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Paul Franzese completes Boston Marathon for Salesian Boys & Girls Club

By John Lynds

People run the Boston Marathon for a lot of different reasons. For some it's something on their bucket list. For others it's the thrill of being part of one of the most historic road races in the world.

However, for East Boston 35 year-old native Paul Franzese the race is about helping a cause that is near and dear to him

On Monday Franzese finished the 26.2 mile Marathon in five hours and 34 minutes and raised just over \$8,000 for the Salesian Boys & Girls Club in Eastie.

"This was my second year running but my first year raising money for a cause," said Franzese the morning after the Marathon.

Franzese, a 2002 graduate of Savio Prep, grew up around Salesian programs for most of his life

"Just knowing the history of the club it was a no-brainer for me," he said. "I graduated Savio in 2002 and the Boys & Girls Club was a place I went

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Veronica, played by Isabella Rivas, wipes the face of Jesus. The scene came during the East Boston Central Catholic Stations of the Cross Passion Play on Friday, April 12, at the school. Principal Robert Casaletto said the eighth-grade class was very impressive in their performance. See Page 16 for more photos.

Eastie organizations receive Cultural Council grants

By John Lynds

Several East Boston organizations were on hand during a reception at MassArt's Pozen Center to congratulate the 2019 Boston Cultural Council (BCC) organizational grant winners and mark Mayor Martin Walsh's largest

ever investment in local arts organizations. Walsh said the grants are part of an effort to bring accessible opportunities to engage in the arts throughout the entire City.

Six Eastie nonprofits were among the 221 grant recipients that shared in \$487,000 in grant money as part of a part-

nership between the BBC and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.

The selected organizations in Eastie and citywide represent an array of disciplines, including visual arts, theater, film, music, dance, and the

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Two Eastie teachers named BPS Educator of the Year

By John Lynds

Two East Boston teachers were honored by Boston Public Schools and the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) as an Educator of the Year. The two local teachers and nine teachers from other BPS schools in the city were invited to watch players warm up before the final home game of the Boston Celtics' regular season on Sunday, April 7. The 2019 winners were also honored at

center court during halftime of the game.

In Eastie both Jillian Archer and Tanya Boone received this year's honors.

During the nomination period, BTU, BPS, and the City of Boston invited school faculty and staff, students, families, and community members, to nominate exemplary educators to honor their work and dedication to their profession.

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Mayor Walsh's budget includes capital spending for Eastie

By John Lynds

Last week Mayor Martin Walsh released his \$3.48 billion plan that aims at supporting his Administration's commitment to a responsible, balanced and bold budget, with increased investments in early childhood education, affordable housing, climate preparedness, recovery services, public safety and economic opportunity.

In the budget Walsh included his Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital Plan that includes money to kick off several East Boston projects while getting others in the neighborhood

over the goal line.

"Boston's budget sets forward a blueprint for the values that matter: creating opportunity, ensuring equity and working towards a better Boston for all residents," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm proud our strong fiscal management will continue to allow us to invest in the future of our city, and growing our middle class. By investing in our future, we'll strengthen our city for all who live here, and for our future generations to come."

In Eastie \$29.9 million has been earmarked and construction will begin on a new police station that will replace

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Eastie native a witness to Notre Dame fire

By John Lyne

Aside from Saint Basil's Cathedral in Red Square and Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris is one of the most recognizable churches in the world and as much a part of the landscape of Paris as the Eiffel Tower.

A prime example of French Gothic Architecture with distinctive features like the rows of flying buttresses, Notre Dame has not only been an important Catholic landmark, but one that is treasured by the world.

Sadly, a fire that began on the roof of the church Monday evening caused extensive damage to 850-year-old medieval church, causing the spire and roof to collapse. Paris firefighters battled the blaze for over nine hours in a valiant effort to save most of the structure.

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East Boston native Kate Jackson, on vacation with her daughter and friends, snapped this picture of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris less than two hours before the historic church went up in flames.



The morning after the fire East Boston native Kate Jackson snapped this picture a few blocks from her hotel room were she was staying with her daughter and friends.



Kate Jackson watched with the rest of Paris and the world as firefighters tried to bring the blaze under control and save the world-renowned church.

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OHNC votes down Barnes Ave. project

By John Lynds

Members of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) voted 25 to 13 against a project to turn a one family home on Barnes Avenue into five units of housing.

Attorney for the project at 119 Barnes Ave., Matt Eckel, announced at Monday night's meeting that his client had made some changes to the project after hearing from the community during the March OHNC meeting.

Eckel said his client reduced the number of units from six to five, reduced the number of bedrooms from 10 to eight, increased the number of parking spaces from six to eight, and reduced the height of the building as well as the floor area ratio.

After making all these concessions, a majority of OHNC members still felt the project was too large despite a number of multifamily homes on the block.

OHNC members like Mary Berninger felt some compromise with developers needs to be made especially when the proposal is not a huge development project like some of the others being proposed around Eastie.

"I can never understand that kind of a vote when a developer makes many concessions," said Berninger after the meeting. "The final iteration showed something that was very much in keeping with surrounding structures. Combine that with the decrease in scope and more parking spaces than originally offered. Trying to find compromise and middle ground is exhausting.'

Others like John Casamassima were shocked at the outcome

"I'm surprised (by the vote) since nobody really spoke out against it or even made the case as to why it shouldn't be approved," he said. "From the outside it at least looked fitting



Attorney Matt Eckel pitches his client's plans for 119 Barnes Ave. at Monday's OHNC meeting.

with the neighborhood, unlike so many of these huge boxes that are being proposed."

In the past OHNC President Joseph Ruggiero III has expressed his fear that the group has gained the reputation among the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals as a body that rejects everything. Ruggiero feels by rejecting everything the group loses credibility with the ZBA whereas if the group was more balanced in its voting--the 'no' votes on particular projects would send a signal to the ZBA that there is clear community opposition or that the developer hasn't addressed the community's concerns. "Based on previous zoning

and what I can only imagine the future zoning will be, someone could build essentially the exact same structure proposed for 119 Barnes Ave. as a two-family, decrease the amount of parking spots and the new two-family could have two, four to five bedroom units at 2000 sq. ft.," he said. "There's no way a building like that would be better to live next to than what was proposed. This is why I suggested before that the OHNC goes to a 2/3 or 3/4 majority vote on projects. If the threshold is met OHNC send a letter of support or opposition for a project. If the threshold is not met in support or opposition the OHNC takes no action."

our schools," she said. "I look forward to further celebrating their profound contributions to BPS in the coming weeks."

This year, the district received close to 400 nominations, the highest number ever received. Submissions included letters of support, samples of student work, photographs, videos, and other testimonials. In addition to the nine teachers honored, this year's winners also include a school psychologist and clinical coordinator. Two of the nine teachers are special education teachers. This year's winners also include a teaching pair. In addition, four of 11 winners have been teaching in BPS for at least 20 years, with two finalists retiring at the end of this school year.

"The Educator of the Year Awards are a wonderful way to highlight the hard work and exceptional talent in this district's teaching force," said BTU President Jessica Tang. "These educators go the extra mile to ensure our students reach their full potential. Congratulations to the winners. and all of our teachers and staff who work every day to ensure a quality educational experience for Boston stu-

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there after school almost every day growing up. Later I became a camp counselor and worked at the club for a few years. I wanted to be able to give back to a place that gave me so much."

Franzese also has a connection to the club's Executive Director Michael Triant.

"I've known Mike for years," said Franzese. "From my days playing basketball in the Orient Heights Gym League he was one of my first coaches when I was younger. He does a great job at the Boys & Girls Club.'

As for raising over \$8,000, more than \$500 over his goal, Franzese said it was not as hard as he thought it would be.

"I think the cause speaks for itself," he said. "Whenever I'd approach someone and start telling them I'm running the Marathon for the Salesian Boys & Girls Club they'd stop me in mid-sentence and say. Whatever you need'. I think the generosity from everyone speaks volumes of the club itself.'

Franzese also gave a special shoutout to his wife, Roseanna, who helped with the fundraising effort.

"She put together this amazing fundraiser at the Winthrop Golf Course last month and we were able to raise almost half our total at that one event," he said. "We had over 50 people there, local businesses and made roughly \$3,500 for the club."

Franzese's wife and daughter, Ella, were at the finish line Monday to celebrate his run.

"It was tough this year," he said. "I didn't train like I did for last year's Marathon because I had some shin splints that sidelined me for a few months. The weather was also tough because it went from being very warm to cold in a matter of hours. Hey, but I



Paul Franzese with his daughter, Ella, and wife, Roseanna at the finish line of Monday's **Boston Marathon.**

finished and was able to help a good cause so that's all that matters."

Franzese said people can still donate for the next six days to his fundraiser for the Boys & Girls Club by visiting www.mightycause.com/story/ Boysandgirlsclub.

"Paul is one of many successful young men and women who were members of Salesian Boys & Girls Club," said Triant. "As soon as we realized the opportunity of having community members raise money for the club while running, Paul reached out to us. All funds will be used for facility improvements geared toward child safety, staff development and to support the addition of high quality programs for our members. We are incredibly grateful for Paul's support of Salesian Boys & Girls Club."



Paul Franzese (center right) with Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Michael Triant and kids for the club. Franzese ran the Boston Marathon Monday and raised over \$8,000 for the club and its programs.

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Archer is a school psychologist at the Curtis Guild Elementary School. During the nomination phase the entire Curtis Guild school community compiled an entire packet of heartfelt nominations.

"Today, we celebrate our incredible school psychologist, Jillian Archer, one of the 11 outstanding educators chosen to be Educator of the Year out of almost 400 nominees this year," said Curtis Guild Principal Karen McCarthy. "I quote from a letter submitted about Jillian (Archer), "Schools do not become great due to one educator. The strongest schools work with intentional systems and a network of strong staff who collaborate and support each other's work-making us all better than we would be in isolation and creating a school that ensures that children's needs are met, Ms. Archer exemplifies such an educator."

Boone is a veteran BPS educator from Mattapan who teachers kindergarten at the Samuel Adams Elementary School. Boone has been wavering commitment to their are pillars of their school coman integral part of the Eastie school communities and go munities and instrumental in community throughout her above and beyond to prepare the personal and educational 31-year teaching career. In our students for future sucfact, Boone has been teaching so long in Eastie that some of her current students are children of her former students.

The Educator of the Year

Awards recognize the exceptional educators who go above and beyond to impact the lives of BPS students and community members. The program celebrates educators who exemplify a commitment to the profession by selecting educators who are worthy of representing the positive contributions of teaching staff districtwide.

The awards honor teachers, paraprofessionals, librarians, and other support staff. Fellow teachers, families, students, community members, and others were invited to nominate educators who they believed to be deserving of recognition for their contributions to the school communi-

"I am grateful that we have so many dedicated teachers, support staff, and administrators in the Boston Public Schools who make our students' futures brighter each and every day, and change our students' lives for the better," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "These educators show uncess. I am proud to highlight their success as winners of the 2019 Educator of the Year Awards."

Educator of the Year award

winners, their families and colleagues will be invited to attend a reception in May to honor their exemplary work and profound commitment to their school communities.

"The Educator of the Year Awards are a great way to honor the deep commitment of our BPS staff," said Boston School Committee Chairperson Michael Loconto. "These educators are serving some of our highest needs students, and are a great representation of the talent and steadfast commitment to learning of this district. For every winner we're proud to announce today, we know there are hundreds of other teachers pouring their heart, soul and knowledge into supporting our kids every day. I'm proud of the Educator of the Year award winners for being consummate professionals and unequivocal role models for their school communities."

BPS Interim Superintendent Laura Perille said the two educators in Eastie and the other educators in Boston development of their students.

"I was honored to personally notify the award winners of this distinction, learning more about the important work they do every day inside

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humanities.

In Eastie the East Boston Artists Group, the Veronica Robles Cultural Center, Artfully Living, the Piers Park Sailing Center, the Friends of the East Boston Public Library and ZUMIX were the recipients this year.

The organizations were evaluated on a series of criteria, including diversity of the organization, how well they serve historically represented populations, whether they provide public benefit, and whether they meaningfully reflect the goals and ideas of the Boston Creates cultural plan.

"The organizations that received Boston Cultural Council grants this year demonstrate the enormous power of creative expression, and reflect the cultural vitality of our city," said Walsh. "I'm eager to see how each organization strengthens Boston's neighborhoods through arts programming in 2019."

The Mayor's Arts Chief Elliott-Ortega said

grants of up to \$5,000 were awarded to organizations in two categories. Organizations with a budget of less than \$1 million received general operating support, and organizations with a budget of over \$1 million received project-specific support. In order to be eligible for either award, organizations had to either be based in the City of Boston, or offer programming in the City. The City of Boston contributed \$300,000 in funding and the Mass Cultural Council (MCC) contributed \$187,000 in funding to the BCC.

"Boston is home to so many incredible arts organizations and cultural institutions that work tirelessly to bring opportunities to engage in creative expression to every individual, in every neighborhood," said Elliott-Ortega. "It's great to see Boston provide increased support and resources to these organizations year after year, and witness the impact it has on our local communities."

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Community Meeting

PLAN: East Boston

Walking Tours

Saturday, April 20 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Orient Heights** Saturday, April 27 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Gove Street Saturday, May 11 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Harbor View Saturday, May 18 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Jeffries Point Saturday, June 22 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Maverick & Central Saturday, June 29 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Eagle Hill

Event Description

Please join us for a series of walking tours throughout East Boston! Each walking tour is an opportunity to learn more about a distinct neighborhood within East Boston, and to continue focused dialogue with residents and other stakeholders about priorities that will help shape PLAN: East Boston. All dates are weather-dependent, please check the BPDA website at bit.ly/PlanEastBoston for event details. All events start at 10:00 AM. Each walking tour will be about a mile long and will be moderately paced. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to join. Interpretation services will be provided.

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the existing A-7 station.

The site of the new police station will be at the City Yards in Eagle Hill across from American Legion Playground.

The building's designed will work to create a more efficient and better station for police for the community.

The station would be roughly 26,000 sq. ft. with an entrance on the corner of Condor and Trenton Streets. There will be parking in the rear of the station for 50 vehicles and Stevenson said the building will be LEED Silver Certified.

Recently Mayor Walsh and the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture, in collaboration with the Boston Art Commission and Boston Police Department announced a 'call to artists' for a permanent art installation at the new station. The installation will also be funded through Walsh's Capital Plan.

According to city officials, the public art will be placed on the future new Area A-7 Police Station in East Boston with the aim of creating a new public building that is welcoming to the community, while having a civic presence through public art.

The city will also spend \$8.9 million for the rehab and construction of the Paris Street Pool across from the Paris Street Gym. The gym recently underwent a \$14 million overhaul and the pool's rehab will compliment the new state-of-the-art gym and community center.

When the pool was first built, it featured a glass roof, and sliding doors that looked out onto the Paris Street playground, as well as a veranda so residents could enjoy a swim and then sit outside during the hot summer months. The pool underwent an overhaul under then Mayor Kevin White due to constant vandalism of the glass roof and glass doors. The pool was encased in cement blocks and now looks more like a bomb shelter than a community pool.

The plan, according to the city, is to restore the pool back to its original glory and strengthen the connection between the pool building and the adjacent park.

The city will also spend \$1



Mayor Martin Walsh announced his 2020 Budget and Five Year Capital Plan for the city.

million to create the neighborhood's first designated senior center at the former Orient Heights Branch of the Boston Public Library on Barnes Avenue across from the Orient Heights MBTA station.

The city will also spend \$600,000 at the Otis School to replace windows in conjunction with the Massachusetts School Building Authority Accelerated Repair Program.

Another \$600,000 will spent to replace the aging boiler at the MacKay School.

The Mayor's Office is planning to spend \$900,000 at the Adams School on a masonry project to address spalling and related parapet repair.

Over \$3.5 million will be spent on an annual program for replacing sports lighting at East Boston Memorial Stadium. The \$3.5 million will be split between Christopher Lee Playground, Fallon Field, Hemenway and Memorial Stadi-

The city will spend \$270,000 on shoreline stabilization along Chelsea Creek near East Eagle Street.

Eastie's Urban Wild along Marginal Street known as 'The Rockies' will share in \$3.2 million in funding the city is setting aside to spruce up urban wilds owned by the Parks Department. For years the the Rockies has been in dire need of repairs, including the retaining wall that separates the Rockies from the Adams School above. Over 25 years ago this patch of vacant city-owned property along Marginal Street was slated to be developed into housing, but the community joined together to lobby officials for an Urban Wild to be developed on the site. Over the years the the Rockies was transformed by the city, through a partnership with the Jeffries Point Community, into a community garden, orchard and Urban Wild. However, in the past few years the property has been unkempt, slightly unwelcoming and problems with the crumbling retaining wall have made it a bit dangerous. While the site was an untamed Urban Wild the overhaul will transform the Rockies into a more beautifully landscaped park that welcomes more resi-

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East Boston native Kate Jackson who was vacationing with her daughter, a family friend and the friend's daughter and was inside Notre Dame just a few hours before the fire started.

Jackson, the daughter of former East Boston District Court Judge Paul Mahoney, said the entire fire was 'surreal.'

"I'm here with my daughter for her sweet 16," said Jackson. "We've been planning this trip since she was 10. My friend Nicola and her daughter joined us as well."

On social media Jackson was documenting the group's visit to Notre Dame.

"We were there at 5 p.m. Paris time, and then the fire started around 6:30 p.m.," said Jackson.

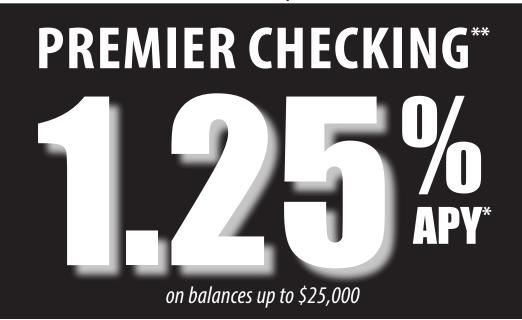
After spending some time walking around the church's grounds, the unthinkable happened.

"It was surreal," said Jackson. "We were walking around the grounds of Notre Dame because the lines were too long to go to the top so we were due to return Tuesday morning. We'd been inside previously on a different trip but never to the very top. We sat at a cafe across the street and had some cappuccinos, facing and admiring the church, then walked back to hotel, which is one block from Notre Dame. We got ready to go for dinner and when we walked out the front door, we saw the smoke and heard sirens rushing to the scene."

Jackson said Twitter was abuzz about terrorism so the initial vibe was fear.

"We went to dinner and news came in the fire was accidental," she said. "We walked back over after and the mood was somber, solemn. People were openly weeping in the streets. So it was very emotional. When the spire collapsed, people screamed and it got a bit panicky but after that, the silence was incredible. I think the realization set in that we were witnessing the destruction of hundreds of years of art, history and architecture. This is a church that survived World War II, but not a renovation. So much is lost. They are saying in France, it'll take more than 10 years to repair."

During the fire, Jackson not only posted pictures of the fire that gutted the historic church but also pictures of shocked Parisians and crowds of tourists lining the boulevard along Left Bank. "The crowds stretches for blocks," she said. "One minute we were at this beautiful, sacred, historic place one hour before the fire started. There was just a helpless mourning as the fire burned one day after Palm Sunday."





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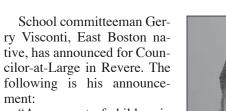


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Former resident Gerry Visconti

announces for Councilor in Revere

"As a parent of children in Revere Public Schools and as a coach in our community, it has been an honor and a privilege to represent our students, teachers, staff and administrators as a member of the Revere School Committee. Together, we have worked diligently to make our school system one of the best in Massachusetts. I have very much enjoyed my time on the Revere School Committee and feel that I have made an impact for better. However, I believe education is just one of the many areas of our city where we can improve to move our community forward for a better tomorrow.

After much thought and careful reflection with my wife Danielle, we have decided that now is the right time to seek to represent our community as a member of the City Council. We believe it is time for some fresh ideas and different perspectives on the City Council level.

I feel that I can make a positive and meaningful difference in many other areas in addition to education, which is why I am running for Councilor at Large. As a small business owner who operates his mortgage company in our city, I understand the importance of attracting businesses and growing Revere's



Gerry Visconti.

commercial base. Also, as a homeowner who is raising his family in Revere, I have a vested interest in the overall positive future of Revere. I have always been an avid supporter of our seniors, and as a City Councilor, I will work with our Council on Elder Affairs and the staff at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center to advocate for the needed improvements to the Senior Center and increased funding for programming there. These are just some of the areas I hope to help improve on if elected.

A more formal announcement and details of our campaign's kick-off in May are forthcoming, but for now, I want to say how grateful my family and I are for the trust you have placed in me and now, we humbly ask for your support as we embark on this new journey. Working together, WE CAN and WE Will make Revere a better place to work, live and raise a family."

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PLASTIC BAG BAN MAKES **SENSE**

There presently are 90 communities across the state that have banned the use of those ubiquitous single-use plastic bags that typically are found at check-out counters in all kinds of stores -- and which then typically end up strewn by the wind across our beaches and end up in our coastal waterways.

The Massachusetts legislature is considering a bill that would impose a state-wide ban, following the lead of Hawaii and California.

Environmental groups strongly support the ban, as does the Massachusetts Food Association, a trade group representing the supermarket and grocery store industry.

We also support a ban of these bags, which in our view represent the ultimate expression of our throw-away society that has proven so disastrous for our environment.

While these thin-film bags are recyclable on their own, they cannot be placed with other plastics because they literally will destroy the machines that process heavier plastics. (So if you are throwing these bags in with your plastic water bottles, you are doing more harm than good!)

However, looking at the larger picture, we are struck by this statistic: A full 32 percent of the 78 million tons of plastic packaging produced annually is left to flow into our oceans -the equivalent of pouring one garbage truck of plastic into the ocean every minute.

Environmentalism is sort of like the weather: Everybody talks about it, but very few of us do anything about it. But each of us must take some degree of personal responsibility for making the planet a better place. The new Netflix series on the environment is sad and scary, both for the ecological damage that we already have caused all over the world and for the implications for the future.

One-use plastic bags certainly are convenient, but they are terrible for the environment. A ban on these bags will require each of us to bring a reusable bag for our shopping -- but that degree of inconvenience is a small, small price to pay for making our environment a better place.

TIGER'S MAGICAL WEEKEND OF REDEMPTION

We wish to state upfront that we are not golf fans.

But every now and then, there are moments in the realm of sports that transcend what is achieved on the playing field, ice, links, or court.

For example, the 1980 gold medal victory by the U.S. hockey team (captained by Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione), the 1967 Impossible Dream Boston Red Sox, Lou Gehrig's iconic speech at Yankee Stadium, and just about everything that Muhammad Ali accomplished readily comes to mind.

Such was the case this past weekend when Tiger Woods won he Masters golf tournament. After more than a decade of personal, physical (four back surgeries), and professional setbacks -- admittedly some self-inflicted -- Tiger's incredible, comefrom-behind triumph spoke more about the human spirit than it did about golf. His victory was the ultimate redemption of a man who has achieved the greatest heights, but who had fallen to rock bottom.

When Tiger was embraced by his children and his mom after the last hole, we recalled a similar moment when he won his first Masters 22 years ago, with his late dad being present, when Tiger was a 21 year-old kid who destroyed the field by 12 strokes, still the record for margin of victory at the Masters.

But the close-ups of Tiger's face this weekend throughout the tournament revealed the visage of a middle-aged man, older and wiser, but no longer innocent -- and when he took off his cap at the end, his bald spots revealed that Tiger is not a kid

Tiger always has been a humble person and, despite his wealth and fame, has managed to put it all into perspective because of his modest upbringing and the adversity he faced because of his mixed race.

He did so once again in his post-victory interview. When he was asked how special it was for his mom to be there, he acknowledged that was true, but he quickly pointed out that he would not be where he is today without his mother, "because she was the one who packed me and my equipment into our Plymouth Duster and drove me for hours so I could play in tournaments when I was a youngster."

Those words truly touched us -- and we know we join not only with the sporting world, but with people of all backgrounds, in congratulating Tiger Woods on his greatest triumph -- which was about a lot more than winning a golf tournament.

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GUEST OP-ED

France's Faith, France's Loss

By Dr. Paul Kengor

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The image of the Cathedral of Notre Dame engulfed in flames will remain seared in memories. I was made aware of it when a student burst into my office shouting that the magnificent church was on fire. I was about to head into my Major European Governments course, where we read George Weigel's prescient work, The Cube and the Cathedral. The Cathedral in the book is Notre Dame.

As the ensuing minutes proceeded, the conflagration only worsened, captured by the cataclysmic moment when the towering spire collapsed. It took me back to watching the collapse of the World Trade Center tower on 9/11, though that was worse because you knew you were witnessing not just the death of a structure but a significant number of human beings.

With Notre Dame, we figured there was probably no one trapped inside. The fire proceeded slowly enough for people to get out—in fact, so slowly that I was surely one of countless millions watching on a computer, a TV, a phone, yelling in frustration: What are the French authorities doing? Can't they stop this? Meanwhile, the flames encroached upon the relics, the artifacts, the windows, the paintings, the irreplaceable upon what is believed to be the actual crown of thorns of Christ. On Holy Week no less.

It was a feeling of helplessness. And in that sense, it was a frustration similar to what many of us have felt toward the French authorities for a long time, as they've eagerly embraced secularism and rejected the very Christian patrimony represented by the

Cathedral of Notre Dame. The burning cathedral, and the state's seeming inability to stop the blaze, seemed a harsh symbol of France's vanishing religious heritage.

Angela Merkel, one of the few European leaders unafraid of tradition, observed that Notre Dame is "a symbol of France and of our European culture." It certainly is. Its erection was just that, as was its survival through centuries of struggles, as is its smoldering now.

Hilaire Belloc said that "the faith is Europe and Europe is the faith." Well, the Christian faith is in worse shape in Europe than at any time since the first stones of Notre Dame were laid eight-and-a-half centuries ago. And in many respects, France has led the way in the aggressive secularization. Numerous glorious Parisian churches today stand mainly as tourist attractions.

Recall a defining moment at the turn of this new century. In the early 2000s, a battle raged within the European Union over whether to include a reference to God in the EU constitution. It was a natural acknowledgment, a critical reminder to Europeans of where their rights come from.

The God opponents were the predictable European progressives: leftist Eurocrats in Brussels, Labor Party atheists in Britain, German socialists, Scandinavians, and, of course, the French leadership. The God supporters included new EU member states that had escaped godless communism—with Poland in the forefront, along with Hungary and the Czech Republic—and the continent's preeminent religious figure: Pope John Paul

The pope, suffering from advanced Parkinson's, took up the fight with vigor. In the summer of 2003, he devoted a series of Sunday Angelus addresses to this political issue that transcended politics. He made arguments akin to those made by the American Founding Fathers: It is crucial for citizens living under a constitution to understand the ultimate source from which their rights derive: their rights come not from government but God. What government gives, government can take away. What God gives, government cannot take away.

"European culture cannot be understood without referring back to Christianity," explained John Paul II. "Christianity is at the very roots of European culture." He said that "an explicit recognition of the Christian roots of Eu- at the least, an undeniable rope" would represent "the principal guarantee for the continent's future.'

The pope was countered by French president Jacques Chirac, who sniffed: "France is a lay state, and as such she does not have a habit of calling for insertions of a religious nature into constitutional texts." The "lay character" of France's government and public institutions, according to Chirac, simply did "not allow" for a reference to God in a consti-

Nope, no room for God, insisted the president of France in spearheading the continental revolt. It was predictable Jacques Chirac, who in retrospect seems like Joan of Arc compared to Francois Hollande or Emmanuel Macron. So goes France.

In the end, the EU compromised on a gutless statement grudgingly conceding the continent's "cultural, religious, and humanist inheritance." It was a nod to God that George Weigel described as "so bland as to be meaning-

But, in an important way, it was not meaningless. It was sadly symbolic. Again, Belloc: "the faith is Europe and Europe is the faith." Well, the state of the faith in much of Europe is in flames.

That brings us back to the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Anno Domini 2019, the day after Palm Sunday. We do not yet know what caused this tragic episode, nor whether the authorities and responders could have done a better job preventing the sickening level of destruction. Let me repeat: I don't know whether the authorities and responders could have done a better job. Maybe they did a great job. Maybe what was saved was spared because of its original architecture. I don't know.

Nonetheless, this seems, symbol of France's loss of its Christian heritage and its failure to protect its Christian heritage. In this case, the pinnacle of its Christian heritage.

The Easter season is about hope, about a Redeemer who rises again. If there's a particular hope for Europe this Holy Week, it's that the Cathedral of Notre Dame will be resurrected. And yet, given the state of modern France, it's hard to be hopeful about what will replace it.

We can't go wrong placing our faith in the inspiration of that cathedral, but we will always find disappointment in the secular authorities who seek to replace it. The former stood strong for over 800 years; the latter will fail us again and again.

—Dr. Paul Kengor is professor of political science and executive director of The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. His latest book (April 2017) is A Pope and a President: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Extraordinary Untold Story of the 20th Century. He is also the author of 11 Principles of a Reagan Conservative.

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ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS **SERVICE**

On Good Friday, April 19, at 6:00 pm, Central Assembly of God Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Iglesia Nuevo Amanecer, and other East Boston congregations will participate together in an ecumenical Way of the Cross

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service. We will begin our walk at Maverick Square near the subway station and include the East Boston Health Center, the Courthouse, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Lopresti Park as we stop outside each site to read scripture and pray for East Boston. All are welcome to join us as walk with Jesus through the Good Friday story and carry the cross into our community. For more information call Rev. David Searles at 617-913-3396.

KENTUCKY DERBY ROOF DECK PARTY

Cunard Tavern in East Boston will be officially kicking off roof deck season by opening Top Deck @ Cunard Tavern for the summer with their annual Kentucky Derby Roof Deck Party. All the TVs in Cunard Tavern will be airing the Derby, and there will be prizes for the title of "Best Dressed" and "Best Hat." Attendees will enjoy Knob Creek whiskey specials and giveaways, and of course, sip on Cunard's version of a Mint Julep, because what Derby would be complete without one?

While admission is FREE, guaranteed Top Deck access limited to first 50 people to arrive (space is limited). Additional space and seating is available throughout the restaurant and bar.

The party runs from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. Cunard Tavern is located at 24 Orleans Street in East Boston.

MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES 2019 **COFFEE HOUR SERIES**

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in local parks citywide from April 30 to June 19.

"I look forward to the Neighborhood Coffee Hours every year as a way to start the spring season by getting out to the neighborhoods to engage directly with our residents," said Mayor Walsh.

The Neighborhood Coffee Hours give residents the opportunity to speak directly with Mayor Walsh and staff from City departments about open space and other needs in their neighborhoods. Through these discussions and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Walsh looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and city services.

Participants will enjoy coffee and breakfast treats provided by Dunkin' Donuts and fresh fruit from Star Market. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a flowering plant grown in the city's greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Walsh. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin' Donuts. Information will be available on City programs from the Boston Public Library, Boston Public Schools,

Boston Police Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Locations are weather permitting. Dates for the full schedule of Mayor Walsh's 2019 Neighborhood Coffee Hours are as follows:

Tuesday, April 30 O'Day Playground 75 West Newton Street, South End

Wednesday, May 1 Iacono Playground 150 Readville Street, Hyde Park

Thursday, May 2 Elliot Norton Park 295 Tremont Street, Bay Village/Chinatown

Tuesday, May 7 Martin Playground 95 Myrtlebank Avenue, Dorchester

Wednesday, May 8 McCarthy Playground 10 Eden Street, Charlestown

Tuesday, May 14 Symphony Park 39 Edgerly Road, Fenway Monday, May 20 Walker Playground 550 Norfolk Street, Matta-

Wednesday, May 22 Joe Moakley Park/Dorothy

Curran Tot Lot 1005 Columbia Road, South Boston

Thursday, May 23 Commonwealth Avenue

15P Commonwealth Avenue, Back Bay

Tuesday, May 28 Marcella Park 260 Highland Street, Rox-

burv Tuesday, June 4 Paul Revere Mall 370 Hanover Street, North

End Wednesday, June 5 **Brighton Common** 30 Chestnut Hill Avenue,

Brighton Thursday, June 6 Ronan Park

92 Mt. Ida Road, Dorches-Tuesday, June 11

Lt. Edward Walsh and Firefighter Michael Kennedy Tot

369 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury

Wednesday, June 12 Noyes Park

86 Boardman Street, East Boston Thursday, June 13

4225 Washington Street, Roslindale

Adams Park

Wednesday, June 19 Mozart Street Playground 10 Mozart Street, Jamaica

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Kiwanis Club of East Boston First and Third Tuesday of every month 6 p.m. at Spinelli's Restaurant in Day Square. New members welcome

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

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

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

Maverick Central Neighborhood Association Third Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.

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

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

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

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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.

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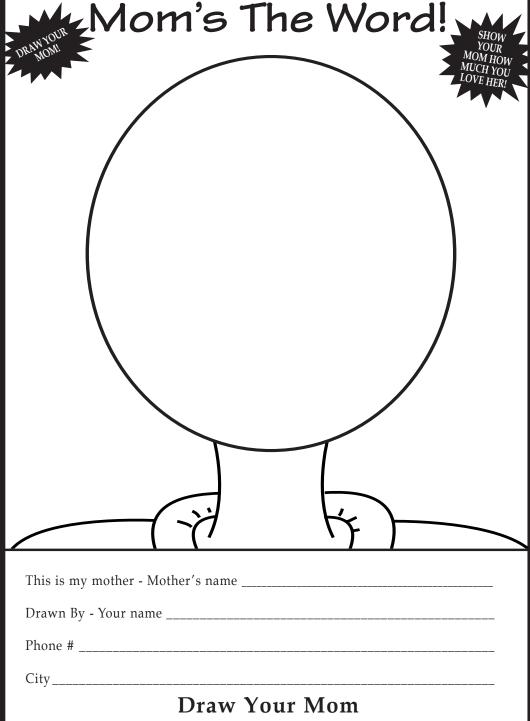
The class will be held at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Winthrop for residents age 55 and above.

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 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.



• Complete the picture by creating a picture of your mother

• Pens, pencils, markers or crayons, use colors

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MBC holds workshop on Constitution Beach

By John Lynds

A lot has improved at Constitution Beach since the Metropolitan Beach Commission (MBC) was formed in 2006.

At the time the beach lacked a bathhouse and concessions, the water bubblers didn't work, there was a huge sinkhole at the southern entrance of the beach, the tennis courts needed to be replaced and residents complained that Constitution Beach had become a haven for teen drinking

"We've made a lot of strides
"Den Adrian since 2006," said Rep. Adrian Madaro. "It certainly did not look like it did today. A lot of those investments were the result of community conversations, listening to residents and the incredible advocacy from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. Today we have a new concession stand, new tennis courts, a bathhouse, handicap accessibility on the beach, free kayaking. All of these things were ideas from this community that were shared with the MBC and we were able to work with DCR and other partners to make these ideas a reality. We have yet another opportunity to do the same thing. While our beach is looking incredible it is not without issues."

Last week the MBC, now co-chaired by Rep. RoseLee Vincent and Sen. Brendan Crighton held a public hearing at the Orient Heights Yacht Club to see what more can be done to improve Constitution Beach.

The hearing began with an update on the beach by MBC members, followed by a workshop where residents were asked to provide ideas on improving the beach.

During the workshop residents got a chance to tell MBC members what has improved over the years. Residents said that the addition of the bathhouse, new tennis courts, concessions, and the fixing of the sinkhole have made the overall experience at Constitution Beach a lot better. People testified that the overall cleanliness and water quality has greatly improved and the beach gets a lot of use during summer months.

However, one item of concern among resident still is the patrolling of the beach by State Police.

Other suggestions at the meeting were adding more programming to the beach like expanding the free kayaking, swimming lessons, and other water activities, such as a floating dock.

MBC member Chris Mar-

chi said Eastie's geographic location as an island in Boston Harbor lends itself to more water activities and programming.

"If you travel around East Boston there are 12 to 15 miles of shoreline and water-front," said Marchi. "For us, for people living in East Boston it's a matter of how do we get people down to the water and it would be a great thing to investigate what level of waterfront activities are needed to bring the neighborhood to the next level."

Others said having more community-wide events that expand past the beach's dusk

night problems to a minimum. It has been shown with the creation of the Greenway Extension that reactivation of land that is underutilized has a positive effect on reducing negative impacts like public drinking, muggings and assaults.

WIth the summer officially being only eight weekends long some suggested weekend concerts, theater on the beach like Shakespeare in the Park, bonfires, and other activities could not only raise money for beach upkeep, but also serve to make the beach less attractive for people up to no good.



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Bruce Berman updates residents on the beach.



Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and residents during the MBC workshop.



MBC member Chris Marchi and Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo.



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay President Tani Marinovich.



MBC Co-Chair Rep. RoseLee Vincent.



Sen. Joseph Boncore and Rep. Adrian Madaro talk with MBC members.



Residents were asked to work in groups and come up with ideas to improve the beach.



Longtime Eastie activist Fran Riley offers her ideas.



 $From\ left, Chris\ Marchi,\ Bruce\ Berman,\ Sen.\ Joseph\ Boncore,\ Rep.\ RoseLee\ Vincent,\ Rep.\ Adrian\ Madaro\ and\ Tani\ Marinovich.$



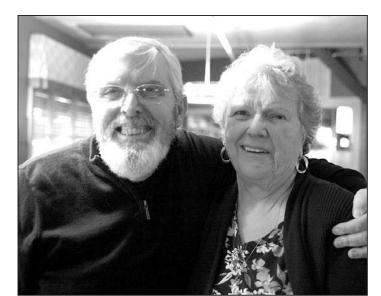


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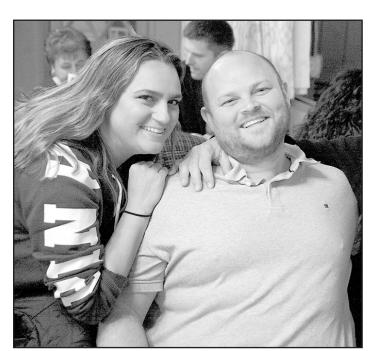


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Christina Lonardo and John Bertoncini.



From left, Ariel Madaro, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Sandra Caggiano and Debra Cave.



Longtime Social Centers supporters the Tassinaris and Scapicchios Families.



Staff from the East Boston YMCA were on hand to support the

The East Boston Social Center held its Annual Spring Fundraiser, a Pizza and Comedy night at Prince Restaurant in Saugus last Thursday.

The event was a great night of laughs, pizza and friendship. 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 atrisk teens, a Summer Program, as well as nutritional and social and recreational programming for the elderly, and community space for advocacy, self-help and community groups.



Amanda Cosgrove (center) and her family during the event.



Vinny and Jessica Schettino with Jessica's grandmother, Angie Bosco.



help of volunteers.



Lois Dente and Liana LaMattina.



Social Centers Executive Director Justin Pasquariello and Rep. Adrian Madaro.



The event draws hundreds of Social Centers supporters each year.



Justin Vera and Jeana

Straccia.



Staff from the East Boston Savings Bank during the annual comedy night.



The Pino, Kearney and White Families always have a table during the annual event.

EAST BOSTON ATHLETIC BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The East Boston Athletic Board held its third annual Cornhole Tournament at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Approximately 40 teams competed in the Boston-beloved beanbag tossing game as proceeds went to their scholarship fund.

There were many sponsors and the East Boston Athletic Board would like to thank them. They include: Soundz Unique, Jessica Gordon's Academy Of Performing Arts, Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston Girls Softball, Little Asia Restaurant, Salesian Boys & Girls Club, CRR Accountants, and Cunard Tavern.



Chris Puopolo makes a toss.



John Fanning watches as opposing team member Mike Vitale makes his toss.



Kevin Lockhead (center) clowns around with cousins Frank and Dom DiMarzo.

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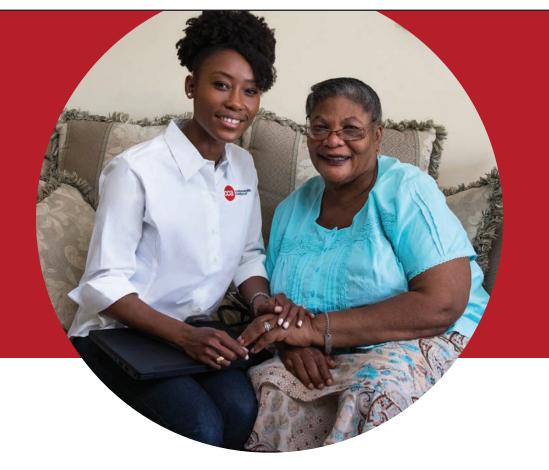
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Tourney champs Mike Vitale and Chris Puopolo pose with finalists John Fanning and Brandon Cali.

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Sports

EAST BOSTON HIGH JETS SOFTBALL IN ACTION AGAINST CATHEDRAL HIGH

The East Boston High Jets softball team braved the cold and misty conditions on Tuesday, April 9, to clobber Cathedral High, 15-2, in a home game. The Eastie girls scored early and never let up. They sit at 4-1 during Spring Break, their only loss to Lynnfield on April 12.



PHOTOS BY EMILY HARNEY

Protected from the cold with a hoodie, infielder Madison Theriault gets a good grip on the ball to throw a runner out at first.



Jennifer Pimentel breaks toward home to score another run for the Lady Jets.



Pitcher Britanny Elliott allowed only a few runs on the afternoon.



Nasja Taylor has perfect timing on this pitch, sending it deep.



Naylene Rivera lays off a high pitch at the last moment.

JETS 2

Madison Theriault slides into home plate to score another run during East Boston's 15-2 win against Cathedral High.

COMMUNITY MEETING

PIERS PARK II

The Massachusetts Port Authority & The East Boston Piers Project Advisory Committee (PAC) invite you to a community meeting to discuss Piers Park II

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

6:30PM

WHERE: CATHY LEONARD-MCLEAN COMMUNITY ROOM

Rental Car Center, 1st Floor 15 Transportation Way East Boston, MA 02128

Piers Park II is a 4.5-acre waterfront open space adjacent to Massport's award winning Piers Park. At this meeting, we will discuss design options and resiliency efforts with Massport's

two design developers and architects: Kleinfelder and Pressley Associates.

Please contact **Anthony Guerriero** at **617-568-3711** with any questions.

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Baker-Polito administration announces annual Park Serve Day

The Baker-Polito Administration announced that the Annual Park Serve Day event will be held on Saturday, April 27, with more than 37 volunteer activities coordinated throughout the Commonwealth with the assistance of several organizations and stakeholders. Created in 2006 as a statewide initiative to encourage a day of volunteerism, Park Serve Day enables the public to partner with state government in an effort to prepare the Commonwealth's many state parks and beaches for the upcoming spring and summer seasons. Since Park Serve Day began, thousands of individuals have volunteered in an effort to make a difference, such as assisting in cleaning coastlines, clearing trails, picking up litter, planting flowers, and other important tasks.

"Our administration is grateful to the thousands of volunteers who will get outside with friends and neighbors to improve state parks throughout the Commonwealth on Park Serve Day," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We look forward to working with local officials on a successful 2019 recreational season."

"We thank the teams of volunteers in state parks across Massachusetts for their dedication and hard work to help get the state park system ready for this year's season," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.

Local events will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., though times may vary by location. Additionally, participants are encouraged to reach out to their local state parks to confirm event times and meeting place. Work gloves and equipment necessary to complete various projects will be provided by the DCR; however, if participants choose, they can bring their own gloves or hand tools (personal materials should be clearly marked with the owner's name and phone number on them). Notably, power tools will not be allowed.

"Park Serve Day is a great way for individuals and families to help prepare the Commonwealth's parks for the

upcoming season," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton. "Through the efforts of volunteers across the state, our state parks will be ready to welcome the thousands of residents and visitors in the coming months."

Additionally, drinking water will be supplied at all DCR facilities where Park Serve Day projects have been organized, although participants may wish to bring their own water and/or food. Volunteers should wear sturdy shoes and work clothes, and bring sunscreen and insect repellent. Weather can be unpredictable, so please dress accordingly. Also, all parking fees for volunteers will be waived at locations where Park Serve Day events are taking place.

"Rain or shine, Park Serve Day has become a time-honored tradition for many of the volunteers who participate every year, working shoulder to shoulder with DCR staff to prepare the state parks system for the influx of millions of people who visit every year," said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy. "Park Serve Day is a great example of the Baker-Polito Administration's efforts to work collaboratively with the public, advocacy groups, municipalities, and other interested stakeholders to strengthen community bonds and foster strong partnerships."

To find a Park Serve Day event near you, please review the list below or search the Park Serve Day webpage, where volunteers can register for an event.

Park Serve Day 2019 - Participating Parks:

• Belle Isle Marsh Reservation; East Boston – Meet at the main parking lot at 1339 Bennington Street; 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

• Gateway Park (Breakheart Reservation); Lynn – Meet at 820 Boston St; 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

• Nahant Beach Reservation; Nahant – Meet at Red Rock Park; 9:30 a.m.-2:00

DRUG COURT GRADUATION



Probation Officer Domenic Strazzullo (left) and Graduate Mark Palladino.



Graduate Eric Dineen (left) and First Justice John McDonald.



Drug Court graduation was held on March 19, in a packed courtroom. Picture (left to right), Probation Officer Domenic Strazzullo, Graduate Mark Palladino, Specialty Court Coordinator Carla Butters, Graduate Eric Dineen, and First Justice John McDonald).

City of Boston's outdoor pools and family friendly beach open June 22

Summer is coming and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is pleased to announce that the City of Boston's two outdoor pools, the BCYF Clougherty Pool in Charlestown and the BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End are opening for the season on Saturday, June 22. These pools, along with 16 pools open year round, are operated by BCYF, the City of Boston's largest youth and

human service agency. BCYF Clougherty Pool rates for the entire season: Adults (20 - 54): \$15; Youth and teens ages 12 - 19 Free; tive Military (with ID): Free. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the water at all times. Memberships are available now at the BCYF Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford Street, Charlestown or at the pool beginning June 22.

BCYF Mirabella rates for the entire season: Adults (20-61): \$20; Teens (13-19): \$10; Youth and Seniors (ages 6-12, adults 62+): \$5; Youth under 6 and Active Military (with ID): Free. The rates are double for non-Boston residents. There are no day or guest passes. Memberships will be avail-Adults (55 and older) and Ac- able beginning on May 13 at bership for the beach for the visit Boston.Gov/BCYF.

the BCYF Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street in the North End or at the pool beginning June 22. Money orders are the only accepted method of payment.

Also opening June 22 is the City's "Family Friendly Beach" at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston. The beach will also be open seven days a week and offers families access to an enclosed stretch of beach on Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game equipment, and wifi. Mementire season is \$5 and are available June 1 at the "K" Street entrance of the center.

The outdoor pools and beach will remain open seven days a week until Labor Day. All locations will have experienced, certified lifeguards on duty. BCYF Curley facilities are accessible for people with disabilities and both outdoor pools are equipped with lifts from the deck into the water. For programming information, the membership application, and hours of operation,

AROUND THE CITY

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

Tony Award-winning musical featuring the true story of a 1956 impromptu recording session at Sun Records, when Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis jammed together, is presentedApril 25-May 19, at Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$50-\$60; seniors, \$45-\$55; students with valid ID, \$20; Thrifty Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., \$15 at the door. 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org.

CAROLINE OR CHANGE

Moonbox Productions presents Tony and Olivier award-winning Musical, April 20-May 11, Boston Center for the Arts Wimberly Theater, Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; April 21, 7 p.m.; April 23, 7:30 p.m.\$60; seniors, \$50; students, \$30. bostontheatrescene. com, 617-933-8600.

SPECTACLE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

The Price Is Right Live stage

show appears April 18, at 7:30 p.m.at Lowell Memorial Auditorium, downtown Lowell, \$32.50-\$82.50, 978-937-8688, followed by Marizia, April 20, 7:30 p.m., to benefit the Saab Center for Portuguese Studies, \$39-\$79,lowellauditorium.com, 800-657-8774. Illusionist Rick Thomas dazzles audiences April 18, 7:30 p.m., at Lexington 's Cary Hall, \$39-\$59, caryhall; lexington.com, 800=657-8774.

BLUE HERON

The group presents Guillaume de Machaut's "Remede de Fortune," April 26,27, at 8 p.m.,

First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St., Cambridge. Matilda Bruckner retired from Boston College, delvers a free pre-concert talk at7:15 p.m.. Doors open at 7 p.m Tickets 0-\$75.

THEATER UNCORKED

The group presents AR Gurney's play "Sylvia," April 18-21:April 18, at 7:30 p.m.; April 19,20, 8 p.m.; April 21, 2 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, Deanne Hall, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$45; seniors, \$40; students, \$35; bostontheatrescenecom.

DEAD HOUSE

Boston Playwrights' Theatre closes its season of new plays with Beirut Balutis' dramatic play, April 18-28, Boston.

NICK HAKIM

birnCORE peasants NewYorkbased singer-songwriter-producer and vocalist Danielle Ponder, April 19, 8 p.m., the Red Room at Cafe 939, at 939 Boylston St., Boston.\$20. berklee.edu/ cafe939.

'BEWITCHED' LECTURE

Professor Robert J. Thompson, founding director of the Blrirt VRnyrt. Got Television and Popular Culture-trustee professor of Syracuse University's Televisions and Popular culture, discusses The House of the Seven Gables, where several of the Salem TV "Bewitched" episodes were filmed. He appears April 24, 6:30 p.m., joined later by author Adam-Michael James for a book-signing at the House of the Seven Gables Visitor Center ,115 Derby St., Salem.\$10. 7gables.org, 978-305-7003.

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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, April 1, 2019 Around 9 a.m. in the area of

37 Meridian St., a 25 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault By Means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife)

Around 4:30 p.m. in the area of 246 Border St., a 28 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Larceny \$50 to \$250

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Around 7 a.m. in the area of 46 Chelsea St., a 38 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery, Dangerous Weapon

Around 4 p.m. in the area of Meridian and Gove Sts., a 53 year old male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Larceny Over \$250

Around 4 p.m. in the area of Central Sq. a 28 year old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Distribution of Class A, Drugs

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 Around 8:30 a.m. in the area of Paris St. and Sumner St., a 47 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Batter by Means of a Dangerous Weapon

Thursday, April 4, 2019 No Arrests

Friday, April 5, 2019 Around 11:45 p.m. in the area of Fruit St. Boston, a 55 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Armed Robbery (2 counts), and Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon

Saturday, April 6, 2019 Around 7:45 p.m. in the

area of 10 Gove St., a 32 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery

Around 3:55 p.m. in the area of Central Sq., a 38 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Shoplifting \$250 and Over, Possession of Class B Drugs and Possession of Class C Drugs

Around 3:55 p.m. in the area of Central Sq., a 32 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Possession of Class B Drugs, Possession of Class Drugs and Resisting Arrest.

Sunday, April 7, 2019 No Arrests

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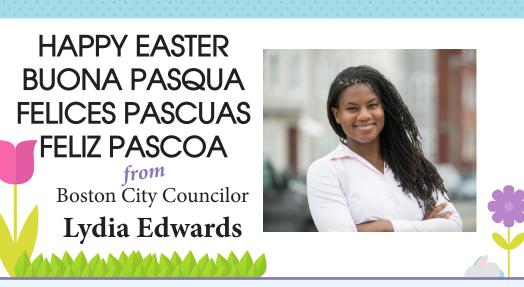






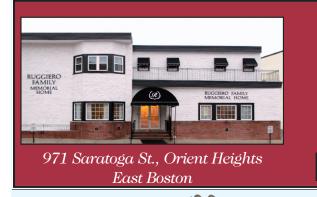
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SEARCH COMMITTEE NARROWS FIELD

CHELSEA - The Chelsea School Committee announced that the Superintendent Search Screening Committee (Screening Committee) has forwarded the names of three finalists for the Superintendent of Schools vacancy for consideration.

After the application deadline of March 15, 2019, eighteen applications were forwarded to the Screening Committee and on March 25, after a thorough review of the written application materials, the Screening Committee met and engaged in an extended discussion of each candidate, ultimately reaching consensus to invite seven candidates in for an interview. All candidates accepted the invitation and were interviewed during the evenings of April 1, 2 and

The 13 members of the Screening Committee reached unanimous agreement and forwarded the following three educators for consideration as the next superintendent of the Chelsea Public Schools (in last name alphabetical order).

•Almudena (Almi) G. Abeyta

Dr. Almi Abeyta is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the Somerville Public Schools. She was a kindergarten teacher in Albuquerque, New Mexico for seven years and was the Principal of the Donald McKay K-8 School in East Boston for four years prior to assuming a role as the Assistant Academic Superintendent for Middle and K-8 schools in the Boston Public Schools for two and a half years. Dr. Abeyta then served as the Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning in the Santa Fe New Mexico Public Schools for five years and in July 2017 she began her role as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Somerville. Dr. Abeyta has a Bachelor of Arts, Communication, and Journalism from the University of New Mexico, two Master's degrees from the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) in School Leadership and Education

Policy and Management, and a Doctor of Education from HGSE in the Urban Superintendents Program.

•Ligia B. Noriega-Murphy Ligia Noriega-Murphy is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools in the Boston Public Schools. Ms. Noriega-Murphy was a Spanish teacher for three years at the Donald McKay Middle School in Boston. She then was a founding faculty member and chair of the world languages department at the Boston Arts Academy for five years. In 2004 she became the Headmaster at Excel High School in South Boston and served in in that role for six years before becoming the Assistant Academic Superintendent for High Schools. In 2012 she was an Assistant Superintendent on Assignment as the Headmaster of The English High School in Boston, where she served for five years. Ms. Noriega-Murphy has a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from UMass Boston, a Master's degree in Management from Cambridge College, and a Certificate of Graduate Study

Anthony A. Parker

UMass Boston.

in Education Leadership from

Anthony Parker is currently the Principal at Weston High School, where he has served in that role for the past thirteen years. After several years as a journalist, Mr. Parker was a high school history teacher in the Newton Public Schools for 13 years (at Newton South and Newton North High Schools). From 2000-2006 he served as a Housemaster at Newton North High School, prior to his move to Weston. He also has been a Massachusetts Education Policy Fellow at the Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy in Boston. Mr. Parker has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology-Anthropology from Earlham College, a Master's degree in Teaching and Curriculum from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and has additional graduate studies at Boston College.

these finalists when they vis- save about \$350,000 per year. it Chelsea during the week

of April 29 and to attend the School Committee interviews with the finalists during the week of May 6. The schedule of these district visits and School Committee interviews will be communicated when it is finalized.

The Chelsea School Committee said they would like to especially thank the members of the Screening Committee for their dedication and commitment to this search pro-

The Screening Committee met on five different evenings to prepare, review,

interview, debate, deliberate and decide on the finalists presented to the Chelsea School Committee. Each member played a key role in ensuring that all individual members were listened to and their perspective considered. Those members were Jeanette Velez, Priti Johari, Monica Lamboy, Peter Pappavaselio, Margo DiBiasio, Anibal Santiago, Lisa Lineweaver, Tom Ambrosino, Louise Campanella, Kathryn Anderson, Ilana Ascher, Angelica Bachour, and Marisol Santiago.

The Screening Committee was assisted in this process by search consultants from the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at UMass Boston.

LOOKING TO SAVE MONEY ON WATER AND SEWER

CHELSEA - The City could soon be running its own Water and Sewer Department within the Department of Public Works.

Currently, Chelsea outsources those water, sewer, and drainage services to R.H. White Construction Company as part of a 10-year contract set to expire on July 21, 2022.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino is asking the City Council to consider an early termination of that contract, allowing the City to get a jump on establishing its own Water and Sewer Division under the DPW. While there will be initial start-up costs and ongoing The school community will personnel costs, Ambrosino have the opportunity to meet said Chelsea will ultimately

Ambrosino is requesting

DOUBLE OVERTIME WIN



Adrianna Molina drives down the court for the Bulldogs on Friday night, April 5, during the CYBL Championships. The Bulldogs beat the Tigers in a thrilling, double overtime win, 32-30. After the win, excited young players hoisted the trophy high into the air.

the City pay an early termination fee for the contract with R.H. White in order to get the City Water and Sewer division operable by July of 2020.

"The DPW leadership and I recommend that we meet in subcommittee to go over (an informational spreadsheet) and work plan in detail," Ambrosino stated in a letter to the City Council. "This will allow the Council to understand fully why we believe we can perform these services not only cheaper, but at a higher quality, and with more resources, than we currently achieve with the RH White annual contract."

The upfront costs of the water and sewer transition prior to July of 2020 include the purchase of new vehicles and equipment and the hiring of seven employees to make sure the department is prepared to take full control of the water and sewer system on the date.

The total additional Fiscal Year 2020 costs are just over \$1.5 million, according to the City Manager.

"The capital costs are obvious one-time expenditures," said Ambrosino. "But the added personnel costs in FY20 are also one-time expenses. All of these personnel costs will be covered by the \$1.784 million saved on the annual RH White contract starting in FY21 when the contract is terminated."

Ambrosino recommended that all the one-time costs be paid for through the retained earnings in the City's Water and Sewer Enterprise System, the equivalent of free cash in the general government bud-

•In other business at Monday night's City Council meeting, Ambrosino asked the Council to consider a plan for municipal electric aggregation.

"Because municipal electric aggregation has the potential of providing more stable and lower prices and utilizing more renewable energy sources, over 140 municipalities in Massachusetts have taken advantage of this program," Ambrosino said.

•The City Manager also told the council that the City will seek competitive bids for Chelsea towing work beginning in Fiscal Year 2020, which begins on July 1.

Although Ambrosino said towing work is exempt from state bidding laws, the City will seek bids for the work in response to a recent City Council order by District 6 Councillor Giovanni Recupe-

"There is some work required to prepare a (request for proposals) and evaluate responses," said Ambrosino. "For this reason, the Purchasing Agent believes he will have a new contract for towing services in place no later than September 1, 2019."

COUNCILORS UNANIMOUSLY DEMAND BETTER COMMUNICATION FROM CITY IN WAKE **OF STABBINGS**

EVERETT - A resolution was proposed jointly by all 11 city councilors demanding that the Mayor's office and Chief of Police "notify the Council of any significant issues affecting the City of Everett or its residents in an expedited manner.'

The measure was introduced in the aftermath of two area stabbings within 10 days, the second of which resulted in the death of a 54-year-old man. A suspect is currently in

Councilors said they had been approached by constituents about the stabbings, but could not provide any information or comfort because they hadn't yet heard about them and didn't know what actions had been taken by law enforcement, if any. They said they had learned about the incidents through the news me-

Councilor Fred Capone called the lack of communication from the administration a "recurring issue."

"As elected officials, we should be more involved in the process," he said.

Councilor Simonelli said that sometimes the City Council is "the last to know" when an incident has occurred.

"It's embarrassing to the councilors," Councillor John Hanlon said. "I want to know that something happened and that [emergency services] is investigating.

Councillor Michael Mc-Laughlin backed his colleague, stating, "It's important for us to be on the same page [as the administration] to notify the neighbors [about] issues like this.'

"If there's a slasher in the city of Everett, we should know about it," said Councilor Wayne Matewsky. "This guy was walking around one of the nicest streets in Ever-

Matewsky also evoked the imminent casino opening as another reason why there should be a concerted effort on the part of the City to bring alerts to the public at large.

Councilor Rosa DiFlorio said that word from the administration could have allowed her to alert her constituents to lock their doors.

"When something happens in our ward, we don't want to hear it on the news," she said.

Councilors emphasized that they weren't looking to get involved in any investigations by law enforcement, but simply wanted to be made aware of important developments. They suggested a number of ways the City could do that.

"Give us a call, text message or email to let us know what's going on," said Councillor DiFlorio.

Councilor Capone suggested a robocall alert system to notify many people on their mobile devices simultaneously. He even went so far as to say that better communication following the first stabbing might have prevented the fatal stabbing from occurring.

"I understand criminal investigation is very sensitive and you don't want to unnecessarily alarm residents," he said. "But if there had been a robocall, there would have been heightened awareness."

Councillor Capone also suggested that someone contact the Council members directly following an incident, or the Council President who can then inform the body.

The Council voted to refer the issue to the Mayor and the Everett Chief of Police, with McLaughlin and Capone requesting that the Mayor address the issue in writing.

"However it's going to transpire, I'd like a written response to know how to go forward," said Councillor Mc-Laughlin.

The Everett Police Department did not return a voicemail from Independent asking if it currently posts real-time crime alerts on any of its social media accounts. The Everett Police does have an active Facebook page that from time to time does post criminal matters, but a transition is currently ongoing with the administration of that page.

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RIZZO ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR

REVERE - It wasn't your traditional scene for a major political announcement – with Irish step dancing before and a corned beef and cabbage dinner after – but Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo made his intentions known for the 2019 election at the packed Beachmont V.F.W. Hall on April 4.

Rizzo announced he will be a candidate for mayor in the election during his annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. He previously served one term as mayor and lost a close election to current Mayor Brian Arrigo in Nov. 2015. Rizzo returned to the City Council after topping the ticket in the 2017 election.

Former Ward 2 Councillor John Perez traveled from Florida to introduce Rizzo to the many people who packed the large hall.

"It's a real honor to be here tonight," said Perez. "All of you are here tonight for Dan Rizzo. He's a regular guy who works for all of us. He's a very special man in politics. One of the proudest votes I ever made on the city council, a vote that had such a ripple effect to the future of this city, was to vote for Dan Rizzo to become a member of the City Council."

Perez cleverly maintained the suspense of the imminent announcement, telling Rizzo supporters only to "grab a bumper sticker and spread the word."

Rizzo received a raucous ovation as he walked to the microphone.

"Hello everybody. Thank you all so much for being here," began Rizzo.

Looking out at "so many longtime friends and supporters, people who have been there with me through thick and thin, Rizzo said, "We have done such great things over these last 20 years."

Rizzo noted the many improvements to the Revere business district (Broadway).

"Now when you drive through our central business district, you see a street with brand new lighting, brand new sidewalks, new storefronts, flags, flowers – it's a place that I thought that we can all be proud of."

Rizzo spoke his efforts during the school building program that brought the new Hill Elementary School on Park Avenue.

"We invested in playgrounds, we invested in parks, three new Little League fields. We invested in a brand-new Harry Della Russo Stadium."

Rizzo said he and his supporters have enjoyed some great election-night victories. "And then we had some that I like to call do-overs."

And then in a moment that many of his supporters had anticipated, the popular councillor-at-large said, "And so tonight, I'm going to tell you something – we're going to have a do-over.

"Tonight, I want to let all of you know that Revere's best days are yet to come, and I know how to get us there. And I am announcing my candidacy for mayor this coming November."

Rizzo has been understandably pleased with the enormous show of support at the fundraiser and in the days following the event.

"People have been extremely receptive since we announced," said Rizzo. "People have seen what has been transpiring across the city over the last three-and-a-half years and they know they have a clear choice in this election and there are certainly distinct differences, and I plan on highlighting those difference over the next six or seven months."

MCKENNA FED UP WITH NATIONAL GRID'S INACTION

REVERE - Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna wants the street lights – 17 to be precise – fixed in her ward and it appears she will finally get

some answers after pressing National Grid for action at last week's Council meeting.

"I can tell you that I'm going to look in to this tomorrow (Tuesday) and find out," said Daniel A. Cameron, manager of community and customer management at National Grid, in an interview following McKenna's scathing remarks at the meeting. "I will reach out to Councillor McKenna as well because it sounds like maybe the information isn't getting to the right channels.

"Certainly if there are 17 lights out, that are National Grid's responsibility, we will get on that and take care of it right away," added Cameron.

McKenna, known for her effective, workmanlike approach to issues in her ward during her time on the Council, said some of the lights have been non-functioning for a number of years.

"I gave Dan Cameron the list the last time he was here," said McKenna. "He copied the list and nothing has been done."

McKenna said the unlit areas create a serious safety hazard for pedestrians.

"Most of these streetlights are abutting large crosswalks that pedestrians use," said McKenna. "And the lights are out. Tomasello Drive is out. The Exxon station is out. The site of the tragedy (on Route 145), the lights are out. There are five lights out on the Rita Singer Bridge. There are residents walking over that bridge, and it's total darkness. There are 17 lights in a mile's radius that have been out for a long time."

During her interaction with Cameron at the meeting, McKenna stated her frustration over National Grid's inaction over the past four years.

"No offense to you, respectfully, but every time National Grid is here, my blood boils because nothing gets done," said McKenna.

The Ward 1 councillor said after the meeting that she has been fighting for repairs for a

long time.

"I've been fighting for this – and nothing's getting done," said McKenna. "And you can ask Councillor Novoselsky the same question and he'll tell you that he's been working on the lights since before I was a councillor."

TWO-ALARM FIRE IN WINTHROP

WINTHROP - Careless disposal of smoking material was the cause of the two-alarm blaze at 155 Pauline St., on April 3, causing more than \$250,000 in damages to a single-family home.

Fire Chief Paul Flanagan said numerous calls came in to regional dispatch at 8:56 p.m. reporting a building fire on multiple different streets, due to people's confusion over the volume of smoke in the area. It was soon determined that the fire was at 155 Pauline St.

"Upon arrival the entire back of the building, of a two-family home was fully involved and fire had entered the attic," Flanagan said. "The fire originated on the back porch which was new and constructed of plastic decking. The northwest winds were also a factor."

During the fire winds were between 30-35 mph and gusted at times over 40 mph.

"It was the wind that forced the fire up and over the building and into the attic," Flanagan said.

Fire department crews went in and knocked the fire down. There was also a car on fire in the driveway.

There were no serious injuries. One police officer assisted a woman out of the first floor who was trying to rescue her pets. They were treated for smoke inhalation.

Fire crews from MassPort, Chelsea, Boston and Revere. The state fire marshal assisted in the investigation for cause of origin.

The home is owned by Chris and Cheryl Wolsesley. Four people were displaced due to the fire. Their two dogs

Ted and Stanley and a cat were fine.

"The house is not a total loss, but badly damaged," Flanagan said. "The firefighters deserve credit due to the winds. The fire could have easily jumped to adjoining structures."

How to help:

Gift cards are being collected for the Wolsesly family and two tenants – Target, Best Buy, Home Depot, Stop and Shop and Winthrop Marketplace among others. Any help is appreciated. Donations are being accepted at Pleasant Park Yacht Club and Citizens Bank in Winthrop.

SOMERSET ST. PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

WINTHROP - For months there has been a question of where the Center Business District boundary is and if there are any home lots in it.

A letter from Commissioner of Inspectional Services Al Legee delivered hours before last week's Planning Board meeting made all the difference.

There is a clear line distinguishing the lots in the Center Business District and lots for homes of the abutters.

"During the past few weeks it has become apparent that confusion exists as to the boundaries of the Center Business District as shown on the current Town of Winthrop zoning map," Legee stated.

Legee added that the current Zoning Map can be found posted by the City Clerk on the Town of Winthrop website with ordinances under title 17.

That boundary is key when it has come to one developer with a proposal.

With this new information, the Planning Board approved on Monday night the proposal for 1025 Somerset, (site of the old Dollar Store) a development by Envelo of 30 apartment units with parking and retail on the ground level.

Now that the boundary issue is cleared up the devel-

oper will have to apply for a building permit and the proposal will still have to go in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals for variances.

"It's not an easy one-stop shop," said attorney James Cipoletta, who represents Envelo and the developer Joanna Schwartz, who purchased the property 18 months ago with the assumption that four stories were allowed.

The variances will address height (there is a question between 2.5 or four stories) and dimensional setbacks for front, side and rear.

Schwartz, who has held public meetings (and went back to make the design less industrial) and has been before the Planning Board. She said the design work addressed comments regarding the frontage of the building, where the gas meters will be and the landscaping. Part of the plan also calls for the widening of Somerset Avenue by one and half feet.

"It's extremely unfortunate that the petitioners were told that four stories is allowable," said Tom Reilly of Somerset Ave. "It's inexcusable, it's unfair to the property owners that this has been dragging on."

"It's been three long years fighting about this," said Jean Coughlin of Cottage Park Road. "Now it's clarified."

Schwartz said when she purchased the property for \$1.2 million that she was assured "by every signal person in charge at the time" that she could have a four-story building.

"All the information that was available and told to us by primary sources told us that this building could have four stores," Schwartz said. "I think that should be included in the record. This delay has been egregious as a developer

"I am very excited about the ruling and very happy we have an answer," Schwartz said.





OBITUARIES

Carmella LaPia

Lifelong East Boston resident

Carmella LaPia, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully on April 15.

She was the loving sister of the late Antoinette, Jennie, Nancy, Michael, James and George LaPiaand is survived by many cherished nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Carmella's life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Tuesday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. and again on Wednesday morning, April 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a service in our Serenity Chapel at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Carmella being laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. The funeral home is handicapped accessible. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com

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LEGAL NOTICE In the matter of: COMMONWEALTH Nawar Mahammod OF MASSACHUSETTS Faruque THE TRIAL COURT To all persons interested in PROBATE AND petition described: **FAMILY COURT** A Petition to Change Name **Suffolk Division** of Adult has been filed by 24 New Chardon St. Nawar Mahammod Faruque Boston, MA 02114 of Boston, MA requesting (617) 788-8300 that the court enter a CITATION ON Decree changing their PETITION FOR **FORMAL** name to: Naith M. Kamal **ADJUDICATION** IMPORTANT NOTICE Docket No. Any person may appear SU19P0255EA for purposes of objecting Estate of: to the petition by filing Laurie Maffeo an appearance at: Suffolk Date of Death: **Probate and Family Court** 11/09/2018 before 10:00 a.m. on the To all interested persons: return day of 04/25/2019. A Petition for Formal Ad-This is NOT a hearing date, judication of Intestacy and but a deadline by which Appointment of Personal you must file a written Representative has been appearance if you object to filed by Tina C. Leggier of this proceeding. East Boston, MA requesting WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. that the Court enter a Dunn, First Justice of this formal Decree and Order Court. and for such other relief as Date: April 04, 2019 requested in the Petition. Felix D. Arroyo, The Petitioner requests Register of Probate that: Tina C. Leggier of East Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised

administration.

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a copy of the Petition from

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Date: April 09, 2019

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OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY **COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK Division DIVORCE SUMMONS** BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Suffolk Probate and **Family Court** 24 New Chardon Street Boston, Ma 02114 (617)788-8300 Docket No. SU19D0448DR Ives Jaquely Chavarria

De Rodriguez Ramon Dejesus Rodriguez Rodriguez To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial

status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are required to serve upon: Ives Jaquely Chavarria De Rodriguez, 28 Morris St., #3, East Boston, MA 02128-1010, your answer, if any, on or before 05/02/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 8, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, **LEGAL NOTICE** Register of Probate

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COMMONEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 **NOTICE OF** PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No.

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Docket No. SU18D2396DR Gabriela Perez-Gil

Luis A. Cosme Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./ Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B filed on November 28, 2018.

Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(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 It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the com-

plaint herein on or before May 23, 2019. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date:April 01, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo,

Justice of Probate and

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Notice is hereby given that the Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing has received the following application: To maintain and operate

karaoke. Boston, MA 02128 Known as: La Gran Manzana Yoni Hernandez

to attend the hearing. in Spanish, Mandarin,

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<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT **Suffolk Division** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

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the categories of five (5) instrumental music, two (2) vocalists, disc jockey, dancing by patrons, and At: 22 Central Square East The applicant is: Sophia Food Enterprise Corp. Manger of record is: Rulver A public hearing on this application will beheld at Boston City Hall, Room 809A, on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to s peak on this matter is invited Interpretation Services Cantonese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole and American Sign Language may be available upon request if the request is made two weeks prior to the public hearing. Call

617-635-4165 to request an interpreter. Written comments may be made prior to the hearing by writing to: Kathleen Joyce, Esq., **Executive Director** Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing Room 817, Boston City H all, Boston, MA 02201

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James Giagonelli

Retired sheet metal worker

James Giagonelli of Bremen St., East Boston passed away at the Winthrop Place in Winthrop on April 12. He was 97 years old.

Born in Boston, he was the beloved son of the late Rosaria (Rubino) and Michael Giagonelli. A long time resident of East Boston, he was employed as a sheet metal worker for many years working for Donnelly Manufacturing and Boston Precision.

He was the devoted husband of the late Philomena (Rinaldi) and the brother of the late Pasquale Giagonelli, Mary Capogna and Jeanette Costa; beloved brother in law of Josephine Cioffi of East Boston and the late Joseph Cioffi, Domenic and Grace Rinaldi, Antonetta Rinaldi, Michael and Lois Rinaldi and Mary and Salvatore Arena and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

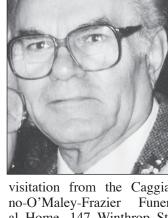
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visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Thursday, April 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home immediately following the visitation at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in St. Michael's Cemetery, Boston.

For directions or to sign the online guestbook go to www. caggianofuneralhome.com.

IN MEMORIAM April 24, 2019 ~ 20th Anniversary ~

GERARD RUOTOLO



Born 12/9/41 - Died 4/24/99 God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be So he put His arms around you And whispered "Come to Me" With tearful eyes we watched you And saw you pass away Although we loved you dearly We could not make you stay A golden heart stopped beating Hard working hands at rest God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best Love Always Wife & Son

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Birthday Remembrance

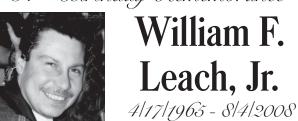


MARY G. PORCARO April 14, 1922 - July 3, 2018

Happy Birthday, Ma. This is your first birthday up in heaven and there is not a day that goes by that we don't think of you.

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54th Birthday Remembrance



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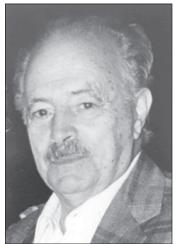
Funeral services were held on April 12 at the Vertucco & Smith Home for Funerals, 773

Broadway, Revere for Victor J. Staffier, a Revere resident for over 40 years, formerly of East Boston, who passed away on Tuesday, April 9 at the Lighthouse Nursing & Care Center of Revere following a long illness. He was 95 years old.

Born and raised in East Boston, he attended East Boston Schools and was a graduate of Boston Trade School, Class of 1941. He was a US Army veteran of World War II and all of his working career, for over 35 years, was as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service.

Mr. Staffier was an exemplary "Family Man" who thoroughly enjoyed the company and presence of his family.

His late wife of more than 50 years, Victoria B. (Angelo) Staffier, passed on Sept. 3, 2009. He was the son of the late Emilio and Louise (Giannattasio) Staffier; the cherished father of Donna L. Sarmanian and her husband, Michael of Stoneham; the de-



voted grandfather of Jena E. Sarmanian of Stoneham, Lara M. Roche and her husband, Kenneth of Milton and Michael D. Sarmanian of Medford; the dear brother to: Jennie Garufo of East Boston and the late Angelo Jr., "Al" Staffier, Michael, Ralph, George, Anthony, Thomas and Tomsina Staffier. He is also lovingly survived by two great granddaughters, Paige and Caroline Roche, both of Milton, and by many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

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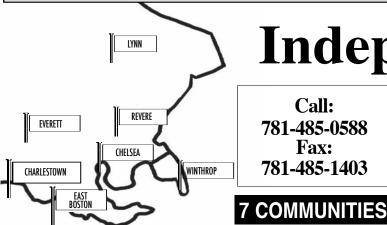
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Principal Robert Casaletto.



Emma Whiteknact narrating the Stations of the Cross.



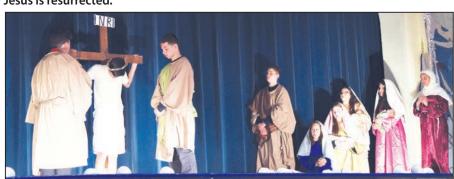
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