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City hosts meeting on Tufts Tobacco wanting to convert to Adult Use Marijuana facility

By John Lynds

It seemed a majority of residents who showed up to last week's well-attended meeting regarding Tufts Tobacco wanting to convert to an adult use marijuana facility were in support of the plan.

While there was the usual opposition, mainly by those who don't support any marijuana facilities opening in Eastie, the city was very clear that the meeting wasn't to debate state marijuana laws.

At Monday night's Orient Heights Neighborhood Council meeting, Tufts Tobacco owner Jimmy Sheena and a team of other Eastie residents led by attorney and former Boston City Councilor Mike Ross, pitched the idea of turning Tufts into an adult-use marijuana facility under the name Local Roots.

"Everyone on the team lives in neighborhood so we all got together and attempted to do this Local Roots business," said Ross. "Over half of the ownership are East Boston residents or have had roots here or done business here for decades and that's why we decided to name the company Local Roots."

The ownership team consists of Sheena, Ross, former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, as well as Nicole Modica, (whose mother is Carla Santarpio of Santarpio's Pizza and father is Dave Modica, who owned Ecco for many years), Lorraine Curry, Jane England and Tracy Glissman.

Ross said Tufts would cease selling tobacco products and switch over to adult use cannabis sales under the Local

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Kelley Square Pub owner John Mastrangelo Sr. shows off one of his famous pizzas. Kelley's will participate in the Boston Pizza Festival this month at City Hall Plaza.

Kelley Square Pub to take part in Boston Pizza Fest

By John Lynds

The Boston Pizza Festival will return to City Hall Plaza on Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, July 14, and will feature East Boston's own Kelley Square Pub.

Kelley's will be one of the 30 pizzerias in attendance for the event to showcase their unique style of pizza to a massive audience.

"We have an impressive roster of pizzerias representing the best Boston has to offer," said Giancarlo Natale, co-director of Boston Pizza Festival. "If ticket sales keep up at this rate, we will break

last year's attendance record and have our biggest and best Boston Pizza Festival to date."

Kelley Square Pub started over three decades ago as an idea to provide great food at filling portions and at affordable price.

John Mastrangelo Sr., a native East Bostonian, grew up in the neighborhood with a passion to be a professional boxer.

In 1984 after a stint in boxing his idea to open a restaurant in Eastie became a reality. Mastrangelo started up a small pizza and BBQ joint called Kelley Square Pub in

Central Square.

Now located at 84 Bennington St., the walls of the Pub is filled with original photos of sports figures to movie stars who have either eaten in the establishment or who are personal friends of Mastrangelo.

"I know that you might be thinking, Why Kelley Square Pub?" he said. "The original Kelley Square Pub was located in what is now called Central Square in East Boston. After researching, Central Square was originally called Kelley Square in 1900s."

While there are many offer-

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Eastie comments on new Massport CEO

By John Lynds

Last Thursday the Massport Board voted 5-2 to confirm Massport's Port Director Lisa Weiland as the Port Authority's new CEO.

Weiland replaces Thomas Glynn as CEO who stepped down in November. Massport's CFO John Prancevicius has filled in as CEO since the nationwide search began last year.

Massport board member John Nucci and Massport board chair Lee Evangelidis were the two that voted for Boston Planning and Development head Brian Golden for the post.

"On the one hand I'm disappointed because I think that Brian (Golden) would've brought fresh eyes to Massport and would have been a great consensus builder in the community," said Nucci after the vote Thursday. "On the other hand, Lisa (Weiland) will work herself into the job just fine and I will support her thoroughly as we move ahead."

In 2016 the Massport board voted to promote Weiland from Acting Port Director to Port Director.

Weiland has served as the Acting Port Director since March of 2015 and previously as Maritime's Chief Administrative Officer. As Port Director, she oversees planning, development, marketing, operations, security, financial management, administration



Massport's Port Director Lisa Weiland picked as new Massport CEO.

and maintenance of all of Massport's non-aviation properties. Before joining the Maritime team, Weiland served in several roles at Massport, including the Director of HR Strategy & Employment and the Director of Corporate Planning and Analysis. Weiland has been with Massport since 2006.

Prior to her employment with Massport, Weiland worked as a consultant for Bain and Company serving health care and consumer products clients, and for CNN in various news and political assignments. She received her B.A. from UCLA in Political Science, and her M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School.

East Boston's Logan Airport Impact Advisory Committee (AIR, Inc.) said they have discussed the pros and cons of confirming either Weiland or Golden for the CEO post.

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EBCCS hosts third annual Legacy Gala

By John Lynds

On Saturday, June 22 in Spinelli's in Lynnfield, East Boston Central Catholic held its third annual Legacy Gala. At the gala the school honored Ron Pardi, Joseph Ruggie-

ro, and John Zirpolo for their contributions to the school and its future as the last remaining Catholic School in East Boston.

"This year we celebrate 'A Legacy of Leadership, Service and Commitment' paying tribute to three extraordinary individuals, Mr. John Zirpolo, Mr. Joseph Ruggiero, and Mr. Ronald Pardi, who have given witness to lives of leadership, service, and commitment," said EBCCS Principal Robert Casaletto. "This third Annual Gala provides the perfect backdrop to honor these three exceptional fathers who have taught each of us in our community of East Boston how

some of the greatest lessons in life - personal leadership, dedicated service, and selfless commitment - can influence and uplift a community."

Casaletto said Pardi, a longtime EBCCS music teacher and gym teacher, has been an inspiring presence for three generations of EBCCS students, families, and alumni.

"From the early days of the late 80's as EBCCS's volunteer basketball coach to the East Boston Little League, from helping in school shows to then directing them, from music teacher to gym teacher, from choir director to music director, from DJ to party host, you have brightened the



Happy Birthday Joseph Ruggiero. As a longtime business owner and community volunteer Ruggiero was one of three honorees at the East Boston Central Catholic third annual Legacy Gala. Ruggiero, who turned 60, was given a special cake. Ruggiero is shown with girlfriend Karen Pastore.

lives of our community for thirty years bringing smiles and joy to peoples' lives,"

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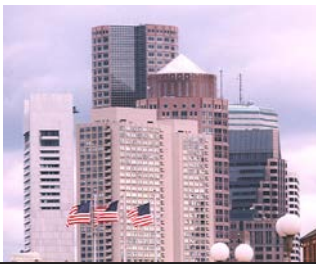
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ENJOY AN AWESOME -- AND
SAFE -- 4TH OF JULY

With the Fourth of July falling on a Thursday this year, many of us will be enjoying an extra-long holiday weekend for which the weather hopefully will cooperate.

The Fourth of July rekindles fond memories from our childhood of the times when we spent the holiday with our families and friends for gatherings at barbecues, at the beach, and at municipal fireworks displays in the evenings.

Amidst all of our celebrating however, we often overlook the reason why we have a Fourth of July: The date in 1776 when a group of America’s leaders and best thinkers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England by means of a proclamation to the world in which they stated that the truths “... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” remain self-evident to this day, 243 years later.

Another overlooked aspect of the Fourth, especially during a long holiday weekend, is that too many among us will engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody, and in no event should be allowed in the hands of children. It is a sad -- but inevitable -- fact that countless Americans will be maimed for life because of accidents involving fireworks this week.

Alcohol abuse is rampant in our country today and the Fourth unfortunately provides an opportunity -- which is to say, another excuse -- for those who have alcohol abuse issues to indulge way more than they should, especially when operating a boat or automobile.

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that the Fourth is enjoyed safely not only by ourselves, but by those we care about. If someone has had too much to drink, take their keys -- none of us wants to say to ourselves the next day, “If only I had not let them drive....”

We wish all of our readers an awesome -- and safe -- Fourth of July.



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

GUEST Op-Ed

Baby Boomers should be wary of Medicare changes

By Sandip Shah

Baby boomers are aging rapidly. Around 10,000 Americans celebrate their 65th birthday every day.

Unfortunately for these seniors, the government health care to which they're entitled may put their lives at risk. That's thanks to a new proposal from the Department of Health and Human Services that would impose price controls on certain medicines covered through Medicare.

HHS' plan could save Uncle Sam a few dollars in the short run. But its long-term side effects would be far costlier for both the government's budget and patients' health.

The proposal impacts treatments covered through Medicare Part B. These are highly potent medications administered in doctors' offices, including oral cancer drugs,

infusions, vaccinations, and IVs.

Currently, doctors purchase Part B drugs ahead of time and store them on site. Once physicians administer a treatment to patients, Medicare reimburses them the average sales price of that particular drug.

Under Sec. Azar's proposal, Medicare would instead reimburse doctors a flat fee for the drugs they administer. This reimbursement would correspond to the average price of that drug in 14 benchmark countries.

The majority of these countries rely on artificial price controls to keep drug spending in check. By copying this model, HHS hopes to cut Medicare spending by as much as 30 percent.

Implementing price controls would harm American patients in a couple of ways.

First, artificially capping

the cost of medicines will devastate access to quality healthcare providers. Consider what happened when the government tried cutting Medicare reimbursements in 2013. Eight in 10 oncologists said payment cuts impacted their practices. And half had to turn cancer patients away because of it.

Second, HHS' plan would stall the medical advancement that benefits patients today -- and paves the way for breakthrough cures for the patients of tomorrow.

Drug development isn't easy. It takes \$2.6 billion and over a decade to develop a single drug. Scientists and investors need ample financial incentives to put money towards future medicines.

Price controls make development even harder than it currently is. Innovators won't risk billions on pharmaceutical research if they don't think

they'll recoup their upfront costs. And when pharmaceutical investments start drying up, so will new cures.

In addition to undermining seniors' health, the proposal would cost more money in the long run.

Hospitalizations due to mismanaged conditions cost Medicare more than \$5 billion a year. If HHS is really concerned with lowering costs and improving patient health, it should invest in more preventative medical innovation.

HHS should look for better ways to keep seniors healthy in their homes. Not only would the new proposal sacrifice seniors' care, it would cost more in the long run.

Sandip Shah is the founder and president of Market Access Solutions, a global market access consultancy, where he develops strategies to optimize patient access to life-changing therapies.

LETTER to the Editor

ON THE RIGHT
WHALES

Dear Editor:

We appreciate that your June 21 editorial “Another Sad Sign of the Times” calls attention to critically endangered North Atlantic right whales, but it made several misleading claims about their fight for survival and the current protections in place.

The most immediate threats to right whales are entanglement in fishing gear and ship strikes. Neither the U.S. nor Canada is doing enough to protect right whales from the maze of thick ropes and the dearth of commercial shipping vessels they are forced to navigate in their annual migrations. Although long protected in the U.S. under the Endangered Species Act and

the Marine Mammal Protection Act, it has been several years since any new laws designed to protect right whales have been put in place in the United States.

Your article suggests that the U.S. has fully protected right whales in the Gulf of Maine, however, the reality is starkly different.

For example, more than 70 percent of Maine waters — where most of the fishing in the Gulf of Maine occurs — are exempt from federal regulations to protect right whales from entanglements. These exemptions include requirements to mark fishing gear so that problematic gear can be identified (and ideally removed), and to use sinking lines between traps to decrease the risk of entanglement. Further, any most

speed restrictions in the Gulf of Maine, when implemented after a group of whales are sighted, are merely voluntary. Thus, they are largely ignored.

Just this year, six more whales died out of a population of barely 400. At least two of these whales were mature females capable of bearing calves. This is catastrophic, and both countries need to treat this like the emergency that it is for a species at risk of extinction. Since 2017, Canada has moved quickly to close areas to fishing as soon as whales were spotted and to implement mandatory speed restrictions in certain areas. However, even these measures were not enough to prevent the last six deaths. Here at home, right whales are increasingly present south of Martha's Vineyard and Nan-

tucket for much of the year, yet the U.S. has not created a new closure in this hotspot with fishing and mandatory speed restrictions to decrease risk.

Long term solutions will require both countries to increase their monitoring so that mandatory speed restrictions can be put in place as soon as whales are sighted. Innovative new technology such as ropeless fishing also holds great promise because it eliminates dangerous lines from the water altogether and would allow fishermen to fish whenever and wherever they want.

Right whales can recover, but humans need to stop killing them first.

Jake O'Neill
Conservation Law
Foundation

Fire officials urge the public to leave the fireworks to the professionals

“Last year, several people lost fingers and suffered serious burns lighting off illegal fireworks in Massachusetts,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “Thirty-four firefighters were injured when an errant firework ignited a six-family building. Have a fun but safe Fourth of July and leave the fireworks to the professionals,” he added.

Fourth of July No Holiday for Firefighters

Needham Fire Chief Dennis Condon, president of the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts, said, “The

Fourth of July holiday is a busy time for firefighters. We are supervising the professional displays so that they are safe for spectators and licensed operators; we are busy responding to all types of fires and medical emergencies. In fact, the week of July Fourth is one of the busiest times of the year for fires.”

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said, “This year, set a good example for your children. Just as children know where you keep the matches and lighters, they know where you stash your illegal fire-

works.” He added, “Children imitate adults. If you use fireworks, children will copy you, not realizing how very dangerous fireworks are.”

Fireworks Cause Many Dangerous Fires

Last summer, there were many fires, amputations and burn injuries from illegal fireworks in Massachusetts. In the past decade (2009-2018), there have been 800 major fires and explosions involving illegal fireworks in Massachusetts[1]. These incidents resulted in 12 civilian injuries, 39 fire service injuries and an

estimated dollar loss of \$2.5 million.

On June 25, 2018, people shooting fireworks in the street started a fire in a six-unit Lynn apartment building. One ricocheted to the second floor porch and ignited several items. The fire spread to the rest of the second floor and to the third. Thirty-four firefighters were injured at this fire.

On July 2, 2018, the Worcester Fire Department was called to a fire in a three-unit apartment building. The fire was started by fireworks

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GSCA votes down one project, gets info on a second

By John Lynds

At last week’s Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting the group voted on one development project and received the first presentation on another project.

With only 14 voting members present at last week’s meeting the group voted against the project at 273-279 Maverick St. in a close vote of

8 to 6.

The proposal by Tim Lorenzo was to erect a five-story, mixed use building with 28 dwelling

units with space for one retail establishment.

The project had been reduced from 41 units to 28 units after Lorenzo reconfigured the building.

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In a statement after the vote AIR, Inc.

“This important hire will have long-lasting implications,” the statement reads. “It comes at a time when the rapid spread of Airport impacts is increasingly deteriorating Boston’s health, economy, quality of life and our reputation. We now have a label hung on our necks: the most congested city in America. That puts us right up there with LA as a polluted city. And there is no single institution which is creating more health, environmental and traffic impacts, than Logan Airport. The airport currently attracts more motorists than a Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, and Patriots game combined every weekday. And our city’s roadway infrastructure simply can’t handle it.”

AIR, Inc. said as Massport’s new CEO Wieland needs to address and improve Massport’s planning model so those who now have disproportionate access to the Port Authority’s higher ups and help shape transportation get in line behind those who are impacted.

“Tom Glynn’s Massport grew the airport by 35 percent with impacts rising in equal measure,” continued the state-

ment. “The air and noise pollution and traffic congestion driven by Logan are regional crises which themselves are driving asthma, COPD, stroke, heart disease, sleep interruption, and a host of painful outcomes for people on the ground -not just in neighborhoods such as East Boston but also in communities such as Milton nearly ten miles to the south, cities like Somerville to the west and across the entire region in a 10 mile footprint. The next CEO will need to show that they can collaborate with community stakeholders to shape the transportation services that Massachusetts needs in a manner that we can live with. This really needs to become more of a social negotiation, then a back-room deal. As traffic, noise and pollution rise in the region, the cost of lost productivity and human health will continue to rise exponentially. Community stakeholders have proven that we can collaborate. We are asking that Mrs. Wieland end the culture of conflict and failure in impact reduction planning and get to work making what reductions in air pollution, noise pollution and traffic that we have right at our fingertips today.”

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ing from BBQ to pasta dishes the pizza at Kelley’s has always been a hit with customers and many argue they created the shrimp scampi pizza.

For decades Kelley Square Pub has been a family run business that includes Mastrangelo’s three sons, John his oldest son, Rock who is a schoolteacher in the town of Winthrop, and Steven.

Since its opening the Mastrangelo’s work together to provide their customers an outstanding dining experience.

“Kelley Square Pub has grown to be a home for anyone who wants to have a warm, friendly, safe and delicious dining experience,” said

Mastrangelo. “If that’s what you want, you will be in the right place.”

Boston Pizza Festival co-director, Raffaele Scalzi said there has been a lot of planning and preparation over the last few weeks to ensure everyone has a great experience and access to pizzerias they’ve been anxious with as short of lines as possible.

“We know that the hard work has paid off when Giancarlo and I get a chance to walk the festival grounds, seeing and hearing the genuine happiness of families and children as they experience everything the Boston Pizza Festival has to offer,” he said.

For the past three years,

30 of the best pizzerias in the region along with a few from Naples, Italy gather together to create New England’s largest consumer pizza event. Indulge in Boston classics like Regina Pizzeria, Sal’s, and Florina along with favorites from Rhode Island, New Jersey, and even Naples, Italy. The two-day celebration will also showcase pizza acrobatics performed by the Jersey Pizza Boys, a children’s pizza tossing station, pizza making demonstrations by world famous pizza makers and live music and entertainment.

General admission tickets are \$15 each with fresh slices starting at \$2 per slice. A VIP option is also available, which

allows early access into the festival, unlimited free pizza for the first hour, and a VIP gift bag featuring gift cards and items from participating pizzerias, sponsors and vendors.

Boston Pizza Festival directors Raffaele Scalzi and Giancarlo Natale both have worked in the food and beverage industry for a number of years. Raffaele Scalzi is the owner of Casa Mia Cucina Italiana in Marblehead, Mass., and Giancarlo has an extensive background in event coordination. With family ties in Italy they created this unique event to showcase Boston’s best pizza and to show their Italian roots.

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Roots banner.

“Jimmy (Shenna) has been running a successful and highly regulated business in the community for 25 years without incident,” said Ross. “Like his current business no one under the age of 21 would be able to step foot into the adult use facility. It’s not like a liquor store where minors can walk in to buy chips or a soda or other non-alcohol products. This would strictly be for adults, and it will be highly regulated.”

Ross explained that Tufts interior would be turned into an adult-use shop. Security measures would include a foyer between the street entrance and actual interior shop. There customers would have to produce identification showing they are adults before being let into the shop.

“There will be no flashy signs, marijuana leaves or any other signage that would advertise the business,” said Ross.

Like his current business Ross said Shenna would be

instrumental keep cannabis and cannabis related products out of the hands of minors because he has been able to do so with tobacco for many years.

Longtime residents and businesses leaders like Joe Mario came in support of the project.

“Look, I’ve never smoked marijuana but it’s coming,” said Mario who lives near the proposed shop. “I’ve known the Modica and Santarpio families for years, I’ve know Jimmy (Sheena) for years. I’d rather do business with people I know than some corporations from outside the state. If there was ever a problem they’d be a phone call away and they’ve always supported the community. I’d rather be dealing with a business that we can work with on things like improving Orient Heights and supporting youth organizations than a corporation that tells us to call the corporate office and then you never hear back.”

East Boston Chamber of Commerce President Jim Ke-

arney also spoke in favor of the project. Kearney, a longtime educator, scoffed at the notion that an adult use facility would lead to more teen use as some suggested at the meeting.

“I’ve worked in schools for three decades and if you think marijuana is not in the schools right now or weren’t in the schools before the laws were passed you are mistaken,” said Kearney. “At least with the taxes coming in from this business we can add more education and drug prevention programs that are underfunded to keep marijuana out of the hands of teens. In the end we have to approach this like alcohol or cigarettes. It’s for adults and not for children and parents have to start having that conversation as more and more of these types of businesses open. I also agree with Joe (Mario). These families involved care about this community and have always helped, no questions asked, when it came to donations or support for local organiza-

tions.”

Former District A-7 Captain Frank Mancini was brought in as an independent party to assess Local Roots’ security plan. Mancini has no stake in the proposal but gave his honest assessment and likened the security plan to the security plans the Israeli government uses for facilities that may be prone to terrorist attacks.

“It’s by far one of the better security plans I’ve seen,” he said.

As far as crime in or around the shop LaMattina again said during a trip to Colorado when he was on the Council to get suggestions from officials there on how to regulate and zone the new industry many officials there said it actually reduced crime.

“The city councilors there who were against adult-use marijuana admitted that the shops reduced street crime and petty crime in the neighborhoods in which the shops were located,” he said.



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SUFFOLK SENDOFF

Huge crowd attends final live racing at legendary track

Over 21,000 racing fans packed Suffolk Downs for the final weekend of live racing at the historic oval as the track hosted its final weekend of live racing.

On Saturday, the track was forced to suspend the live racing card after the seventh race due to severe thunderstorms that rolled through the area. Live racing resumed Sunday with twelve races and brought out 12,311 fans despite passing storms early in the day.

“It was very gratifying



Saint Alfred crosses finish line by a neck.

to give live racing a fitting sendoff and we are amazed by what a wonderful and appreciative crowd showed up today to celebrate with us. We want to thank all the fans, our dedicated workforce, the horsemen and women who shipped in for the weekend and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s racing personnel who helped us with these festivals,” said Chip Tuttle, the Chief Operating Officer at Suffolk Downs. “Now we are looking forward

to what’s next and hopefully continuing Thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts next year at the Great Barrington Fair Grounds.”

Tammi Piermarini, the third all-time leading female rider in history and a mainstay in New England racing, piloted home Saint Alfred in the \$50,000 Thomas F. Moran Stakes for trainer Karl Grusmark and Joseph DiRico, the owner and breeder of the five-year-old Massachusetts-bred son of Dublin. Piermarini also teamed up with Jay Bernardini to win the sixth race with longshot Shackleson (\$20.80).

“It means a lot to be able to win a race on the final day of live racing here and it was even sweeter to get to do it for two local trainers,” said Piermarini. “I have so many wonderful memories here and Suffolk Downs will always feel like home.”

Successful Saint, a homebred for owner Anthony Zizza, remained undefeated from four starts with an authorita-



Successful Saint crosses the finish line.

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tive score in the \$50,000 John Kirby Stakes with Jose Baez in the irons. The three-year-old gelded son of Successful Appeal is now four for four for trainer Dylan Clarke.

The final race in the track’s 84-year history was won in a maiden breaking score by Catauga County (\$9.60) and jockey Andy Hernandez Sanchez. It was the third win of the day for Sanchez who also won the third race aboard longshot Morgan’s Z Va (\$30.60) for M. Anthony Ferraro and the eighth race for the

Matthew Clarke-trained Fifty Eight OG (\$24.60).

Following the final live racing weekend scheduled for June 29-30, the track will remain open year-round for simulcasting. Sterling Suffolk Racecourse (SSR), the company that operates racing and simulcasting at Suffolk Downs, is currently working alongside the New England HPBA and the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) on plans to refurbish and return live racing to the Great Barrington Fairgrounds

in Great Barrington, Mass., and to continue simulcasting operations in Boston.

For more information, visit www.suffolkdowns.com.

Built by 3,000 workers in just 62 days when Massachusetts authorized pari-mutuel wagering in 1935, the historic track has been a showcase for some of the most famous names in Thoroughbred racing history, including Seabiscuit, Whirlaway, John Henry, Cigar and Skip Away.

Council passes, Mayor signs FY2020 Budget

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday, the City Council unanimously voted to accept Mayor Martin Walsh’s fiscal year 2020 Budget that was later signed by the mayor and went into effect on July 1.

The \$3.49 billion budget reflects a \$176 million increase over last year’s budget while simultaneously upholding the City of Boston’s strong record of proactive fiscal management.

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.

“These important investments are a reflection of our shared priorities,” said Mayor Walsh. “Those who supported this budget, from creation to passage, played a critical role in increasing the funding that will allow us to deliver on the promise of expanding opportunity across the city, from new housing to school nurses, more pre-kindergarten seats for our young people and additional resources to look at unsolved homicides. Through this budget we are continuing to set Boston up for future success, moving forward with urgency on our long-term plans to address climate change, affordable housing, better transit, arts and schools.”

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

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 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 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 residents to interact with the space by adding paths and benches.



Mayor Martin Walsh talks with a senior during a recent event in Boston.

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Lorenzo plans to combine four lots and erect the building that will mixed use retail, artist space and the residential units. The plan will also improve street-scape to blend with 287 Maverick St. The developer also proposed 23 off-street parking spaces and bike storage. This is intended to be a rental project.

Because the project is subjected to the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s Article 80 review the BPDA will hold a further community

meeting on the project.

The large retail space proposed for the building will be used as a coffee shop while the smaller will probably be professional offices.

Abutters to the project expressed concern over the variance for parking. Lorenzo’s attorney said his client would be eliminating a future industrial use, which could have employee and patron parking--making it more of an impact traffic wise.

No vote was taken on the

second project discussed at 48 Geneva St. because it was an initial presentation.

Nick Delibro has proposed to erect a five-story, six unit residential building with four to six parking spaces intended for home ownership

With other projects slated for the long neglected Geneva Street Delibro hopes his project is part of an effort to improve the conditions on Geneva Street.



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EAST BOSTON ATHLETIC BOARD BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS

The East Boston Athletic Board, founded in 1950 to emphasize the values of East Boston's athletes, held their 69th Annual Banquet of Champions on Monday, June 24 at Spinelli's Banquet Hall, to honor the young men and women who have excelled in academics and sports. Remarkable leaders and supportive teammates, these award recipients are well respected individuals. The recent high school graduates were celebrated for their humble commitment, strong spirit, and service to the community.



Bryan Cedano accepts the Boys City Championship Award for East Boston High School Boys Soccer from Mario Santillana.



Thomas Galeano accepts the Dave Arinella Award for Outstanding Swimmer.



East Boston Athletic Board board members pose with the Fred L. O'Brien Scholarship winners.



East Boston Girls Softball President accepts the Senior League Champion award for the Belle Isle Red Storm as well as the Major League Co-Champion award for the Paris Street Wildcats and Johnny Campagna Jaguars.



The East Boston Youth Basketball League Champions were the Pino Division Lakers.



Rep. Adrian Madaro accepts the East Boston Little League Major League Champion award from Chip DiNicolantonio.



Robert Gilbride accepts the East Boston Little League Senior League Champion award on behalf of Kelley's Pub Blue Jays from Jim Geraci.



The Renegades Pub Ducks were the East Boston Men's Hockey League Champs.



Alexandra Santostefano accepts the Bill Pepicelli Memorial Windsor Award for Outstanding Achievement in Hockey.

EAST BOSTON STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

EAST BOSTON STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Two East Boston residents have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Spring semester. Daniela Ramirez and Emily V. Truong have been recognized by the University. Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point

average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

BU GRADUATES EAST BOSTON STUDENTS

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 6,902 students in May 2019. Receiving degrees were Christina N. Sola, Master of Management in Hospitality in Hospitality Management; Priscilla Riva, Master of Science in Medical Science.

SPRING 2019 DEAN'S LIST AT DEAN COLLEGE

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LYERLY NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES

Ta'teanna Lyerly has been named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List at University of the Sciences. Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all as-

EASTIE GRADS



Anamarie DePaulo, left, and Mariele DiPrizio, of East Boston, pictured with Head of School Dr. John F. Dolan, are Class of 2019 graduates at St. Mary's High School in Lynn.

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Lyerly of East Boston, is a Medical Laboratory Science student.

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The Jerry Barletta Memorial Award for Athletic Character went to Christian Santillana.



The East Boston High School coed track track team accepts the City Champion Award.



Mike Gaeta accepts the Rocky DiNicolantonio Special Recognition Award on behalf of the Mstrangelo Family from Kelley's Square Pub.



Serena Gilbride (second from right) accepts the award for Outstanding Softball Player.



East Boston High School's Alexandria Day accepts the award for Outstanding Female Basketball player from Nicole McCormack and Brianna Forbes.



The Eastie Half Ball Champions were the Ming Chow's.



Chip DiNicolantonio, Al Festa and Jeff Arinella accept the Al Festa Memorial Award on behalf of Euddy Brito for Outstanding Baseball Player.

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EAST BOSTON ATHLETIC BOARD BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS



The East Boston Athletic Board board poses for picture during the Banquet of Champions.



The John M. Sacco Trophy for Athlete of the Year went to Josh Rivera.



The Vincent J. & Vincent Milano Memorial Trophy went to Steven Walsh.



The East Boston Athletic Board Hall of Fame Award went to former Savio and Austin Prep coach and teacher William Maradei.



Players from the East Boston High School Girls Softball team accept the North Division Champions award.



The East Boston Athletic Board Coach of the Year went to T.J. McCarthy.



District A-7 Captain Kelley McCormick receives the Sonny Buttiglieri Special Achievement Award.



Nathan Mattera accepts the Joseph P. Zito Memorial Award for Outstanding Football Player.



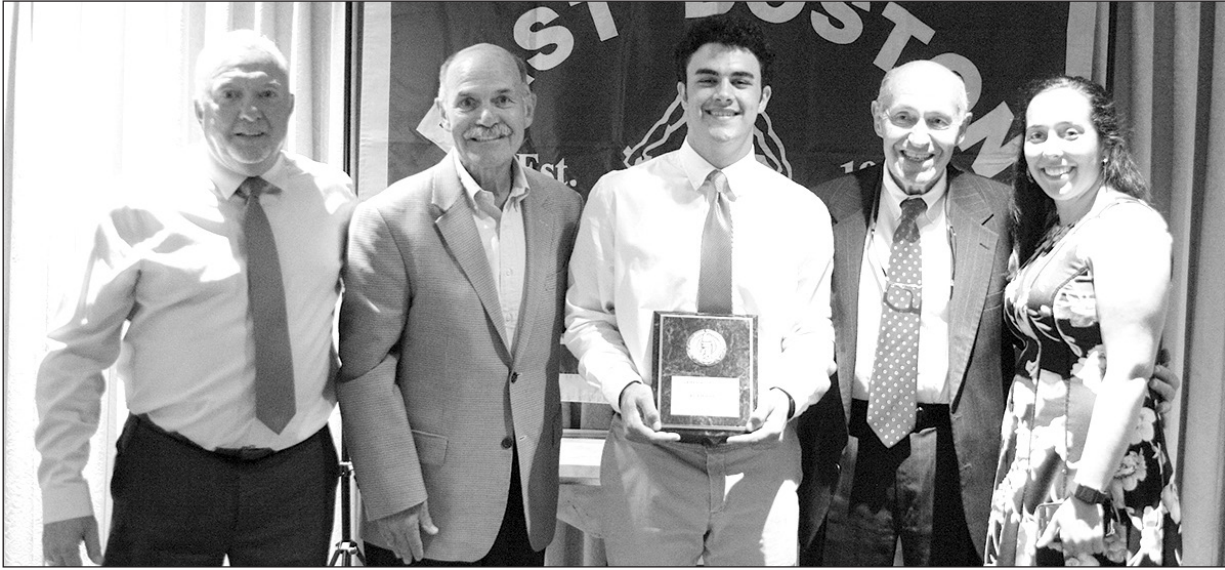
The Roberto Family from Spinelli's received the Rocky DiNicolantonio Special Recognition Award.



The Joe Guarnaccia Humanitarian Award went to Debbie White (center with Joe Guarnaccia).



The Tony Geraci Memorial Flashback Award went to Paul Sartori.



Adam Braid accepts the James A. Sartori Memorial Award for Athletic Character.

EAST BOSTON ATHLETIC BOARD BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS



Bridget LePage accepts the Mario Sinatra Memorial Award for Athletic Achievement.



Alexandra Santostefano accepts the Tony Santilli Memorial Award for Outstanding Hockey Player.



Julie Tassinari accepts the Carl Abate Memorial Award for Outstanding Track Athlete.



Domenic Russo accepts the Frank Scarpa Memorial Award for Sportsmanship.

EAST BOSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL
SEASON IN FULL SWING

With the East Boston Girls Softball season in full swing before Saturday’s official softball kickoff rivalries are already shaping up.

On Wednesday, June 26, the Red Storm took on the Sun Devils. The Sun Devils struck first in the game and scored two runs in the first but thats

The Red Storm were able to quickly come back into the game in the early innings.

Excellent batting, that included a two-run home run by Izzy Mahoney and lights out pitching by Sofia Vitale who had 14 strike outs gave the Red Storm their third win of the season with the 6-2 win over the Sun Devils.

So far the Red Storm is 3-0 on the season.



Red Storm’s catcher up at bat.



Sofia Lynds hits a single during the Red Storm’s win.



A Sun Devils batter takes a swing off a pitch by the Red Storm’s Sofia Vitale.



Sofia Vitale had 14 strike outs and helped give the Red Storm their third win of the season.



Despite the loss to the Red Storm, Sun Devils pitcher Brittany Elliott pitched an excellent game.

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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, June 10, 2019 No Arrests	Lewd & Lascivious Speech & Behavior, Possession of Class B, Drugs and Trespassing.
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 Around 9:30 a.m. in the area of 127 Putnam St., a 59-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon.	Around 9:45 p.m. in the area of 137 Eutaw St., a 20 year-old-male with a Lynn, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, and Assault and Battery.
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 No Arrests	Tuesday, June 18, 2019 Around 6:55 p.m. in the area of Saratoga St. a 34-year-old male with a Lynn, MA address was arrested for Distribution of Class B, Drugs and Operating after Revocation or Suspension.
Thursday, June 13, 2019 Around 12:45 p.m. in the area of Bremen St. and Sumner St., a 23-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery; Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Goods and Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol.	Wednesday, June 19, 2019 Around 7 p.m. in the area of Maverick Sq., a 42-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Distribution of Class B, Drugs.
Around 12:45 p.m. in the area of Bremen St. and Sumner St., a 29-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Firearm Discharged Within 500 ft. of Dwelling and Dangerous Weapons Unlawfully Carried.	Thursday, June 20, 2019 Around 3 p.m. in the area of Princeton St., a male Juvenile was arrested for Delinquent to Wit; Assault and Battery.
Friday, June 14, 2019 No Arrests.	Friday, June 21, 2019 Around 9:30 a.m. in the area of 26 Lexington St., a 35-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Trespassing.
Saturday, June 15, 2019 Around 1:10 a.m. in the area of 62 Sumner St., a 23 year-old-male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.	Saturday, June 22, 2019 No Arrests.
Sunday, June 16, 2019 Around 7:40 p.m. in the area of 176 Gove St., a 33 year-old-male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery (Injuries).	Sunday, June 23, 2019 Around 10 a.m. in the area of 21 Vallar Rd., a 30-year-old male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Destruction of Personal Property, Threats and Operating after Revocation or Suspension.
Monday, June 17, 2019 Around 12:10 p.m. in the area of 305 Saratoga St., a 35 year-old-male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for	Around 8:15 p.m. in the area of 115 Orleans St., an 18-year-old male was arrested for Assault and Battery and Cruelty to Animals.

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Your answer, if any, on or before August 15, 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.

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Date: June 19, 2019
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OBITUARIES

Janet Pellegrino
Of Boston, formerly of East Boston



Janet (Coolidge) Pellegrino of Boston, formerly of East Boston, passed away on June 29 at the age of 65.

She was the cherished daughter of the late Roscoe and Sarah (Pestell) Coolidge, beloved wife of Francis “Chippa” Pellegrino, dear sister of Joan Jagiello, Barbara Romano, Christine Greenwood, Marian DiLuigi, Ralph Coolidge and the late John, Alfred, David and Roscoe Coolidge, Marie Pava and Patricia Lavigne. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Janet’s life by gathering in Vazza’s “Beechwood” Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere, on Tuesday, July 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. and again at 9 a.m. on Wednesday morning before leaving in procession to St. Anthony’s Church in Revere, for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. For online guest book and directions: www.vazzafunerals.com.

Adele Raines
Of East Boston



Adele (Keyes) Raines of East Boston passed away on June 30.

She was the devoted mother of Barbara DiChiaro and her husband, Anthony and Raymond Harris, all of East Boston, Gregory Raines of Vermont and the late Maureen Harris and Scott Harris; dear sister of the late Lorraine Guimond, adored grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of seven.

In accordance with the family’s wishes, all services are private. A memorial mass will be held at a later date and announced through www.ruggieromh.com.

Patricia LaBella
Of Saugus, formerly of East Boston

Patricia (Mazzone) LaBella of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on June 28.

She was the beloved wife of Gerardo LaBella, loving mother of Jason Gerard LaBella and his wife, Savanna of Haverhill, cherished daughter of the late Leonard and Gertrude Mazzone and dear sister of Donna Arinella and Rocky Mazzone, both of East Boston , Mario Mazzone of Winthrop and Marc Mazzone of Lynnfield. She is also survived by one loving granddaughter, Cyra T. LaBella.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Mass in celebration of Patricia’s life on Friday, July 5 at 12:30 p.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Please omit flowers . Arrangements are under the direction of the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston, MA 02128

John Fougere

A staple at the Montmorenci Street Block Party and past MASSDOT employee

John L. Fougere, a lifelong resident of Orient Heights East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family after a brief illness at the age of 70.

John was a lifelong resident in East Boston, an active member of the East Boston community and a staple at the Annual Montmorenci Street Block Party. He was a past employee of MASSDOT. He will be missed by all.

He was the beloved son of the late John O. and Phyllis (Dattoli) Fougere, dear brother of Denise Wilson and her husband, Larry and Bella Orlandella and her husband, John Sr., all of East Boston, cherished uncle of Scott Wilson, Brad Wilson, Lori Newman, John Orlandella Jr. and

Michelle Maggio and adored great-uncle of Alex, Lucas, Sam, Finn, Killian, Jackson, Cameron, Jay and Ryan. He is also survived by many loving cousins, family members and friends.

Family and friends will honor John’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston, on Friday, July 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in funeral procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, Ashley St., East Boston for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in celebration of John’s life. Services will conclude with John being laid to rest at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

Joan Lewis
Of East Boston

Joan Lewis of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on June 26 at the age of 59.

The loving daughter of the late William and Alberta Lewis, she was the devoted mother of Jennifer Baiungo and her husband, Matthew of Nevada, dear sister of Andrea Armata and her husband, Michael of East Boston, loving hebe of Matthew, Madelyn and Mason, adored aunt of Nicole, Michael, and Matthew Armata and great-aunt of Christopher, Cameron, Nicholas and Skylar. Family and friends will honor Joan’s life by gathering at Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks St., East Boston on Tuesday, July 2 at 10 a.m. for a memorial mass. Services will conclude with Joan being laid to rest with her parents at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her honor can be made to Care Dimensions at www.caredimensions.org/giving.

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Joseph Ruggiero with Gala Chair Antony Dello Iacano and Principal Robert Casaletto.



The Pardi Family during the annual gala.

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said Casaletto. “Life’s greatest milestones – weddings, births, communions, confirmations, and graduations, have been celebrated accompanied by your music. You enliven a room and uplift a community. You have left an indelible mark on EBCCS. We are so grateful for your service and your musical talent that inspires all of us in so many ways. We are so grateful for the person of Ron Pardi.”

Casaletto said Ruggiero, who helps run EBCCS’s board, is an exceptional leader who has led a life rooted in the call to love and service to others.

“You embody all that is good about East Boston, giving back in countless ways to the community you have helped shape these many years,” said Casaletto of Ruggiero. “You are a testament to going beyond the call of duty and giving of yourself in ways few others ever have in this community. Your service and commitment to East Boston is simply unmatched. You have touched the lives of so many people through your ministry as a funeral director, comforting and consoling families at their time of greatest loss. Your service to local Eastie organizations, large and small, reflect the essence of who you

are as a person – kind and caring, generous beyond measure. You are a true loyal son of East Boston who has made our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. We have witnessed in you the qualities so needed in the world today. You are an inspiration to us all.”

As for Zirpolo, Casaletto said as a loyal alumnus of EBCCS, Zirpolo has given selflessly to his school, his neighbors, his Church, and his community.

“You embody all that is good about East Boston, giving back in ways to ensure that kindness and caring, giving and serving are values will live on in Eastie,” said Casaletto. “In quiet and impactful ways, you have touched the lives of others at times when others couldn’t or wouldn’t. Even as God has blessed you in so many ways, you have not forgotten your roots and the people who gave you a helping hand along the way. You are a true loyal son of East Boston who has made our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. We have witnessed in you the qualities so needed in the world today – faith, service, family, and community. Indeed, we are proud to call you our own.”



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