we would be remiss if we did not remind all of our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend safely. This especially means that we should be careful not to drink and drive, not only as to ourselves, but also as to those whom we know and love.

If someone appears to be under the influence, it is incumbent upon all of us not to let that person get behind the wheel of a car. Call an Uber if you have to -- if it is within our ability to prevent a tragedy, we must be sure to do so.



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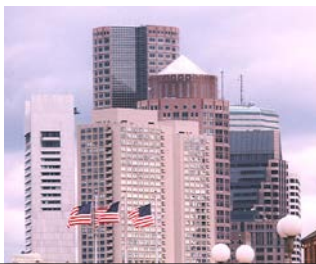
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only to enhance marketing initiatives, but to collaborate on events like the one at the Kennedy.

"Franklin has long been a supporter of the Red Sox Foundation's philanthropic efforts, and we are pleased to now extend that partnership to the Red Sox," said Red Sox Executive Vice President Troup Parkinson. "We couldn't think of a more natural partner - a local company with ties to MLB and a commitment to the New England community."

After the event Goncalves realized the Red Sox Foundation and Franklin Sports were spreading holiday cheer through different acts of kindness and using the social media hashtag #giftsofsox. "They were all over the city

last Wednesday and even taking donation ideas from people who were tweeting and following the hashtag," explained Goncalves. "We were equally as shocked as we were overjoyed to receive the donation from Franklin Sports through the Red Sox Foundation for an overhaul of our gym equipment. For the students, the experience of beginning school with Wally and Tessie and seeing all of the new equipment left at our building left them buzzing with excitement. I am so happy that we were gifted this donation to contribute to an even stronger health and wellness program for the Kennedy. We now have a healthy variety of equipment to use throughout the year."



Students receive high fives from beloved Boston Red Sox mascot Wally.



Boston Red Sox mascot Tessie greets Patrick J. Kennedy School students as they head into school.



Boston Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie bring in the new gym equipment the Red Sox Foundation and Franklin Sports donated to the Patrick J. Kennedy School last week.

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from developer and restaurateur Paul Roiff for \$14.75 million.

The owners recently announced they have retained Attorney Richard Lynds to help get the project to construct a 123-room boutique-style hotel over the goal line.

Lynds told the ZBA his client plans to honor the design and concept put forth by Roiff's team when they owned the property. That concept included a boutique-style hotel with amenities like a full-service restaurant or cafe on the ground level that would breathe new life into the neighborhood.

Lynds understood the frustration from the community about nothing being done to the building since it was purchased from Roiff.

"There's a lot of talk in the community about why the delay," said Lynds. "As most of you know there are a number of telecommunication antennas on the roof of the building. The owners have been in a long dialogue with the owner of the antennas on how to best relocate them on the roof to make it more aesthetically pleasing. These antennas are part of a telecommunication easement. You cannot evict them from the building because they are the owners of the space they occupy on the building's roof."

Lynds told the ZBA the telecommunication equipment will remain on the roof, but be moved to the middle so it will be less visible.

Another reason for the delay is that the Patels have applied for a Historic Renovation Tax Credit as part of the project.

"While the building doesn't strike you as a historic building there is some significance and history to the property," Lynds said of the old shoe factory. "It does have some historic value in the neighborhood and applying and receiving tax credit funding ensures that the redevelopment of the building is done in a way that respects the property's history and is incorporated into the hotel's design."

The owners said they have been working with the Architectural Commission to bring back the original windows that were part of the building in the 1920s.

As far as a timeline Lynds said he is hopeful that can get full building permits issued before the end of the year.

"The owners are eager to get this off the ground, each day that construction is not happening is costing them money," said Lynds. "This is something that won't take forever once the permits are issued."

## Edwards //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In an interview with Edwards on Tuesday morning, the city councilor said, "Above all else, development has been a major concern for residents here."

"I feel as though all eyes are on us, with development projects like Suffolk Downs and others, and people are looking at whether or not we are going to navigate as a community or be torn apart as a community when it comes to development," she said.

Edwards said Eastie's last master plan was completed eighteen years ago so in May she called for a new neighborhood plan to tackle issues such as housing affordability, transportation and climate resiliency. The Boston Planning and Development Agency has since announced PLAN: East Boston, a multi-year initiative to solicit resident feedback about planning and zoning for the area, and the council has, in partnership with city agencies and community groups, held multiple hearings.

However, Edwards said one of her proudest and most pivotal moments so far as a city councilor came when she held the first community-wide Master Plan meeting.

"I think we sent a signal with that meeting," she said. "We had the hearing and the community showed up in a way we haven't seen in a while calling for a plan and change. There was a real unified sense of community in that room. I think the signal that night was that the community intends to be part of every discussion and every dialogue when it comes to development and we are not

going to sit back and be told how it is going to be. So when developers see that unification and willingness to come together I think in many cases they have been listening more to the standards that we want to set for East Boston."

Edwards, who has made 'smart development' part of her agenda for the first year, said developers are not 'evil,' but there was a lack of guidance and community standards so development was sort of all over the map.

"The community process is not just a box to be checked off before heading to the BPDA or the Zoning Board," said Edwards. "We, the residents here, are an important part of the process and developers have begun to realize they will develop in a way with standards that made sense for not only themselves but for the community as a whole."

In November, the Zoning Board enacted an interim zoning overlay, which allows for greater review of development during the next two years while long-term zoning is established.

"We look forward to collaborating with the City and community to best define our neighborhood for generations to come," said Edwards.

Aside from development, Edwards has tackled short-term rentals like AirBNBs, working on legislation to help seniors on fixed incomes pay back taxes, as well as reexamining entities that take part in the city's PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program.

While she's tackled tough issues and been going non-stop since taking office, Edwards said the job has taught her a few important lessons.

"One of things I've learned is a great deal of humility," she said. "At the end of the day my job is truly about listening and learning from folks about what they are dealing with. Some people want to vent but most genuinely and honestly have no place to turn and are calling me or my office, sometimes as a last result. I never thought nor did I realize how emotionally connected I'd become to so many people in the District."

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# NOAH ANNUAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

## A LOT TO CELEBRATE

Last Thursday at Spinelli’s Banquet Hall in East Boston the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing held its Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. The annual event gives NOAH the opportunity to reflect on the past year and highlight the agency’s progress, programs and accomplishments for 2018.

PHOTOS BY JOHN LYND



Ashley Martinez and Itzel Hernandez.



NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffie (right) talks with guests.



Buddy Mangini and Ernani DeAraujo.



NOAH's Gabriela Ramirez and Kaylee Aguilar.



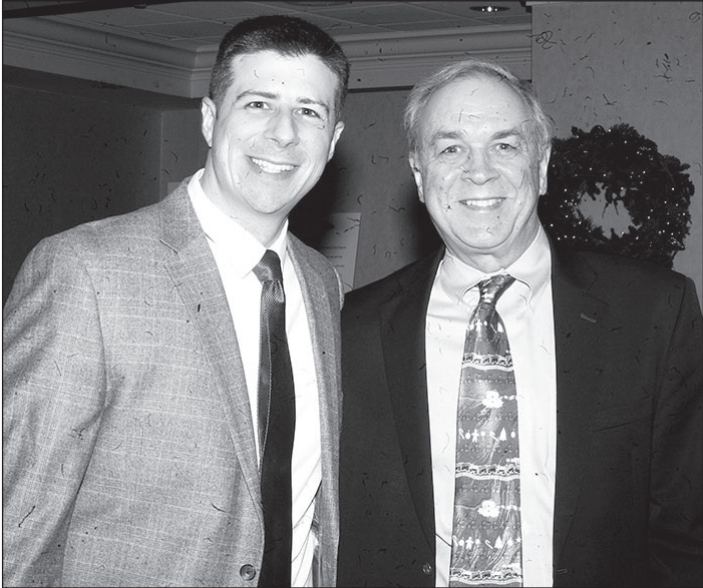
Robert Schmidt, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Patty D'Amore, and Fran Riley.



NOAH's Linda and Liz Gruber.



Consulate General of El Salvador Ruddy Lazo and NOAH's Manlio Mendez.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffie.



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Above: NOAH's Melinda Vega and Gabriela Boscio.  
Left: NOAH Board Co-Presidents Lauren DeMayo and Mike Lake.



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# EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Reindeers pranced onto stage and Magi delivered gifts to the infant Jesus during East Boston Central Catholic School’s holiday concert, The Best Christmas of All, on December 14. With jubilant dancing and endearing kisses to family in the audience, little ones sang about sleigh rides, and how friends and family are what make Christmas wonderful. “This was outstanding. They did a great job,” said Ron Pardi, Music Teacher. “I’m glad parents were here with us.”

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Grade 1 singing, “Must be Santa.”



Grades 1-3 singing, “The Best Christmas of All.”



Above: Cherubs singing, “Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer.”  
Left: Second-graders, Alanna Newhook, Luciana Malpica, and Stephanie Londono.



Sofia Carballo performing, “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear.”



Third graders, Adriana Puerta, Gia Allen, Kayla Gomes, Lillian Ezaquial-Blake, Isabella Santoro, and Thomas Rossi, singing, “Frosty the Snowman.”



Mr. Ron Pardi, music teacher.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

EVENING PRAYER (VESPERS) AT OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

On Friday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will hold Evening Prayer" (Vespers). Holden Vespers" is a beautiful, contemporary setting for this ancient liturgy of songs, prayer and quiet meditation. Candles are lit in the darkness of December to signal the advent of the Lord.

Christmas Eve: Lessons and carols by candlelight. Monday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 28 Paris Street, East Boston (617) 569-6236 or (857) 210-3634

UFOS UNFINISHED OBJECTS, AN ATLANTIC WORKS GROUP SHOW

Join us at Atlantic Works Gallery for an Artists Reception on Thursday, Jan. 17, 6-9 p.m.

Gallery Hours will be Fridays and Saturdays, 2-6 p.m. or by appointment

Put on your winter art-smart-fun hat and come on over to Atlantic Works Gallery to witness a superb collection of UFOs. With a bit of nudging, our artists have agreed to show the public works-in-progress. Not an ordinarygallery-going experience! You will have a unique behind-the-scene look at the process of making art, be invited to give us your two

cents, and collaborate in constructive completion.

You'll see a few extraordinary sculptures searching for the perfect base; a drawing that may be begging for one more line; an almost-done painting waiting for a few more dabs of yellow. We'll have clipboards, pencils and paper for visitors to leave comments.

If you'd like to hear how artist's critique fellow artists' work, our Artist Reception on Jan. 17, will be both an opportunity to listen to thoughtful people and a warm winter party on the East Boston waterfront.

GRACE CHURCH NEWS POSTED

Grace Church Federated is a United Church of Christ and Episcopal church located at 760 Saratoga Street, East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for our Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour. We also have a Food Pantry open to all East Boston residents, every Saturday from 10 a.m. – noon. For additional information regarding our church services or food pantry, please visit our website: gracechurcheastie.org

EAST BOSTON TECH MEETUP

The purpose of the East Boston Tech Meetup is to build a community of people currently working in tech or those aspiring to move into a tech career who live or work in East Boston. These meetings will be held in the heart

of Maverick Landing conveniently located steps from the Maverick T station, in the Maverick Landing Meeting House at 31 Liverpool Street.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

The class will be held at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Winthrop for residents age 55 and above.

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For info call 617-846-8538.

EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER'S SENIOR PROGRAM NOW OFFERING SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Senior Program at the East Boston Social Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednesday at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

EAST BOSTON SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

If you are 60+ years of age, the East Boston Social Cen-

ters at 68 Central Square in East Boston has a table and a meal waiting for you!

The Senior Lunch Program sponsored by ETHOS Congregate Meal Program provides a hot, nutritious lunch, along with wonderful socialization, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A suggested donation of \$2 is asked.

We welcome seniors from our East Boston Community and surrounding areas.

SOCIAL CENTERS SENIOR LUNCH

If you are age 65+, The East Boston Social Centers at 68 Central Square in East Boston has a table and a meal waiting for you. The Senior Lunch Program Sponsored by Kit Clark Senior Services provides a hot, nutritious lunch along with wonderful socialization Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. A suggested donation of \$2 is asked.

LENDING A HELPING HAND



Joseph Cinelli who lives in East Boston and grew up in this area, worked with the Neighborhood PACE staff decorating the center for the holidays. Joseph has been involved in theater and education for his whole career. He helps out quite frequently at the center with any decorating/arts/crafts projects. He also helps decorate the staff doors and sometimes even makes costumes for our events (such as our yearly themed barbecue). This year's theme was 'The Nutcracker'.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Association  
First Monday of every month  
6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron St.

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 Ashley St.

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.

EAST BOSTON YACHT CLUB, HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.  
HOLIDAY POT LUCK

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the East Boston Yacht Club, the Harbor View Neighborhood Association held its annual Holiday Pot Luck party. HVNA members brought some of their favorite creations, deserts and other treats. The event included food, drinks, music and a raffle.

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Skip and Dottie Marcella.



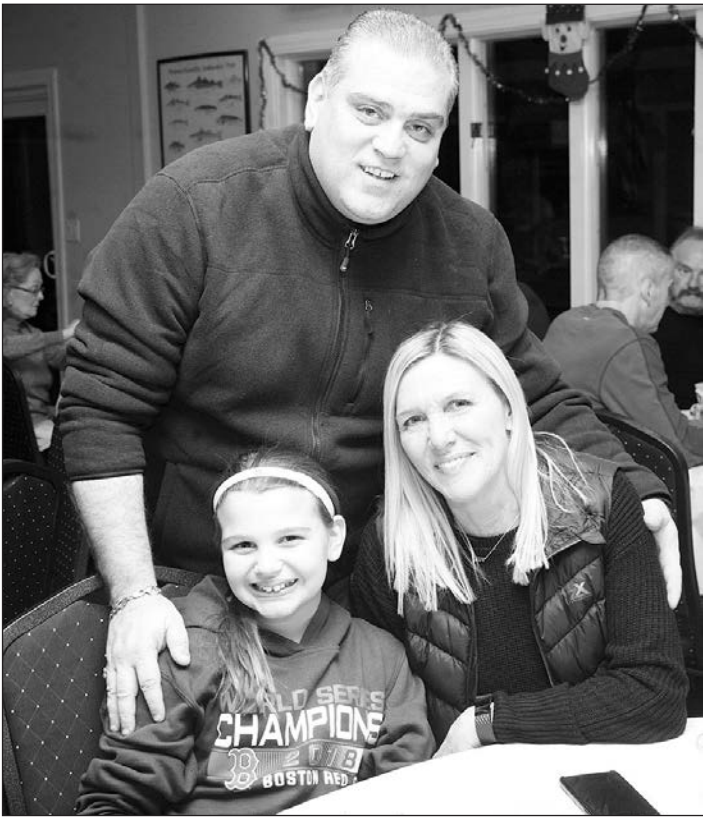
HVNA members enjoy the wide array of treats at last week's holiday Pot Luck.



HVNA members check out the tickets for the upcoming raffle.



Debbi White, Matt Barison, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Melissa Campbell and Rich Scaramozza.



Phil Brangiforte with his wife, Carrie, and daughter, Alexandria.



Alex Fregeau, Etta Manning and Doreen Manning.



Skip Marcella, John Kennedy and Rep. Adrian Madaro.



JEFFRIES POINT PRIDE

HOLIDAY COLLABORATION

On Monday, Dec. 10, at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association held its Annual Holiday Pot Luck Party. JPNA members cooked, baked and brought some of their favorite creations like homemade pasta dishes, deserts and other treats. Local businesses also donated food and elected officials contributed by bringing food from local favorites like.

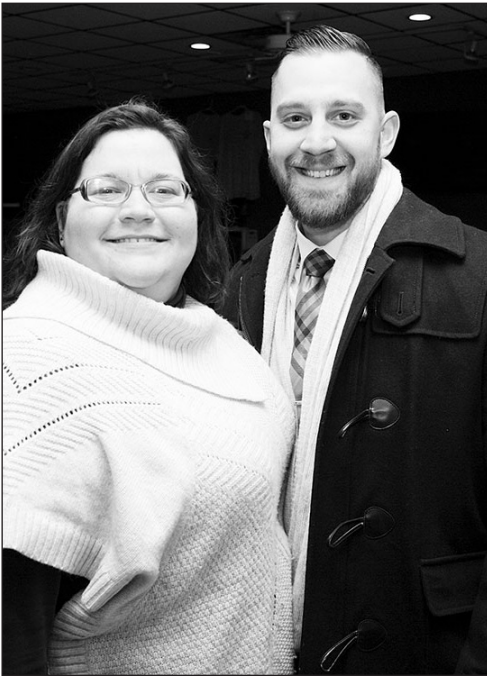
PHOTOS BY JOHN LYNDS



Rob Pyles (right) and friends enjoy home cooked food during last week's JPNA's Annual Pot Luck and Holiday Party.



Karen Maddalena and Patty D'Amore.



Margaret Farmer and Jason Ruggiero.



Kannan Thiruvengadam, City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Mary Cole and Yahya Noor.



Mario Giampieri and Josh Weinstein.



Above: The event even included an arts and crafts table for neighborhood children.

Left: Dave Aiken and Kannan Thiruvengadam.



Right: Dan Bailey and Ron Stoia.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ELDERS ASKED ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

CHELSEA – There has been no shortage of discussion about what people think about public transportation service in Chelsea, but many of those conversations don't always include the elderly, and that is one of the largest populations to use the service. Last week, GreenRoots staff and a graduate student from Boston University gathered to speak to seniors in a multi-lingual, confidential discussion about what needs to be improved. "We wanted to have this conversation because so many seniors depend on public transportation," said Sarah Levy of GreenRoots. "We want to know what is working and what is not working. We hope this will bring a conversation on how to improve public transportation for you all. It's not going to be us coming one time and going away." The group was lively and many seniors turned out for the meeting. Some of the answers were unique to the older population. "The strollers are often a problem for us," said one woman. "Seniors get on with canes or walkers and the baby strollers block the space. When the bus starts going, they can't get to a seat because the strollers slow them down. They can fall down." Added one woman, "I would suggest that they have strollers get on in back. That gives more space for seniors in the front." Another request was to educate the young people and adults about getting up to provide a seat for an elderly person. "I hope the T can have an educational campaign to bet-

ter let young people know that they are supposed to get up and provide a seat for an elderly or handicapped person," said one man. By and large, though, the biggest complaint for seniors was the infrequent service and the inaccurate time schedule. "If you don't come at the right time, you have to wait another hour," said one woman. "The 111 is usually ok, but the 116, 117 and 112 are always late and they are too crowded. Sometimes you can't get on because it's full and then you have to wait an hour for another bus." Added another woman, "Many people are left behind because the buses are so crowded. They are left standing there in the cold because there is no room for them." Other major concerns were: •There needs to be more places to get a Charlie Card in Chelsea. •The MBTA needs to schedule a time to come to Chelsea to do photos for Senior ID Passes. •There needs to be more regular 111 buses and fewer 111C buses. •The Chelsea loop bus to the Mystic Mall needs to be more predictable, and it needs to also go to the Parkway Plaza.

RINCONS LIQUOR LICENSE SUSPENDED

CHELSEA – Rincons Latinos Restaurant on Washington Avenue has been no stranger to appearing before the Licensing Commission over the past several months. At the Thursday, Dec. 6 meeting, it was a case of enough was enough for the licensing commissioners, as they voted to suspend the 373 Washington Ave. restaurant's

liquor license for eight days. The suspension, largely leveled for repeated instances of exceeding the posted capacity of the establishment, will be served during four weekends over December and January. A police inspection in October found 42 people in the restaurant, well above the posted occupancy limit of 17. Police officials also claimed there was missing signage and insufficient lighting in the restaurant. Attorney John Dodge, representing Orlando Pineda of Rincons Latinos, argued that his client is planning to install a second handicap accessible bathroom in the restaurant. That move would double the occupancy limit of Rincons Latinos from 17 to 34, he said. "That is the only thing that has been reducing the occupancy level in the restaurant," said Dodge. "It isn't a safety concern in regard to (the number of people) in the restaurant." "It's just breaking the law and not following rules," countered Mark Rossi, the Licensing Commission chairman. Dodge said Pineda is doing his best to run a business and will spend upwards of \$7,500 to install the new bathroom to comply with regulations. "Mr. Pineda has put his life and soul into the place, and he lives right upstairs," Dodge said. Dodge also noted that the police withdrew a previous charge against the restaurant from the fall that people were illegally bringing cases of beer into and out of the restaurant. "Mr. Pineda and his brother Ricardo are trying to do the right thing," Dodge said. "They are doing their best to increase the occupancy. I question the fundamental fairness (of the charges)."

Commission member James Guido took exception to Dodge's accusation of unfairness. "They have had plenty of chances," he said. "The biggest complaint now is the occupancy and we are going to try to deal with that." Commission member and Inspectional Services Director Mike McAteer said he has been dealing with the occupancy issue and plans for an additional bathroom since July with no movement on the issue from the Pinedas. Rossi said Dodge was basically taking a "no harm, no foul" approach to the occupancy violations and that the Pinedas have not made enough effort to address them over the past six months. "The explanation has been, ehhehe, it's a big enough place and nobody got hurt," Rossi said. "They have not taken the proper steps to alleviate the matter. Now, you are saying give me more time so

I can try to make this right." The commission members battled around several possible punishments, from a 30-day license suspension to outright revocation, before deciding on the eight-day suspension meted out over four weekends. Rossi said if the establishment violates the 17-person occupancy limit before approval for expanding to 34 people, it will be subject to license revocation proceedings. In other business, the commission took its annual vote to allow extended New Year's Eve hours to 2 a.m. The commission also approved giving a six-month extension to Samir, Inc. to find a new location to use a wine and malt beverage license. **BACK TO DRAWING BOARD FOR ISD ORDINANCE** EVERETT – It's back to the drawing board for a plan

to amend an ordinance that would change how the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) handles pre-occupancy inspections for landlords looking to rent vacant apartment units. Over the past six months, Councilor-At-Large Michael Marchese has been pushing forward a plan that would give landlords more leeway to prevent apartment inspections without first notifying the landlord. The proposed change has raised the ire of James Soper, the City's Inspectional Services Director, as well as public safety personnel. The major issue has been the wording in the ordinance which requires the City to notify landlords before conducting an inspection. In effect, Soper and Fire Chief Tony Carli said this would prevent tenants from requesting an inspection if an

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Real Estate Transfers

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Perez, Jeronimo	Barry J Southworth Sr	455 Meridian St	\$920,000
Munroe, Tyler P	Scrivano, Damian N	139 Princeton St	\$565,000
Mccarthy, Tatiana	Don Q Real Estate Dev	112 Putnam St	\$595,000
Napolitano, Joseph	420 Saratoga St LLC	420 Saratoga St	\$437,000
Altamira Banquets LLC	Tan FT	964 Saratoga St	\$1,200,000
Hayward, Elizabeth B	Mclaughlin, Matthew T	189 Trenton St #1	\$420,000
Smith, Matthew L	189 Trenton Street LLC	189 Trenton St #2	\$675,000
Shearholdt, Daniel	189 Trenton Street LLC	189 Trenton St #5	\$485,000
Murphy, Mary K	Miller, Mark P	81 Webster St	\$923,725

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OBITUARIES

Yvonne Leone

Of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston

Yvonne M. Leone of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Friday, Dec. 14. She was 82 years old.

The cherished daughter of the late James and Blanche (Forrest) Thornell, she was the loving mother of Carmen Leone and his wife, Diane, John Leone and his wife, Donna and the late Michael and Gary Leone; adored grandmother of Nicole Fogarty and her husband, Matthew, Monique Leone, Amanda Leone, Ashley Leone, Michael Leone, John Leone, and Karissa Sabatino and cherished great-grandmother of Aiden, Brynn, Sienna, Cameron, Mikaila, Dom, Paul, Bella, Jayanna and Brayden. She was the caring sister of Frances, Annette, and the late Fred, Donald, Wally, Jimmy and Joan and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.



A Memorial Service will be held in honor of Yvonne's life at St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley St. East Boston on Friday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Yvonne's memory to the Revere League for Special Needs, 200 Winthrop Ave Revere, MA 02151. For guest-book and directions please visit [www.vazzafunerals.com](http://www.vazzafunerals.com)

Phyllis Bettano

Of Malden, formerly of East Boston

Phyllis A. (Poto) Bettano of Malden, formerly of East Boston, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 15. She was 96 years old.

The beloved wife of the late Roy J. Bettano, she was the loving mother of Joseph Bettano of Lynnfield, Doreen Iovanna and her husband, Bob and Roy Bettano, all of Malden, Kenneth Bettano and his wife, Michelle of Melrose and Christine Iannillo of Winthrop; dear sister of Eleanor T. Hitchings of Revere and the late Theresa M. Meads; cherished grandmother of Jason and his wife, Setefanie, Robert and his wife, Denisse, Kerri, Alaina, Skylar, Danielle, Carly, Darryl and his wife, Holly. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Phyllis's life by gathering in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere today, Wednesday,



Dec. 19 at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St Joseph -St Lazarus Church in East Boston for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 10 a.m. Interment is private. Please omit flowers. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. For guest book and directions: [www.vazzafunerals.com](http://www.vazzafunerals.com)

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inspection is taking place in another unit and would limit inspections of units where inspectors believe there may be an emergency situation, such as a fire or gas leak.

"I'm asking you not to change the ordinance," said Carli at Monday night's City Council meeting. "It is one of the biggest tools we have to fight problems in homes."

Marchese countered that his proposal has nothing to do with safety. He said inspectional services is required to do an inspection before occupancy of a vacant unit and any common areas in a building.

"They are supposed to do an inspection so it is safe for new tenants, so I am not sure what the issue is," he said.

What the ordinance does do is prevent inspectors from entering other parts of a building, or other units, without first contacting the landlord.

"We have no intention of running amok," said Soper.

But, he added inspectors should have the right to inspect an area if they believe there is an illegal unit or if they are asked to inspect a unit by another tenant.

"The change (the councilor) does not seem to be getting is the wording in Section D, which limits inspectors to go into another apartment if asked," Soper said.

He said Marchese's changes would also violate state law.

Ward 1 Councilor Fred Capone presented an amendment to Marchese's proposed changes that he said would be fairer to tenants and still help protect the rights of landlords. That amendment will be taken up in committee before coming back to the Council for a vote.

"The intent is to stop tenants from piggybacking on apartment inspections," Capone said. Unless it was an emergency situation, Capone said tenants would have to contact Inspectional Services for a separate visit.

Soper said he would be happy to give more input into Capone's amendment in committee.

"I feel bad that the councilor (Marchese) spent six months on this, when it should have been stopped from day one," said Ward 5 Councilor Rosa DiFlorio. "I want to make sure we do not put language on the books that is not enforceable."

•In other business, the Council voted to postpone a request from the mayor to transfer funds between several City department salary accounts.

The Council did accept a \$1,000 donation from Schnitzer Steel Industries for the city's toy drive, and a donation of \$600 from the Carmen A. Schiavo Association for the city's Department of Veteran Services.

•In the plastic bag realm, the Council had a first hearing of an effort to ban thin plastic bags, a ban similar to the one in Boston that goes into effect this Friday, Dec. 14.

The Everett ordinance would now go to committee for further discussion. One aspect, however, that was stressed by councilors is that any retailer who has a surplus of plastic bags would have one year after the enacted ban to use them up without getting fined. A similar ban in Chelsea was pushed back last year by many retailers who said it would levy more costs upon them.

CITY ANNOUNCES  
WINTER STORM PLANS

EVERETT - With the snow season now upon us, the City is well prepared for both snow removal and emergency measures. The Mayor recently met with his senior staff to ensure that the procedures, staffing, and supplies for snow removal and parking enforcement are effectively in place.

The City has reaffirmed their strategy for notifying residents of parking bans. Parking bans and restrictions will be implemented and enforced ahead of storms to ensure that cars have been removed before the snowfall, so that plows can properly

remove snow from streets. Once the decision has been made to declare a snow emergency, the information will be made available to residents through robo calls, postings on ECTV, social media, website and by the activation of the blue emergency lights along main arteries. Residents can also call 311 for any information.

For this snow season, December 2018 - March/April of 2019, the year used for parking bans will be 2019 - an odd numbered year - thus vehicles should park on the ODD side of the street. For secondary streets, where parking is normally allowed on both sides, when a snow emergency is called parking is ONLY allowed on the side of the street were the house numbers are odd. This would apply for the entire snow season. However, streets that are one-sided parking you must remain on the side that is usually allowed. Always, there is no parking permitted on main arteries during a parking ban.

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Failure to follow parking ban and snow emergency regulations will result in the ticketing and towing of vehicles.

The Code Enforcement Department would also like to remind people when shoveling not to throw snow back into the street. This hinders the efforts of the City to effectively plow our roadways, and is subject to fines. Also, using objects to reserve parking spaces on City streets is prohibited by City ordinance.

The Mayor and his administration ask that all residents help the City achieve a successful snow removal season by following these regulations, and thank everyone in advance for their cooperation. For more information, please call the Mayor's Office at 617-394-2270.

LYNN TAX RATE  
ANNOUNCED

LYNN - The City Council, based on information from the Board of Assessors, set the tax rate for fiscal year 2019. Taxpayers can expect to see the results in their January 2019 tax bill. The average residential bill will go up by \$123 and the average tax bill should be about \$4,656.

The FY19 residential tax rate is \$14.30 per \$1,000 of valuation, as opposed to FY18 tax rate of \$15.15. The FY19 commercial tax rate is \$27.61 per \$1,000 of valuation, as opposed to \$29.45 in FY18.

"Overall, in the past few years there has been a large increase in residential valuation," said Christopher Gaeta, director of assessing for the city of Lynn.

The average single-family home value rose 8.82 percent, from \$299,200 in FY18 to \$325,600 in FY19. Condo sales are also up 8.11 percent and 2-3-family home values are up 13.52 percent.

The total taxable assessed value for FY19 is \$8,318,577,009. Residential real estate makes up 88.92 percent of the taxable property. Commercial real estate is 6.66 percent, industrial is 1.93 and personal property is 2.85 percent.

"Lynn really is a bedroom community," Gaeta said. "Apartment building values are also up 22 percent."

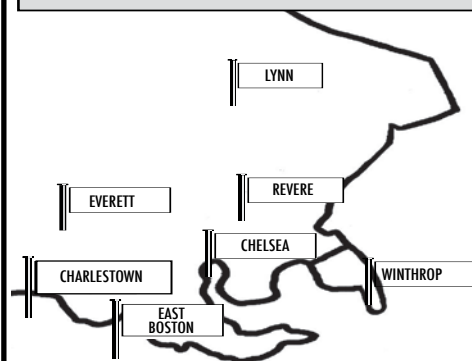
Residential real estate values rose 11.72 percent from \$6,620,907,645 in FY18 to \$7,397,015,205 in FY19.

The median commercial real estate values rose 7.96 percent, from \$302,900 in FY18 to \$327,000 in FY19. The median industrial value also rose 5.85 percent from \$345,400 to \$365,600.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 Docket No. SU18P2620PM  
In the matter of: Elisabeth H. Bussey Of: East Boston, MA  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Namar E. Bussey of Roxbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Elisabeth H. Bussey is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Namar E. Bussey of Roxbury, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If

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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

<b>Monday, December 3, 2018</b> No Arrests	<b>Friday, December 7, 2018</b> No Arrests
<b>Tuesday, December 4, 2018</b> 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 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	<b>Saturday, December 8, 2018</b> 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
<b>Wednesday, December 5, 2018</b> No Arrests	<b>Sunday, December 9, 2018</b> 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 who has attained 14
<b>Thursday, December 6, 2018</b> 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	

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