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Update: COVID-19 in our community

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The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is working aggressively on the front lines of COVID-19. We are coordinating and developing resources so that our patients, staff, and community members have access to vital information and tools.

As of April 19, EBNHC is offering COVID-19 testing seven days a week to patients as well as community members who have flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive. To be tested for COVID-19 at EBNHC, call 617-569-5800 for pre-authorization. Patients who arrive at Suffolk Downs or 79 Paris Street without pre-registration will not be tested. Patients and non-patients can come to our 10 Gove Street Emergency Department and Influenza-Like Illness Clinic. EBNHC has three testing areas:

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As of April 20, Massachusetts had more than 38,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,706 deaths. According to the Boston Globe, more than 3,700 residents with confirmed or likely cases of

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Holy Redeemer's Fr. Thomas Domurat moved to rehab after fighting COVID-19

By John Lynds

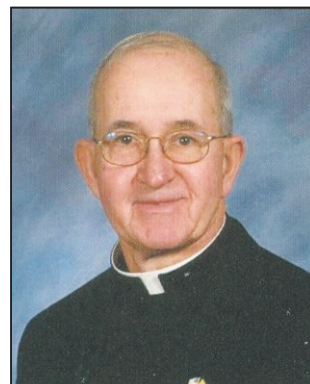
The prayers of parishioners from the Most Holy Redeemer Church community were answered this week as their beloved parish priest, Fr. Thomas Domurat, was moved out of intensive care and into rehab.

Fr. Domurat, or Fr. Tom, as he is affectionately known in the community, developed complications after contracting COVID-19 and was placed in an ICU at a Boston-area Hospital where he fought for his life for close to two weeks.

"The Archdiocese joins the parishioners of Holy Redeemer Parish in praying for Father Tom's return to good health and resuming pastoral care for the Catholic community in East Boston when he is able," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston.

Fr. Tom was admitted to the hospital on Holy Thursday with COVID-19 symptoms and was subsequently transferred into the ICU over Easter weekend.

"When we first learned



Most Holy Redeemer Church parish priest, Fr. Thomas Domurat, has been moved to rehab after fighting COVID-19 since Easter Weekend.

that Fr. Tom was not doing well, our first instinct was a feeling of helplessness," said East Boston Central Catholic School Principal Robert Casaletto. "We all knew we had God and the power of prayer on our side, so the Most Holy Redeemer Parish Community and the families of EBCCS joined together last week praying the Rosary in Fr. Tom's name. Our prayers have been answered and Fr. Tom is on the road to

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East Boston YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta and Bridgette Ridlon at the Y's food site on Bremen Street.

East Boston YMCA food site now open to adults

By John Lynds

The East Boston YMCA on Bremen Street announced on Monday that it has partnered with the City of Boston and East Boston-based Project Bread to expand its daily food distribution site to include meals for adults.

The staff at the YMCA

already handed out 1,000 meals to adults on Monday and Tuesday.

"The 'Y' is proud to partner with the City of Boston and Project Bread to expand our meal offerings to make sure the whole household is taken care of," said East Boston 'Y' Executive Director Joe Gaeta.

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Gov. Baker closes school for the rest of the year

By John Lynds

Twenty-four hours after the Mass Teachers Association (MTA) called for public school buildings to remain closed for the rest of the year, Gov. Charlie Baker announced that all public and private schools in Massachusetts remain closed amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Baker made the an-

nouncement on Tuesday at his daily briefing and said all schools in the state will continue remote learning for the rest of the school year to help prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

"It's the right thing to do considering the facts on the ground associated with the COVID-19 pandemic," said Baker. "We

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Eastie COVID cases, infection rates rise

City partners with EBNHC to expand testing

By John Lynds

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise, East Boston has emerged as one of the city's 'Hotspots' and Mayor Martin Walsh is urging residents to heed the call to stay home.

In one week, East Boston's COVID-19 infection rate rose from 50.7 cases per 10,000 residents to an alarming infection rate of 87.4 cases per 10,000 as of Friday.

As of Friday there were 410 238 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Eastie, up from the 238 cases reported by the Boston Public Health Commission a week ago.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number

of cases by age, gender and race.

Eastie now has the sixth highest infection rate in the City of Boston behind Hyde Park (120.7), South End (104), Mattapan (100.7), Roslindale (89.4) and Dorchester (87.85).

As of Monday, the BPHC's data shows that of the 142 deaths in Boston where race is known 41 percent are white, 30 percent are black, 12 percent are Asian or Pacific Islander, 11 percent are Latino, and six percent are identified as other.

Walsh said the Boston's COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force meets regularly and is identifying key strategies to address inequities including expanded testing, data sharing and analysis, and strengthening neighborhood outreach.

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Eastie custom ski manufacturing company producing face shields

By John Lynds

An East Boston-based independent custom ski manufacturer recently turned its factory's focus away from skis and snowboards to making Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for frontline healthcare workers.

Mark Wallace, co-founder of Parlor Skis on McClellan Highway, said his company has manufactured and shipped six thousand PPE face shields and has orders for five thousand more. The company has also donated a bunch of the shields to the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and other local nonprofits.

"There is a real and obvious need for safety equipment on the frontlines



One of Parlor Skis co-founders, Pete Endres, oversees the PPE face shield manufacturing operation.

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COVID-19 have been hospitalized. Chelsea, which is part of EBNHC’s service area, continues to have the state’s highest coronavirus rate. The majority of EBNHC’s COVID-19 patients are Latinx, which is a reflection of our community as well as the health disparities that are intensifying the pandemic’s impact. EBNHC president and CEO, Manny Lopes, has been appointed to Mayor Walsh’s COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force, which is responding to the racial and ethnic disparities that are emphasized by this pandemic.

Latinx and African Americans have greater rates of obesity, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes—all of which are likely risk factors for COVID-19. Minority groups also tend to have higher rates of poverty, which is associated with less healthy lifestyles, lower rates of health insurance, and increased mor-

bidity. Many minorities work in service jobs that can’t be done from home, which puts them at higher risk of novel coronavirus infection. Residents who are concerned about immigration status can be leery of governmental agencies and are less likely to seek medical care. Population density also plays a role in COVID-19 transmission rates—and East Boston and Chelsea are among Boston’s most populous neighborhoods.

Minorities will not only suffer worse health outcomes; they will also suffer economically. Poverty, unemployment, and underemployment are daunting factors in our community that are already worsening.

Business leaders and economists predict that the economic downturn in Massachusetts will be particularly painful and our recovery will be slow. In the greater East Boston area, a high rate of food insecurity is worsening as our resi-

dents lose jobs and income. Last week, in partnership with the American Red Cross, EBNHC staff and volunteers stocked our new Community Resource Center at 282 Meridian Street with emergency canned and dry goods, providing our most vulnerable population with 300 bags of food. We are now delivering food to our high-risk patients and will continue to work aggressively to address local food insecurity. Community members in need can contact EBNHC’s Community Resource and Wellness Center at 617-568-4845.

Massachusetts is bracing for a peak in COVID-19 cases at the end of April. We ask every person who lives or works in our community to practice social distancing, wash their hands, and wear a facial covering when outside. The physical, emotional, and financial health of every resident is at stake. Please do your part.

U.S. Attorney urges health care sector to report fraud related to the COVID-19 pandemic

As part of the comprehensive federal response to the COVID-19 outbreak, United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling is urging leadership at Massachusetts hospitals to report individuals and companies that may be engaged in wrongdoing related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a letter to leadership at Massachusetts hospitals, U.S. Attorney Lelling encouraged health care facilities to report to federal authorities individuals and companies that may have acquired vital medical supplies in excess of what they would reasonably use, or for the purpose of charging exorbitant prices. This includes 15 categories of health and medical supplies designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) as “scarce,” thus triggering civil and criminal enforce-

ment remedies that the U.S. Attorney’s Office will pursue. In addition, the U.S. Attorney’s Office will investigate any other fraudulent conduct designed to benefit from the pandemic (e.g., false treatments, tests, and/or vaccinations for COVID-19).

“In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, my office is prioritizing the investigation and prosecution of wrongdoing related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including those engaged in hoarding and/or price-gouging with regard to critical medical supplies,” said United States Attorney Lelling. “These practices are not only morally repugnant in light of the pandemic but also, if left unchecked, will inhibit hospitals, physicians, other health care professionals, and government agencies from fully implement-

ing measures designed to save lives and mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus.”

U.S. Attorney Lelling named Amanda Strachan, Chief of the Health Care Fraud Unit, as the COVID-19 Fraud Coordinator for the District of Massachusetts.

Massachusetts residents who believe they are victims of fraud or other criminal activity related to the pandemic should contact the United States Attorney’s Office at USAMA.victimassistance@usdoj.gov or call 1-888-221-6023 and leave a message. Members of the public can also contact the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) by visiting www.IC3.gov. If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, please call 911.

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“The demand for food is increasing in East Boston as the crisis continues, we are seeing more and more families show up for meals and grocery bags every day. We are working together as one community to address food disparities as much as we can.”

Mayor Martin J. Walsh said the East Boston Y joins five other meal sites across Boston that were only serving food to children and youth while school is closed.

“We are working every day to meet the needs of Boston’s residents: our young people and our seniors; our homeless and vulnerable residents; our essential workers and first responders; and everyone in our city,” said Mayor

Walsh. “No person should go hungry while we are fighting this pandemic, which is why it is so important that we make food resources available to all of our residents who may need it.”

The East Boston Y’s food distribution site for adults is located at 215 Bremen St., East Boston and will distribute meals to adults from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

In addition to expanding food sites to adults and special shopping hours for seniors at grocery stores Mayor Walsh said food delivery and home-delivered meals may be an option for individuals age 60 and older who are unable to leave their homes. Older residents can find a food distri-

bution location near them here and are encouraged to call 311 or the Age Strong Commission at (617) 635-4366 for more information.

Residents can visit boston.gov/covid19foodmap to find food resources for all residents, including youth meal sites, food pantries, and more. For information on accessing SNAP and WIC benefits and food pantries information, residents are asked to connect with Project Bread at 1 (800) 645-8333. If someone cannot access food due to mobility, illness, or quarantine, they are encouraged to connect with the Mayor’s Office of Food Access at (617) 635-3717 or food@boston.gov.

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believe students cannot safely return to school and avoid the risk of transmitting this virus to others. We’re making this decision to allow school districts to plan through the end of the year and offer remote learning through the end of the school year. School administrators, principals, and teachers have worked hard to create curriculums and materials and to help their students keep learning at home under these difficult circumstances.”

Baker added that the state’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be prepared for ‘summer learning’ to prevent at-risk students from falling behind grade level. He said the plan will give students a “strong start for all students in the fall”.

On Monday the MTA released a statement calling for schools to remain closed.

“Out of concern for our students, families, educators and communities, MTA members are demanding that Governor Charlie Baker immediately announce that our school buildings will remain closed and that remote learning will continue in Massachusetts for

the remainder of this school year,” said the MTA statement. “That step is essential for the health and well-being of our students and all public education staff.”

The MTA said while educators and other school staff miss their students and their colleagues and the structure of the school day, keeping our students, staff and communities safe must be the highest priority right now.

“Massachusetts has among the highest COVID-19 infection rates in the nation,” continued the statement. “We are in the middle of a surge of cases. Our entire state is an area of great concern to epidemiologists and policymakers at the state and federal levels.”

On Friday, the Boston Public Schools (BPS) and the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) reached a final interim memorandum of understanding regarding a framework for remote learning.

“During this difficult and critical time, BPS and BTU are committed to minimizing our students’ learning gaps to the greatest extent possible,” said BPS and BTU in a joint statement. “BPS, BTU, and other

community volunteers have distributed over 30,000 Chromebooks to date and will continue to do so in order to ensure that all of our students have the technology they need to participate productively in online learning.”

BTU members have joined together with its Central Office partners to build out outline classroom activities, reached out and encouraged students to join their classmates in remote learning, and continued to provide critical professional and personal support to their colleagues and to the families they serve.

“Working remotely during this crisis is immensely challenging for all, and while we meet the needs of our own families, we jointly acknowledge that all BPS and BTU staff are dedicated public servants who care for the children of our community and we are committed to balancing these urgent priorities. BPS and BTU agree to give each other flexibility, empathy, and support as a means of getting through this crisis — together,” said BPS and BTU.

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recovery.”

Fr. Tom oversees one of the largest Catholic Congregations in Eastie and is a popular parish priest among the neighborhood’s large Latino population.

“Let’s pray for Fr. Thomas Domurat,” said parishioner Magalie Yolanda Torres-Rowe. “Father Tomas is the Spiritual Director of the Brotherhood of the Lord of Miracles of the Peruvian Community in Boston. Pray also for all the sick, healthcare staff, workers from essential institutions and businesses in the world and that this pandemic ends.”

Prior to his illness Fr. Tom recently celebrated Holy Redeemer’s 175 Anniversary in the neighborhood along with Cardinal O’Malley.

Prior to the Mass, Fr. Tom gave Cardinal O’Malley a tour of the church and all the historic restoration that Fr. Tom has overseen in recent years.

In 2010 Fr. Tom began an ambitious \$300,000 project to restore the historic structure’s façade and bell tower.

More recently, Fr. Tom completed a restoration of the interior of the church and around the altar that include 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.

The church spent roughly \$400,000 on some of the restoration efforts that included new 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 a proud Fr. Tom of the work at the time. “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.”

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With the launch this past week of of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in Massachusetts, our state once again is taking a leading role at this critical time for our nation.

Massachusetts is the first state to invest in an ambitious contact-tracing program, budgeting \$44 million to hire 1,000 people. Gov. Charlie Baker said the goal of the program is to enable state health officials to identify pockets of infection as they emerge and thereby prevent infected people from spreading the virus further.

If successful, the program will provide government leaders in the coming weeks with the data they need to make meaningful decisions about relaxing our current strict social-distancing measures in order to reopen our economy.

The collaborative effort with Partners In Health will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients and supporting individuals who are in quarantine. It will augment the efforts already underway from the state’s COVID-19 Response Command Center to assist the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.

Partners In Health will provide staff and contribute technical expertise in community tracing. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority will provide a virtual support center and maintain connectivity, while the Massachusetts Department of Health will manage data. Accenture, a professional services company, and Salesforce, a global leader in customer relationship management, are implementing support center capabilities.

We applaud this extraordinary joint effort between state government and private entities. In addition, we urge all of our residents who receive a call from CTC workers to cooperate fully with the program so that our communities can begin to take the offensive against this terrible pandemic.

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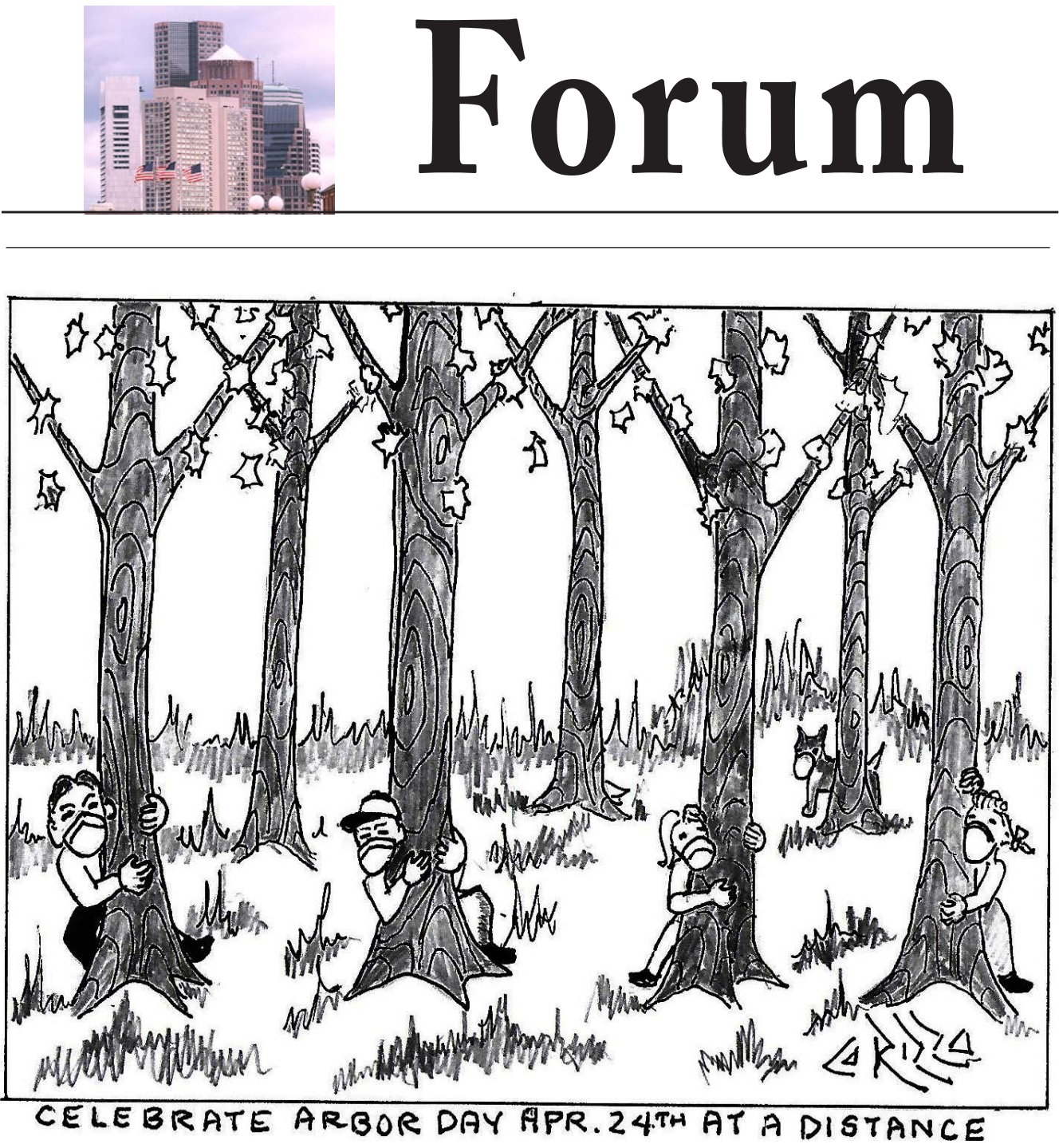
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State announces CARES Act unemployment benefits for self-employed, gig economy workers

Staff Report

The state announced today that Massachusetts residents who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits can now apply online for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program – more than one week ahead of the original schedule that predicted an April 30 rollout.

The new federal PUA program provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits who are unable to work because of a COVID-19-related reason but are not eligible for regular or extended unemployment benefits. This includes self-employed workers, independent contractors, gig economy workers, and those with limited work history. Some of the most affected workers in this category were ride-share (Uber or Lyft) drivers who are not officially employees.

Applicants can learn more and apply at www.mass.gov/pua.

“As a Commonwealth, we are committed to doing everything in our power, and moving as urgently as possible to get workers impacted by the COVID-19 crisis the benefits they deserve,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “With the

implementation of this new federal benefit program, we can better support workers not normally covered by the unemployment system like those who are self-employed or work in the gig economy.”

To be eligible for this new program, individuals must provide self-certification that they are otherwise able and available to work, but are prevented from doing so by circumstances relating to COVID-19, including their own illness or that of a family member.

Those able to telework with pay and individuals receiving paid sick or other leave will not qualify for PUA. Individuals receiving paid sick leave or other paid leave benefits for less than their customary work week, however, may still be eligible for PUA. Also, those working fewer hours, resulting in a loss of income due to COVID-19, who are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits may be eligible for PUA.

“It is vital that our workforce gets the resources and help they need during this critical time,” said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Rosalin Acosta. “I’m proud of everything our team is doing to rapidly implement new

programs, and ensure that as many eligible workers as possible get some relief.”

The federal CARES Act signed into law on March 27 created PUA, as well as another temporary federal program called Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) that provides an additional \$600 weekly benefit for those receiving unemployment benefits or PUA. FPUC provides that additional benefit through July 25, 2020.

All approved PUA applications will initially receive the minimum weekly benefit amount, plus the additional \$600 FPUC weekly benefit. Once a worker’s wages are verified, weekly benefit amounts may increase. The amount of PUA benefits received is based on the individual’s reported previous income. PUA benefits may not be more than the state’s maximum weekly benefit rate for regular unemployment, which is \$823 in Massachusetts.

Weekly benefits, including any increase to your weekly benefit amount, will be retroactive to January 27, 2020, or the date when you became unemployed, whichever is more recent, as long as you became unable to work because of a COVID-19 related reason.

•PUA Application Process:

To apply, individuals must provide their Social Security number or US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) number if not a citizen of the United States, and their wage records for 2019, which includes 1099 forms, pay stubs, or bank statements. Applicants will also need the Social Security numbers and dates of birth for dependent children and, if requesting direct deposit for payment, your bank account and routing numbers. A full list of required documents is available at www.mass.gov/pua.

Please note that, initially, the system can only pay benefits retroactively to the week ending March 14, 2020. Eligible workers will be able to certify for benefits, and will be able to request benefits retroactively to January 27, 2020, if their dates of unemployment make them eligible.

Individuals who are determined ineligible for PUA will receive a written disqualification along with information on how to pursue an appeal. Additional information about the appeals process will be separately posted at a later date.

State announces distribution of PPE to all emergency responders

Gov. Charlie Baker on April 17 announced the distribution of approximately 200,000 respirator masks for all local law enforcement officers and firefighters to ensure they have the protective equipment during the COVID-19 crisis.

These FDA-approved respirator masks will be distributed to all local law enforcement officers, including sheriffs and college and university police, and firefighters starting today through a coordinated effort by the COVID-19 Response Command Center and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers are continuing to receive these types of masks and other PPE.

To facilitate quick distribution of these masks,

MEMA is employing a regional point of distribution (POD) model where communities can pick up their supply of masks at their designated MEMA POD. These POD sites are open and have already distributed tens of thousands of masks to first responders.

This new distribution will ensure that local law enforcement and firefighters will have five respirator masks each, equivalent to a one month’s supply. Including conservation methods currently being used by some organizations, this will provide each individual a mask per week and a spare, allowing the mask to dry overnight and reuse for up to one week.

The Baker-Polito Administration and its COVID-19 Response Command Center continue to prioritize the procurement and distribution of personal protec-

tive equipment for front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. As of yesterday, the Commonwealth has delivered over four million pieces of PPE statewide. This includes over 2.3 million gloves, over 370,000 masks from the “AirKraft” shipment, almost 190,000 gowns and 380 ventilators.

The following PPE distributions as of April 17 went to municipalities of facilities in the area, including:

- MUNICIPALITIES**
- March 24 – Revere: 200 Masks, 100 Gowns.
 - March 27 – Chelsea: 500 Masks, 3,600 Gloves, 4 Shields.
 - April 1 – Boston: 5,600 Gloves.
 - April 5 – Chelsea: 600 Masks, 200 Gowns.
 - April 5 – Boston: 4,500 Masks (Kraft), 10,000 Masks, 35,500 Gloves, 200

- Goggles.
- April 6 – Chelsea Board of Health: 1,500 Masks.
- April 7 – Winthrop: 5,000 Gloves, 300 Gowns.
- April 11 – Chelsea Welsh Funeral Home: 10 Masks, 10 Shields.
- April 11 – Boston: 4,000 Masks, 16,600 Gloves, 2,950 Gowns, 2,946 Shields.
- April 13 – Chelsea: 200 Shields.
- April 13 – Winthrop: 300 Masks, 300 Shields.
- April 14 – Chelsea: 200 Shields.
- April 16 – Chelsea/Revere Quality Inn Shelter: 200 Masks, 500 Gloves, 200 Gowns.
- April 16 – Everett: 4,400 Masks, 100 Gowns, 125 Goggles.
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Mayor deploys ‘Sound Trucks’ to Eastie

By John Lynds

At his daily COVID-19 briefing at City Hall Monday, Mayor Martin Walsh was upset that some residents in Eastie and other neighborhoods were still not practicing social distancing over the weekend and using public parks for organized sports and continuing to gather in large groups.

Walsh heard reports on Sunday from each corner of Boston that soccer games were still being played and groups were gathering in closed parks. What really set the Mayor off was a report of groups playing golf at the Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park and the George Wright course in Hyde Park even though the courses are closed.

“I have to say I was disappointed in people this weekend,” said Walsh. “I saw a lot of people not social distancing. I saw a lot of people not wearing face masks. You

need to start thinking of the people around you.”

Walsh said he was not impressed by those using parks and playing sports.

“Boston Police had to come and tell them to leave,” said Walsh. “The City will not hesitate to send police officers to deliver the message and, if necessary, deliver citations. Please stay home and avoid contact with others. Respect the recommended curfew from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wear a face covering whenever you leave your home. Stay at least six feet from other people at all times. Wash your hands frequently. Clean and sanitize surfaces frequently.”

On Sunday, Walsh deployed a Boston Public Works truck with sound equipment to broadcast a message about COVID-19 in Eastie--a place that has one of the highest COVID-19 infection rates in Boston.

The message from the truck’s loudspeakers to

Eastie residents was clear: stay home as much as you can, wash your hands often, cover your face when out, and keep your distance from others and was broadcasted in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

“Over the weekend, we launched new tactics to get the message out in the neighborhoods that we know are hardest hit,” said Walsh. “We need everyone to know that we are in a public health emergency and we need everyone to do their part. We also continue to work on expanding access to testing for our residents, because every community deserves full access to the level of testing and communication that meets the needs they have.”

Aside from Eastie, the trucks will be deployed to the neighborhoods that have COVID-19 rates higher than the rest of Boston, including Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury and Roslindale.



Mayor Martin Walsh deployed ‘Sound Trucks’ to Eastie over the weekend to remind residents to stay home. With Eastie having one of the highest infection rates the Mayor has been frustrated that some are still not heeding the call to stay home. Here the truck heads down a street near Orient Avenue in Orient Heights.



Cases //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

As a whole Boston has 5,749 positive cases of coronavirus and so far 1,044 of these 5,749 residents have fully recovered. There have been 187 COVID-19 related deaths in Boston residents.

“We urge everyone to stay home, avoid contact with others and observe the recommended curfew of 9 p.m.-6 a.m.,” said Walsh. “If you must go outside for an essential task, we urge you to wear a face covering and stay 6ft away from others. Make sure to wash your hands often and clean and sanitize high-contact surfaces frequently.”

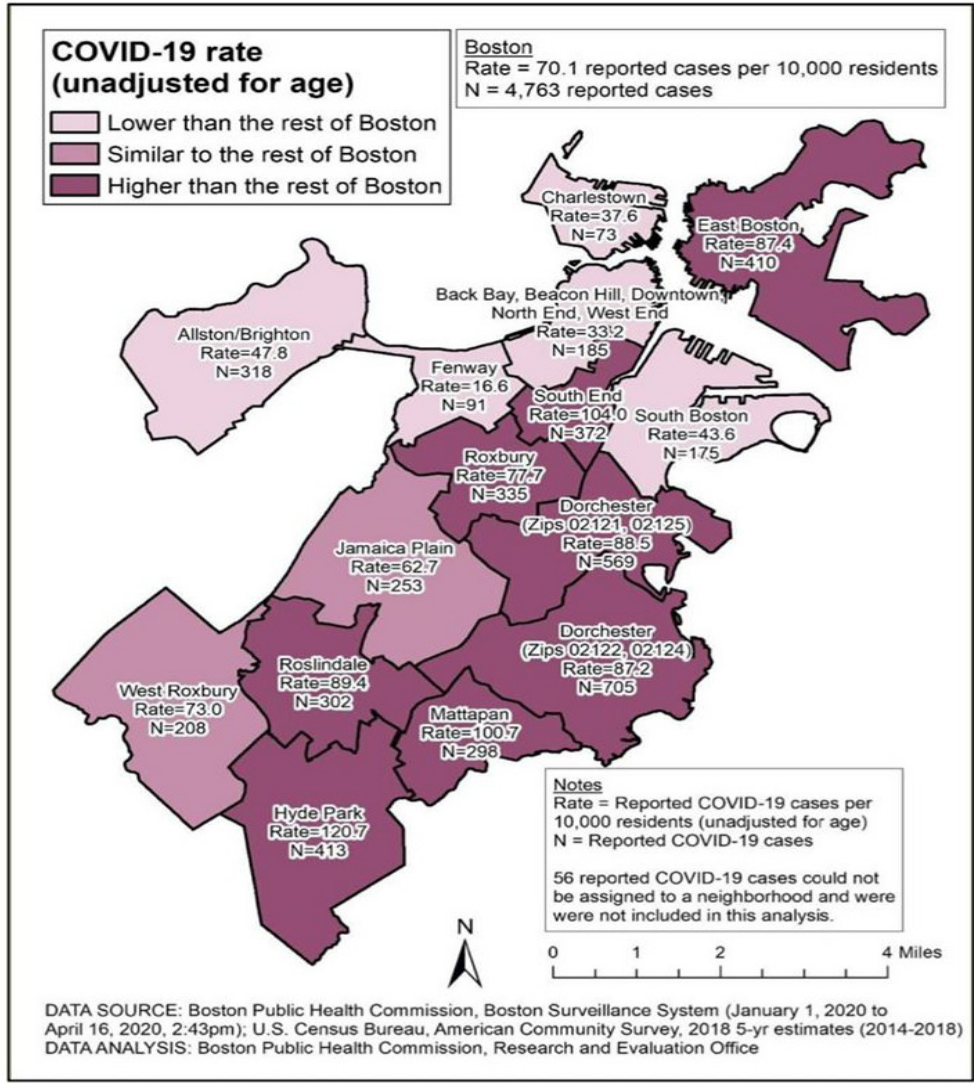
Walsh said the City has partnered with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to expand COVID-19 testing.

As of Monday EBNHC is offering COVID-19 testing seven days a week to any community residents who have flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive. Residents who are EBNHC patients must call EBNHC at 617-569-5800 to pre-register for screening and testing at their two new EBNHC patient testing sites. Patients who arrive without pre-registration will not be tested.

Testing includes a walk-through location at 79 Paris Street from 8 a.m. to noon daily; a drive through location at Suffolk Downs, 525 William F. McClellan Highway from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. daily; and at EBNHC’s emergency de-

partment (open 24 hours) at 10 Gove Street for those experiencing influenza-like illness.

“We created a Testing Access Map to make it easier for residents to find and contact a testing site near them,” said Walsh. “It includes locations, hours, and phone numbers and websites of testing locations. It will be updated as new testing sites come online. The goal is to have every community health center able to provide testing to residents in the neighborhood. Starting Monday, we will be able to start sharing data on testing at the neighborhood level. New reports will include the number of people tested, and positive testing rates, for each neighborhood.”



New data released by the BPHC shows the COVID 19 infection rate in Eastie.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Tabares, Yasmin	Rodriguez, Gerardo	630 Bennington St	\$1,035,000
Economou, Eva	Parks, Alexia	158 Cottage St #1F	\$330,000
Cowper Residences LLC	181 Cowper LLC	181 Cowper St	\$1,650,000
Rebello, Jonathan S	Real Estate Property	152 Leyden St #1	\$367,500
Price, Christopher D	Real Estate Property	152 Leyden St #2	\$430,000
Dsouza, Mevilton M	161-163 Leyden Street	163 Leyden St #1	\$615,000
Moyes, Alan J	Brian M Payea 2019 T	156 Porter St #441	\$1,200,000
French, Jeffrey	Princeton Brooks LLC	135-137 Princeton St #1	\$499,000
Conway, Kevin	Princeton Brooks LLC	135-137 Princeton St #3	\$555,000
Thunder Bluff LLC	Powers, Andrea	1201 Saratoga St	\$630,000
Stewart, Gregory C	Chin, Mischele	228 Webster St #4	\$1,030,000
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lic,” said Wallace. “We decided that we wanted to try to do our part, so we looked at the resources we had in the shop and realized that we are in the fortunate position to have the equipment and staff available to meet that need.”

Wallace said it was an easy decision to pause on Parlor’s regular ski manufacturing processes, order the needed materials, and move its focus to supporting the community and beyond.

“We wanted to find a tangible way to contribute,

and I’m proud that our operations and team members were nimble enough to execute on this shift in a matter of days,” said Wallace. “Plus, as a small business navigating an uncertain economy and a ski season cut short by social distancing, this was a good opportunity to keep our employees busy and well-motivated.”

The 9.5 inch long, 13 inch wide face shields are 7ml in thickness with a foam headband and 1 inch elastic fatner. The shields are available in packs of

10, 25, 50 and 100 and cost \$3.50 per shield for those wishing to purchase.

Wallace said Parlor Skis began with his two other friends, Pete Endres and Jason Epstein, in an abandoned funeral parlor in Cambridge. After designing and building three models considered worthy by the three ski racers, Parlor sold an initial run of 25 custom pairs and never looked back.

“We are now the largest ski manufacturer in New England, and proud to be among a growing industry

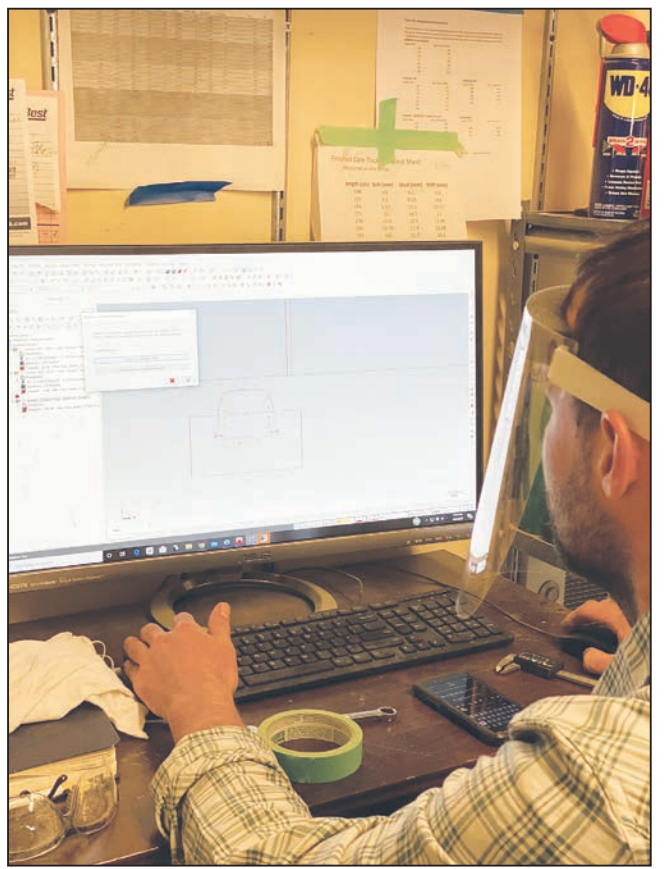
of ski builders and artisans across New England and the United States,” said Wallace.

As the business expanded the trio moved their manufacturing operations to Eastie.

“We believe strongly in the New England tradition of hard work and making things the right way, with your hands,” said Wallace. “We are proud to make each pair of skis to order in our East Boston factory.”



Inside Parlor Skis’s Eastie factory on McClellan Highway, PPE face shields are being produced for frontline health-care workers.



Parlor Skis co-founders, Pete Endres filling orders.



Foam headbands ready to be attached to the PPE face shields.

Responders // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

- March 30 – Chelsea Leonard Florence: 30 Gowns, 90 Shields.
- March 30 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 60 Gowns, 192 Shields.
- April 3 – CHA Everett Hospital: 300 Gowns.
- April 4 – East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: 120 KN95 Masks,

- 1,500 Masks, 2,000 Gloves, 120 Gowns, 314 Shields.
- April 4 – Rehab and Nursing of Everett: 1,000 Masks, 120 Gowns.
- April 4 – Chelsea Jewish Life Care: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 4 – CHA Everett Hospital: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).

- April 4 – East Boston Neighborhood Health: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 5 – Boston EMS: 5,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 5 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 5 – Chelsea Leonard Florence: 1,000 Masks (Kraft).
- April 7 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center: 120 Gowns.
- April 9 – South Boston Convention Center Hospital: 420 KN95 Masks, 4,500 Masks, 25,000 Gloves, 10,002 Gowns.
- April 13 – CHA Everett Hospital: 1,000 Coveralls, 300 Gowns.
- April 15 – Chelsea Katzman Family Center:

- 480 KN95 Masks, 1,000 Masks, 12 Coveralls, 60 Gowns.
- April 17 – Chelsea Eastpointe Home: 2,000 Masks, 100 Coveralls, 420 Shields.
- VENTILLATORS
- Boston Medical Center, 28
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Grace Church Food Drive

Grace Church, 760 Saratoga Street, will be holding a food drive on Thursday, April 23, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Items most needed include nonperishables such as pasta, soup, canned tomatoes, tuna, peanut butter and the similar foods. We will be in the church yard collecting the donations. If you’d like further info contact Jane at jecrapo@aol.com.

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The Petitioner requests that: Timothy K. McCarthy of East Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/26/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action

may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 14, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 4/22/20 EB

City publishes mapping tool, chart for testing sites in Boston

Staff Report

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Monday launched a new mapping tool to help Boston residents find locations offering COVID-19 testing. The City of Boston is partnering with community health centers to increase access to testing, particularly in neighborhoods experiencing higher rates of COVID-19. “Every community deserves full access to COVID-19 testing. We will continue to work to expand access to testing for all residents across Boston, particularly our hardest hit communities,” said Walsh. “Access to neighborhood-based testing will help us quickly identify cases, and get people the care and support needed to recover and prevent the further spread of COVID-19.” According to the latest data from the Boston Public Health Commission, Hyde Park had 413 reported cases of COVID-19, Mattapan had 298, Dorchester had 1,274, East Boston had 410, Roxbury had 335, Roslindale had 302, and the South End had 372. The map is available on boston.gov/coronavirus and bphc.org/coronavirus. Residents are asked to call ahead for pre-screening and to schedule an appointment. Residents can click on the interactive map to find the testing center with hours, address and contact information. It will be updated as new sites become available for testing. Testing is free regardless of insurance or immigration status. Residents are encouraged to call the Mayor’s Health Line at (617) 534-5050 to help with health insurance applications, navigating Boston’s health care system, and with COVID-19 questions. Last week, Mayor Walsh and the Resiliency Fund Steering Committee announced additional funds for organizations that provide critical services and support to residents, vulnerable populations and Boston families whose well-being is most immediately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The East Boston Community Health Center received funding in the first round of fund distribution and will be expanding their testing to East Boston clients, in addition to first responders. Six community health centers in neighborhoods seeing higher incidences of COVID-19 to expand their testing capabilities for residents, including: • Bowdoin Street Community Health Center • Codman Square Community Health Center • DotHouse Health • Mattapan Community Health Center • Uphams Corner Community Health Center • Whittier Street Community Health Center

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DotHouse Health	1353 Dorchester Avenue Dorchester, MA 02122	(617) 740-2292
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center	632 Blue Hill Avenue Dorchester, MA 02121	(617) 825-3400
Mattapan Community Health Center	1575 Blue Hill Avenue Mattapan, MA 02126	(617) 296-0061
Whittier Street Health Center	1290 Tremont Street Roxbury, MA 02120	(617) 427-1000
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center	10 Gove Street East Boston, MA 02128	(617) 569-5800
Upham's Corner Health Center	415 Columbia Road Dorchester, MA 02125	(617) 388-5007
Bowdoin Street Health Center	230 Bowdoin Street Dorchester, MA 02122	(617) 754-0100
Brigham and Women's Faulkner Community Physicians at Hyde Park	1337 Hyde Park Avenue Hyde Park, MA 02136	(617) 364-9880
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Carney Hospital	2100 Dorchester Avenue Dorchester, MA 02124	(617) 296-4000
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OBITUARIES

Paula Vitale

Of Lynn, formerly of East Boston

Paula Vitale of Lynn, formerly of East Boston, passed away surrounded by her loving family of April 18 at the age of 59.

The loving daughter of Paul Vitale, Angelina (Grassa) and Sugie Moriello, she was the devoted mother of Desiree Silveira and her husband, Michael of Lynn and Brianna Forbes and her husband, Michael of East Boston, the beloved wife of the late Jesse James; dear sister of Sharon Cabral and her husband, Tom and the late Debra Emmett and Michele Vitale and adored grandmother of Michael, Justin, Angelina, Julianna, Talia and Anthony. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese



of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express condolences, please contact the funeral home during normal business hours or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall. For more information or to send an online condolence, visit ruggieromh.com.

Fredy Alberto Ramirez

Great chef who will be sorely missed by all who knew him

Fredy Alberto Ramirez of Revere, formerly of Colombia, passed away unexpectedly on April 10 at the age of 50.

Fredy was a great chef who enjoyed cooking for his family and friends. He was an avid Barcelona football fan and never missed a match. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Goodbye hurts the most when the story wasn't finished.

Born in Santa Rosa De Osos, Colombia to Maria (Gomez) and the late Gonzalo Ramirez, he was the devoted father of Christopher and Brian Ramirez and cherished stepfather to Duvan Lopera and Mateo Tobon; adored brother of Luz Ramirez, Jader Ramirez and Astrid Ramirez, all of Colombia and Sandra



Ramirez of Revere. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to Covid-19, all services will be held privately. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Pastor Adrian Ayala

Pastor of the Community of God Church in East Boston

Pastor Adrian Ayala of the Community of God Church in East Boston passed away on April 12, 2020.

Due to the guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services were held for the immediate family privately. If you would like to express your condolences



online please visit www.ruggieromh.com. Pastor Ayala was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Adelina Martucci

Of East Boston

Adelina (Barletta) Martucci, in Wakefield of East Boston, passed away peacefully on April 17.

She was the beloved wife of the late Agostino Martucci, devoted mother of Enzo and his wife, Susan Martucci of North Carolina, Bruno and his wife, Cindy Martucci of Stoneham and Angela Imbriano and her husband, Felix of New Bedford; cherished grandmother of seven grandchildren and one great-grand son.

In accordance with the guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your



condolences please contact the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home during normal business hours 617-569-0990 or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall at www.ruggieromh.com. Services will conclude with Adelina being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Agostino, at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Joseph (Buddy) Penta

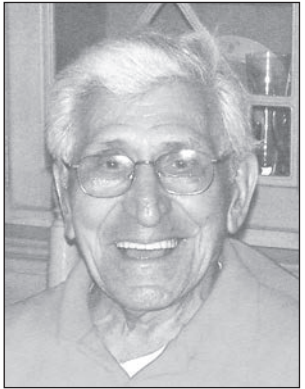
Sept. 18, 1919 - April 10, 2020

Joseph (Buddy) Penta, born in East Boston, the beloved son of Anthony J. Penta and Mary Crescio Penta, died on April 10. An East Boston resident all his life, he died at the age of 100.

After serving proudly in the US Army Air Force (ATC) in World War II, he was honorably discharged, came home, got married and started a family. He began working as a car cleaner, inspector and mechanic with Conrail RR. He had a long, successful career there until he retired.

After his retirement, he became active in the local community. He was president of the Holy Name Society and a member of St. Vincent De Paul, where he volunteered his time to help others. His favorite pastime was singing, which he did often, and was a delight to many. He performed in variety shows, sang with his brother at nursing homes and joined the church choirs at St. Lazarus Church and later at the Don Orione Shrine. He loved reading, crossword puzzles watching TV and most of all, his home and family.

He was the devoted husband of the late Grace E. (Caggiano) and a loving, proud father to his seven



children whom he leaves behind: son, Stephen Penta and his wife, Lorrie of Winthrop; daughter, Marilyn Elliott and her husband, Peter of Medford.; daughter, Ruth Penta Steele and her husband, Mark of Salem; son, Arthur Penta and his wife, Yaping of San Francisco, CA; daughter, Valerie Morelli and her husband, Bruce of Amherst, NH; daughter, Lisa Penta of Clearwater, FL; and daughter, Christine Penta of Swampscott.

He brought much love and laughter to all his extended family, including his twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. He was the last family member to survive in his family. His brothers were Ernest, John, Vincent and Robert Penta. His two sisters were Louise Phaneuf and Charlotte Penta. So well-loved, he will always be remembered with a song in his heart and forever hold a very special place in ours.

Services and interment in the Massachusetts National Cemetery were private. To sign the online guestbook go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop.

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Josephine Pelosi

Will be remembered for her love of family, as well as her kind, strong, yet often sharp personality

Josephine M. (Colluccini) Pelosi died in East Boston on Easter Sunday, April 12, at 96 years old.

She was the beloved wife of the late John E. Pelosi and mother of the late M. Kim Pelosi. She is survived by Kim's fiancé, Jim Baglio and many cousins. Josephine was born to Pasquale and Josephine (DeGrutolla) Colluccini and raised and educated in East Boston along with her late brothers, John and Jerry Colluccini. She married John Pelosi, the love of her life, and they shared many happy years together until his passing in 2008.

Josephine was a dedicated mother to her treasured daughter, Kim.

Being the eldest of many cousins, she was lovingly referred to as "Auntie" by all those who will remember her charm, grace and impeccable style.

She worked for many years at the Bank of Boston and also at Filene's Base-



ment, where she was able to delight in fulfilling her sense of style and taste.

She will be remembered for her love of family, as well as her kind, strong, yet often sharp personality.

Due to restrictions in place by the COVID pandemic, all funeral services were private. She was entombed in the Versailles Mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery with her beloved husband and daughter. Please send messages of condolence to her family on the funeral home Tribute Page. MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Anthony Santosuosso, Sr.

Of East Boston

Anthony Santosuosso, Sr., of East Boston, passed away peacefully on April 15.

The loving son of Josephine Santosuosso and the late Anthony, he was the devoted father of Anthony Santosuosso Jr., dear brother of Carmella Mattera and her husband, Michael of East Boston, Phyllis Camarca-Christian and her husband, Ecedro Christian of Wakefield and Joseph Santosuosso of East Boston and cherished grandfather of Anthony Cali and his mother, Alicia. He was the former husband of Mary Savage and the cherished uncle of Michael, John and Danny Mattera, as well as many other nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services



will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences, please contact the funeral home during normal business hours or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. Please check back here for more information. Anthony will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery. For more information or to send an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Charles Santoianni

Avid Keno Player and Suffolk Downs devotee

Charles A. Santoianni of Winthrop, formerly of Revere and East Boston, passed away on April 18.

A US Marine veteran of the Korean Conflict, Charles was an avid Keno player at many establishments in Revere and was a frequent visitor at the Suffolk Downs Race track. May he rest in peace.

He was the beloved husband of the late Margaret (McBeth); companion of the late Katherine Gleason; loving father of Susan Giarratani and her husband, Robert of Winthrop and Tonimarie Hanton and her husband, Joseph of Methuen; dear brother of Robert Santoianni and his wife, Elaine of Peabody. He is also survived by four loving grandchildren: Samantha, Joseph, Robert Alexander and Jamie and one loving great grandchild, Michael James as well as many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and



local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall.

A memorial mass in celebration of his life will be scheduled for a later date.

Donations of Charles' memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project by calling 1-855-448-3997 or by mail at support.woundedwarriorproject.org and download the form to be mailed.

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OBITUARIES

Lucille Abate

25-Year Mass Dept. of Revenue employee

Services were held privately for Lucille A. (Viola) Abate, 80, together with her husband, Adolph “Eddie” Abate, under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Eddie passed away on April 8 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Lucille passed one week later on April 15 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, both taken from the COVID – 19 Coronavirus. Eddie was 91 years old. The couple shared 35 years of marriage together. They lived in Orient Heights in East Boston for many years, before moving to Winthrop in 2007. During their retirement they enjoyed dining out and wintering in Florida. They always cherished being surrounded with family and friends.

Lucille was born and raised in East Boston and was a graduate of East Boston High, Class of 1957. Lucille worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Department of Revenue Division for over 25 years, first in Boston and later in Chelsea. She was an avid shopper, her family recounts that she would enjoy shopping for anything, but especially clothing.



She was the devoted wife of 35 years of the late Adolph E. “Eddie” Abate; the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Phyllis (Delavora) Viola; dear stepmother of Dr. Thomas Abate and his wife, Fengqun Luo of Revere and the late Candis A. Casaletto; cherished sister of Philip J. Viola of Winthrop, Marie Graziano and her late husband, William of Revere and the late Jean R. Scario and her late husband, Raymond Scarino; adored aunt of Cheryl A. Vargus, Charles J. Green, Kenneth W. Green, all of Revere and the late David W. Green; grand aunt of Tiffany and Chloe Green, both of Revere.

Interment was in Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section, Winthrop. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 038105. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandamith.com.

Elizabeth “Liz” Coolidge

Will be lovingly remembered for her kind heart, generous nature and hospitable home

Elizabeth M. (D’Addario) “Liz” Coolidge, 71, of Melrose and formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully at the High Pointe House in Haverhill on Sunday, April 19.

Elizabeth was born in Boston on September 16, 1948, the daughter of the late Elena (Cervizzi) and Mario D’Addario. She was raised in the Jeffries Point section of East Boston and graduated from Girls High School in Roxbury, Class of 1966. On June 18 , 1966, she was married to East Boston native, Roscoe Coolidge and they stayed in East Boston to raise a family of three daughters.

Liz worked for many years in customer service starting at Shawmut Bank then eventually retiring from Eastern Bank. She also worked at Five Below part time, and volunteered at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital Gift Shop.

An avid reader, Liz was a frequent patron of the Melrose Public Library. A great cook, she enjoyed cooking and baking her Italian specialties for all to enjoy, especially Roscoe. She was well known for making homemade pizzelle and frosted Italian cookies. With Roscoe, Liz loved yearly cruises to the Caribbean and enjoyed visiting Marco Island, FL and Lake Winnepesaukee, NH. In her free time, she enjoyed watching General Hospital, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and CSI.

Generous and humble, Liz devoted herself to her family, especially doting on her grandchildren. She took great joy in finding a good bargain while shopping for family. She was a loving aunt, cousin, in-law, neighbor, friend and co-worker to many. She considered her



cousin, Marianne Gentile and her Coolidge in-laws, to be the siblings she never had and she cherished her life-long friendships. Liz held close to her heart many lifelong friendships and welcomed all with open arms and a homecooked Italian meal. Liz will be sorely missed, but always lovingly remembered for her kind heart, generous nature, and hospitable home.

Liz was the beloved wife of the late Roscoe L. Coolidge, Jr. with whom she shared 50 years of marriage; devoted mother of Michelle Bettano and her husband, Kenneth of Melrose, Donnaleigh Coolidge-Miller and her husband, Brian of Melrose and Lisa Coolidge-Ellis and her husband, Eric of North Plainfield, NJ; cherished grandmother of Danielle and Carly Bettano, Elizabeth Ellis and Dante and Mia Miller. She is a loving extended member of the Coolidge Family and is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Services for Liz will be announced in the future when all may gather to honor, remember and celebrate her life. Gifts in her memory may be made to High Pointe House Hospice, 360 North Ave., Haverhill MA 01830. For online tribute, or directions visit RobinsonFuneralHome.com.

Adolph “Eddie” Abate

Longtime worker at Boston Fish Pier and later for Budget Rent A Car

Services for Adolph E. “Eddie” Abate, 91, of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston Orient Heights, were held privately together with services for his wife, Lucille, under the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere. Eddie passed away on April 8 at the Massachusetts General Hospital, his wife Lucille, 80, passed one week later on April 15 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, both taken from the COVID – 19 Coronavirus.

The couple shared 35 years of marriage together. They lived in Orient Heights in East Boston for many years before moving to Winthrop in 2007. During their retirement they enjoyed dining out and wintering in Florida. They always cherished being surrounded with family and friends.

Eddie was born and raised in East Boston and was educated in Boston Public Schools. He had two children, Candis and Thomas Abate. He was a hardworking man who held several jobs throughout his life, He loved to swim and was very well known at the Boston Fish Pier where he worked for most of his life. Later in life, he worked as a shuttle bus driver for Budget Rent A Car.

He was the devoted hus-



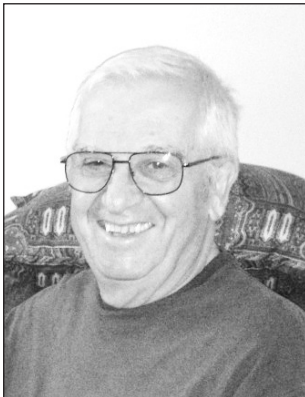
band of 35 years of Lucille A. (Viola) Abate; the loving father of Dr. Thomas Abate and his wife, Fengqun Luo of Revere and the late Candis A. Casaletto; beloved grandfather of Keith Abate of New Hampshire and Taylor Ciampa and her husband, Dennis of Salem; grandfather of Victoria, Nicole, Natalia, Grayson and Devon Ciampa; dear brother of the late Alfred, Alvino, Norma, Carl and Jennie Abate; cherished uncle of Cheryl A. Vargus, Charles J. Green, Kenneth W. Green, all of Revere and the late David W. Green; grand uncle of Tiffany and Chloe Green, both of Revere and several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Interment was in Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section, Winthrop. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 038105. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandamith.com.

Nicholas Guerriero

Of Revere

Nicholas Guerriero, 86, a 51 year resident of Revere, passed away suddenly on April 19.

He was the beloved husband of the late Rosemarie (Moscato) for 50 years, father of Anthony Thomas Guerriero of Lynnfield and Roseanne Guerriero of Reading; son of the late Anthony Guerriero and Mary (Napolitano); brother of Catherine Cardello and Olympia Mastrocola, both of Everett, the late Philomena DiSessa of Beverly, the late Dominic Guerriero of Everett and the late Pasquale Guerriero of Wakefield; proud grandfather of two grandchildren: Karina Rose Olson and Nicholas Anthony Guerriero. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Diana Ubinas and his son-in-law, Jim Olson, Jr.



In light of the recent development with COVID-19, all funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life Memorial mass will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Mr. Guerriero’s memory: American Lung Association of the Northeast and the Northeast Shelter. For more information: <http://www.roccofuneralhomes.com>.

John Denaro

Of East Boston

John J. “Dick” Denaro, in Florida, of East Boston, passed away on Wednesday, April 8.

He was the loving son of the late Joseph and Rose (Santoro) Denaro, brother of Josephine Thomson, Joann Charette, Michael Denaro, Paul and his wife, Anne Denaro., father of Ronald Smoot and companion of Tina Smoot. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, as well as a niece and nephew.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gath-



erings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express your condolences please contact the funeral home during normal business hours or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall. A celebration of life will be held at a later time. For more information or to send an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Anna Irwin

Former East Boston resident, will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew her

Anna (Carosella) Irwin of Abington, formerly East Boston, passed away on April 13.

Anna was born in East Boston on March 16, 1934 and lived in her home on Gladstone Street with her parents and two sisters, Josie and Gracie. She graduated from Girls High School in Boston in 1949 and began working for Ma Bell.

She and her loving husband, Jack, met at their friends’ wedding and were married one year later. They raised their three children, Eddie, Anne, and John in the same Gladstone Street home with Saint Lazarus Church and school at the center of their lives.

After losing her husband, Jack in 1984, she dedicated herself to children. She was a fantastic cook and for 30 years mailed her ‘gravy’ overnight to Los Angeles for her son, John. She traveled the world extensively, but particularly loved Italy, her parents’ homeland, but her world was her children and grandchildren, Russell and Jacqueline. She will be sorely missed by all who loved and knew her.

The beloved wife of the late John E. Irwin, she was the devoted mother of Edward of Abington, Anne Sheppard and her husband, John and John Jr., all of California; cherished grandmother of Russell and Jacqueline Rioux and



dear sister of the late Josephine Cardinale and Grace D’Avella. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St.Vincent DePaul Society, 58 Progress Parkway Maryland Heights MO 63043-3706, Phone number: 314-576-3993. In accordance with guidelines and restrictions due to COVID-19, all services will be held for the immediate family privately. If you have any questions or would like to express condolences, please contact the funeral home during normal business hours at 617-569-0990 or leave a message for the family on the tribute wall www.ruggieromh.com.

A memorial service in celebration of Anna’s life will be held at a later date and will be announced through our website. Anna will be laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery with her beloved husband John. May they rest in peace.

Rosemarie Guerriero

Lifelong educator

Rosemarie (Moscato) Guerriero, 80, a resident of Revere for 51 years, formerly of Everett, died on April 9.

Rosemarie grew-up in Everett and was a life-long educator who taught at the Chandler School for Women in Boston, St. Rose High School in Chelsea, and Everett High School. She was a graduate of Everett High School, Salem State College and Boston University.

Rosemarie was a wonderful family-centered woman who gave her children and grandchildren unconditional love. In her later years, her grandchildren Karina and Nicholas provided her with much love and joy. She greeted everyone with a smile and was always quick to offer a helping hand to anyone who might need one. Rosemarie was not just a mentor to her students but also to many of her friends and family members. She was a wonderful mother-figure known for her kindness, warmth, generosity, and famous Italian storytelling and cooking. Rosemarie loved the holidays, especially Christmas, and never missed a loved one’s birth-



day. She will be deeply missed.

She was the beloved wife of Nicholas for 50 years, mother of Anthony Thomas Guerriero of Lynnfield and Rosanne Guerriero of Reading, loving granddaughter of the late Rosina Moscato and is also survived by her two grandchildren, Karina Rose Olson and Nicholas Anthony Guerriero, her daughter-in-law, Diana Ubinas and her son-in-law, Jim Olson, Jr.

In light of the recent development with COVID-19, all funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Life Memorial mass will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Rosemarie’s name to: The Italian Home for Children. For more information: <http://www.roccofuneralhomes.com>.

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ICA, Easteie organizations partner for month long food donation initiative

The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston (ICA) has partnered with several East Boston organizations--East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC); East Boston Social Centers; Maverick Landing Community Services; Eastie Farms; Orient Heights Housing Development; and Crossroads Family Center--on a month-long food donation initiative for at-need communities in the neighborhood at the ICA Watershed.

East Boston is currently experiencing one of the highest rates of COVID-19 in the city of Boston. The ICA was alerted to the need for fresh produce and healthy food through conversations with its community partners in East Boston. The museum reached out to its caterer, The Catered Affair, who offered to donate their labor in creating fresh food boxes for distribution over the next month. Each box contains a family-sized supply of fresh fruit, vegetables and

dairy products, and is delivered directly to households in need. The food donation initiative will feed 400 families over the course of the next month. The ICA was able to fund this effort with support from people who had never before contributed to the museum and were willing to help.

“We know this is just a drop in the bucket of need,” said Jill Medvedow, Ellen Matilda Poss Director of the ICA, “We are pleased to help in this small way. It is wonderful to use the Watershed as a distribution place for food and to understand the many ways the arts can be in service to our community.”

“This collaborative effort of many agencies in these trying times is wonderful! Seeing a donation leave the ICA’s food truck, hand delivered to members of our community, is making a true impact in people’s lives,” noted Michelle Haggerty, Marketing Manager at EBNHC.



Truck full of food for the was unloaded and organized.



Volunteers delivered bags of food to homes in the area.



Many families received much needed suplies.



Volunteers helped at the ICA to distribute the donated food.



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Kennedy officially on September ballot for U.S. Senate

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin’s office confirmed April 15 that Congressman Joe Kennedy III will appear on the ballot for U.S. Senate in September.

After months of collecting signatures across the Commonwealth, the Kennedy for MA campaign received final confirmation that they had reached the 10,000 signature requirement to get on the ballot. The campaign had submitted more than 15,000 signatures to local town and city clerks.

Kennedy signed the final nomination sheet from his home in Newton on Wednesday.



Congressman Joe Kennedy III signing the final nomination paper sheet on the porch of his home last week. He was notified he will appear on the September Primary Election ballot for U.S. Senate.

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