

City grants Maverick’s a 1 a.m. entertainment license

By John Lynds

The City of Boston recently sorted out the seating capacity issue at Maverick’s and extended the business’s liquor license to 1 a.m. Last week there was more good news for the owners of the popular restaurant, bar and music venue just outside Maverick Square.

Maverick’s, formerly known as Maverick Marketplace Cafe at 154 Maverick St., has been awarded a 1 a.m. Entertainment License from the City of Boston.

“With the extension of our entertainment license until 1 a.m., we’re now able to keep the good times going all the way to close,” said owner John Tyler.

Having Maverick’s music and entertainment go until 1 a.m. is something that the community’s made clear they’ve wanted for a while now.

“It’s really been a game-changer for us and the feel of the bar,” said

owner Dan Lyons. “While it was great to get our hours of service increased until 1 a.m., there was still something missing due to the fact that we had to stop the music at 11 p.m.”

Lyons explained that the night would still start to wind down shortly after the music stopped at 11 p.m. With no music Lyons said patrons would start to leave even though Maverick’s liquor license was until 1 a.m.

“However, thanks to the support from our community, especially those who took time out of their busy schedules to come support us at the Maverick Central Neighborhood Association and abutters meetings, we’re now able to keep rocking until 1 a.m.,” said Lyons.

Lyons and Tyler said In the future you can expect to see more events including a Holiday Party and New Years Eve Party.

“Maverick’s Halloween Spooktacular event was a huge success, co-hosted

by La Tia’s Smoke Shop, which included a Karaoke contest, costume contest, tarot card readings, glass-blowing and artwork from local artists,” said Tyler. “It’s important to note that we are still open in the morning and throughout the day to service customers who are here for the other businesses in the building or those who may be working at a table in the restaurant.”

Currently, Maverick’s is open most days from 8 a.m. through 1 a.m.

“To everyone who helped get this project across the finish line, we can’t thank you enough,” said Lyons. “With these new improvements the shackles are now off and I believe we can finally reach our full potential, not only as a restaurant, but also as an entertainment venue here in East Boston, helping to further our great and unique neighborhood as a destination for amazing food, drinks and live entertainment.”

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charged by complaint and arrested on Oct. 9, 2019. They are both currently in federal custody.

According to court documents, Sanchez engaged in two sales of cocaine to a cooperating witness on Sept. 10 and 27, 2019, in East Boston. Sanchez and Lopera-Arteaga also conspired together to sell one kilogram of cocaine to that same cooperating witness.

On Oct. 9, 2019, law enforcement agents observed both men meet and walk

together towards a spot arranged for the drug transaction. Agents arrested both men a short time later and seized one kilogram of cocaine from Lopera-Arteaga.

The charges of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison, at least four years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$5 million.

The charges of distribution of cocaine provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$1 million.

Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The two defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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East Boston High School, was third among Eastie voters, with 1,342 votes, followed by Mejia, who finished fourth in Eastie with 954 votes.

In the bottom four in Eastie were St. Guillen, with 916 votes, Halbert, who got 668 votes, followed by Murphy, with 526 votes and Garrison with 476 votes.

Although she ran unopposed, Councilor Edwards was the overall top vote-getter in Eastie with 2,060 votes.

“It is my great honor to be re-elected and to continue serving residents of Charlestown, East Boston and the North End. Bostonians clearly spoke yes-

terday, across the city, that our government must act on critical challenges like housing, transportation, climate change, addiction, and economic justice while ensuring all communities are part of the political processes that shape our lives,” said Edwards after the election. “I am incredibly excited that new councilors-elect who will be joining me ran their campaigns on many of the issues that drove me to enter public service, and I am confident we will enter 2020 with a council passionate and eager to take on tough challenges. Between now and the new year, I will be working to advance legislation to address the housing crisis and combat

bias and discrimination, advocating for our community in major development projects, and continuing to address every letter, call and email that comes our way to ensure people in Boston’s District One enjoy quality of life and a responsive government. Thank you for your support and ongoing engagement, and I can’t wait for our next steps together.”

The busiest Eastie precincts during last Tuesday’s election were Precincts 1, 11, and 12. Those three precincts outpaced voting city wide with over 17.5 percent heading to the polls in those three areas of Eastie.

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justice community, one of the hardest-hit in the Commonwealth when it comes to traffic, public transportation challenges, air quality and noise, flooding susceptibility, and, more recently, a surge in housing prices. These issues will be further exacerbated by the construction of Suffolk Downs.”

Throughout the consideration of this project Madaro said it is vital that the issues facing the neighborhood be thoroughly comprehended and addressed in the planning, construction, and development of Suffolk Downs.

After a year of studying this proposal, engaging in and observing the community process, and speaking with constituents to understand their views and feedback, Madaro said he has identified how Suffolk Downs will affect the major issues and suggested how to mitigate its impacts, and become a thriving part of the East Boston community.

In regards to transportation Madaro pointed out that when fully built the Suffolk Downs site proposes to be home to up to 10,000 units of housing and a number of businesses, retail venues, hotels, and restaurants. This will add an infusion of thousands of new daily trips to an already overcrowded system, affecting our roads and public transit alike.

“A project of this size can only be realized in conjunction with an overhaul of the transportation network in East Boston,” wrote Madaro. “This is a process in which Suffolk Downs must commit itself as a fully engaged, fully invested partner.”

Madaro said particular scrutiny must be paid to the proposal of HYM to widen Route 1A. “Precedent suggests that widening the highway only invites more congestion, and is an unsustainable solution which would be ineffective in solving local traffic issues,” wrote Madaro. “In addition, such a widening would only happen in the immediate vicinity of Suffolk Downs, with the highway remaining two lanes before and after--and even narrowing to a single lane approaching the Sumner Tunnel, rendering the lane increase more harmful than helpful in that it would most likely create a bottleneck.”

HYM has proposed to make the Blue Line the “front door” of their site at Beachmont and Suffolk Downs stations.. In addition to this, they have also outlined plans for shuttle systems throughout the site and a commuter shuttle back and forth from locations such as downtown Boston. HYM has also planned for bike and pedestrian paths, as well as more

ambitious proposals, such as a commuter rail connection at Wonderland Station.

However, Marado argues these plans are important for making the use of public transit more appealing and reducing vehicular traffic for the site. But, this can only succeed if public transit receives robust attention and funding to encourage people to make it their primary mode of transportation to and from the site.

“HYM must be a fully invested partner in this process in order to make it a reality,” wrote Madaro. “Today, public transportation throughout the neighborhood is hindered by a number of issues; the lack of a direct connector between the Red and Blue Lines, the need for signal and power upgrades, as well as capacity expansion along the Blue Line, the lack of an inner-harbor ferry system, the need for improved bus service, the limits. All of these issues have an effect on Suffolk Downs, and finding solutions will be essential to facilitate greater connectivity to and from the site, and encouraging future residents and visitors alike to view public transit as the best mode of transportation available.”

On housing affordability at the Suffolk Downs site Madaro said housing affordability is one of the greatest issues facing East Boston residents today.

“When completed, the Suffolk Downs site proposes to contain up to 10,000 units of housing, the largest single project in Greater Boston,” wrote Madaro. “Suffolk Downs is currently on track to introduce the largest number of affordable units in the city’s history, an exciting opportunity with the potential to allow more families and longtime residents to remain in the neighborhood. But there is still room to go further than the minimum requirements of 13 percent currently set by the City of Boston for affordability, and doing so will be crucial to making the impact that is truly needed for a project of this size. HYM needs to offer more affordable units, set at a lower threshold of affordability so that they are accessible for the populations that need them most.”

On sustainability and climate resiliency Madaro said Suffolk Downs must take a leading role in promoting sustainability across the site, working toward energy-efficiency, zero-waste and carbon-neutral goals, through measures which are practical, yet ambitious.

“Suffolk Downs should strive to achieve the highest possible Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) certification standards across new construction, and explore options for placing renewable energy sources, such as solar panels, on-site,” wrote Madaro. “Efforts should also be made to build in systems which promote low-waste living and operations for the residents

and businesses which will occupy the site. Such measures could include electric vehicle charging systems, water recycling and reuse systems, and site-wide single-stream recycling and composting programs, among other options. These investments will not only make Suffolk Downs a more sustainable development, but will also distinguish the site and make it a more attractive location for sustainability-minded residents and businesses alike. The BPDA must be prepared to hold Suffolk Downs to increasing standards as the project progresses, and HYM must be committed to re-evaluating each successive phase, updating their goals to match increased capacity for sustainable development. These improvements are an investment in the future of this site and in our community, and I encourage the commitment to resiliency be continued with the highest diligence.”

Madaro also called on HYM and the BPDA to continue the public process.

“Over the past year, HYM has carried out an extensive number of community meetings across East Boston, presenting to residents about plans for the site, meeting with abutters, and soliciting feedback from the community,” wrote Madaro. “I appreciate all of the hard work and diligence that HYM has devoted to participating in the public process, and I believe that these efforts should not be understated. At the same time, however, there are concerns from residents about how effective this outreach has been in certain parts of the community, as well as the extent to which their involvement in this process is meaningful. These criticisms are not unique to the development at Suffolk Downs, but rather are systemic issues which numerous public processes in East Boston have faced. As they continue through the public process, HYM has the opportunity to enhance their community outreach, engaging with a wide cross-section of the community in thoughtful, productive dialogue.”

Madaro said HYM should continue to foster public discourse through equal and collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations whose members and leaders reflect the underrepresented sectors of our community.

“These groups and organizations have unique insight into the most meaningful ways to diversify discussions around important issues, including housing affordability and matters affecting our quality of life,” he wrote. “By forging substantive connections with entities that have established themselves firmly in underrepresented communities, HYM will be better able to make informed and innovative decisions about the way it engages in public dialogue.”

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83 Boardman St., East Boston (617-635-5120)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SACRED HEART CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Sacred Heart Church Annual Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 23. We begin the day from 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with pancakes and photos with Santa Claus. The Bazaar officially opens at noon. Drop by and support Sacred Heart Church! Play the toy game or take a chance for the Chinese Raffle, Big Ticket Raffle, 50/50 and more! Do some shopping from Christmas at our White Elephant Table, Christmas Table, or one of our vendors! Delicious food awaits you as well.

JEFFRIES POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PLANNING & ZONING AGENDA

The next Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Planning & Zoning (P&Z) meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019; 7 – 8:30 pm at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: Training Building 250 Sumner Street AGENDA (subject to change)

16 &18 Cottage Street. - Add rear and 4th story additions & roof decks to both properties. 182 Webster Street - Change occupancy from 3-family to 4-family, construct rear addition on 4th floor, construct exterior rear-deck and stairway and extend Unit #1 living space into the basement. 32 Orleans Street - Combine lots and erect a 5-story, 6-unit, residential building with parking.

OHNC NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) will be Monday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA gym on 58 Ashley St.

The agenda is: Introductions - Welcome and report from the board (President, (VP), Secretary) Public Safety - Station 7 Community Update: Sgt. Jim Martin & Officer Dan Simon OHNC By-Laws - Discussion and votes on two proposals: VOTE: Typographical Edits (e.g. typos, formatting, clarifications) VOTE: Substantive Edits (e.g. proposed policy changes, removal of the “treasurer” role, etc.) Questions for the Mayor - As a follow up to the Mayor’s visit at last month’s meeting, questions will be collected to pass along to his staff in preparation of a return visit. Development Presentations - new and voting matters.

INFO: 16 Whitby, Seeking to erect a four-story residential dwelling with ten residential units and ten parking spaces. INFO: 837 Saratoga St, Seeking to renovate existing building, erect addition, change occupancy from 4 to 8 units with parking for 6 vehicles. Next meeting: Monday, Dec. 16, 2019

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, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., at Winthrop Lodge of Elks, 2nd floor. Entrance fee is \$5. 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 Sunday School. 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. Whether you have Italian ancestry, or just want to learn one of the world’s most beautiful languages, join us at informal and friendly Italian language and culture classes. Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. 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 Tramel 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

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, October 28, 2019 No Arrests

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 No Arrests

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 No Arrests

Thursday, October 31, 2019 Around 9:30 a.m. in the area of 256 Marion St., a 32-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery

Friday, November 1, 2019 Around 9:15 a.m. in the area of 58 Everett St, a 32-year-old male with a Roxbury, MA address was arrested for Breaking and Entering, Dwelling House/Day; and Malicious Damage to a Motor Vehicle

Around 11 a.m. in the area of 37 Meridian St., a 27-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Criminal Inquiry

Saturday, November 2, 2019 No Arrests

Sunday, November 3, 2019 Around 1 a.m. in the area of 1 Central Sq., a 23-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle and Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle.

Around 2:15 a.m. in the area of 18 Frankfort St., a 41-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault & Battery (Felony Section)

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THE CLIMATE SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN WRONG ALL ALONG

For the better part of three decades, the vast majority of scientists -- including those hired by the petroleum industry -- have warned the world that climate change is occurring principally because of carbon emissions from our addiction to fossil fuels for our automobiles, coal power plants, industry, and agricultural production.

They have measured the effects in any number of ways, most especially the shrinkage of the ice sheets at the polar regions that eventually will result, they have said, in a rise in sea levels around the globe.

The also have told us that a warming planet will bring about an increase in ocean temperatures, which in turn will have devastating consequences both for marine life, which cannot exist in warmer waters, and for ourselves, who will feel the impact of ever-more devastating storms.

They have warned that unless we take steps within the next decade to curb the so-called greenhouse gas emissions, the Earth could become irreversibly changed by the end of this century.

However, the scientists have been wrong. Very wrong.

It turns out that the time frame the climate scientists predicted for the dramatic effects of climate change to occur has been grossly underestimated because their models did not take into account the effect of the feedback loops created by our warming planet.

We aren't scientists, but even we understand what is happening right in front of our eyes.

The ice sheets at the poles are melting faster than even the direst of models had predicted. The extraordinary heat wave across Europe this past summer (U.S. women's soccer fans will recall the high temperatures in France during the World Cup) resulted in temperatures reaching the 80s in the Arctic Circle -- an unheard-of phenomenon.

Environment Canada, the country's national weather agency, confirmed that Alert, Nunavut, the most-northerly, permanently-inhabited spot on Earth, hit 69.8 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees Celsius) on July 14, the highest temperature ever recorded there.

As the ice at the poles shrinks, instead of sunlight being reflected (by the ice) back into outer space, it is absorbed by the earth. When that happens, the permafrost at the Arctic Circle starts to thaw out, releasing carbon dioxide that has been trapped in it for millennia into our atmosphere, thereby warming our planet at an even faster rate.

It now is clear that scientists' predictions that the effects of climate change were a distant prospect, for which we still had time to take appropriate action, have been vastly underestimated -- by a factor of decades.

Climate change is happening today. The devastating succession of hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and droughts of the past few years have wiped the earth clean of civilization wherever they have struck. Yes, in most instances we can rebuild (though the communities in the Florida Panhandle destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018 still look like war zones), but only at a huge cost -- and only until the next climate change-induced catastrophe strikes.

Greta Thunberg's future is not being imperiled. Her future is now the present.

It is the end of the world as we know it.

And unless we immediately and dramatically change our ways, we will not be fine (apologies to REM).

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Encouraging lifelong learning by eliminating late fees for youth at our public libraries

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

In the City of Boston, we believe every child deserves an equal opportunity to succeed. We're investing more than ever in our public schools, building out universal pre-kindergarten, providing free community college, helping students experiencing homelessness, and giving free T passes to all Boston students in Grades 7-12. We are dedicated to breaking down any barriers that exist between our students and the quality education they deserve.

Over the past five years, we've also made historic investments in another educational asset: our public library system. Our 26 library locations are precious neighborhood resources. They often serve as an extension of our schools, and they encourage learning after school and all year long.

We recently announced a new policy that will help make sure all our young

people have access to the services our libraries provide. On November 1, all Boston Public Library locations eliminated overdue balances for those under the age of 18 who have a Boston Public Library card. While youth cardholders will still be required to return any overdue books in order to check out additional materials, they will no longer face fines for late returns. We believe this will encourage more young people to take advantage of the educational resources our libraries provide.

Many young people might struggle to pay off their overdue balance and feel ashamed returning to the library. I remember worrying about that when I got an overdue notice when I was a kid. I felt like I had committed a crime and I was afraid to go back. I don't want any kid or teenager to feel that way, because a library is a public institution that is meant to serve as a resource for ev-

eryone. If a child is seeking out more ways to learn, or a safe place to spend time after school, we don't want them to avoid libraries because of fear over late fees.

Eliminating late fees isn't the only way we're encouraging young people to visit our libraries. We're also renovating our library buildings to make them more modern, welcoming, and supportive of the kinds of programming people in our neighborhoods want. Our new capital plan includes a \$127 million investment in our libraries, including \$10 million to renovate the Roslindale branch, \$18.3 million to renovate the Adams Street branch in Dorchester, and several other improvement projects throughout our neighborhoods. We're installing new technologies, public artwork, and creating more spaces where communities can gather.

The Boston Public Library is the oldest free city library in the United States.

Our city has a long legacy of investing in cultural resources and public education. The BPL's motto is "Free to all." That means that our 26 library locations belong to the people of Boston. They exist to serve all people, of all backgrounds and income levels. Eliminating late fees for youth under 18 is our next step toward that goal. With more than 150,000 youth library cardholders in the City of Boston, I believe this change will make a significant positive impact. We hope there will be additional benefits, too: some other American cities that have eliminated library fines have seen significant increases in return rates.

This is one of the ways we're investing in our neighborhoods and inspiring the next generation to follow their interests, seek out knowledge, and become engaged in their communities.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

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for from Flavio Leo and Massport was 'let's work together to see if we can accomplish this,' said Marchi. "The FAA's constituency is the airline industry and Massport's constituency is the flying public. We get that. However, is it okay to disrupt thousands of residents in East Boston and Chelsea with hundreds of nighttime takeoffs a year just because the airlines want to run a specific route so 200 passengers on a plane can make a connecting flight somewhere? I think the undue burden is on the residents living here. We are the ones that are disrupted at 11:30, midnight, 1 a.m. with takeoffs from Runway 15/33."

AIR, Inc's President Gail Miller said Massport's current ESPR states nighttime

operations are not forecast to increase at all over the next 10 - 15 years. However, Massport's own environmental filings have shown nighttime operations have grown by 43 percent since the last ESPR,

"We just can't take this document seriously," said Miller.. "No explanation is given for why growth in nighttime operations -which has been averaging over 8 percent per year will slow to a stop."

At the ESPR meeting Rep. Madaro said 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.

If Massport is unwill-

ing to join the community and take on the FAA when it comes to night curfews Madaro said he is pushing for the Port Authority to aggressively pursue nighttime takeoffs over water.

"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," said Madaro. "Actions to divert all possible nighttime flights to overwater air traffic corridors should be aggressively pursued by Massport. Consideration of imposing increased landing fees on nighttime services should be pursued -regardless of the inherent challenges. Not only have I been copied on over 100 comment letters from my

constituents expressing concern over failures of this ESPR to comprehensively address and mitigate airport noise, but colleagues in districts across the metropolitan region are also receiving comment."

While the FAA is weary of banning 'all' nighttime flights they have allowed airports, like Los Angeles World Airports(LAX), to allow some restrictions on nighttime departures.

Since 1974 LAX has been part of a voluntary noise reduction program with surrounding communities called Over-Ocean Operations. Under the program most red-eye flights take off from LAX over the ocean--similar to what Rep. Madaro suggested in his comments at the ESPR meeting.

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Umana celebrates STEM Week

By John Lynds

When the Mario Umana Academy originally opened it did so as the Umana/Barnes School of Math and Science. At the time, there was talk of including the school as one of Boston’s ‘exam schools,’ but the community fought to keep the school a community school for East Boston students. When the school was built, the classrooms were equipped with what was considered state-of-the-art science labs and an emphasis on math and science.

During the last week of October middle school students at the Umana celebrated the Second Annual STEM Week--a citywide celebration of the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math curriculum.

At the Umana middle schoolers invited elected officials like Rep. Adrian Madaro, as well as Umana students from lower grades to view science experiments and projects that middle school students created inside Umana science teacher Anthony Forbes’s lab.

The theme for the second annual STEM Week was “See Yourself in STEM.”

Forbes explained that women, people of color, first-generation students, as well as low-income individuals, English language learners, and people with disabilities are underrepresented in STEM industries. While they make up an increasing portion of the overall workforce the demographics of STEM fields have remained largely the same.

“It’s a great opportunity when students get to engage in project based learning experiences; especially when they deal with real world problems,” said Forbes. “We need more young people to see themselves in STEM.”

Rep. Madaro said he was impressed by the students’ work at the Umana.

“STEM education is a hands-on approach that keeps students engaged in the skills that will build relevance to today’s innovation economy and the increasingly technological world around them,” said Madaro. “STEM ensures that students from all backgrounds are getting important hands-on learning in STEM.”

Last year the Umana received a grant from United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, Boston After School & Beyond to expand STEM learning at the school. The grant is part of the Department of Education’s multi-year Education, Innovation and Research program to fuel the expansion of Boston Public School’s BoSTEM at the Umana and other schools citywide.

Launched in 2015, BoSTEM has become a proven collaboration between schools and community partners dedicated to

engaging all Grade 6-8 BPS students in STEM learning opportunities to help ensure they succeed in 21st century careers.

The five-year, \$3.9 million grant at the Umana and other schools aims to increase student interest in STEM and STEM-related careers, as well as refine, scale and evaluate BoSTEM as a best practice for quality STEM education and college/career readiness. The goals of BoSTEM include reaching 10,000 Grade 6-8 students over the next five years. Change added that BPS also wants to increase STEM interest and achievement by improving social and emotional competency and well-being. This would include aligning curriculum and instruction across school and out-of-school time and providing hands-on, experiential learning opportunities with STEM industry professionals.

Research shows when students view math or science favorably, their academic achievement in those subjects is higher, which further encourages them to pursue potential STEM careers. Yet the number of Boston eighth-graders who report their favorite subject is math or science is one-half the rate reported by fourth-graders. For many students, eighth grade is also the year when they begin to make course selections for high school that will chart their future career path.

Students currently participating in BoSTEM are overwhelmingly qualified as high-need students or economically disadvantaged. In addition, 92 percent of the participating students are African American or Latino, who are under-represented in STEM education and careers. Change the Equation, a national organization dedicated to strengthening

STEM education, recently released a report and found the percentage of minorities in STEM careers remains virtually unchanged since 2001. According to the U.S.

Department of Commerce, African Americans and Latinos make up 48 percent of the overall U.S. workforce yet they only fill 24 percent of STEM jobs.



Mario Umana Academy science teacher Anthony Forbes helps students during STEM week.



Mario Umana Academy science teacher Anthony Forbes with his students.



Mario Umana Academy middle schoolers show off their experiments and projects during the Second Annual STEM Week.



Students from the Mario Umana Academy's lower grades came to the school's science lab to see the experiments and projects.



Mario Umana Academy Vice Principal Catherine Carney checks out her students' projects inside the school's science lab.



Rep. Adrian Madaro talks with students.



Mario Umana Academy students explain their science project to visitors during STEM Week.



Students explain their project to Rep. Adrian Madaro.



The theme for the Second Annual STEM Week was “See Yourself in STEM” and aimed to get those who are underrepresented in STEM fields interested in a technology career.

FAMILY CELEBRATION



Gerry Visconti and his family celebrated a victory last week at D'Parmas as he was elected to the Revere City Council ...

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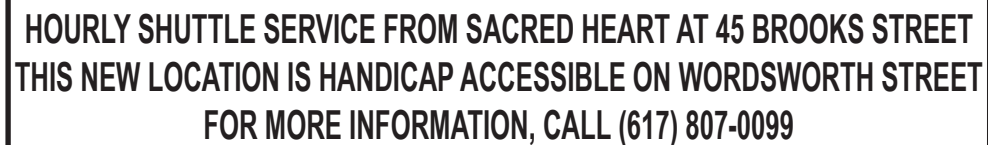
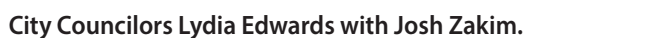
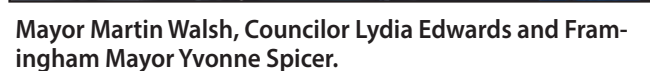
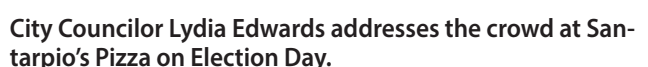
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

THREE NEW FACES ON CITY COUNCIL

CHELSEA - There will be three new members of the City Council, as incumbent District Councillors Luis Tejada and Joe Perlatonda were defeated, and Todd Taylor won an open seat to replace Robert Bishop in District 1.

Melinda Vega Maldonado prevailed in District 2 over Tejada, 220-124. In District 3, the vote was close, but Naomi Zabot came out on top over Perlatonda, 172-154, according to the unofficial results Tuesday night.

In the other contested district race, incumbent Judith Garcia easily outdistanced Jason Bonetti, 161-48 in District 5. Giovanni Recupero, Yamir Rodriguez, and Calvin Brown ran unopposed in districts 6, 7, and 8 respectively.

In the At-Large race, incumbents Damali Vidot, Roy Avellaneda, and Leo Robinson were returned to office, with Vidot topping the ticket.

“At the end of the day, we ran a very clean campaign, and that resonated with people,” said Vidot.

She said her successful bid would not have been possible without the support of the voters, her volunteers, and the community.

The hard work of supporters and voters was a common sentiment among those who were elected.

“I am super excited and humbled,” said Maldonado. As a new councillor, Maldonado said she looks forward to working on issues related to the displacement and dislocation of Chelsea residents.

“I’m delighted and excited to have won, and I look forward to serving the constituents in my community,” said Zabot. She said the issues surrounding development and traffic are among the biggest issues in the city she has heard about from voters while campaigning.

Garcia said she feels blessed voters have returned her to a third term as District 5 Councillor.

“It means a lot to have the support of the voters and the volunteers who believe in my vision and all I do for the community, especially in District 5,” she

said. Garcia said she will continue to look at issues that are interconnected in the city, from the environment and housing to opportunities for Chelsea’s young people.

“I’m thrilled and thankful to Chelsea voters for again giving me their consideration and look forward to continuing to work and address issues in the community and work for Chelsea,” said Avellaneda.

“You can never take the voters for granted,” he said, adding that he has been in local politics for 20 years, but approaches each election like it is his first year.

Although Brown and Recupero ran unopposed, both were at City Hall after the polls closed waiting for results.

Brown thanked the residents and business community of District 8 and said he will continue to build relationships and listen to the voters as he serves on the council. Recupero said he will continue to serve to the best of his ability, and urged any constituents who have issues in the city to call him.

The School Committee race held few surprises, but one new face took the At-Large seat.

Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, who moved to Chelsea with his wife Sarah from Cambridge earlier this year, bested Shawn O’Regan, 1,437-818.

Jimenez-Rivera said he got to know the city voters quickly.

“I knocked on over 2,000 doors myself,” he said. “I’m proud of the work my volunteers and I did, and look forward to serving and working with the parents, students, and teachers.”

In the district School Committee races, Rosemarie Carlisle, Jeanette Velez, Marisol Santiago, Lucia Henriquez, Henry Wilson, Ana Hernandez, Kelly Chaney Garcia, and Yessenia Alfaro-Alvarez were all either unopposed or easily outdistanced their competition.

Carlisle, who has served on the committee for over 20 years, said she was happy the voters turned out to support her and that she would continue to work to make sure every child in Chelsea gets a good education.

Garcia said she will continue to work on issues of importance to the schools.

“I love my city and I’m going to continue to give back,” she said.

LOWER BROADWAY PARKING LOT NUMBERS NOT AS HIGH AS EXPECTED

EVERETT - The Lower Broadway overflow casino parking lot was expected to be a revenue stream worth several million dollars a year for the City – which is operating the lot for three years – but those estimates are coming in much lower due to lower usage than expected.

City officials didn’t immediately have an explanation for the lower numbers, but said it was likely due to Encore making its parking lot free on weekdays, and free for Red Card holders on weekends – cutting into the use of the City’s paid parking lot across the street.

City Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas said they had expected around \$5-6 million a year from the lot over a period of three years. However, that is no longer the estimate, even though the parking lot is still making money.

“Usage is down,” he said. “At this point, we’re not anticipating making those initial estimates we received from Encore. It is a fluid situation and we’re adjusting accordingly... Through the end of September, we received a net in excess of \$400,000.”

Demas said he didn’t have official numbers yet for October when parking became free for everyone the whole month, but he did say the parking lot made money over the Oct. 19-20 weekend.

“We still collected \$6,000 over that weekend,” he said. “People are still parking there, but not to the extent we thought they would. Encore’s parking is getting full, so we do see an increased usage of our lot during the busy times at Encore on Thursday through Sunday. So, we’re still getting revenues.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said he is still encouraged by the lot, as he was a big proponent of operating it

FAMILY LITERACY DAY



Chelsea Fire Chief Len Albanese reading to children at the Chelsea Public Library during Family Literacy Day on Saturday, Nov. 3. The annual event drew hundreds of kids and several celebrity readers such as Chief Albanese.

for the interim. He said they are still paying taxes on it, still intend to develop it, and the City isn’t losing any money.

“We aren’t seeing as much money on the parking as we thought we’d see,” said the mayor. “They are still paying taxes on the property, and we are still seeing some good money for that. They only have three years to operate that lot. They’re moving on to the next phase of re-development of that parking lot and all the property they purchased from Dexter to Beacham. We’re anticipating reviewing some new development in there in the next few years.”

Demas said they are exploring right now the idea of leasing spaces to businesses in the area that need parking – particularly during the slower periods.

“The mayor is looking to maximize those revenue opportunities,” he said.

ZONING BOARD DENIES PROJECT

EVERETT - The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) unanimously denied a variance request that would have allowed for the conversion of a dilapidated single-story home to an eight-unit apartment building at 126 Ferry St.

The new building would

have sat next to a 17-unit apartment building currently being renovated by the owner, according to Anthony Rossi, the attorney for the project.

The variances being sought for the building included rear, side, and front setbacks, but the biggest hold up appeared to be the lack of parking spaces for the project. Under zoning regulations, 16 spots were required for the six two-bedroom and two one-bedroom market-rate units, but there was no parking proposed on site.

“I know there are concerns about parking, but there are three spots that can be rented at the other building (being renovated by the owner),” said Rossi.

Rossi also noted that the building on Ferry Street is near public transportation and bus routes and would appeal to tenants who do not necessarily own cars. He said the owner would also agree to conditions in the ZBA decision in which tenants of 126 Ferry St. would not be able to get on-street parking stickers from the city.

“My concern is parking,” said Arlington Street resident Kathy Getchell. “You can’t tell someone that is renting that they are not going to have a parking spot. Residents will park on the street.”

However, Getchell said she would find the project more acceptable if there was a condition that residents wouldn’t be able to get parking stickers.

ZBA member Michael Dantone asked if there was any chance the size of the project could be reduced.

Rossi noted that the owner, Luisa Bedoya, spent a considerable amount on the neighboring property, as well as 126 Ferry St., and is making a sizeable investment in the properties, but that she would be willing to reduce the project to six units if it was the Board’s will.

According to city assessing records, Bedoya purchased 126 Ferry St. last year for \$200,000. She bought 114-124 Ferry St. in 2017 for \$2.8 million.

“We’re willing to take a story off and do four two-bedrooms and two one-bedrooms,” said Rossi. “We could do that and still have a nice project.”

Dantone made a motion to grant the variances for 126 Ferry St. with the conditions that no city parking stickers be issued for residents, and that the project be reduced by one floor, eliminating two units, but the variances were unanimously rejected by the Board.

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The applicant can appeal the decision to the state.

•Many of the residents attending Monday night’s meeting went home early, as several projects on the agenda were tabled to future meetings, including projects at 31-33 School St. and a controversial one at 295 Chelsea St.

•The ZBA also denied a special permit to convert a two-story home to a three-story home on Bennett Street after the applicant failed to show up for the second hearing in a row.

HOGAN WINS WARD 6 SEAT

LYNN - Anyone who watched Fred Hogan build the Lynn English girls basketball program in to an NEC powerhouse and Division 1 champion knows how competitive he is and how hard he works to be the best.

So when Cinda Danh, an outstanding candidate in her own right, came within 10 votes of Hogan in the preliminary election on Sept. 4, Hogan knew he had to step up his campaign over the next two months.

In fact, at his post-election party back in September, Hogan told his supporters point blank, “We have to continue to work hard – we have to pick up the pace and turn it up another notch.”

Hogan campaigned vigorously over the past two months, going door-to-door to speak with residents throughout Ward 6, all the while serving his constituents as an effective city councillor and his continuing his citywide efforts as a community organizer.

The hard work of Hogan paid off as he received 718 votes to win re-election Tuesday. Dahn who also waged an excellent, grass-roots campaign, received 648 votes.

Hogan celebrated his victory with supporters at the Brick Yard Bar and Grill. He pledged to continue to work hard every day on behalf of his constituents and thanked Danh for participating in an election process that was positive on both sides.

“We are Ward 6 working together to make Lynn a better place to live,” said Hogan. “I thank the voters for giving me the opportunity to represent them on the City Council.”

BUZZY BARTON TOPS THE TICKET IN AT-LARGE ELECTION

Councillor-at-Large Buzzy Barton once again displayed his popularity with voters across the city, receiving 5,426 votes to top the ticket and win re-election.

All four incumbents received strong votes. Councillors-at-Large Hong Net (5,043), Brian LaPierre (4,974), and Brian Field (4,761 votes) were also re-elected to the Council.

Jose Encarnacion finished in fifth place with 2,409 votes followed by Lennin Ernesto Pena with 1,966 votes in seventh place, and Joel Hyppolite with 1,407 votes in eighth place.

Incumbents Fare Well In Other Ward Races

In Ward 1, Councilor Wayne Lozzi received 1,579 votes to earn re-election to the City Council. Challenger William O’Shea received 1,283 votes.

Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard was unopposed in his bid for re-election. Starbard received 1,035 votes.

In Ward 3, Councilor Darren Cyr, the reigning council president, received 977 votes to defeat George Meimeteas, who received

559 votes.

In Ward 4, Councilor Richard Colucci, dean of the City Council, received 471 votes to defeat Natasha Megie-Maddrey, who received 301 votes.

In Ward 5, Councilor Dianna Chakoutis received 573 votes to defeat Marven Rhode Hyppolite, who received 519 votes.

In Ward 7, Councilor Jay Walsh received 1,059 votes to defeat Alexis Reynoso, who received 315 votes.

Coppola Tops The Ticket In School Committee Contest

Longtime School Committee member and current Vice Chair Donna Coppola led a successful night for the incumbents, topping the ticket in a field of eight candidates with 5,377 votes.

The other five incumbents were also re-elected in impressive fashion. Lorraine Gately was second with 4,835 votes, followed by fellow incumbents John Ford with 4,779 votes, Jared Nicholson with 4,428 votes, Michael Satterwhite with 4,077 votes, and Brian Castellanos with 4,056 votes.

Sandra Lopez finished seventh with 2,937 votes while Tiffany Jean Magnolia finished eighth with 2,835 votes.

Janet Rowe Reports 19.99 Percent Turnout

City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe reported a turnout of 19.99 per cent in Tuesday’s general election.

A total of 10,552 voters out of a pool of 52,796 registered voters cast their ballots in the election.

ARRIGO RE-ELECTED MAYOR

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo won re-election Tuesday, earning a second four-year term as the city’s chief executive.

Arrigo received 5,809 votes to claim victory over Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo who received 5,251 votes. The election was a rematch of their 2015 contest in which Arrigo, then a councillor-at-large, unseated Rizzo, then mayor, by 118 votes.

Arrigo celebrated his impressive victory at the Marina at the Wharf Restaurant, with his jubilant supporters, many wearing the familiar orange jerseys, chanting, “Four More Years, A-R-R-I-G-O, and BRIAN, BRIAN!” as the mayor and his wife, Daveen Arrigo, entered the main room.

It was Daveen who had the honor of introducing her husband, stating simply, “I would just like to take a second to congratulate my husband, Mayor Brian Arrigo,” drawing roars of approval from the crowd.

Arrigo stood on a chair, obliging his supporters who wanted to see the mayor deliver his acceptance speech.

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“I was just reminded that I have a 6 a.m. sign holding so I can’t fall off the chair, and I’ve always wanted to say this – but honey, we’re going to Disney World,” said Arrigo, echoing the famous phrase that newly crowned Super Bowl champions say after their victories.

Arrigo then expressed his gratitude to his entire campaign team and the volunteers who propelled him to victory.

“From the bottom of my heart, thank you,” said Arrigo. “Thank you to everyone that held a sign, knocked on doors, took time to make phone calls, wrote letters, wrote notes – thank you. Without all of your help and hard work, we’re not here.

“I would be remiss if I didn’t mention my mom (Paula Arrigo), my entire family, obviously my beautiful wife, Daveen, and our two boys (Joseph and Jack).”

Arrigo added, “starting tomorrow, there’s a lot of work to be done and I know you’ve all bought in to the vision that we have for the city, but there are still 5,252 people who did not necessarily buy in to that vision. The work begins tomorrow to start to heal the city, make sure that the negativity and the divisive way that people campaigned and the way that things were done over the last couple of months doesn’t happen again.

“I want to say congratulations to all of you, thank you for all your love and support and have a fun night,” concluded Arrigo.

The triumphant scene continued inside the restaurant as supporters personally congratulated Arrigo, with many requesting Election Night photographs with the mayor.

D’AMBROSIO TOPS SCHOOL COMMITTEE RACE; POWERS RE-ELECTED; SERINO TOPS IN WARD 6

REVERE - Two new faces will be on the City Council and School Committee come January as the results of the 2019 Election now have gone into the history books.

All incumbents were returned to office in spirited races for the council and school committee. A new face on the Council, but not to the voters of Revere, School Committeeman Gerry Visconti was elected to fill the vacant seat left by Councillor Dan Rizzo who ran for mayor. Incumbents returning were top vote getter Jessica Ann Giannino with 5,684 votes, followed by Councillors Steven Morabito, Anthony Zambuto and George Rotondo.

In the School Committee race, newcomer to Revere politics, Anthony D’Ambrosio handily topped the

School Committee race with 5,243 votes. Incumbent Carol Tye finished second with 4,997 votes followed by incumbents Michael Ferrante, Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo, Susan Gravellese and Frederick Sannella.

Two closely watched races were in Ward 5 and Ward 6.

In Ward 5, Councillor John Powers again faced Eric Lampededchio. Powers won re-election with 1262 votes to Lampededchio’s 932 votes.

In Ward 6 Richard Serino easily won with 1,451 votes to Nicholas Moulaison’s 486. Both candidates were running to fill the seat left vacant by the retirement of popular Ward 6 Councilor Charlie Patch.

In the other contested Ward race, Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky easily won re-election with 632 votes to challenger Robert Bent with 187 votes.

NEW FACES IN WINTHROP ELECTED OFFICES

WINTHROP - The inclement weather didn’t stop voters from getting out to the polls to cast their votes on Tuesday, Nov. 5, as voices were heard and candidates were nominated. The ballot question saw a “yes” vote passed, which means that the majority of voters were in favor of adopting the zoning bylaw to prohibit all types of adult-use marijuana establishments in the town. There were 1,499 votes for “yes” and 1,180 votes for “no,” and five out of the six precincts were in favor of banning marijuana establishments.

Running unopposed, Philip Boncore scored 1,943 votes for Town Council President. Boncore has been Councilor-At-Large since the Council began. With 259 votes, Barbara Flockhart will take over the

role of Precinct 4 Councilor. As the top vote-getter with 2,243 votes, Tracey Honan was newly elected as Councilor-At-Large. Also on the Councilor-At-Large seat is Rob DeMarco, re-elected with 1,956 votes. Richard Ferrino was elected as the Precinct 1 councilor with 418 votes.

The Precinct 2 seat was the most competitive in this year’s election, with John Munson, Kurt Millar and Jim Letterie, vying for the position. Letterie took the lead with 307 votes making this his 15th year serving on the council, with Munson coming in second with 194 votes and Millar with 120 votes. Steve Ruggiero holds the Precinct 6 seat with 305 votes.

The three four-year Library Trustees are Denise LoConte (1,507), Ronald Bergman (1,231), and Nancy Giuffre (1199), with Laura Barrett winning the two-year seat with 2038 votes.

The two four-year seats for the Winthrop Housing Authority are Richard Honan (2,045) and Frank Ferrara (1,318). Top votes for the three four-year seats on the school committee are Gus Martucci (1,915), Valentino Capobianco (1,885), and Suzanne Swope (1,730).

With a voter turnout of about 23 percent, the day was deemed a success by those who saw the entire election unfold.

“We had a successful election without incident, that is largely due to our preparation, our training and our team,” said Town Clerk, Carla Vitale. “I am grateful for all who ran to help our community and I am looking forward to working with all the winners in the coming year.”

FAMILY SEEKS HELP IN TIME OF NEED

WINTHROP - In 2017,

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY GRADUATES EAST BOSTON RESIDENTS

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 2,106 students in Sept. 2019.

Receiving degrees were East Boston students Yinjie Mei, Master of Science in Financial Management; Sabiha Madraswalla, Mas-

ter of Education in Developmental Studies.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engineering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines,

when resident Josh Cohen was in the third grade, he discovered that he had a large Wilms Tumor on his left kidney. Since then, he has had the affected kidney removed, and has undergone 12 rounds of chemotherapy and 13 radiation treatments at Dana Farber and Children’s Hospital. Just as Josh and his family were beginning to slip back into their normal lives, they received the devastating news that his bone marrow is failing. He was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), which is a condition where the bone marrow no longer makes enough healthy cells for him to survive. The Cohen Family is prepared to fight again and Josh will need a bone marrow transplant to save his life, which means that Josh will have to endure many months of isolation to protect him from infection as the treatment takes hold.

The Cohen family is asking the community for help so they can provide for Josh and his brother Alex.

“We are devastated to be asking for the help and support of our community once again,” said April Cohen, Josh’s mother.” We are heartbroken to be in this position but we have to do what needs to be done. That will mean going from two incomes to one in the near future. If you can help us, please donate to the GoFundMe page at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/josh-fights-on>

If our story has inspired you to become a bone marrow donor please join one of the many registries (bethematch.org). We are very grateful for even something as small as a warm smile in a difficult time. Josh is a very strong young man but the road ahead is difficult and we are all eternally grateful for this strong and generous community.”

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OBITUARIES

Rita Pizzi

Woman of Deep Faith

Rita M. (Kirk) Pizzi, 87, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Don Orione Home, East Boston.

Family and friends are invited to express their respects and condolences at St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop today, Wednesday, Nov. 13 beginning at 9 a.m. to be followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Rita was a lifelong resident of East Boston, member of the Star of the Sea Parish and St. Mary's graduating class of 1950. On Nov. 11, 1951, Rita married her only love, Thomas "Johnny" Pizzi at Star of the Sea. In the years to follow, she was blessed to be the mother of five children. It was very important that she raised her children with a strong faith in God and to have a Catholic education.

Rita was a dedicated mother and wife. She was very involved in school activities, a den mother in the Cub Scouts and proud to drive the East Boston High Cheerleaders in the Columbus Day Parades.

Rita was a mother who led by example and her children were very proud of her. Rita's faith was paramount and she demonstrated it daily. She was an active parishioner at Star of the Sea Parish. In later years, she became a devotee of the Most Holy Redeemer Parish in East Boston and St. John the Evangelist in Winthrop.

Prayer was as important to Rita as taking a breath. Rita would always greet you with a warm embrace promising her prayers for you, truly a woman of God. Her deep faith allowed her to have peace in any situation, because she believed in the power of prayer.

After her children were grown, she began a work-



ing career at Boston Logan International Airport. Rita loved to cook for holidays and special occasions. She truly enjoyed knitting and crocheting beautiful afghans, quilts, hats and scarves for winter, and often gave them as gifts. Rita always cherished every family gathering with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was the devoted wife of 52 years to the late Thomas J. "Johnny" Pizzi, loving and caring mother of John T. Pizzi and his wife, Glenda of Waltham, Patricia Pizzi Gamble and her husband, Ron of Marlborough, Stephen M. Pizzi and his wife, Karen of Revere, Donna Pizzi Giglio of Winthrop, and Ritamarie Pizzi DiSciscio and her husband, William J. DiSciscio Jr. of Winthrop; adored Nana of Elizabeth, Michelle, Tanya, John Jr., Stephen Jr., Tina Marie, Rayna, Alannah and Nicholas and proud great grandmother of ten great grandchildren; dear sister of the late Ruth O'Brien, Nicholas "James" Kirk, Hazel Fitzpatrick, Earl "Bud-dy" Kirk, Irene M. Rotondi, Alice E. Oldham, Jean E. Fiatarone, and Patrick Kirk.

Donations in Rita's memory can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105

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Kathleen Juliano

Of East Boston

Kathleen "Kathie" Juliano, of East Boston, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the age of 72.

The beloved spouse of Ann Buonopane, she was the devoted mother of Gina Myers and her husband, Wayne of North Kingstown, RI and Joseph Dedominicis and his wife, Lisa of Malden; dear sister of Jean, Donna, Debbie, Laura, Gail and the late Patty and cherished grandmother of Darius, Myleya and Mikey. She is also survived by her beloved dog, Milo

and countless adored nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Kathie's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. A memorial service will be held in the Serenity Chapel of the Memorial Home at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to offset funeral expenses. For more information, visit ruggieromh.com

Maria de la Cruz Median Dussan

Of East Boston

Maria de la Cruz Median Dussan of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Nov. 8 at the age of 88.

She was the devoted mother of Fabian Medina and his wife, Christine of Revere and William Medina and his wife, Ruth of Seattle, dear sister of Braulia Medina, cherished grandmother of Gabriel and Samantha and adored great

grandmother of Avery. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Maria's life by gathering at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Maverick St., East Boston on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. A Funeral Mass in celebration of Maria's life will take place in the church at 11 a.m.

For more information, visit ruggieromh.com

Thomas Hickey, Jr.

Retired Commission Broker

Services and interment have been held for Thomas F. Hickey, Jr., who died on Sunday, Oct. 13 following a long illness at the Don Orione Nursing Home in East Boston.

Born and raised in East Boston, he attended Boston English High School and was a member of the Class of 1954.

Thomas spent most of his working career as a commission broker. He lived in Las Vegas, Nevada for many years, before returning to Boston and living in Winthrop for over 20 years.

He was the beloved son of the late Thomas F. Hickey Sr. and Helene Jeannette (Buckley) Hickey; the cherished brother to Charles E. Hickey and his wife, Pamela of Saugus and the late, Francis P. Hickey and his late wife, Jan of Morrow, Georgia. He is also lovingly survived by many cousins and by the Hurley Family of Crest Ave in Beachmont, Revere and by many nieces and nephews.

Remembrances may be made to the N.E. Center & Home for Veterans, P.O. Box 845257, Boston, MA 02284-5257. For more information, please visit: www.vertuccioandsmith.com

Joseph James D'Amelio

Well known local businessman, will be missed by all

Joseph James D'Amelio passed away suddenly on Nov. 11 at the age of 49.

Joe was a long-time East Boston resident, formerly of Wilmington. He grew up working in his family's restaurant in the North End of Boston, 5 North Square. He developed a passion for the restaurant business and opened up D'Amelio's Off the Boat Seafood, first in East Boston and then moving to a larger, more modern location on Revere Street in Revere.

Joe worked as a young man at Langone Funeral Home in the North End. He developed an interest in the funeral industry and later owned a livery company that specialized in servicing the Funeral Industry. He worked part time for Ruggiero Family Memorial Home in East Boston and Vazza's Beechwood Funeral Home in Revere. He will be missed by all.

He was the beloved husband of Antonietta (Grieci) D'Amelio, cherished son of George D'Amelio Sr. and Lillian (Orlandino) D'Amelio, fond son-in-law of Dario and Albina Grieci and dear brother of Ed-



mund D'Amelio, George D'Amelio Jr. and his wife, Tricia, Christine Dilulio, Albert D'Amelio and Angelina D'Amelio. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins and friends.

Family and friends will honor Joe's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Monday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church Brooks St., East Boston for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in celebration of Joe's life. Services will conclude with Joe being entombed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Suzanne Mucci Todd

A great cook, who always called Eastie "her home" is now in heaven

Suzanne Mucci Todd of Burke, Virginia, formerly of East Boston, died peacefully at home in her sleep on Nov. 9 at the age of 97.

Those who have tried her gnocchi, meatballs and chicken and dumplings know that a great cook is now in heaven. She always loved reminiscing about growing up in East Boston and she always called Eastie her "home." Goodbye Mom, until we meet again!

Funeral arrangements are being made for her to join her deceased husband Ray Jeff Todd at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. She was deeply loved and she will be deeply missed.

She was a devoted mother to Raymond Todd and his wife, Elizabeth of Malden, Marjorie Kelly of El Paso, TX; and Anne Todd Walsh and her husband, Gerard of Burke, VA. She



leaves behind her adored grandchildren: Margaret Kelly, Tracey Todd Thompson and her husband, Bill, Jeffrey Walsh and his wife, Ashly and James Todd as well as her great grandchildren, Keira and Shane Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>

Arrangements are by Advent Funeral & Cremation Services, <http://www.adventfuneral.com>.

AROUND THE CITY

FELLOW TRAVELERS

Boston Lyric Opera presents the New England premiere of Gregory Spears and Greg Pierce's acclaimed opera, based on Thomas Mallon's novel, November 13-17: Nov. 13,14,16, sung in English, 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m., at the Emerson Paramount Center, Robert J. Orchard Stage, 559 Washington St., Boston, blo.org, 617-542-6772, boxoffice@blo.org.

IL DIVO

The group comes to the Orpheum Theatre, 1 Hamilton Place, Boston, as part of its tour featuring "A Holiday Song Celebration," November 17, at 8 p.m. \$55, \$75, \$99.50. \$200. Ticketmaster.com.

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Special events and programs kick off this year's international fair, starting with an opening night celebration, Friday, November 15, 4-8 p.m., at the Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston St., Boston. Opening night festivities, \$25; Saturday, Sunday, artsemerson.org. Free admission, Saturday, Sunday, free book appraisal Nov. 17, 1-3 p.m. bostonbookfair.com, 617-266-6540.

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Huntington Theatre, in asso-

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Members invite the public to an informational session about A Clean Energy Future-an act to promote green infrastructure and reduce carbon emissions, Wednesday, November 20, 6 p.m., at Winthrop Public library, Winthrop. [Facebook.com/events/695635904264656](https://www.facebook.com/events/695635904264656). Share and RSVP.

SALEM STATE ARTS EVENTS

An artist's talk with Morgan Pettipas, honors in art: sculpture, will be held November 13, 12:30 p.m., followed by a reception, 2-4 p.m., kicking off the artist's exhibition Nov. 6-27, in the university's Winfisky Gallery, Nov. 6-The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ashleigh Gordon delivers a lecture, "Fostering Culture in Curiosity: Arts + YOU" Nov. 14, 3 p.m., in the recital hall, 71 Loring Ave. Castle of our Skins presents Romantic by Nature, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., in the recital hall, and "Top Girls" is held Nov. 21-24, Dec. 5-8, in the Sophia Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts. Salemstatetickets.com, 978-542-6365.

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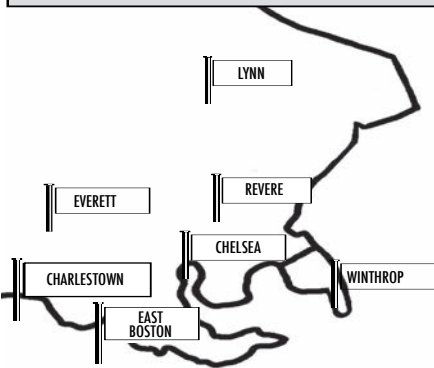
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sary in the neighborhood.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, said a special Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the occasion. The Mass was celebrated bilingually and the Cardinal preached in both English and Spanish.

Prior to the Mass, Holy Redeemer's pastor, Fr. Tom Domurat, gave O'Malley a tour of the church and all the historic restoration that has been undertaken in recent years. Following the Mass, parishioners enjoyed a luncheon and entertainment in the parish hall.

In 2010 church leaders began an ambitious \$300,000 project to restore the historic structure's façade and bell tower.

"The building had to be repointed," said Fr. Domurat. "In some places in the tower the mortar had turned into sand and we wanted to make sure the church stayed as solid and beautiful and historic as it has been for over 150 years."

Over the course of six months scaffolding had been placed around the church as work crews fixed the problems. All the louvers were replaced, the stone re-pointed and the entire structure went through a restoration wash and waterproofing.

More recently, Fr. Domurat completed a restoration of the interior of the church and around the altar.

Around the altar the pillars have been painted

and gold leafed. Extensive stencil work behind the altar and on the ceiling have brightened up the historic house of worship immensely.

"I have been saving up for this for 10 years and we used most of our savings on the restoration," said Fr. Domurat. "The paint was chipping and falling off, the walls were cracked and buckling so it really needed some work."

Fr. Domurat said the church spent roughly \$400,000 on some of the restoration efforts that included gold leaf done by a Polish artist known for his work at the Basilica of the Rosary of Fatima in Portugal. Marble accents like the baptismal font were brought in from Italy and a new wood floor was installed.

"There is just so much wonderful detail like the angels at the top of the pillars and the gold leaf under the statues," said Fr. Domurat. "What was fun was watching this develop over the course of the year. Each time I would come in there would be a new detail I had never noticed before."

The Most Holy Redeemer Church on Maverick Street has been an anchor in the community for 164 years. On its grounds the church houses a place of worship, a parochial school and a homeless shelter for families in need of help and compassion.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, enters Most Holy Redeemer Church Sunday to begin Mass.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, and Most Holy Redeemer's pastor, Fr. Tom Domurat, during Sunday's Mass.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, and Most Holy Redeemer's pastor, Fr. Tom Domurat.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, surrounded by the beautifully restored altar at Most Holy Redeemer Church.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, with Most Holy Redeemer Church leaders during Sunday's 175th Anniversary Mass.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, meets with parishioners after Mass.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, delivers his homily.



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