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JPNA votes down Webster Street project

By John Lynds

Members of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) voted 20 to 7 Monday night against the proposed residential project at 182 Webster St.

Owner Julius Sokol is proposing to change the occupancy from a three-family to a four-family, construct a rear addition on the fourth floor, construct an exterior rear deck and build a stairway to extend the first-floor living space into the basement.

Currently the home is a rental property, but Sokol's attorney, Patrick Mahoney, said once the project was completed it would convert to market-rate condo units to increase homeownership opportunities in the area.

Mahoney said his client has already been before the JPNA as well as JP-NA's Planning and Zoning Subcommittee. Sokol also hosted two abutters meeting on the project and tried to shape the proposal to address some of the comments and concerns from residents.

The architect for the project, Owen Thomas of Bloom Architecture, commented that the historic brick bowfront on Webster would be rehabbed extensively because it is currently in 'pretty rough shape.'

Thomas said Sokol would not change the foot print or height of the building and only extend an already existing two-floor rear addition to the third floor. This would increase the living space for that top

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By John Lynds

ton man charged with kill-

ing a Rhode Island college

student and seriously injur-

ing her college roommate

during a car crash on May

5 of 2019 was set to begin

last week.

The trial of the East Bos-



Alex DeFronzo takes the plunge for the Sailing Center Dunk the Director fundraiser nets \$2,500 for PPSC

By John Lynds

Two years ago, Piers Park Sailing (PPSC) Center's Executive Director Alex DeFronzo decided to use his December birthday to do something different to raise money for the Sailing Center's programs. To mark his 29th birthday in 2017, DeFronzo jumped into the icy Boston Harbor as part of a fundraiser he dubbed 'Dunk the Director.'

While most East Bostonians wouldn't dream of spending their birthday jumping into the frigid Bos-

Judge agrees to move Dylan Etheridge case to March

However, Dylan Ether-

idge's defense counsel

asked the presiding judge

to push back the Status

Conference scheduled for

Wednesday, January 8, to

Thursday, March 5. The

judge allowed the resched-

uling according to the Suf-

folk County District Attor-

ton Harbor on a cold winter's day Alex DeFronzo was happy to do it in 2017, 2018 and was back at it again this year.

On Friday, December 27 DeFronzo took the plunge for the third time. DeFronzo emerged from PPSC's trailer dressed in shorts and a life vest and after a quick speech, some thank yous of support and a countdown he jumped off the PPSC's docks into the harbor.

DeFronzo explained that the winter is the time of year that a fundraiser helps a lot with covering payroll

A status conference is a

court-ordered meeting with

a judge where they decide

the date of the trial or to get

updated information on a

defendant for ongoing con-

ditions, set forth previously

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ney's Office.

for its after school instructors and buying educational supplies.

to raise money for the

This was the third year

in a row DeFronzo did

his 'Dunk the Director'

birthday fundraiser at

Piers Park Sailing.

Sailing Center.

"I am grateful for everyone supporting PPSC in the dead of winter," said DeFronzo. "It helps us run our after-school marine science programs and helps us get ready for spring Sailing After School and the EBHS Varsity Team. We raised over \$2,500 for the splash."

DeFronzo said unlike the first year he jumped where he and PPSC staff had to chip a hole in the ice cov-

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Due to the Monday, Jan. 20th, Martin Luther King Holiday, Trash will be delayed by one day.

Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

Giving Back

Salesian Boys & Girls Club kids to get free Charlie Cards

The Salesian Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street has been an oasis for working parents that need after school care for their children. Knowing their children are in a safe place for the afternoon when school lets out and involved in enriching activities has made the Salesian a go to place for hundreds of families. However, getting there

more frequent basis. However, a new program by the MBTA may increase

by public transportation has

been tricky for some club

kids who rely on MBTA

buses or trains to get to and

from the Salesian program.

For others the cost of pub-

lic transportation can some-

times be a barrier for kids

who want to participate at

the Boys & Girls Club on a

See MBTA Page 2

Taste of Eastie set for Jan. 23

For more than two decades, the annual Taste of Eastie has become a local culinary tradition that brings the neighborhood and old friends together through food. The event's success has long been attributed to its perfect blend of community, camaraderie

and cuisine—and this year will be no exception. This year's 24th Annual

Taste of Eastie will kickoff at the Logan Hilton Hotel on Thursday, January 23 at

Each year the event's organizer, East Boston Main Streets (EBMS), captures

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Steve Scire from Carlos Catering during last year's Taste of Eastie. This year's annual food event will kick off on Thursday, January 23 at the Logan Hilton at 6 p.m.

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in observance of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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participation at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, as well as Boys & Girls Club programs across the city.

Last week the MBTA announced that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston have joined the ongoing program to increase the availability of CharlieCards to Eastie kids who rely on public transportation.

Under the program, free no-balance CharlieCards are now available at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club as well as all Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston during their open hours.

"Expanding this program ensures that more customers have access to lower fares through the use of our re-loadable CharlieCard," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "I want to extend my appreciation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston for partnering with the T in expanding this access that ultimately allows the MBTA to be even more accessible for our customers."

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston join a growing list of organizations, cities, and towns partnering with the MBTA to increase access to CharlieCards.

"Thanks to the MBTA's initiative to increase accessibility to CharlieCards, our children and teens will have the opportunity to travel outside their neighborhoods to discover opportunities in Boston and beyond related to education, the arts, jobs, and more," said Josh Kraft, Nicholas President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. "Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston is grateful for the chance to partner

with the MBTA." Unlike CharlieTickets, CharlieCards are reusable plastic cards that can be routinely loaded with stored cash value or one-day, seven-day, or monthly passes. As a way to encourage use of CharlieCards, cardholders pay lower single-ride fares on bus and subway

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services than customers who pay cash or hold a Charlie-CharlieTicket. Cards also offer enhanced options for transfers over tickets and cash.

"We are always grateful for the relationship we have with Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston," said Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant. "Josh (Kraft) and his team have been incredibly supportive of me and Salesian Boys & Girls Club since my first day on the job here. This is a great example of how cohesiveness leads to opportunity. Our club members and community members are our greatest resources and we strive to simplify their lives however possible. As a kid who grew up in Eastie, I know how at times we can feel disconnected from other parts of the city so access to Charlie Cards is a great step toward making travel for our club members a lot easier."

CharlieCard availability has historically been concentrated around major rapid-transit hubs. Similarly, fare vending machines are clustered around rapid-transit stations. Under this program, the MBTA continues to acknowledge that access to cards needs to increase, especially in communities with a higher reliance on

The MBTA hopes to partner with nonprofit organizations or cities and towns to provide residents with CharlieCards, either blank or pre-loaded with a dollar amount for purchase. By providing easier access to CharlieCards, the T hopes to incentivize riders to use CharlieCards and fare vending machines throughout their travels, resulting in a savings of both time and money. Organizations and communities seeking to partner in this effort should contact MBTA Chief Cus-

at DLevy@MBTA.com.

Public comment period on Logan's parking project to end Jan. 23

By John Lynds

Activists and residents are scrambling to get their comment letters in before the Public Comment Period on Logan Airport's parking project ends later this month.

According to Massport the proposed parking project plans to add 5,000 new on-Airport commercial parking spaces in two phases at Logan. The project requires a lifting of a decades-old parking freeze at Logan by the state.

In its filing Massport wrote, "The proposed project itself constitutes mitigation, designed to complement Massport's other

ground access strategies that aim to reduce the number of trips to and from the Airport, and reduce vehicle miles traveled and associated air emissions".

The public comment pe-

riod for the project began on Dec. 23, 2019 and will conclude on Jan. 23, 2020. The project can be found on Massport's website at www. massport.com/massport/ about-massport/project-environmental-filings/. Written comments on the project can be sent to the MEPA Office or FAA on or before Jan. 23, 2020 at MEPA@ mass.gov or through the Energy & Environmental Affairs Public Comments Portal www.eeaonline.eea.

state.ma.us/EEA/Public-

Comment/Landing. AIR, Inc., the Boston region's longest serving community-based airport mitigation planning group already submitted a letter of opposition to this project and requested that Secretary Theoharides require Massport to produce a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which addresses the many serious flaws in reporting and anal-

ysis within the present EIR. "The EIR proposes that a more efficient, larger airport will create less pollution than a less efficient, larger airport," wrote AIR, Inc. President Gail Miller. "The idea that the difference in additional negative impacts creates a benefit to environmental justice communities is ludicrous. Nowhere in the Logan Airport Parking Project EIR does (Massport) offer an option for the community to be polluted less; nor is the quantity of added pollution actually reported for the proposed project at expected operational capacity."

Miller said the state should not approve the project until Massport reports on the parking project as a component of recent, current and future projects and provide analysis and discussion of project and associated cumulative environmental impacts.

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the experience of bringing friends and family together to enjoy great food, each other's company and celebrate the community-because in Eastie, dinner is as much about spending time with friends and family as it is about the food.

EBMS Director Gladys Oliveros commented that the nearly 30 or so participating restaurants are a great reflection of the diversity, hard work, and entrepreneurship that make Eastie's culinary scene one of the best in the state.

"We are ready to go," said Oliveros. "Right now we have 28 restaurants and everything is looking good. This is my first Taste of Eastie as the new director and I was a little nervous. But once I was out in the community knocking on doors everyone wants to

Oliverson said from the business community to residents, the entire Eastie community has rallied around the annual event volunteering help, donations and sponsorships.

"Everyone is involved and it is a real community effort," said Oliveros. "I'm so happy that so many people want to participate and make this year's Taste of Eastie a success."

Oliveros said there will also be some new faces at this year's Taste of Eastie alongside many of the yearly staples.

"New places like Pazza on Porter, Dirty Water Dough and the Quiet Few will all be there this year," said Oliveros.

Most of these newcomers have opened shop in Eastie in the past year.

Food and fun highlight this wonderful evening that also includes raffles and auctions. Over thirty local food merchants will showcase their delicious cuisine, including tastes from South and Central America, the Mediterranean, China, the Middle East, Italy and Aus-

Whether you are already an Eastie-food addict or looking to try food from fantastic neighborhood restaurants for the time, this is your night.

As in years past, Taste of Eastie will feature a silent auction and raffle. Last year, more than 300 Eastie residents and residents from neighboring communities reached into their pockets and gave something back to Eastie by supporting this long standing fundraiser to support of EBMS. The event raised nearly \$20,000 to fund EBMS's community improvement projects. Restaurants from Eastie

and surrounding communities will again pitch in to help EBMS pull off another successful Taste of Eastie and at the same time showcased their cooking talents. Gruner added that the

event is more than a culinary showcase and has evolved into a community gathering that celebrates Eastie's diversity, pageantry and love of friends and family.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.eventbrite. com/e/taste-of-eastie-2020tickets-83832905477. For more details or questions please contact EBMS at mgruner@ebmainstreets. com or call (617) 561-1044.

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\$835,000

\$850,000

floor unit.

While the project pales

family is usually a slam dunk for most developers, development-weary group still thought the project would have a negative impact on the community.

Some at Monday night's meeting said they were apprehensive of support for adding an additional unit in a building that does not have off-street parking. Others feared changing the roofline in the back in order to extend the rear addition would impact the homes next door that are connected to 182 Webster St.

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The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:30 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 5:30

b. Approval of Minutes November 12, 2020 5:35 OLD BUSINESS

c. Vote - Officers for the Board of Directors 5:40

d. Other Old Business 6:00

NEW BUSINESS e. Draft Treasurer's Report - 2019 6:05

f. Draft Operating Budget - 2020 (2020 Operating Budget to be voted on at February 2020 Meeting) 6:10

Other New Business 6:20 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE **NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

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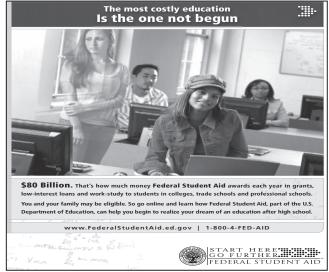
A copy of this notice has also been posted on the organization's website at www.EBPierPAC.org

and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 5 days prior to the scheduled date of

Members of the organization may participate remotely with prior approval by the Chair. If remote participation occurs, the Chair shall announce prior to commencement of the meeting the names of members participating remotely and the reasons therefore.

Attorney Patrick Mahoney discusses his client's plans for

182 Webster St.





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COMMUNITY NEWS

JEFFRIES POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PLANNING & **ZONING AGENDA**

We are holding two meetings in January to ensure that each project receives adequate time for community discussion.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020; 7 – 8:30 pm

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: Training Building

250 Sumner Street AGENDA (subject to change)

382 Sumner Street -Erect a 3-unit residential dwelling; 1st presentation. 32 Orleans Street -

Combine lots and erect a 5-story, 6-unit, residential building with parking; 2nd presentation. 58 Everett Street - Ex-

tend Living Space into Basement; 1st presentation. Wednesday, January 22, 2020; 7 – 8:30 pm

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: Training Building

250 Sumner Street AGENDA (subject to

139 Everett Street - Revert from a single-family to a 2-family. Add headroom to the upper floor. Add a roofdeck; 1st presentation. 362 Sumner Street -

Erect a 3-unit residential dwelling; 2nd presentation. 159-165 Everett Street

- Erect a 7-unit residential dwelling with parking; 2nd presentation.

We thank the EBNHC for letting us use the space. We MUST be out of the building by 8:30PM.

2020 Planning & Zoning Meeting dates are available at jeffriespoint.org

Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Board of Directors:

Cindy Baxter | Rachel Blomerth | Mary Cole | Margaret Farmer | Andrew

SHAMROCK SPLASH KICKOFF PARTY

Join Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay in kicking off the 10th Annual Shamrock Splash on Thursday, January 30th from 5:30PM -7:30PM at Harpoon Brewery! Learn more about our plans for this year's Splash, chat with people who have participated in the past, and enjoy free beer and pretzels from Harpoon Brewery. To RSVP for the kickoff email smith@savetheharbor.org or click the button below.

KICKOFF RSVP

The 10th Annual Shamrock Splash will take place on Sunday, March 8th, at the BCYF Curley Community Center M Street Beach in South Boston. The Splash site is up, so you can register today for just \$20 and help make this year's splash the best ever! Splash Registration

Day of check in will begin at 10:00 AM, the Splash will be at 11:00 AM, and Boston Harbor's best winter beach party starts as soon as we're all back on land! All proceeds raised by the Harpoon Shamrock Splash directly benefit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and DCR's Better Beaches Program, providing FREE events and activities on our region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

Last year the Harpoon Shamrock Splash raised more than \$50,000 to support free concerts and beach festivals, sand sculpting competitions, sand raking demonstrations and circus performances on the region's public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

This is our 10th Annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash, and it's going to be the biggest yet, bringing more people to the beach to enjoy a refreshing Harpoon beer and the cool clean water of Boston Harbor, along with the chance to win round-trip flights from Jet-Blue and other great prizes, all for a very good cause.

We can't wait to kickoff the year with you!

See you on January 30th at Harpoon and on the beach on March 8th!

OHNC MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) will be Monday, Jan 20, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA gym at 58 Ashley St.

Agenda is subject to change.

Introductions - Welcome and report from the board (President, (VP), Secre-

Public Safety - Station 7 Community Update: Sgt. Joe Cintolo & Officer Dan Community Presenta-

tion - TREE Eastie Bylaws Vote - to amend

bylaws and move "Holiday Monday" meetings to the following day. If passed, would go into effect in Feb-

Development Presentations - new and voting

INFO: 1088 Saratoga St, Proposal to change occu-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Association First Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Char-

ter 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 Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association

Club, 565 Sumner St. Orient Heights Neighborhood Association Third Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54

Second Monday of every month.

6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht

Friends of The East Boston Library Second Thursday every month 6:30 p.m. at the branch library, 365

Bremen Street

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

Maverick Central Neighborhood Asso-Third Wednesday of every month

7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St. Gove Street Citizens Association

Last Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room

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

pancy to 5 units and erect addition with parking for 3 vehicles.

Ashley St.

VOTE: 837 Saratoga St, Seeking to change occupancy from 3-family dwelling to multi-family dwelling (8 units). Erect rear addition and fourth-story addition. Propose (6) parking spaces.

VOTE: 839 Saratoga St, Seeking to raze existing building and erect a 4-story, 9-unit residential dwelling with parking for 9 vehicles and roof decks.

BLOOD DRIVE

A Community Blood Drive will be held at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 from 12:30 until 5:30 p.m. The Elks is located at 191 Washington Avenue, Winthrop.Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome but you may experience a wait time.

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.

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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GRACE CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 760 Saratoga Street in East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour. We also have

a food pantry on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon in the church basement. There are a number of ways you can help us to serve East Boston. Volunteer at or contribute to the food pantry. Sing with the Festival of Lessons and Carols choir. Bring a dish to the monthly Sunday evening community suppers. Participate in the Sunday worship service. Help with SundaySchool. Visit the Grace Church web site at www. gracechurcheastie.org or call the church at 617-569-5358

EAST BOSTON SENIOR LUNCH **PROGRAM**

for more information.

If you are 60+ years of age, the East Boston Social Centers at 68 Central Square in East Boston has a table and a meal waiting for you!

The Senior Lunch Program sponsored by ETHOS Congregate Meal Program provides a hot, nutritious lunch, along with wonderful socialization, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A suggested donation of \$2 is asked.

The East Boston Social Centers welcome seniors from our East Boston Community and surrounding areas.

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, December 16, 2019

Around 8:14 p.m. in the area of 173 Border St. a 20-year-old male with a Lawrence, MA address was arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Around 3:30 p.m. in the area of Saratoga St. and Westbrook St., a 54-yearold male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class A, Drugs

Wednesday,

December 18, 2019 Around 6:30 p.m. in the area of 1 Harborside Dr. a 26-year-old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested on Warrant for

Murder and Manslaughter Thursday, December 19, 2019 No Arrests

Friday, **December 20, 2019** No Arrests Saturday,

December 21, 2019 No Arrests

Sunday, **December 22, 2019**

Around 5:30 p.m. in the area of Porter St. and London St., a 35-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Distribution of Class B, Drugs

Around 6 p.m. in the area of Saratoga St. and Bremen St., a 33-year-old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means Dangerous Weapon Monday,

December 23, 2019 Around 8:40 p.m. in the

area of 232 Sumner St., a 24-year-old male with a Revere, MA address was arrested for Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon

and Threats Tuesday, **December 24, 2019** No Arrests Wednesday,

December 25, 2019

Around 8:30 p.m. in the

area of Bennington St. and Saratoga St. a female Juvenile with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Delinquent to Wit; Unarmed Robbery (Purse Snatching)

Around 8:30 p.m. in the area of Bennington St. and Saratoga St., an 18-yearold female with Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Unarmed Robbery (Purse Snatching)

Thursday, December 26, 2019

Around 4:30 a.m. in the area of 406 Meridian St., a 32-year-old homeless male was arrested for Assault and Battery, Felony Section

Friday, **December 27, 2019** No Arrests

Saturday,

December 28, 2019 No Arrests

Sunday, December 29, 2019

Around 12:30 a.m. in the area of 408 Border St., a 34-year-old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery and Intimidation of a Witness

Monday, December 30, 2019

Around 1 a.m. in the area of 60 Bremen St., a 30-year-old, male with an East Boston address was arrested for Larceny from a M/V Under \$50 Tuesday,

December 31, 2019 No Arrests Wednesday,

January 1, 2020

Around 5 a.m. in the

area of 391 Chelsea St., an 18-year-old female with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Destruction of Personal Property and Disturbing the Peace

Thursday.

January 2, 2020 Around 9 a.m. in the area of Orleans St. and Maverick St., a 20-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery and Destruction or

Injury of Personal Property Friday, **January 3, 2020**

January 4, 2020

No Arrests Saturday,

No Arrests Sunday, **January 5, 2020** No Arrests

Monday, **January 6, 2020** No Arrests

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 Around 9:45 p.m. in the area of Sumner St. and Maverick Sq., a 32-yearold male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon and Assault and

Wednesday, **January 8, 2020**

Battery

Around 12:45 p.m. in the area of Border St. and Central Sq., a 54-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Violation of a Restraining Order Around 6:15 p.m. in the

area of Webster St. and Seaver St., a 44-year-old male with a Huntington, TX address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B, Drugs and Distribution of Class B, Around 6:15 p.m. in the

area of Webster St. and

Seaver St., a 59-year-old

male with an East Boston address was arrested for Possession of Class B, Drugs Thursday,

January 9, 2020

Around 5:15 p.m. in the area of 89 Putna.m. St., a 30-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Assault and Destruction or Injury to Personal Property Friday,

> January 10, 2020 No Arrests Saturday, January 11, 2020

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S SPIRIT LIVES ON

When one considers that it has been almost 52 years since Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated while he was standing on a balcony in a motel room in Memphis, where King was staying while supporting striking city trash collection workers, it is easy to understand why so many of our fellow Americans today have so little understanding of who he was and what he accomplished.

Every school child for the past generation knows well the story of Dr. Martin Luther King. But an elementary school textbook cannot truly convey the extent to which he brought about real change in our country. To anyone under the age of 50, Martin Luther King is just another historical figure.

But for those of us who can recall the 1960s, a time when racial segregation was lawful throughout half of our country and a stealthy racism prevailed throughout the other half, Martin Luther King stands out as one of the great leaders in American history, a man whose stirring words and perseverance to his cause changed forever the historical trajectory of race relations in America, a subject that some historians refer to as the Original Sin of the American experience.

However, as much as things have changed for the better in the past 52 years in terms of racial equality in our society, it also is clear that we still have a long way to go before it can be said, as Dr. King famously put it in his speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

It is clear that there is a movement in our country that seeks to take away many of the hard-fought gains of the past six decades, and that there are some members of Congress, a majority of the Supreme Court, and a now a President who are happy to oblige in this endeavor.

The shootings and deaths of African-Americans while in police custody that have shocked all of us in the past few years are just the tip of the iceberg. Much more significant have been the judicial decisions that have stripped away key provisions of the Voting Rights Act, the disparate funding for education in urban areas compared to the wealthier suburbs, criminal laws that lead to disproportionate treatment and incarceration of minorities for drug-related offenses, and the voter ID laws and gerrymandering in many states that, in the words of a federal court in North Carolina, attain with surgical precision the goal of preventing people of color from being fairly represented in government at all levels.

"What would Dr. Martin Luther King do if he were alive today?" we often ask ourselves. We can't say for sure, but we do know that although King accomplished much in his lifetime, he would be the first to understand that the work for which he gave his life still is far from done -- and we can only hope that his spirit and courage can continue to inspire this and future generations to bring about a world in which all persons, regardless of the color of their skin or national origin, are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect

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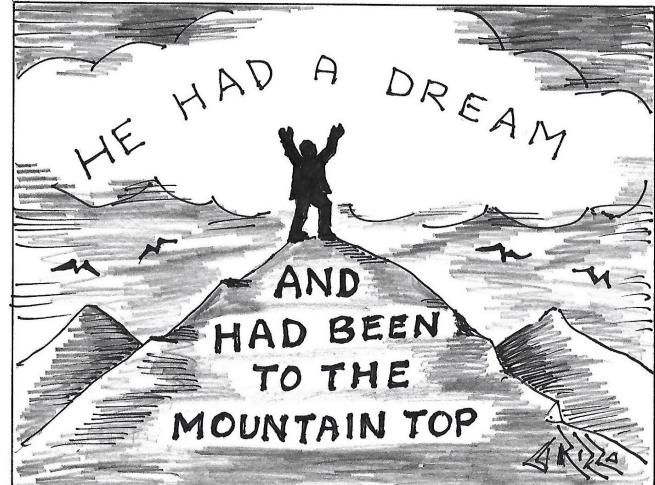
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GUEST OP-ED

Are you a time saver or a time waster?

By Melissa Martin, Ph.D.

America, a nation of time-saving fanatics. American, a nation of time-wasting freaks.

In the days of old, consumers visited the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker. They chatted, gossiped, and shared community news. Timeworn traditions turned into trends to save time as busyness bombarded us from sunrise to sunset because of progress.

And you can't stop progress. The telegraph, the telephone, the cell phone. The radio, the television, the internet. Feet, horses, wagons. Bicycles, trains, automobiles. Planes, helicopters, rockets.

Hark! The modern mega supermarket was born. The concept of convenience touted as one-stop shopping. Coffee shops, fast-food eateries, and banks inside of grocery stores—you can also buy stamps, pay utility bills, or make your own meal at the salad bar. Enter online foodie shopping. Scan, pay, and bag your own groceries. New apps let customers skip the checkout line.

The more technology advances, the busier we become—hurry and scurry. Obsessed with saving time. We wolf down meals to move on to do more: gobble, gulp, guzzle. According to World Health Organization 2017, more than \$10 billion is spent worldwide each year on antacids. We eat stress and disrespect the time allotted to daily

living

Extreme Time Cheaters was a reality TV show about people who go to ultimate lengths to optimize time. Washing dishes in the shower, ironing shirts with the underside of a fresh brewed coffee pot, shaving legs while in the pool. Won't hair clog the pool filter?

Being more organized in order to find shoes, coats, gloves, backpacks, purses, and other items in the morning is smart and gets families out the door quicker. Using a roadmap is about efficiency—getting lost in suburbia makes you a late dinner guest.

You won't catch me drinking coffee in the shower to save a minute or two—not my thing. However, I do own an undisclosed number of the same black socks. Why? Because the laundry monster eats one sock of the matching pair. So, I outsmart this sock-stealing fiend. Piling instead of filing can be a time waster for writers. Musing and rushing is counterproductive.

America, a nation of time-wasting freaks. Too much TV. Too much social media. Too much partying with mood-altering drugs. Zombified brains waste time and energy. Too much shopping—buying more and more dust-collecting stuff.

A 2016 study (download the report at www.pages. dscout.com) followed the device usage of 100, 000 people over a five day pe-

riod. By tracking taps, swipes, and clicks, participants made on their smartphones, researchers concluded that the average user touched their phone 2,617 times every day. Shazam! That's over 2.42 hours of phone usage for the average user and most is spent on either Facebook or Google. Read more about the heavy users.

And guess what? We still only get 365 days per year, 12 months, and 168 hours per week. An hour still holds 60 minutes. And one minute is still 60 seconds. Time doesn't change. The sun comes up and the sun goes down. Each morning

you get 86,400 seconds.

"You may delay, but time will not," said Benjamin Franklin

Why are humans so illogical? We try to pack more and more activities into the same amount of time. Employers overwork and overwhelm employees. Workers skip lunch, lose sleep, and give up family time. Parents overschedule kids with too many activities. Or over summer, while both parents work, they allow kids to lounge at home and binge on videogames

and social media.

Time isn't the problem.
What people do with time is the problem. Setting too many goals in one year.
Unrealistic expectations of achieving in a short period of time. Not saying no to another event or activity.
Making the daily list too long. Worrying and dwelling on past mistakes gets

you nowhere. Fear of failure that keeps you stuck is a time stealer.

"Try to imagine a life without timekeeping. You probably can't. You know the month, the year, the day of the week. There is a clock on your wall or the dashboard of your car. You have a schedule, a calendar, a time for dinner or a movie. Yet all around you, timekeeping is ignored. Birds are not late. A dog does not check its watch. Deer do not fret over passing birthdays. an alone measures time. Man alone chimes the hour. And, because of this, man alone suffers a paralyzing fear that no other creature endures. A fear of time running out," surmises Mitch Albom in his 2012 book, The Time Keeper.

In reality, you can't save, waste, or cheat time. You can only manage or not manage thoughts, feelings, actions, and reactions about daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly activities. Time is neither good or bad. Time is neutral. It's what we do with our time that counts. And time is subjective because what matters to me may not matter to you. It's impossible to control time. We can only control our-

selves and our activities.

"Man wants to own his existence. But no one owns time."—Mitch Albom

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New online resources for statewide exit renumbering project announced

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing new online resources on HYPERLINK "https://newmassexits.com/"

newmassexits.com/" \t "_blank" the project website for the Statewide Exit Renumbering Project, including an informational video on the project and an online meeting. Visit NewMassExits.com to access these new online tools, learn about the project, and ask the project team questions.

Additional public information meetings have been scheduled for the opportunity to learn more about the project and ask the project team questions in person.

•Boston – Tuesday, Feb-

ruary 11, 6:30 p.m., Mass-DOT Transportation Board Room, 2nd Floor, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116 More public information

meetings in the spring and summer of 2020 will be announced as they are scheduled.

This project is convert-

ing all existing sequential exit numbers to a mile-

post-based numbering system, per the Federal Highway Administration's 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Construction, which is scheduled to begin in late summer 2020, will take place on route-by-route basis starting in Western Massachusetts and moving eastward.

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Eversource challenges students to showcase their energy smarts in annual contest

Massachusetts students to demonstrate their energy efficiency knowledge by entering its seventh annual Eversource Challenge.

The competition promotes energy conservation, energy efficiency and sustainability and is open to kindergarten to high school students in Eversource's Massachusetts electric service territory. Deadline for registration is March 17, 2020. All entries must be received or postmarked by March 27, 2020.

"Year after year, our students continue to amaze us with their creativity and innovative energy efficiency ideas," said Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. "We are excited to kick off our seventh contest and look forward to receiving and reviewing this year's projects."

Students in grades K-8 are assigned grade-specific challenges and asked to submit entries in the form of a poster (Grades K-2), a limerick (Grade 3), an outdoor billboard (Grade 4), a narrative and an image of an energy-saving super-hero (Grade 5), a letter to parents (Grade 6), a news article (Grade 7), or pub-

ary 29-31. Aquino will be

leading a workshop on "As-

set Mapping," which is an

advocacy tactic that relies

on an organization's own

network to find connections

to legislators. She will also

be training attendees on the

importance of storytelling

in communicating the pow-

erful impact of mentoring

Aquino develops and man-

ages the organization's pol-

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lic service announcement (Grade 8).

Students competing in Grades 9-12 will create a persuasive image that advocates for an energy topic. Options include a short poem (125 words or less) or a cartoon strip (12 cells or less) that addresses energy efficiency, a renewable energy source, or environmental concern.

Eversource Challenge finalists in all categories and grade levels will be honored at a special awards ceremony in early May, and winners will receive Amazon Gift Cards. All entries are judged on the use of accurate and scientific facts, creativity, readability, persuasiveness, originality, and appearance. Students' submissions are judged against those from the same grade levels in their community.

For applications, guidelines and more information about the Eversource Challenge, visit www.eversourceinschool.com/challenge.

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by the courts such as house arrest or home monitoring.

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

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

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

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

According to court documents on May 4 Pelletier was in Boston visiting Salvi. The two decided to have dinner and drinks at the Koy Restaurant in Faneuil Hall.

A group of three other friends, that included Etheridge, were invited to join Pelletier and Salvi, who had driven herself and Pelletier into Boston in her Mazda 3. The others took an Uber from Eastie and met the two college roommates at the restaurant just after 8:30 p.m.

The group allegedly remained at Koy until about 10:30 p.m. During that time Etheridge allegedly drank at least one or two cocktails and one shot. Etheridge can be seen on various surveillance videos wearing light colored clothing and a black jacket.

One of the group's friends had been tapped as the designated driver for the night and, using Salvi's Mazda 3, drove the group back to Eastie.

The group stopped at a Dunkin Donuts, where Etheridge allegedly bought Gatorade bottles. They also allegedly drove to several liquor stores before finding one open at about 11:00 p.m. and Etheridge and Salvi allegedly entered the store while the others waited outside. Etheridge allegedly bought a bottle of Bacardi rum while Salvi bought a bottle of tequila, and a smaller bottle of an unknown liquor.

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

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

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

At approximately 1:11 a.m., several witnesses saw a vehicle travelling very fast on Bennington Street from the direction of Revere towards Boston.

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

Several passersby rushed to the scene.

Within seconds, a man wearing light colored clothing, later identified as Etheridge, allegedly emerged from the driver's side window, and allegedly picks up what appears to be a black jacket, and runs

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

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

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

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

Fire Department personnel arrived quickly from down the street and cut the doors

Salvi was rushed to the hospital where she was diagnosed with severe injuries, including a fractured skull. Pelletier was pronounced dead at the scene.

Before losing consciousness Salvi allegedly told officers Etheridge had been driving. This led the poEtheridge.

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

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

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

Shortly thereafter, he went to a friend's house on Leyden Street. The friend noticed that Etheridge was bleeding. He told his friend that there was an accident and Pelletier and Salvi were still in the car.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aguino tapped to present at National Mentoring Summit Chelsea Aquino, Senior Manager of Government Relations and Public Policy at Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) in Boston, has been selected to present at the 10th Annual National Mentoring Summit in Washington, D.C. on Janu-

Chelsea Aquino will be leading a discussion of "Asset Mapping" at the **National Mentoring Sum**mit in Washington, D.C. on January 30.

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The National Mentoring and Youth Development Summit is the only national convening of youth mentoring professionals, researchers, MENTOR Affiliates, philanthropic investors, and government and civic leaders aimed at collectively strengthening and expand-

tionships for young people across the country. Aquino will be collaborating with MENTOR's Advocacy Team and the Congressional Management Foundation to train an estimated 400 workshop attendees. About Mass Mentoring

Partnership

Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is committed to ensuring that every young person in the state has access to quality mentoring relationships, regardless of who they are or where they live.

MMP is a statewide capacity-building organization that partners with corporate, public and philanthropic entities to drive critical resources to a network of more than 350 mentoring and youth-serving organizations, representing more than 50,000 young people. www.massmentors.org.

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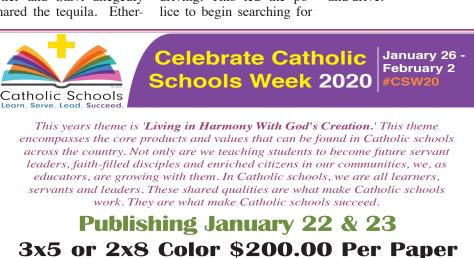




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ered Harbor this year was a little better.

"It was really cold this year but there wasn't any ice which made it a little more enjoyable," said DeFronzo. "Thank you to everyone that donated and that came to join me for my birthday."

Back when he was a kid at the Sailing Center there was an old tradition of dunking instructors in the Harbor on their birthday. While PPSC has had a lot of success with community fundraising efforts DeFronzo came up with the idea to jump in the cold winter water on his birthday as a fundraiser.

In 2017 DeFronzo said he bounced the idea off of some PPSC co-workers and the board of directors.

"I told Mary Cole (board chair) I thought I could raise a couple hundred bucks," said DeFronzo. "She thought I should shoot for a lot more so I set the goal at \$1,000."

The jump was quick and DeFronzo was in and out of the water in just a few seconds.

"All of us that work at PPSC truly love the program and would do anything for it...I would jump in every day if that's what it takes for us to thrive and succeed," he said.

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Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo gets a much needed warm towel from his wife after

jumping into the harbor to raise money for the Sailing Center.



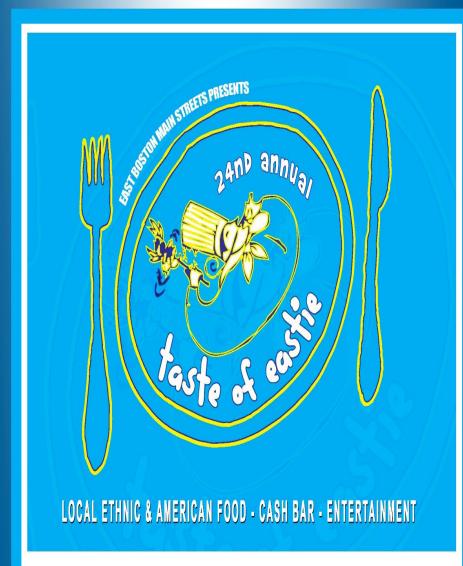
Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and East Boston Main Streets Director Gladys Oliveros



Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and his mom, Lorraine DeFronzo.



A group shot on the Sailing Center's dock after the plunge. Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzois surrounded by friends, family, Sailing Center staff and board members.



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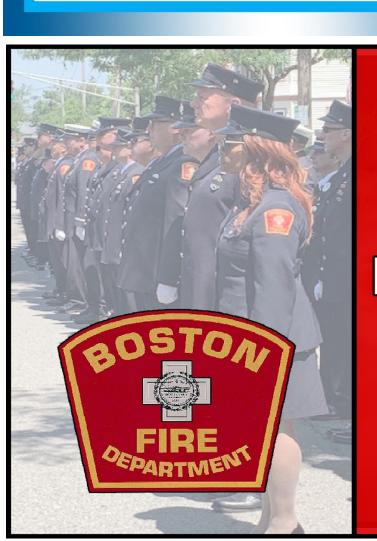
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Jose Ruben goes in for two

The East Boston High School boys basketball team is making great strides under the direction of first-year head coach Tyrone Figueroa. The Jets have been competitive in the early season as they look to re-establish the program as a contender in the always-tough Boston City League. The Jets are pictured in

action against the O'Bryant School during an exciting, hard-fought game on their homecourt in Eastie. O'Bryan prevailed by a 78-70



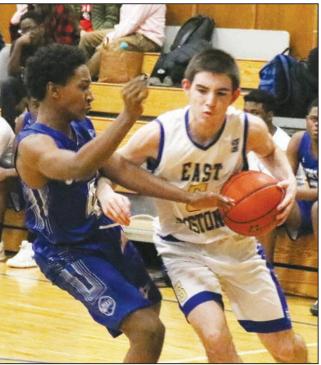
ra calls in plays from the bench.



Michael Zalaya inbounds the ball.



Nick Festa goes for a rebound.



John Festa drives the baseline.









Roni Andujar fights for the ball between two defenders.



At the free throw line is Anthony Holman Jr.

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Bremen Street developer offers mitigation package to IAG members

By John Lynds

The developer proposing a large-scale, mixed-use development on Bremen Street offered a community mitigation package to the project's Impact Advisory Group (IAG) at a meeting last week.

Bremen Acquisitions filed the project with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last year that kicked off an Article 80 review by the BPDA and the appointment of an IAG made up of community members for the proposal.

According to the filing with the BPDA, Bremen Acquisitions seeks to revitalize a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino's Auto Body on Bremen Street into a development that includes a mix of residential housing and ground-floor retail space.

The proposed project consists of the construction

of a mixed-use development with 145 residential units, up to 3,200 square feet of retail space, and up to 61 off-street vehicle parking spaces. The project also includes related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design. With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential buildings, surface parking and multiple curb cuts off Bremen Street.

At last week's IAG meeting Bremen Acquisition introduced its community mitigation package. The package is comparable to other projects of its size with \$200,000 in direct money benefits Eastie. The developer agreed to doing 15 percent affordable onsite housing--two percent more

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Artist rendering of the Bremen Street development.

than what is required under the BPDA inclusionary policy.

"The package is great for East Boston," said IAG member Joe Gaeta. "They are putting in 19 trees, expanding the sidewalks, some areas up to 18 feet, a safety bump out to make crossing Bremen Street easier for pedestrians as well

as creating a more active Bremen Street in what has been an industrial area."

Gaeta said Bremen Acquisitions has also agreed to expand the retail space

to make room for a fresh grocer which is desperately needed in the area.

"The developer has been very receptive and responsive to the community even shaving a whole floor off the building," said Gaeta. "The whole development of that area will take it from an unsafe and dreary section to a vibrant safe area."

However, some concerns included the construction phase and how long it would take as well as rain and ground water drainage.

This was the last IAG meeting before the developer asks for BPDA approval at the BPDA's board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16. As the proposed project exceeds 50,000 squarefeet of new construction it is subject to the BPDA's Article 80 Large Project Review requirements under to Article 80 of the Boston Zoning Code.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

GARCIA TO HEAD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CHELSEA - The energetic District 7 representative was nominated by the outgoing Chairperson, District 2 representative Jeanette Velez.

"I'm honored to be here and I want to wish everyone a happy new year," Garcia said during brief remarks before taking the center seat in the City Council chambers.

Garcia taking over the chair wasn't the only noticeable change during the meeting.

All nine members of the School Committee were sworn in by City Clerk Jeanette Citron White, including new member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, who takes over the At-Large seat that was held by departing member Frank DePatto.

It was also the first official meeting with Supt. Almudena 'Almi' Abeyta taking over the reins from Mary Bourque. Abeyta had been working in the district since September with the title of superintendent-elect alongside Bourque.

"I am honored to be your superintendent," said Abeyta. "I have listened and learned from you for five months now. There is so much happening in the Chelsea schools."

While the selection of

the chairperson went off without a hitch, it was a closer race for vice-chair, as longtime Committeewoman Rosemarie Carlisle bested District 3 representative Marisol Santiago 5-4 on the second go-round of voting.

Carlisle was nominated by District 5 representative Henry Wilson, and Santiago by Rivera.

During the first round of voting, Carlisle voted present, while Santiago cast a vote for herself, resulting in a 4-4-1 deadlock. On the second round of voting, Carlisle cast the deciding vote for herself.

"I didn't realize I could vote for myself," Carlisle said.

In other votes, Jimenez was selected as the School Committee's representative to the City Council, and Wilson was selected as the representative to the Shore Educational Collaborative.

With the procedural business taken care of, the business portion of the first Committee meeting of the year was dispensed of quickly.

Assistant Superintendent Sarah Kent presented the district's latest enrollment report. Of particular note, she said, is that the district's mobility rate, which tracks the number of students entering and leaving the district since the beginning of the school year, is down from where it was last year, a good sign for the district. That rate is 12.2 percent, or 765 students who have transferred in or out, since

Oct. 1. Kent said that num-

ber is down a point and a

half from last year at this

The School Committee also approved accepting \$130,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Teacher Diversification Pilot Program. The program is designed to support local school district efforts to strengthen and diversify the workforce by enhancing existing teacher recruitment and retention programs.

AVELLANEDA ELECTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CHELSEA - The City Council is heading into 2020 with a new president.

At last week's organizational meeting, the council voted 6-5 to elect At-Large Councillor Roy Avellaneda as the new president over fellow At-Large Councillor Damali Vidot, who has led the body for the past two years.

The vote came following the swearing in of the 2020-21 City Council, which includes three new members -- District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor, District 2 Councillor Melinda Vega Maldonado, and District 3 Councillor Naomi Zabot.

Avellaneda's ascension followed a deadlocked vote in subcommittee to select a new president in December that saw Vidot and District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown deadlocked at five votes each, with At-Large Councillor Leo Robinson voting present.

Monday night, Robinson

threw his support behind Avellaneda, who was nominated by Brown. Rounding out the six votes needed to prevail were the three newly elected councillors, Taylor, Zabot, and Maldonado. Vidot was nominated by District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez and also supported by Councillors Giovanni Recupero, Judith Garcia, and Yamir Rodriguez.

Garcia was unanimously selected to serve as vice president, as was Robinson to serve as the Council's representative to the School Committee.

"2020 will be an important year ... as we look to tackle issues in addition to our regularly scheduled mandates," Avellaneda said in his address following the vote. "We will, of course, have the approval of the Capital Improvement Project, the city budget, and the tax rate. Our next meeting alone, we will have legislation and orders to provide funding for first time homeowners, a redesign plan for downtown Broadway, and new zoning regulations to reshape our work.

"This is also a year in which we address potential changes to our city charter, as we are mandated to do as far as our 10 year review."

Avellaneda said one of

his goals over the coming year is to improve the usefulness and legitimacy of the Council's subcommittees.

Following the meeting, Vidot said she was not upset about losing the Council presidency, but did have concerns about the direction of Avellaneda and the new leadership.

"I'm excited about the start of a new year with a new City Council, but I was disappointed in the leadership change," said Vidot. "It is a reminder of behaviors that I do not believe reflects us as a Council or a city and that are demeaning to city, staff, and residents."

Vidot and Avellaneda butted heads several times over the years when Vidot was president, including Avellaneda being ruled out of order in 2018 over charges he raised about Vidot's campaign finances.

However, Vidot said she will do her best to work with the new leadership and continue to figure out how to move Chelsea in the right direction.

During the meeting, Robinson, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, and State Rep. Daniel Ryan also delivered remarks to the Council and the audience. Robinson, the lon-

gest-serving councillor, spoke of the progress made in Chelsea over the past decade, including the building of new hotels and the new FBI Boston headquarters as well as the city meeting its financial obligations with the Council working to-

gether.

However, Robinson noted that he feels the Council has lost some perspective over the past few years and has failed to work as cohesively as it did earlier in the decade.

"Our success over the next decade will not be about any one of us as individuals ... we need to collaborate on a single, pro-Chelsea agenda," Robinson said.

Ambrosino and Ryan both praised the elected officials for stepping up to the plate and serving during contentious political times.

"It's important for the city to have good people taking part in local government," said Ambrosino. "This city has real important work to do in the next two years."

DEMARIA OUTLINES VAST VISION IN SPEECH

EVERETT - In a speech that will likely set the tone for the new decade, Mayor Carlo DeMaria delivered a vast vision in a 70-minute Midterm Address to the City Council in a jampacked Council Chambers on Jan. 6, titling it 'Pride, Progress and Possibilities' – a motto often seen on signage around Everett.

"To some, this motto may mean nothing more than a string of four words," he said. "To me, however, this motto serves as an homage to who we are, a reflection on what we've accomplished, and a call to action for innovation and implementation. Everett is driven by its residents, and is fast becoming a home to new faces, new businesses, and new ideas. We serve as pioneers throughout the State and nation. Our color is crimson, but our standard is gold."

In a speech that covered everything from the flu shot clinics to community charitable efforts to transportation revolutions to healthy school lunches – the mayor called for Everett in the new decade to be the "happiest and healthiest community in the Commonwealth."

It builds on his previous

work in the last five years that has stressed healthy living, healthy food choices and frequent exercise – those coming in policy initiatives like his Food Council and the City-operated Health & Wellness Center in the old Everett

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High School on Broadway.

Standing at the podium, and keeping the mood light, the mayor detailed numerous agenda items he hopes to bring to the residents and propose to the new Council.

Chief among those items

and in keeping with his policy on health and wellness – he detailed a plan to sell the Everett Veterans Memorial Stadium on the Parkway for development. That sale, he said, would be able to completely pay off the bonds used to construct a new Stadium and Wellness Center in the new RiverGreen Park on the banks of the Malden River.
 "We have the intention

on relocating Everett Veteran's Memorial Stadium, shifting away from the congested residential parcel off of Revere Beach Parkway to the new RiverGreen Park area," he said. "In doing so, we hope to join together a brand new, state-of-the-art stadium with our health and wellness center, community spaces, training facilities, and a new locker room facility, finally granting to our storied Everett athletic department the amenities that they have earned over the years. The stadium's offerings will be open for use by all of our residents, regardless of the sport they play, their gender, or their age."

That was not breaking news, as the mayor announced those intentions at his Inaugural Address two years ago. However, what was new were more detailed plans and the decision to sell the current Stadium for development. Two years ago, that was not yet decided, as school officials at the time supported the move, but wanted the Stadium land to potentially build another new elementary school to handle the growing school-age population.

That seems to be no longer in the cards, as the mayor detailed a plan to pay for the new Stadium and fitness area with the proceeds from the sale of the Stadium.

"The same can be said

with the proposed new stadium development: taxes generated from the development of the old stadium site will assist in funding the construction of the new stadium," he said.

The mayor said doubling the size of the Wellness Center, installing collegiate-level facilities and building a brand-new Stadium would cost the City about \$50 million. He said they would bond the project for \$30 years, which in to-

day's dollars would amount to about \$2 million a year in payments. He said by selling the 8 acres of land at the Stadium for development — which currently generates no tax dollars — the City could pay the Stadium bond just by the new taxes from development on the Stadium property at the Parkway.

"The site that the Stadi-

um currently sits upon is around 8 acres of land; land that generates no taxes for the City," he said. "In the current market, best-use development of a parcel of land off of the heavily trafficked Route 16 would generate approximately \$500,000 in taxes per year per acre. What this means is that when half of the Route 16 stadium site is developed, the taxes generated would cover the expense of the new stadium."

Within that plan, the mayor said any Request for Proposals would emphasize the importance of retaining open space on the site, and adding public parking facilities for the Connolly Center and businesses on Chelsea Street and the Parkway.

"Although we are a City, we handle our financial matters like a business," he said. "Our investments are sound and we spend our money wisely. By doing so, it enables us to progress as a City without burdening the taxpayer."

For the new Stadium, he said they have already begun working on a new shared parking agreement that would leverage existing parking in the area. He said by using underutilized parking lots like the BNY Mellon lot, the RiverGreen lot, the Boston Coach Fidelity lot, and the Best Buy lot, they could handle parking for large events like graduation and homecoming football games.

"We will be able to accommodate for the increases in vehicular traffic during events with the over 2,000 spaces already in existence in the area without the need to construct any additional parking facilities," he said.

He also added it would help prevent visitors from being towed in lots near the existing Stadium at events like graduation — which happened in June 2019. That, he said, would help those visiting the Stadium and those who live adjacent to the old Stadium.

The proposed new Stadium would not have any immediate residential abutters as the existing one does now on Cabot Street and others.





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OBITUARIES

Clifford Burri, Sr.

Past Member of Courageous Generation and Holy Name Society at St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church and 50 -year member of MBTA

Carmen's Union



Clifford Burri, Sr. of East Boston, formerly of Medford, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Jan. 9.

Cliff was a Marine Corps veteran who fought during the Korean Conflict. He was also a past member of the Malden Moose Club as well as part of the Courageous Generation- St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church and a past member of the Holy Name- St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church. Cliff was also part of the MBTA Carmen's Union 589 for 50

He was the beloved husband of the late Jessie (Guarino) Burri, devoted father of Clifford Burri Jr. of East Boston and his late wife, Evelyn, Gina Beatrice and her husband, Michael of California and Steven Burri and his wife, Lorraine of East Boston; dear brother of the late Claire Strabone, Robert Burri, Vera Iovanni, Frances Tully and David Burri; cherished grandfather of Evelyn, Michael, Michael Jr., Aaron, Nicho-



las, Steven Jr. and Kristina and adored great-grandfather of Bella, Gianna, Antonia, Michael, Aumri and Melea. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Clifford's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street East Boston MA 02128, today, Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church for a 10 a.m. Mass honoring Clifford's life. Services will conclude with Clifford being buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford with his beloved wife. May they rest in

Helen Morrissey Ciavardini

Past member of the Courageous Generation

Helen (Logiudice) Morrissey Ciavardini of East Boston passed away, surrounded by her loving family, on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the age of 91.

Helen was an employee of Filene's Basement for over 50 years. She was an avid ballroom dancer at the old Wonderland Ballroom, a life-long parishioner of St.Joseph-St.Lazarus Church and a past member of the Courageous Generation. She will be missed by

The beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Morrissey and the late Louis J. Ciavardini, she was the dear sister of Frank Logiudice, the late Sheila of Dracut. the late Frances Murano and her surviving husband, Salvatore, and the late Philip Logiudice, Marie Logiudice, Rocco Logiudice and his surviving wife, Renee. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and her devoted stepchildren the Morrissey's and Ciavardini's. Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home (Orient Heights) East Boston. Services concluded with Helen be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Helen's name to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, East Boston, or Kaplan Family

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a.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, Corner of Bowdoin St. and Buchanan Sts. Winthrop, MA 02152.

Sean Wildman

Forty year GE employee

Sean Wildman of Revere died on Jan. 9, 2020 at the age of 69.

Born in Boston on Aug. 17, 1950 to the late Philip and Mary (Russell), he was the beloved husband of Janis Bard Wildman, devoted step father of Paul "PJ" Bard of Revere; dear brother of Philip Wildman and his wife, Nancy of Sagamore Beach, and Russell Wildman and his wife, Susan of Saugus and caring brother in law of Carol Ferrandi of Revere and Elaine Stilwell and her husband, Bill of Melrose. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Sean married the "love of his life," Janis, 14 years ago in Jamaica after going together for several years. They have many wonderful memories of their travels over the years.

He was an avid Boston Bruins fan and enjoyed be-



ing out on the boat. Sean was a member of the Franco American Club in Lynn for many years. After owning his own electrical company for a short period he went on to work for General Electric for 40 years.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com

Gladys Grato

Of East Boston

Gladys M. (Armstrong) Grato of East Boston passed away on Jan. 5 surrounded by her loving family.

The beloved daughter of William and Ellen (Johnston) Armstrong, she was the beloved wife of the late Simone "Sonny" Grato, devoted mother of Ellen, Barbara, Patricia and Simone Grato and her companion, Robert Mellone, all of East Boston, Anthony Grato Sr. and his wife, Karol of East Falmouth, Charles Grato and his wife, Sherri of Weymouth and Danielle Schell and her husband, Richard of Chelsea; cherished grandmother of Robyn, Johnathan, Michael, Anthony, Gabrielle, Brandon and the late Robert Jr.; great grandmother of Kayla, Koshin, Sonny, Johnathan Jr. and beloved dog Mom to Rex. She was the dear sister of William Armstrong and his sweetheart, Ann Tobin, John Armstrong and his wife, Joanne, Mabel Arsenault and Theresa Morrissey and her husband, Martin and



the late Margaret, Jeanette, Winifred, Patricia, Frances, Mary and Rita and dear sister-in- law of Fredrick Grato and his wife, Judith, Marie St. Pierre, Annette Haycock, Robert Kozlowski. Elaine, Kathleen, Cheryl, Linda Grato and the late Antonio, Susan, James, Roger, Thomas, Charles, Joseph, Henrietta, Gerald, Rosemary and Eugene. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston. Gladys was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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Robert Iudica

Retired truck driver and proud lifetime member of Winthrop Elks

Robert M. Iudica of Saugus, formerly of Revere and East Boston, died on Monday, Jan. 6 at the Massachusetts General Hospital after being stricken at his home on Dec. 23, the day after celebrating his 85 th birthday.

Robert was born and raised in East Boston. He was educated in Boston Public Schools and attended East Boston High School. Robert began a 35 plus year career as a truck driver for the Boston Shipyard in East Boston.

He was married for 60 years to Phyllis R. (Cimino). The couple resided in East Boston for many vears, then later moving to Revere, and for the past 18 years they lived in Saugus. He loved spending time with family and always having a good time.

He was a very proud life-time Member of the Winthrop Lodge of Elks #1078, Winthrop.

He was the beloved husband of 60 years to Phyllis R. (Cimino) Iudica of Saugus, loving father of Deborah A. Zaccaria of Reading and her late husband, Anthony M. "Tony" Zaccaria, Paul Tango and his wife, Cheryl of Cape Coral, FL, Robert Tango of Woburn and Roseann Tan-



go of Chelsea; cherished grandfather of Robert Tango and Christopher Tango and his wife, Sarah, all of Florida, Robert Tango and his wife, Christina of New Hampshire, Lisa Zaccaria of Saugus and the late Michelle Zaccaria, Gregory Tango and Jason Tango adored great-grandfather of Brenna, Jack and Abagail and Lucas; dear brother of the late Lilian Iudica, Dorothy D'Ettore, Anthony Iudica and Josephine Cellucci. and proud son of the late Carmelo and Teresa (Aleo) Iudica. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and

grandnephews. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Dominic D'Avolio

Of East Boston



Dominic T. D'Avolio of Boston East passed away peacefully on Jan. 5 in his

102nd year.

He was the beloved husband for 76 years of the late Elizabeth D'Avolio, loving father of Richard D'Avolio and cherished grandfather of Steven and Richard D'Avolio, all of Winthrop, dear brother of Gene, Charlie and Margie, as well as other deceased brothers and

sisters. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, Orient Heights East Boston. Committal service was at Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne where Dominic was laid to rest with his beloved wife, Elizabeth. May they rest in peace. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Gerald Louis Fabiano

April 05, 1934 - December 20, 2019

Gerald L. Fabiano, age 85 of Revere, formerly of East Boston and Peabody, died on Friday December 20,2019, at his home after a brief illness.

Born and raised in East Boston, he was the son of the late Francesco and Rose (Poupolo) Fabiano. Boston He attended

Schools and earned an Associate's Degree from Bunker Hill Community College. Gerald was a US Navy

Veteran serving on the USS Missouri during the Korean War, 2 years of his service were served in the Korean War Zone. He had served as a City

of Boston Police Officer for 30 years. Receiving numerous commendations during his career, he was credited with saving many lives. He was an "exercise

fanatic" walking Revere Beach daily and going to the gym. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved his Robyn very much and hopes to join her and his mother. "He always tried his best and made mistakes; but all in all things are good with God.' He is survived by a

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Sims of Peabody, a son

Gerald Fabiano Jr. of Dan-

vers, his 3 grandchildren; Ricky Sims and his wife

Caroline of Rowley, Jessica

Fabiano.

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DePalma of Stoughton, and

many nieces and nephews

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vived by Teresa Fabiano

of Florida. Gerald was the

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biano and the brother of the

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