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In light of Hurricane Dorian, the September 11 Memorial Service is moved to Sunday, September 15, 2 p.m., at Piers Park.

City changes Precinct 14 voting location for upcoming Primary

By John Lynds

As the city prepares for the upcoming Preliminary Municipal Election on Tuesday, Sept. 24, the Election Department announced a change to one of Eastie's polling locations.

During the construction of Phase I of the Orient Heights Housing Development Precinct 14 was moved to the Curtis Guild Elementary School at 5 Ashley St.

Now that Phase I is over and Phase II of the project will near completion in spring 2020 the city has moved Precinct 14 back to the Orient Heights Community Building at 38 Vallar Road.

Residents registered to vote are reminded to head to that location to cast their ballots during the Primary.

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Victim identified in last week's stabbing death

By John Lynds

The man stabbed to death on West Eagle Street has been identified as 22-year-old Carlos Ramos of East Boston.

Ramos's death marks only the second homicide in a relatively quiet year for crime in East Boston.

Ramos was found just before 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 3 after police responded to a radio call for a person stabbed in the area of 36 West Eagle St.

Officers located an adult male victim, later identified as Ramos, suffering from what appeared to be multiple stab wounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries.

The Boston Police Department continues to review the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with in-

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ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN PARADE



U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and Rep. Adrian Madero (top photo) and Mayor Martin Walsh (right photo) were all on hand last Friday at the annual Countdown to Kindergarten Parade in East Boston. See Page 6 for more photos.



Community says farewell to Eastie Main Streets Director Max Gruner

By John Lynds

When Max Gruner took over the reigns of East Bos-

ton Main Streets in 2013 he hit the ground running. For the past six years under Gruner's leadership



The community says goodbye to longtime East Boston Main Streets Executive Director Max Gruner during a party last week. Gruner has left his Main Streets post for a job in New Mexico.

Main Streets partnered with numerous businesses in the neighborhood to increase the quality of life for residents while creating a vibrant and prosperous business district that has benefited all who live, work, and visit Eastie.

While Main Streets signature events like Taste of Eastie and the annual Kindergarten Parade grew under Gruner's tenure, his work helping to transform and improve Eastie's business district will be his lasting mark on the community.

Sadly, Gruner announced over the summer he was leaving Main Streets for a job in New Mexico and departed for a new chapter in

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Walsh calls for ZBA investigation

By John Lynds

The Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has definitely seen better days.

The fallout from the John Lynch bribing scandal has trickled down to the ZBA itself and now Mayor Martin Walsh is calling for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city's Director of Real Estate, pleaded guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

Since his plea ZBA Board Member Craig Galvin has resigned and former ISD Commissioner Buddy Christopher, who has been serving as an advisor to Walsh, also recently jumped ship from City Hall.

As the scandal unfolded Walsh announced his administration has hired the former head of the Public Corruption Unit inside the U.S. Attorney's Office, Brian Kelly, to conduct an independent review of the scandal.

Walsh also called for a comprehensive review of

the city's Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and related processes, in order to ensure that best practices, including strong internal protocols and policies, are in place to best serve applicants in a way that is transparent and accountable to the public.

Walsh said the review will draw upon expertise in all facets of zoning to review best practices in the field, and inform any opportunities moving forward for how to institute even stronger operational controls and accountability at the ZBA.

"Boston is a city that is booming with economic development, from new companies moving to our city and the creation of housing being at an all-time high record," said Mayor Walsh. "The pace of our growth is unparalleled to any other time in our city's history, which is a tremendous economic boon for our city, but also brings its own set of challenges. Through this review, I want to make sure that our agencies and staff are best equipped with the

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TOUGH RUN



PHOTO BY EMILY HARNEY

Aamir Johnson tries to break free from two Lowell Catholic defenders during the Friday home opener for the Jets. It was a tough game throughout, but the Jets fell 13-8. See Page 7 for more photos.



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School children living at Crossroads benefit from Massport back-to-school program

By John Lynds

There has long been a partnership between Crossroads Family Shelter in East Boston and the Massachusetts Port Authority. For years, Massport has been a corporate partner in helping Crossroads fulfill its mission to help homeless families that stay at the shelter on Havre Street have a better quality of life.

Again this year Massport has joined forces with Crossroads to assist the children at the shelter preparing to attend Eastie schools this fall.

Several children at the Crossroads Family Center received a surprise back-to-school gift from Massport. Each of them were given a backpack filled with school supplies and clothing to get them ready for the first day of classes.

“To see the faces of these children light up reminds me why Massport does this each year,” said Massport Director of Community Re-

lations and Government Affairs Alaina Coppola. “We want to help these students build their confidence and self-esteem and encourage them to look forward to the new school year. We also want to send a strong message that others care about them and their education.”

The giveaway was part of Massport’s 11th annual Backpack Project for Children aimed at assisting homeless families and families in need. This year, about 100 Massport employees donated the items and volunteered their time to fill the backpacks. “Massport has been a great supporter of Crossroads Family Center,” said Lauren Antonelli, Executive Director. “The Backpack Project has made such a positive impact on the lives of the children and families we have served over the years.”

Massport also sponsored children at the Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA) in Winthrop and Joseph M. Tierney Learning Center in South Boston.

In 1985, Rev. Bernard McLaughlin saw the sea of humanity sleeping on the streets and in cars outside Holy Redeemer Church on Maverick Street. There were whole families struggling to keep warm during the winter or looking for a meal.

Rev. McLaughlin saw that he needed to do something to address the problems associated with homelessness in the area.

His solution, a transitional shelter for homeless families offering a supportive environment to allow families to live independently with dignity and respect all people deserve.

Since its inception in 1985, Crossroads Family Shelter has become an oasis of hope-providing shelter for countless families in the area.



Alaina Coppola, Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs, Massport; Lauren Antonelli, Executive Director, Crossroads Family Center; Shakira Floyd, Administrative and Development Associate, Crossroads Family Center and Audrey Nagle, Manager of Charitable Giving Programs, Massport.

HVNA votes on Horace Street project

By John Lynds

In a close vote Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) members voted 31 to 28 against a project on Horace Street at the group’s September meeting held Monday night at the Edward Brooke’s Charter School.

This was the third presentation given to HVNA members concerning the project at 37 Horace St.

There, owner Joseph Trichillo is looking to demolish an existing three-family home and combine it with two vacant lots and build a nine-unit structure with nine parking spaces on this new 8,000 square-foot lot.

The units would be sold as condos and consist of four one-bedroom, two two-bedroom and three three-bedroom units.

Variances needed for this project are Use, Floor Area Ratio, Height, and Parking.



Attorney Richard Lynds discusses the project at 37 Horace St. at Monday’s HVNA meeting.

Members at the meeting asked if the project was an ‘as of right’ project, how many units could the developer build. Trichillo’s attorney, Richard Lynds, said If you combine the lots you could build eight units as of

right.

The corner lot has undergone several design changes since first presented to the group earlier this year. Some of the changes made were a reduction in height of the building and the total number of units.

While some of these changes swayed a good amount of HVNA members to vote in favor of the project, others still felt it was too big with not enough parking.

“I’d be happy with six (units), I know you want nine, but I’d like to see six,” said one HVNA member at Monday night’s meeting.

Attorney for Trichillo, Richard Lynds, said a lot has gone into designing a project that tried to balance the needs of the community with the needs of the developer. Lynds said his client heard loud and clear that the project was too tall and reduced the height, as well as offering the nine units as homeownership opportunities rather than rental units.

Pretrial begins in the case against Dylan Etheridge

By John Lynds

The East Boston man charged with killing a Rhode Island college student and seriously injuring her college roommate during a car crash on May 5 was back in court on August 28 for pretrial proceedings.

According to the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office the judge presiding over the case has given the prosecution and defense a motion filing deadline of October 4 and Etheridge is due back in court on January 8, 2020.

Etheridge was officially indicted and arraigned over the summer in Suffolk Superior Court.

At that time the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office upped the charges against Etheridge to include Operating Under the Influence of alcohol and causing serious bodily harm.

Etheridge is also charged with manslaughter by motor vehicle and two counts of leaving the scene of personal injury or death.

Ethridge, 22, of East Boston stands accused of killing Amber Pelletier, of Rhode Island and seriously injuring her friend from Saint Leo University, Ava Salvi, of East Boston and then fleeing the scene during an early morning crash on Bennington Street on May 5.

quila, and a smaller bottle of an unknown liquor.

After buying liquor the group was driven by the night’s designated driver to the waterfront where Pelletier and Salvi shared the tequila. Etheridge alone drank from the bottle of rum that he had purchased earlier. That bottle was later found at the crash scene closed and unbroken approximately half empty.

Just before midnight the designated driver drove the group to La Chiva to get takeout. One of the friends in the group decided to take a Uber home, leaving just Etheridge, Pelletier, Salvi and the designated driver.

Just after 12:30 a.m. the designated driver drove Salvi’s Mazda 3 to her Leyden Street home and returned the car to Salvi.

At approximately 1:11 a.m., several witnesses saw a vehicle travelling very fast from Bennington Street from the direction of Revere towards Boston. In fact, the so-called ‘black box’ later recovered from the vehicle indicated that the Mazda 3 was moving at 86 mph when the side airbags deployed, and the accelerator was 100 percent engaged one-half second before the airbag’s deployment.

skull. Pelletier was pronounced dead at the scene.

Before losing consciousness Salvi told officers Etheridge had been driving. This led the police to begin searching for Etheridge.

Because the vehicle had flipped over and was severely damaged it took minutes for first-responders to realize that no driver was present. Pelletier and Salvi had both been belted in passenger seats, but the driver’s seat was empty.

A search was organized to locate the driver, now believed to be Etheridge, for it was feared that he may have been thrown from the car and injured. He was never found at the scene.

Meanwhile, surveillance cameras captured Etheridge walking away from the accident along Ashley Street.

Shortly thereafter, he went to a friend’s house on Leyden Street. The friend noticed that Etheridge was bleeding. He told his friend that there was an accident and Pelletier and Salvi were still in the car. After he cleaned up Etheridge said that he would return to the accident scene.

His whereabouts were unknown until his parents took him MGH at about 9:15 a.m.

The vehicle struck several cars parked along Bennington Street, flipped over, and slid into a concrete planter near 1025 Bennington St. Most of the wreck is captured on MBTA surveillance video from the Orient Heights train station.

Several passersby rushed to the scene.

Within seconds, a man wearing light-colored clothing, later identified as Etheridge, emerged from the driver’s side window, picked what appears to be a black jacket, and ran away.

One witness had been walking her dog when the wreck occurred in front of her. The woman, who has some medical training, ran to check on the remaining occupants.

Immediately she noted that the rear-seat passenger, later identified as Pelletier, was dead on impact.

The front seat passenger, later identified as Salvi, appeared conscious, but only partially responsive. The witness asked for a flashlight and eventually ended up with a cell phone in a black and red case, which the police later identified as Etheridge’s phone.

Other passersby attempted to force open the doors, but without success.

Fire department personnel arrived quickly from down the street and cut the doors off.

Salvi was rushed to the hospital where she was diagnosed with severe injuries, including a fractured

skull. Pelletier was pronounced dead at the scene.

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At that time, he was wearing the same light-colored clothing and a black jacket as shown on several surveillance cameras the night before.

Etheridge presented as mildly lethargic and confused so blood tests and a CT scan were ordered.

Etheridge initially told hospital staff that he was the driver in an accident, and he denied drinking. He later said that he was unsure who was driving, but he was certain he had been thrown from a window.

The blood drawn from Etheridge was preserved and later tested by the Massachusetts State Police crime lab. It was determined that Etheridge’s blood alcohol content was .023 percent by weight, for blood drawn more than eight hours after the wreck.

Everyone, regardless of age, size, or race, metabolizes alcohol at the same pace. That pace is .015 of blood alcohol concentration (BAC) per hour. Working backwards and multiplying the .015 by eight and adding the .023 that was found in Etheridge’s blood the next morning his BAC was most likely .143 at the time of the crash. The legal limit in Massachusetts is .08.

It was also noted in court that Etheridge had been diagnosed with alcohol consumption binge two months before the accident on March 18, 2019 and been warned not to drink and drive.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ONHC MEETING SET FOR SEPT. 16

The next meeting of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) will be Monday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA gym on 58 Ashley St.

The agenda is as follows: Introductions - Welcome and report from the board (President, VP, Secretary)

Calendar of meetings for 2019-2020 year (third Mondays; no August meeting)

New email address: OrientHeightsNC@gmail.com

Reminders of new policies: 1) developers must email past/present project information two weeks before a meeting to be considered for the agenda; 2) abutters' meetings must take place prior to project votes.

Public Safety - Station 7 Community Update: Sgt. Jim Martin and Officer Dan Simon

OHNC By-Laws - proposed amendments: Discuss now, vote in October

Community Presentation - PLAN: East Boston update: Jason Ruggiero & Kristina Ricco, Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)

Development Presentations - new and voting matters

INFO: 170-172 Glad-

stone St. Seeking to erect a three-story residential dwelling with six residential units and four parking spaces.

INFO: 16 Whitby St. Seeking to erect a four-story residential dwelling with ten residential units and ten parking spaces.

INFO: 1188 Bennington St. Erect a 45-unit residential dwelling with parking for 37 vehicles.

INFO: 18 Crestway, (updated) Erect a three-story, five-unit residential building with ten garage parking spaces.

VOTE: 115 Leyden St. Erect 8-unit dwelling with parking for nine vehicles.

Next meeting: Monday, October 16, 2019

EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER'S SENIOR PROGRAM OFFERING SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Senior Program at the East Boston Social Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednes-

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EBHS 50th REUNION ON SEPT. 28

The East Boston High Class Of 1969 will hold its 50TH reunion on Sept. 28 at the Winthrop Elks Lodge, 191 Washington Ave. Winthrop, from 7 -11 p.m.. The cost is \$50 per person.

Any classmate who has not received a save the date postcard, or for more information

please contact Corinne (Caggiano) Barisano via email: RONNY731@AOL.COM

GRACE CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

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

RECENTLY ENGAGED



Samantha Smith, daughter of Joseph and Tina Smith was recently engaged to Daniel Padilha, son of Claudionor and Salete Souza Padilha. The couple resides in Orient Heights with their cats, Castiel and Crowley, and is planning a Fall 2020 wedding.

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.

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

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

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

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

JPNA monthly meeting
The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association will hold its September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club starting at 7 p.m.

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.

The agenda for the Tuesday Sept. 10 monthly meeting of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association is below:
Odd-Year Board Swearing-In
Police - Slide Show
Lina Trameli with the Mayor's Office
Boston City Council At Large Candidates

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

Please note, the meeting is on TUESDAY because of the Labor Day holiday. Questions can be directed to board@jeffriespoint.org

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knowledge, tools and training they need to do their jobs effectively and to the standard of which they are held."

Walsh has asked Sullivan & Worcester LLP to conduct this comprehensive review beginning with the rules and regulations in place that dictate how the ZBA conducts business on behalf of the residents of Boston, and those with matters before the board.

"Since taking office, my Administration has worked to level the playing field in the development process in Boston, emphasizing transparency and ensuring broader access and input from the community," said

Walsh. "I recognize that there is always more work to be done to make the business of city government more accessible and transparent to everyone. I am hopeful that we will learn from the findings of this review how else we can better serve our constituencies and implement best practices used in the field."

In response to the recent developments Councilor Lydia Edwards said planning, zoning and development review are critical city functions that impact the lives of residents across the city.

"Cases like these emphasize the need for transparent public oversight and clear

standards that are actually followed," she said. "This is an opportunity to examine how we do business, and also gives us a reason to examine the structure of zoning authority in the city. We should also see this examination as a chance to reinstall trust in the ZBA. Many people have given up on it and believe it doesn't even try to apply zoning standards. I am excited about this conversation as it is particularly important as our neighborhood of East Boston goes through historic rezoning to establish guidelines for Boston's future."

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While the last day to register to vote was last Wednesday absentee applications and voting absentee in person are available until Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 at noon in the Elections Department at City Hall. This can be completed on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are also two more weekend sessions available on Sept. 14, and 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available in Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.

The Sept. 24 Preliminary Municipal Election will include candidates who are running for City Councilor

At-Large and City Councilor seats for Districts 5, 7, 8 and 9. There will be no Primary for Councilor Lydia Edward's District 1 seat because she is running unopposed.

The race for At Large includes four incumbents, Michelle Wu, Althea Garrison, Annissa Essaibi George and Michael Flaherty trying to keep their seats on the council. They are being challenged by candidates Erin J. Murphy, Priscilla E. Flint-Banks, Martin "Marty" Keogh, Alejandra Nicole St. Guillen, Michel Denis, Jeffrey Michael Ross, Domingos

DaRosa, Herb Alexander Lozano, William A. King, David Halbert and Julia Mejia.

As there are four At-Large positions to be filled, the top eight vote-getters in the Preliminary Election will appear on the general election ballot.

Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day on Sept. 24, 2019. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by poll workers in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Russian and Portuguese.

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WAR ON DRUGS

For those of us who have been around for longer than we might care to admit, America has been consumed during our lifetime by the never-ending battle to combat drug abuse.

It was in 1971 -- almost 50 years ago -- that President Richard Nixon first declared a “war on drugs.” The mindset that took hold thereafter, both among politicians and the public, led to a dramatic increase in the penalties for drug possession, including marijuana, which was classified as a level one drug at the federal level, the same as heroin.

In the 1980s, First Lady Nancy Reagan launched a “Just Say No to Drugs” campaign and in the 1990s, the Clinton administration and Democratic politicians likewise maintained a strong anti-drug policy with heavy penalties.

However, the true basis for the war on drugs was stated bluntly by former Nixon White House aide John Ehrlichman in 2016: “We knew we couldn’t make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did.”

The end result of our five-decade war on drugs has indeed been what the Nixon administration had hoped for. There are as many Americans with arrest records as with college diplomas; an American is arrested for drug possession every 25 seconds and our nation has more citizens behind bars than any other country in the world, both in terms of sheer numbers and as a percentage of our population.

In 1980 about 50,000 people were in prison for violations related to drug laws -- but today that number is over 400,000.

Yet, the war on drugs and our mass incarceration rates have not even remotely led to a decrease in drug use.

In addition, the spillover from our drug enforcement laws has destroyed the social order in other countries, with the drug cartels essentially reigning supreme in many nations in Central and South America, as well as in Afghanistan.

But the most pernicious effect of the war on drugs has been that it has created an environment that directly has led to the high death rate from drug abuse among our citizenry. More Americans now die each year from overdoses than perished in the Vietnam, Afghan, and Iraq wars combined.

Portugal and Switzerland have decriminalized drug possession of all kinds -- yet the death rate in those countries from drug abuse is almost non-existent. The reason is very simple: Those nations have treated drug dependency as a health issue, rather than a criminal matter.

The war on drugs, as have so many of our real wars, was based on a lie. Our addiction to incarceration has ripped apart families and destroyed individual’s lives and their futures.

The war on drugs has been a failure in every respect -- and it’s time that we face that reality.

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Welcome Back, BPS!

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Yellow buses, backpacks and excited kids are here: it’s back to school season. We’re lucky to live in Boston, a city with some of the smartest people in the world. I have a message for all our students heading into school this fall: nobody’s education is more important than yours, because nobody has the potential to change the world like you do. I’m proud of how hard you work and how brave you are in the face of all your different challenges. I know that this school year will be full of new opportunities, and new ways to learn and grow.

In Boston, we had an active and busy summer —

from our Boston Summer Eats program to our Fifth Quarter of Learning program that helps kids learn all summer long, we’re ready for a great start to the 2019-2020 school year.

As the school year starts, I think a lot about how I felt in school. In the fifth grade, I had been held back the year before — I had missed too much school because in first grade, I was diagnosed with cancer. With the help of my doctors, my family and my community, I was able to get better, and graduate. But that experience made me understand what it’s like to be nervous about school starting, thinking you’re behind everyone, and won’t ever catch up.

For any kids who have been bullied, or homeless, or scared of their first day, I want you to know your city is rooting for you. Your teachers want you to succeed. And your Mayor is behind you every step of the way as you have a happy and healthy school year.

At Boston Public Schools, we’re working hard to make this year the best yet. We have committed teachers who work hard to provide opportunities for their students. We have My Way Cafes that serve fresh, healthy meals. We have programs and activities for kids to keep learning, even after the last bell rings.

This year, we’re also welcoming Dr. Brenda Cas-

sellius as our new superintendent of Boston Public Schools. I am confident in her leadership and know that she’ll ensure a great year, including helping with Boston’s universal pre-Kindergarten program, and helping us hand out free MBTA passes for all public, charter and private school students in Grades 7-12.

I want to welcome her too, and wish the best of luck to our students who are starting Thursday, Sept. 5, and our kindergarteners starting Monday, Sept. 9. Study hard, enjoy your year, and know that Boston is your home — and your place to succeed.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

A Band in Demand

MSF experiencing a surge in popularity

By Cary Shuman

MSF stands for Music Special Forces, but they are also the initials for Michael Salvatore Firicano, the leader of the band that he founded in 2010.

The band has had personnel changes through the years but has maintained a loyal and enthusiastic following, performing almost every weekend throughout Massachusetts and New England.

One of its recent performances at Eastie Pride Day at Pier’s Park was a homecoming for Firicano, an East Boston native who is the band’s lead vocalist and a guitar player.

MSF energized the crowd in a wide-ranging two-hour set on a beautiful summer day.

“That park is beautiful with a view right on the water,” said Michele DeForest, who joined the band two-and-a-half years ago as a lead vocalist. She has since added keyboardist to her resume.

The other members of MSF are Cliff Goodman, drummer, Roy Turner, guitar, and Ray Kelly, bass guitar.

“We’re a multi-genre band – we do everything: rock, pop, disco, dance, country, and it’s by both male and female artists. We do stuff like Heart, Whitesnake, Led Zeppelin,



The MSF Band is pictured on stage after they wowed the crowd with their musical talents at the International Sand Sculpting Festival on Revere Beach. From left, are band members Ray Kelly, bass guitar and keyboards, Cliff Goodman, drums, Michael Salvatore Firicano, lead vocalist and guitar, Michele DeForest, lead vocalist, and Roy Turner, guitar.

Bruno Mars, Taylor Swift,” said Firicano.

Each MSF performance is known for its concert-style intensity and high energy that gets the crowd rocking from the opening song. It is not uncommon to see band members going out in to the audience.

“We really take people on a musical journey,” said Firicano, who began his lifelong affinity for music at the age of 12. “I loved music and my family had a giant collection of all kinds of records. And I would just put them on and discover. And my older brother, too,

would be getting me in to classic rock and things like that. I was definitely a Beatles fan and became a classic rock fan.”

In the 1990s, Firicano became a member of a cover band and then expanded his repertoire to other genres, eventually working alongside female singers.

Michele DeForest brings another dimension to MSF

Michele DeForest attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), one of the best engineering schools in the country. She received

her degree in Electrical Engineering and currently works in the scientific field. She has lived in the Boston area for ten years.

While a student at RPI, the Long Island (N.Y.) native became a member of an a cappella group, the Rusty Pipes, who twice made it to the Northeast ICCA semifinals.

DeForest met Firicano through an online advertisement and the on-stage chemistry has brought the band to another level.

“Michele has been amaz-

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CURTIS GUILD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Some 250 students dashed to greet their friends who were lined up with their new classroom teachers during the Curtis Guild Elementary School’s first day of school on Sept. 5. A representative from Mayor Martin Walsh’s office passed out pencils to families as they entered the playground gates. Parents mingled as their children reacquainted themselves with the jungle gym and danced with excitement at the sight of their friends. Students cheered as their school mates filed into their classrooms, fist bumping and hugging teachers along the way.



Leydi Restrepo with Dianor Usme and their daughter, Violeta, second grade.



Jaime Wolowicz with her family, Amberly, Michael, Mike, and Milla Regnetta, fifth grade.



Alex Reyes, fifth grade, hugging Jillian Archer, School Psychiatrist/Director of School Culture.

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Grace Morante, third grade, waving to her friends.

Fourth graders: Ruth Turcios, Mariana Hincapie, and Karen Gamez.

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David Urkevich, assistant director Budget Manager, of Mayor Walsh’s Office, passing out pencils to students.

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A group of people, including a police officer, are wearing yellow t-shirts with the 'Project Runway' logo. They are standing outdoors at a community event, possibly a fair or festival, with a white van and a blue tent visible in the background. The t-shirts feature the 'Project Runway' logo and the text 'Project Runway' and 'Project Runway' on the back. The police officer is wearing a dark uniform with a badge and a yellow t-shirt. The people are smiling and talking to each other.

A group of young children are sitting at a table outdoors, engaged in a craft activity. They are wearing yellow t-shirts. One child in the foreground is focused on cutting a piece of yellow paper. Another child to the left is also working on a craft. A third child is partially visible on the right. The table is covered with various craft supplies, including a container of colored markers and pieces of paper. In the background, an adult is standing, and other children are visible, suggesting a larger outdoor event.

A group of people, many wearing yellow shirts, are gathered on a city street, clapping and cheering. A woman in a yellow shirt and a red and white hat is running towards the camera. A "ONE WAY" sign is visible on the left.

A woman with short grey hair and sunglasses, wearing a yellow t-shirt that says "Welcome to Kindergarten!" and blue jeans, stands with a young child in a red and blue Spider-Man costume. They are at an outdoor event with a white van, a black fence, and other people in the background. A table with orange containers and a sign is visible to the right.

A large brown dog mascot, resembling a Weimaraner, stands next to a young boy. The dog is wearing a blue vest with a red collar that has 'KIDZ' written on it. The vest also features a 'KIDZ' logo and a small white tag that says 'KIDZ'. The boy is wearing a yellow shirt and glasses. They are standing in front of a brick building with a black metal fence.



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EAST BOSTON JETS IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST LOWELL CATHOLIC

PHOTOS BY EMILY HARVEY

The East Boston Jets football team took a tough home opener loss on Friday night, Sept. 6, losing to Lowell Catholic, 13-8. The Jets had plenty to be optimistic about for the upcoming season, with a solid roster and a tough defense. They will face Cathedral High School on Sept. 13 at home, 6 p.m.



Captains Jose Alfaro (L), Michael Zelaya, Dante Shire (R).



Quarterback Tyrese Daily.



Christian Feudo (R) with the ball as Michael Zelaya helps his teammate block a player from Lowell Catholic.



Head coach John Parziale speaks to his team during a time out.



Dante Shire works to block a Lowell pass-rusher.



Christopher Clara (23), Dary Pimental (58), Mohammed El Haddad (33), and Sean Curtis (72) stifle a Lowell ball carrier.



Quarterback Tyrese Daily runs it in for a touchdown.

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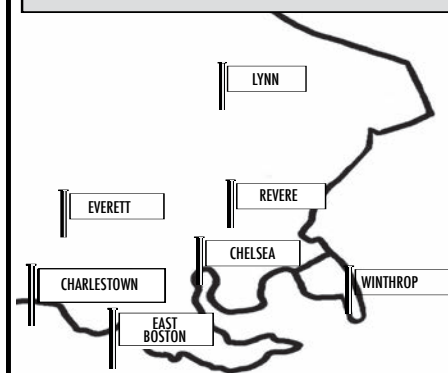
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OBITUARIES

Robert Anthony Dell’Orfano

East Boston HVAC Businessman



Robert Anthony Dell’Orfano, age 81, died on Sunday, Sept. 1. Bob was born in East Boston on Dec. 7, 1937 and was married to Patty McDonough. He was the son of Anthony Dell’Orfano and Mary Almond of East Boston, brother of Peter Dell’Orfano and Valerie Dell’Orfano. Bob was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy and was in the HVAC business in East Boston. Bob was blessed by his dedicated wife, Patty and his six wonderful children: Susan Skolarus and her husband, Ed of Manhattan

Beach, CA, Sheila Kubisch and her husband, Rob of Winnipeg, Canada, Michelle Devereaux and her husband, Jay of Groton, Tricia Endicott and her husband, Jeff of Apex, NC, Bobby Dell’Orfano of Boston and Michael Dell’Orfano and his wife, Dionne of Charlotte, NC. He was also ‘Grandpa’ to 10 grandchildren; Endea, Mia, Johnny, Joey, Alina, Ryan, Matthew, Andrew, Jayme and Joseph. Services will be private. Arrangements are with the personal care of Ruggiero Family Memorial Home 617 569 0990. For more information, visit: www.ruggieromh.com

Carmela Barrile

Of East Boston, formerly of Italy

Carmela (Giusto) Barrile of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at the age of 79. Carmela was born in Enna, Italy on Aug. 28, 1940 to Calogero and Francesca (Gatto) Giusto. She was the beloved wife of the late Vincenzo Barrile, devoted mother of Salvatore Barrile and Bonnie MacEachern of East Boston, Calogero Barrile and his wife, Vickie of Revere and Giovanna Mirasolo and her husband, Frank of Chelmsford; dear sister of Giuseppina Grutauria and her late husband, Joseph and Maria Labaki and her husband, John; cherished grandmother of Vincenzo, Gianna, Talia and Isabella. She is also survived by many loving extended family members,



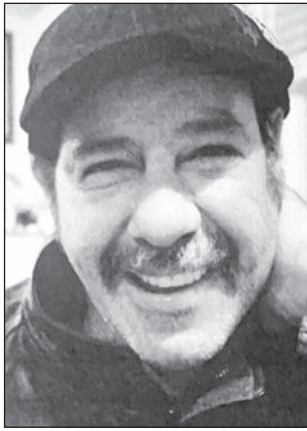
nieces and nephews both in the US and in Italy. Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston. Services concluded with Carmela’s entombment with her beloved husband Vincenzo at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

David Ferreira

One of God’s “Special Children”

Services and interment have been held for David Ferreira, formerly of East Boston and Somerville, who passed in the Eastpointe Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center of Chelsea on Tuesday, Sept. 3 following a long struggle with lung cancer, congestive heart failure and emphysema. He was 61 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he spent most of his life in the East Boston area. David was one of God’s “special children,” living and appreciating all that God had bestowed upon him through the devotion of his siblings and friends. He was a longtime member of the East Boston Social Center where he attended Connections Social Events for years. There, he had many friends who gave him much joy. He eagerly collected action DVDs and horror movies. He was an “A” fan of the Boston Red Sox regardless of the rather poor time, they are having. And also, as so many other Red Sox fans, David enjoyed going out to long lunches or early suppers with a group for a feast of hot dogs and popcorn. Dressing nicely was also one of David’s hallmarks, especially with his many fine leather coats and matching hats.



He was the beloved son of the late Arthur A. Ferreira and the late Gloria (Curzi) Ferreira of East Boston; the cherished brother to Arthur A. Ferreira and his wife, Sharon of Bend, Oregon, Patricia Ferreira of West Roxbury, Theresa “Terry” Salerno and her husband, Nicholas of Orient Heights, East Boston, Phyllis Hawkins and her husband, Robert of Hollywood, Florida, Emily Murray and her husband, Mark of West Boylston, MA and Lawrence Mangone and his wife, Olga of Winthrop and he also leaves many loving cousins, nephews and nieces throughout the North Shore Community. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Eastpointe Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, 255 Central Ave., Chelsea, MA 02151. Please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Amalia A. Cerrone

Formerly of East Boston

Amalia A. (Buccella) Cerrone of Revere formerly of East Boston passed away peacefully on September 9. Beloved wife of Enrico Cerrone of Revere. Devoted mother of Lina Lencion and husband Michael of Walpole and Diana Cerrone of Revere. Dear sister of Guido Buccella, Antonetta Buccella, Maria Puglielli, Roberto Buccella, Elena DiLeonardo, and the late Paolo and Pietro Buccella. Adored grandmother of Ariana, Nicholas and Matthew.

Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends will honor Amalia’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home on Monday September 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. and again Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church for a 10 a.m. mass celebrating Amalia’s life. Flowers are appreciated or memorial donations in Amalia’s name can be made to a charity of your choice.

To place a memoriam in the Times Free Press, please call 781-485-0588

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AROUND THE CITY

REVERE BEACH ART FESTIVAL

The City of Revere holds its annual art festival Saturday, September 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring live music, entertainment artists displaying and selling their works and a competition of live art with participating artists creating original works the capture the beach’s beauty. Prize is \$1,500. reverbeachpartnership.org.

CHOIR BOY

SpeakEasy Stage Company opens its new season with the New England premiere of Oscar winner Tarell Alvin McCraney’s one act, 100-minute musical coming of age drama, “Choir Boy,” spritzled with live gospel spiritual and R&B melodies, September 13-October 12: Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4,8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m., also Oct. 10, at 2 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts, Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, 327 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Tickets start at \$25; student senior, age 25-under, student rush discounts. 617-933-8600, SpeakEasyStage.com.

NIXON’S NIXON

New Repertory Theatre kicks off its 35th session with Russell Lee’s play, September 15-October 6, in its MainStage Theater, Mosesian Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown.

InPUBLIC FESTIVAL

Company One and Design Studio for Social Intervention, along with Nick Cave’s Augment Parade and the Upham’s Corner Arts and Health Street Festival, gather residents, artists, activists and passersby for “public-making,” Friday, September 13, 3-8 p.m., at Downtown Crossing Steps and Sept. 14, 12-8 p.m., at Upham’s Corner.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER

Danny Gonzalez and Drew Gooden, along with special guest Kurtis Conner, perform new comedy songs, live comedy sketches, roasts and improv, Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m., as part of their We Are Two Different People tour. \$37, \$45, \$60; VIP, \$120, \$170. 136 Mass. Ave., Boston. berklee.edu/BPC, 617-747-6038.

TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Merrimack Repertory Theatre features “The Beautiful Things,” based on Cheryl Strayed’s book, adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos, co-conceived by Marshall Heyman, Thomas Kail, and Vardalos, Sept. 11-Oct. 6, 352 East Merrimack St., Lowell. 978-654-4678, mrt.org.

EMBROIDERY CIRCLE

ReachArts, Swampscott’s Community Arts Center, presents Angela Rose Voulgarelis’ interactive performance installation, “Airing Dirty Laundry,” in galleries and open spaces, Sundays, September 15, 22, 29, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and “Unredacted,” mixed media exhibition featuring seven artists, through Oct. 19. Opening reception, Friday Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m. gallery hours Saturdays, Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

RANI ARBO AND Daisy Mayhem

The New England-based folk quartet performs Friday, September 13, 8 p.m., with opening act singer-songwriter Corey Laitman, at me and thee coffeehouse, Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead, 28 Mugford St., Marblehead. Advance tickets \$20; at the door, \$23; students, \$10. meandthee.org, 781-631-8987.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

The veteran performer appears in a multi-age performance September 14, 8 p.m., in the Center for Arts, Natick. \$30-\$35.

THE PRINCE OF PROVIDENCE

Trinity Repertory Theatre announces tickets sold at record-breaking speed for its production about former Providence Mayor Vincent A. “Buddy” Cianci Jr., written by George Brant, starring Scott Aiello, appearing September 12-October 20, 201 Washington St., Providence, RI. trinityrep.com, 401-351-4242.

THE STONE

Arlekin Players Theatre, featuring Russian theater techniques, present contemporary German playwright Marius von Mayenburg’s “The Stone,” usually performed in Russian with English audio translations, but this time in English, September 13-29: Sept. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, at 8 p.m.; Sept. 15, 29, at 3 p.m. at 2 p.m.; Sept. 22, 3 p.m. but 7 p.m. show sold out. 368 Hillside Ave., Needham. 617-942-0022, arlekinplayers.com.

A DOLL’S HOUSE, PART 2

Celebrated award-winning director/native Chelsea resident Fred Sullivan Jr. directs The Gamm Theatre’s opening season production of Lucas Hnath’s 2017 sequel to Henrik Ibsen’s classic, “A Doll’s House,” September 12-October 6, 1245 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI. gammtheatre.org.

PEPPA PIG’S ADVENTURE

Straight from Nick Jr. series, this multi-generational program is performed Saturday, September 14, at 12 noon and 3:30 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, Merrimack St., Lowell. \$19.50-\$69.50. lowellauditorium.com, 800-657-8774.

LUCIBELA

Globat Arts Live and City Winery present the Boston debut of Cabo Verdean singer, Lucibela, Sunday, September 15, 7 p.m. at City Winery, 80 Beverly St., One Canal, Boston. Reserved seats, \$32-\$42. 617-876-4275, globalartslive.org.

ONE RAELETTE’S JOURNEY

Classic song stylist Cynthia Scott shares her years as a legendary singer accompanist of iconic Ray Charles in her multimedia performance, Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 p.m., assort if Gloucester Stage Company’s NeverDark series, 267 East Main St., Gloucester, 978-281-4433, gloucesterstage.com.

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

The House of the Seven Gables will hold a naturalization ceremony, and participants will be granted citizenship, Constitution Day, September 17. Interested attendees contact erincon@7gables.org, 978-306-7001.

ROCKPORT MUSIC

Rockport Music Center Shalin Liu Performance Center, presents HD broadcasts National Theatre’s “Hamlet,” the original 2015 broadcast, Sunday, September 15, at 1 p.m. \$15; and National Theatre’s “The Lehman Trilogy,” Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m. \$22; seniors, \$15; youths, \$5; 37 Main St., Rockport. rockport-music.org, 978-546-7391.

X BONNIE WOODS

Atlantic Works presents “Map Fragments,” the solo exhibition of X Bonnie Woods’ paintings on folded paper, now through September 29, Third Thursday’s party and artist’s talk is Sept. 19, 6-9 p.m. Gallery hours, Friday, Saturday, 2-6 p.m. or by appointment. 80 Border St., third floor, East Boston.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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*Till We Meet Again,
Loved & Missed Forever and Ever
Mom, Dad, Debbie, Tony, Katrina, Ryan,
Family Members & Friends*

Gruner //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

his life over the weekend.

Last Thursday the Main Streets board held a special farewell party for Gruner with dozens of Eastie residents, business leaders and friends paying tribute to the man that has had a positive impact on Eastie’s future.

“It’s hard to believe you were only here for six years,” said East Boston Chamber President Jim Kearney. “It feels like a lot longer because of the mark you have left on this community and all you have done for us. Your reach went beyond the Main Streets District and your work had a tremendous impact on the business owners, residents, homeowners and children that live and work in East Boston.”

Since coming to Eastie Gruner dedicated his work at Main Streets to providing an opportunity to showcase the rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and vibrant business opportunities of a community that is ideally situated to truly becoming the Gateway to Boston.

“The testament to your work are the people who are here tonight,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro at the farewell party last week. “I remember when we first met over a cup of coffee at Angela’s Cafe and being so impressed with your vision for this community.

You immediately became a fixture in the East Boston Community and provided a breath of fresh air and vitality to Main Streets. While this has been an organization that has had a positive impact on the community for years you were able to expand its reach and impact so many through your work. We are so grateful for what you have done for East Boston and you will be missed.”

Before arriving at Main Streets Gruner’s resume includes over 15 years of non-profit management experience. He has served as a leader in the arena of Health and Human Services, particularly Developmental Disability, Education, Community Development, and Transportation. Gruner holds a Master’s Degree, as well as numerous certifications in nonprofit management. Prior to this appointment he was a founding partner in a strategic consulting group, was executive director of a statewide trail organization, and served as a senior manager of a human service organization. He has also founded several non-profits, and served on numerous boards, as well as having founded a language immersion charter school.

“It’s been an absolute pleasure to work in East

Boston and to collaborate with all of you,” said Gruner. “I just want to thank you all for your friendship, your wisdom, your guidance and support over these past six years.”

EBMS started as a nov-

el idea—to take a stretch of Eastie’s business district along Meridian Street decimated in the 1970s by poor design, steel grates and unsightly signage and transform it into an attractive commercial area with a

uniformed look.

Throughout the 1990s EBMS exploded onto the scene handing out grants to business owners on board with Main Streets’s vision of storefront improvements and a more welcoming

business.

Gruner will be replaced by Gladys Oliveros as the new executive director. Before her appointment she worked as a program supervisor for BCYF.



Jim Kearney, Antonio Avanti, and Bill Perry.



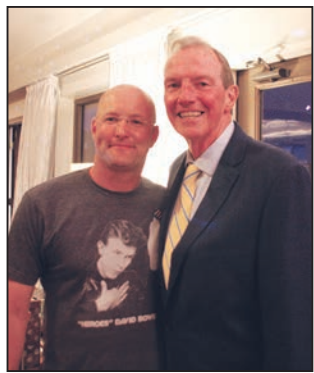
YMCA Director Joe Gaeta, with YMCA staff and Main Streets board members.



Sen. Joseph Boncore and Rep. Adrian Madaro honor Max Gruner.



Scott Krug, Mary Cole and Christian Merfeld.



Max Gruner and Jim Kearney.



Sal LaMattina and Max Gruner.



Max Gruner and Dave Halbert.



The City’s Natalia Urtubey presents Max Gruner with a citation from the Mayor.



Newly appointed Main Streets Director Gladys Olivares (second from left) with East Boston business and non-profit leaders.



The East Boston business community welcomes Gladys Olivares (second from left) as the new Main Streets Director.

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Max Gruner (center) with Main Streets board members, volunteers, supporters and elected officials during his farewell party last week.

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