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Madaro, EBNHC host another virtual town hall

By John Lynds

Last Friday afternoon Rep. Adrian Madaro along with East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's CEO Manny Lopes and CMO Dr. Jackie Fantes held a virtual town hall to discuss the clinical context of the COVID-19 outbreak, its impacts on the local population as well as the medical responses being implemented.

"I want to thank Manny Lopes and Dr. Jackie Fantes and the entire staff at EBNHC," said Madaro before turning the meeting over to Dr. Fantes. "East Boston has been one of the hardest hit communities but we are so fortunate for their leadership that has ensured our communities remain safe and healthy."

Dr. Fantes said that while EBNHC has opened COVID 19 testing to all residents in the Health Center's service areas of Eastie, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and Everett one recurring question keeps popping up.

"While EBNHC recently opened up testing to all one of the things on many people's minds is the COVID antibody test," said Fantes. "There are a lot of questions around this type of testing and it comes up a lot from our patients and from our staff. However, we are currently not doing antibody testing at the Health Center because there is currently not a whole lot of science on what that type of test means."

Early in the pandemic some suggested those infected with COVID that test positive for antibodies would have some sort of immunity to future infections.

"In the media we've heard that we want that antibody test to be the passport for people back into the community," said Fantes. "However, the science is not there yet. There's a lot of questions around what getting a positive antibody result means. Right now all it means is

you were exposed and

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East Boston senior and Boston Latin School student William Marchi watches his final classes online last week. Marchi, who will attend Coastal Carolina University in the fall, and over 3,000 other seniors from the Class of 2020 have been robbed of a proper senior year since the COVID-19 pandemic hit in March. Last week, Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius announced the city will honor graduating seniors with a virtual graduation in June.

Mayor, BPS announce virtual graduation for seniors

By John Lynds

For hundreds of high school seniors living in East Boston, the last year of high school is a right of passage, and one that is remembered for a lifetime.

Whether these seniors are at East Boston High School or attending other public or private schools the final year of high school is usually filled with a tremendous amount of excitement and accomplishment.

However, the Class of 2020 has been living in a strange time since the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered schools back in March.

The usual traditions of senior prom, senior day and, above all, graduation exercises have all been cancelled.

To help bring back a little normalcy to the lives of seniors robbed of what was to be their greatest year, Mayor Martin Walsh and

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius announced the city will honor graduating seniors in the Class of 2020.

The Mayor and Superintendent will celebrate their accomplishments with a virtual graduation ceremony that will be broadcast on WCVB Channel 5 on Saturday, June 13 from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. The ceremony will be hosted by Mayor Walsh, Superintendent Cassellius and will feature Former United States Secretary of Education John King as the keynote speaker.

In addition to a televised broadcast, the ceremony will also be streaming online at WCVB.com and available after the broadcast on boston.gov.

"We are tremendously proud of our graduating seniors, who together mark a class of smart, hardworking, and creative individuals who I know will go on to do great things," said

Walsh. "While the coronavirus pandemic has sidelined some of our most important traditions, including high school graduation, we will not miss the opportunity to celebrate their achievements or mark this important milestone in their lives. I want all the seniors to know that their city is rooting for them, and will be behind them every step of the way. We are proud to work with WCVB Channel 5 to broadcast this very special event."

The ceremony will feature remarks from School Committee Chair Michael Loconto, valedictorians from all 36 BPS high schools, and surprise guests. Students have also been asked to submit photos and videos of their high school experience.

"Senior year for any high school student is a remark-

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Next Year

32nd Annual Eastie Pride Day summer festival officially canceled for 2020

By John Lynds

Earlier this month, Mayor Martin Walsh decided to cancel all city-permitted parades and festivals taking place outdoors through Labor Day. The move was aimed at curbing the gathering of large crowds and keep up social distancing throughout the summer months amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The announcement forced the Eastie Pride Day committee to make the tough decision to pull the plug on the late August festival that draws thousands to Piers Park for the day-long family friendly celebration. This is the first time the event has been canceled in its 32-year history.

"It is with great sadness

that we announce the cancellation of Eastie Pride Day 2020," said the Committee in a statement Friday. "This decision was made in compliance with the City of Boston's recent order regarding public events. Eastie Pride Day is a summer tradition for many families. For over 30 years we have celebrated Eastie's diverse culture, rich history, and community pride. During these times of uncertainty, we hope you continue to foster that Eastie pride we all share, uplift one another, and support our beloved community. We wish you good health, and encourage all to continue to follow public health guidelines. We look forward to celebrating

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Eastie COVID-19 updates

By John Lynds

As the number of hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 continue to decline, East Boston still remains a virus hotspot within the city limits and cases of the virus rose nearly 10 percent in one week.

On Friday the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood.

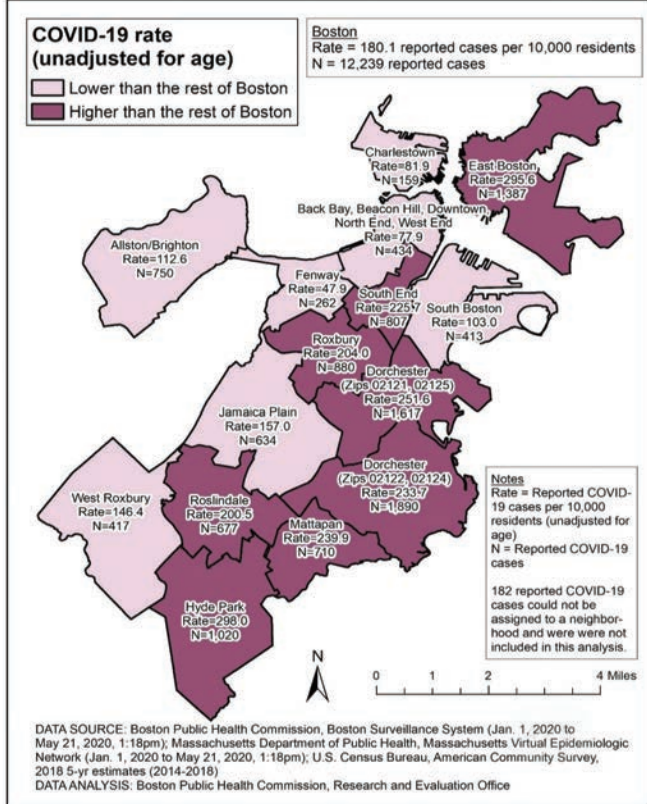
In one week Eastie's COVID-19 infection rate rose 8.3 percent from 273 cases per 10,000 residents to an infection rate of 295.6

cases per 10,000 residents as of Friday.

As of Friday there were 1,387 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Eastie, up from the 1,281 cases reported by the BPHC the previous week.

Last week, 4,137 Eastie residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 34.5 percent of those tested were positive. Eastie still leads the city in the percentage of those testing positive for COVID-19 followed by parts of Dorchester, Mattapan and Hyde Park.

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The BPHC's latest breakdown of COVID-19 cases and infection rates and COVID testing results for Boston that was released Friday.



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Local musician gives back to Zumix

By John Lynds

Local musician Ali McGuirk and multimedia artist Pamela Maguire teamed up earlier this month to use art and music to support the Massachusetts families hardest hit by the COVID pandemic. On May 8 the pair released, via Bandcamp, a set of their works in tandem.

McGuirk debuted a previously vaulted, extended take of her song, “What Have We Done?” while Maguire presented a new 8x10 illustrated interpretation of a family together in the wilderness.

In partnership with Zumix, the proceeds from these dual releases will be redistributed directly to families in East Boston, Chelsea and surrounding towns, which have the highest per capita rate of

confirmed coronavirus cases in Massachusetts.

“Pamela Maguire and I teamed up to raise some dough for families in Chelsea, Eastie and beyond,” said McGuirk. “The track is exclusively available on Bandcamp and all of the profits go directly to families in Eastie, Chelsea and the surrounding towns, which have the highest rates of COVID in the state, in partnership with Zumix’s mutual aid efforts.”

McGuirk works as a Teaching Artist at Zumix and has been moved by the organization’s ability to adapt with care towards the needs of their community. Since the onset of the pandemic, Zumix has been providing creative, financial and food support to about 200 families, including \$30,000 in direct payments to families who have

lost work.

“On behalf of the entire Zumix community, I’d like to thank Ali McGuirk and Pamela Maguire for their generous and creative support of ZUMIX’s COVID-19 family assistance initiative,” said Zumix Executive Director and Co-Founder Madeleine Steczynski. “Their joint release via Bandcamp offers an extended version of Ali’s hit “What Have We Done,” along with Pamela’s visual depiction of a family together in the wilderness. We are blessed to have the support of such gifted artists. Their generosity will enable us to continue to provide critical support to local families in need.”

The proceeds from these releases will be used towards these direct relief mutual aid efforts as the pandemic continues to

present unforeseen and unprecedented challenges to the community.

Maguire, a frequent collaborator of McGuirk’s and the hand behind her EP and debut album art, was inspired to create this new image while traveling recently through the American South and Mexico, as a tribute to migrants and their families.

McGuirk’s new 10-minute version of “What Have We Done?” was recorded in 2017 at Chillhouse Studio with Jeffrey Lockhart, Cilla Bonnie, Brandon Mayes and Deshawn D’vibes Alexander—the band that helped win the 2018 Boston Music Award for Best Live Residency at Bull McCabe’s.

A link to the song can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/e4lmhyclqqe-wro0>.



Local musician and Zumix Teaching Artist at Zumix Ali McGuirk.

City Realty donates Chromebooks to Salesian Boys & Girls Club

By John Lynds

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the Salesian Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street has had a close working partnership with local developer, the City Realty Group.

City Realty, known for several development projects in Eastie, has a non-profit offshoot called City Kids in areas where the development team works and conducts business.

Last year City Realty’s City Kids teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club and donated their services to help refurbish and upgrade the club’s computer lab and bring the room into the 21st century.

Last week, City Kids donated new Chromebooks to the Boys & Girls Club to help Eastie students continue learning at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.



City Realty Group Vice President of Operations James Caruso (left) delivered Chromebooks to Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant and his staff last week.

City Realty Group Vice President of Operations James Caruso delivered the Chromebooks to Salesian Executive Director Mike Triant and his staff. Caruso

so said the donation, “Is a way we can do our part to help these children remain engaged and capable of continuing their studies at home. City officials estimate that at least 15 percent of all Boston public school students do not have access to a computer at home.”

Stephen Whalen of Boston, Managing Partner at City Realty Group and founder of City Kid, said his company has been a longtime supporter of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, as well as many other community programs for youth in Eastie. Throughout the pandemic, the firm has donated dozens of laptops to help underserved youth in the city have increased access to learning.

“This has been a difficult and uncertain time for everyone but we cannot forget the importance of equal access to learning

for children in this city,” said Whalen. “Our community-based initiatives focus on leveraging new technologies to provide kids with powerful tools to help them follow their educational curiosity. We are proud to give these kids a chance to learn at home during this pandemic.”

Last year, City Realty’s Chief Technology Officer Jerry Wycoco worked to get the Boys & Girls Club’s computer lab up and running. Under the direction of City Realty Wycoco refurbished and upgraded the lab’s two dozen computers and also installed a new network server so the internet and other features are able to run smoother. The team also had the Salesian computer lab repainted and a new carpet installed.

“City has always been an amazing supporter of the club,” said Triant. “They’ve been doing such an amazing job taking people’s needs

over the past two months. We are thrilled that they brought these chromebooks over to us and have identified kids that were in need of chromebooks to continue to get schoolwork done from home.”

Since landing in Eastie and developing residential projects in the neighborhood, City Realty’s non-profit, City Kids, has been looking for ways to give back to the community. During its project on Border Street, City Realty partnered with the Mario Umana Academy to donate supplies to the school, as well as the community to help clean and maintain a park between Border and Meridian Streets.

Recently City Realty, with the help of the Gove Street Citizens Association, donated ChromeBooks to the Sam Adams School’s Autism Strand classroom.

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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 was second only

to Hyde Park as the neighborhood with the highest infection rate in the city. Hyde Park’s infection rate was 298 cases per 10,000 residents. However, Eastie still had over 300 more cases than Hyde Park.

Citywide there have been 12,511 positive cases

of coronavirus, up 4.5 percent from the 11,958 cases reported last week. So far, 5,984 of these 12,511 residents have fully recovered.

Deaths from COVID-19 rose 5 percent from 587 deaths to 618 deaths last week.

Weekly Neighborhood Data: (Updated 5/17/2020)		
NEIGHBORHOOD	NUMBER TESTED	OF TESTED, % POSITIVE
East Boston - 02128	4,137	34.5%
Dorchester - 02121, 02125	5,340	30.7%
Mattapan - 02126	2,418	30.1%
Dorchester - 02122, 02124	6,582	29.5%
Hyde Park - 02136	3,751	27.6%
Roslindale - 02131	2,493	27.0%
South End - 02111, 02118	3,116	25.5%
Roxbury - 02119, 0212	3,773	23.6%
Allston/Brighton - 02163, 02134, 02135	3,284	23.3%
Jamaica Plain - 02130	2,862	23.0%
West Roxbury - 02132	1,831	23.0%
South Boston - 02127, 02210	1,927	22.4%
Charlestown - 02129	972	16.4%
Fenway - 02115, 02215	1,719	15.6%
Back Bay, Beacon Hill, West End, Downtown, & North End - 02108, 02114, 02116, 02199, 02222, 02109, 02110, 02013	2,816	13.6%
Other	22	68.2%
Boston	47,043	26.0%

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brating with you next year.”

Eastie Pride Day was founded in 1988 by former Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina as a summer block party and community celebration to bring Eastie residents closer together.

So, on a hot summer night in 1988 at East Boston Memorial Stadium the first Eastie Pride Day was held. However, LaMattina admits he thought it would only be a one-time event.

“When we planned the first Eastie Pride Day we thought that would be it,” said LaMattina. “Have everyone come down, show off their Eastie Pride and it would be over.”

But the success of the very first East Pride Day was all LaMattina and longtime organizers like Larry and Carol Smith and the late Anthony Albano needed to keep it going.

So for more than 30 years LaMattina, was the key organizer, and now a younger generation of community leaders like his daughter Liana LaMattina and Rep. Adrian Madaro, have been keeping the event going, an event that he holds very dear to his heart.

Although LaMattina is disappointed in this year’s cancellation, he is happy

the Committee is doing their part to help control the spread of COVID-19.

“We’ve had years with rain and thunderstorms. Years where we had to move the festival inside. There were years that we had to cut Eastie Pride Day short due to severe weather. But, we always had Eastie Pride Day,” he said. “With that said we can’t be too careful in these crazy times and must do our part as a community to ensure everyone stays safe and healthy until we can find an end to this pandemic.”

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had a subclinical case without many symptoms or you had symptoms and a diagnosis of COVID. You would still need to wear a mask, wash your hands, practice social distancing so it really hasn’t panned out to be the passport we were looking for.”

However, Fantes said it has been a useful tool to gauge the virus’s prevalence in a community.

Fantes and Lopes said that the Health Center is following the Governor’s Phase I plans to reopen EBNHC.

“We will start ramping up in person visits but limit our capacity to 25 percent of what it was before the pandemic,” said Dr. Fantes. “We would like to first get patients that are our high

risk patients or patients with exacerbated health problems. We will continue to put the safety of our patients and staff first. Our lobbies will look much much different. We will still be scanning patients at the front door. Our waiting rooms will be marked in order to promote social distancing and masks will be worn at all times.”



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Walsh reacts to State reopening

By John Lynds

On Monday, May 18, Governor Charlie Baker launched Phase I of a state-wide reopening plan.

However, Mayor Martin Walsh stressed that reopening does not mean “back to normal”—it means bringing caution and a commitment to stopping the spread of COVID-19 into workplaces and community spaces.

“Boston will continue to meet the needs of families, seniors, and small businesses, as well as continue to follow the science and public health guidance, while monitoring the data at the city and state levels,” he said.

Last week Walsh announced the Public Health Emergency declared on March 15 in the City of Boston remains in place until further notice. The same applies to the guidelines for physical distancing and face coverings, as well as the citywide recommended curfew of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

At a press conference last week the Mayor noted that Boston is one of the most densely populated cities in the country, which is home to a very diverse population, and doubles in size as a regional workforce enters

its workplaces every weekday. Special precautions unique to Boston will need to be taken into account.

“The City will continue to focus on equity and meeting the needs of vulnerable communities, families with children, seniors, and small businesses,” said Walsh.

The biggest question on most businesses owners’ minds is how Boston will start to reopen East Boston’s small businesses that are tourist hotspots during the summer months.

Under the statewide plan retail stores are allowed to open for curbside pickup on May 25, as well as some services, including hair care and car washes.

“Boston’s approach is the City is ready to help small businesses create plans that not only meet state guidelines, but go beyond them,” said Walsh. “However, we are also urging caution. The Boston Transportation Department has helped facilitate safe curbside pickup for essential businesses, and will expand that work as needed. The City is also developing creative public space solutions for pedestrians in business districts.”

If businesses don’t feel comfortable opening the Mayor said the City will

back them in that decision and continue to make services and resources available to them.

“The City will provide more information in the days and weeks ahead to help employers and community organizations stay safe and connected,” said Walsh. “Small business owners can reach out to our Office of Small Business.”

Walsh added that under the statewide plan office spaces will be allowed to open with 25 percent capacity starting on May 25 but Boston won’t take that step until June 1.

This timeline allows the City to work in collaboration with building owners and employers on safety plans that meet robust public health standards.

“Every employer must create and implement plans for workplaces to minimize the spread of the virus, as outlined by the State,” said Walsh. “The City is creating guidelines for offices to follow, based on national best practices and expert input.”

These guidelines include shift scheduling, work-from-home policies, physical spacing, PPE, cleaning protocols, ventilation, employee communication, and more.

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able time in a young person’s life, and the senior year for the Class of 2020 is unlike any we’ve experienced in our lifetime,” said Superintendent Cassellius.

“The courage, flexibility, and resilience our students have shown, supported by our community is an inspiration for all of us, and gives us all reason to be hopeful about the future and the legacy the Class of 2020 will create long after their time in the Boston Public Schools has passed.”

EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangiforte said he always looks forward to celebrat-

ing all the accomplishments of his seniors during senior day, awards nights and graduation.

Addressing his seniors directly, Brangiforte said it breaks his heart that the Class of 2020, that has accomplished so much, has been cheated on a proper end to their high school careers.

“Unfortunately, you are approaching the pinnacle of your high school careers during one of the greatest conflicts the world has faced in over a century,” said Brangiforte. “I am truly sorry for the personal

struggles that each and everyone one of you encountered over the past several months, and I’m sure many of you feel cheated out of the activities and memories that senior classes before you have experienced. Walsh has always been on your side through the entire pandemic. He knows how important graduation is and will be hosting a virtual graduation to honor the class of 2020. I value his leadership during this difficult time. The class of 2020 will go down in history and be the most remembered of all time.”

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The decision of the federal government to invoke the Defense Production Act to order meat-processing plants to reopen raises a number of issues about the use of the act for this purpose.

First and foremost, the order ignores the reality that meat-processing plants continue to be hot-spots for the spread of the coronavirus, placing the safety and lives of workers, their families, and their communities at high risk for contracting and spreading the disease. Despite the best efforts of meat processors over the past two months to improve worker safety, the coronavirus continues to explode among workers in this industry. The invocation of the Defense Production Act does nothing to address this issue.

Second, we certainly sympathize with the livestock farmers who have been forced to euthanize their animals, placing these farmers on the edge of bankruptcy. But their economic losses are easily-calculable and should be recompensed by the federal government.

By contrast, what has been more disturbing in our view has been the destruction of fruits and vegetables by farmers who normally supply the restaurant business. Why hasn't the federal government come up with a plan to purchase those foods and distribute them to the millions of needy Americans who are lining up, literally for miles, for distributions from food banks?

Third however, there is an even more basic question: Why has meat production been deemed an essential industry?

We raise this question for a simple reason: The American diet, which relies more heavily on meat than any other nation in the world, has been a major contributor to the death toll in our country for persons under the age of 60 who have contracted the coronavirus.

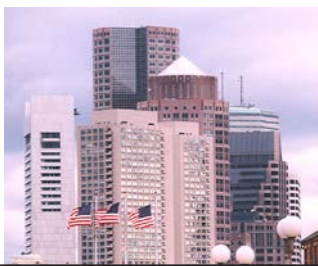
According to researchers, a person's body mass index -- whether someone is overweight -- is a crucial factor in the ability of an individual to fight the disease. In addition, individuals who consume a lot of animal protein are more likely to suffer from the pre-existing conditions of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and kidney failure that place them at high risk for a fatal outcome if they should contract the coronavirus.

Americans --- who annually consume an astonishing average of 222 pounds of meat per person -- can obtain their protein in many other ways, whether from fish and shellfish or the new food products (such as the Impossible Burger and Beyond Meat) that actually are good for our health.

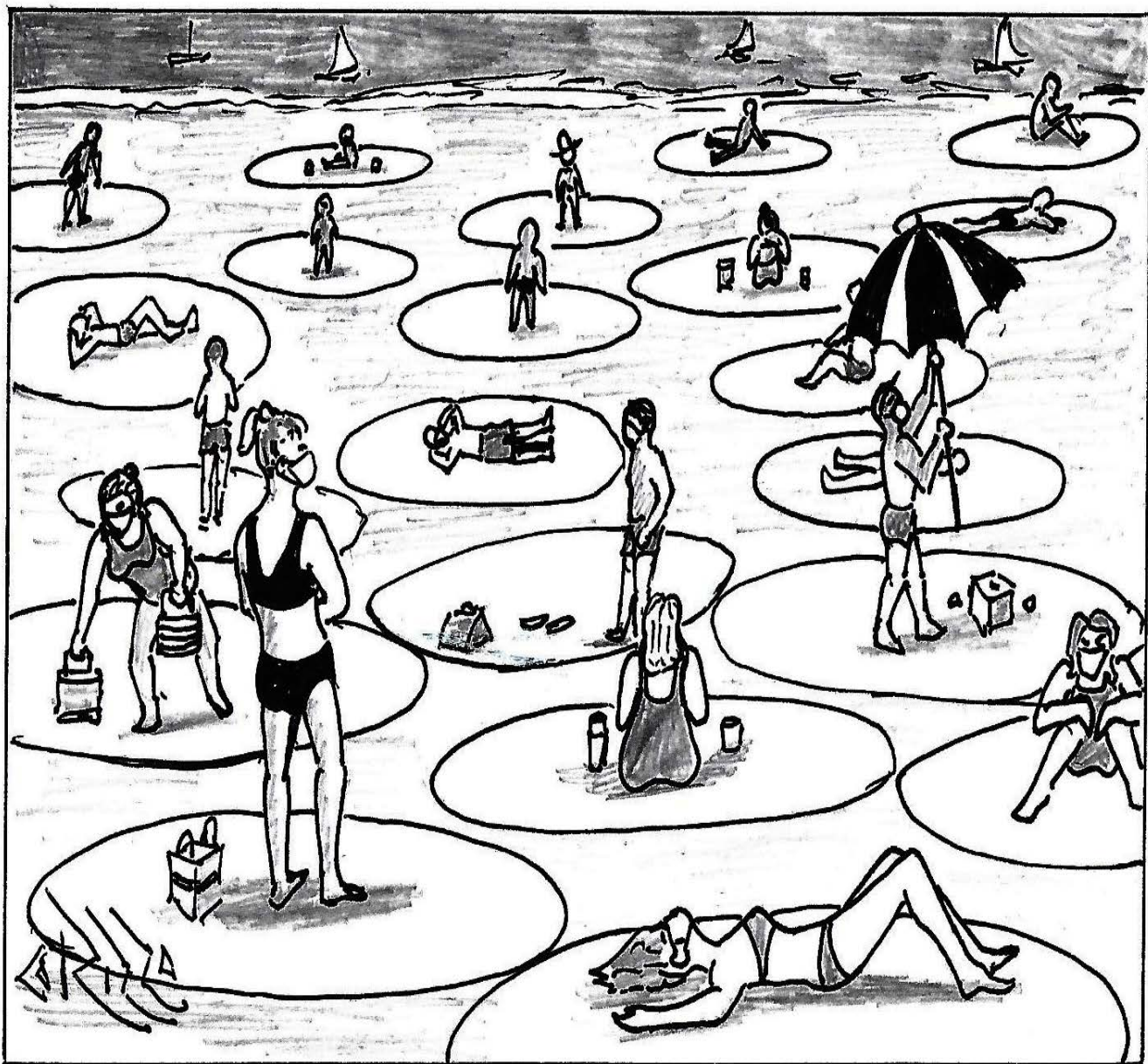
Finally, we would add that less meat production benefits our environment, thereby reducing air pollution, which is another plus for our nation's overall health. We're sure many of our readers will be surprised to learn that the production of meat and dairy, particularly from cows, contributes enormously to climate change, with livestock accounting for almost 15 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions each year -- roughly the same amount as all of the cars, trucks, airplanes, and ships in the world combined.

In conclusion, the federal government needs to take immediate action to ensure that farmers' fruit and vegetable products do not go to waste at a time when many Americans are in financial distress and in need of food. On the other hand, meat-processing plants should be allowed to reopen only when those facilities are safe for workers.

In the meantime, if the coronavirus changes the typical American's eating habits -- from less bacon, hot dogs, etc., to more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains -- that's a good thing, both for the present and future health of our nation.



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GUEST OP-ED

Filling out the U.S. Census is an effective and safe way to support your community right now

By Martin J. Walsh

Every 10 years, the Federal government conducts a Census, counting every person living in all 50 states, Washington D.C., and five U.S. territories. This is more than just a headcount; the Census determines everything from representation in Congress, to Federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure, and healthcare programs.

As Boston continues to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and work towards an equitable recovery, Federal funding will play a key role in providing relief for our small business owners, veterans, renters, our healthcare sector, and more. Much of the recovery aid that Washington will allocate is based on our population's size determined by the Census. Filling out the 2020 Census is a great way to support healthcare workers, first responders, and

other people on the front lines from the safety of your home. It will also help Boston respond to future emergencies by increasing data accuracy and Federal dollars for community health centers and hospitals.

Data from the 2010 Census shows that for every Massachusetts resident who doesn't fill out the Census, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts misses out on more than \$2,300 in Federal funding. That's a significant loss for our communities, including our students, our older adults, our residents experiencing homelessness, and other vulnerable groups. In 2015, Massachusetts received more than \$16 billion for crucial programs and services such as Medicaid and Medicare, SNAP and free school lunch programs, Section 8 Vouchers, public education, and childcare programs for low-income families like Head Start. We need every-

one in the city to participate in this year's Census so we can continue to support and improve these programs.

Many of Boston's communities are at risk of an undercount. Almost 60 percent of the city's population lives in census tracts that have historically been undercounted, and this year, we want to change that. The Census is a means to increase community power. Boston recognizes how vital each resident is to our social fabric, the 2020 Census makes sure the Federal government does too.

I want to assure everyone in Boston that responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by Federal law. Answers can only be used to produce statistics, and the Census Bureau cannot share your personal information with anyone-- not to law enforcement, and not to your landlord. You will not be asked about your immigration status, and answers will not affect any public

benefits you receive.

The Census is very easy to complete. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire online at my2020census.gov. You can also fill it out over the phone in 13 different languages. The phone number is listed on the website. Everyone counts equally in our democracy, and everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and invested in-- regardless of your age, background, housing status, how much money you make, where you were born, or any other characteristic. The 2020 Census is an example of direct democracy in action, and I urge all Bostonians to take part.

For more information on the 2020 Census and the City's outreach efforts to ensure a fair and complete count, please visit www.boston.gov/2020-census.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

LETTER to the Editor

NEW TOBACCO LAW STARTS JUNE 1

To the Editor,
I want to remind people that starting June 1, 2020, flavored tobacco, including menthol cigarettes like Kools and Newports will no longer be sold in Massachusetts. Last Fall, the Fight All Flavors campaign and many supporting partners worked to build grassroots understanding of and support for a proposed flavored tobacco restriction with an explicit focus on building youth leadership and calling out the tobacco and nicotine industry's targeting of menthol in communities of color.

The tobacco and vaping industries have allegedly targeted youth, LGBTQ

populations and communities of color with their deadly products, causing many health consequences for these populations specifically. Flavors, like mint and menthol, are a leading reason that young people start vaping and using tobacco.

The law, which goes into effect on June 1, 2020, means that:

- Menthol cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products like flavored cigars, flavored chewing tobacco, and flavored e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will no longer be widely available in Massachusetts.

- E-cigarettes and nicotine vaping products will increase in price.

I'm excited to see that No Menthol. Know Why.

is an extension of that work; they're working with community-based organizations, youth advocates, public health and health care partners, local health departments, churches, regional Tobacco-Free Community Partnership programs, and more to reach out to and support the communities most impacted by the new law. They want to build awareness about the law and provide information about the resources available to help people quit smoking.

You can help spread the word in your community. Visit NoMentholKnowWhy.org to learn more, to share your menthol story and to find tools and resource to share.

For information about how the law will be en-

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Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel lends a helping hand to the Y

By John Lynds

Usually the Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel lends its services to the East Boston YMCA each year, playing host to the Y’s annual Reach Out capital campaign breakfast fundraiser that draws more than 500 attendees and supporters.

However, the annual event was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 , so the Hilton’s General Manager Bruce Roy has been looking for other ways to help the local nonprofit and its staff.

Seeing that each day the Y on Bremen Street opens its doors to feed the community and care for children of essential workers by serving thousands of meals and hundreds of hours of care Roy decided to team up in a different way.

Creating sustainability for the community is no small feat and takes a dedicated team of individuals who care deeply for Eastie and risk themselves daily to come to work and serve.

Roy, who is also an East

Boston Y Board Member, took notice of the incredible work happening each day at the Y so he and his team wanted to make sure the staff at the Y were noticed.

Since the start of the pandemic Roy and the Hilton staff have delivered a hot meal each week to the Y. The Hilton’s on-site restaurant, Connolly’s Publik House, produces and packages delicious comfort food that is dropped off for the staff so that they have some sort of normalcy during their day.

“We are proud to be part of the East Boston community,” said Roy. “This was an opportunity for us to do something to take care of those from the East Boston YMCA who are doing so much to take care of the community. Many of our team members are from East Boston and the work that the Y is doing is benefiting them, their families and their neighbors. Our hope is that in some small way this gesture makes their incredible work just a little easier.”

East Boston Y Executive Director Joe Gaeta said being able to slow down, sit down and enjoy a hot meal really helps with morale and lets the Y team know that they are noticed.

“We have an amazing staff team here at the Y,” said Gaeta. “I am eternally grateful for the work my team does here on a daily basis, making sure others are taken care of despite their own reservations. Bruce and his team are incredible partners. The team at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport has stepped up to the plate in more ways than one to help support not only the Y but the community.”

Gaeta added that others have stopped by the Y and dropped off coffee, pizza and other useful items like masks and gloves to show their appreciation to the Y during these difficult times.

“Community, helping the community is what is driving us here at the Y, without each other we wouldn’t be able to get through this, we are thankful for all our partners in serving East Boston,” said Gaeta.



Hilton Boston Logan Airport General Manager Roy Bruce Roy, the Hilton’s Assistant Director of Catering and Events Suzanne Desousa and East Boston YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta.

Malden Catholic High School graduation schedule 2020

In honor of the Class of 2020, our stadium lights are illuminated daily from 8:20 p.m. (that’s 2020 hours military time) to 8:40 p.m. until June 20, 2020. This symbolic lighting of the stadium for the duration of 20 minutes starting at 2020 hours demonstrates our pride for the Class of 2020. On Monday evenings, we will take photos of some of our senior class leaders including our Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Student Council, etc. Our Communications Department will contact these individuals directly.

Senior Gift – Delivered During the Week of May 25

Seniors will receive a special gift delivered to their homes over the week of May 25 from Gingerbread Construction Company.

Adopt-A-Senior

Plans are underway for parents in our MC community to provide a special token of appreciation for our seniors. Look for more information to be shared soon.

Virtual Senior Christian-Service Prayer Service – Monday, June 15, at 4:00 p.m.

The annual Senior Christian Service Prayer Service will be held virtually on Monday, June 15, at 4:00 p.m. This is one way in which we can preserve our Prayer Service tradition and allow seniors to reflect prayerfully on the great service they rendered to the community over 4 years. Our survey responses supported a virtual event.

Senior Virtual Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Senior Awards Ceremony will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Based upon the survey data, our seniors indicated that a virtual ceremony was an appropriate format for this event. We will set up a stage and backdrop in the gym, and school administrators will host the event. (Awards, certificates, honor cords, moms’ flowers and other memorabilia from this event will be distributed at our MC Live Rolling Rally on Saturday, June 20.)

The MC Live Rolling Rally – Saturday, June 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Rain date is June 21, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

We will be transforming our back parking area into a senior celebration site for our first-ever Senior Rolling Rally! Seniors and family, traveling in one car, will follow a parade route around the School, making way to a stage where seniors will exit the vehicle for a photo opportunity with administrators and receive their MC Senior Graduation Package with awards, certificates, honor cords, flowers for their moms and other memorabilia. We encourage seniors to wear their “quarantine t-shirts” for the event. Additionally, MC administrators will host a short program. The event will be live-streamed for those gathered, as well as for other family members and individuals from the community to follow along and enjoy.

Malden Catholic Live Commencement/Conferral of Diplomas – Saturday, August 1, at 4:00 p.m.

In response to our survey, we plan to host live our Class of 2020 Commencement Exercises in Brother Gilbert Stadium, as permitted by state and local health organizations and government officials. Mal-

den Catholic will follow all social distancing guidelines as established by the CDC to ensure the safety for all involved.

If for some reason, we are not able to hold the event as outlined above, our “Plan B” is to conduct a drive-up conferral of diplomas on Malden Catholic grounds or personally deliver each diploma to the homes of our seniors by our lead administrators, while maintaining social distancing.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Malden Catholic is proud to announce the Valedictorian and the Salutatorian for the Class of 2020.

Valedictorian - Michael Sekenski

Salutatorian - Ciro Carbone



Live Senior Baccalaureate Mass and Reception – Tuesday, November 25 (time to be determined)

During Thanksgiving week, when our seniors typically come home, visit the school to pick up yearbooks, and rekindle old friendships, we will host our Senior Baccalaureate Mass. The Mass and Reception are scheduled for Tuesday, November 25. The time will be announced as we move closer to the date.

We have much to celebrate in the achievements of our Class of 2020! Though we cannot do it in our usual fashion, we hope that the events we have planned will convey our love, thanks, and appreciation to each senior and his family for the partnership we have shared and for the relationship that will continue as our graduates join the ranks of Malden Catholic alumni.

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Churches reopen in Eastie with restrictions

Archdiocese of Boston produces social distancing guidelines

By John Lynds

As part of the Governor’s Phase I reopening of the state, East Boston’s houses of worship were allowed to resume Mass with some strict restrictions on May 24. Because many large congregations in other parts of the country disobeyed social distancing orders and continued regular worship services that led to COVID-19 flare-ups among parishioners, the state, city and Archdiocese of Boston are being extra cautious.

In Eastie, Holy Redeemer, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Churches all assumed Mass with a 40 percent capacity.

“Places of worship are allowed to open starting this week, at 40 percent capacity and with strict distancing practices and face coverings,” said Mayor Martin Walsh. “Places of worship must take a very cautious approach and are urged to not reopen if they have doubts about being able to plan, implement, and monitor strict safety guidelines. The Statewide “Safer at Home” policy remains in place, which advises against people 65 and older leaving home unless absolutely necessary. The Mayor urged seniors to adhere to the advisory and hold off on going back to places of worship, even if services restart. He also asked faith leaders to reach out to their elderly parishioners, to guide them and

support them in putting safety first, and keep them connected in other ways.”

The Mayor added that the City has been getting questions about church choirs and hymns. The Mayor said they shouldn’t happen yet, given the added risk of virus transmission from singing in addition to speaking. Face coverings must be worn at all times.

Last week the Archdiocese of Boston released to parishes a video demonstrating how Catholics can help to keep each other safe as Churches re-open this coming weekend.

The Evangelization and Discipleship Secretariat produced a three-minute video and it shows what parishioners need to do from the moment they arrive in the Church parking lot, to entering the Church, how congregants will be social distancing, reception of Communion and how to exit the Church at the conclusion of Mass.

The video can be found at <https://vimeo.com/421142581>

“The resumption of Mass in our Churches is a joyful moment for our parishes,” said Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, OFM Cap. “It is very important that, as we welcome parishioners back we do so with the health and safety of all in mind. Throughout this pandemic and for many months to follow we will be adjusting to a new way of doing things. We need to take care of each other now more than ever, confident that with the

help of God we will emerge from this crisis to continue the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ.”

Rev. Paul Soper, Secretary for Evangelization & Discipleship and leading the process of reopening Churches, said, “This is an extraordinary time for our people as we begin the process of returning to public Mass in our Churches. Our priests, parishioners, parish staff and volunteers have all responded to this opportunity with safety and the health of the community a priority. We ask for the patience, cooperation and prayers of the entire Catholic community as we begin this steady and slow return to gathering together in prayer.”

The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Like Walsh, Cardinal O’Malley strongly encouraged people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicated physical conditions, to continue to watch Mass from their homes on their parish’s social media platforms or on CatholicTV.

“The Archdiocese has consistently stated that we will work collaboratively with local and state officials during this crisis and we will continue to comply with their guidance and mandates devised to restart community activity while continuing to fight the virus and keep people safe,” said Cardinal O’Malley.



The Archdiocese produced a video on how Catholic Parishioners can practice safe worship at Eastie Churches.



The video shows everything from how parishioners should practice social distancing in pews, receive the Holy Sacrament of Communion, as well as exerting and exiting churches to keep safe distance (below).



The Davis Companies to build new livable, resilient development in East Boston

The Davis Companies announced that they have finalized an agreement with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) to redevelop four parcels owned by EBNHC located along Bremen and Orleans Streets in East Boston. The parcels are currently used by EBNHC as surface parking lots and one building containing back of house services, both of which will be relocated within East Boston.

Located close to Maverick Square and Airport Station, the future housing development will be designed to take advantage of its access to mass transit to minimize residents’ reliance on vehicular transportation. Three of the four sites sit adjacent to the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, offering an opportunity to create a thoughtful gateway space within the cherished public green space, enhancing its access, use and enjoyment for all of the East Boston community. As a walkable, transit-oriented development, the project will be designed to reduce car ownership, eliminate parking and lessen traffic and pollution.

The Davis Companies is known in the East Boston community through its development of The Mark at 99 Summer Street, formerly home of Hodge Boiler Works. During the permitting process for The Mark, The Davis Companies worked with many of the neighborhood’s community groups and formed several partnerships with local non-profits.

“We are looking forward to once again working with the East Boston community to build upon all that makes East Boston a resilient and special place to call home” said Davis. “By supporting the Health Center’s programming, developing a

project that minimizes congestion, adds to the neighborhood’s housing stock, enhances open space and contributes to a walkable and connected East Boston, we believe we can do just that.”

EBNHC has been a leader in healthcare for the last 50 years, treating patients in East Boston and its surrounding communities without regard to age, income, insurance status, language, culture, or social circumstances. To preserve the critical services provided by EBNHC, the proceeds from the project will be immediately reinvested in the Health Center, which serves more than 70% of East Boston residents and employs more than 1,200 individuals.

“Funding for the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is critically important,” stated Stephen Davis, Managing Director for Development at The Davis Companies. “The Health Center and its staff work tirelessly on the front lines serving many of the community’s most vulnerable residents,” he continued, “and we are honored to have this opportunity to support the Health Center’s work at a crucial time.”

“East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is committed to serving our neighbors and we have engaged in a multi-year, deliberative process to chart a course for our financial future,” said Ernani DeAraujo, Vice President & General Counsel at EBNHC. “After much consideration and input from local development groups, EBNHC is happy to be working with the Davis Companies on a project that we hope will positively impact the East Boston community and our patients.”

Community Feedback Prior to moving forward

with the City of Boston’s permitting processes, The Davis Companies will be seeking community input relative to its development. The company plans to conduct outreach in a number of ways including digital surveys, online meetings and mailings to gauge public sentiment and catalogue community priorities. Once those priorities are understood, the Davis Companies will work to incorporate those priorities into their development proposal to the City of Boston. Visit bit.ly/communityfeedbacksurvey to participate in the Community Feedback Survey, by June 20, 2020.

About The Davis Companies

Founded in 1976, The Davis Companies has over a 40-year history of successfully investing, managing and developing real estate for its own account and on behalf of investors. The Davis Companies has earned a reputation for integrity, creativity and excellence, making it one of the premier real estate investment, development and management firms in the northeast U.S. About East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been a vital part of its community for the last 50 years, providing easily accessible, high-quality health care to all who live and work in East Boston and the surrounding communities of Chelsea, Revere, Everett, and Winthrop. EBNHC supports over 1,000 employees and handles 300,000 visits per year – more than any other ambulatory care center in New England. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org.

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April unemployment numbers hit 15.1 percent overall

The state’s April total unemployment rate is up 12.3 percentage points at 15.1 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts lost 623,000 jobs in April. This follows last month’s revised loss of 43,800 jobs. The monthly change in the job estimates reflects the ongoing impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Over the month, the private sector lost 597,100 jobs as losses occurred in all sectors, the largest of which occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Education and Health Services; Construction; and Other Services. Government lost jobs over the month.

From April 2019 to April 2020, BLS estimates Mas-

sachusetts lost 638,000 jobs.

The only private sector job gain over the year was in Information. The remaining private sectors lost jobs over the year with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Construction; and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

The April unemployment rate was four-tenths of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 14.7 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force decreased by 364,700 from 3,772,000 in March, as 773,500 fewer residents were employed and 408,700 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 12.1 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or

older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – dropped to 60.3 percent. Compared to April 2019, the labor force participation rate is down by 7.2 percentage points.

April 2020 Employment Overview

- Leisure and Hospitality lost 216,200 (-61.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 237,500 (-63.2%) jobs.

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 112,700 (-19.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 113,700 (-19.7%) jobs.

- Education and Health Services lost 85,900 (-10.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 82,900 (-10.2%) jobs.

- Construction lost 60,000 (-37.1%) jobs over the month. Over the

year, Construction has lost 60,700 (-37.4%) jobs.

- Other Services lost 48,100 (-35.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down -52,500 (-37.8%) jobs.

- Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 45,600 (-7.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 42,800 (-7.1%) jobs.

- Manufacturing lost 21,400 (-8.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 22,400 (-9.2%) jobs.

- Financial Activities lost 4,200 (-1.9%) jobs.

- Information lost 400 (-0.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information added 2,000 (+2.2%) jobs.

- Government lost 25,900 (-5.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year,

Government lost 23,200 (-5.1%) jobs.

Labor Force Overview

The April estimates show 2,891,600 Massachusetts residents were employed and 515,700 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,407,300. The unemployment rate was up by 12.3 percentage points at 15.1 percent. The April labor force decreased by 364,700 from 3,772,000 in March, as 773,500 fewer residents were employed and 408,700 more residents were unemployed over the month. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was down at 60.3 percent. The labor force was down 393,800 from the 3,801,100 April 2019 estimate, with 795,700 fewer residents employed and 401,900 more residents unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sam-

ple of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends. The Bureau of Labor Statistics implemented the Current Population Survey level-shift outliers into the estimation models to incorporate the state claims inputs starting with the revised March estimates. These level shifts preserved movements in published estimates that the models otherwise would have discounted as sampling error.

Local area unemployment statistics for April 2020 will be released on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The preliminary May 2020 and revised April 2020 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, June 19, 2020.

Baker, WGBH and special guests to celebrate Class of 2020 with a virtual commencement ceremony

In partnership with WGBH, Gov. Charlie Baker will deliver a commencement address to the Class of 2020 as part of a celebration for graduating seniors from 668 public and private schools across the Commonwealth, to be aired in a special broadcast at 7:30

p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

Massachusetts Commencement 2020 will feature congratulatory remarks from Jason and Devin McCourty of the New England Patriots, members of the Red Sox and the Boston Celtics, and a number of celebrities with Massachu-

setts ties, including singer Rachel Platten, actor Steve Carell and more. In a special premiere performance, members of the legendary Boston Pops Orchestra, with Keith Lockhart conducting, will provide the traditional graduation march ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ for the ceremony. Students from around the Commonwealth will give valedictorian-type speech-

es to their classmates.

WGBH will broadcast the program, Massachusetts Commencement 2020, across the Commonwealth, on WGBH 2 in Greater Boston, and on its partner station WGBY/New England Public Media in western Massachusetts. Both stations will stream the program on their website and social media platforms. WGBH

also will make the program available to other television stations in Massachusetts, including community access channels.

“Graduation ceremonies are important milestones in a young person’s life that deserve to be celebrated,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “While we cannot gather in the traditional way, we want to recognize, celebrate and salute Mas-

sachusetts’ Class of 2020 for their accomplishments and their resiliency during these difficult times. We are very thankful to WGBH for working with us to help us do that.”

The student remarks for the program were prepared in collaboration with 826 Boston, a nonprofit youth writing and publishing organization.



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Massachusetts implements Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC)

The state announced May 21 that Massachusetts residents who are eligible for the federal CARES Act and qualify for having exhausted their regular unemployment compensation may now receive the new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).

The launch of this program marks the third and final benefit available for the Commonwealth through the CARES Act.

PEUC provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits to an individual who has exhausted all rights to any regular unemployment compensation and who meets other eligibility requirements of the CARES Act. PEUC will automatically begin for individuals who have been receiving regular standard unemployment benefits on an active claim and those benefits are

exhausted, and those individuals do not have to take any further action.

If an individual’s standard unemployment claim has expired, they must file a new standard claim. If the individual is monetarily eligible on the new standard claim, regardless of the benefit rate amount, they will receive benefits from that new claim. Otherwise, the individual will be eligible for PEUC on the prior claim and it will be automatically implemented.

Individuals who exhausted their standard benefits but were receiving benefits through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) must apply to claim weekly benefits. Residents should apply through the standard unemployment benefits portal available here.

Those receiving PEUC will also receive \$600

weekly through the week ending July 25, 2020, provided by the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program established by the CARES Act.

The CARES Act signed into law on March 27, 2020, established the PEUC, PUA and FPUC public benefit programs that expanded unemployment eligibility, temporarily increases weekly benefits for all claimants and allows additional categories of people to claim unemployment benefits. This is the largest expansion of assistance for the Commonwealth’s workforce since the Great Depression.

More information about Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation can be found at mass.gov/peuc.

Catholic Churches look to begin Masses May 30 and 31

The Archdiocese of Boston released to parishes a video demonstrating how Catholics can help to keep each other safe as Churches begin to re-open this coming weekend.

It is expected most parishes will wait until the weekend of May 30 and 31 to resume the celebration of Mass since it was necessary to temporarily suspend Mass because of COVID-19.

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“The resumption of Mass in our Churches is a joyful moment for our parish- es,” said Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, OFM Cap. “It is

very important that, as we welcome parishioners back we do so with the health and safety of all in mind. Throughout this pandemic and for many months to follow we will be adjusting to a new way of doing things. We need to take care of each other now more than ever, confident the with the help of God we will emerge from this crisis to continue the mission entrusted us by Jesus Christ.”

Rev. Paul Soper, Secretary for Evangelization & Discipleship and leading the process of re-opening our Churches, said, “This is an extraordinary time for our people as we begin the process of returning to public Mass in our Churches. Our priests, parishioners, parish staff and volunteers have all responded to this opportunity with safety and the health of the community a priority. We ask for the patience, cooperation and prayers of the entire Catholic community as we

begin this steady and slow return to gathering together in prayer.”

The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Cardinal Seán strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions, to continue to watch Mass from their homes on their parish’s social media platforms or on CatholicTV.

The Archdiocese has consistently stated that will work collaboratively with local and state officials during this crisis and we will continue to comply with their guidance and mandates devised to restart community activity while continuing to fight the virus and keep people safe.

The Archdiocese has posted the video on the BostonCatholic.org homepage and asked parishes to share with their parishioners.

Amtrak continues to advance testing of new Acela fleet

Amtrak’s new Acela fleet, scheduled to enter service on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) in 2021, continues to progress with its high-speed testing at Transportation Technology Center near Pueblo, Colo., as the first Acela prototype completed another milestone by traveling at speeds up to 165 mph, although the train’s initial top operating speed will be 160 mph. Video of the train undergoing this high-speed testing can be found on the Amtrak Media Center.

The first Acela prototype traveled from Alstom’s facility in Hornell, N.Y. on Monday, Feb. 17 and is expected to undergo six more months of dynamic testing, which will include the trainset’s pantograph, railway dynamics, tilting, traction, slip/slide and way-side protection, brakes, and

train control management systems. Once complete, the trainset will return to Alstom for installation of its interiors.

These Acela trains will include new touchless features and utilize state-of-the-art technology to provide contactless amenities, including spacious restrooms with contactless features and automatic door access, a contactless storage option for luggage and comfortable seating with personal outlets and USB ports for individual access and winged headrests to serve as a barrier between you and your neighbor. Additionally, the Café Car will offer convenient self-service options and an advanced seat reservation system will allow customers the ability to reserve seats prior to departure.

Alstom is building the

next generation high-speed Acela trainsets using parts manufactured by nearly 250 suppliers in 27 states, with 95 percent of the components produced domestically. More than 1,300 new jobs are being generated in nearly 90 communities across the United States to support production, including the creation of new, sustainable, high-tech, engineering and manufacturing jobs. Alstom employs more than 800 people in Hornell, including members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

Additional information about Amtrak’s support of the new Acela, including its record level of investments in track and infrastructure improvements and amenities, can be found at Amtrak.com/FutureofRail.

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ADIL DHOUI,
Defendant
ORDER FOR
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WHEREAS, a civil action has been brought against Adil Dhoui seeking judgment on counts of Money Had and Received, Unjust Enrichment, Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Breach of Loyalty, Conversion, Fraud, and Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing. WHEREAS it appears to the Court from the Affidavit of

Tom E. Zoller filed in this action that after the exercise of reasonable due diligence that on one can find Adil Dhoui and that no personal service of the Complaint may be made upon Adil Dhoui, it is ORDERED, pursuant to Mass.R.Civ.P. 4(d)(1), that notice of this suit be given to Adil Dhoui by publishing this Order, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least twenty (20) days before said return day, in the Boston Globe and each of three newspapers of general circulation distributed within three miles of 15 Murray Court, East Boston, MA 02128; 16 Franklin Street, Apt. 1, Somerville, MA 02145; and 7 Lowman Circle, Peabody, MA 01960. WE COMMAND YOU, ADIL DHOUI, if you intend to make any defense, that on or by June 30, 2020, or

within such further time as the law allows you, do cause your written responsive pleading (or other response as appropriate) to be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Norfolk Superior Court, 650 High Street, Dedham, MA 02026 in said Commonwealth, with a copy to be served upon the Plaintiff’s attorney, James G. Grillo, Esq., Davagian Grillo & Semple LLP, 365 Boston Post Road, Ste. 200, Sudbury, MA 01776, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein. If you fail to meet the above requirements, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Unless otherwise provided

by Rule 13(e), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the Plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiff’s claim or you will be barred from making any such claim in any other action. SO ORDERED Dated this 13th day of April 2020. Robert C. Cosgrove JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT WITNESS, Judith Fabricant, at Dedham, Massachusetts the 13th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty. Walter F. Timilty, Clerk

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Today, Dr. Claudius-Cole is fully recovered, and back at her vital healing practice in West Africa. Her story truly brings new meaning to the term “pro-Bono.” We share it here because it sends two of the most contagious messages we know. Don’t give up, and remember to give back.

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Mark Ingersoll

Of Lynn, formerly of East Boston

Mark Ingersoll of Lynn, formerly of Saugus and East Boston, passed away suddenly on May 21 at the age of 46.

He was the loving father of Molli Bijou Ingersoll and her mother, Susan Hickey; cherished son of Rita (McDonough) and the late Charles Ingersoll, Jr., dear brother of Chuck Ingersoll, III and his partner, Tish Smith, David Ingersoll and his wife, Selina and adored uncle of Courtney and Keagan. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, family and friends.

In accordance with the rules and regulations on congregations and gatherings due to COVID-19,



all Services will be held for the immediate family privately. A Celebration of Mark's Life will be held at a later date. For more information or to sign Marks online guestbook, visit ruggieromh.com East Boston 617-569-0990.

Gesilda Iacoviello

Of Revere

Gesilda Iacoviello of Revere died on May 19.

The beloved wife of the late Nicholas, she was the devoted mother of Rocco Iacoviello and his wife, Maria of Texas, Angelo and his wife, Shawna of Wakefield and the late Frank Iacoviello. She is also survived by her loving grandsons: Matthew, Jake, Thomas and Daniel and his wife, Ashley, and Nicholas and his wife, Tany and by four beautiful great grandchildren: Adriana (9), Vivian (6), Skylar (6) and Dominic (3).

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to



Covid-19, all services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gesilda's name to Alzheimer's Foundation of America - www.alzfdn.org. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com

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MBTA lowers CharlieTicket and cash fare to CharlieCard levels

As part of their Fiscal Year 2021 budget, the MBTA's Fiscal and Management Control Board today approved customer-driven fare tariff changes that include the lowering of CharlieTicket fares to that of the CharlieCard this fall as well as improvements for HYPERLINK "<https://www.mbtta.com/fares/reduced/youth-pass>" \t "_blank" Youth Pass holders and for those transferring to rapid transit or buses from Zone 1A Fairmount Line stops.

"These tariff changes represent important initial steps toward a complete transformation of the MBTA's fare system, making the payment process easier and more convenient," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "Given the challenging circumstances created by the pandemic, these changes – eliminating the CharlieCard-CharlieTicket differential, free

bus and subway transfers for Zone 1A Fairmount Line stops, reduced Zone 1A fares for Youth Pass holders – allow the T to continue to best meet the needs of our riders through incremental, phased improvements."

As part of the first phases of the MBTA's Fare Transformation program, which aims to make paying for transit easier and more convenient, today's approvals mean that the differential between CharlieCard and CharlieTicket/cash fares will be eliminated in fall 2020, lowering CharlieTicket and cash fares to CharlieCard levels. All fare payments will be the same, regardless of whether a customer is using a CharlieCard, CharlieTicket, or cash: \$1.70 for local bus (a \$0.30 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), \$4.25 for inner express bus (a \$1 reduction for those

using CharlieTicket/cash), \$5.25 for outer express bus (a \$1.75 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash), and \$2.40 for rapid transit (a \$0.50 reduction for those using CharlieTicket/cash).

The approval also allows for free bus transfers from Zone 1A Fairmount Line stations as well as free transfers to the subway at South Station – customers will no longer need to pay an additional fare to board the bus or enter the fare gates at South Station. Through the use of CharlieCard readers at stations, these improvements will go into effect upon the commencement of the Fairmount Line Pilot.

This approval also grants Youth Pass holders with the eligibility for half-price Zone 1A Commuter Rail tickets, using the Fairmount validators, at ticket windows and onboard trains. The Youth Pass Program is

a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low income roughly 50% reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses currently on bus and subway only. Upon the commencement of the Fairmount Pilot, Youth Pass holders can access Zone 1A stations for the reduced price.

Additional anticipated improvements to come as part of Fare Transformation's phased approach include:

- Deploying fare vending machines that dispense CharlieCards;
- All-door boarding on MBTA buses and surface stops along the Green Line;
- Integrating ferries and the entire Commuter Rail network into the CharlieCard system.

Fire Marshal urges springing safely into summer

"The Memorial Day barbecue may be smaller this year," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, "but we still need to HYPERLINK "<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/grilling-safety>" \t "_blank" practice safe grilling as we celebrate the unofficial start of the summer season. Take a few minutes for a safety check and inspect grills for leaks and cracks, and teach children to stay three feet away from any grill in use. Follow the Governor's guidelines for social distancing and have a safe Memorial Day."

- Grill Fire Facts
In 2019, there were 81 fire and explosion incidents reported to the HYPERLINK "<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/fire-data-and-statistics>" \t "_blank" Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS) involving open fired grills. These incidents caused five civilian injuries, one fire service injury and an estimated dollar loss of \$1.4 million. Of the 81 grill fires, 71, or 88 percent, were gas grills. Solid fuels such as charcoal briquettes were involved in eight, or 10 percent of these fires.
- Check for Leaks
"Check to make sure all the connections are tight and secure before firing up the gas grill for the first time this season," said Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "Using a brush, apply a soapy solution made of one part dish liquid and one part water to the tank connection. If the

solution bubbles, you have a leak that needs repair," said Ostroskey. He recommended checking for and replacing any cracked hoses.

- Rules for Grills on Porches, Decks and Patios
"Grills can only be used on first floor porches, decks, or patios if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or the porch is at ground level. Grills are prohibited on any porch, balcony or deck that has a roof, or overhang," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. For more information, contact your local fire prevention office.
- Safety First

Over the past five years (2015-2019), there were 449 fires involving grills, hibachis and barbecues. These fires caused 20 civilian injuries, five firefighter injuries and \$3.8 million in estimated property damages.

- *Read and follow the owner's manual for any cooking appliance.
- *Always grill outdoors.
- *Keep children and pets three feet away from the grill area. Create a circle of safety.
- *Place grills 10-feet away from the house. Make sure they are not under eaves, overhanging branches or against the side of the building. Keep them away from deck railings.
- *Grills can be used on open (no roof) first floor porches, decks or patios if there is an exterior stairway to the ground, or it is at

ground level.

- *Grills should never be used indoors or on fire escapes.
- *Never leave a grill burning unattended.
- *Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat build-up from the grills and trays below the grill.
- *If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.
- *If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait 15 minutes before relighting.
- *Never use gasoline on any grill!
- Shut Off the Gas at the Tank

After each use, and before disconnecting the propane tank, be sure to shut off the gas at the tank.

- Charcoal Grill Safety
State Fire Marshal Ostroskey also said, "Practice safety around charcoal grills." Once the coals have been lit, never add lighter fluid to the fire – flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid resulting in serious burns. Charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. "Make sure to always use charcoal grills outside in a well-ventilated are." He added, "Let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container." Charcoal grills cannot be used on decks, balconies, or fire escape stairways.
- HYPERLINK "[# DA Rollins honors and remembers heroes of Soldiers' Home in Chelsea](https://www.mass.gov/service-de-</div><div data-bbox=)

Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins proudly announced a virtual memorial for the soldiers, sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who bravely served our nation and were residents of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea and died within the past two months, most of them succumbing to COVID-19. The site will go live on Friday, May 22, 2020.

"On this very different Memorial Day weekend, my Office is partaking in a campaign in which we will honor veterans who have a special connection to Suffolk County," said DA Rachael Rollins. "They called the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea home. And they served in at least two wars: they survived an armed conflict only to die during a global pandemic.

"We owe no higher debt than to those who protected our freedoms in war and in peace. In these unprecedented times, when a disproportionate number of our elders are stricken by the pandemic, we must honor them and in particular those who served our nation. I come from a long line of veterans, and I felt the urgent need to remember these heroes."

A link to photographs and biographical sketches of the heroes will be placed on the office website and will be organized chronologically by time of service. Images of the heroes will also be posted on social media channels including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The display will honor more than 30 individuals initially. There are eight from World War II, eight from the Korean Conflict, 15 from the Vietnam War, and two who served in both the Korea and Vietnam eras.

"My office has been closely monitoring the Soldiers' Home and the circumstances surrounding

each death since the State of Emergency was declared," Rollins said. "When I first requested the review there were three COVID-19 related deaths in Chelsea. As of today, there are 38 deaths. We have been in contact with many of the surviving family members during our review and sincerely offer them our heartfelt condolences for their loss. Some wanted to grieve in private and requested we not include their loved ones in this memorial. We will, of course, honor their wishes.

"I want to thank our Massachusetts State Police unit, whose members worked on this matter, reached out to families, and gathered information critical to the memorials."

Friends and family will have intimate memories of the heroes that transcend one weekend a year.

"Today, we honor and remember their sacrifice," said DA Rollins. "Tomorrow, and every day thereafter, we must strive to live a life worthy of that sacrifice. This is how we will honor their memory. It is the very least that they deserve."

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Professional Firefighters endorse Kennedy for Senate

This week the Professional Firefighters for Massachusetts (PFFM) endorsed Congressman Joe Kennedy III in his bid for U.S. Senate. Representing 12,000 firefighters across the state, PFFM is the 33rd labor organization in Massachusetts to endorse Kennedy.

PFFM released their endorsement today in a video with President Rich MacKinnon. The video highlights Kennedy's support for firefighters and other first responders during COVID-19.

"Joe Kennedy's constant presence and leadership on

all issues for first responders is what drives our commitment to support him," said PFFM President Rich MacKinnon. "Our members connect with Joe. After meeting him in person they often remark on how genuine and grounded he is. As Joe has stood with firefighters in firehouses all across Massachusetts, we are proud to stand with him for the U.S. Senate."

Said Kennedy, "You are heroes who risk your lives everyday. When you leave home to head to the fire station, your hug to your children and your kiss to your significant other could

be the last one. With two young children, the sacrifices you make to make sure the rest of us are safe are never lost on me. With the COVID-19 pandemic, those words and risks have never been more clear and present. Fighting for your right to collective bargain, SAFER Grants, and Assistance to Firefighter Grants have never been more important. I am honored to have your support in this race and will continue to be in your corner every step of the way."

PFFM hosted a virtual endorsement ceremony with Kennedy on Wednes-

day, where President MacKinnon was joined by firefighters from Newton, Springfield, Falmouth, Worcester, Saugus, Melrose, Westfield, Fitchburg, and Attleboro who shared why they are enthusiastically throwing their support behind Kennedy for the U.S. Senate.

PFFM is the 33rd labor union to endorse Kennedy in this race. He has also been endorsed by the Massachusetts Laborers, Laborers Local 609, NAGE, the Machinists Statewide Council, Machinists Local 264, Teamsters Local 25, Sprinkler Fitters 550, Pipe-

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FEMA announces operational guidance for the 2020 hurricane season

To address the challenges of managing disaster response and recovery efforts during this year's hurricane season, FEMA is releasing the "COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season" to help emergency managers and public health officials best prepare for disasters, while continuing to respond to and recover from coronavirus (COVID-19). The guidance can also be used by private sector and non-governmental organizations to gain an understanding of the government's posture, planning and readiness efforts.

- current challenges;
- Outlines how FEMA plans to adapt response and recovery operations;
 - Creates a shared understanding of expectations between FEMA and emergency managers; and,
 - Includes guidance, checklists and resources to support emergency managers response and recovery planning.
- Although some aspects of FEMA's program delivery are different this year, others remain the same. FEMA does not anticipate major changes in program eligibility, timeliness of

grant awards, or level of assistance provided under the Individual and Households Program.

While the guide focuses on FEMA's program delivery during the 2020 hurricane season, most planning considerations can be applied to any disaster operation during the COVID-19 pandemic, including no-notice incidents.

FEMA will continue to operate under the framework of locally executed, state managed, and federal supported incident response. By creating a shared understanding of

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Drawing a line in the sand to keep our beaches safe and open

The late US District Court Judge A. David Mazzone, who oversaw the Boston Harbor case for nearly 20 years, often said that he measured the success of the Boston Harbor cleanup not by the “number of feet” you could see into the water, but by the “pairs of feet” he saw on the region’s public beaches on a hot summer day.

Because we believe that the best way to “save the harbor” is to create new environmental stewards by “sharing the harbor” with the public, for more than 30 years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has embraced Mazzone’s metric as one true measure of our success. We are certainly proud that in 2019 our free Youth Environmental Education programs served more than 35,000 primarily low-income kids and families, and our free beach programs brought more than one million people to the region’s public beaches.

However, this year we are confronting the most serious public health crises to affect our nation since the influenza epidemic of 1918. Under these circumstances, Mazzone’s metrics - and large public beach events and programs - are simply not appropriate.

Governor Baker and Mayor Walsh have wisely cancelled large public gatherings until at least Labor Day. Many of our youth program partners have suspended their public programs to protect their staff and the public’s health. Though our program planning and policy work continues by teleconference

and Zoom, our office on the Fish Pier is closed, for now.

Instead of bringing thousands of kids and their families on free harbor tours and tens of thousands of people to free concerts and beach festivals from Nahant to Nantasket this summer, we are planning for a virtual summer on Boston Harbor.

Today we are working closely (albeit remotely) with our legislative and community partners at the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, in the Baker/Polito Administration, and the City of Boston to encourage social distancing and discourage gatherings on the beaches we have worked so hard to restore, protect and share. Working together, we intend to draw a clear line in the sand to reduce the social spread of the coronavirus and keep our beaches safe and open.

All of us at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay love the beach. We also understand the importance of access to healthy blue and green open spaces like public beaches and parks to the region’s residents, especially now with opportunities for recreation limited as the weather warms and cabin fever sets in.

We appreciate the thoughtful and measured approach that the Baker/Polito Administration and the Department of Conservation has taken to permit public access to these urban natural resources during this unprecedented public health crisis.

We also know that parking restrictions, social distancing requirements and face masks will not

work unless we all follow the rules and abide by the guidance. We have all seen what happened when large crowds hit the beaches in Florida and California, in some cases forcing officials to close their beaches again. We should not make these mistakes here in the Bay State.

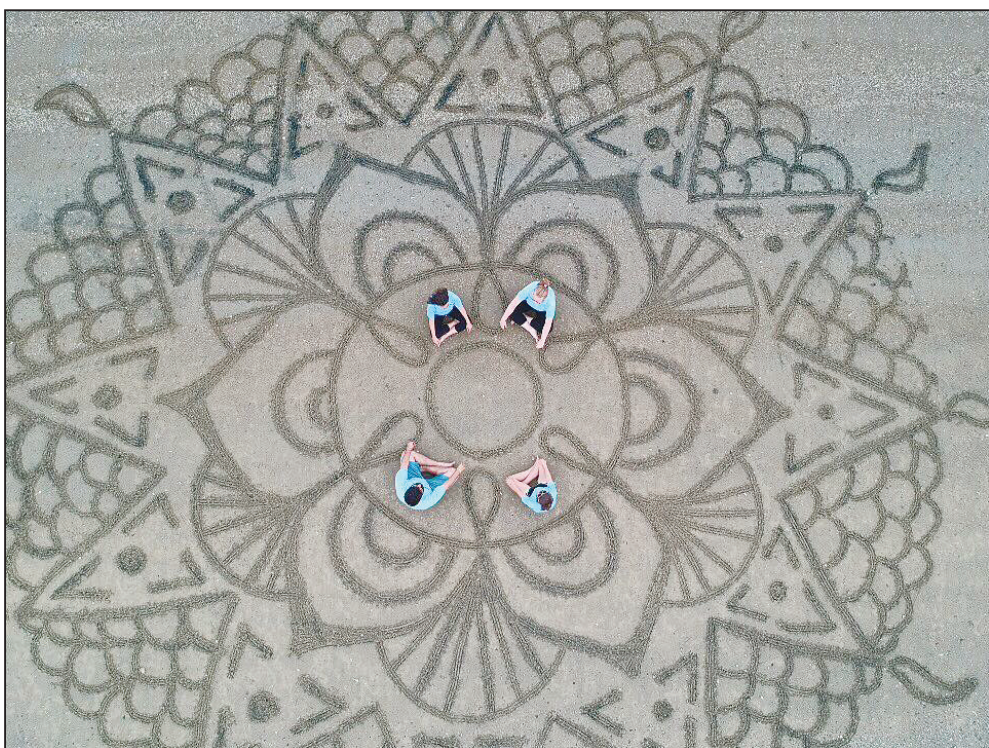
For the past five years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has brought acclaimed beach artist Andres Amador to Boston to work with scores of volunteers to draw huge mandalas in the sand on the region’s public beaches. His work lasts for just a few hours, before being washed away by the tide.

This year we won’t be drawing mandalas on the beach together. Instead, we need you to help us draw a line in the sand to turn the tide on the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our beaches safe and open. Wear a face mask to protect yourself and others. Don’t gather on the beach with people who are not part of your household. Proper social distancing requires a 12-foot diameter circle between you and other beachgoers.

When this crisis has passed, each of us will ask ourselves “What did I do personally to flatten the curve and reduce the spread of the virus?” If you love your beach and care about your community, follow the guidelines, and use good judgement and common sense. Together we can draw a line in the sand to reduce the social spread of the coronavirus, keep our communities safe and our beaches open.



Save the Harbor’s Executive Director Chris Mancini draws a 12 foot diameter circle in the sand.



Art in the sand by acclaimed beach artist Andres Amador at Carson Beach.

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