

East Boston

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Suffolk Downs developer announces new community investments

By John Lynds

The HYM Investment Group recently announced it was committed to extending the East Boston Greenway and making additional contributions to its partnership with the East Boston Social Centers (EBSC) to create a more interconnected, community-oriented neighborhood.

HYM, the development team behind the redevelopment of the 161-acre Suffolk Downs site on the East Boston-Revere line, announced it will fund the full design and construction of an East Boston Greenway (EBG) extension from Constitution Beach to the southeast corner of the development, following along Bennington

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House, Senate pass historic education funding formula

By John Lynds

For the past year, teachers and school leaders have been actively lobbying the state legislature and Gov. Charles Baker to begin taking steps to overhaul the state's education funding formula to ensure equity for all students, especially those in low-income areas.

Since the state has not updated its education funding formula since 1993 to reflect districts' real health insurance and special education costs, the amount of aid being provided to cover those costs is too small.

To compensate, many districts like Boston end up using money that would otherwise have supported core education pro-

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Mayor Martin Walsh joins Eastie's elected officials and the late Mary Ellen Welch's friends and family to officially name the East Boston Greenway the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

Community gathers to officially name Greenway after the late Mary Ellen Welch

By John Lynds

The godmother of East Boston community activism, the late Mary Ellen Welch, was not much for adulations, awards or honors. Instead, Welch preferred to quietly go about her daily commitment to improving the lives of all who called Eastie home and inspiring generations to become community leaders.

Sure, in her earlier years she was on the front lines protesting airport expansion. She joined the legendary Maverick Mothers and blocked Logan construction trucks that were disrupting the quality of lives for hundreds that lived on the street in the 1960s.

Yes, she was a force to be reckoned with at community meetings when her beloved community was threatened in any way.

And there are countless beautification and open space projects that dot the entire neighborhood that have her fingerprints all over them.

But when it came to honors or hero worship she shrugged them off as silly, especially in her later years when she preferred to work behind the scenes--writing hundreds of letters to decision makers expressing her opinion or offering sage advice to those who sought it.

So those who gathered at the East Boston Greenway Caboose last Saturday afternoon to officially name

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Massport unveils new Ride App area in Central Garage

By John Lynds

Trips by Transportation Network Companies (TNC) like Uber and Lyft to and from Logan International Airport has exploded with 12 million trips annually--accounting for roughly 40 percent of all traffic in and out of the airport.

However, studies have shown these 'Ride App' companies are only picking up seven million passengers at the airport. The remaining five million trips are what the Ride App industry calls 'deadhead' trips--or trips that do not include a passenger when leaving Logan.

Massport has struggled to better handle the volume and match riders with drivers so TNCs are not leaving Logan empty.

Last Wednesday, Massport unveiled the Terminal A and C section of the new Ride App space in Central Parking. By creating a new Ride App area Massport hopes to reduce congestion at the airport and add amenities to improve the passenger experience that use these Ride Apps.

Starting this week the flying public landing and arriving at Terminals A and

Massport's Director of Aviation Ed Freni.

C that plan to use Ride Apps Uber and Lyft will meet their driver in Central Parking. Massport has placed multiple signs throughout the two terminals directing passengers to the new locations.

"Moving the Uber and Lyft operations to Central Parking does two main things -- it helps us provide better customer service for all our passengers and it will help reduce the amount of congestion on our roadways and through the tunnels," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "This is part

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Bradley School in the running for prestigious EdVestor Prize

By John Lynds

For the past 13 years, EdVestors, a school improvement organization in Boston, has awarded its \$100,000 Thomas W. Payzant School on the Move Prize to recognize rapidly improving schools that have made exemplary progress in advancing the academic achievement of all students.

During that time only one Eastie school has received the coveted education prize.

That may all change this Thursday as the Manassah E. Bradley Elementary School is poised to take home the prize, and was named one of three finalists vying for the award. The other two schools are the Harvard-Kent Elementary

School in Charlestown and the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School in Dorchester.

If the Bradley is awarded the Thomas W. Payzant prize on Thursday, it will be the second time in two years that an Eastie school has won. Last year the Donald McKay School took home the \$100,000 prize, a year after being a finalist during the 2017/2018 school year.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and BPS Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius will announce the winner of the School on the Move prize Thursday morning during the 14th Annual School on the Move Prize Ceremony at the InterContinental Hotel.

No one, not the Mayor nor the Superintendent,

know who will be awarded the \$100,000 grand prize until the announcement is made live at the event.

"The Bradley community is thrilled to be a finalist for the 2019 School on the Move prize and proud of the incredible growth our students have made over the last four years," said Bradley Principal Claire Carney. "At the Bradley, we believe that by tapping into the unique stories of each of our learners and by building strong relationships with staff and families, we have created a joyful and inclusive learning community. It is truly an honor to be considered alongside the Harvard Kent In Charlestown and the Kenny Elementary

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Children during the first day of school at the Bradley Elementary School. The Bradley is a finalist for the prestigious EdVestor Prize.

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of our Logan Forward initiative, and we’re making improvements to create a better airport.”

Inside the new Ride App area in Central Parking, Massport showed off new amenities like protection from the elements, and localized heaters for the winter; new lighting design throughout the areas; skycap services including checked baggage for domestic flights by Bags, Inc. and wheelchair assistance; rematch service that allows a Ride App drivers dropping off a passenger to quickly pick up a passenger thus avoiding deadhead trips; and ADA compliant design, though passengers with disabilities can still choose to be dropped off and picked up curbside.

The original plan called for banning all TNCs from dropping off and picking up curbside at Logan terminals throughout the day. Under the original plan all TNC drivers would have been forced into the first floor of Central Parking to drop off and pick up riders.

However, before the Massport Board was to vote on the plan the Port Authority drafted a compromise allowing the Ride App companies to continue curbside drop offs at all Logan terminals between the hours of 4 a.m. and 10 a.m. However, all pickups will still be moved to the new Central Parking Ride App area.

At the time of the compromise, Massport Board Member and Eastie resident John Nucci spoke out against the compromise because he said it would do little to mitigate airport related traffic spilling out onto Eastie streets during rush hour.

“I spoke out against the compromise plan because it is simply not the best way to address morning congestion at the tunnel and on surrounding streets,” said Nucci at the time. “This amended plan essentially allows Ubers and Lyfts to continue to snarl curb traffic and quite possibly leave the airport empty during morning hours when 40



Massport demonstrates how Ride App riders dropped off in Central Parking can take advantage of skycap services for domestic flights by Bags, Inc.

percent of Logan flights takeoff.

That’s not a good compromise for East Boston.

Rep. Adrian Madaro is on the record as being disappointed in the compromise and said allowing Uber and Lyft to continue curbside drop-offs during morning rush hour will not do enough to reduce the millions of deadhead ride-share trips coming out of Logan each day.

NOAH receives grant from Webster Bank

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) received a boost for its housing services last week from Webster Bank.

NOAH was a recipient of a \$5,000 Community Reinvestment Act grant from Webster Bank. The money was part of \$59,500 to 11 organizations in Greater Boston.

NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffie said the grant money will be used to sure up NOAH’s first-time homeownership and foreclosure prevention counseling programs.

“We are very pleased to be the recipient of this generous gift from Webster Bank,” said Giffie. “It acknowledges that they appreciate our terrific Homebuyer Services team which does such outstanding work helping first time homebuyers, helping people with their credit, helping folks with organizing their finances as well as stopping foreclosures. Webster leadership was kind to reach out to us and we really need

these resources to provide services.”

Webster Bank, through its Community Reinvestment Act program, is committed to building strong communities by supporting economic and community development organizations, especially those that focus on affordable and supportive housing, said Debra Drapalla, regional president–Boston, Webster Bank.

“Through the Community Reinvestment Act grant program, Webster is proud to invest in organizations that share our mission of building stronger communities in and around the great city of Boston,” said Drapalla.

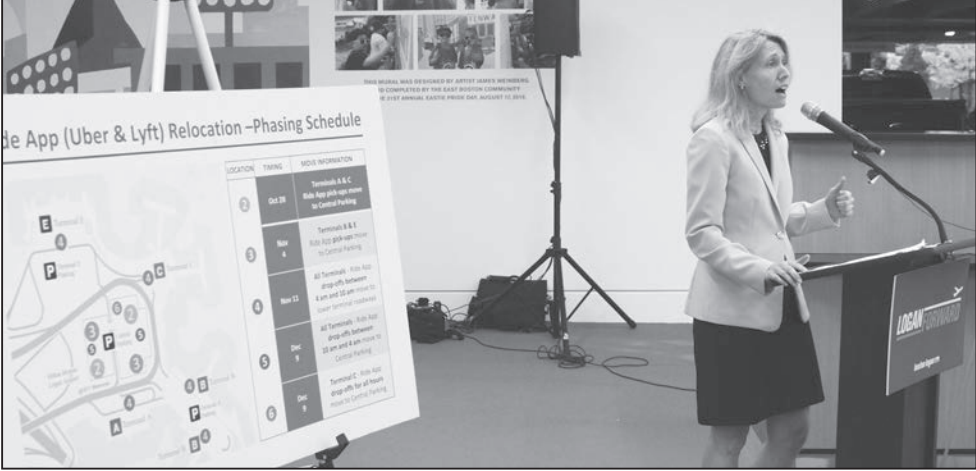
Webster also provides construction loans, tax credit investments, and technical assistance to community organizations, while Webster employees serve as board members and volunteers for many nonprofit groups within the bank’s footprint, Drapalla added.

NOAH has continuously run a successful first-time homebuyer program for

years. These homebuyer education classes provide a comprehensive overview of the necessary steps towards purchasing a home. NOAH’s staff and a wide variety of guest speakers educate clients on how to locate, finance, and buy property. Graduates of these classes receive certificates from the City of Boston, which allows them to apply for better loans, helps them with down payment assistance, and gives them over all greater credibility when buying their first home.

Since the 2008 housing market crash that crippled the U.S. economy, NOAH added a foreclosure prevention-counseling program for residents.

The goal of this program has been to help those homeowners facing foreclosure understand their options and determine the best and most affordable solution for their own situation. NOAH’s counselors work with clients one-on-one to develop an action plan based on individual needs, create budgets, contact lenders and negotiate mortgage terms.



Massport CEO Lisa Wieland.

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in Dorchester. The Bradley is the third East Boston finalist in the last three years and would be only the second East Boston school in the history of the prize to win.”

The Bradley Elementary School is located in the Orient Heights section of East Boston, serving ap-

proximately 300 students in Grades PreK-5.

Carney said the school prides itself on celebrating the Eastie community’s rich cultural and linguistic diversity as over 60 percent of students speak a first language that is not English.

“We provide a safe, motivating, and inquiry-driven

learning environment with high expectations,” said Carney. “Students at the Bradley School have a minimum of five enrichment courses every week that include subjects such as robotics/technology, Japanese, music, art, physical education and science.”

At the Bradley educators, administrators, families and the community work collaboratively to establish a nurturing and inclusive environment where students become courageous and confident citizens.

“As a late start school, we also offer the BOKS before-school fitness program two days per week,” said Carney. “This program is funded by a three-year grant from Reebok. There are also several academic and recreational programs available in the East Boston area for students to attend after school.”

Eastie’s Tommy Welch to oversee BPS elementary schools in Eastie, the North End, Charlestown and South End

By John Lynds

This month Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius announced changes to her leadership team.

One key change was moving BPS’s Academic Superintendent Tommy Welch back to overseeing elementary schools in East Boston, the North End, Charlestown and South End.

Welch, an Eastie resident, was overseeing BPS high schools as an academic superintendent for the past two years.

Cassellius said Welch’s work focuses on connecting the leaders and resources within the network to provide a coherent instructional vision for all schools.

“While Tommy Welch has done tremendous work overseeing BPS high schools in recent years, particularly in further developing our alternative education options, he has continued to foster deep connections with the East Boston, Charlestown and North End elementary and middle school communities,” said BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. “I am thrilled to have Tommy redirect his focus and leverage these strong relationships to work collaboratively with school leaders to improve outcomes for



Eastie resident Tommy Welch was named Academic Superintendent for elementary schools in Eastie, the North End, Charlestown and South End.

our younger students.”

Welch said during his first week back overseeing elementary schools, he visited every school and met with all school leaders.

“I am so encouraged and grateful to see the growth and improvement that schools have experienced since 2015,” he said. “I am also appreciative of the collaborative culture that the school leaders embrace. Returning to the network of schools serving Kindergarten through eighth grade students in Eastie, Charlestown, the North End, and part of the South End is an absolute thrill.

After working with school leaders here from 2015-2017, Welch transitioned to working with secondary schools across the

city for the past two years.

“Professionally, this transition brings me back to the grade levels that I taught in the late 1990s and early 2000s,” he said. “Personally, this return to supporting the neighborhood schools brings me closer to my own community. I am a resident of Orient Heights and parent of two BPS students in East Boston.”

Welch said he looks forward to supporting the continued success of the schools within this area and collaborating with the school leadership teams and parents, and connecting dedicated external partners.

“All of these stakeholders are part of the recipe for amazing neighborhood schools in our community, and for creating the conditions to build strong academic foundations for all of our students,” said Welch.

Prior to coming to BPS in 2015, Welch was the founding principal of a middle school and later a high school in the South Central neighborhood of Los Angeles. His classroom teaching experience focused on English learners and special education inclusion in the lower elementary grades, as well as ESL and English at the high school level.

Welch is a graduate of Occidental College and the University of California Los Angeles and is currently a doctoral candidate at Boston College. He lives in Eastie with his wife and two BPS children.

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The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at:

Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Located on First Floor of the Rental Car Center
15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

a. Attendance 6:30

b. Approval of Minutes October 15, 2019 6:35

OLD BUSINESS

c. Vote on Piers Park Phase II Design Preference 6:40 p.m.

d. Vote on Election for 1 opening on the Bd. of Directors 6:45

e. DISCUSSION Park regulations and design 7:00

f. Other Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

g. Nominations of Officers for the 2020 Bd. of Directors 7:10

h. Other new business 7:30

i. Adjournment of public meeting

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND
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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE NOVEMBER HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Members of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will hold their November meeting on Monday, Nov. 4 at the Edward Brooke Charter School on Byron Street at 6:30 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:
Welcome/Introduction (5min)

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

Announcements: Abutters meetings, McLean Park Petition, Holiday Party (5min)

By-Laws Vote (10min)
Halloween Contest Winners (5min)

437 Frankfort Street 3rd Presentation and VOTE, Attorney Richard Lynds and Owner Richard Belliveau

Erect a 6 Unit building with 6 parking spaces in an existing yard. (25min)

Air Inc. Chris Marchi Present information on the impact of Logan Airport on East Boston. (10min)

181 Coleridge Street New Proposal for 9 Units and 22 parking spaces, Ryan Acone, Rock Development. (30min)

125 Addison Street Informational exchange with HVNA. (20min)

Next meeting December 2, 2019

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MIXED LODGE TURKEY SHOOT

Winthrop Mixed Lodge #2057 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy will hold their “7th Annual Turkey Shoot” as a fundraiser for their Scholarship Fund.

The “Shoot” will take place on Wednesday, November 13th, 6:30 p.m., at

Winthrop Lodge of Elks, 2nd floor. Entrance fee is \$5.00.

Join all for a night of fun, dessert/coffee, and winning gift cards, pies, and raffles including lottery ticket tree.

Any questions, call Agnes Nobile, 781-910-8632 or Laura Lopez, 617-455-8471.

PIRANDELLO LYCEUM WINE TASTING

The Pirandello Lyceum will host a Wine Tasting featuring Wines of Sicily presented by Dr. Tino Valdesolo

The event will be on Sunday, November 3 from 5-8 p.m. at Spinelli’s Function Hall 282 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA

Tickets are \$50 per person/ Make checks out to Pirandello Lyceum and send to : Pirandello Lyceum, Wines of Sicily P.O. Box 565 , East Boston, MA 02128.

RSVP: Domenic Amara at domamara@aol.com.

YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON JUNIOR CELTIC’S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL LEAGUE DOUBLE TEAMS LIFE SKILLS AND DRILLS

Calling all youth basketball players! The YMCA of Greater Boston, in partnership with the Boston Celtic’s Shamrock Foundation, is kicking-off the nonprofit’s fall youth basketball development league for youth starting at age 3 through the 4th grade with registration opening Oct. 21 through Nov. 1. The program begins Oct. 28. All YMCA members are invited to play in the eight-week program.

The goal of the league is to teach youth players the values of the Boston

Celtics with an emphasis on health. The clinic schedule includes a mix of large group activities and exercises, small break out drills, friendly competitions and improvement-based games.

How it works: Premiere youth basketball coaches will divide participants into instructional and recreational teams based on age. A current Celtics player and other VIPs will be in attendance to engage with players and participate in activities. Sportsmanship, positive attitude, work ethic and primarily FUN is encouraged throughout the season. Each participant will receive a special edition Jr. Celtics reversible shooting shirt, access to special events with Celtic VIPs, two tickets to Celtics 2019 Open Practice and a team photo.

Participants who register prior Nov. 1 will save \$10. For more information, to register, or to see if and when a clinic will be offered at a YMCA of Greater Boston branch near you, visit: <https://ymcaboston.org/jrceltics>.

About the YMCA of Greater Boston

The YMCA of Greater Boston is one of Massachusetts leading nonprofits committed to strengthening communities by improving health, empowering youth and activating people for good. Every day, the Y works with thousands of men, women, and children to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has access to Y programs and services. As the nation’s fifth largest charity, the Y is creating a community of caring people through meaningful memberships. For more than 167 years, the Y has been developing skills and emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse populations, preventing chron-

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

ic disease and building healthier communities. The YMCA of Greater Boston is America’s first Y.

CARDONA WINS FIRST PRIZE IN POETRY COMPETITION

Jane Cardona of East Boston, along with three other Emerson College students, participated in and took home a \$1,200 first place cash prize from the 2019 VOX Pop Slam Poetry Tournament at Stark Brewing Company in New Hampshire this October.

The competition is regarded on a national level, and is judged through both scale ratings and audience reaction. Personal stories, vulnerability, and creative expression were all used in the slam poetry to bring the team to victory.

Cardona is majoring in Communication Studies and will graduate as part of the class of 2020.

About Emerson College Located in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate

students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 80 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic. A new, permanent facility on Sunset Boulevard for its L.A.-based program opened in January 2014. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit www.emerson.edu.

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 Wednesday at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

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.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

The class will be held at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Winthrop for residents age 60 and above.

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For info call 617-846-8538.

CITY OF BOSTON DISPARITY STUDY

Business Outreach Meetings

Mayor Walsh and the City of Boston are committed to the full and equitable participation of minority-owned businesses (MBEs) and woman-owned businesses (WBEs) in our contracting opportunities.

We want to hear from YOU!

- Successes or barriers encountered when doing business or trying to do business with the City (i.e., bonding, insurance, disparate treatment, etc.);
- Recommendations for equitable inclusion of M/WBEs in the City of Boston’s bid/proposal procurement policies and procedures; and
- Ease of identifying City contract or subcontracting opportunities.

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

8:00am - 10:00am

VietAID
42 Charles St. Suite D
Dorchester, MA. 02122

Friday, November 8th, 2019

8:00am - 10:00am

Black Market Dudley
2136 Washington St.
Roxbury, MA. 02119

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

6:00pm - 8:00pm

JPND
31 Germania St. # A
Jamaica Plain, MA. 02130

If you are unable to attend these public meetings:

You may submit written testimony about your experiences to Bostondisparity@bbcresearch.com

At each disparity study meeting, food will be provided, the environment will be child-friendly, and interpretation will be made available upon request. Businesses will also have the opportunity to learn about upcoming contracts, the City’s certification process, and becoming a City vendor (on-site registration available). We want to work with you!

The City of Boston has commissioned BBC Research and Consulting, Nunnally & Associates, Kelley Chunn & Associates, and Bevco & Associates to conduct a disparity study to assess whether any barriers exist for minority-owned businesses and woman-owned businesses to compete for City contracts.

Who can I contact for more information?

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BE SURE TO VOTE TUESDAY

This Tuesday, Nov. 5, is election day in cities and some towns across the state for local offices, including mayoral and council contests.

Not too long ago, local elections in Massachusetts routinely drew voter turnouts of 80-90 percent, almost equivalent to, if not exceeding, presidential elections. However, in recent decades, voter turnout typically has been no more than 30 percent for municipal elections.

We find it ironic that local elections attract the attention of only a fraction of the voters who turn out for the state and national elections. Local government, and those whom we elect to serve in those posts, have much more of an impact on our daily lives than do our state and federal governments.

Local government is in charge of our public safety departments, our schools, our trash collection, the condition of our streets, and almost everything else in between.

The quality of life in our hometown communities affects our families and ourselves -- and our property values -- far more directly than what transpires at the state and national levels.

So we urge all of our readers to get out and vote on Tuesday. The aphorism about the weather -- that we all complain about it, but can't do anything about it -- does not apply to our local government.

We do indeed have the ability to affect what happens at our local government level -- but only if we take the time to vote.

LETTER to the Editor

WELCH ALWAYS DID THE RIGHT THING

Dear Editor,

As someone who knows East Boston well, I remember visiting cousins at the Maverick projects when I was about 5 years old, riding back and forth across the harbor by ferry boat for two cents. Today's East Boston has been and continues to change. Some for the good and some for the not so good.

However, what hasn't changed are the women of this community. Thinking back I can think of many ladies over the years who have stood up and spoken out in defense of this community. Never afraid to say their piece. Some were even known to have stopped trucks by simply yelling at them.

This past weekend one of those women never afraid to stand up and speak out when needed was honored over at the Greenway as the greenway was renamed in honor of Mary Ellen Welch. I met her many times and while sometimes holding opposing views, I always respected how she stood up for the neighborhood she called home.

I agree with her niece Carrie Welch-Palmer who stated, "It's a nice recognition for somebody who worked hard every day for her community."

Some people reside in a neighborhood but others live in and for their neighborhood because it is home. She has been missed and will always be remembered as someone never afraid to do the right thing.

Sal Giaratani

GUEST OP-ED

An Olympian's guide to the boardroom

Coach Reeves would utter one word: "Again."

As the Junior Olympic Games approached, it looked like my hard work was about to pay off. Then, I blew out my knee and tore my ACL, MCL, and meniscus while training. Refusing to let my injury determine my fate, I went on to win my first national championship.

I eventually graduated from the University of Oklahoma as a five-time All-American and NCAA champion with a spot on the Olympic roster. But due to President Jimmy Carter's boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, I never got a chance to participate.

I was devastated, but I picked myself up -- again -- and transitioned to the business world. More setbacks awaited.

Second? Forgive others.

In the mid-1980s, I started my first company. But before I knew it, the relationship I had with my business partner soured and

I found myself broke, divorced, and living in a tiny apartment on a loan from my ex-father-in-law.

That episode would have been enough for a logical person to never open another business.

Call me illogical. After this incident, I went on to build and sell multiple successful companies. I say this not to brag, but merely to prove my bona fides to other entrepreneurs who are just starting out and facing their own challenges.

It's crucial to forgive your colleagues, your subordinates, even yourself. I didn't dwell on losing my Olympic dreams; I moved on to compete as a businessman. And I didn't vow revenge on my ex-partner, I forgave him.

Finally, trust but verify.

As an athlete, I had to trust and listen to my body, my doctors, my coaches and trainers to overcome my injuries. After my experiences, I've learned to pay very close attention

to what people are saying -- and more importantly, what they aren't saying -- in the boardroom. Reading body language and getting to know people before you do business with them is just as important as studying their qualifications on paper.

Today, as I lead a business, I spend countless hours strategizing for and planning out my board meetings. Sometimes my preparation lasts three times as long as the actual meeting. But as I learned throughout my athletic experience, preparation is the best way to ensure success.

If you're an entrepreneur, you will eventually experience a business setback. It's inevitable. But the next time you do -- pause, make a game plan, and think to yourself, "again."

Michael Wilson is the CEO of Healthcare Highways. This piece originally ran on InnovationMap.com.

Your opinions, please

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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT			
Monday, October 7, 2019 Around 3:15 a.m. in the area of 119 Lexington St., an 18-year-old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle, Night; Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Good and; Dangerous Weapons Unlawfully Carried	Monday, October 14, 2019 Around 12:10 p.m. in the area of 113 Coleridge St., a 49-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery	Monday, October 14, 2019 Around 1:20 p.m. in the area of 69 Paris St. a 23-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (injuries)	Thursday, October 17, 2019 Around 7:40 p.m. in the area of 164 Waldemar Ave. a male juvenile was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife) and Assault and Battery, Dangerous Weapon
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 No Arrests	Friday, October 11, 2019 Around 10:15 a.m. in the area of 100 Boardman St., a 36-year-old female with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery	Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Around 8 p.m. in the area of 246 Border St., a 46-year-old male with a Revere, MA address was arrested for Unarmed Breaking and Entering, Night and Shoplifting - \$50 to \$200	Friday, October 18, 2019 No Arrests
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 Around 11:10 a.m. in the area of 964 Saratoga St., a 34-year-old male with a Revere, MA address was arrested for Trafficking; Class B, Drugs 200 grams or more	Thursday, October 10, 2019 No Arrests	Wednesday, October 16, 2019 No Arrests	Saturday, October 19, 2019 No Arrests
Monday, October 7, 2019 Around 11:10 a.m. in the area of 964 Saratoga St., a 58-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Trafficking; Class B, Drugs 200 grams or more	Friday, October 11, 2019 Around 1:15 p.m. in the area of Ashley St. and Boardman St., a 35-year-old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Distribution of Class A, Drugs; Possession W/I to	Saturday, October 12, 2019 Around 6:40 a.m. in the area of 238 Saratoga St. a 26-year-old female with a Revere, MA address was arrested for Operating a M/V Without a License	

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the Greenway after Welch were in an awkward situation.

On one hand the friends, family, elected officials and residents who gathered and benefitted from her decades of activism needed to honor her after her unexpected passing in March at the age of 77.

On the other hand, those who knew and loved her knew she would have been embarrassed by the whole affair and the fact everyone was making such a fuss over her.

Her longtime friend and collaborator Fred Salvucci had a solution.

“I see a cloud moving in and at any minute Mary Ellen is going to send a lightning strike down because she did not want to be recognized (for her accomplishments),” said Salvucci Saturday at the dedication.

Salvucci said there is still a lot of unfinished work to be done in Eastie, work that inspired Welch everyday.

So Salvucci looked up to the clouds and told the heavens, “Mary Ellen, this is not a memorial, but a rally to organize support and keep going!”

For over a half century Welch was the steward of social, political and envi-

ronmental activism in the neighborhood.

Welch, a longtime community activist and school teacher, helped bring a neighborhood with the least amount of open space to a community with award winning sprawling parks and greenways.

Sadly, on Thursday, March 7 Eastie lost Welch after she battled an illness for several months.

As one of the founding members of the Friends of the East Boston Greenway, Welch worked for decades to take a neglected stretch of the old Narrow Gauge Railroad and transform it into a system of lush landscaped park so residents could enjoy a stroll from Jeffries Point to Orient Heights.

Welch was one of a small group of Eastie residents who believed the trash filled, abandoned freight tracks could become a welcoming, safe Greenway would remove years of contamination in the midst of the neighborhood.

At Saturday’s dedication Welch’s lifelong friend Roberta Marchi, whose children fondly called Welch “Auntie Mary,” spoke of her commitment to the neighborhood—even in failing health.

“One of Mary’s major priorities was always the creation of more green space in East Boston,” said Marchi. “She became an active member and supporter of the Piers Park Ini-



Mayor Martin Walsh called Mary Ellen Welch a true community hero.



Councilor Lydia Edwards reads an emotional letter she wrote to Mary Ellen Welch after her passing.



Mary Ellen Welch's lifelong friend Roberta Marchi.



Fred Salvucci during the dedication.



Former Boston Natural Areas Network head Valarie Burns.



Friends of the East Boston Greenway President Karen Maddelena.



Sen. Joseph Boncore.



Rep. Adrian Madaro talks of how he was always inspired by Mary Ellen Welch.



BTD's Bob D'Amico, APAC's John White, Mayoral Liaison Lina Tramelli, Massport's Anthony Guerriero and JPNA's Mary Cole.



Friends and family of Mary Ellen Welch gather Saturday to name the East Boston Greenway in her honor.

tiative and the Greenway Council, where she served as Chairwoman for years until poor health prevented her from leaving her home. Even then, she continued to attend meetings via phone conference calls. She never gave up networking with hundreds of contacts and personal friends that she had made along the way with whom she could work to create new initiatives and promote more opportunities. She influenced many politicians and pow-

er brokers by her amazing powers of persuasion, using poetry, home-baked cookies and visits at her home to share a glass of wine with reporters, authors, activists, analysts and university students who were interested in promoting the causes that were dear to her heart.”

Mayor Martin Walsh called Welch a hero.

“Often times we use ‘hero’ when dedicating things after sports figures or political figures and

those are nice,” said Walsh. “But it’s when we recognize a great Bostonian like Mary Ellen Welch who loved her community as a teacher, a mentor and an activist is when the word ‘hero’ means a little more. Mary Ellen represented the best values and dedicating the Greenway to her is the perfect way to honor this local legend. When we think about heroes, when we think about true heroes Mary Ellen Welch is at the top of that list.”



Mayor Martin Walsh joins Eastie's elected officials and the late Mary Ellen Welch's friends and family to officially name the East Boston Greenway the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.



Irish Step Dancers perform at the dedication.

PARIS STREET COMMUNITY CENTER/DISTRICT A-7 HALLOWEEN PARTY



Meg Hammond and her son, Milo.



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Tuesday's election is an important one. There may be as many as five new City Councilors elected this year, and we hope every resident will make it to the polls on November 5th. All the neighborhoods of Boston deserve a City Councilor who will be a truly independent voice.

Learn more about Erin at erinforboston.com, and please consider Erin Murphy for one of your four At-Large City Council votes on Tuesday, November 5th. Erin has earned her reputation as the "hardest working candidate in the race" by knocking on thousands of doors across the City and meeting residents where they live and work to listen and learn so that she can be a leader who is truly responsive to the needs of our neighborhoods. For a sensible, honest, hard-working At-Large Councilor in City Hall, vote for Erin Murphy!

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A group of young party goers during last week's annual Halloween Party.



The entire Paris Street staff dressed as the 'Things' from Dr. Suess.



Paris Street Director Nicole DaSilva and her daughter, Jenna.

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Carol Truncala's story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know: don't give up, and remember to give back. If Carol's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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Marvel costumes are always a good choice for a Halloween Party.

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The East Boston Jets took on their new rival, Boston Latin Academy (BLA), on Friday evening, Oct. 25, at East Boston Memorial Stadium. The Jets hung tough with the Dragons for most of the game, and then the lights suddenly went out. That led to a long waiting period so the lights could come back on. Once the lights returned, the Jets weren't the same and BLA took the game, 27-6. The Jets fall to 2-5 on the year.



Juan Arroyave tosses the ball in warmups.



Sean Curtis (72) makes the tackle.



Running Back Aamir Johnson.

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Michael Flaherty has consistently called for increased access to treatment on-demand for those suffering from substance-abuse disorders and mental health issues, along with advocating for expansion of resources for community health centers across Boston.

Michael Flaherty has called for closing the academic achievement gap by supporting the Student Opportunity Act and introducing an optional Year 13 to prepare students for college and beyond.

Michael Flaherty

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

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ZUMIX SECOND ANNUAL GALA

Last Wednesday Zumix held its second Annual Gala at the City Winery in Downtown Boston. This years gala was dubbed “The Muze: Idols and Icons” and was a huge success. The performances, the stylish outfits, the joyful camaraderie, and the epic dance party made for a night of celebration.



Zumix Board President Steve Snyder and Maverick's John Tyler.



Guests were asked to dress as an artist that had inspired them.



The evening included performances, the stylish outfits, the joyful camaraderie, and the epic dance party.



Zumix's Brittany Thomas (second from right) with Zumix students at last week's gala.



The event drew hundreds of Zumix supporters, families, and performers.



Zumix staff and supporters during last week's gala.



The Zumix Latin Ensemble performs.



HYM's Tom O'Brien and Zumix Director Madeleine Steczynski.



Chrissy and Steve Holt stop to pose with the Elvis.



Zumix's Laura Macias (right) with Zumix supporter during the event.



Steve Holt, Joey Blake, Nick Grodin and Jack Nedelman.



Zumix's Director of Advancement Kimberly Dawson (left) with Zumix staff during the event.



Zumix staff and instructors walk the red carpet during the gala.

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Justin Zullo with his award.



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REP. ADRIAN MADARO ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER

Last Thursday Rep. Adrian Madaro held his annual fall fundraiser at the Logan Hilton.

Over 200 supporters turned out for the event that included food, drinks and music.



Rep. Adrian Madaro thanks the crowd for thier support.



Liana LaMattina and Tiana Tassinari.



Larry Keegan and Vinny Schettino.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with his cousin Chris Marchi.



City Councilor Michael Flaherty with Jim Kearney and Jane Simpson.



Rep. Adrian Madaro poses with supporters during last week's fundraiser.



Staff from the Piers Park Sailing Center turned out to support Rep. Madaro.



Carlo Basile, Sal LaMattina and Paul Scapicchio.



BPS Tommy Welch, Phil Brangiforte and Michael Contompasis.



Carrie Brangiforte (center) with the Gentile sisters.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with his wife, Ariel, and friends during last week's event.



Mary Cole, Anthony Guerriero, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Mike Grieco and Janet Knott.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with his mother, Debra, wife, Ariel, and father, Jacopo.



Staff from the East Boston YMCA and Logan Hilton during last week's event.



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Street and Walley Street. The move is in line with the goal of making Suffolk Downs a walkable, multimodal transit-served, and better-connected neighborhood.

“The Friends of the East Boston Greenway are excited about the Greenway extension, and we’re glad to partner with HYM on this initiative,” said President of the Friends of the East Boston Greenway Karen Maddalena, “We look forward to a continued process to create new permanent open space.”

The Greenway extension will create an improved biking, running and walking experience with designated pedestrian and bicycle crossing at Bennington Street and

Walley Street with appropriate traffic safety measures. This extension will combat traffic congestion and create a more connected and easily accessible East Boston by allowing for more bike-friendly connections from city to city.

In addition to extending the EBG, the HYM Investment Group has announced a flagship partnership with the East Boston Social Centers with plans to integrate the EBSC into the Suffolk Downs redevelopment.

“This collaboration will play a critical role in developing an enduring facilities strategy for years to come,” said Executive Director of The East Boston Social

Centers Justin Pasquariello. “Securing the highest quality facilities enables us to focus on delivering on our mission—ensuring that all children served by the EBSC -- and all children in East Boston--enter Kindergarten ready to learn, joyful and thriving.”

The EBSC is an integral part of the East Boston community, effecting change not only in East Boston but also throughout Greater Boston for over 100 years. Serving members of the community through childcare, public health, and social work, the EBSC’s programs are empowering the community and will continue to do so and extend its reach with an

additional location at Suffolk Downs.

HYM Founding Partner Thomas O’Brien said these commitments to support the East Boston Greenway and East Boston Social Centers are consistent with “The HYM Investment Group’s mission of creating an extension of the existing, vibrant neighborhoods around Suffolk Downs as the redevelopment moves forward”.

However, the Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR) submitted extensive comments to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) outlining legal and equity concerns with the proposed redevelopment of the Suffolk Downs site.

“Cities that are diverse and inclusive thrive,” wrote LCR in a statement. “That is why development must be carefully planned, to avoid displacing long-time residents and businesses, communities of color, and low-wage workers. Housing in particular must be affordable to a broad range of families and individuals.”

Sprawling over two cities and more than 150 acres, Suffolk Downs is one of the largest projects in Boston’s history and includes the creation of an entirely new neighborhood that will feature public spaces, residences, and extensive retail and commercial units.

“We do not want East

Boston to become another Seaport,” wrote the LCR. “The last thing Boston needs is another predominantly affluent space that both fails to reflect the rich diversity of this city, and that lacks basic community amenities. We are not anti-development. We are pro-growth — smart and equitable growth. Our work is motivated by contemporary race-and-class dynamics, and the legacy of housing and economic segregation in Boston. As the city becomes one of the most expensive in North America, our goal is to ensure that it thrives by retaining its vibrant socioeconomic and racial diversity.”

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grams—including Regular Ed. Teachers, Materials and Technology, and Professional Development. This also results in dramatic cuts in other areas of education.

The problem for low-income school districts is there is a growing equity gap between schools in Boston and schools in more affluent areas of the state. When faced with such shortfalls, high-wealth districts can often draw on additional, local revenue. Lower-wealth districts, however, are generally unable to do so, and the consequence is that they spend less on resources that are critically important to the quality of education students receive.

Rep. Adrian Madaro and Sen. Joseph Boncore joined their colleagues in the House and Senate to unanimously pass historic legislation to invest \$1.5 billion in

the Commonwealth’s public education system.

Known as “The Student Opportunity Act,” the legislation invests funding to support the needs of English learners and school districts that serve high concentrations of low-income students in order to help address persistent disparities in student achievement.

Under the legislation, school districts across the Commonwealth will benefit from updates to the existing funding formula, along with increased state investment in other vital education aid programs such as transportation, guidance and psychological services, school buildings and special education.

“This week I took a historic vote in favor of the Student Opportunity Act, the most comprehensive reform to our state’s ed-

ucation funding formula in decades,” said Madaro. “My colleagues and I voted to inject \$1.5 billion of new funding into our public school system, providing more resources to our schools in East Boston and across the Commonwealth. Specifically, this legislation seeks to close the achievement gap by significantly increasing support for students who are low-income and English-language learners. When we invest in our students, we invest in our future and the success of our communities. I am thrilled to have taken the first step towards strengthening those investments, and I eagerly await the final passage of this bill.”

Boncore said this bill reestablishes the legislature’s commitment to public education for every child, no matter their zip code or in-

come level.

“By recalculating metrics, this bill invests in low-income communities and prioritizes the needs of the Commonwealth’s most vulnerable students,” said Boncore. “I am proud to support a bill that ensures our schools receive the Chapter 70 funding they need.”

The bill fully implements the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC) to ensure that the school funding formula provides adequate and equitable funding to all districts across the state.

The bill will provide an estimated \$1.4 billion in new Chapter 70 aid over and above inflation when fully implemented over the next seven years.

Key updates to the foundation budget that will benefit East Boston are:

- Estimates school dis-

tricts’ employee health care costs using up to date health insurance trend data collected by the state’s Group Insurance Commission (GIC), and includes for the first time an amount for retiree health insurance costs.

- Increases special education enrollment and cost assumptions to more accurately reflect district enrollment and costs
- Increases funding for English learners (EL) that is differentiated by grade level to reflect the greater resources required to educate our older EL students.
- Addresses the needs of districts educating high concentrations of low-income students by:
- Providing additional funding based on the share of low-income students in each district; districts educating the largest percentage of low-income students will receive an additional increment equal to 100 percent of the base foundation;
- Returning the definition

of low-income to 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, as opposed to the 133 percent level that has been used in recent years.

- Improves data collection and reporting, specifically around use of funding, by:
- Establishing a Data Advisory Commission to help improve the use of data at the state, district, and school levels to inform strategies that strengthen teaching, learning and resource allocation to ensure greater financial transparency, including tracking funding for low-income students and English learners.
- Provides additional state financial support to help public schools and communities deliver a high-quality education to students:
- Increases foundation rates for guidance and psychological services that will support expanded social-emotional supports and mental health services.

OBITUARIES

Antonio Gerardo Pepe Of Revere

Antonio Gerardo “Tony” Pepe of Revere passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 27 at the age of 41.

Born in Lynn on July 31, 1978 to Gerardo Pepe of Peabody and his late mother Cesira “Gina” (Miccoli), he was the devoted father of Jesalee Pepe and is also survived by her mother, Jessica Vinciarelli. He was the dear brother of Carla Lucci and her husband, William and Melissa Pepe, all of Revere, adored nephew of Maria Moccia and her husband, Antonio of East Boston, Angelina Pepe of California, Carmelina Falcucci of Revere and Enrico Pepe and his wife, Cathy of North Reading; cherished uncle of Jayden Perez and Kaitlin and Joseph Luc-



ci. He is also survived by many loving cousins and friends.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony’s Church, 250 Revere St, Revere on Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. (Everyone to meet at church). Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Sandra Faccadio Of Revere, formerly of the North End of Boston

Sandra (Cavallo) Faccadio of Revere, formerly of Boston’s North End, died on Oct. 19.

She was the loving daughter of the late Pellegrino and Theresa (Tedesco), beloved wife of Dominick Faccadio of Revere., devoted mother of Dominick and his wife, Gia of Salem NH and Gia Faccadio of Revere and cherished grandmother of Jayla, Giavanna, Dominick, Gialina and Nicholas.

Her Funeral will be from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St Anthony’s Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited.



Visiting hours will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 5005 LBJ Freeway Suite 526, Dallas, TX 75244. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P2370EA
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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joanne DePalma of Boston, MA and Christine DePalma of Beverly, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Joanne DePalma of Boston, MA and Christine DePalma of Beverly, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/04/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice

to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 23, 2019 Felix D. Arrayo Register of Probate 10/30/19 EB

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE Request for Proposal (RFP) ANNOUNCEMENT Ryan White HIV Services The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Bureau of Infectious Disease, Ryan White Services Division seeks proposals to serve people living with HIV (PLWH) within the Boston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) by providing: 1) Other Professional Services (i.e. legal services for PLWH) and the following Minority AIDs Initiative (MAI) Services 2) Other Professional Services (legal services for PLWH with focus on serving racial and ethnic minorities), 3) Linguistic Services, 4) Medical Case Management, 5) Non-Medical Case Management, 6) Psychosocial Support, 7) Emergency Financial Assistance. All MAI services need to focus on reducing the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on racial

and ethnic minority populations. The goals of these services are to (1) support individuals living with HIV in their efforts to enter and remain in primary health care and health-related support services and (2) help improve the clinical health outcomes and quality of life of PLWH. This RFP process is open to all applicants within the Boston EMA. The Massachusetts portion of the EMA consists of Suffolk, Norfolk, Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Plymouth and Worcester counties in Massachusetts; the New Hampshire portion of the EMA consists of Hillsborough, Rockingham, and Strafford counties. To be eligible to receive Ryan White Part A funds, an applicant must be a certified Non-profit 501 (c) (3), or a public entity, be located within the ten counties of the Boston EMA, and be proposing to provide services to people living with HIV in the EMA. The RFP will be released at 12:00 noon on Monday November 18, 2019. On the release date, the RFP and all accompanying documents will be made available for download on the BPHC website, www.bphc.org/rfp. In addition, a hard copy of the RFP may be obtained at the Boston Public Health Commission, 1010 Massachusetts Ave, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02118. It will not be mailed to any applicant. Completed proposals must be submitted 12:00 noon on Friday December 20, 2019. There are no exceptions to this deadline. Instructions for submission will be included in the posted RFP documentation. The BPHC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if it deems it to be in the public interest to take such action. 10/30/19, 11/8/19 EB, JP

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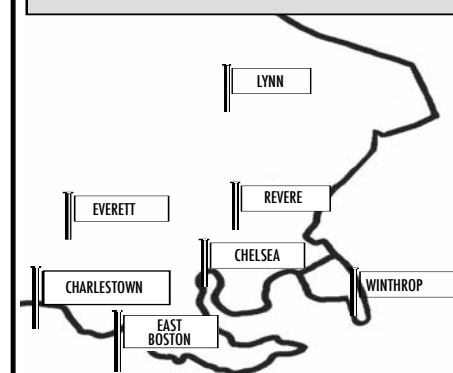
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Y Executive Director Joe Gaeta. The funds raised will assist children and families to ensure no one is turned away due to inability to pay. “We are thankful to our generous sponsors Delta Airlines, MG2 Group, Bos-

ton Harbor Realty and Hilton Boston Logan Airport,” added Gaeta. “Our community is so generous and always puts back into East Boston, we will see everyone next year.”



Over 400 runners get ready to start the annual 5K on Sunday, October 20.



The East Boston YMCA staff during the annual BOOston 5K charitable run. The Y raised over \$11,000 at this year’s event.



With 400 runners this year’s East BOOston 5K was the largest to date.



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