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genic equipment, headwear apparel, custom scoliosis and spinal orthotic fabrication, medical devices, plant-based bioplastic products, and even chicken nuggets and fresh-milled flour.

Blue Atlantic Fabricators specializes in quality steel and aluminum fabrication projects, focusing on maritime industry.

“I’m excited to recognize Blue Atlantic Fabricators as a Manufacturer of the Year,” said Rep. Madaro. “Blue Atlantic continues the storied tradition of maritime industry on the East Boston waterfront, providing jobs in the skilled trades for projects across Massachusetts. I am proud to have them as a member of our community. I congratulate Blue Atlantic on their success and I wish them all the best for the future and growth of their business”.

As more and more waterfront parcels are zoned out of Designated Port Areas (DPA) to make way for luxury housing in Boston Blue Atlantic Fabricators has been hoping to starve off the trend and remain a viable employer in Eastie.

Madaro recently toured Blue Atlantic Fabricators 20,000 square-foot manufacturing facility at the Boston Shipyard and Marina. The company, a subsidiary of Boston Harbor Cruises (BHC), employees 15 skilled workers. Three or four of the employees are Eastie residents and most of the 15 employees are making \$50,000 or more a year

with benefits like health insurance and retirement.

The Blue Atlantic facility is located on the waterfront with deep water and heavy tonnage berthing access, making it ideally positioned to provide structural steel components to the emerging US offshore wind industry constructors and developers, as well as being an optimal source for potential boat builds as BHC looks to expand its fleet.

“We had been using Blue Atlantic for seven or eight months to build A-Frames for our offshore division and saw a great opportunity to begin working together to try to get some of that work from the emerging offshore wind industry,” said BHC Principal Rick Nolan. “Production at Blue Atlantic is a shining example of the continuation of Boston’s working port as it was originally intended. It’s keeping a skilled trade in Massachusetts and, it allows for the next step in BHC’s ability to provide quality, local services and support to the growing east coast wind and energy market.”

Blue Atlantic General Manager Michael Julian said with just 15 skilled employees his company is doing work on around 1,500 tons of steel material each year but with the emerging offshore wind industry Blue Atlantic is poised to expand.

“Being in a DPA is very important to this endeavor,” said Julian. “I can easily

see us growing to around 60 to 70 employees if we are able to get some of this wind construction work. I can tell you our employees can handle a good amount of that work in this facility. “We are surrounded by luxury apartments here at the shipyard. There’s a lot of development and a lot of changing of the DPAs but is very important to us, the shipyard and the employees that work here to remain a working port.”

Formed in August 2014, the Manufacturing Caucus includes more than 60 legislators from around the Commonwealth. Lawmakers focus on training for manufacturing employees; encouraging innovation by helping start-ups access resources; and expanding apprenticeship opportunities in key manufacturing sectors.

“We recognized manufacturers who have had an impact on our economy, created jobs, and are contributing to the renaissance of manufacturing in our state,” said House Chair of the Legislature’s Manufacturing Caucus Rep. Jeffrey N. Roy (D - Franklin). “Massachusetts is positioned to be number one in manufacturing in the United States, and these companies are all a large part of our success story. And I am delighted that we had the opportunity to honor them and showcase their innovative and revolutionary manufacturing capabilities and products.”

Developer goes back to drawing board on Coleridge Street project

By John Lynds

Following a contentious Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meeting last month the developers of the project on a vacant waterfront lot at 181 Coleridge St. went back to the drawing board and unveiled a new plan Monday night.

At 19 units and 22 parking spaces the project, dubbed “The Residences at Coleridge Coast”, was deemed too large. With that, developer Ryan Acone’s and his team were unable to move the needle in terms of community support despite reducing the number of units from 26 to 19.

Acone and his team were back before the Harbor View Neighborhood Association Monday night with a radical change to the design and scope of the project.

“We heard the neighborhood loud and clear in terms of density, parking, design and other issues,” said Acone. “We are here with a project we think will fit better with the surrounding neighborhood.”

Acone said the new plan reduced the amount of units from 19 to 9 units but keeping the parking at 22 off-street spots. Instead of mainly one-bedroom units the new plan will include larger units geared more towards families.

“We have also eliminated the commercial space on the first floor because that was something the community wasn’t interested in,” said Acone.

The design is more traditional with bay windows, clapboards and other elements that harken back to the era when most of the



Developer Ryan Acone’s and his team pitch the changes made to his Coleridge Street project.

other homes on Coleridge Street were built.

The project is still subjected to state Chapter 91 review because it is on the water. Fifty percent of the 19,000 square-foot lot needs to be public open space with access to the water’s edge.

Acone’s proposal would include long-term planning as it relates to sea-level rise. The project would be built above the projected sea level rise totals and would use other climate ready and resiliency techniques to ensure the project stays dry for future generations.

The Chapter 91 public access would consist of a harbor walk in the rear of the development that would be accessible from Rice Street.

Acone started the process in 2018. Before filing a letter of intent with the city he met with neighbors, talked with abutters, had a few brainstorming sessions at the Harbor View Neighborhood Association before even coming up with a proposal.

After a series of meetings with the community Acone first proposed building a 26-unit condo development on the 19,000

square-foot vacant lot on Coleridge Street. Reaction from the community was not good so Acone again reduced the number of units to 22 and completely redesigned the look of the project. After further meetings he dropped the unit count to 20 and again to 19.

While all these elements and changes were the result of months working with abutters and the HVNA the group still voted down the project.

While these major changes to the project should have made everyone at Monday’s meeting ecstatic there were still some that seem to be against anything going on the lot and are prepared to hold up the process.

One resident said the entire community process should start over because the changes are so drastic and called for another abutters meeting and more HVNA meetings.

However, Acone, who is close to three years into the process, was of the opinion that Monday’s meeting was just another step in a long community process that has been constantly evolving to address abutters and HVNA member’s concerns.

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velopment, coached youth sports and, with his mother as the Board President, was involved in supporting the Social Centers at a very young age. Madaro said these experiences have given him a great appreciation for the importance of high quality Early Education in the neighborhood.

“We know that everything starts young,” he said. “Children’s brains are developing, they’re formulating thoughts and learning from day one so it’s important that we invest as early as possible in the development of children and that’s exactly what the Social Centers does. The earlier you invest in a young person, the positive outcome that can come from those services increases dramatically. The sooner we can intervene and the sooner we can start to get at those children, the better for the long term.”

EBSC Executive Director Justin Pasquariello said he was very grateful

for Rep. Madaro’s recent leadership in introducing the \$50,000 state appropriation to help the Social Centers provide continuous high-quality early education and school-age programs with several upcoming facilities needs.

Madaro said supporting the EBSC and its programs has been a no-brainer since being elected to office because it has long been an organization that has touched the lives of thousands of Eastie children and families over the years.

“The Social Centers is an organization that touches everyone in the community from children all the way to seniors so it really provides services to the full spectrum of residents in our community,” said Madaro. “It’s also East Boston’s oldest non-profit recently celebrating its 100th anniversary. Really, the Social Centers is a cornerstone social services institution in the community. For that reason

alone I will always support the essential work coming out of this important community institution.”

In regards to the \$50,000 earmark, Madaro said EBSC has long filled a gap in the community for early education and childcare services to Eastie’s low-income and working families.

“Given some of the challenges going on in East Boston, like the renovation of the Orient Heights Housing Development that once housed a EBSC childcare program, the Social Centers is feeling some pressure to find a way to deliver those services at a new location,” said Madaro. “It was critical for those families not to have a disruption in services so this earmark will be able to assist the Social Centers in relocating those services to ensure there is no disruption.”

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Encore Boston Harbor.

The new water shuttle is another step toward making Boston and surrounding waterfront neighborhoods more reliant on water transportation than driving.

Already, the Reelhouse

runs a free water taxi from its restaurant in Eastie to the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Also, Boston Harbor Now will soon begin ferry service in Eastie with a stop at Lewis Wharf with stops in the North End and

Charlestown.

Encore features 210,000 square-feet of gaming space including more than 3,000 slot machines and 240 table games. Situated on the Mystic River in Everett, MA and connected to Boston Harbor, Encore Boston Harbor also boasts 671 spacious hotel rooms, a spa, salon and fitness center, specialty retail shops, 15 dining and lounge venues and more

than 50,000 square feet of ballroom and meeting spaces. The grounds feature a six-acre Harborwalk with pedestrian and bicycle paths that provide access to the waterfront, an event lawn, public art and ornate floral displays. It is the largest private, single-phase development in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

JEFFRIES POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Below please find the agenda for the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association scheduled monthly meeting for November 2019. The meeting will be held at the Jeffries Yacht Club located at 565 Sumner Street in East Boston on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7 p.m.

AGENDA (subject to change):

Greetings and Announcements

Police Updates – Sergeant Martin, Officer Simons.

Community Updates – Lina Tramelli, Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services.

The Quiet Few (331 Sumner St) – License modification. VOTE!

303 Sumner St Restaurant – Application for liquor license. VOTE!

130 Everett St – Renovation of an existing building, addition of living space to a 6 unit building. VOTE!

Boston Clean Air Coalition

Jill Annese, DogPort – Discussion on Off Leash Dogs.

East Boston Playhouse

We will be holding everyone to a time limit, and asking audience members to limit themselves to one question per topic.

2019 meeting dates are posted at jeffriespoint.org

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 13, 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.

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.gracechurch-eastie.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.

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.

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

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ick Street mothers.

Councilor Edwards said the Edwards Empowerment Fund announced this week that the first recipients of the scholarship Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship will be Mary Luz Barrera, Dominique DiDomenicis, Lisa Melara, and Noemy Rodriguez.

“To honor the Maverick Street Mothers, we celebrate the legacy of leaders whose shoulders we stand on and helped shape the history of East Boston,” said Edwards. “These four parents are shining examples of what it means to be engaged members of the community. They are individuals who continue the important work of the original mothers by advocating for a better East Boston. Congratulations to Mary Luz, Dominique, Lisa, and Noemy, and I look forward to honoring their achievements and their future endeavors on Tuesday, November 12.”

The Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship Gala is open to anyone wishing to celebrate the legacy of the mothers and achievement of scholarship recipients.

The Maverick Street Mothers protest was in response to the construction trucks bringing fill for a Lo-

gan expansion project. The trucks drove very fast down the densely populated Maverick Street, creating an unsafe situation for children, the elderly and the mothers that took their children out for walks or to run errands.

On September 28, 1968, led by local legend the late Anna DeFronzo, a group of mothers in what was to become a historic protest against the Port Authority and airport expansion.

The group became known as the ‘Maverick Street Mothers’ and their protest became the true beginning of environmental justice in Eastie and marked the opening salvo and first victory in the neighborhood’s famed transportation justice struggles.

After a series of clandestine community meetings it was decided that only women and children would participate in the demonstration because many felt if men were involved it might lead to fights and violence. The group notified the media, put out a simple press release and the next day, September 28, the demonstration began.

As the dump trucks arrived the mothers, most pushing their children in baby carriages, blocked the street.

The State Police arrived

to restore order to the street and when the Maverick Mothers refused to back down. The State Police began to drag and push the mothers to the sidewalk so the trucks could continue. However, former Mayor Kevin White, who was being kept abreast of the situation, sent in the Boston Police to counter the State Police’s use of force.

The Boston Police made the trucks stop and ordered the protest to continue.

That night the event was all over the evening news.

When Massport caught wind that he protests would not end, but continue the next day, Eastie’s elected officials pointed out that there were several other viable truck routes on Massport property that could be used.

After negotiations, Massport agreed to use the alternative truck routes and the Maverick Mothers scored a major victory during the era of Logan expansion.

Tickets to the event may be bought at the door via check or credit card. To find out more information about sponsorship opportunities, ticket prices, or to RSVP please call (617) 943-4745 or email edwardsempowermentfund@gmail.com.

‘Dance for Dana’ Dance-A-Thon set for Nov. 24

On Sunday, Nov. 24, local dancing schools and teams will join together to host the Third Annual “Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon at the Rumney Marsh Academy Gymnasium to benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Nicole Paolo founded the event in 2017 in honor of those who courageously fight or have lost their battle to cancer. The event exemplifies dancing for a purpose, an important philosophy for the Dance for Dana Team.

The “Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon is a fun, finessed-based event for dancers of all ages and levels that instills the importance of coming together as a community to help others. There will be live dance performances, follow-along routines, event day drawings, and prizes for the top earning dancing schools, including an opportunity to perform at the 2020 “Jimmy Fund Scooper Bowl” in Boston.

Last year, the event collectively raised over \$40,000 for vital cancer research at Dana-Farber. The “Dance for Dana” team is comprised of the following dancing schools: Beverly Richards Dance Center, East Boston; Dance Revolution with Erika, Revere; Jessica Gordon Academy of Performing Arts, Winthrop; Mantia Sisters Dance Academy, Revere; Nicole Zervas Dance Academy, Revere; Sheila

Rosario’s School of Dance and Gymnastics, Revere; Darcy’s Dance Academy, Malden; Merri-



“Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon participating studio owners and directors (pictured L-R): Deeanne Mantia, Owner and Director, Mantia Sisters Dance Academy; Toni-Ann Merlina, Teacher, Mantia Sisters Dance Academy; Jodi Mantia Macone, Mantia Sisters Dance Academy; Sheila Rosario, Sheila Rosario’s School of Dance & Gymnastics; Darcy Overberg, Owner and Director, Darcy’s Dance Academy; Gianna Leone, representing Dance Revolution with Erika; Nicole Paolo, Nicole Zervas Dance Academy; Alaina Coppola, “Dance for Dana” Co-Director (not pictured: Beverly Richards Buckley, Beverly Richards Dance Center; Jessica Schettino, Jessica Gordon Academy of Performing Arts; Alina Porzio, Head Coach, Merrimack College Dance Team)

mack College Dance Team, North Andover.

“Dance for Dana” was also recently awarded the “Team Spirit Award” by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Event Fundraising team. This award is given in recognition of the event’s outstanding contributions to Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund. The Team Spirit Award is awarded to an event in recognition of its mission to move and to inspire members of the community to support the mission of Dana-Farber.

As we embark upon the holiday season, please consider giving back by making a monetary donation or

donating an auction item to the event. If you are interested in donating an auction item, please email dancefordanafarber@gmail.com by November 8. You can also donate directly by visiting: <https://dancefordana.weebly.com>. All donations are appreciated immensely, and one hundred percent of all money raised is given directly to Dana-Farber.

The “Dance for Dana” Dance-A-Thon is not a public event and is only open to students of the above-listed dancing schools and teams and their families. For more information, please email dancefordanafarber@gmail.com.

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Its was 101 years ago on Nov.11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.

Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The First World War was referred to at the time as “the war to end all wars.” It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 74 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. Today, we still have troops fighting -- and dying -- on front lines around the world.

“Peace is at hand” has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 101 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation’s appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

The recent capture and killing of the leader of ISIS demonstrated both the precision and bravery of our troops, who are the most dedicated and lethal fighting force in the world.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn’t free and that every American owes a debt of immeasurable gratitude and thanks to those who have put their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.



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GUEST OP-ED

We need health care reforms that help patients, families

By Patrick J. Kennedy

This summer, we saw remarkable, bipartisan progress on addressing rising health care costs -- an issue voters have consistently ranked as most important.

The challenge for lawmakers right now is twofold: find effective solutions that make health care more affordable for all Americans without reducing access to treatments.

While our health care system often seems like a tangled knot of misaligned incentives and bureaucracy, there are most certainly bipartisan solutions that Congress can implement to achieve this dual goal.

The issue is of particular concern for the mental health community. Millions of Americans confront mental illness each day and approximately one in six use some form of psychiatric medication. And for those battling addiction,

medication can sometimes mean the difference between success and failure.

Medication is not a one-size-fits-all solution. Prescriptions must be monitored and adjusted as treatment progresses. It’s why organizations such as Mental Health America consistently oppose policies that would restrict access to new medications.

Fortunately, many practical solutions have already been explored and are waiting for a champion to take them over the finish line.

Reforms like passing on some of the rebates in Medicare Part D will realign incentives throughout the whole system to bring down prices -- all while providing actual savings at the pharmacy.

The plan is simple enough -- forcing insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers (massive private “middlemen” between drug companies and

insurers) to pass on drug rebates to patients at the point of sale.

For patients, passing on rebates would provide immediate relief. It is estimated that sharing a portion of rebates with diabetes patients on Medicare could save up to \$20 billion over the next 10 years.

Most importantly, this plan addresses the rising cost of prescription drugs.

Currently, pharmacy benefit managers pocket rebates, claiming they spread the cost of drugs throughout premiums and other patient fees. So not only are patients not receiving the savings intended for them, but the cost of medicines are rising.

Pharmacy benefit managers and insurers are incentivized to maximize the number of rebates they can receive. And since rebates are used for the most expensive drugs, this means benefit managers are also

incentivized to keep drug prices high -- or steer patients toward high-priced drugs.

Both practices increase costs for families across the nation. Removing incentives would help patients find effective and affordable treatment options.

I look forward to members of Congress from both sides of the aisle addressing this problem. Rebate reform is the best place to start.

Former U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy was lead sponsor of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and served on the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. He is co-chair of Mental Health for Us and co-author, with Stephen Fried, of A “Common Struggle: A Personal Journey through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction.”

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to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street.

“We are very excited to partner with the Boys and Girls Club for this year’s Madaro Family Fund annual Thanksgiving Dinner,” said Rep. Madaro. “I think the space inside the Salesians cafeteria will be perfect for this year’s event.”

Madaro said the event has grown year after year and services residents from throughout Eastie.

“The Boys & Girls Club is a little more centrally located than Sacred Heart,” explained Madaro. “Last year we served over 500 meals, including deliveries, all over East Boston from Orient Heights to Jeffries Point.”

Madaro said having a more centrally located space to host the annual dinner will make life easier for the dozens of volunteers that shuttle people to and from the event as well

as making deliveries across Eastie Thanksgiving Day.

“We will be offering shuttle bus service from Sacred Heart Church--the old location--to the Boys & Girls Club on Thanksgiving Day,” said Madaro.

Madaro said as the event has grown and more and more people show up parking started to get tight at the church.

“The Boys & Girls Club has plenty of parking and it is also handicap accessible,” said Madaro. “This will be the first year that we will have handicap access and I believe a lot of people stayed away from the event or relied on deliveries each year because of that. I’m hoping we’ll see more residents turn out, perhaps even some that have never experienced this wonderful event.”

Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Michael Triant said he is thrilled to

be partnering with the successful event.

“Adrian is a club kid and he cares deeply about Salesian Boys & Girls Club,” said Triant. “He provides so much assistance to us year round. This is a great chance for us to be of assistance to him. It is an amazing opportunity to help Adrian and the Madaro Family Community Fund provide this dinner to the community we serve. Our facilities are such a great resource to the children and families in our community year round. Now we have an opportunity to open the doors on a holiday, more specifically Thanksgiving, which is a great day to be thankful and spend time with family. Were glad to be able to provide the venue and work with the madaro family community fund to do just that.”

Madaro and a group of friends, family and an army

of volunteers from across the neighborhood will provide a full Thanksgiving meal for residents that may otherwise go hungry.

Like years past, the food will be prepared by Spinelli’s chefs, which included salad, a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert and coffee.

Madaro said the event puts a lot of things we take for granted in life into perspective.

“When you see children of parents with a smile on their face inside the church hall, you know the group of volunteers have done something right,” said Madaro. “I started to come to this event, first as former Rep. Basile’s Chief of Staff, and now as the event’s host. It is really something I look forward to every year and has become as much a part of my family and my Thanksgiving as turkey and stuffing.”

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, October 21, 2019

Around 1 a.m. in the area of 1 Antrim St. a 46-year-old male with an East Boston was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Around 12:52 p.m. in the area of 313 Brandywyne Drive, a 33-year-old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B, Drugs and Disorderly Conduct, Other.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Around 12:27 a.m. in the area of Horace St. and Moore Sts., a male juvenile from Everett, MA was arrested for Delinquent to wit; Breaking and Entering

a M/V, Night, Delinquent to wit; Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Goods and Delinquent to wit; Dangerous Weapons Unlawfully Carried.

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Around 6:30 p.m. in the area of Maverick Sq. a 36-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Violation of a Restraining Order.

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Around 12:25 a.m. in the area of 156 Putnam St., a 56-year-old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Around 8:45 a.m. in the area of 9 Shelby St., a 27-year-old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault with Intent to Murder Warrant.

Around 11 a.m. in the area of 212 Waldemar Ave., a 29-year-old male with a Quincy, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Friday, October 25, 2019

No Arrests.

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Around 7:30 p.m. in the area of 103 Barnes Ave., a 52-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating Un-

der the Influence of Alcohol and Leaving the Scene Property Damage.

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Around 1:10 p.m. in the area of 466 Saratoga St., a 30-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Goods.

Around 4:20 a.m. in the area of 61 Eutaw St., an 18-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (Gun), Assault and Battery and Unlawful Possession of Firearm.

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ZUMIX HOSTS SPOOKY Z LOUNGE FOR HALLOWEEN

Last Tuesday Zumix hosted a Spooky Z Lounge that included performances with a Halloween twist. Zumix students and instructors dressed up, some of the music was Halloween-themed like the Monster Mash and the Z Lounge was decorated for the holiday.



Members of Zumix's teen rock band performs.



Zumix's Board President Steve Snyder and Instructor Ed Meradith perform one of Snyder's original tunes "Irreconcilable Differences".



Zumix teens rock out to Purple Haze.



Instructor Leo Colon played the part of Jimi Hendrix.



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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH IN EAST BOSTON CELEBRATES150 YEARS

By John Lynds

It was a special Mass on Sunday for parishioners and clergy at Our Lady of the Assumption Church on Sumner Street in East Boston.

The church, which stood the test of time in Jeffries Point, turned 150 years old Sunday. To mark to occasion Cardinal Sean O’Malley, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, said a special Mass at the church.

The service included music, prayer and a special homily by O’Malley.

“Each year we celebrate the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, recalling when Mary and the apostles gathered in prayer in the cenacle,” said O’Malley Sunday. “Today we celebrate the 150th birthday of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, with gratitude for the service given by the priests, religious sisters and parishioners during that history. Today Our Lady of the Assumption Parish welcomes people from many countries and cultures, giving witness to the presence of Christ in our midst here and now and trusting in the intercession of our Blessed Mother. May the good work of the parish continue for many years into

the future as we confidently go forward in the name of the Lord.”

Our Lady of the Assumption was the third Catholic church in Eastie. Construction commenced on the building in 1869 and it was completed in 1873.

Father James Fitton is largely credited with developing the Catholic Church in Eastie during the mid-nineteenth century. He had done remarkable work travelling to missions throughout New England, including founding an academy in Worcester that was purchased by Bishop Fenwick and renamed College of the Holy Cross, and in 1855 settled in Eastie.

The first parish in East Boston was the Most Holy Redeemer, initially called Saint Nicholas (1844); then Saint Mary Star of the Sea (1864); and the third Our Lady of the Assumption (1869). It was meant to serve the east part of lower Eastie– a map from the twentieth century shows it encompassing the area east of Bremen Street and south of Prescott Street.

Father Fitton bought the land for the new church in the summer of 1867, on Sumner Street, and construction began in July 1869. The work was over-

seen by Father Fitton’s nephew, Father Joseph H. Cassin, who was named rector on 7 December 1870. The new church was dedicated 6 November 1873 and would grow to include a rectory,

school and convent. Father Cassin remained pastor until his death in 1896.

For a century and a half the church has been not only a place of worship but also a place of gathering and social

activities not only for Jeffries Point residents but the entire community.

Over its long history the Assumption played host to a school, a successful CYO program, a youth drum-and-

bugle corp program, dinners, dances, fundraisers, political gatherings, as well as ground zero for numerous community meetings regarding Logan Airport expansion in the 1960s.



Cardinal Sean O’Malley, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, enters Our Lady of the Assumption Church Sunday to begin the 150th Anniversary Mass.



Our Lady of the Assumption Church’s Pastor, Rev. Ignatius Mushauko, hands out Communion.



Longtime parishioner Daniel Ohman does a reading at the Mass.



Patty D’Amore and George Gambale.



The 150th Anniversary Mass drew a large crowd to Our Lady of the Assumption Church.



Cardinal Sean O’Malley, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, leads the Mass Sunday at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Sunday.



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Sports

EBHS BOYS SOCCER DURING CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



The East Boston High School boys soccer team huddles up before its game against Burke. EBHS lost to Burke 2-0 in City League Championship match.



Defeated but good sportsman the Jets soccer team shakes hands with Burke players after the 2-0 loss.



Jets captains are presented the consolation plaque after losing the city league championship game 2-0 to Burke on Wed, October 30, 2019.

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MASSPORT UNVEILS COMMUNITY MURAL

During the Eastie Pride Day celebration in August, Massport sponsored a Community Art Program. Throughout the day, residents and Eastie Pride Day attendees were invited to help paint a huge mural that would be later located at Logan Airport's Central Parking garage. Massport recently unveiled the mural that was created by the community and is located in Central Parking adjacent to Logan's new RideShare drop off and pick up area. Pictured (below) are Massport's Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs Alaina Coppola, Massport Director of Aviation Ed Freni, and Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. For years Boston Logan International Airport Public Art Program has been dedicated to enhancing the air travel experience of flyers. The Program's purpose is to create and manage exhibitions that refine the airport environment while supporting the community, local artists and institutions. By creating an ambience in the airport that reflects the sophistication and cultural diversity of the City of Boston, the region of New England, and the world at large, Massport aims to educate, inspire and entertain all Logan visitors. The program includes permanent installations as well as rotating exhibitions and community art.



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and aircraft activity growth rates of 1.5 percent and 1.2 percent, upon which ESPR 2017 is based. Over the most recent five years these key growth rates have averaged 6.5 percent and 5.9 percent respectively.”

The problem with the document, says Gail Miller, AIR, Inc.'s President, is that this report is used by state regulators for official environmental review of all airport impacts.

“If the passenger-level forecasts are wrong, then all the planning for how to manage the traffic and pollution of the future are wrong, too,” she said.

Madaro and AIR, Inc. leaders believe that the under-reporting of growth in this environmental review process creates a real vulnerability as growth is outpacing Massport mitigation to the communities of Eastie, Winthrop, Revere and Chelsea.

“It's how we ended up with traffic gridlocking our entire community,” said Chris Marchi of AIR, Inc. “The previous ESPR in 2011 that was released in 2013 forecasted 38.9 million passengers by 2030, but Logan is actually at about 43.5 today. We're on pace for 50 million passengers by 2022, while Massport's present planning forecasts state we won't reach that level until 2032 according to the current ESPR.”

AIR, Inc. is leading a regional coalition opposing the state's Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act

(MEPA) certification of the ESPR. The group is asking the state agency to ask Massport to voluntarily withdraw the current ESPR and re-file a “Supplemental ESPR,” which includes High Growth Scenarios for passengers and aircraft activity.

“This is a regional collaboration,” said AIR, Inc.'s Chris Marchi. “We have people in Hull, Milton, Dorchester, South Boston, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Cambridge, Medford, Winthrop, Chelsea, Somerville, Revere -and many other towns joining residents of East Boston saying enough is enough! We need accurate forecasts and improved plans.”

AIR, Inc. is getting political support from Madaro who Co-Chairs the Committee on Transportation and has taken a hard line on the issue and is standing with the community.

“With Logan's growth reported now to be so wildly out of synch with previous estimates, and regional traffic conditions in crisis, I am appalled and surprised that this document fails to provide modelling and analysis of the potential of a wide variety of incentive and disincentive programs including examination of cost adjustments in a full slate of possible Logan Express enhancements and additions, as well as study of the potential effect of imposition of airport ground access fees,” said Madaro. “Similarly, ESPR should also include further discussion and anal-

ysis of the effect of possible high speed rail, water transportation and airport regionalization strategies. It is no longer possible for Massport planners to continue to look at only on-campus and in-state solutions to our integrated urban, regional, and New England transportation challenges.”

At the meeting Madaro added the worsening of air pollution and noise exposure and the seeming lack of urgency on behalf of Massport in acknowledging and mitigating the health consequences is no less troubling to him.

“Aircraft activity necessary to increase passenger volumes far beyond the predicted levels has created staggering increases in noise and pollution, which have increasingly obvious public health implications,” said Madaro. “Massport should take accountability for increasing noise abatement and pollution control measures by at least a magnitude equal to the recent and planned future expansions.”

Madaro also called on the state's environmental agency to not give Massport's ESPR a rubber stamp until they provide the Supplemental ESPR that the community is calling for.

“Future forecasts in ESPR 2017 must be adjusted to reflect current growth rates, and mitigation must be designed to offset the predictable future increases in negative environmental impacts,” said Madaro.



Mother Out Front, a group of local community activists, protest at last week's public comment meeting on Massport ESPR document.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TAX BILLS TO RISE SLIGHTLY

CHELSEA - Chelsea property owners will see a modest increase on their property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2020, with owners of commercial and industrial properties and apartment complexes of nine or more units shouldering a larger burden of the City’s overall tax bill.

Monday night, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino presented an overview of the FY2020 tax rates and the valuation of Chelsea properties.

The City Council’s annual tax rate classification hearing is scheduled for Nov. 25. At that time, the Council is expected to vote on two recommendations from Ambrosino, including a 175 percent tax burden shift onto commercial and industrial properties, and a 31 percent residential property tax exemption for Chelsea homeowners who live in the city.

If those recommendations are approved by the Council, the residential property tax rate would be \$13.46 per \$1,000 of valuation, while the commercial tax rate would be set at \$27.18.

While both those rates are lower than for FY19, there will be an increase in the average tax bills because of the recent revaluation of Chelsea properties that saw assessed property values increase across the board. The average increase in assessed values ranged from 11.5 percent for single family homes to nearly 40 percent for apartment complexes of nine or more units. The averages ranged from 12 to just over 15 percent for 2, 3, and four-family homes and condominiums.

“With adoption of the maximum 175 percent shift and the ability to increase the residential exemption, the City Council will be able to keep tax increases reasonably modest for all owner occupants,” said Ambrosino.

While the Council can increase the residential exemption to as much as 35 percent, Ambrosino is recommending it increase only 1 percent from the current 30 percent rate.

“This remaining 5 percent is the most effective tool for lowering residential property taxes and should be reserved for years with high increases,” he said.

Cutting to the chase, if the Council approves the two recommendations, the FY20 tax bill for a single family home at the median assessed value of \$357,500 will be \$2,645. That is down 1.6 percent over the average FY19 bill.

For condo owners, the average bill will go up 6.5 percent to \$1,937.

Owners of two-family homes will see a 4.3 percent jump to \$4,191, and own-

ers of three-family homes will see a slight decrease to \$5,553. Four-unit owner occupied properties can expect a .5 percent increase in the tax bill to \$6,688 for the median assessed value of \$659,241.

Ambrosino said City Hall will be open late for several nights before the City Council votes so that property owners can check the new assessed valuations of their properties.

Ambrosino noted that in addition to the residential exemption rate, Chelsea does offer other assistance on property taxes for residents, especially for those 65 and older.

District 1 Councillor Bob Bishop noted that one of his pet peeves about the assessment process is that owners of large apartment complexes are taxed at residential rates, while owners of smaller commercial properties face the burden of the 175 percent tax shift.

“I’ve advocated that income producing apartments of more than four units should be taxed at the commercial rate,” said Ambrosino. “But that would take a Constitutional amendment.”

CHELSEA SCHOOLS SHINE BRIGHT AMONG URBAN DISTRICTS

CHELSEA - It’s an across-the-city success story, a cause for celebration for parents of Chelsea schoolchildren, a nod for a “great job” by the hard-working principals and teachers at all the schools – from the John Silber Early Learning Center to Chelsea High School - and a final tribute to the exceptional leadership of retiring Supt. of Schools Dr. Mary Bourque - and her administrative team at City Hall.

Here are some of the noteworthy accomplishments for a school system that has, for one reason or another, not received its due recognition statewide for what Dr. Bourque called, “this little scrappy school district, the Chelsea public schools and how it is really pushing and redefining urban education”:

Chelsea achieved the highest categorization earned by the state’s urban districts, that of “Substantial Progress Toward Targets”

Grades 3-8 English Language Arts average student growth percentile exceeded the state target

Chelsea’s criterion Reference Target Percentage increased 12 points and is the highest in the District 5 Partnership

Chelsea High School’s mathematics average student growth percentile increased 14 points and Advanced Placement Calculus scores outperformed the state and the globe

Chelsea English Lan-

guage Learners improved 13 points showing “Substantial Progress”

Chelsea’s “Lowest Performing Students” improved 22 points in elementary and middle schools and 19 points in high school.

Dr. Bourque said the road to today’s successes began in 2011.

“We’ve been underfunded all these years, that’s why the Mass. Student Opportunity Act (that would add \$1.5 billion to education funding over the next seven years) was so important,” said Bourque. “But during these years of underfunding, we’ve always gone after grants and the grants helped us to do the turn-around work in our schools.”

Bourque said Chelsea is seeing “a march towards deep transformational change” in the schools.

“Our AP schools have been slowly increasing, our overall criterion reference scores increased in 2018 and 2019 and our English Language proficiency scores continue to increase,” said Bourque.

Chelsea High students are making their mark with their excellent scores in Advanced Placement tests, particularly in Calculus, which certainly illuminates the superb mathematics department at CHS. Eighty-six seniors took AP exams last year.

“We’ve been working hard year in and year out toward these achievements,” said Bourque. “The last four years we’ve has about seventy-two percent of students going on to two-or-four-year colleges. The last three years, we have had over \$4 million given in scholarship and awards. That goes beyond what other districts do.”

Being able to overcome challenges

There are challenges in the school district. As Bourque notes, for every 100 students who enter in the Chelsea school system, approximately 25 leave within 12 months for various reasons.

“Yet, we’re able to move the needle on opening the doors of opportunity for the students,” said Bourque.

The superintendent said that classroom size “is in a good, reasonable 22-25 student-to-teacher ratio. There are 6,400 students in the district. The school system is seeing an influx of parents with school-age children moving here from

East Boston, where rents for apartments have been soaring.

Superintendent says a team effort is producing great results

What does Dr. Bourque attribute to the improved scores system wide and the increasing number of graduates going on to excel in college? One of many shining examples is 2018 CHS graduate Deedee Hernandez, who is now a freshman at prestigious Dartmouth College.

“It’s our teachers, our administrators, our academic coaches, our district coordinators, our assistant superintendents – everybody is just working coherently, everybody is in the boat rowing in the same direction. I’m very proud of our schools.”

Assistant Supt. Kent said, “I would just stress the fact it’s a progression – our students do come and go and we do have a lot of mobility - the high school does have wonderful scores but it’s coming from a whole system of employment. The success is being built from the ground up.”

Superintendent-Elect Dr. Almi Abeyta will be succeeding Dr. Bourque at the helm of the Chelsea school system. She is ready to carry on the excellence and pursue even greater heights for the district.

“There are a lot of systems and structures in place,” said Abeyta. “The academic work on the instructional side is strong so my job will just be to carry it to the next level. My goal is to continue to work and to make sure we’re steering the ship in the right direction that it’s already been going in.”

O’DONNELL FAMILY HOSTS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

EVERETT - -The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Joe and Kathy O’Donnell hosted the Joey O’Donnell Film Premiere at the Natick Mall and AMC Theatres Framingham last week.

The O’Donnell family has raised hundreds of millions of dollars in support of the Foundation and the Joey Fund, which is named in memory of the O’Donnells’ son, Joey O’Donnell, a courageous fighter and victim of cystic fibrosis.

Joe O’Donnell spoke about the tremendous progress that has been made to-

ward finding a cure for cystic fibrosis.

O’Donnell personally thanked Dr. Preston Campbell III, CFF president and CEO, and Dr. Jeffrey Leiden, chairman, president and CEO of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, for their outstanding work in their respective fields.

Dr. Leiden said, “It’s still sort of sinking in – this is really the culmination of a 45-year dream to make a single medicine that can treat up to 90 percent of all patients with cystic fibrosis.”

He singled out Joe O’Donnell for his leadership and generosity in the cause of finding a cure for cystic fibrosis.

“There’s one person in particular that I want to recognize and that is Joe O’Donnell – this absolutely would have never happened without Joe O’Donnell,” said Leiden. “Every mission has a visionary who gets up and can see what’s possible. Forty-five years ago, Joe stood up and he saw what was possible. For those of you who know Joe, he is a force of nature. There was nothing that was going to stop him from making this happen and nothing did. We couldn’t have done it without his continuous support and his advice and all the things he did to push us forward.”

Fittingly, the hundreds of guests accorded the O’Donnell family the largest ovation of the evening.

“Joe, thank you for making really a miracle happen,” said Dr. Campbell. “It’s going to change the lives of people with CF and bring joy where there was once tears.”

LACK OF INTEREST FOR UNIFORM PILOT

LYNN - A uniform pilot that was set in motion during the 2017-2018 school year, has come to a close due to lack of interest. The pilot was launched at Callahan and Aborn Elementary Schools in the fall of 2017, to gauge the interest from both students and parents. Consisting of a uniform t-shirt, the pilot was initially met with some energy and enthusiasm, that later expired at both schools.

School Superintendent Tutwiler met with both school principals and confirmed that there was a lack of interest in the school

communities. There was also not enough requested orders of shirts and other uniform items to meet the minimum requirement to place an order last year as well as this fall. It was determined that there were a few factors leading to the waning interest, including the lack of flexibility in ordering options, as there were only certain points in the year when students could opt to order additional shirts. The fact that wearing the uniform T-shirts is an option made it less of a priority for families, and legally, uniforms cannot be mandated, as there is always an opt-out preference.

“At this point, I’d recommend ending the pilot, although it has ended on its own,” said Tutwiler. “Personally I do not have a problem with uniforms in schools if it’s that school community’s wish. If we do rethink this and pursue it in the future, I’d advise to gauge interest and commitment beforehand.”

Tutwiler shared that the broad survey that was sent out to Callahan Elementary School, only captured half of the families of the 430 students, and not all who responded were in favor. When reviewing the data to see if any notable changes took place with those who opted for the uniforms, there was no difference in attendance and while there was a slight difference in discipline, it did not reflect a trend. The principals also reported that the cost of the uniform shirts did not seem to be an issue with parents, as there was no feedback alluding to this.

“I want to thank the principals who implemented the pilot, the PTO members, and parents who were a huge help running surveys and getting the pilot off the ground,” said School Committee Member, Jared Nicholson. “When we have a district of this size, it gives us a great opportunity to try new ideas and do a pilot like this. When you do a pilot, you are testing to see if something works or doesn’t work, and that is data and feedback that we have now. When I started working on this it was driven by parent interest and if the interest is no longer there, there goes the program. The other things are all things we can address and are fixable, but if we don’t have the original parent interest, I can’t imagine it would be successful.”



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OBITUARIES

Lori DiStefano

A free spirited, kind hearted person who will be missed by all

Lori DiStefano of Revere passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Oct. 31. Lori was free-spirited, kind hearted person.

She was the life of the party and enjoyed going out for a good time with her friends and family. She adored "her boys" and never passed down any opportunity to spend time with them. She will be missed by all.

She was the loving daughter of Robert and Anne (DiFronzo) DiStefano of Revere, devoted mother of Anthony, Geno and Christopher Ciano, all of Revere; dear sister of Robert DiStefano of Lynn, Paul DiStefano of Revere and Lisa Falzone and her husband, Robert of East Boston; adored grandmother of Ava Ciano and the beloved fiancé of William Cormier. She was the former wife of Edward Ciano, cherished aunt of



Vanessa, Jessica, Brian Falzone and Dominique, Robert and Joseph DiStefano. Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston. Lori was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis TN 38105, 800-805-5856. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Richard Petrillo

Lifelong East Boston resident

Richard E. Petrillo, a life-long resident of East Boston, passed away on Nov. 1 at the age of 84.

He was the devoted father of Diane Scarpa and her husband, Gino of Wakefield, Richard Petrillo and his wife, Laura of Stoneham and Julie Figueroa and her husband, Mark of Arizona, dear brother of Louis Petrillo of Winthrop and the late Henry Petrillo and cherished grandfather of Gianna, Sophia, Dario, Ryan, Braeden, Sarah, Kaitlin and Matthew. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Richard's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Bos-

ton for a Memorial Gathering on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A Memorial Service will be held at the conclusion of the gathering at 11 a.m. in the Serenity Chapel of the Memorial Home followed by a procession to Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden where Richard's remains will be entombed with his beloved parents, Henry and Mary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Richard's memory to East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Donations Program ATTN: Steve Snyder Neighborhood PACE Program 10 Gove St., East Boston, MA 02128 or <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/1428306>

Joseph Bagley

Longtime salesman at Lappen's Auto Parts in Revere

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation today, Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks St., East Boston beginning at 9 a.m. for R. Joseph Bagley, who passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 30. He was 71 years old. A Funeral Mass will follow immediately at 10 a.m. and Joseph will be privately laid to rest with his parents at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Joe was born and raised in East Boston. He was educated in Boston Public Schools and was a proud graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1966. After high school, Joe had a deep fascination for automobiles and worked in the auto parts field to broaden his knowledge. He was a model employee for several local area auto parts stores. His customer service skills were exemplary and he spent over 25 years working at Lappen's Auto Parts in Revere.

Joe led a very simplistic life and was an extremely humble and faithful man. He was a very dedicated Boston Sports Fan and es-

pecially loved the Boston Red Sox.

The loving son of the late Robert J. Bagley and Mary M. (Perry) Bagley, he was the beloved brother of Margaret E. "Marge" Chiaraluze of Swampscott and her late husband, Alfred Chiaraluze; cherished uncle of Philip A. Caponigro, Joseph S. Caponigro and his wife, Kelly and Carlo E. Caponigro and his wife, Francesca; dear granduncle of Joseph Caponigro and his wife, Brittany, Katelyn Gillis and her husband, Andrew, Gina, Natalie, Jaymie and John Caponigro and great granduncle of Joseph and Jackson. He is also lovingly survived by many Bagley cousins and other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Funeral Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals of Revere. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Alvina MacCormack

Lifelong resident of East Boston

Alvina (Thibeault) MacCormack, a life-long resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at the Sunrise of Burlington Assisted Living, on Nov. 2 at the age of 90.

She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph MacCormack, devoted mother of Joyce Segale and her husband, Victor of Rutland, Vermont, Brian MacCormack of Nahant, Jane Rodgers and her husband, Christopher of Wakefield, and the late Thomas MacCormack and his surviving wife, Joyce of Wakefield; dear sister of the late Henrietta Thibeault, Bertina MacCormack, Edward Thibeault, Elizabeth Gotgart and Joseph Thibeault; cherished grandmother of Jacqueline MacCormack-Gagnon, Joseph MacCormack, Andrew MacCormack, Ryan MacCormack, Conor MacCormack, Kimberly MacCormack, Hannah Rodgers, Alec Rodgers and Nolan Rodgers and adored great-grandmother of eight.



Family and friends will honor Alvina's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 12 (NOON) to 2 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the Serenity Chapel of the Memorial Home at 2 p.m. Alvina will be laid to rest with her beloved husband Joseph in VA National Cemetery, Bourne on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 10:45 a.m.

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*They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel*

*For no-one knows the heart-ache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No-one knows how many times,
We have broken down and cried.*

*We want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.*

*We can't believe
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your Loving Wife, Children,
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Family and Friends*

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

Holy spirit, you who gives meaning to and shines the light on my path so that I may reach my goals. You who gives me the divine grace to forgive and forget the evil done unto me and which is with me at every moment in my life. I want in this short dialogue to reassure you one more time I do not ever want to be separated from you, no matter how grand the worldly possessions may be, my desire to be with you and my brothers in perpetual glory will not be lessened. (One should say this prayer 3 days the divine shall be granted no matter how unattainable it may be.) Publications must be promised. Favor Received.

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Because here on earth it feels like
Everything good is missing since you left
And here on earth, everything's different
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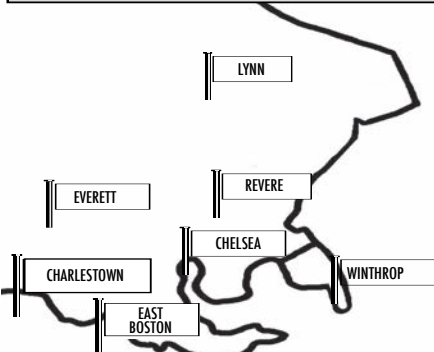
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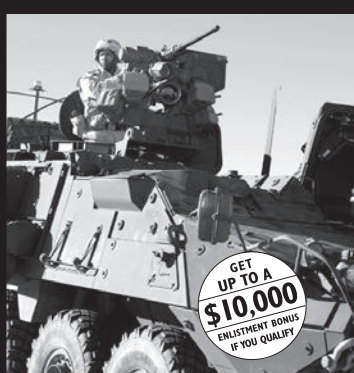
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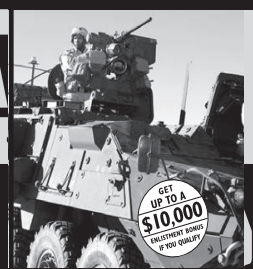
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VERONICA ROBLES ANNUAL DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

The 4th annual Dia de los Muertos parade and festival in East Boston hosted by Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC) draw over 600 people to the parade followed by a festival that included free Pan

de muertos (special baked bread for the occasion), hot chocolate, pupusas, elotes and a thoughtful dance performance highlighting Aztec and folklorico dances from Veracruz and Jalisco performed by VROCC

dancers and families and a Mayan ritual performed by Maritza Jansen.



Performers from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center



The annual Day of the Dead parade heads down Bennington Street.



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The group starts the parade from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center on McClellan Highway.



Veronica Robles in the center as the parade winds back to her cultural center.



Dressed in traditional Day of the Dead costumes the parade makes its way through Orient Heights.



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The event was for both the young and old.



Veronica Robles with Officer Danny Simons and Tommy Domenico.



The start of the annual Day of the Dead Parade.

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