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#### Eastie's The Harborkeepers receives Barr Foundation grant

By John Lynds

East Boston resident Magdalena Ayed founded The Harborkeepers with the goal of working to improve environmental justice, harbor stewardship and access to the neighborhood's 15 miles of coastline.

"Our mission is building coastal community resiliency and environmental advocacy in East Boston through engagement, education and stewardship," said Ayed. "This is a very grassroots effort. We have been out there cleaning the harbor. It's a uniting community activity. We want a vision of the waterfront to be the vision of the community."

Last week the Barr Foundation announced The Harborkeepers was one of 27 Massachusetts nonprofits that would share \$8,994,000 in grant money to support a range of efforts

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#### Walsh, BPDA announce PLAN: **East Boston Advisory Group**

By John Lynds

After a series of successful community workshops that kicked off the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) initiative PLAN: East Boston, Mayor Martin Walsh and the BPDA announced Monday the appointments of 20 residents to the initiative's Advisory Group (AG).

Over the summer Mayor Walsh announced Eastie was chosen as one of five neighborhoods that will be part of the BPDA's planning initiative as part of an Imagine Boston 2030 effort to 'preserve, enhance and grow' the neighbor-

The city plans to work closely with Eastie community groups, community leaders and other stakeholders to ensure decisions made by the

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Volunteers working at Eastie Farm over the summer. Eastie Farm was awarded a grant by the City of Boston's Grassroots Program in the amount of \$100,000 to improve and enhance the urban farm.

# Eastie Farm receives city grant

By John Lynds

A few years ago a vacant city-owned parcel on Sumner Street that had sat idle for decades was finally slated for development by the Department of Neighborhood Development

DND officials met with neighbors through a series of community meetings to get a sense of what the community wanted to see at the site.

Weary of another residential development in Jeffries Point, Eastie resident Kannan Thiruvengadam came forward with friends and neighbors and suggested an 'urban farm' for the vacant lot.

After a bit of negotiations with the city Eastie Farms was established in 2015.

Since then Eastie Farms has worked to improve food access and community resilience by developing interactive urban agricultural spaces where residents of all ages and backgrounds learn to grow healthy, locally grown and culturally relevant foods.

Through a grassroots com-

munity effort residents were able to transform the cityowned lot on into a thriving urban oasis that uses organic growing methods as well as resiliency strategies to grow fresh produce in the neighborhood.

Last week, Mayor Martin Walsh announced \$100,000 in competitive grant funding from the City of Boston's Grassroots Program to Eastie Farm.

The new City of Boston's Grassroots funding will enable Eastie Farm to upgrade their

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# PPSC executive director takes plunge

Birthday fundraiser nets over \$1,500 for Sailing Center

Most people wouldn't dream of spending their birthday

jumping into the freezing Boston Harbor on a cold winter day but that's exactly what Piers Park Sailing (PPSC) Center's



PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo took a plunge into the chilly Boston Harbor on his birthday to raise money for PPSC

Executive Director Alex De-Fronzo did on his birthday.

To mark his 30th birthday on Saturday, December 30. De-Fronzo emerged from PPSC's trailer dressed in shorts and a life vest and with the water temperature in the low 40's he took the plunge into the harbor as part of his annual birthday fundraiser for the Sailing Cen-

"The online fundraiser totaled \$1,690, which will be used for PPSC's Ocean Science After School program at the Samuel Adams School," said DeFronzo. "The program

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# **Making Progress**

# Gov. Baker talks addiction with EBNHC specialists

By John Lynds

Last Thursday after being sworn in to his second term, Gov. Charlie Baker delivered his inaugural address.

In it, Baker discussed opioid addiction and the steps he and the legislation has taken to combat the substance abuse and mental health issues in the Commonwealth.

"On opioid addiction we've made great progress. But we didn't get into this crisis overnight and we won't get out of it overnight either," said Baker. "The members of this Legislature have been true partners on this issue, enacting two major bills that build on our four pillars of reform: prevention, education, treatment and recovery. Not all that long

ago, families, providers and first-responders had virtually no hope. Today, we're one of a handful of states that can say that overdose deaths have dropped since 2017. There are interventions and policy changes that have worked and others that show promise. We also added initiatives like credentialed recovery coaches that will be coming online throughout 2019 and beyond. Dealing with opioid addiction is enormously difficult."

Shortly after making those remarks Gov. Baker headed over to the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to see firsthand one program that seems to be working to combat addiction.

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## Rep. Madaro sworn in

By John Lynds

Last week at the Massachusetts State House Rep. Adrian Madaro was sworn in to his second full term as the East Boston's state representative.

Madaro will serve another two-year term representing the neighborhood's 14 pre-

After being sworn in Madaro sat down with the East Boston Times to reflect on the past year and some of the issues on the horizon.

In November, Massport CEO Thomas Glynn retired from his post. Madaro is now asking residents what their priorities are for the next head of Massport.

"In November Glynn retire and the Massport board has since been hard at work picking a new CEO to follow in his footsteps," said Madaro. "I want to hear from residents on what they think that Massport and Logan Airport need to focus on. My top priority for the next CEO is to explore new ways to get airport passengers off our streets and onto public transportation, reducing traffic across the neighborhood. That



Rep. Adrian Madaro is sworn in to his second full term as East Boston's state representative.

means making Logan Express easier to use, implementing dedicated bus lanes, improving connectivity from the terminals to Airport Station on the Blue Line, finding ways to reduce the unprecedented levels of Ubers and Lyfts clogging our streets, and looking at innovative ideas like checking bags at North and South

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# Eastie dentist in hot water over Logan Airport road rage incident

Longtime East Boston dentist Dr. Nicholas Franco landed himself in jail Friday morning after he allegedly lost his cool and allegedly punched an elderly cabbie at Logan Airport.

State Police from Logan's Troop F arrested Franco, 66, who runs East Boston Dental Associates on Meridian Street, and charged him with assault and battery upon an elderly person over 60 or disabled person

The charges stem from an incident Friday just before 9 a.m. at intersection of Jeffries Road at Transportation Way at

According to State Police, the 86-year-old victim, who later came forward to report-

ers and identified himself as Charles Touroyan, said Franco allegedly cut him off. Franco than allegedly stopped his gray Mercedes in front of Touroyan's cab at a traffic light on Harborside Drive.

Touroyan told State Troopers Franco then allegedly exited his vehicle and walked over to Touroyan's cab. Touroyan said he exited his vehicle and the two engaged in a verbal altercation, which allegedly led to Franco pulling the victims glasses off his face, pushing him to the ground and striking him in the torso. Franco then got back into his vehicle and left the scene.

"The guy came out and pushed me and hit me and I went down," Touroyan told reporters after the attack. "I was shocked, I couldn't get up. I tried to get up and couldn't do it, and that's all.'

Touroyan took down Franco's license plate number and reported the incident to State Troopers who later tracked down Franco.

According to the State Trooper's report, Franco told police he did grab Touroyan's glasses but denied assaulting the cabbie. He said he did this so Touroyan could not see and would 'leave him alone'.

Franco said when he tried to leave Touroyan charged at him so he pushed the cabbie away.

However, according to the State Police surveillance video supported Touroyan's side of the story.

Touroyan was transported by Boston EMS to Mass. General Hospital for a medical evaluation after the incident and later returned to work.

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On Suffolk Downs Madaro the city have been holding a series of community meetings on the project, with folks from across Eastie giving their feedback.

"In addition to new residential and commercial space, the proposal includes forty acres of open space that can double as storm-surge retention during severe weather events," said Madaro. "We've heard a lot from East Boston residents concerning traffic, housing, and the environment. I'm committed to seeing a Suffolk Downs development that grows our neighborhood equitably, with robust traffic mitigation, public transportation options, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, and a sizable affordable-housing stock to make this new site accessible to people of all income levels."

Finally Madaro touched upon the traffic issues that have been plaguing Eastie since MassDOT removed the Sumner Tunnel Toll Plaza, installed All Electronic Tolling



Rep. Madaro with his wife, Ariel, mother, Debra Cave, and father, Jacopo Madaro.

and reconfigured the tunnel's plaza.

The Times has reported extensively on the situation and Madaro vows to push Mass-DOT to solve the problem this

"While construction is still ongoing, and its completion will hopefully make the traffic pattern a bit better, we still haven't gotten the answers that our neighborhood deserves," said Madaro. "MassDOT needs a plan for East Boston, a plan that will alleviate tunnel traffic and shift North Shore commuters off our neighborhood streets and back onto the highways or public transportation. My office is still waiting to hear back from MassDOT about holding a community meeting on this issue in January. Transportation remains a top priority for me, and I will continue pushing for better solutions in the new legislative session."

#### HVNA votes down Wordsworth Street project

By John Lynds

Despite making several concessions and changes to the project at 68-70 Wordsworth St. to appease abutters Harbor View Neighborhood Association members still voted down the project at the group's January meeting.

The proposal was to erect a building and the single-family

five-unit residential dwelling with four parking spaces on a vacant lot. The group voted 21 to 12 against the project even though the developer worked with abutters to reduce the number of units and move the building to other side of the lot in order to create a 13 ft. buffer between the proposed

home next door.

The developer also agreed to landscape the backyard and remove or prune trees that were a nuisance to abutters behind the project. Despite all these concessions and some support from abutters the group as a whole still rejected the project.

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city are following the guiding principles of "preserves wisely, enhances equitably, and grows inclusively"

The Advisory Group announced this week (see list) is comprised of residents who represent Eastie's diverse community, and includes representatives from each of the six civic associations.

According to the BPDA Director Brian Golden the 20 member group will help

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resentatives, housing activists, environmental and open space advocates, a real estate agent, an architect, and community experts. One-third of the member-

ship is either Spanish-speaking or of the Latino Commu-"We congratulate the members selected, and thank the

many qualified nominees who stepped forward," said Golden. "We greatly appreciate looking forward to working with the East Boston commu-

As part of the initiative in Eastie comprehensive planning will include a focus on balancing contextually-sensitive development alongside preservation. There will also be a focus on supporting existing residents and businesses through increased access to opportunity, affordability strategies, and anti-displacement policies.

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public realm and access to open space and neighborhood-serving amenities, addressing mobility challenges, and supporting neighborhood resiliency and preparing for climate change. The city will work with the

community in Eastie's half dozen enclaves with a focus on the the neighborhoods here that are facing increased development pressures. Working with the community the city will determine a shared vision for the future of the neighborhood. Community discussion will focus on preservation of the existing residential fabric, the interest in this planning enhancement of the vitality initiative and the commitment of existing residential comto the neighborhood. We are munities and businesses, anti-displacement strategies for residents and businesses, connectivity along the waterfront, mobility, and flood protection and climate resiliency.

Last year the BPDA approved an Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) for Eastie's existing residential neighborhoods. An IPOD is an interim zoning tool that is used to maintain increased public review and community voice in the evaluation of proposed new development during a planning process.

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that, among other goals, seek to develop a diverse pipeline of educators, strengthen leadership networks in the social sector, build organizational, and create public spaces that promote health, happiness, and well-being.

The Harborkeepers received \$50,000 to support coastal community resiliency and environmental advocacy in Eastie.

"We are extremely grateful that the Barr Foundation has extended this grant to the Harborkeepers," said Ayed. "Our work has reached thousands of people in East Boston and beyond with innovative climate-based and environmental programming and advoca-

Ayed said ship-building across sectors and meaningful, consistent community engagement is at the core of the Harborkeepers mission in the community.

"The Barr Foundation understands deeply how funding grassroots community-based organizations like ours is not only very intuitive foundation-based work, but also a key way to create social cohesion and climate equity," said Ayed. "This funding will go very far in creating coastal community resiliency in East Boston and other neighborhoods in Boston."

The Harborkeepers started when Ayed and other residents began getting together to advocate for better waterfront access, as well as begin cleaning Easties shoreline.

On a recent cleanup the group was joined by dozens of volunteers to clean Condor Street Overlook behind Shore Plaza. Nearly fifty bags of trash, a shopping cart, half-dozen tires, a bicycle, toys, pieces of rubber, old phones, a TV, and other assorted debris were removed from the Overlook mudflats and all along the shoreline.

This effort was part of other important cleanups conducted in the last two years. The first was the removal of a large amount of pilings and timber which was organized by the City of Boston Urban Wild department. The second was another local volunteer cleanup effort conducted by some concerned residents who decided to take it upon themselves to do what they could to clean up trash in that area.

"The amount of trash that has been collected so far, which is now saved from being washed away by the tides into the harbor, is noteworthy," said Ayed. "However, it is also a wake-up call that a larger multi-stakeholder effort to address marine debris and improve Harborwalk areas on the East Boston waterfront must be a priority.'

Ayed said living in Eastie and surrounded by water she felt the need to not only address climate change through stewardship and education but also getting community at large connected to the water through activities like kayaking and coastal cleanups.

#### Advisory Group Members

Debra Cave, Eagle Hill Civic Association President

Mary Cole, Jeffries Point Civic Association Board Member, Friends of East Boston Greenway Member

Ernani DeAraujo, Eagle Hill Civic Association Member, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Vice President Regulatory Affairs, East Boston YMCA Board Member

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15 Casey Silvia, Jeffries Point Resident, Commonwealth Of Massachusetts Assistant District Attorney

16 Tiana Tassinari, Harborview Neighborhood Resident, Boston Public School Educator

17 Kannan Thiruvengadam, Jeffries Point Resident, Eastie Farm Founder, Friends of East Boston Greenway Member

18 Thomson Vou, Maverick Central Neighborhood Association Treasurer, Boston Water and Sewer Commission IT Project Man-

John Walkey, Green-19 roots Waterfront Initiative Coordinator, Eagle Hill Resident

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is for 4th and 5th graders and students learn about marine life and do experiments in the Adams STEM Lab and on the PPSC dock. During the winter most people are not thinking about going out on the harbor so fundraising slows down at the sailing center."

DeFronzo explained that the winter is the time of year that a fundraiser helps a lot with covering payroll for its after school instructors and buying educational supplies.

"PPSC started Ocean Science After School and the EBHS Sailing Team last year, both of which happen in the off-season so PPSC has been doing more off-season fundraising," he said.

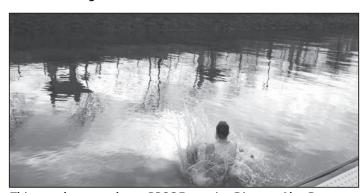
This was the second year in a row that DeFronzo jumped into the harbor off the Sailing Center's docks to raise money for the beloved community program.

"Last year I had to cut a hole in the ice to jump in - this year it has been pretty warm so the harbor hasn't frozen over--although it's still cold," said De-Fronzo. That made the experience quite a bit nicer. I'm also happy to have this new birthday ritual and I am planning on keeping it up. I am hoping that next year some other people might jump in with me. I saw a few volunteers online so I hope they're serious and they take the plunge December 30,

Back when he was a kid at the Sailing Center there was an old tradition of dunking instructors in the Harbor on their birthday. While PPSC has had a lot of success with community fundraising efforts DeFronzo came up with the idea to jump in the cold winter water on his birthday as a fundraiser.



PPSC Exective Director Alex DeFronzo jumps into the water from the Saling Center's docks.



This was the second year PPSC Executive Director Alex De-Fronzo took the plunge on his birthday.



PPSC Executive Director emerges from the cold harbor waters.

DeFronzo said he bounced the idea off of some PPSC co-workers and the board of directors

"I told Mary Cole (board chair) I thought I could raise a couple hundred bucks," said DeFronzo. "She thought I should shoot for a lot more so I set the goal at \$1,000."

The jump was quick and De-Fronzo was in and out of the water in just a few seconds.

"All of us that work at PPSC truly love the program and would do anything for it...I would jump in every day if that's what it takes for us to thrive and succeed," he said.

DeFronzo said he plans to jump again this March for the 2018 Shamrock Splash, this time with a big PPSC team by his side and as well as his annual birthday plunge next year.

#### ABCD calls for end to government shutdown with programs funded while wall issue is negotiated

As the government shutdown enters its third week, millions of Americans face life-threatening hunger and hardship, with funding running out for food stamps, tax refunds/credits, WIC, school lunches, and Section 8 and other subsidized housing pro-

Many are already losing the benefit that allows them to purchase food. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP or food stamps, will run out of funds by February. More than 19 million American households - or 39 million people - depend on food stamps to survive.

But right now many grocery stores across the nation are reporting that "EBT" cards issued to SNAP recipients are not being accepted in their online systems - it seems the government has already shut them down.

The shutdown also means that no tax refunds will be made. Hard-working low-income tax-payers who benefit from the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Tax Credit and who depend on early filing to receive their refunds and credits have nowhere to turn.

"We join with our representatives in Congress - in the Senate and the House who call for total restoration of government funding while differences are discussed separately," said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew. "If this shutdown continues, hunger in America will be back big-time. You will have millions of people unable to buy

the food they need to survive. They also won't have access to the hard-earned tax credits they count on to pay for rent, medicine, food and heat at this time of year. Landlords who can't collect rent subsidies may evict them for market-rate renters."

The average benefit for the 19 million households receiving SNAP is \$245 per month. More than 68 percent of SNAP funds go to families with children; 44 percent go to working families. The SNAP program is used in 1.4 million households where veterans live. Without this benefit, children, seniors and the veterans who have selflessly protected our nation will go hungry.

With millions of people losing their consumer power without the benefits that enable them to buy food, the shutdown will have a major impact on groceries and small businesses that serve poor communities where shoppers rely on their SNAP benefits.

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) are not receiving any federal funds during the shutdown. Massachusetts has received funding through January for school lunches through the Child Nutrition Programs funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After that there is no funding for school lunches.

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space in Jeffries Point with a water so we had to impronew water connection, create vise," said Thiruvengadam. a retaining wall, build a tool shed, produce an ADA-compliant ramp, provide stormwater management equipment, build raised garden beds, and update

the landscaping and irrigation. These improvements will beautify the garden, and allow it to be more accessible and engaging to residents, and will support Walsh's urban agriculture agenda, which is designed to increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables in neighborhoods across Boston.

"The Grassroots program supports gardening opportunities in all of Boston's neighborhoods. Green spaces benefit both gardening enthusiasts and neighbors alike by serving as a gathering place and providing opportunities for healthy fresh food right in our backyards," said Walsh. "We are pleased to support the success of the Eastie Farm, and I want to thank the residents of East Boston for their work in turning this once vacant lot into an urban oasis."

When he helped establish Eastie Farms, Thiruvengadam said the statement the community was trying to make is that vacant city-owned land does not have to be a building but it can be greenspace, it can be open space for all to enjoy.

Before last week's grant announcement Thiruvengadam said Eastie Farm and its volunteers had to be creative in order to get water onto the site.

One such plan was helping the neighbors on either side of Eastie Farm on Sumner Street. Thiruvengadam explained how these neighbors were experiencing problems with storm water during heavy rains, a phenomenon that will increase as the climate warms. Thiruvengadam and Eastie Farm volunteers redirected both abutting properties' downspouts onto the Eastie Farms's property in order to gather rainwater. The rain water was collected in large barrels and then used to water the plants and veggies

growing at Eastie Farms. "The lot did not have city

"The neighbors were suffering chronic water damage to their foundations from storm water and when there was too much rain they were having flooding because the water had no place to go. We turned that recaptured rainwater into something good and were able to grow vegetables. I like to call this 'From Extreme Flood to Extreme Food'. We are going to have to deal with extreme precipitation in the future and one way to deal with that is to turn it into something good."

Since transforming the vacant lot Eastie Farm has hosted more than 300 volunteers, donated over 1,000 pounds of fresh produce, herbs, and fruits to food security organizations in Eastie, and given more than 400 seedlings of food-bearing plants as well as gardening supplies to community members engaged in gardening. In 2016, they won the City of Boston Greenovate Award for Community Engagement.

"We at Eastie Farm believe social resiliency can be achieved by people connecting with nature and each other. What better way to do this than by growing flowers and food in spaces that are walkable from

home and open to all? Hundreds of East Boston residents of all walks of life have found the green open spaces we created for them welcoming, entertaining, and educational," said Thiruvengadam. "Both neighborhood youths and school students have found great joy in engaging physically with the space in many ways, from putting seeds in the soil to chasing butterflies. And food-insecure East Boston residents have enjoyed what is otherwise too expensive (fresh, organic, local produce) via the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen and Crossroads Family Shelter, if not by harvesting produce directly at the farm. We thank Mayor Walsh and City of Boston in joining hands with us in the empowerment of our community."

Shani Fletcher, who runs the Grassroots Program at DND, said the city was excited to be investing in this vibrant community effort to increase food access and beautify the neighborhood.

"Eastie Farm really exemplifies the best of community engagement in their work to revitalize this vacant lot, and we are excited to see what they are able to do with the addition of Grassroots funding," she said.

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#### **LETTER** to the Editor

#### **CHARLIE BAKER** IS NOT AN 'ENIGMA'

A story this past week on the eve of Gov. Charlie Baker's State of the State address in the Boston Globe stated that although Gov. Charlie Baker is the most popular governor in the country (he has an approval rating of close to 70 percent among Massachusetts residents), he remains "an enigma."

The central theme of the story boiled down to this: What makes Charlie Baker do what he does -- and why does he not have political ambitions beyond the governorship?

No doubt the writer of the article had in mind every Massachusetts governor of the past three decades: Michael Dukakis ran for president; Bill Weld ran for U.S. senator, was a candidate for ambassador to Mexico, and most recently was a candidate for vice-president on the Libertarian Party ticket; Paul Cellucci became ambassador to Canada; Mitt. Romney ran for president; and Deval Patrick is rumored to be a possible presidential candidate.

By contrast, Charlie Baker long ago said he has no designs on higher office beyond governor. To the political pundits, Baker's lack of higher aspirations no doubt is confounding, as is his attention to the minutiae of state government.

We are not personal friends with Charlie Baker, so we have no special insight into his personality, but we think it is clear what it is that makes Charlie Baker who he is and do what he does: He loves his wife, his children, his parents, his native hometown (Needham), his adopted hometown (Swampscott, where he served as a selectman), his state, and America.

He clearly wants to do the right thing for all of them -- so what's so strange about that?

We would note that Charlie Baker's devotion to his job is in stark contrast to so many of the politicians in Washington. Thankfully, he has recognized that politics is the art of compromise and it is thanks to Gov. Baker's ability and desire to work with the Democrats at the State House, most notably House Speaker Bob DeLeo, that Massachusetts continues to lead the nation in education, financial stability, and in so many other areas that have improved the lives of our citizens.

Beacon Hill is indeed a shining beacon for the rest of our nation and Charlie Baker unquestionably has been instrumental in our state's continued achievements and progress -- and there is nothing enigmatic about that.

#### Your opinions, please

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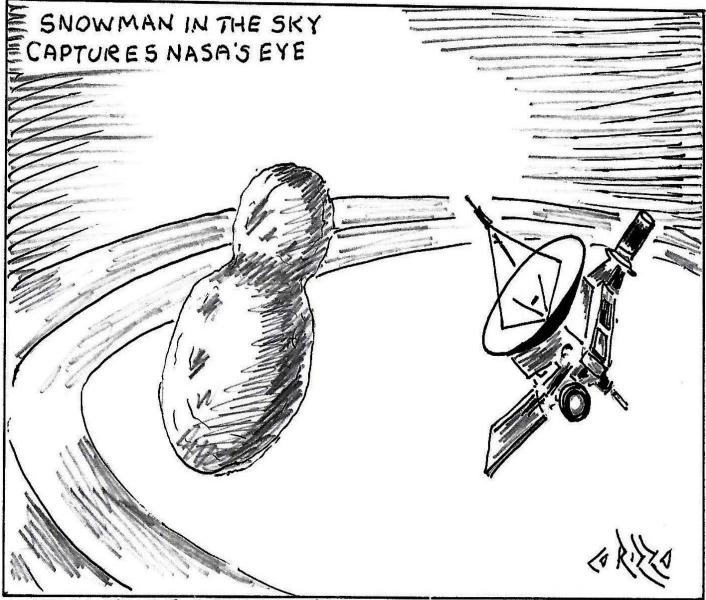
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#### **DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT**

Monday, December 17,

Around 12:30 a.m. in the area of 179 Gladstone St., a 36 year old Hispanic Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Operating M/V Without a License.

#### Tuesday, December 18,

Around 9:05 a.m. in the area of 327 East Eagle St. a 29 year old Hispanic Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

#### December Wednesday, 19, 2018

Around 10:30 a.m. in the area of 80 Border St., a 48 year old White Male with a Nashua, NH address was arrested for Receiving a Stolen Motor Vehicle and Possession of Class B, Drugs.

Around 2:30 p.m. in the area of Curtis and Chelsea St., a 38 year old White Male with a Mansfield, MA address was arrested for Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

#### Thursday, December 20,

Around 10:00 a.m. in the area of 184 Paris St., a 42 year old White Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weap-

Around 12:00 p.m. in the area of 163 Falcon St., a 31

year old Hispanic Female with a Jamaica Plain, MA was arrested for Breaking and Entering Day Time/Dwelling House.

Around 1:30 p.m. in the area of 312 Border St., a 52 year old Hispanic Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Rape and Abuse of a Child Under 16.

area of 20 Condor St., a 31 year old Hispanic Male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon.

Friday, December 21, 2018

No Arrests Saturday, December 22,

No Arrests

Sunday, December 23, 2018

#### No Arrests Monday, December 24, 2018

Around 5:15 p.m. in the area of 209 Paris St., a 44 year old Hispanic Female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Around 11:25 p.m. in the area of 44 Border St., a 51 year old White Female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Batter Dangerous Weapon.

Tuesday, December 25,

Around 7:15 a.m. in the area of 83 Eutaw St., a 31 year old Hispanic Female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

Around 12:15 p.m. in the area of Bremen St. and Sumner St., a 32 year old Middle Eastern Female with an Everett, MA address was Around 11:10 p.m. in the arrested for Assault and Battery (Injuries) and Disturbing

> Wednesday, December 26, 2018

No Arrests

#### Thursday, December 27,

Around 1:10 p.m. in the area of Border St. and Eutaw St., a 28 year old Black Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault & Battery.

Around 6:45 p.m. in the area of 30 Porter St., a 36 year old White Female with an East Boston address was arrested for Destruction or Injury of Personal Property, Possession of Class A Drugs and Possession of Class C Drugs.

Friday, December 28, 2018

No Arrests

## Saturday, December 29,

Around 6:50 p.m. in the area of 440 Meridian St. a 25 year old Black Male, Homeless was arrested for Assault & Battery.

Around 7:30 p.m. in the area of 146 Gove St. a 37 year old Middle Easter Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

#### Sunday, December 30,

Around 6:50 a.m. in the area of 15 Marion St., a 29 year old Hispanic Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, Larceny \$50 to \$250 and Witness Intimidation.

Around 11:10 p.m. in the area of 418 Border St., a 19 year old Hispanic Male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery (Injuries).

#### Monday, December 31,

Around 12:30 a.m. in the area of 12 Ashley St., a 54 year old Hispanic Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Resisting Arrest and Operating a M/V Without a License.

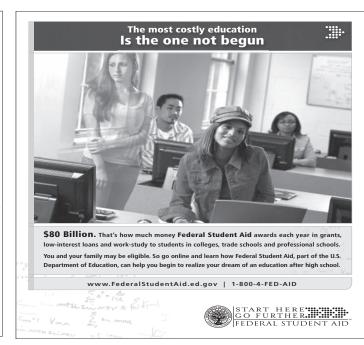
Around 9:30 a.m. in the area of 3 Lewis Mall, a 34 year old White Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Around 11:45 a.m. in the area of 26 Central Sq., a 56 year old White Male with an Acton, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

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#### EBNHC //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

EBNHC has run the widely successful MAP (Medication Assisted Pathway) program that helps Health Center patients combat their addiction to opioids. MAP is EBNHC's treatment plan for opioid dependence that includes heroin and narcotic painkillers.

In this program physicians and behavioral health providers work together to manage each patient's care.

The grant to EBNHC aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to medication-assisted treatment using the three Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid-overdose-related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder.

The Health Center also recently received \$269,561 towards its ongoing successful opioid treatment programs that includes integrated mental health services. The grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has helped the EBN-HC expand patient access to quality substance use disorder and mental health services.

Before holding a press conference, the Governor and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders joined a roundtable discussion focused on recovery for EBNHC patients struggling with drug and alcohol addiction and other health issues.

"I am humbled by the fact that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor have made EBNHC their first stop after their inaugurations to discuss this important subject," said EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes. "All of us share a deep concern over substance abuse and mental health disorders in our community.

"This afternoon touched on critical pieces of our approach, our innovative programs like integrating substance abuse recovery programs with our mental health and primary care programs and our partnerships with community organizations and stakeholders that enable us to have a unified approach to combating this deadly disease. We look forward to working with Governor Baker, Lt. Gov. Polito and Secretary Sudders in now only combating this crisis but also improving the health of every resident in Massachusetts,' she said."

Gov. Baker thanked Lopes and the entire EBNHC staff for letting he and the Lt. Gov. Polito to stop by and touch base on this important subject that has affected tens of thou-

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sands of lives in Eastie and across the state.

"EBNHC has a long history of excellence and success," said Baker. "I first came to know EBNHC when I was HHS Secretary in the 1990s because they were running the only PACE Program in the country, a program that gives support to seniors in the community and allows them to age in place they way they want to. Because of EBNHC's history of experimental programs like PACE and given where we are with the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts made EBNHC the place we wanted to come visit. We have done many things that have worked really well on the prevention and education front and we've made progress."

While Baker said the state is doing great work on the front end by educating families and others on the key issues concerning opioid addiction, as well as adding a lot of treatment capacity for those struggling with addiction, there is more to be done on the back end.

"The next piece of this is figuring out how to help people that get clean, stay clean," said Baker. "This has been a huge issue and this whole



EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes and Gov. Charlie Baker during the press conference on the state's opioid epidemic.

idea of creating a recovery program like the one at EBN-HC that can become model is a way for us to start helping people get the supports that they need stay clean. We need to start becoming far more community oriented and proactive like EBNHC has been for a long time. So it made sense for us to come to a place with a proven track record to stretch its capacity to perform because we are going to be judged not only by the job we do when an addict walks EBNHC Board Chair Rita Sorin the door but what happens when they walk out the door."



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#### HVNA //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

members cited was the fact the city has yet to host a Neighborhood Services-sponsored abutters meeting.

However, attorney for the project, Richard Lynds, said there is no set policy by the city on whether or not an abutters meeting needs to be held prior to a community group's vote.

Lynds also reminded the group that his client has held four previous neighborhood

One issue some HVNA meetings, fliered the area prior to each meeting to alert abutters to the project and the community meetings concerning the project have been advertised in the East Boston Times.

Jesus Garcia, the Mayor's Neighborhood Services Community Coordinator for East Boston, also echoed Lynds's comments and said the city does not require an abutters meeting to happen before a community vote.



Attorney Richard Lynds discusses his client's project at 68-70 Wordsworth St.

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### JPNA JAN. 14 MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 14, 2019
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Jeffries Yacht Club
565 Sumner Street
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Police Updates – Sergeant Martin, Officer Simons.

Community Updates – Jesús García-Mota, Office of Neighborhood Services.

State of the JPNA – A 2018 year in review presentation from the JPNA Board.

Nominations for Open JPNA Board Positions – There are two open positions on the JPNA Board. Nominations will be taken at this meeting with a vote for new board members at the February meeting. Interested in joining the Board? Full details here.

Jesse Schomer – Jesse is an East Boston resident who is applying for a position on the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal. He's seeking neighborhood support for his application.

Downeast Cider – Downeast is seeking a full pour alcohol license for their shipyard location. There will be an informational presentation on Downeast's plans at this meeting followed by a vote in February. Nick Sudheimer.

East Boston Bloom Marijuana Dispensary – Informational presentation on plans to open a recreational marijuana dispensary in Maverick Square. Sal LaMattina.

# EAST BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce announces the following candidates for the

Board of Directors
Candidates for Officers

2019: President: Jim Kearney

1st Vice President: Marita Palavicini, Vilma's Boutique 2nd Vice President: Veronica Robles, VROCC

3rd Vice President: Shirley Fabbo, Massport

Treasurer: Kim Altschul, East Boston Savings Bank

Secretary: Joanna Cataldo, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

Candidates for Directors 2019-2021:

Margaret Farmer Amanda Donis,

Amanda Donis, Logan Beauty Paul Scott, Going Clear In-

teractive Kathy Olando, Sulprizio

Real Estate Aldo Callejas, La Hacienda

Restuarant Vinny Qualtieri, NOAH

The elections will take place at the East Boston Chamber office at 175 Mc-Clellan Highway, East Boston, MA, 02128, on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. All East Boston of Chamber Commerce members in good standing are eligible to vote. Proxy voting and absentee voting are not allowed. All voting results will be counted and reported after 6:00PM on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Chamber office; results will then be made available on the Chamber website.

Please come to the Chamber office and Vote Thursday, January 31, 2019.

#### JPNA BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Two JPNA Board Members have recently stepped down leaving two open positions on the Board. Interested in joining the board? Here are the details:

Eligibility: Anyone who

lives in Jeffries Point, both renters and homeowners, is eligible to join the JPNA board.

Nominations: We will collect nominations for the two open board positions at the January 14th meeting. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Voting: After briefly hearing from each of the nominated individuals, we will vote on new board members at the February 11th meeting. (Reminder: in order to be eligible to vote at this meeting, you will need to have attended at least one of the previous three monthly JPNA meetings).

Questions? Curious about what's involved in serving on the JPNA Board? Contact current board members at:

Board@JeffriesPoint.org
Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Board of
Directors:

Renee Scalfani | Dan Bailey | Cindy Baxter | Mary Cole | Andrew Gelling

#### 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 artsmart-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.

#### **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 Mayerick 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.

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

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#### 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 Centers 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.

#### 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.

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#### EPA Awards \$541,000 to Massport to Replace Diesel Equipment at Boston Logan Airport

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EPA has today also announced the availability of grant funding to implement projects aimed at reducing emissions from the nation's existing fleet of older diesel

"EPA is very pleased that this funding will help our partner Massport to reduce diesel emissions at the region's largest airport, providing cleaner air for both travelers and workers," said EPA New England Regional Administrator Alexandra Dunn said. "Reducing diesel emissions helps

to improve air quality and protects people's health. This project will significantly reduce diesel emissions, meaning cleaner air for everyone. Reducing diesel emissions is especially important for children, and for people who suffer from asthma and other respiratory problems."

The Massachusetts Port Authority was awarded the EPA grant to replace 25 pieces of diesel powered ground support equipment with all-electric versions operating at Boston Logan International Airport. The equipment includes baggage tractors, belt loaders and pushback tugs. Once fully implemented, this project will result in annual emissions reductions of 0.5 tons of PM2.5 and 4.5 tons of NOx. Since 2011, EPA has awarded a total of \$2,175,000 to Massport for projects to reduce diesel emissions at Logan Airport and within greater Boston. The EPA grant will be

matched by a Massport contribution of \$622,221.

"The health and safety of Boston residents is my number one priority, and this funding will allow for important work to happen that will make our city a greener, healthier Boston for all," said Mayor Martin Walsh. "I applaud the EPA and Massport for taking this step to reduce air pollution in the City of Boston and our surrounding communities."

According to Massport, this grant will be utilized in conjunction with an FAA VALE grant Massport received this fall to install eGSE (electric ground service equipment) charging stations as part of the Terminal B consolidation project. American Airlines has pledged to replace 115 pieces of existing GSE with eGSE over the next few years. Currently American Airlines has 32 pieces of eGSE at Logan, or 12 percent of their overall fleet. Logan wide, approximately 9.5 percent of the existing GSE fleet is electric.

"We thank the EPA for this grant as it complements our overall efforts to reduce harmful emissions at Logan Airport," said Massport Acting CEO John Pranckevicius. "We have worked in coordination with elected officials and Congressional delegation in making environmental initiatives a top priority. Along with our airline tenant partners, Massport's goal is to replace all ground service equipment with available electric alternatives by 2027, reducing non-aircraft emissions at Logan by nearly 40 percent."

Older diesel engines emit large amounts of pollutants

such as nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. These pollutants aggravate asthma, damage lung tissue, and cause other serious health problems; children are especially vulnerable to these effects. The Northeast has some of the highest asthma rates in the nation, including a childhood asthma rate above 10 percent

in all six New England states. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack said, "With the transportation sector accounting for 44 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in Massachusetts, we welcome EPA's support for effective actions to reduce them, such as Massport's efforts to replace diesel-powered equipment with electric at Logan Airport."

Under the 2018 DERA competitive national grant

program, the Massport grant is one of three projects totaling approximately \$1.8 Million awarded by EPA in New England. The awards will cover 40 percent of project costs for marine engine repowers. Grant recipients are required to provide a cost-share to cover the remainder of the costs needed to complete these projects.

"This EPA grant is a perfect match with MassPort's nation-leading efforts, and its agreement with CLF, to reduce and ultimately eliminate soot, smog and greenhouse gas emissions from its ground service equipment," said President of Conservation Law Foundation Bradley Campbell. "The health of the communities surrounding the airport will continue to benefit from a greener Logan."

#### Crime is up slightly in Eastie for 2018

By John Lynds

East Boston has experienced a slight uptick in Part One Crime in 2018 according to year end tallies released last week by the Boston Police Department.

According to statistics released by the Boston Police that compares Jan. 1, 2017 through December 31 2017 with the same time period for 2018 overall Part One Crime is up 4 percent in Eastie.

There were 26 more Part One Crimes reported when comparing 2017 to 2018. In total there have been 655 Part One Crimes in the neighborhood for 2018 compared to the 629 reported in 2017.

District A-7 Captain Kelly McCormick said an increase in only a few Part One Crimes has been responsible for the the increase. According to Kelly Eastie's biggest increase is larceny. This is theft from stores and shoplifting in and around the Central Square and Maverick Square areas from places like Shaws and CVS.

In 2017 there were 184 larcenies reported but that number has jumped to 220 in

Community Officer Dan Simons said there was also a huge increase in larcenies an increase in robbery and from a motor vehicle as well attempted robberies. In 2017 as auto theft.

The City of Lynn celebrates and

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there were 59 reports of robbery and attempted robberies. That number has jumped to 80 in 2018.

Residential burglaries have dropped from 88 in 2017 to 74 in 2018 and there have been zero other burglaries in Eastie in 2018. Commercial burglaries rose by one from 6 to 7 when comparing 2017 to

Larceny from a motor vehicle has also dropped from 104 incidents in 2017 to 89 in 2018 and auto theft dropped from 48 to 46.

Domestic aggravated assault has dropped from 43 to 42 while non-domestic aggravated assault rose slightly from 75 to 79.

Rape or attempted rape was the same in 2018 when compared to 2017 with 17 inci-

Eastie four percent increase in the third quarter is not un-Statistically, Eastie is as safe, if not safer, than South Boston whose resident saw a 10 percent increase in Part One Crime with 1,526 incidents reported so far this year. Four of those incidents were homicides while Eastie had only one homicide for both 2017 and 2018. Southie also seems to be dealing with

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13, 4 p.m.; Jan.14,17, 30,31,Feb.

5,6,7, at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 20,

2,7:30 p.m.; Jan. 24, 12, 6:30

p.m.; Jan. 26, Feb. 2, at 3,8 p.m.;

Jan. 27, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m.; Feb. 9,

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Richard P. "Dick" "Sully" Sullivan

Will be remembered for his sense of humor, generosity, love of sports and music and devotion to friends and family

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Visitation on Saturday, Jan. 12 in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., for Richard Paul "Dick" "Sully" Sullivan, who passed away on Dec. 24 following a long illness. He was 79 years old.

Following the visitation, a Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church (Corner of Beach St. and Winthrop Ave.) Revere at 11:30 a.m. Interment will be held privately at Woodlawn Cemetery, Ever-

Born and raised in East Boston with his brothers. Francis Joseph and John, and sister, Kathryn, he graduated from Boston College High School in 1957. Dick worked in Houston and Tripoli before returning home to the Boston area where he lived in Medford, Malden, Revere and Wakefield.

He was an avid skier, devoted supporter of Boston University Men's Ice Hockey and a committed and active "Friend of Bill W." with 37 years of sobriety and a dedication to sponsoring others.

Dick is remembered by all for his sense of humor, generosity, love of sports and music, and devotion to friends and family.

The devoted father of



Coleen Sullivan Curry and her husband, Joseph, Megan Sullivan Toe and her husband, John and the late Mary Ellen "Molly" Sullivan, he was the adored grandfather of Caroline, Violet and William Curry, all of Atlanta, GA.; cherished brother of Francis Joseph Sullivan and his wife, Esther of Woburn, formerly of Melrose, Kathryn M. Murphy of Saugus and her late husband, John, John L. Sullivan and his late wife, Irene of Ft. Myers, FL and dear son of the late Boston Firefighter Francis C. Sullivan and Mary A. (Cashman) Sullivan. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC

20090-6011 or by visiting www.alz.org. For more

information, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

#### Joseph Ciulla

Of East Boston

Joseph C. Ciulla died in East Boston on Jan. 5.

The beloved husband of Tomasina, he was the loving son of Marie (Doucette) of East Boston and the late Leonard "Leo" Ciulla, father of the late Joseph Ciulla Jr. and Jason Ciulla; brother of Marie Moscone of Saugus, Lenny Ciulla of East Boston and the late John Ciulla and grandfather of Mariah, Gianna and Jason Ciulla Jr. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial visitation will be held in the Magrath Funeral Home, 325 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq.] East Boston on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. concluding with a Prayer Service at 1 o'clock.



In lieu of flowers donations in Joe's memory to the Mass. Commission for the Blind would be appreciated. Indoor parking and entrance to funeral home available from 340 Bremen St.MagrathFuneral-Home.com

#### **Maria Hanton**

Of Malden, formerly of East Boston

Maria C. (Spada) Hanton of Malden, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Jan. 4.

The loving daughter of the late Louis and Margaret (Pessia) Spada, she was the devoted mother of Michelle M. Varano and her husband, Nick of Lynnfield and Amy Hanton of Malden; dear sister of Attorney Len Spada and his wife, Liz of Middleton; cherished grandmother of Nico and Marina Varano and Alec Gonzalez and fond aunt of Jacob and Jessica Spada.

by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home (Orient Heights) East Boston. Maria was laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery.



Funeral arrangements were



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The Jets fell to Norton in a 12-0 game.

PHOTOS BY EMILY HARNEY



Ryan Gray of Eastie surveys the ice.



Jacob Leavitt (L) of the East Boston Jet's hockey team faces off with a player from Norton.

Above: Anthony Bocchino, goalie for the East Boston Jets, gets ready as the Norton hockey team spent most of the game in goal territory. Left: Anthony Bocchino, goalie for the East Boston

Jets, makes a save.



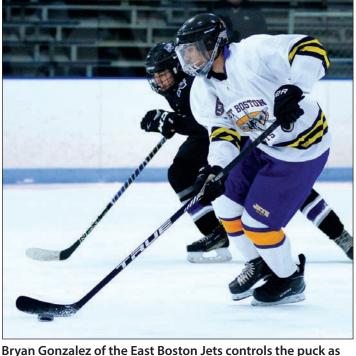
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Captain Dom Russo.



Senior Jacob Levitt (L) and Captain Dom Russo (R) work together to get the puck up ice towards goal territory.



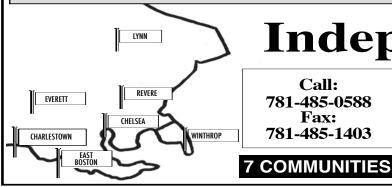
Bryan Gonzalez of the East Boston Jets controls the puck a he makes his way down the ice.



Andy Qiu (R) of the East Boston Jet's hockey team faces off with a Norton player.

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Representative has

been filed by Geoffrey Fitzgerald of North Falmouth, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition The Petitioner requests that: Geoffrey Fitzgerald

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"These carols tell the world the true reason of the season. Jesus came on Christmas morning, born in a stable," said Master of Ceremonies Paul Racki, St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Music Director. "There are carols telling us about angels in heaven praising the newborn king. They joined together in lifting their voices to honor him as they sang, proclaiming Christ as the Savior."

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Father Mirek Kowalczyk, St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Pastor, comparing the church to Bethlehem on Sunday afternoon.



Master of Ceremonies Paul Racki, St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Parish Music Director.



Sacred Heart Vietnamese Choir, East Boston.



A Touch of Class, East Boston, singing, "What a Wonderful World."



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