

FIRE AND ICE



Adem and Mehdi Ayed roast marshmallows for s'mores during the DCR and Porrazzo Rink's Annual Campfire on Constitution Beach. The annual event included a campfire, s'mores, free skating and other activities. See more photos on Page 6.

Collecting Data

Noise in the City's Community Lab sets its sights on Eastie

By John Lynds

Noise in the City's Community Noise Lab was developed by researcher Erica Walker to take a more creative look into the relationship between community sound and noise issues and corresponding health impacts—both physical and mental.

Walker, who earned an ScD (Doctor of Science) degree from Harvard, has been interested for several years on how noise impacts health. At a community meeting last week, Walker said that she wants to bring her Community Noise Lab to Eastie and begin engaging the community on how noise impacts their daily lives.

“When I first started out I assumed what the noise issue (in the city) was and what the impacts were but I quickly realized this going to take a community effort,” said Walker. “So I’ve been grappling with what I want this Community Noise Lab to be. Typically, in academia we do a top down approach to studying these issues but I wanted to try something different and try a bottom up approach.”

The bottom up approach, explained Walker, will start with no assumptions on how noise impacts residents living in Eastie. However, Walker will collect real time noise monitoring data using sound measuring technology, as

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Rep. Madaro, Boston delegation, City Council oppose MBTA fare hike

By John Lynds

Last week Rep. Adrian Madaro (Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation) and Sen. Joseph Boncore (Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation) filed a package of bills to address the growing traffic issue in East Boston centered around the Summer Tunnel.

Bills in the duo's package include implementing a congestion pricing pilot program for the tunnels that offers lower tolls at off-peak hours. This is an attempt to motivate commuters to stay

home during rush hour if they can and travel to work when congestion is not at its peak. Boncores and Madaro's bills also address the explosion of rideshare trips to Logan Airport and seek to impose a \$3 fee on any ride-sharing trips from Uber and Lyft entering or exiting Logan International Airport without a passenger.

All these measures are to encourage the use of public transportation and/or carpooling during the busy commute to keep the number of vehicles off Eastie's streets.

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Traffic lines up outside the Summer Tunnel. Elected officials believe a MBTA fare hike would lead to more people driving and more congestion on our roads.

APPRECIATION



James Sorrento, educator, former East Boston Camps Director, passes at 84

By John Lynds

James Sorrento, a longtime educator who spent many years as the East Boston Camps Waterfront Director has died.

Sorrento, who was born and raised in East Boston until moving to Revere, died on Tuesday, Feb. 26. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Sorrento always called

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APAC's EITC program in full swing

By John Lynds

Most people don't want to think about it, but it's the time of year to begin thinking about filing their 2018 tax returns. For many working people in East Boston there's some relief from the confusing process of figuring out taxes.

East Boston APAC, in partnership with the City of Boston, kicked off its annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program at its office on Meridian Street. The office will be opened Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help begin the tax filing process. Taxes for qualifying residents can be done through appointment by calling the APAC office at (617) 567-8857.

For many working people in Eastie the program has provided some relief from the confusing process of figuring out taxes. Qualified hard

working low-wage workers often receive significant EITC credits and see a big increase in their tax returns through the free program. This is money that can directly help low-income residents who work hard for their money. It can be used to pay the heat, food and rent costs that are weighing people down.

Last year, APAC returned over \$1 million back into the pockets of Eastie residents through the EITC program. APAC was one of several free tax preparation sites in the city that made filing taxes trouble-free for hundreds of Eastie's low-income residents and families.

The EITC credit can be accessed retroactively for the past three years, so qualifying low-income workers may qualify for a considerable sum.

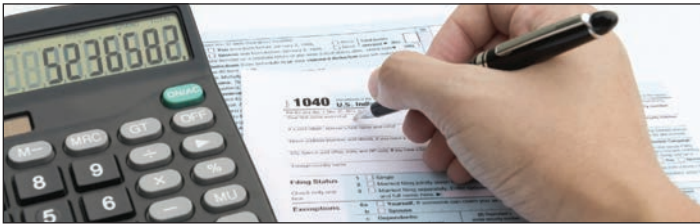
Also seniors ages 65 and older were eligible to receive tax refunds from the State of Massachusetts through the

“Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit”. This credit was available to all eligible seniors who paid unsubsidized rent or property taxes and was also retroactive for three years. The “Senior Circuit Breaker” offered a tremendous financial opportunity for those who qualify.

Initiated by the IRS in 1969, the EITC and VITA is a nationwide program that assists taxpayers earning up to \$58,000 a year. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers like APAC, libraries, schools, shopping malls and other convenient locations such as community colleges in low income areas.

Eligible Eastie residents with three or more qualifying children filing a return qualified if they made \$49,194 (\$54,884 married filing jointly). For a resident filing a return with two qualifying children qualified if they made \$45,802 (\$51,492 married filing jointly). Residents with one qualifying child filing a return qualified if they made \$40,320 (\$46,010 married filing jointly). Residents with no

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However, one thing that might hinder commuters from taking public transportation is the proposed 6.3 percent MBTA fare hike pitched by the state agency--a hike the MBTA admits would cut ridership by 1.3 percent.

Madaro is now joining a growing chorus of state lawmakers and city councilors opposing the fare increase.

“It goes against what we are trying to tackle in regards to traffic,” said Madaro. “On one hand, we are urging people to take public transportation more often and other the other hand the MBTA is making this an unattainable reality for many low-income people living here.”

Last week at the MBTA’s Fiscal Management and Control Board, Rep. Madaro testified on behalf of the Boston Legislative Delegation from the State House.

“As members of the Boston Legislative Delegation, we represent residents who constitute a core segment of the MBTA’s ridership,” said Madaro. “Our districts together cover most of the subway’s area of operation and much of the bus network and Silver Line. This fare increase has the potential to negatively impact our most vulnerable constituents and discourage ridership on the system. It is especially troubling to see that the MBTA projects that this fare increase would cause a 1.3 percent decrease in ridership.”

Madaro added that public

transportation is a vital resource for residents, especially for low-income individuals, seniors, and students who rely on MBTA service as their primary means of transportation.

“We realize fares bring needed revenue to the operations of our public transportation system, but understanding how higher fares affect these vulnerable populations is essential to striking the right balance between funding and public accessibility to transportation services,” he said. “We believe that there needs to be a more in depth discussion with the MBTA about the background and reasoning for this proposal prior to the imposition of any fare increase.”

Madaro said that he and the Boston Legislative Delegation realize the MBTA cannot always avoid fare hikes, but this is the wrong time for such a proposal.

“We invite the MBTA to open a dialogue with us to explore methods to promote ridership, ensure it has adequate resources, and keep the MBTA accessible and competitive,” said Madaro.

The Boston City Council, led by At Large City Councilor Michelle Wu, wrote a letter to the MBTA that read the proposed 6 percent fare hike would place an undue burden on residents already struggling to meet transportation-related costs, totaling an unaffordable 41 percent increase in MBTA fares since 2012.

The Council concluded

that the increased costs would push more commuters to drive, undercutting the city’s most urgent goal of increasing transit ridership to ease congestion, limit air pollution, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

“This moment in history demands aggressive action against the threats of income inequality and climate change,” said Wu. “Sustainable, affordable, reliable public transit is fundamental to providing Boston residents with the greatest access to jobs, schools, and opportunities beyond their home neighborhoods.”

At a community meeting called by East Boston’s elected officials MassDOT was forced to admit that when designing the new entrance into the Sumner Tunnel the state agency used outdated traffic projections. MassDOT predicted traffic going into the tunnel would grow by .5 percent each year.

Going on those projections traffic into the Sumner should have only grown by 2.5 percent from 2013 to 2018. However, MassDOT engineer Andrew Paul said at last week’s meeting that traffic has exploded and there was a whopping 47 percent increase in tunnel traffic since 2013. That is nearly 45 percent more than MassDOT predicted over the same time period.

This represented a growth 20 times what MassDOT expected.

East Boston man charged in automobile accident

By John Lynds

An East Boston man is in custody after he allegedly carjacked an Uber driver in Revere and then struck a MassDOT road worker.

Matthew Ricco Tyre, 29, of East Boston was arrested last Thursday by State Police and arraigned in Chelsea District Court on numerous charges including carjacking; operating under the influence of drugs; assault with a dangerous weapon; assault and battery on a police officer; and negligent operation.

Several minutes after midnight last Thursday, an Uber driver’s car that had been carjacked a few minutes earlier crashed into the rear of a MassDOT pickup truck on Route 1 northbound near the Sargent Street exit in Revere.

The MassDOT employee, a 52-year-old Revere man, was stepping out of the truck at the time of the collision and suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Civic tried to run from the scene but was apprehended by Massachusetts State Police Trooper Devon Surian.

According to State Police, at the time of the crash, the DOT pickup truck was pulling an electronic arrow board to support Troopers who were already at that location for a previous crash involving an impaired driver. Trooper Surian was backing up another Trooper at that earlier OUI arrest scene when the crash occurred and he apprehended the suspect, who was determined to be under the influence of narcotics.

The MassDOT worker was transported to Melrose-Wakefield Hospital for treatment.

Walsh announces summer youth employment registration now available

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the opening of SuccessLink, the City of Boston’s online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. Boston teens between the ages of 15-18 can apply on the Department of Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE) website on youth.boston.gov. The SuccessLink application will be available through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019.

“The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program is a critical part of our effort to provide young people with chances to build lifelong skills, confidence and personal success through youth workforce opportunities,” said Mayor Walsh. “I encourage all Boston teens to register for the program, and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to get a head start in learning the workplace skills that will last a lifetime.”

In 2018, the City of Boston served over 10,600 young people through summer jobs, civic engagement, career development training, impact projects. Every year, the City of Boston partners with hundreds of community-based nonprofit organizations across the city to provide meaningful employment opportunities. Participants can work in various positions that include after-school program assistant, administrative assistants, mural painters, peer leaders, and more.

“The Mayor’s Youth Summer Jobs Program plays an integral role in positively shaping the future trajectory of Boston’s youth,” said Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services. “Through the program, youth are introduced to an array of professional development opportunities, men-

toring, and work opportunities that can increase our youth’s social capital, all while giving them the hard and soft skills they need to thrive in their future career.”

The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment serves as a youth engagement resource center and works to advance the lives of Boston’s youth through employment opportunities, career development training, and youth engagement.

The SuccessLink Youth Summer Jobs program advances youth workforce development and increases the impact of community-based organizations by employing almost 4,000 of Boston’s youth at local non-profits.

“Creating more opportunities for Boston’s youth through workforce and civic engagement is central to our mission, and our department has a unique opportunity to connect youth with organizations that see the value of their work, while moving Boston forward as an innovative and engaging city,” said Department of Youth Engagement & Employment, Director, Rashad Cope.

“During high school, youth jobs are important because they expose youth to future career interest while allowing you the opportunity to build relationships with employers. I’m currently employed as a Youth Director on the Mayor’s Youth Council,” said Mohamed Abannor, Senior at Horace Mann School for the Deaf. “As a deaf student, at first, I was not confident with public speaking and I only felt connected with deaf and hard of hearing people. Since being employed as a Youth Director

on the Mayor’s Youth Council, I have gained skills in public speaking, networking, problem-solving, innovative thinking, empathy, and listening to different perspective and ideas. It’s made me feel more comfortable and accepted in the hearing community.”

Registering for SuccessLink is available online. Teens ages 15-18 interested in registering must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a full-time resident of the City of Boston
- Must have been born between July 8, 2004, and August 16, 2000
- Must be legally permitted to work in the United States

Registering for a summer position with SuccessLink does not guarantee a job. Applicants are welcome to register online at Youth Summer Jobs or visit Department of Youth Engagement & Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for registration assistance.

The City also invites youth to register for the 2019 City of Boston Youth Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 30th, 2019, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center 1350 Tremont St, Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120. This year’s theme, “Success Awaits, Come Find It,” aspires to connect Boston’s youth with onsite summer workforce development opportunities through engaging with employers, job placement, career development workshops, access to youth-serving organizations and more!

We invite youth to register here and parents to sign up to volunteer here to support Boston’s youth.

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well as an app that residents can download to their phone. Through the NoiseScore, an in-house smartphone app, residents here can register a noise event and provide notes on how the event made them feel both physically and mentally.

Walker will also look for volunteers in Eastie to take part in some lab-based experiments on how individuals respond to noise by measuring brain waves, stress and cardiovascular changes.

“We anticipate monitoring in about 20 homes in East Boston,” said Walker. “We would like to measure in both a hot season and cold season for a one-week period.”

Upon completion of the study Walker said she could then begin to digest the data and make recommendations on how noise could be mitigated--like expanding the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) soundproofing program in the area.

“This could lead to a revaluation of the FAA’s soundproofing criteria,” said Walker. “Right now that criteria is based only on the sound you can hear-those a-weighted decibels or dB(A)--but there are other factors at play. I always use this example; imagine you are waiting for a bus at a bus stop and you can hear the bus coming and you can hear when the brakes start squeaking. But even if you put your fingers in your ear you can still feel the vibrations of that sound in your body, the rumbling in your chest even though you are blocking out the actual sound. So there is a complete picture of sound that is not only heard but felt



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physically and I’m interested in how both those aspects of sound affect people.”

A few years back Dr. Audrey Smargiassi, an associate professor in the Department of Environment and Occupational Health at the School of Public Health at the University of Montreal, conducted a study on how noise pollution around Montreal Airport affects the health of residents.

The scientific study found that levels of noise, or residents complaining about high levels of noise was higher in proximity to transportation sources like airports; for example measured noise levels near Montreal’s airport surpassed World Health Organi-

zation (WHO) guidelines; and aircraft noise significantly impacts noise levels but it is unclear if aircraft noise is worse for health than exposure to noise from other transportation sources.

Smargiassi pointed out that a 1999 World Health Organization (WHO) study concluded that the available evidence suggested a correlation between long-term noise exposure above 67-70 a-weighted decibels or dB(A) and hypertension. Smargiassi found these levels not only near the Montreal airport and under flight paths, but also in close proximity to major highways and roadways.

However, Smargiassi said it was interesting to note that the airport dispersed annoyance noise levels to a larger area both close to the airport and under flight paths while highways and roadways’ annoyance noise levels were only a problem directly alongside the highways and roadways. She concluded that while highways and roadways pose just as much impacts to residents’ health and well-being, the airport seems to affect far more people in Montreal.



Noise in the City’s Community Noise Lab will kick off a noise study in Eastie to measure the impacts noise has on residents living here.

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children qualified if they made \$15,270 (\$20,9500 married filing jointly).

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East Boston home, having attended local schools. It was in the neighborhood that Mr. Sorrento became a standout athlete and played both baseball and football at English High.

After high school Mr. Sorrento joined the army and served during the Korean War, stationed in Europe.

When he returned to East Boston after his military service, Mr. Sorrento took a job at the famed East Boston Camps, a place that sparked his lifelong passion of working with kids. It was here he met his wife, Rita, longtime chairwoman of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.

“I am saddened to hear that Mr. Sorrento passed away,” said former City Councilor Sal LaMattina. LaMattina was both a camper and later a Waterfront Director at East Boston Camps where he mentored Mr. Sorrento’s two sons. “He

was someone whom I looked up to. He was part of our East Boston Camps Family. He was a former camp counselor and Waterfront Director, as I was. I had his two boys at the Camps, but what I loved about Jimmy was his commitment and dedication and his love for his wife Rita. He supported her in all she did for East Boston, in the schools and the Health Center,” LaMattina said.

Sorrento earned a degree from Boston State, and worked as an Adjustment Counselor in Boston, a Title 1 Director in Revere, and a teacher at Lynn Public Schools.

However, he will always be remembered in East Boston as the loving and supporting husband on Mrs. Sorrento. The two were always together, whether it was a Health Center event or community celebration.

“All of us here at the East

Boston Neighborhood Health Center are devastated by the loss of Jimmy Sorrento and our hearts go out to Rita and her family”, said EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes. “Rita has not only been our Board President for many years but was also an advocate for both health care and education on many levels and Jimmy was always right by her side. He was always a gentleman, kind and caring and he will be deeply missed.”

Sorrento was a member of St. Anthony’s Parish, and his favorite pastimes included watching old movies, golfing and dancing. Jim loved to travel, near and far.

Above all, Sorrento valued family, and enjoyed raising his two sons, and later spending time and sharing his knowledge with his grandchildren.

BPDA, ISD discuss expanding Additional Dwelling Unit pilot program

By John Lynds

Last year, the Boston Inspectional Service Department (ISD) Commissioner William Christopher announced that East Boston and several Boston neighborhoods that would take part in the Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) pilot program.

Christopher said that the proposed program was ISD’s way to respond to all the high-end condos going up across the city. The city found that a lot of larger older building in places like East Boston could accommodate an additional unit without adding to the building’s footprint. This means no additions, no raised roofs, no structural changes of any kind but the opportunity for owner occupied homeowners, like empty nesters, to make a little extra cash and remain in the neighborhood.

This week the Boston Planning and Development Agency held a hearing to discuss whether or not the program should be taken citywide.

According to Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) Bonnie McGilpin the BPDA, ISD and the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) are putting together recommendations to expand the ADU program that will be presented at the BPDA’s March board meeting. In order to expand the program some amendments to local zoning would need to be approved by both the BPDA board and the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

McGilpin said expansion of the ADU program would exclude Downtown and Downtown Waterfront neighborhoods but would include neighborhood’s like Eastie.

McGilpin said if the BPDA accepts the package and changes to zoning to expand the program the ZBA will most likely vote on the issue in April.

During the pilot program in the three neighborhoods homeowners applied to for an ADU through ISD and



Boston Inspectional Service Department (ISD) Commissioner William Christopher during Tuesday’s BPDA meeting regarding expanding the Additional Dwelling Unit pilot program.

submitted drawings that were reviewed by both ISD and the BPDA.

There were a few catches to the program. For one, you had to live in the house, you could not go above three units and there are building code requirements and issues that are not going to be compromised. Interested homeowners then would submit a set of drawing to be reviewed by ISD and the BPDA so the two agencies can make sure it is a real unit that is habitable and is up to code.

ISD Commissioner Christopher said the intention of the program is not to create high priced housing but to allow for a homeowner to build an additional unit for a mother or father or a mother and father to build an additional unit for a son or daughter and a way of trying to keep people in the neighborhood without changing the look or fabric of the neighborhood.

The pilot program also provided additional resources to support homeowners interested in building an ADU. An online toolkit supported homeowners with information about applying for a permit, identifying the cost of building a unit and explaining the type of ADUs allowed. The city also provided a zero interest deferred equity loan up to \$30,000 for eligible homeowners through the Boston Home Center.

Under the pilot program an

ADU project was considered an ‘allowed use’ when it may have otherwise been deemed a ‘conditional’ or ‘forbidden’ use under current zoning.

However, this ‘allowable’ use came with some restrictions. The ADU addition could not be more than one dwelling unit added to the existing structure. That unit would be exempt from all provisions of the Boston Zoning Code provided the addition did not involve any bump outs, extensions or anything that changed the existing footprint of the structure.

Mayor Martin Walsh supported the program saying ADUs will increase affordable housing options, create safer living arrangements and support multigenerational family arrangements and opportunities for aging in place so homeowners can remain in their homes. ADUs provide an opportunity to use existing infrastructure to achieve the City’s housing goals.

“We must be innovative and think creatively in order to accomplish our goals of providing more affordable housing options for those that want to live here,” said Walsh. “Additional Dwelling Units are an important component in our efforts to create additional housing for our growing population while ensuring that our residents have the opportunity to stay in their homes.”

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LET'S CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE IN STATE LAW TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The recent national news stories concerning a massage parlor in Jupiter, Fla., have brought to light what is nothing less than a national abomination: The trafficking of women that reaches into every corner of the United States.

The news stories about this 21st century version of human bondage have made it clear that huge numbers of women, mostly Asian, are being trafficked in a multi-billion dollar sex trade operation under the guise of legitimate massage parlors.

Here in Massachusetts, it is estimated that there are 200-300 of these illicit “business” entities -- almost one for every city and town in the Commonwealth. Just this past week, police in the well-to-do community of Norwell came upon one of these places (which was located in an otherwise-ordinary mall) and, upon executing a search warrant, discovered conditions almost identical to what authorities found in Jupiter.

There were mattresses on the floor and other indicia of living that made it clear that those who worked there also were residing on the premises as prisoners of the operators of this establishment.

How can this situation -- sex slavery in which women from all around the world are being trafficked in our hometowns -- exist so openly in America in 2019?

It seems to us there is a fairly simple solution to the problem that can be accomplished with a small change in the law, at least here in Massachusetts, which is as follows:

The signage on the front window of the Jupiter establishment lists the following services: “Massage therapy, facials, waxing, table showers”, and this one: “Body treatments.”

Massachusetts tightly regulates the massage therapy business pursuant to chapter 112, section 228, which requires massage therapists to receive training and obtain a license.

However, the last line of this statute exempts from the licensing requirements “those who use the terms ‘bodywork’, ‘bodyworker’, and ‘bodywork therapist’.”

It’s as if the traffickers themselves wrote this loophole into the law. The women who were found in the Norwell establishment (who, similar to the women in Jupiter, were Chinese citizens and spoke no English) when the police conducted the raid identified themselves as “bodyworkers” and as such did not require any licensing requirements either from the state or local authorities. It’s as if they did not exist.

In our view, the solution is straightforward: Require every person (including receptionists) who works in these establishments to obtain a permit (as opposed to a license) in order to work there. Such persons would be required to register at the local Board of Health where they would have to appear in person, produce a valid ID, and provide their place of residence in order to get their permit.

Routine spot checks by the local boards would ensure that everyone working there has a valid permit from the local authority. If anyone is found working there without a permit, the business would be ordered closed forthwith and the managers, as well as the owners, would be subject to arrest and criminal penalties for employing persons without permits.

In our view, this small change in Massachusetts law, if emulated across the country, could go a long way toward ending the human trafficking business that is a national disgrace.

MARCH: IN LIKE A LION

Just when all of us were counting the days to the beginning of spring -- known as the vernal equinox, which this year falls on Wednesday, March 20, at 5:58 p.m. -- Ol’ Man Winter struck with a vengeance, bringing a double-snow storm this past weekend followed by frigid temperatures to start the week.

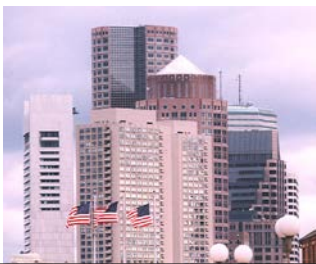
Up until the past two weeks, this winter season had been mostly underwhelming in the Greater Boston area in terms of both snowfall and temperature. However, in our lifetimes, this often has been the case: A January and February that have been fairly easy to take, only to be followed by a March that begins with brutal weather.

A quick peek at the 10-day forecast revealed that after the brief appearance of cold weather, temperatures will return to normal for this time of year through St. Patrick’s Day.

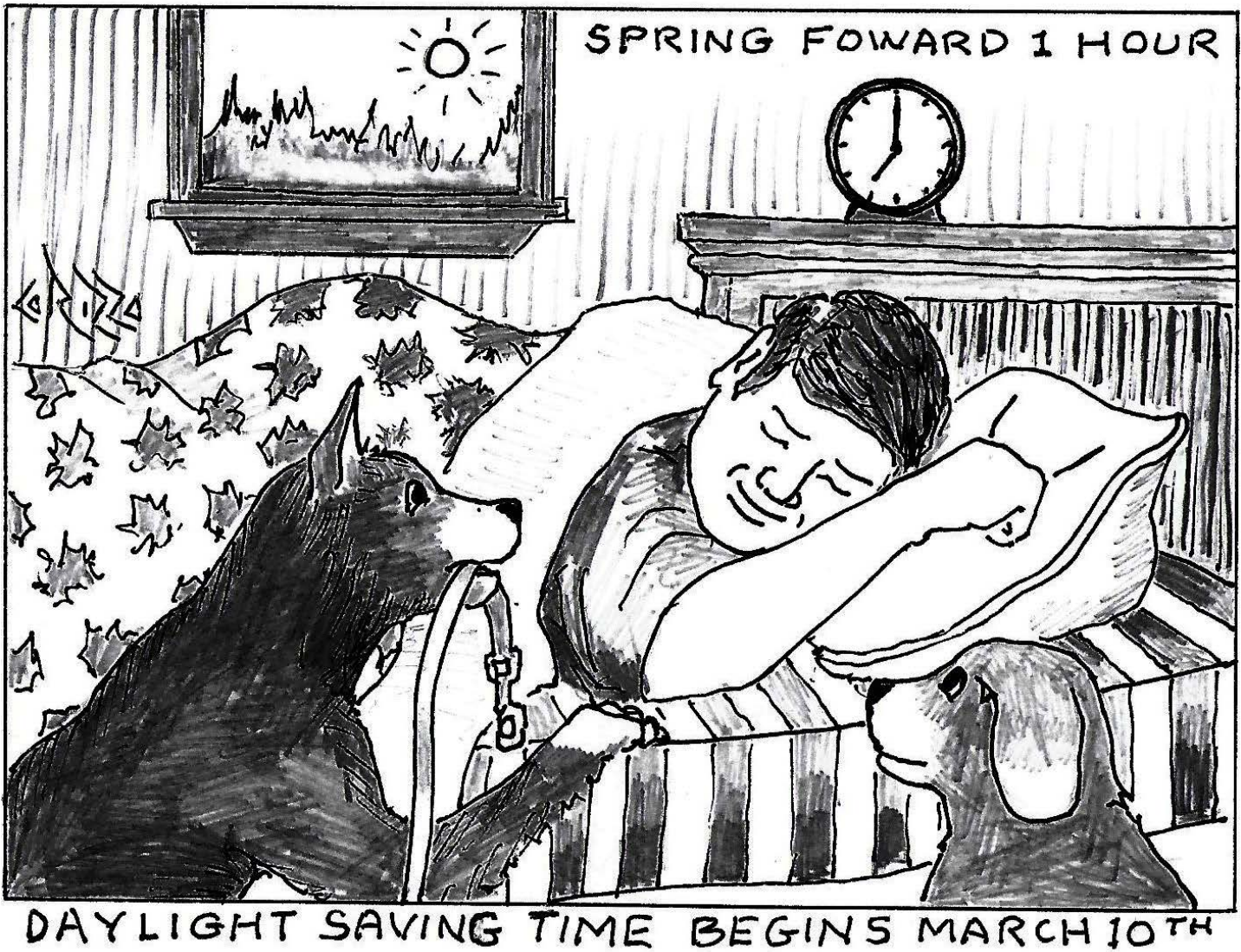
The weather always has fallen into that category of what former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld famously referred to as “known unknowns -- that is to say, we know there are some things we do not know.”

However, in this era of climate change, the other part of Rumsfeld’s quote, “But there are also unknown unknowns—the ones we don’t know we don’t know,” is applicable.

To put it another way, who knows what Mother Nature has in store for us these days? Perhaps more than anything else in our lives, we just have to take the weather one day at a time.



Forum



GUEST OP-ED

National service makes local impact: AmeriCorps members are strengthening greater Boston communities

By Barbara Moffat and Emily Haber

In his inaugural address, President John F. Kennedy asked Americans what they could do for their country. Nearly 60 years later, thousands are answering that question by serving in AmeriCorps, a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Across Massachusetts, 2,400 AmeriCorps members are serving this year, addressing the Commonwealth’s most pressing needs in the areas of education, health, workforce development, and the environment.

The week of March 10-16 is AmeriCorps Week, which celebrates the valuable contributions of the AmeriCorps members who pledge to “get things done” for America. In Massachusetts, AmeriCorps members are tutoring and mentoring at-risk youth pre-K through high school, expanding access to recovery and treatment services for those struggling with opioid addiction, preparing communities for natural disasters, teaching young people how to grow and cook nutritious foods, providing support services to refugees and immigrants, pre-

serving and rehabilitating our forests and waters, and more.

This year, 25 AmeriCorps members are serving at various locations throughout East Boston. At East Boston High School, City Year Boston AmeriCorps members are providing full classroom support and academic engagement services while two AmeriCorps members serving with the College Advising Corps are providing students with college readiness, advising, and support. Through the FoodCorps AmeriCorps program, one member is serving at the Patrick J. Kennedy and Bradley School to provide hands-on nutrition education to youth through growing, cooking, and eating healthy foods. The Social Capital Inc. (SCI) AmeriCorps program has members serving at Maverick Landing Community Services, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, East Boston YMCA, Everyday Boston, and East Boston Community Soup Kitchen to enhance these organizations’ youth development programming and volunteer engagement.

“Whether it’s serving a year in a pre-K classroom or on the trails in our state parks,

our dedicated AmeriCorps members are making lasting change in cities and towns all across this great Commonwealth. They are meeting local needs, they are developing leadership skills, and for many, they will choose to stay in Massachusetts after their year of service and remain active and engaged citizens making a difference in our communities every day,” said MSA CEO Emily Haber.

AmeriCorps members in Massachusetts may receive a modest living allowance, student loan deferment, health insurance, childcare, and professional development. Members who successfully complete their service receive an educational award of up to \$6,095 to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay off student loans.

Since AmeriCorps began in 1994, more than 35,000 Massachusetts residents have served through the national service program, generating over \$1.13 billion in community impact. These AmeriCorps members have also earned \$63.2 million in education awards. Those interested in joining AmeriCorps can learn more at AmeriCorps.

gov/join.

The Massachusetts Service Alliance, established in 1991, is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as the state commission on community service and volunteerism. MSA invests in community-based organizations and institutions that rely upon volunteers and people engaged in service. Through investing, convening, advocating, and building capacity, MSA develops and supports programs like AmeriCorps that incorporate service and volunteerism as effective strategies to address the most pressing needs in the Commonwealth. To learn more about MSA’s role across the state, visit www.mass-service.org.

Barbara Moffat is the Associate Vice President for Media and Community Relations at Western New England University in Springfield. She serves as the Chair of the Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA).

Emily Haber is the CEO of the Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA). MSA administers federal AmeriCorps grants to 25 programs in Massachusetts, supporting 1,400 AmeriCorps members.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON DELEO'S GREENWORKS PROPOSAL

To the editor:
Speaker DeLeo’s billion-dollar GreenWorks proposal could offer much-needed support to Winthrop, other coastal towns, and all the Commonwealth’s com-

munities as we face greater extremes of tides and weather. But as with any local distribution of grants, the details will matter. Will GreenWorks primarily help towns shore up their own local resilience to climate change? Or will the grants support reductions in carbon emissions that will

mitigate the larger problem? Unless we stop adding more greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, adaptation will inevitably fall short.

So Mr. Speaker, as your GreenWorks plan advances through the House, why not also support the 100 percent Renewable Energy bill? Let’s

address our local needs but also make sure we are doing our part as global citizens to reduce our overall carbon emissions. Full carbon neutrality as quickly as possible is the only sensible response to this urgent problem.

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We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to deb@reverejournal.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

HARBOR VIEW
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
AGENDA

March 4, 2019 HVNA Meeting At 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Brooke Charter School
145 Byron Street
Welcome/ Introduction (5min)

Station 7 Update Sgt. Martin & Officer Dan Simons (10min)

Announcements (5min)

Dr. Neenah Estrella-Luna, Climate Change Survey (15min)

Development Presentations
198 Byron Street 2nd Presentation Owners: Mattye DeWhirst and Derek Curley, Architect Frank DelMuto.

- Put an addition on existing single family home. (20min)

61-63 Horace Street 1st Presentation, Owners: Terese and Richard Riamondi. Architect Frank DelMuto.

- Subdivide lot and build a 3 story 2 unit house next to existing owner occupied 2 family house. (30min)

37 Horace Street 1st Presentation Owner Joseph Trichillio, Atty. Richard Lynds.

- Demolish existing 3 family home to build a 9 Unit structure with 9 parking spaces. (30min)

Next meeting March 4, 2019

Visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/harbor-viewwna/>

JPNA MEETING
AGENDA

The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association meeting will be held Monday, March 11, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Yacht Club, 565 Sumner Street

The agenda is as follows

Police Updates – Sergeant Martin, Officer Simons.

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

New JPNA Board Members – Two new board members, Margaret Farmer and Andrew Pike, both elected at the February meeting, will be sworn in and welcomed to the JPNA Board.

JPNA Bylaws Changes – A preliminary discussion of proposed changes to the JPNA bylaws. A vote will be held on bylaws changes at the April meeting. Details of the proposed changes and the process are available here.

Review of the JPNA Planning & Zoning Process – The JPNA Board will review and clarify the JPNA’s current

community review process for development projects in the neighborhood.

272 Sumner – Erect 4th floor addition and change occupancy to include 4 residential units with parking for 2 vehicles. Proposal details are available here. Atty. Richard Lynds. VOTE

Raffle – We will be raffling off a pair of Red Sox tickets, generously donated by Century 21 Mario Real Estate. All proceeds will go toward JPNA operating costs. Remember to bring some cash to the meeting. Details:

Red Sox vs. Detroit
April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Loge Box - Home Plate Section/Box 131, Row KK, Seats 3&4

\$1 – 1 ticket
\$5 – 6 tickets
\$10 – 13 tickets
\$20 – 30 Tickets

2019 meeting dates are posted at jeffriespoint.org

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!

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

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EVENTS

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ESOL Intermediate English Class

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Classes are free.

Caravan Puppets

Friday, February 22 at 3 p.m.

Caravan Puppets has delighted countless children and families throughout the USA, Canada and Japan. “The Four Season Bear” is a delightful tale of the year of a young bear with memorable songs, beautiful puppets, storytelling and audience participation. Funding for this program was made possible by the Highland Street Foundation.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

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

Whether you have Italian ancestry, or just want to learn one of the world’s most beautiful languages, join us at informal and friendly Italian language and culture classes. Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.

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
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.

GRACE CHURCH
NEWS
SERVICES

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at

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.	Friend of the East Boston Greenway Fourth Thursday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St.
Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Second Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Sumner St.	Maverick Central Neighborhood Association Third Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.
Orient Heights Neighborhood Association Third Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54 Ashley 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.

760 Saratoga Street in East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour. We also have a food pantry on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon in the church basement. There are a number of ways you can help us to serve East Boston. Volunteer at or contribute to the food pantry. Sing with the Festival of Lessons and Carols choir. Bring a dish to the monthly Sunday evening community suppers. Participate in the Sunday worship service. Help with SundaySchool. Visit the Grace Church web site at www.gracechurcheastie.org or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.

EAST BOSTON
SOCIAL CENTER
PIZZA AND COMEDY
FUNDRAISER

East Boston Social Centers to Hold Annual Pizza and Comedy Fundraiser April 11.

The East Boston Social

Center will hold its Annual Spring Fundraiser, a Pizza and Comedy night at Prince Restaurant in Saugus, on the evening of Thursday April 11, 2019 – doors open at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and sharing a great night of laughs, pizza and friendship.

The East Boston Social Center is a 501(C) 3 non-profit multi-service agency that has served the children, families, and senior citizens of East Boston since its founding over 100 years ago, in 1918.

Net proceeds from this event will support the Social Centers’ programs, which serve over a thousand members of the East Boston and Greater Boston community each year. The Social Centers provide fully licensed and accredited Early Learning and After School programs for children ages two months through fourteen years, free after-school programming for at-risk teens, a Summer Program, as well as nutritional and social and recreational programming for seniors, and

community space for advocacy, self-help and community groups.

Ticket price of \$35 per person includes unlimited cheese pizza and soft drinks and a hilarious comedy show with some of the area’s best comedians. Other menu items and a cash bar are also available for purchase.

There is also a Raffle for an assortment of gift certificates, sports tickets, baskets and much more. Chances are \$20 for a book of 10 (Need not be present to win).

Thank you for your continued generosity to the East Boston Social Centers and support of the community of East Boston. We look forward to seeing you on April 11th!

To purchase tickets for the event or for raffle chances, please call Marisa at (617) 569-3221 ext. 107, email at mdipietro@ebsoc.org - or contact any of our Board members.

You may also purchase tickets online at: <https://www.ebsoc.org/new-events/>



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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, February 18, 2019
No Arrests

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Around 3:00 PM in the area of 63 Marion St. a 35 year old White Male with a Malden, MA address was arrested for Dwelling House; Day Breaking & Entering

Around 3:45 PM in the area of 213 Maverick St., a 30 year old Hispanic Female with an East Boston address was arrested for Dwelling House; Day Breaking and Entering and Assault & Battery

Wednesday, February 20, 2019
No Arrests

Thursday, February 21, 2019
No Arrests

Friday, February 22, 2019
Around 2:30 AM in the area of 309 Meridian St., a 20 year old Hispanic Male was arrested for Assault by means of a Dangerous Weapon, Larceny Over \$250 and Assault & Battery

Around 5:30 PM in the area of Orient Ave. & Drumlin Rd., a 29 year old Hispanic Male with a Lynn, MA address was arrested for Trafficking; Class A, Drugs 14-27 grams

Around 6:45 PM in the area of 200 Lexington St., a 39 year old White Male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault by means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife)

Sunday, February 24, 2019
Around 12:05 AM in the area of 22 Bennington St., a 30 year old Hispanic Male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery

Around 12:10 PM in the area of 718 Border St., a 56 year old Hispanic Female with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery

Around 2:55 PM in the area of 246 Border St., a 52 year old White Male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault by means of a Dangerous Weapon and Breaking & Entering a Motor Vehicle, Day



Community Meeting

PLAN: East Boston
Transportation Open House

Tuesday, March 12
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

86 White Street
East Boston High School, Gymnasium
East Boston, MA 02128

Event Description

Please join us for a community open house focusing on transportation in East Boston. The open house—part of a broader conversation on how to preserve, enhance, and grow East Boston—will solicit community feedback about how we travel today to inform how we might think about transportation in the future. Whether you walk, bike, take the bus or train, drive, or hail a car in East Boston, we want to hear from you. We will also share information about completed and ongoing planning efforts and project, and what we’ve heard at previous public meetings.

This event is part of many public events for PLAN: East Boston, a long-range planning initiative that, when complete, will update the East Boston Master Plan and will recommend changes to East Boston zoning.

Light refreshments, translated materials, and interpretation services will be provided.

Contact:

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

DCR AND PORRAZZO RINK ANNUAL CAMPFIRE AT CONSTITUTION BEACH

On Saturday the DCR and Porrazzo Skating rink teamed up for their annual campfire event. The event included roasting s'mores over a campfire, free skating, arts and crafts, as well as information on DCR and Porrazzo programs.



Brody Lynds enjoys the free skating.



Despite the snow and the cold over 100 residents turned out for the annual campfire



Eastie youth roast marshmallows for s'mores.



DCR and Porrazzo rink staff provided marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers for the s'mores free of charge.



DCR Park Ranger Enzo Polcaro hands out sticks around the campfire to roast marshmallows.



Mehdi Ayed keeps an eye on the fire.



Magdalena Ayed and Karima Lachmi from Harborkeepers.



Lacing up the skates: The annual event includes free ice skating at the Porrazzo Rink.

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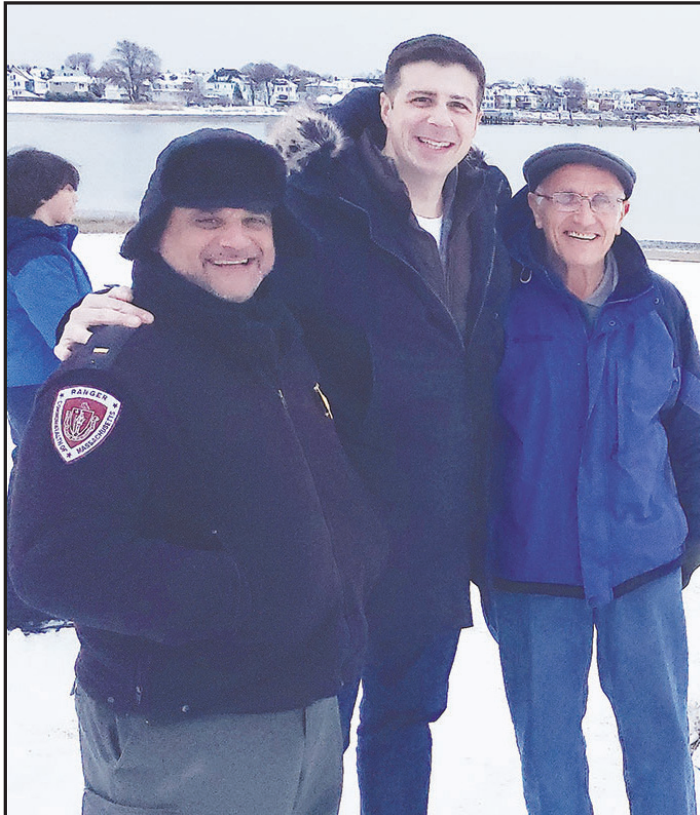
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Volunteer Kevin Farrell with Porrazzo Rink's Mark Squillaciotte.



Rebecca Lynds and Kathy Venuti.



Rep. Adrian Madaro (center) poses with the event's staff and volunteers.

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NOAH youth update residents on litter study, tree canopy projects

By John Lynds

At last week's Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA) meeting, members of the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing's (NOAH) Youth (N-Yo) gave a presentation to residents on the group's new litter study and tree canopy project.

For the past two weeks N-Yo members have been surveying Eastie residents on the trash and litter issue and trying to formulate solutions.

"We've worked on this issue in one way or another for the past few years," said N-Yo's Gabriella Ramirez. "Litter is a big issue in East Boston so for the past two weeks, we've surveyed over 60 people in different neighborhoods in East Boston. Eighty seven percent of those that responded said there were not enough trash barrels or recycling bins in East Boston. When we asked how we could deal with the neighborhood's trash and the litter issue the responses included adding more trash barrels; fining people for littering; more organized community clean-ups; and making businesses more responsible for cleaning in front of their stores"

Ramirez and the N-Yo members then came up with an idea.

"In discussing this issue the NOAH Youth came up with an idea that we think could help," said Ramirez.

The idea is to hold a community event where residents can come and help the NOAH Youth design and decorate trash barrels.

"Our idea is to then give these barrels to local business owners who would be responsible for making sure they were emptied on a regular basis as well as using them as a

tool to clean in front of their stores," said Ramirez. "We hope by doing this the City of Boston could donate the trash barrels to us so we could design and decorate them for the business community."

NOAH's Melinda Vega, who oversees the NOAH Youth, provided an update on the agency's tree canopy project.

For nearly two years a group of concerned teens from NOAH have been trying to rekindle the neighborhood's grassroots effort to get more trees planted in Eastie. NOAH Youth members have launched the tree canopy project in an effort to bring awareness to Eastie's lack of street trees and want to double our tree canopy coverage in Eastie. The youth define the tree canopy as street trees or trees that line the sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. The youth have been working

to gather information and data on the tree canopy and now are starting to plant these new trees throughout Eastie.

Vega and the NOAH Youth told residents that nearly 70 trees were planted last year and another 40 are slated to be planted this year.

Using Google Earth the Youth Crew mapped and marked every tree in the neighborhood. They counted the number of trees per street and calculated how many trees could possibly fit on any given street. Studies show that ideally for a good urban tree canopy there is a tree every 20 to 25 feet.

The Youth Crew found there were 1,924 trees in Eastie and over 300,000 linear feet of sidewalk space. On average there is a tree every 167 feet. If a tree was planted every 25 feet Eastie could have over 12,500 trees.

An example the Youth

Crew points to is a 4,980 foot stretch of Maverick Street from the Maverick Gate near the airport to Maverick Square. The problem there is that there are only 17 trees, or 9 percent of the possible 199 trees that could potentially line the street.

The youth said trees naturally absorb pollution and could reduce urban noise by 6 to 15 decibels.

The NOAH Youth plans to Increase tree coverage in Eastie to 30 percent thus doubling the current tree canopy coverage.

Vega said NOAH is in talks right now with the City of Boston's Parks Department to get a key to city water spickets that are around Eastie so the Youth Crew can better care for the newly planted trees by regularly watering them.



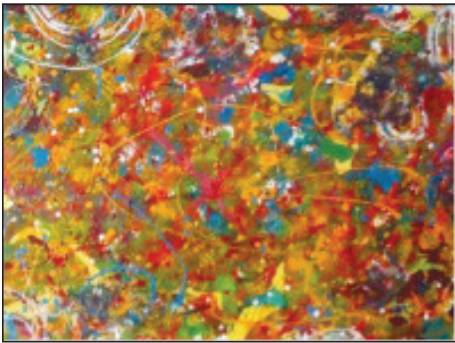
East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing's (NOAH) Youth (N-Yo) stopped by to brief residents on the group's new litter study and tree canopy project. Gabriella Ramirez (right) discusses some of the group's ideas.

An Explosion of Colors: A new members show featuring Krystle Vermes, Sandrine Colson, Renato Viganego, and Dan Hofstadter

Atlantic Works Gallery is proud to present its new member exhibition, "An Explosion of Colors," opening on Saturday, March 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. Join, the artists, Krystle Vermes, Sandrine Colson, Renato Viganego, and Dan Hofstadter for light refreshments and artist talks.

The monthly "Third Thursday" celebration will be held on Thursday, March 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. Join the artists and the Atlantic Works Gallery community to mingle and discuss the art.

"An Explosion of Colors" is an exploration of every hue on the color wheel and what it means to be saturated in one or more of these tints in today's world – whether it be an object, a person, or a special place. Each of the artists expresses what color means to them in their carefully crafted pieces for this particular exhibit.



Krystle Vermes has been creating painting and drawing for more than 15 years. She enjoys working with acrylic and multimedia materials. Her work has been featured in publications including ArtAscent magazine, where she received the Distinguished Artist title.

Dan Hofstadter moved to Boston recently. His work has previously been

shown in Stockholm and in Bennington, Vermont.

Sandrine Colson is a versatile painter who now focuses on mixed media. She has been painting for more than 18 years. A world traveler, she gets her inspiration from the various cultures she has visited and the special light of Provence, France, where she is born. Her compositions are abstract, referencing natural forms and movement, filled with bright paint swirls, playful paper cut-outs, and three-dimensional objects, resulting in richly textured abstract canvases with intricate layering. Her work is a continuing experimentation with form, color, and medium.

Renato Viganego is a Boston-based artist and new member of the Atlantic Works Gallery. His studio can be found at 80 Border St.

Two arrested in Eastie mugging

By John Lynds

A Lynn man and a juvenile were arrested Monday after a violent mugging on Border Street.

Brian Cornejo, 21, of Lynn was arrested by police and arraigned and charged in East Boston District Court of Armed Robbery and Assault by means of a Dangerous Weapon. A second male was identified as a 17-year-old was also arrested but released to the Department of Youth Services on an outstanding warrant.

According to police the incident occurred at 10 a.m. Monday when officers assigned to District A-7 responded to a radio call for an armed robbery in the area of 434 Border St.

Police officers spoke to the victim said he had been assaulted and allegedly robbed of his belongings by three males. The victim stated the three males had approached him in the foyer of an apartment building, allegedly pushed him to the ground and began to punch and kick him before taking his backpack and a gold chain he was wearing. The victim stated one of the males was allegedly brandishing a knife during the assault. The victim suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital. Officers searched

the area for the suspects to no avail.

Then at 1:30 p.m. officers were notified that two of the male suspects had been seen in the area of Meridian and

West Eagle Streets. Officers responded to the area in an effort to speak with the males. When police arrived one of the males was positively identified as the suspect who

had allegedly been brandishing the knife during the earlier robbery and was taken into custody, as well as the 17-year-old. The third suspect is still at large.

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Pillsbury Toaster Strudels.....	2/4.00
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Stella Slicing Provolone Cheese.....	3.99/lb

Bakery

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Strawberry Rhubarb Pie.....	3.99
Cinnamon or Raspberry Twists 2 pk.....	1.99
Canoli Chip & Dip Platter.....	10.99

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

HIGH RENTS DRIVING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS

CHELSEA - Supt. Mary Bourque said that for the first time in decades, more students are leaving the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) than are coming in – an exodus of students that seems to be heading mostly to Lynn.

“We’ve always had more students coming in from certain communities than students leaving Chelsea for those communities,” said Bourque this week. “Since July, we’re seeing the inverse. We have more going out to the four communities of Lynn, Revere, Everett and Boston...A few years ago, we were seeing an influx of students from outside of the country. We’re seeing the reverse. We’re not seeing that influx from out of the country, and we’re actually seeing the exodus of our families more to the North Shore communities. The movement is more to the North Shore. I think it’s linked to housing and affordability.”

According to CPS data, from July 1, 2019 through Feb. 14 - 257 Chelsea students left for other communities in Massachusetts. Of the 257, the largest pattern saw 29 going to Boston; 35 going to Everett; 44 going to Lynn; and 34 going to Revere. Those are places that, historically, Bourque said usually leak more students to Chelsea than Chelsea loses to them. That trend has changed now.

The root cause could come for multiple reasons, but Bourque said she firmly believes it all comes down to the drastic rise in rents and housing costs in Chelsea.

“I do believe it’s the rising rental properties around the community,” she said. “Right now, Chelsea is experiencing it just like, if not more so, than other communities. We’re losing many, many families. I’m

seeing documents of many, many families going to Lynn in particular. Lynn seems to be the most popular destination for families being able to find rental properties. Secondly, they are going to Revere, Everett and Boston.”

Bourque, who has studied student mobility in depth during her career, said many studies have indicated over the years that student population is a bellwether for the changes that are coming to a community.

In Chelsea, she said she believes this latest trend in student population could be sounding an alarm for the community to try to take action.

“This is definitely something we have to pay attention to,” she said. “The demographics in our schools are telling of what is coming to the community at-large. We’re the canary in the coal mine for community shift. I see it as a positive though because we can look at it and get out in front so we can be prepared to meet the needs of that shift.”

A consequence of that loss is that the CPS budget is likely going to shrink due to the smaller enrollments.

“We already have an issue with the Foundation Budget at the state level being broken, and it still needs to be fixed,” she said. “We still need to advocate for that. At the same time, we have a confounding situation where we’re losing student enrollment that results in a natural decrease in staffing and resources due to that lower student enrollment. The challenge will be keeping those two budgetary issues separate and not allowing them to blend together. They are two different issues.”

Bourque said the situation reminds her of what Somerville Public Schools went through some years ago as it gentrified on the back of Cam-

bridge’s successes. At one point, she said she recalled they had somewhere around 6,000 students enrolled in the public schools, but as that City changed, the numbers dwindled down to around 4,000. She said Chelsea should fight to keep that from happening here.

Looking for a wave from Venezuela, Brazil

Chelsea has always had a reputation and a practice of having open arms to refugees and new immigrant populations.

Now, as new immigrant families seem to be migrating a bit towards the North Shore, Supt. Mary Bourque said they are keeping an eye on Brazil and Venezuela as potential sources of incoming students.

Bourque said immigrant groups from crisis areas of the world typically begin showing up in Chelsea schools about 10 to 15 months after the crisis in their countries.

With the recent political upheaval in Venezuela with its leadership, she said the federal government is considering giving Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Venezuelans. That, she said, could result in more students arriving from that country soon.

“It will be interesting to wait and see if we get an influx from Venezuela,” she said. “It usually happens 15 to 18 months after a crisis. We’ll watch to see if this summer enrollments begin to come in from that country.”

In Brazil, she said a down economy has already brought a trickling of new Brazilian students to the district.

CITY MANAGER OUTLINES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHELSEA - Fresh off of a new contract, City Manager Tom Ambrosino gave an

ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA HONORS JANE M. KLAUSMAN SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT



The Zonta Club of Chelsea, at their February monthly meeting, had the pleasure of honoring MIT attendee Carmel Appel Raskin, recipient of the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship. Zonta District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart presented her with the Scholarship Certificate. The membership and many guests were there for this memorable evening. Invited guest were Chelsea School Committee member Rosemarie Carlisle, Everett Interim Superintendent of Schools Janice Gauthier, Everett school teacher Josephine Penza and MGH Operations Specialist Maria Valles.

Pictured above left to right, Zonta International Area 4 Director Barbara Anderson, JMK Women in Business Scholarship recipient Carmel Appel Raskin, District 1 Governor Elizabeth Hart, Zonta Club of Chelsea President Joan Lanzillo-Hahesy and Scholarship Chair Pamela Miller.

enthusiastic opening to city council meeting during his State of the City Address, where he talked about Chelsea’s accomplishments in 2018, as well as its goals for 2019.

“I feel confident in saying that the state of our City of Chelsea is very good indeed,” he started.

Among the achievements of the past year, Ambrosino noted that the City ended 2018 with an excess of \$28 million in its coffers.

“There’s not another city our size in the entire Commonwealth with that level of reserves,” he said. “That is a testament to the shrewd finan-

cial planning of City Council.”

In 2018, Chelsea was also one of only 35 cities in the country to be awarded a Bloomberg Challenge grant for its vision to reduce crime with preventative care.

“Because of that award, our model of predicting harm and then engaging in cross-sector collaboration to address the harm got national attention,” said Ambrosino. “It’s gaining interest and it has people seeking to replicate that, not just in Massachusetts, but outside as well.”

Ambrosino cited the City’s increased development in 2018, such as the construc-

tion of two new hotels and the multi-million dollar expansion of a pharmaceutical company. He also mentioned the \$10 million grant by the state to reconstruct Broadway from City Hall to the Revere Line, as well as a \$3 million federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant to renovate Chelsea’s waterfront, one of the largest grants given by the EDA to any municipality in the country in 2018, and one of the only grants issued in Massachusetts.

“We kept our promises to our residents in 2018 by doing good services,” Ambrosi-

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AG’s office to host events across the state for National Consumer Protection Week

In celebration of the 21st annual National Consumer Protection Week, Attorney General Maura Healey announced a series of events designed to help empower and educate Massachusetts residents.

“The AG’s Office advocates for consumers every day, arming them with the tools they need to make informed decisions and protect themselves from bad actors,” said AG Healey. “This month, we will travel throughout the state to meet with consumers, teach them about their rights, and connect them with the resources we have available through our office.”

During National Consumer Protection Week, the AG’s Office will offer consumer education events across the state on topics ranging from consumer awareness, scams, senior consumer rights, and auto laws. A complete list of consumer protection events being held throughout March is available here.

Each year, the AG’s Office provides direct assistance to thousands of consumers across Massachusetts. AG Healey’s Consumer Advocacy & Response Division (CARD) directly assists consumers by answering questions, offering referrals to appropriate organizations or government agencies, working with businesses to resolve disputes, and providing information on other available services and community-based consumer programs.

In 2018, CARD worked on more than 34,000 cases, and either directly or through its partnerships with local consumer programs helped secured more than \$3.7 million in relief for consumers. Some examples of consumer assistance provided by the AG’s Office in 2018 include:

- Assisting an elderly consumer facing foreclosure. CARD staff successfully got the foreclosure date postponed and provided the consumer with time to apply for a loan modification.
- Helping to clear a consumer of a fraudulent wireless phone bill totaling nearly \$5,300. The consumer was contacted by the carrier for more than a year even though he repeatedly told them that he never had an account with them. With CARD’s assistance, the carrier confirmed that the consumer did not owe the debt and corrected his credit.
- Assisting in getting an auto purchase rescinded after a consumer discovered within days of purchasing it that her car was a lemon. CARD contacted the finance company that originated the auto loan, and the company unwound the deal, offered to correct the consumer’s credit report, and ceased doing business with the dealership.
- Coordinating the delivery of 100 gallons of oil, paid for by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands Inc. and delivered by Guard Oil, to a senior without heat. Guard Oil also serviced the furnace at no charge.
- Working with a hotel chain to compensate consumers after a spa in one of their Boston locations closed abruptly. Consumers who filed complaints with the AG’s Office received credits at the spa slated to replace the one that closed or at the hotel for a total value of \$6,158.

In addition to direct assistance, the AG’s Office investigates and litigates violations of the state’s consumer protection laws. In 2018, the AG’s Office secured refunds for 20,000 consumers from Comcast, \$4 million in relief from a national mortgage servicing company, \$450,000 in restitution and penalties from used auto dealership in Westport, and nearly \$50,000 for student borrowers from a student loan “debt relief” company that charged unnecessary and unlawful fees.

Consumers with problems are encouraged to contact CARD’s consumer specialists at 617-727-8400 or file a complaint on the AG’s website. The AG’s Office also has an Elder Hotline at 888-243-5337, which operates as part of CARD and is staffed by trained specialists who are knowledgeable about problems that are more common for older Massachusetts residents. The AG’s Office also encourages student borrowers to contact the Student Loan Assistance Unit at 888-830-6277 for help.

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no reflected. “I think we can achieve the same level of success in 2019 if we have the same level of collaboration from City Council.”

In terms of goals for 2019, Ambrosino highlighted the effort to renovate the downtown Chelsea area, building on the foundational work done in 2018.

“We added police, social services, more lighting, decorative banners, public art,” he said. “We’ve created an atmosphere and foundation for success, so what we need to do now is finalize the work that remains.”

Ambrosino outlined four areas of improvement for downtown Chelsea: finalizing the design for the infrastructure improvements for one-way schemes, adopting the necessary zoning permissions to improve the facade of the corridor, offering a rich array of cultural and artistic activities, and submitting a request for proposal (RFP) for the redevelopment of the former Salvation Army site.

The City Manager threw his support behind the Forbes Proposal, which is up before the City Board of Appeals next month for the redevelopment of the Chelsea waterfront, claiming that it will include affordable condominiums for Chelsea residents looking to become homeowners.

Ambrosino also mentioned the planned infrastructure and capital improvements for 2019, including work to the Chelsea Greenway, the Chelsea Garden Cemetery and Veterans’ Field. This would all be in the context of a master plan, the first of its kind in Chelsea since the 1970s.

The City Manager emphasized the importance of investing in affordable housing as well as in education, specifically for grants to allow high-achieving, low-income high school students in Chelsea to attend Bunker Hill Community College free of charge.

“This idea of public funding for education beyond just high school is gaining momentum in this nation,” he said. “We can feel a sense of pride that Chelsea is in the forefront of that movement.”

FORESTEIRE LEAVES HOUSING AUTHORITY

EVERETT - With the charges against former Supt. Fred Foresteire leveled last week, new attention immediately was brought to his service on the Everett Housing Authority (EHA) board, and news traveled fast that Foresteire quietly had resigned from that seat recently.

In a letter dated Feb. 13, Foresteire indicated he would resign from the Board effective Feb. 15.

Foresteire has been on the EHA board as the governor’s appointment for some time, and has served for many governors, including Gov. Charlie Baker.

In conversations earlier this year, upon learning of the allegations against Foresteire, the Independent inquired of Foresteire’s EHA seat. The governor’s office at the time said they have heard of the investigations into Foresteire, but they cannot unilaterally remove Foresteire.

“Gov. Baker believes there be should zero tolerance for sexual harassment, especially in our schools, and the administration supports a full and thorough investigation of the matter in a timely fashion,” said Brendan Moss of the governor’s office.

The legal process for removing someone from a local Housing Authority board calls for several steps before one can be removed. The responsibility for getting the process started and removing members lies with the City Council and the mayor.

They are empowered to “make and receive . . . written charges against any member of a housing or redevelopment authority in such city or town appointed by the department [of housing and community development],” read the state law.

If there are written charges, it lies upon the mayor and City Council to refer those charges, which now exist in the Foresteire case, to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), as well as the governor’s office.

The law says the standard for which a member must adhere to include: “inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office.”

The member must also be given notice and opportunity for a hearing on his or her removal.

However, with the resignation, none of that process was necessary.

MIDDLESEX DA CHARGES FORESTEIRE WITH SEVERAL COUNTS

EVERETT - Former Supt. Fred Foresteire has been charged with seven counts of assault and battery for allegedly inappropriately touching three female Everett Public Schools (EPS) employees.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Police Chief Steven Mazzie announced the charges last week, noting that Foresteire, 75, will be arraigned on April 4 in Malden District Court.

The charges were born out of a controversy that surfaced around Thanksgiving last year when Foresteire was accused of sexual harassment by a former EPS employee, Andrea Garay. Garay filed a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD). That launched an investigation into that and other incidents, and led to the sudden retirement of Foresteire in December after more than 50 years on the job in Everett.

DA Ryan stated that Foresteire was charged with the following crimes:

- Indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 60.
- Assault and Battery.
- And, five counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 14.

The seven counts were focused on three victims, Ryan said, all of whom were EPS employees who were known to him.

An attorney that represented Foresteire before the School Committee, from Spruce Law, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria declined to comment on the charges.

School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese said he couldn’t comment immediately on the charges, but said they would be “stunning” if true. He said they would likely be calling a special meeting in the near future to discuss the next steps.

That came quickly, as the City’s website had posted at 11:53 a.m. an emergency meeting for Tuesday at 8 p.m., beyond Independent deadlines, for an executive session “to investigate charges of criminal misconduct.”

That meeting was not expected to be in open session, and it was called for by Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier.

Attorney Tara Swartz, who represents some of the victims, including Garay, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association, nor the Everett Teachers Association, were immediately available for comment as well.

DA Ryan reminded these charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

COUNCIL APPROVES TWO MORE POT SHOPS

LYNN - The City Council approved two more special permits for the opening of recreational marijuana shops.

Good Chemistry, which has another shop in Worcester and a cultivation site in Bellingham, would open a Lynn shop at 696 Western Ave., the site of the old Tony’s Florist. Joe Ciota, owner of the property said he supports his tenant

Good Chemistry was founded by Matthew Huron, who began cultivating cannabis 20 years ago to provide relief for his father, his father’s partner, and others living with HIV/AIDS and other critical illnesses.

Today, Good Chemistry is a leading provider of medical and adult-use cannabis products and related services, and is committed to making life better for patients and consumers. The company opened the first medical cannabis dispensary in Worcester in August 2018.

Good Chemistry has developed and implemented best practices in the medical and adult-use cannabis industry in Massachusetts, Colorado and Nevada. Good Chemistry is a well-respected, established company with a strong track record of compliance with state and local regulations.

The second shop approved is Tree Market, LLC which plans to operate at 3 Mt. Vernon St., Unit 6. The presentation was not as extensive as others. Eli Volynsky, co-founder and CEO has teamed up with Danny Razure, CFO, to create the shop.

PETERSEN SISTERS FIRST TO SERVE ON POLICE FORCE

WINTHROP - There have been brothers, uncles, fathers and grandfathers but there has never been a set of sisters serving on the Winthrop Police Dept. until now.

Last week 23-year-old Vanessa Faro Petersen was sworn in as a new reserve officer in the Dept. where her 25-year old sister Officer Samantha Faro Petersen has been on force since October 2018 who completed the police academy in 2018. Vanessa graduated from the Recruit Academy in 2018.

Samantha Petersen graduated with a degree in criminal justice at Westfield State while her sister Vanessa graduated from LaSalle College with a degree in criminal justice.

“We have totally different personalities,” Samantha said. “She’s more the fun, lovable, carefree and I’m more regimented, don’t break the rules.”

The two, new officers grew up in Winthrop, as did their parents and grandparents, Salvatore and Elaine Faro.

It was their mother Elaine Faro who pushed Samantha to join the Police Explorers Club, run by Sgt. Steve Rogers. Samantha Petersen said when she was a kid she thought the Explorers were for boys, but soon found out otherwise.

“I wasn’t playing sports or anything. My mother kept telling me I needed something to do so I joined the Explorers,” Samantha Petersen said, adding that their older brother Michael has been supportive too. “After the first meeting of the Explorers I was hooked,” she said. “I started at 15 so I basically grew up here. It’s been an easy transition because it feels like home.”

In the Explorers members are exposed to day to day calls a police officer responds to. These scenarios help build the foundation of the police officer.

Vanessa Petersen started with the Explorers at the age of 13. She currently works at Boston Medical Center in the public safety Dept..

“We just did a training and I embraced everything they said,” Samantha Petersen said. “Everyone just instantly became my role models.”

Going through the academy is not easy and the two sisters did not think they’d be making history. Both credit their time in the Explorers to fuel their desire to be police officers.

“But it’s also a testament to how well we did on the test,” Samantha Petersen said. “I couldn’t ask for a better outcome.”

In the future, Samantha said she’s glad to start in Winthrop but she does see herself advancing her career to the federal or state level, ATF or detective.

“I’m enjoying my job and getting to know the community,” Samantha said.

FIESTA SHOWS RECEIVE APPROVAL

REVERE - Get ready for a good snow storm in March or April because the Licensing Commission has approved a permit for Fiesta Shows to come to town once again.

Traditionally it snows at least once when Fiesta open its first show of the season in the Showcase Cinema parking lot off Squire Road on March 21 and close on April 15 operating every day from 3-11 p.m.

This year the License Commission reminded show owner John Flynn of years past when there were incidences but they noted that last year was a good year with no problems. This is credited to beefed up security and the installation of cameras around the cinema.

“In the past sometimes I voted for this sometimes against,” said Commissioner Linda Guinasso. “I’ve looked at other cities and towns and I wonder why they allow the show, and it all comes down to the money. It’s hard to turn this money down for the kids.”

The funds do go to the McCarthy-Trifone fund, which is used to support sports in the city.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers said Flynn has stepped up over the years.

Jane D’Angelo, president of the McCarthy-Trifone fund said without the carnival there would be no other means of money for the fund.

“He has been very generous even in the years it snowed and rained,” she said.

VETERANS’ ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE FEE BREAK

REVERE - There are three veterans’ organizations in Revere and each one is struggling with membership numbers with older veterans dying off and younger veterans not joining their local post.

For the past few years all the posts have been paying \$1,300 a year in license fees to the city. Ward 2 Councillor and veteran Ira Novoselsky made a motion during a recent City Council meeting for the fee to be cut in half. The council agreed with the motion and the mayor agreed it was a good idea. Last Wednesday afternoon the Licensing Commission agreed but Chairman Robert Selevitch took it one step further and slashed the license fee to \$500 for a year.

“It’s something we as a city should be doing to help out veterans and their organizations,” Novoselsky said. “It shows support and gives some community engagement.”

Don Swicker of the Motolo Post acknowledged it would help.

“We are struggling,” said James Sintra of American Legion Post 61.

“We should do as much as we can for out veterans,” said Commissioner John LaCroix.

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OBITUARIES

Marino ‘Buddy’ Cuozzo

Former Boston Housing Authority Director; once named Veteran’s Council East Boston Man of the Year and East Boston Kiwanian of the Year

 Marino “Buddy” Cuozzo, formerly of both East Boston and Lynnfield, passed away peacefully at home in Scituate surrounded by his loving family. He was 94 years old.

Born October 9, 1924 in East Boston to Rose and Valentino Cuozzo who came to America in 1913 from Casinno, Italy, he was the beloved husband of Barbara (Laurano) Cuozzo, treasured father of Rozanne Saggese of Lynnfield, Janis Pustizzi of Saugus, Debra Roberts and her husband, Brian of Lynnfield, Valeri Williams, her son Jack and his father, Robert of Scituate, Deirdre Gibbons and her husband, Ed of Little Silver, NJ, Marino Cuozzo, Jr. of Wilmington and Kym Buckovich and her husband, Paul of Scituate; cherished grandfather of 16, great grandfather of 17 and great grandfather of two.

Marino lived a colorful life growing up in East Boston during the depression with his eight sisters and only brother, Guy. His mother Rosie was his hero.

He volunteered throughout the years for the East Boston Columbus Day celebrations and parade for which he was Grand Marshall. This man truly loved a parade.

In 1969, Marino was named Man of the Year by the East Boston Veteran’s Council. He was East Boston Kiwanian of the year in 1994 and served as Revere Kiwanis President from 1993-1995.

Marino served our country as a Marine Corporal in Okinawa and Guadalcanal from 1943 to 1946 where his love of music and the drums deepened as he was honored to be the drum major proudly representing the Marine Corps Marching Band.

Upon returning from overseas, Marino’s love of style flourished when he opened his clothing store, Bud Elliott, in Lynn. In 1961 he was appointed Director of the Boston Housing Authority and upon



retiring moved his family to Lynnfield. It was here that Marino found his passion for building.

He built strong, beautiful, unique homes ~ each of the five homes he built was a reflection of his extraordinary style.

Dad loved simple pleasures.

He would always stop to kiss a baby’s head or smell a beautiful rose.

He loved animals, beautiful music, Christmas, and let’s not forget dessert.

If you were lucky enough, you had the pleasure of seeing and hearing him play his drums. Shopping on a Saturday for the perfect suit, shoes or Fedora just made him happy.

Marino was a man of Grace, a proud father and Marine who loved his country and his family with all of his heart.

He will be the best dressed man in heaven. There will never be another like him ~ ever. He will never be forgotten. Our very own personal movie star.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 17 Grove Street, Lynnfield on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m.

Following the Mass, his family invites you to a celebration of his sweet life at Spinelli’s, Route One South, Lynnfield. Please omit flowers. Remembrances can be made in Marino’s name to Norwell VNA and Hospice, 120 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061. Semper Fi

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Kathleen Virginia “Katie” Santos

Her love and tenderness knew no bounds

Kathleen Virginia “Katie” (Espinola) Santos of South Berwick, ME, formerly of Lynn, passed away with her family by her side at the Mass General Hospital in Boston on Feb. 20 at the age of 59.

Born Aug. 28, 1959 in Chelsea, Katie was a career Mom - boundless in her devotion to her family as well as friends. A parishioner of St. George’s Episcopal Church in Sanford, ME, she was active with Lent and Advent Book Studies; an integral aide to the Jumble Sale fundraising event and regularly participated in Community Care Day. During her years in Lynn, she was an active parishioner of the former St. Alban’s Episcopal Church.

A passionate child advocate, especially for children with autism, she dedicated an abundance of time throughout her life to working with and for children. Her love and tenderness knew no bounds.

She stood as the “Neighborhood Mom” in every community in which she lived, always there to lend support to anyone in need. She will rest as the Patron Saint of the Santos Clan.

The beloved wife of 37




years to Stephen Manuel Santos, she was a devoted mother to Joseph Frederick, Adam Justin and Kenneth Stephen, as well as a loving Vao Vo to Alexia Raquel, Rylee Benjamin, Zandros Michael Manuel and Kenneth Stephen.

She passes to her celestial family above. She was the loving daughter of the late Francis J. and Marguerite I. Espinola and dear sister to Donald F., Nancy A., Joseph F., Phillip A., and Kenneth W., as well as loving niece of the late Rod and Phyllis Moore, Bill and Gladys Keefe and Buddy Sheppard.

Funeral arrangements were by the Anthony Memorial -- Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, Chelsea. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Salvatore Tassone

Long time political activist who worked to make East Boston a better place

 Salvatore “Sammy” Tassone, a life-long resident of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly on March 1 at the age of 87.

Sammy was a US Navy Korean War veteran, a past member of the East Boston Civic Club, an employee of the City of Boston Retirement Board and a long-time political activist. Sammy spent countless hours volunteering on local campaigns and with local organizations trying to make East Boston a better place. He will be missed by all.

The devoted son of the late Joseph and Maria (Sesito) Tassone, he was the dear brother of Frank Tassone of East Boston, Elizabeth Sharpe of Quincy and the late Rose Carley and Vito Tassone and the cherished uncle of Robert Carley and Kristen Carley. He is also survived by many living friends and neighbors.

Family and friends will



honor Sammy’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Thursday, March 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. A funeral service in celebration of Sammy’s life will be held at the Serenity Chapel of the Memorial Home at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Sammy being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit ruggieromh.com

Ronald James Eldridge

Late employee of Brandywyne Village

Ronald James Eldridge of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, died on March 3.

A late employee of Brandywyne Village, he was the beloved son of the late Mary E. (Cutcliff) and Eugene A. Eldridge Sr., brother of Judy Clark, June Dennen, Janet, John and Edward Eldridge and the late Joyce DiGenio, Gene Jr., Jackie and Charles Eldridge. He is also survived by two generations of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held in the Magrath Funeral Home, 325 Chelsea St. [at

Day Sq] East Boston, Thursday morning, March 7, at 10 o’clock. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours are today, Wednesday, March 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in the family lot in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron’s memory to Beachmont VFW Auxiliary #6712, 150 Bennington St., Revere 02151 would be appreciated. Indoor parking and entrance to funeral home available form 340 Bremen St. For additional information, visit: MagrathFuneralHome.com

James Sorrento

Retired educator who valued family



James Sorrento, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 26. He was 84 years old.

Jim, who was born and raised in East Boston, was an avid baseball and football player at East Boston and English High. He joined the army and was a Korean War Veteran, stationed in Europe. After his military career, he was a Waterfront Director at East Boston Camps in Westford. It was here that James met his wife, Rita.

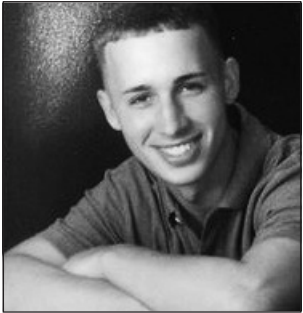
James was a graduate of Boston State and worked as an Adjustment Counselor in Boston, a Title 1 Director in Revere, and a teacher at Lynn Public Schools. He was a member of St. Anthony’s Parish and his favorite pastimes included watching old movies, golfing and dancing. Jim loved to travel, near and far. Above all, Jim valued family, and enjoyed raising his two sons, and later spending time and sharing his knowledge with his grandchildren. He was the loving father of Dr. Jim Sorrento and his daughter-in-law, Rachael of Rowley and Mark Sorrento of Winthrop. Jim was adored by his grandchildren, Stephen Moniz and Anthony Sorrento. He was the caring brother of the late Sarah Robinson, Ma-



rie Mascis and late Joseph, Salvatore, Frank and Charles Sorrento. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Family and friends will honor James’s life by gathering in Vazza’s “Beechwood” Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere at 8:30 a.m. today, Wednesday morning, before leaving in procession to St. Anthony’s Church in Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in his honor at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in James’s name to the Neighborhood PACE Program at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center at www.ebnhc.org or to St. Anthony of Padua Restoration Fund, 250 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. For guest book and directions, please visit www.vazzafunerals.com

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We love and miss you dearly,
As it dawns another year.*
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Aunt & Family*



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A mother and her son.
We had hopes and dreams for tomorrow,
But tomorrow didn't come.
We walked together, you and I.
We talked, we laughed, we loved.
We shared so many happy times
And for that, I thank God above.
We walked together, you and I.
But only for a short time.
For all too soon it ended
Leaving broken hearts behind.
And even though I miss you,
More than words can say,
I thank God that I got to walk with you
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A petition has been
presented to the Probate
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Commonwealth of
Massachusetts by, Elaine
M. Panico or 65 Joey
Rd., Revere, MA 02151
representing she hold as
Tenant in common and
an undivided 1/2 share
of certain land lying at
65 Joey Rd., Revere,
MA, 02151 in said Coun-
ty described as follows:
Northwesterly: by Joey
Rd., 100 and one and
30/100 (101.30) feet;
Northeasterly: by Lot 8,
as shown on plan, sixty
one and 8/100 (61.08)
feet;
Southeasterly: by Lot
G, on said plan, one hun-
dred one and 30/100
(101.30) feet;
Southwesterly: by Lot 6,
on said plan, sixty and
85/100 (60.85) feet.
Containing 6176 square
feet of land more or
less and all according to
said plan.
Setting forth that she
desires that all of the
following described
part of said land may
be sold at private
sale for not less than
\$430,000.00 dollars or
that a commissioner be
appointed to make such
partition and be ordered
to make sale and

conveyance of all, or any
part of said land which
the court finds cannot be
advantageously divided
either at private sale or
public auction and be
ordered to distribute the
net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object
thereto you or your
attorney should file a
written appearance in
said Court at Boston
before ten o'clock in the
forenoon on the
12th day of April, 2019,
the return day of this
citation and furnish a
copy of said objection to
Attorney Sheldon Ganz,
1325 Worcester Rd.,
C-1., Framingham, MA
01701.
Witness, Brian J. Dunn,
Esquire, First Judge of
said Court, this 1st day
of March, 2019.
Felix Arroyo,
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MA. A will has been
admitted to informal
probate.
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Methuen, MA has been
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the Personal Represen-
tative of the estate to
serve without surety on
the bond.
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the Court. Inventory
and accounts are not
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the Court, but interested
parties are entitled to
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and can petition the
Court in any matter
relating to the estate,
including distribution of
assets and expenses of
administration. Interest-
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to petition the Court to
institute formal proceed-
ings and to obtain orders
terminating or restricting
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Petition and Will, if any,
can be obtained from the
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order directing the
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Rule 4, it appearing
to the court that this is
an action for Custody/
Support/Parenting Time
filed on July 13, 2018.
Defendant(s)/Respon-
dent(s) cannot be found
within the Common-
wealth and defen-
dant(s)/respondent(s)
present whereabouts are
unknown. Personal
service on defendant is
therefore not practicable,
and defendant(s)/
respondent(s) has/have
not voluntarily appeared
in this action.
It is Ordered that
defendant is directed to
appear, plead, answer,
or otherwise move with
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herein on or before April
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Developers drop plans to tear down Donald McKay's brother's home in Eagle Hill

By John Lynds

The small red, and white Italianate Victorian home at 88 White St. is packed with history. The home, which sits on the National Register of Historic Places, was built by Donald McKay for his brother in 1860, and is only one of two homes connected to Eastie's famed shipbuilder.

The home remains in good shape, and has been a community treasure for more than 150 years, as is Donald McKay's home just up the road a bit at 78-80 White St.

So it was no surprise that the Eagle Hill community almost had a collective heart attack when word came that the house was sold to a developer who was planning to tear it down.

However, after an emergency abutters meeting, the attorney for the developer, Jeff Drago, said his client had scrapped plans to tear the building down and he would come back before the community with a revised plan.

That moment came at last Wednesday's during the Eagle Hill Civic Association's February meeting.

"I think we really took the feedback from the community and applied it to these revised plans," said Drago.

The new plan calls for restoring both the McKay House and the carriage house on the property. The interior of the carriage house will be renovated and the developer plans to erect a three-story addition to the carriage house.

The one-family McKay House will be historically restored and remain as one unit of residential housing.

"The entire project will be four units in total," said Drago. "This new plan we will be able to preserve the two historic buildings while being able to add some additional units."

The home was sold to a developer and the developer's original plan was to raze the historic home and carriage house and replace it with a seven-unit condo building.

However, EHCA members and Rep. Adrian Madaro reached out to Drago and the developer urging them to come to the community with a plan that preserves the two structures.

"These structures are very, very significant to the community," said EHCA President Debra Cave. "This home is really a treasure to this community. It is only one of two homes built by Donald McKay. There's his (Donald McKay) home on White Street and this home that he built for his brother, so these are really very significant to this neighborhood and its history."

Before last week's meeting Cave asked the developer to consider a project that does not try to maximize profits but respects the neighborhood's local history.

At last week's meeting EHCA members started to warm up to the project, but expressed some concerns over the detail of the historic renovation.

EHCA board member Charlie Lograsso said he wants to make sure, if the project goes forward, that the developer does his due diligence in researching what the home and carriage house looked like around the time it was built. Lograsso said the developer should take great care in researching architectural details such as window treatments, and building materials like clapboards and other features, to ensure they are appropriate to the period in which the home and carriage house were built.



The Victorian home at 88 White St. was built by Donald McKay for his brother in 1860



Attorney Jeff Drago discusses revised plans to the McKay House at last week's EHCA meeting.

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