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New gas station opens at Logan; will soon house Meridian Market, Starbucks

By John Lynds

Soon Jeffries Point residents will no longer have to walk or drive to Central Square or McClellan Highway to get their Meridian Market or Starbucks fixes.

Massport announced that a new convenience and filling station opened on the Logan Airport campus on Tomahawk Drive on Saturday, June 1. Massport also announced that Eastie's famed Meridian Market has been selected as the deli business within the new gas station and Starbucks will be the station's coffee vendor.

The new gas station, which

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WALK FOR VICTORY

On Saturday the Marfan Foundation held its Annual Walk for Victory for Marfan/Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome on the Boston Common. The Boston Walk for Victory helps raise awareness and advance the life-saving work of The Marfan Foundation. Marfan syndrome, as well Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, is a potentially life-threatening genetic disorder, but people can live a normal lifespan if they are diagnosed and treated. See photos on page 12.

Dream Come True

Eastie's Angelina Botticelli heading to Berklee College of Music on full scholarship

By John Lynds

Since joining Zumix as a young girl, Angelina Botticelli has grown to become an accomplished musician. The lifelong Eastie resident and Boston Arts Academy (BAA) High School senior has written original music, started a band, released an album, helped co-write an original piece for the Boston Landmarks Orchestra and hosts a weekly radio show for Zumix radio.

Last week, life came full circle for Botticelli as her postgraduate dream has come true.

Botticelli will be attending the prestigious Berklee College of Music on a full tuition scholarship in the fall. Botticelli is the only student to receive a full ride to Berklee from BAA.

"Angelina has been singing and playing music since



Eastie's Angelina Botticelli will be heading to Berklee College of Music on a full scholarship in the fall.

she could walk," said Zumix Founder and Director Madeline Steczynski. "As a soloist, ensemble member, and lead singer of the band Wild Painting, she writes and performs music that moves people and penetrates the soul. In addition to music, Angelina

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EBNHC honors two at Monday's Art of Health Care Event

By John Lynds

On Monday the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center held its seventh annual Art of Health Care event at the ICA's Watershed at the Boston Shipyard and Marina.

This year the annual innovative fundraiser to celebrate EBNHC's mission in the community and the healing impact of art will paid special tribute to President of New England Baptist Hospital David Passafaro and EBNHC Board of Directors Clerk Jennifer Blanco, who received the EBNHC's prestigious Maestro

Award for their dedication to the community and city.

Passafaro is president of New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH). Previously, he served as senior vice president of external affairs overseeing the offices of Community and Government Relations, Philanthropy, Real Estate and Construction.

Passafaro has extensive government and political experience, serving as Chief of Staff for the Office of Mayor Thomas M. Menino, and President of Boston 2004, Inc., a single purpose nonprofit that represents the city in staging

the Democratic National Convention. In the early 1980s, he served in Washington D.C. working for the US Senate and in the early 1990s as a lobbyist in Washington D.C. and Boston with the firm McDermott/O'Neil & Associates.

Prior to joining NEBH, Passafaro served as vice president for business development at Suffolk Construction Company where he was responsible for business development and client relationships for clients in the commercial, hospital, healthcare and higher education sectors in the Northeast. He also served as Vice Pres-

ident for Business Development at William A. Berry & Son Construction and Managing Director for Real Estate at Cambridge Associates Holdings Company.

Passafaro previously served on several boards and commissions, including: Boston Medical Center, Board of Trustees, Finance Chairman; Chairman of Boston Medical Center Insurance Co., LTD and GMPCL, LTD, both captive insurance companies; Zoo New England Board of Directors; and City of Boston Rent Equity Board. David holds a BA in political science from Marquette University and a MA in international affairs and foreign policy from Georgetown University.

For nearly two decades, Blanco has provided at-risk youth and families with services and resources that foster stable family relationships and enhance children's physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being. Blanco began her career at East Boston Head Start as a part-time summer teaching assistant. In 2000, she took a position teaching preschool at a private school. Five years later, Jennifer returned to East Boston Head Start as a family advocate, where she held the position of family advocate until 2010.

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President of New England Baptist Hospital David Passafaro and EBNHC Board of Directors Clerk Jennifer Blanco, who both received the EBNHC's prestigious Maestro Award for their dedication to the community and city. From left, City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Passafaro, Blanco, EBNHC's Board Chairwoman Rita Sorrento and EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes.

Excel lays out plans for expansion of high school to include middle school

By John Lynds

At a recent community meeting, Excel Academy Charter School Executive Director Owen Stearns and Excel's Pat Forbest and Dan Mills laid out the plans to expand the High School on Bremen

Street to include a middle school.

The plan includes building the new middle school facility over the current parking lot at Excel Academy High School. Most of the parking spaces in

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Excel Academy Charter School Executive Director Owen Stearns and Excel's Pat Forbest (right) laid out the school's plans to expand the high school on Bremen Street to include a middle school.



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From the “Winners Circle” the family and friends of Sammy Tassone with the plaque commemorating the 3rd Race at Suffolk run in his memory.

Remembering a friend to all, Sam “Sammy” Tassone

Recently family and friends gathered at Suffolk Downs Race Track in East Boston to remember and honor a friend to all, Sam Tassone, who passed away in March of 2019. Tassone worked at Boston City Hall for many years and was respected by his co-workers. Sammy supported many organizations in East Boston, professional as well as local, and political causes. He was a long time season ticket holder for both, the Boston Bruins and Red Sox, and always found a cause to donate his seats to benefit as a donation.

So how fitting it was that he

family and friends gathered at Suffolk Downs, to enjoy a day of racing and comradely, swapping stories and memories of their dear friend, Sam “Sammy” Tassone. He will be long remembered and honored for his tireless dedication to his community and friends of East Boston.

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the lot, which is between the school and the Bremen Street Branch Library, will remain and the schools plans to lease additional off site spaces to accommodate for teacher and staff parking.

The expansion is part of Excel’s 2014 plan to accommodate the growing student population.

Excel opened first a middle school in Eastie in 2003, a second middle school in Chelsea in 2011, a third middle school in Orient Heights in 2012 and the neighborhood’s first charter high school on Bremen Street in 2016.

“This month we will see the first 100 graduating class of seniors from our high school,” said Stearns. “Excel has educated approximately 2,000 students in Grades 5-12 since 2003.”

Stearns said the expansion of the high school facility to include a middle school is Phase 3 of the school’s plan outlined in 2014.

This plan will increase the student population from 896 to 924 and increase the school’s footprint on Bremen Street from 71,000 square feet to 79,500 square feet.

According to Forbest and Mills, traffic studies have been conducted regarding bus and car traffic.

At the meeting the Excel team also laid out its transportation and traffic management plan. The school plans to increase the number of staff managing flow of bus/auto queue. Increase number of staff to manage student pedestrian activity on both sides

of Bremen Street. Cars will be assigned to specific pick-up and drop-off areas. Excel agrees to pay a fine for any parent blocking driveways and will ask BTM to supply meter maids as necessary. The school will increase communication with parents on policies, install school zone signage and change to staggered arrival times if traffic becomes too much of an issue in the mornings.

Forbest said the school would also improve residential access to Excel parking lot when school is not in session. Lot signage will be revised to indicate available parking for library patrons and neighbors from 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day. However, any non-Excel car that remains past 6 a.m. may be towed.

On weekends and statewide holidays when public schools are closed, neighbors will be able to park in the lot during normal school hours.

“For evening or weekend events which necessitate utilizing the parking lot, the lot will be closed and Excel will post on Twitter and Facebook announcing the hours the lot will be closed for special events and state that any cars parked will be towed,” said Forbest. “In addition, sandwich boards will be posted at the entrance and exit of the parking lot listing the days/times the lot will be closed and when cars will be towed.”

During inclement weather no parking will be allowed in the lot when cars could impede snow removal.

Back in 2017 Excel expanded the footprint of the high school to give the senior class more classroom and flex space as they take electives and advanced placement classes.

The school added 2,500 sq. ft. in the rear of the building near the East Boston Greenway, which resulted in roughly a 10-percent increase in the building’s overall size.

The addition had no impact on the Greenway or Greenway access. There was some concerns of runoff from the building due to flooding problems along the Greenway closer to Jeffries Point and the school’s close proximity to the neighborhood park system. However, the school, which is LEED certified, uses a system of storm water storage that traps that slowly release storm water from the building after heavy rain.

Formerly the site of Paul’s Park and Fly, the last of the park and fly companies that once dotted Bremen Street, the \$25 million Excel High School was built on stretch of land that now includes a state of the art library and the sprawling 18-acre Bremen Street Park.

The new two-acre campus includes the main building, community rooms, a cafeteria, gymnasium, office space, and support space. The school also includes a 30-car pick up and drop off area, a dedicated bus pull off area, a 50-space parking lot for faculty and visitors, and a 24,100 square-foot outdoor student courtyard.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and South End Community Health Center announce intent to merge

This week, in one of the first mergers of its kind in Massachusetts, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) and South End Community Health Center (SECHC) announced their intent to merge after signing a definitive merger agreement.

Pending federal and state regulatory approvals, SECHC will become a part of EBNHC with Manny Lopes remaining as President & CEO. The merger will add SECHC’s 180-plus employees and 19,000 patients to the largest community health center in Massachusetts and one of the largest in the country. SECHC will continue to provide comprehensive health care services in the South End.

“As SECHC celebrates 50 years of service to the South End, we also look to the future. Our number one goal is to strengthen high-quality care for this community in an increasingly complex and volatile health care system that favors economies of scale,” said Bill Walczak, CEO and president of SECHC. “We have strategically considered

many pathways to achieving this goal over the past several years and are delighted to have reached an agreement with EBNHC that positions community-based care to thrive.”

Manny Lopes, president and CEO of EBNHC, added, “Our organizations have shared a common mission for decades and there is a lot we can learn from one another. As health centers, it is our duty to innovate and grow in financially sustainable ways to ensure we are preserving and advancing affordable, accessible, high-quality care in communities that need it most. We believe that welcoming SECHC into our organization will benefit patients, staff, and our communities.”

Post-merger, EBNHC will support approximately 1,200 employees and more than 100,000 patients per year with an operating budget of \$165 million, providing high-quality services and programs in neighborhoods on both sides of Boston Harbor.

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-

NHC) has been a vital part of its community for more than 40 years, providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to all who live and work in East Boston and the surrounding communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop. EBNHC supports more than 1,000 employees and handles 300,000 visits per year – more than any other ambulatory care center in New England.

South End Community Health Center (SECHC) is a comprehensive health care organization for all residents of the South End and surrounding communities. Founded in 1969, SECHC is committed to providing the highest quality, coordinated health care that is both culturally and linguistically sensitive to every patient, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability, and/or income. SECHC’s multi-cultural and highly trained staff of 180-plus serves more than 19,000 patients with an operating budget of \$16.5 million.

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is being relocated due to the Terminal E modernization project, could be a boon for the gas station operator, Meridian Market and Starbucks. Total gross sales of the former gas station last year were \$10,840,340. This amount included fuel pump sales at the gas station, Dunkin’ Donuts, and retail sales from the filling station deli and convenience store.

The new station features a Shell gas station with open space and a park-like layout, which will be completed this summer.

Massport’s Acting CEO John Prankevicius said Meridian Market and Starbucks should open this summer. He said having a community partner like a Meridian Market to run its sandwich shop and deli is part of Massport’s plan to increase more local business opportunities at the airport.

“It was important to the community to develop an attractive, functional convenience store and gas station facility that includes local food options and open community space, said Prankevicius. “We wish to thank the new station owners for designing a great facility that the Airport and community will both enjoy”.

As part of this project and due to its close proximity to the Jeffries Point neighborhood, Massport is improving the physical space around the new filling station. The space will feature a number of amenities including public open green space with a patio, electric vehicle charging stations,



The new filling station at Logan’s Tomahawk Drive near Jeffries Point will soon include a Meridian Market and Starbucks Coffee.

and walk able access to the community. The design of the space was inspired by the outdoor veranda at the Bremen Street Library that overlooks Massport’s Bremen Street Park.

“The convenience and filling station will be an attractive and functional store and gas station with modern features that will not only serve Logan Airport but the Jeffries Point neighborhood as well,” added Prankevicius.

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After serving as a family community engagement supervisor at Parker Hill, in 2011 Jennifer transferred to the Jamaica Plain Head Start. In 2014 she returned to the East Boston Head Start location, where she works today.

Blanco holds a master of science degree in family studies from Wheelock College. She has served as Clerk of the EBNHC Board of Directors since 2001.

Each year through corporate and private sponsorships, ticket sales, a silent art auction, raffles and other donations the event raises \$250,000 for the Health Center’s crucial programs.

EBNHC manages innovative programs that support children’s health and wellness. Through its Pediatrics and Family Medicine primary care departments, EBNHC has developed relationships that help meet the unique challenges faced by children and young adults in the community. While positively impacting children’s lives, these programs have many non-reimbursable expenses and often run at significant deficits. Fundraising, through individual and corporate donations as well as grants, allows EBNHC to continue these effective mission-aligned programs, which serve young community members most in need.

“The Art of Health Care

event is very important to our Organization,” said EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes. “The Health Center runs some amazing special programs that have huge impact in our community. Examples include our Let’s Get Moving Program, which helps kids and families stay active and fit. Our CATCH Program, which closely coordinates care and activities for medically complex children. Our Project Shine, which coordinates care and does education around HIV. Our Youth and Young Adult Pathways Programs (YYAPP), based at our Education and Training Institute (ETI), helps children and young adults move onto positive paths toward healthy and responsible adulthood.”

Featured cuisine at the event included offerings from Chef Jose Duarte of Taranta; Dan Lyons of Maverick Marketplace Café; Shelly Demmon of Chelsea Station; and Anthony Pino of the Cunard Tavern.

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# The Winthrop Marketplace turns 20

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By Domenic DeMasi

"In all aisles of the Marketplace you could hear how happy the patrons are to finally have a market open in town," begins Catherine Elcick's article in the June 10th, 1999 issue of the Winthrop Sun-Transcript about the opening day of Winthrop Marketplace. As the Winthrop Marketplace prepares to celebrate its twentieth anniversary, the delight of the store's customers has not settled down. "I love his meats, I love his produce, the convenience of being in Winthrop. It is nice and small and he has great weekly specials", said Robin Rice, a loyal Winthrop Marketplace customer since the store first opened for business in June 1999.

It is really quite remarkable how a small, single, independent grocery store has not just survived, but thrived, for so long while being surrounded by the supermarkets of many corporate competitors like Market Basket, Price Rite, and Stop & Shop. Store manager Kevin Miccichi, who has been with the Winthrop Marketplace family since day one, has said one of the primary reasons has been "being able to change with the times on a personal touch". This has included taking special orders for items the store does not carry and stocking organic items as consumer demand



Mark Wallerice (left) and the late Frank Carideo founded Winthrop Marketplace 20 years ago.

for them has grown in recent years. "People who shop here are familiar with us and have ties to us" he said, adding that "we have made a lot of donations to the town and we helped the community any way we could", mentioning that the store has been involved with several community events like sponsoring the Winthrop Chamber of Commerce Day At The Beach and serving apple cider at the town's Christmas tree lighting.

Having been working as a deli clerk at Winthrop Marketplace for about a year now, I have noticed that Winthrop Marketplace is more than just a grocery store for local res-

It is also where they can interact with the employees

and, of course, where the employees can interact with each other. "After awhile you get to learn about people's families, their pets, and you get to joke around with everyone", said Elizabeth McDuffee, a cashier who has been with the Winthrop Marketplace since 2016, when she was still a junior in high school. In fact, many of the Winthrop Marketplace's employees are high school and college students. "We have given a lot of kids their first jobs here" said Brian Macrina, another store manager who has been with Winthrop Marketplace since its inception, who recognizes the store's youth employment program as another way the store gives back to the community. While many student employees eventually leave the Marketplace for other education or employment, a few have stuck around or have returned after long departures. Antonetta Adler, John Devlin, and Michael Miccichi (son of Kevin) are longtime employees who have all been with the Winthrop Marketplace since they were high school students, beginning in 2001, 2003, and 2006, respectively. Besides youth employment, the Winthrop Marketplace also prides itself as an equal opportunity employer as many employees with disabilities have come and gone over the years.

With all of this in mind, it should come as no surprise that the Winthrop Marketplace has stuck around and has stuck out in Winthrop. "It is a part of the community because it participates in the community. Marc is very generous to the community and gives back to the community", said Lois Sullivan, another dedicated Winthrop Marketplace customer since 1999. Tracey Martucci, also shopping at the store since its beginning, said "Marc is always welcoming, always engaging with his customers. You guys always have everything I need". This kind of customer feedback may form part of the reason why the Winthrop Marketplace has been a recipient of the Retail Association Of Massachusetts New Business Of The Year Award in 2000 and American Dream Award in 2002, the Winthrop Chamber Of Commerce Business Of The Year Award in 2002, and the C&S Wholesale Grocers Community Service Of The Year Award in 2017.

Twenty years is a long time and the Winthrop Marketplace has big plans for its upcoming celebration during the week of June 6-13. The store's recently installed new floor will be matched with twentieth anniversary banners hung from its walls and ceiling as well as special twentieth anniversary shirts for its employees.

Customers will also have the pleasure of taking some free samples, participating in raffles for prizes, and taking advantage of the store's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary supersales on select products.

Catherine Elcick continued in her opening day article that "If the reactions of the first week are any indication, the Marketplace is in Winthrop to stay". After 20 years the Winthrop Marketplace has not only confirmed Elcick's prediction, but has also visibly left an indelible mark on Winthrop's history through the customers it has served and the 50+ organizations it has contributed to throughout the past two decades. "I cannot thank the customers from Winthrop and the surrounding communities enough for their loyalty for the past twenty years", said Marc Wallace of the Winthrop Marketplace, adding "I enjoy coming to work everyday. Some are more challenging than others, but through it all it has been very rewarding and I wouldn't change anything that has happened. And I can see in the next 20 years our team and our customers working hand in hand to make our company grow with the community."

Winthrop Marketplace has been located at 35 Revere St., in Winthrop for the past 20 years.

# Eagle Hill Civic Association votes on several projects

By John Lynds

Members of the Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA) voted on several projects during its May meeting last week at East Boston High School.

First up, the group voted 22 to 12 in favor of the project at 98 Prescott Street. The plan is to construct a three-story, 9-unit building with no parking spaces. The proposal was modified from five to three stories and reduced from 12 to nine units, after receiving community feedback. Because there is no parking attached to the project, and it's being marketed as a transit-oriented development the developer agreed to register with the city as a 'no-parking' project.



Rashi Mangalick discusses her client's proposal on Prescott Street during last week's EHCA meeting.

building, which will be in the lease. This means that if the tenants of the building try to circumvent the lease and get resident parking permits, they

will be denied by the city.

Next EHCA members voted 24 to 10 in support of the project at 46 Eutaw Street. Attorney Jeff Drago said his client plans to 'fill in' empty space between the previously used store front and residential part of the building to allow for larger units. His client is seeking to change occupancy to a three-family plus store by adding a two-story addition and renovating the building. There will be one, three-bedroom unit and two, two-bedroom units.

The group then voted 20 to 14 in support of the project at 44 and 46 Lexington Street. The plan there is to change the occupancy from three to four units in each adjoining building. The project will in-

clude a renovation of the entire building, expanding the rear of the property as well as adding a fourth-story addition to both existing properties. There is no existing parking and no proposed parking. All units will be three bedroom, two bath rentals. At the meeting abutter liked design and rehab, but expressed concern about density and parking.

Lastly EHCA members voted 30 to 4 in support of the project at 50 Putnam Street. There the owner is seeking to extend living space into the basement for unit one.

Also at the meeting EHCA members got the first look at four other projects in the works but no votes were taken. At 97 Condor Street a developer is proposing a four-story building with seven residential units and five parking spaces; at 238 Saratoga Street the owner wants to change his three-family to four-family by extending liv-

renovated; and at 130 Putnam Street the owner is looking to extend first floor living space into basement in an owner-occupied building.

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Graduation Day is one of the few occasions that brings a smile to the faces of everyone in a community, regardless of whether they know a graduate. It is an occasion when all of us share in the joy -- and pride -- that graduation day marks in the lives of our young people. For older folks, graduation day recalls a time when we too, were young and full of life.

However, graduation day marks a bittersweet moment for parents, friends, family, and teachers, as well the grads themselves. As befits every turning point in our lives, it is a time of mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and reflection. Although the graduates and those close to them are looking forward to the exciting future that lies before them, they also will be looking back on the passing of their carefree youth and the experiences that have shaped their lives to this point.

The young women and men who receive their diplomas no longer are considered "youths" in the eyes of the world. They are full-fledged adults who have been deemed ready to assume all of the rights -- and responsibilities -- that adulthood implies.

The graduates, most of whom have turned 18, can vote, run for public office, enter into contracts, be tried fully as adults in the criminal justice system, and fight and die for their country.

For the parents of the grads, watching their "little boy or girl" proceed to the podium to receive his or her diploma will be a poignant moment. No doubt every parent will be thinking of the sentiments expressed in the song *Sunrise, Sunset* from *Fiddler On The Roof*:

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When did she get to be a beauty?  
When did he grow to be so tall?  
Wasn't it yesterday when they - were - small?*

Although economists these days tell us that the value of a high school diploma is not what it was a generation or more ago, the graduates should keep in mind, as they contemplate venturing out into an uncertain future, that their mere presence on the podium has proven that they have the ability and the determination to achieve whatever goals they may set for themselves.

We came across a news item from one of our sister publications, The Winthrop Sun-Transcript, from June 24, 1898. The article, which reprinted the Class Ode for the Winthrop High Class of 1898, is as timely today as it was 121 years ago, and sums up the feelings of all of us on Graduation Day.

*The years pass by in swift array  
We cannot check their onward flight;  
The moments that were ours today,  
Have passed forever from our sight.*

*Yet while the course of life moves by  
We too, must never lag behind;  
But work and strive as best we may  
To aid and benefit all mankind.*

*This we must do, or soon too late  
We think in sadness of our loss,  
For "Each is Master of his Fate,"  
Though some must bear a heavy cross.*

*And when the race of life is run,  
This life that holds so much for each  
Shall come the gentle words, "Well done!"  
As we at last the goal have reached.*

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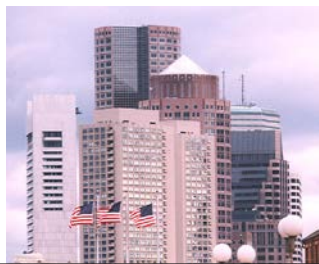
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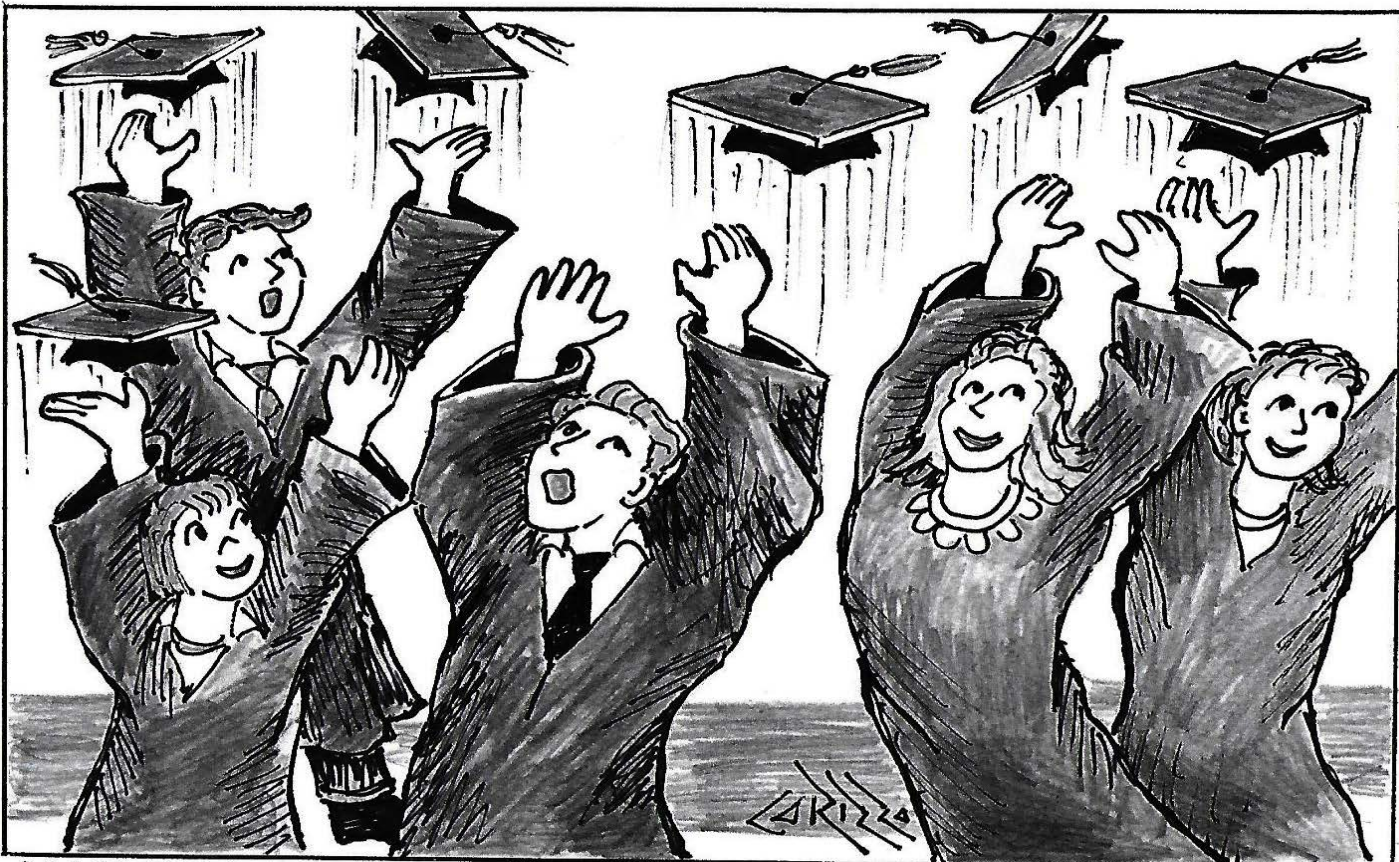
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# Forum



HATS OFF TO OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019

### GUEST OP-ED

## A Green New Deal of action

By Jack Clarke

Massachusetts needs its own Green New Deal – but it needs to be a deal of action.

Although not a law but more a resolution expressing the will of the Congress on the necessity to address the climate crisis and economic inequality, the Green New Deal, filed by New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and our own Sen. Ed Markey, was killed by the Senate in a vote following no review and analysis by legislative staff, no expert testimony or committee hearings, and no floor debate. The message was clear: the U.S. Senate does not want to discuss the climate's breakdown. So we at the state level will.

The name harkens back to the New Deal and its social and economic reforms, and public works projects, undertaken by President Franklin Roosevelt in response to the Great Depression.

The Green New Deal echoes Roosevelt's economic stimuli incentives and adds plans for renewable energy and resource efficiency.

FDR's New Deal was not realized in one bill in one year, but became law through various pieces of legislation over the first three years of his first administration. Beacon Hill lawmakers should also develop an ambitious multi-year

plan to meaningfully confront climate change, the most urgent threat of our lifetime, in their version of a Green New Deal – but it needs to be more than a good idea. And it needs to pass.

Although the national Green New Deal is admittedly a vision statement, the Massachusetts version should be a statutory set of requirements with goals, targets, and reasonable dates that move us forward in addressing the climate breakdown.

Our version should start with and include at a minimum, laws establishing:

§ Zero net carbon emissions, meaning Massachusetts emits only the carbon emissions that it can capture or re-absorb – by 2050.

§ An annual increase in the amount of clean energy that utilities are required to buy, leading to 100 percent renewables – by 2047.

§ Environmentally responsible development of 6,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy, and quickly scaling up from there. This is well beyond the 1,600 MW required now – by 2027.

§ A carbon fee: Massachusetts and eight other states, along with the District of Columbia, are presently participating in the Transportation Carbon Initiative that would cap regional transportation emissions and require fuel wholesalers to buy pollution

permits for the fuels they sell. Revenues from the sale of the permits would then go back to states for investments in public transit, electric vehicles, bike lanes, and other initiatives to reduce carbon emissions in the transportation sector – by 2021. And if the regional approach fails, Massachusetts needs to be ready to go out on our own and pass a statewide carbon fee.

§ Improved solar options: allow net metering not just for Massachusetts homes but for all non-residential solar facilities to free up Bay State businesses and communities to build more solar projects, create more jobs, and allow for millions of dollars of investments – by 2021.

§ Create green jobs: Mobilize the academic and research assets of the Commonwealth to more fully contribute to the innovation economy and create more green jobs. This will require increased investments of private and state funds in Massachusetts' 114 colleges and universities to research and apply advanced technologies in the fields of deep-water offshore wind energy, solar, carbon capture and re-use, and long-term high-quantity battery storage. This investment in education and innovation would unleash clean energy jobs. Although there are 110,700 such jobs in the Commonwealth workforce today, it's still just 3 percent of

Massachusetts employment. It needs to grow substantially – by 2021.

§ Environmental, social and economic justice principles should be embedded in all newly passed state laws whereby the power of communities of color, low-income, rural, indigenous, under-represented and non-English speaking residents in Massachusetts would be harnessed to help eradicate environmental racism and classism, to create healthy, and sustainable communities – by 2019.

The changes we experience today, such as stronger storms, accelerated sea-level rise, and intense heat are just the beginning of what should be expected.

There needs to be a sense of urgency on Beacon Hill when it comes to our climate emergency, especially as recent reports from the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change and the National Climate Assessment warn we have only 12 years to figure out a solution before things really start to fall apart.

For my grandchildren, six year old Haley and her five year old brother Jack, who will be teenagers in twelve years, it is time for lawmakers to act, and to act now.

Jack Clarke is the director of public policy and government relations at Mass Audubon.

### GUEST OP-ED

## Investing in our next generation

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

In 2015, we launched BuildBPS, a 10-year educational and facilities master plan that reflects a \$1 billion commitment to our students. This plan is a promise to our young people that their schools will be equipped with the facilities, tools, and curriculum they need to succeed in today's world. We have said many times that making sure our students have the best learning facilities available to them is a priority, and today we're taking the next step to fulfill that promise: a planning and engagement process for school expansions and reconstructions.

The majority of Boston's public schools were constructed before World War II, and many lack modern educational spaces like music and technology classrooms. There are also several different grade configurations, mean-

ing that many students change schools several times before graduating from high school. We want to simplify things for families by offering single-transition pathways. Families have also told us that they want to see more K-6 schools in their neighborhoods, and this next step in the plan provides an opportunity to meet that need as well.

The Boston Public Schools (BPS) recently announced updates to the BuildBPS plan. These include: modernizing school facilities; adopting two preferred grade configuration models of K-6/7-12 and K-8/9-12; increasing access to classroom seats in neighborhoods with the most need; addressing declining enrollment and sustainability in the few remaining middle schools serving grades 6-8; and facilitating greater equity of program placement to meet the needs of students with disabilities, English learners, and

more.

Ensuring smooth transitions for students and families is a top priority and critical to expanding high-quality school options in all neighborhoods across our city. After years of analyzing school enrollment patterns and facility layouts and capacity, we are now asking for the community to get involved in the process by providing feedback to the following updates:

•A new 7-12 school at the site of the current McCormack Middle School on Columbia Point in Dorchester, which will combine programming with the Boston Community Leadership Academy (BCLA) in Hyde Park. This new, fully-renovated school will open in the fall of 2022 and will keep specialized programs from both schools, including those for English learners and students with disabilities.

•Expanding 17 elementary schools from grades K-5

to K-6, which includes five schools in South Boston and Dorchester in September 2020 (Dever, Perkins, Tynan, Everett, Clap); six schools citywide in September 2020; and six East Boston schools in September 2021.

•Expanding middle-grade seat capacity in East Boston through possible expansion at East Boston High School while maintaining options at the Umana and McKay K-8 schools.

•Purchasing property at 189 Paris Street in East Boston to construct a new school building to serve elementary grades, and at 249 Harrison Avenue in Chinatown for a new Josiah Quincy Upper School.

•Continuing to seek property near the Dorchester-Mattapan line to construct a new school building to address the need for elementary seats in

COMMUNITY NEWS

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AT GRACE CHURCH

Grace Church Federated, 760 Saratoga Street, East Boston, will have a fund-raising Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 15, 2019 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the church basement. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Festivalgoers will eat strawberry short cake and hear songs by a local singing group as well as participate in a sing-a-long. For tickets, please call the church at 617-569-5358.

ST ANTHONY SPAGHETTI DINNER

Please join us on Tuesday, June 11, for our annual St. Anthony Spaghetti dinner. The evening begins with a special Mass in honor of St. Anthony at 4:30 pm. Following Mass, join us in the Parish Hall for a delicious home-cooked spaghetti and meatball dinner, salad, and dessert. And get your feet moving with live accordion polka music that will be played during dinner.

Tickets are \$12 per person, \$6 for children. Tables of 10 are also available for \$120. Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses. They can also be reserved by contacting the rectory at 617-567-5776 or by email [sacredhearteb@gmail.com](mailto:sacredhearteb@gmail.com)

Please join us for an evening of fun, delicious food, music, and raffles!!

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PARKS DEPARTMENT SUMMER GUIDE NOW ONLINE

If you are looking for some outdoor fun this summer in City of Boston parks simply go to the City of Boston website where you can view the Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s full schedule of free summer events under the Spotlight section at [www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation#spotlight](http://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation#spotlight).

Concerts, movies, fitness, sports centers, watercolor painting workshops, and a wide range of children’s activities - there’s something for everyone, all offered free of charge. The schedule includes the popular Artists in Residence Craft Workshops for ages 3 to 10 in parks city-wide July 9, through August 16, the Boston Children’s Summer Festival at Franklin Park on August 20, park visits from the New England Aquarium, Movie Nights in 11 locations, and the opening of the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on June 27.

Musical offerings include the annual Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert

Series sponsored by Bank of America kicking off July 17 with the Total Access Chicago tribute band on City Hall Plaza at 7 p.m., ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concerts from July 10, to August 5, Summer Sundays in the Park at Jamaica Pond on July 28, and August 11, and the sizzling hot Tito Puente Latin Music Series in the South End, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Jamaica Plain from July 11 through August 15.

For more information, please view the full summer guide and other Parks Department events and programs at [www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation](http://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation).

ANNUAL AWARD RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO MAKE A POWERFUL DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITY

AARP is now accepting nominations for its 2019 Massachusetts Andrus Award for Community Service, which honors 50+ Commonwealth residents who are sharing their experience, talent, and skills to enrich the lives of their community members.

“AARP Massachusetts is excited to shine a light on 50+ Bay Staters who are using what they’ve learned in life to make a difference in the lives around them,” said Mike Festa, AARP Massachusetts State Director.

Nominations will be evaluated by the Massachusetts state office based on how the volunteer’s work has improved the community, supported AARP’s vision and mission, and inspired other volunteers. The award recipient will be announced in early fall.

AARP Massachusetts Andrus Award for Community Service nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Nominee must be 50 years or older.

• The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must have been performed on a volunteer basis, without pay.

• The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must reflect AARP’s vision and purpose.

• The achievements, accomplishments, or service on which the nomination is based must be replicable and provide inspiration for others to volunteer.

• Couples or partners who perform service together are also eligible; however, teams are not eligible.

• This is not a posthumous award.

Please visit [www.aarp.org/andrus](http://www.aarp.org/andrus) for further information and a nomination form. The application deadline is July 15, 2019.

PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES 2019 FENWAY CHALLENGE SERIES

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation team up once again to present the Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase in lo-

cal parks on three Tuesdays in July and August.

The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets.

The Fenway Challenge will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are July 16, at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester; July 30 at Lee Playground, 775 East First Street, South Boston; and August 6 at Carter Playground, 709 Columbus Avenue, South End.

Sponsored by the Boston Red Sox and Highland Street Foundation. For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at (617) 961-3085 or [cheryl.brown@boston.gov](mailto:cheryl.brown@boston.gov). To register please go to <https://www.mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge>.

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TRIP TO FOXWOODS

The Joe Guarino/ St Lazarus Bowling League is having a day trip to Foxwoods on Sunday June 9.

The buses leave at 7:45 a.m. from St. Lazarus Church on Ashley Street East Boston.

The cost is \$30 per person which includes a \$10 food coupon and \$10 in slot play.

Muffins, turnovers and juices are served on the bus.

For tickets call: Nunny Celona at 781-245-6622.

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 through 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

we’ll rely on the input of residents and BPS families. BPS will keep providing updates at [HYPERLINK](http://HYPERLINK) “<http://bostonpublicschools.org/buildbps>” at “\_blank” [bostonpublicschools.org/buildbps](http://bostonpublicschools.org/buildbps) with more details on how the plan will affect them. I look forward to working with the community on these exciting changes.

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Association First Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron St.	Friend of the East Boston Greenway Fourth Thursday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St. All are welcome to attend.
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	Maverick Central Neighborhood Association Third Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.
Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Second Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Summer St.	Gove Street Citizens Association Fourth Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room, Logan Rental Car Center
Orient Heights Neighborhood Association Third Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54 Ashley St.	Eagle Hill Civic Association Last Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at East Boston High School Cafeteria, 86 White St.

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, June 4	Paul Revere Mall 370 Hanover Street, North End
Thursday, June 6	Ronan Park 92 Mt. Ida Road, Dorchester
Tuesday, June 11	Lt. Edward Walsh and Fire-fighter Michael Kennedy Tot Lot 369 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury
Wednesday, June 12	Noyes Park 86 Boardman Street, East Boston
Thursday, June 13	Adams Park 4225 Washington Street, Roslindale
Wednesday, June 19	Mozart Street Playground 10 Mozart Street, Jamaica Plain
For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, online at Facebook	

or Twitter @bostonparksdept, or by visiting [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks).

GRACE CHURCH NEWS SERVICES

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 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 Sunday School. Visit the Grace Church web site at [www.gracechurcheastie.org](http://www.gracechurcheastie.org) or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.



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5	\$97,950	\$122,400
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Applications will also be available in person on the following dates and times:

Date	Time
Monday, June 10, 2019	10:00AM - 2:00PM
Tuesday, June 11, 2019	10:00AM - 2:00PM
Thursday, June 13, 2019	3:00PM - 7:00PM
Friday, June 14, 2019	10:00AM - 2:00PM
Saturday, June 15, 2019	10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location: Boston Public Library – Jamaica Plain Branch - 30 South St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

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the area.

•Beginning a planning and engagement process leading to the reconfiguration of the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown, phasing out the grade 6-8 middle school in June 2021, and reconfiguring the school to expand pre-K and elementary grade capacity.

•Continuing a planning and engagement process for schools in Allston-Brighton to address facilities challenges at the Jackson/Mann and Horace

Mann schools.

•Continue working with Grove Hall Alliance school communities (Burke High, Frederick Middle, Trotter K-8, King K-8, and Haynes Early Education Center) to review feeder patterns for the potential creation of a pathway for students.

All of these proposals advance the values of BuildBPS by ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality, 21st-century public education. Throughout this process,

EBNHC HOLDS ART OF HEALTH CARE EVENT

On Monday the EBNHC held its annual Art of Health Care event at the ICA's Watershed at the Boston Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street. The event included food, music, the chance to bid on some art as well as awards presented to President of New England Baptist Hospital David Passafaro and EBNHC Board of Directors Clerk Jennifer Blanco, who both received the EBNHC's prestigious Maestro Award for their dedication to the community and city.



Max Gruner and Veronica Robles.



Speaker Robert DeLeo, EBNHC Chairwoman Rita Sorrento and EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes.



EBNHC's Ernani DeAraujo (center) and EBNHC CMO Dr. Jackie Fantes, MD (right) during the event.



Jason Ruggiero and Sal LaMattina.



EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes with guests.



Bridgette Ridlon and YMCA's Executive Director Joseph Gaeta.



Attendees check out some of the art for sale.



Joanna Cataldo, Gabriela Coletta, Cecilia Blanco and Tony Blanco.



Taranta's chef and owner Jose Duarte talks with guests.



Members of the Metro Credit Union support the annual event.



EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder, Colin Beatt, Cecilia Blanco, Tony Blanco and honoree Jenifer Blanco.



From left, Ashley and Thomas Carleton, Major Lou Scapicchio, honoree Jenifer Blanco, Larry Keegan, Ed Deveau and Jason Ruggiero.



A rare photo of the heads of Eastie's non-profit organizations. From left, EBNHC Manny Lopes, Social Centers Justin Pasquariello, Salesian Michael Triant, Zumix's Madeleine Steczynski, Maverick Landing's Rita Lara, YMCA's Joseph Gaeta and Piers Park Sailing's Alex DeFronzo.

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hosts a weekly radio show on 94.9 ZUMIX Radio, is actively involved in social justice efforts, and is always eager to give back to her community. We are so happy she received a full scholarship to Berklee College of Music, and can't wait to see what she produces next."

For a senior from Eastie— or as she calls it "Boston's Best Neighborhood" — her hard-work, dedication and passion for music paid off. She'll be graduating from BAA — the City's only public high school for the visual and performing arts on Monday, June 10 — well-prepared and ready for her next venture.



Botticelli's acceptance to the preeminent institute of contemporary music and performing arts has been a long time coming. She has participated in the Berklee College of Music's City Music Program since she was in the fourth grade. Her involvement in Berklee from

such a young age has allowed her to showcase her talent through participation in master classes, countless performances in Berklee's performance halls and more. Additionally, she is currently dual enrolled at Berklee through the ProArts Consortium, which allows BAA students to study at Berklee and other institutions while receiving college credit.

As a music technology student at BAA, Botticelli has been fully immersed in hand-on music industry experience, from songwriting to producing, and is currently working on releasing music this summer under the name Lil Lina. She is also a member of BAA's Spirituals Ensemble, which recently competed on WGBH's 'Sing That Thing'.

Outside of BAA and Berklee City Music, Botticelli has been an active member of Zumix where she hosts her own weekly radio show called Bad Gal ra-

dio. "I was so excited to hear about Angelina getting into Berklee," said Zumix Board President Steve Snyder. "She's so talented and even more importantly, such a nice young woman. As a Board Member we don't always get to know the Zumix kids on a personal level as we are too busy trying to raise funds and awareness to support Zumix's mission. But I've been lucky to see Angelina perform quite a lot and I'm a huge fan of her band Wild Painting. The reality is Zumix has been helping countless kids like Angelina on a pathway to becoming happy, successful adults for over 27 years. Many don't realize just how impactful they are on our city because they go about their mission so humbly. Angelina's future is bright and I applaud her as well as all of the Zumix staff for the great work they do in our community in youth development."



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# East Boston Little League is in full swing

The East Boston Little League is enjoying a banner 2019 season under the direction of President Chuckie Cassaro and the board of directors.

While a rainy spring has resulted in the postponement of some games, the league has caught up with the re-

scheduling of makeup games.

“And Noyes Park is going to be ready on June 12,” reports Cassaro. “We’re all looking forward to getting out there and playing on the new field.”

There is an increased enrollment, particularly in the Senior League. “We have

four teams of 14 players each in the Senior League,” said Cassaro. “The players are having a lot of fun on the big diamond. There is a lot of enthusiasm. The players are making friends, getting along, and advancing their skills and knowledge of the game.”

Cassaro thanked the parents for registering their children in the league.

“I hope East Boston Little League has been everything that you thought it would be,” said Cassaro.



Caden Gleason of the Major League Rockies is in his batting stance and ready to hit, with Nationals’ catcher Mike Marzano in position behind the plate.



Minor League Twins Coach Victor DiPrisco instructs a player during a recent game.



Robert Gilbride of the Senior League Blue Jays prepares to throw a pitch in a game.



Adrian Cuello of the Major League Nationals gets ready to deliver a pitch.



Hunter Kennedy of the Senior League Blue Jays prepares to hit the baseball.

## RUNNER-UP



EBHS captains accept the runner-up plaque from interim school superintendent Laure Perrille on Saturday, June 1, 2019 after losing the city league championship game to Boston Latin Academy, 10-7 at Wentworth.

## FUN-damental Basketball Camp open to boys and girls in the local area

The annual FUN-damental Basketball Camp, open to boys and girls in the local area, will be held July 22-26, 2019 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, located at 59 Summer Street in Everett.

The camp will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for boys and girls entering Grades 3 through 9 as of September 2019. The cost of the camp is \$100.

Tony Ferullo, boys’ varsity basketball coach at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School in Malden, will be the camp director.

The purpose of the camp is: To provide all campers with the fundamental tools to help them become better basketball players;

To create a positive atmosphere where the camper will

learn and have fun at the same time; and

To instill the spirit of the game into all campers, and inspire them to continue playing the game either competitively or just for fun.

Each camper, who will receive a t-shirt, certificate and medal, will participate in various drills, scrimmages and individual contests. Special guests will speak and share their personal basketball tips. An awards ceremony will take place on the last day of the camp, and parents and friends are welcome to attend.

For more information about the FUN-damental Basketball Camp, please contact

Camp Director Tony Ferullo: 857-312-7002 or tferullo@suffolk.edu.

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# Irish Memorial dedicated on Deer Island

Photo and story By Sue Ellen Woodcock

Nearly 1,000 people, many of them with Irish deep in their blood, gathered recently on a tall hill overlooking Boston Harbor, the same harbor that was host to hundreds of ships, some known as “coffin ships” filled with Irish immigrants fleeing the famine in Ireland from 1845 to 1849.

People from all over came to show their pride and respect for the 850 men, women and children who died on Deer Island during the famine.

“It took my breath away when I first saw it,” said Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) head Fred Laskey.

“This project started many years ago and with many good intentions, but to get it over the line I met with a remarkable group of individuals – Mike Carney, Mark Porter, Peter O’Malley, John Flaherty. Mark Porter who literally bulldozed their way through bureaucracy, and received wonderful help from the MWRA to make this event what it is today,” Boston’s Corporation Counsel Gene O’Flaherty said.

After 25 years of talking about an Irish Memorial at Deer Island, which is part of Boston, it was finally a group of Irish tradesmen who pulled it together to erect a 16-foot Irish cross overlooking Boston Harbor. Boston Mayor

Marty Walsh acknowledged the early efforts of the late William and Rita O’Connell who helped launch a memorial idea decades ago.

Robert Flynn of Pennsylvania was the stonecutter who created the cross. Feeney Brothers of Boston helped erect it and Local 25 also worked on the project. Maureen Keady sang the national anthems of both Ireland and the United States.

Among the speakers were John McColgan, Boston’s city archivist, who recounted the history of the famine, including Deer Island where the sick were taken. Boston managed a quarantine hospital at Deer Island in 1847 and it is well documented in the city’s archives.

“An Gorta Mor, Ireland’s Great Hunger saw an estimated 1.5 million people die of starvation and disease. Another 2 million immigrated, many perished from the plague that they fled, thousands on ocean journeys and thousands more already on the shores, and thousands in quarantine in places like Deer Island,” said McColgan.

Patients were transferred from the Long Wharf to the hospital on Deer Island. Soon, ships with sick started sailing directly for Deer Island.

The first to be buried on Deer Island because of the Great Hunger was a one-year-old girl Mary Connell, according to McColgan.

“If it wasn’t for Irish immigrants leaving Ireland, com-

ing to Boston, meeting at the Hibernian Hall I would not be standing here as Mayor of the City of Boston,” Mayor Marty Walsh said. “For the Irish from Ireland who are here today, thank you for your contributions to our city and our country.”

Walsh noted that President John F. Kennedy spoke of the emerald thread in the tapestry of the Irish past and Deer Island is part of that past. Somehow by erecting the monument the thread is mended.

“It’s unbearably sad to imagine the reality of what happened right here and in Boston Harbor,” Walsh said. “Those who were lost here deserve a better fate.”

Cardinal Sean O’Malley, compared the “orphan ships” in Boston Harbor to “children at the borders of our country, who are fleeing oppression and hunger, and whose parents are making the sacrifice to save their lives and give them a new future.”

“We pray that immigrants coming today will receive a welcome from people who have made the difficult journey and are open to being brothers and sisters to those arriving from every part of the globe,” he said.

Toward the end of the dedication the Boston Currrah Rowing club placed a wreath in Boston Harbor and two fireboats displayed plumes of water.



Maureen Keady sang the national anthems of both Ireland and the United States as Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Cardinal Sean O’Malley look on.



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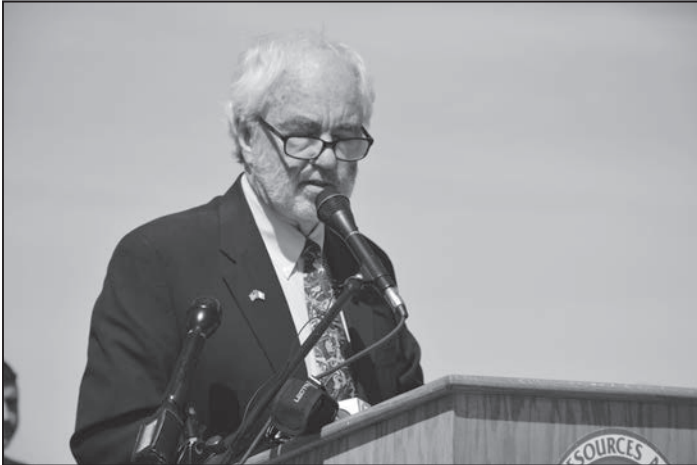
The memorial overlooking the harbor.



Boston's Corporation Counsel Gene O’Flaherty says a few words.

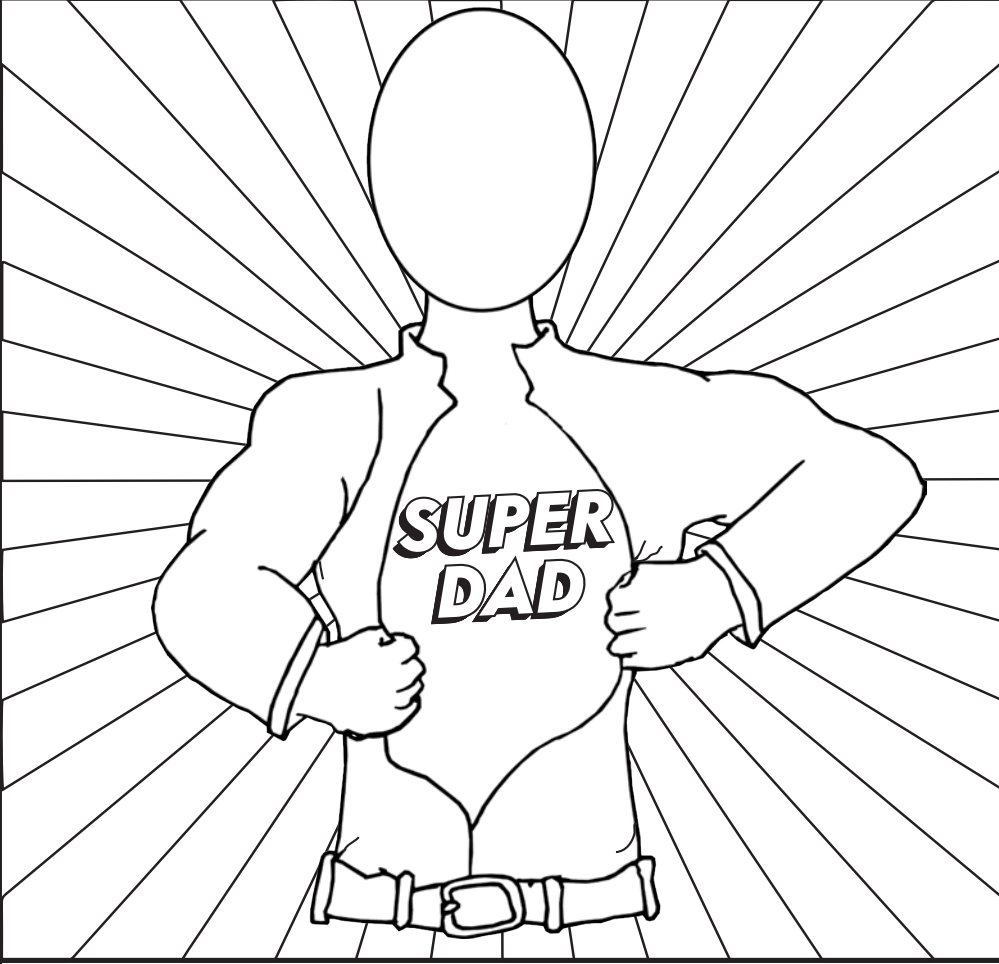


Boston Mayor Marty Walsh says a few words.



John McColgan, Boston’s city archivist, recanted the history of the famine in Boston, including Deer Island

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The crowd sings both national anthems.



People with Irish roots came from all over including these two guys from the Plymouth Ancient Order of Hibernians

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Cardinal Sean O’Malley leads the group in prayer.

# East Boston Social Centers Board of Directors Hold ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

The East Boston Social Centers held its annual meeting on Tuesday May 28, and presented awards to deserving staff, volunteers and community members. Four Awards are given annually, with a fifth inaugural award being presented this year.

The Community Spirit Award was presented to Thomas N. O'Brien, Founding Partner and Managing Director of the HYM Investment Group, LLC for his continued support of the East Boston Social Centers and the community of East Boston. Tom has been a great supporter of the East Boston Community in general, and the East Boston Social Centers in particular. Last year, for the Center's 100th anniversary, Tom was one of the gala co-chairs, a major sponsor and also provided the amazing venue – Suffolk Downs – free of charge. Tom also has provided important strategic input, has partnered with us on thinking about marketing and communications, and more. For his many hours of service, philanthropy, and advice, we are very excited to present this award.

Some Past Recipients of this award have been: The East Boston Foundation, Steven Scire, Joseph Ruggiero, Jr., and Beatriz Contreras.

The Alice Casey Staff Recognition Award to the staff member who exemplifies the spirit of the East Boston Social Centers was presented to John Roch. John has been serving as Business Manager at the East Boston Social Centers since 2009. His meticulous attention to detail, close work with the Executive Director and the Board Finance Committee has resulted in excellent accounting of the agency's financial standing. Thanks to John's diligence, our agency gets a clean bill of health at every yearly audit. He also manages all space rental, is involved with various facilities work, and is our Director of HR. John is known here and beyond for his great sense of humor and his longstanding commitment to the community. He is humble in his work—and being the person who has to say no is no easy job.

Some Past Recipients of this award have been: Danisse Vega, Christopher Marroquin, Lorraine Clougherty, Samantha Castro Ventura, and Carmen Oliva.

The Joanne Fortunato Award in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to East Boston Social Centers was presented to Dawn Panos. Dawn has been a volunteer for almost two years at the East Boston Social Centers. She put together a very successful Friday English as a Second Language program. Although a volunteer program, Dawn has established a curriculum to learn the basics of the English language for beginners.

In December 2018 Dawn held a graduation celebration, with over 20 students receiving their 1st certificate of completion, including three students with perfect attendance. Dawn has since expanded this to two sessions of the class, due to its wild popularity, and she is exploring launching a citizenship class here as well. She truly goes above and beyond.

Some Past Recipients of this award have been: Lisa Melara, Laura Mansfield, Malika El Hadeq, and Jeannine Beaudoin.

The Pat Rosa Award, presented in recognition of past Board Member Pat Rosa's fundraising expertise, was presented to Salvatore LaMattina. Sal has been involved with the East Boston Social Centers from a very young age, and is a proud alumnus of the East Boston Camps in Westford. Sal and his family have always supported EBSC, never more so than for last year's 100th anniversary gala. Sal served on the Host Committee and was instrumental in connecting with multiple sponsors who gave generously thanks to Sal's recommendation. Sal was a thought partner on our award to Junior Lewis, and has given helpful advice on facilities and much more. He has done so much for this community—helping everyone to remember their Eastie pride. Some Past Recipients of this award have been: Delilah & Orlando Quispe Aguirre, and Johan Zavala.

This year the East Boston Social Centers Board of Directors presented the Inaugural John F. Kelly Award to its namesake, John F. Kelly. The award will be presented yearly in recognition of Leadership and Community Service to East Boston Social Centers and our Community. As Executive Director of the East Boston Social Centers from 1983 to 2017, John has been a legendary leader of the East Boston Social Centers and a true champion of the East Boston Community; he led for one third of our 100-year history! During his tenure at EBSC, John facilitated development and extensive expansion of childcare programs, was a founding member of the East Boston Collaboration for Families and Parent College; a founding member and past Vice President of Excel Academy Charter School; a former Co-Chair of the Coalition for a Healthy East Boston; and Past President of the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council. He is deeply committed to serving all—particularly the most vulnerable, with dignity and is much beloved in this community. He turned the organization around financially and left the organization in strong shape, having played a key role as a mentor and supporter in the lives of many.



Award recipients with East Boston Social Centers Board of Directors and Staff.



Five award recipients - Thomas N. O'Brien, John F. Kelly, Dawn Panos, John M. Roch, and Liana LaMattina for Salvatore LaMattina.



Executive Director Justin Pasquariello, Liana LaMattina accepting award for her father Salvatore LaMattina, and Board President Debra Cave.



Executive Director Justin Pasquariello with Dawn Panos, her grandson Cristiano, her daughter Melissa, and Board President Debra Cave.



Executive Director Justin Pasquariello, John F. Kelly, and Board President Debra Cave.



Justin Pasquariello, Dawn Panos, and Debra Cave.



John F. Kelly, Justin Pasquariello, John M. Roch, and Debra Cave.



Justin Pasquariello, Sarah Finn, John F. Kelly, and Debra Cave.



Justin Pasquariello, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas N. O'Brien, and Debra Cave.



John and Sarah Kelly with Gorla DeVine.



Justin Pasquariello, John Roch, and Debra Cave.



Justin Pasquariello, Thomas N. O'Brien, and Debra Cave.

LOCAL STUDENTS  
EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS  
GRADUATE FROM  
AUSTIN PREP

Presuming the best in others while applying shared values towards life experiences were common themes presented to the 130 graduates of Austin Preparatory School during commencement exercises on May 25. The following local students were among the graduates:

- Serena Gilbride will attend the Sacred Heart University in the fall.
- Alexandra Santostefano will attend Indiana University in the fall.

End-of-year activities began with Baccalaureate Mass on May 24, as Most Rev. Mark O’Connell, JCD, delivered words of encouragement to the class of 2019. Bishop O’Connell encouraged graduates to prioritize faith as they depart for their college experience, and to let that be their foundation as proud alumni of the school.

All 130 graduates were accepted to numerous four-year colleges and universities.

SHIRLEY CHUNG  
GRADUATES  
FROM CLARKSON  
UNIVERSITY

Shirley Chung of East Boston, received a doctor of physical therapy degree from Clarkson University in May. The ceremonies included several awards and a surprise guest speaker, NY Sen. Chuck Schumer.

As a private, national research university, Clarkson is a leader in technological education and sustainable economic development through teaching, scholarship, research and innovation. We ignite personal connections across academic fields and industries to create the entrepreneurial mindset, knowledge and intellectual curiosity needed to innovate world-relevant solutions and cultivate the leaders of tomorrow. With its main campus located in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the New York Capital Region, Beacon, N.Y., and New York City, Clarkson educates 4,300 students across 95 rigorous programs of study in engineering, business, the arts, education, sciences and health professions. Our alumni earn salaries that are among the top 2.5% in the nation and realize accelerated career growth. One in five already leads as a CEO, senior executive or owner of a company.

EMERSON COLLEGE  
ANNOUNCES  
LOCAL DEAN’S LIST  
HONOREES FOR  
SPRING 2019

The following students have been named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2019 semester. The requirement to make the Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher that semester.

Jake McManus of East Boston majoring in Creative Writing BFA.

Johanna Stieffler Johnson of East Boston majoring in Writing, Lit and Publishing.

About Emerson College Located in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 80 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Wash-

ington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic. A new, permanent facility on Sunset Boulevard for its L.A.-based program opened in January 2014. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts.

LOCAL STUDENTS  
NAMED TO THE  
SPRING 2019 CURRY  
COLLEGE DEAN’S LIST

Curry College is proud to announce that the following students have been named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2019 semester.

Jennifer Dowd of East Boston

Kayla Elliott of East Boston

Brenda Mata of East Boston

Solanyel Perez of East Boston

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a “C” for the semester.

About Curry College Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth, Mass. Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,000 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and over 1,000 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 75% of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education. The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program. Visit us on the web at [www.curry.edu](http://www.curry.edu)

MUNG RECEIVES  
MARK BEMIS  
AWARD AT BECKER  
COLLEGE

Fong Mung, of East Boston, was recognized with the Mark Bemis award at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony at Becker College.

Mung is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Pre-Veterinary Concentration.

The awards celebrate academic excellence and leadership at Becker and include academic program awards, as well as awards for service, determination, equality, leadership and initiative. In addition, awards were given in honor of individuals who have had a significant impact on the history of the college.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,800 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College’s Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a “Best College” for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

PURVIS GRADUATES  
FROM UMASS  
DARTMOUTH LAW

UMass Dartmouth held its undergraduate Commencement ceremonies on May 10 and its graduate and School of Law Commencement ceremonies on May 13.

East Boston resident Jesse Purvis received a Law Degree.

Scott Fletcher Harris  
Of East Boston

Scott Fletcher Harris of East Boston passed away on Sunday, June 2.

Scott was a past member of the Woburn Moose Club and Labors 22.

He was the loving son of Adele (Keyes) and the late Raymond Harris of East Boston, devoted father of Scot Harris and his wife, Christina of North Andover and Jonathan Harris and his wife, Kaitlin of North Andover; dear brother of Barbara DiChiaro and her husband, Anthony of East Boston, Raymond Harris of East Boston, Gregory Raines of Vermont and the late Maureen Harris; adored grandfather of Leanne, Scott Jr., Cambria, and Jonathan



Jr. and the former husband of Francesca Grimaldi. He is also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Scott’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston only on Thursday, June 6 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Pietro Ciariello  
Of East Boston

Pietro Ciariello of East Boston passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on May 28.

He was the beloved husband of Maria Ciariello of East Boston, devoted father of Paula Femino and her husband, Salvatore of East Boston and Carmelina Pisaturo and her husband, Rino of Saugus; dear brother of Domenico Ciariello, Michele Ciariello, Luigi Ciariello, Concetta Ciariello, Maria Ciariello and the late Antonio and Giuseppe Ciariello and adored grandfather of Stephanie Femino, Ashley

Femino and Daniel Pisaturo. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston. Services concluded with Pietro being laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Philip Saylor Research Foundation, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston MA 02114. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit [ruggieromh.com](http://ruggieromh.com).



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Dolores “Dee” DiPalma  
Animal lover and long time CVS employee

Services were conducted on Tuesday, June 4, in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere, for Dolores D. “Dee” DiPalma, a longtime East Boston resident, who died on May 25, at the Light-house Nursing Care Center in Revere. She was 67 years old.

Dee was born and raised in East Boston and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1969. She lived in East Boston until eight years ago when she moved to Revere.

Dee was a long-time employee at CVS pharmacy, for well over 20 years. She spent the majority of the past several years at the Winthrop CVS in Winthrop Center where she worked as a cashier. She was known as a people person and loved to talk with the customers she would see on a regular basis. She continued to work until her untimely passing.

Dee, above all, loved animals of all types and was a supporter of several local animal shelters.

She was the devoted daughter of Loretta C. (Barbetta) DiPalma of Charlestown and



the late Albert A. DiPalma; loving sister of Raymond V. DiPalma of Revere, Albert D. DiPalma of Palmetto, FL and the late Dana L. Popp; cherished aunt of Kristen N. Popp and Rob Stone, both of New Hampshire and the beloved companion of Patrick Shannon of Revere. She is also lovingly survived by several cousins and friends. Interment was private. Remembrances may be made to MSPCA / ANGELL 350 So. Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130-9923. For more information, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com).

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ANNUAL MARFAN/EDS WALK FOR VICTORY FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, the Marfan Foundation held its Annual Walk for Victory for Marfan/Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome on the Boston Common. The Boston Walk for Victory helps raise awareness and advance the life-saving work of The Marfan Foundation. Marfan syndrome, as well Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, is a potentially life-threatening genetic disorder, but people can live a normal lifespan if they are diagnosed and treated. Otherwise, they are at risk of sudden early death due to a tear in their aorta, the large artery that takes blood away from the heart. Alarmingly, medical experts say that half of those with Marfan syndrome are not diagnosed and are at risk. Dozens of teams and hundreds of participants, including teams from East Boston and Winthrop, took part in this year's walk.



Dr. Ron Larco congratulates teams during the annual walk.



Teams take part in the one-mile walk at the Boston Common Saturday.



Team Zebra, who includes President-Massachusetts Chapter of The Marfan Foundation Jon Rodis, raised nearly \$10,000.



Attendees were all smiles during Saturday's Walk for Victory.



President-Massachusetts Chapter of The Marfan Foundation Jon Rodis.



Kids had plenty to keep them busy during the annual walk like games, dancing, face painting.



Members of Team Zebra during the walk.



President-Massachusetts Chapter of The Marfan Foundation Jon Rodis (right)



Having fun during the walk.



The walk included games, music, facepainting and other activities.



Brody Lynds, who lives with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, is pictured center with Team Brody. His team raised close to \$2,000 Saturday.



Members of the South Shore Music Theater performed at the annual walk.



A group shot of all of this year's participants in Saturday's Marfan/Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Walk. The walk raised over \$60,000 for the Marfan Foundation on Saturday with donations still coming in.

MFA offers free admission to BPL cardholders

Paris was the center of nightlife and spectacle in the late 19th century, a moment immortalized in evocative posters, prints and paintings by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (1864–1901). The artist's extraordinary attention to the performers, dancers and actors of Montmartre—the heart of the city's bohemian nightlife—is the focus of Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris, on view in the Ann and Graham Gund Gallery through August 4, 2019. The exhibition of approximately 200 works is a collaboration between the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), and the Boston Public Library (BPL), drawing on both institutions' extensive holdings of rarely displayed graphic works by Toulouse-Lautrec. It also includes a selection of loans from the Harvard Art Museums, the Houghton Library of Harvard University and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as local private collectors. Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris explores the artist's enthusiastic participation in the celebrity culture of his day and how, to a remarkable degree, he defined it for generations to follow. In addition to his famous lithographic prints and posters, which distilled the defining gestures, costumes and expressions of "les stars" of the day into instantly recognizable images, the exhibition features never-before-displayed early drawings and a selection of paintings by Toulouse-Lautrec. Works by his contemporaries, including

Pierre Bonnard, Mary Cassatt, Edgar Degas, John Singer Sargent and James Jacques Joseph Tissot, are also incorporated throughout the galleries, as well as recently restored period films, music, instruments and fashion accessories. The exhibition is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue produced by MFA Publications and a range of public programming offered at the Museum and the BPL's Central Library and 25 neighborhood branches. BPL cardholders can sample MFA membership with free admission throughout the month of June 2019. "Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris" is organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Boston Public Library. Sponsored by Encore Boston Harbor. Generously supported by The Boston Foundation. Additional support from the great-grandchildren of Albert H. Wiggin, the Cordover Exhibition Fund, and anonymous funders.

"We are proud to partner with the Boston Public Library to bring together these two rich collections of work by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. It's exciting to be able to bring to life the spectacles of modern Paris, and offer the public unprecedented access to works of art in new ways," said Matthew Teitelbaum, Ann and Graham Gund Director of the MFA. "This has been a true collaboration, and we're extremely grateful to all of our colleagues at the BPL."

The MFA's conservation

team undertook the preparation and framing of pieces from the BPL's collection for the exhibition. Nine oversized posters were also sent for extensive conservation treatment, framing and digitization at the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NED-CC) in Andover; this work was jointly funded by the MFA and the Associates of the Boston Public Library. Five of these posters are on view at the Museum in Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris, while the remaining four are displayed at the BPL's Central Library in Copley Square. Additionally, the BPL's complete collection of more than 350 works by Toulouse-Lautrec has been digitized and is available on digitalcommonwealth.org.

"Boston Public Library is thrilled to take our partnership with the Museum of Fine Arts to a new level, collaborating on this joint exhibition featuring the works of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and making them widely accessible to the public," said David Leonard, President of the Boston Public Library. "This is not just a superb example of Boston's cultural institutions working together, but also helps us unlock our vast historical collections for the enjoyment of all. This exhibition and its programming allow us to explore themes at the intersection of art and celebrity across the centuries."

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