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### EBNHC Farmers Market to kick off this afternoon

By John Lynds

As East Boston slowly creeps to the “new normal”, in the neighborhood some restaurants have been able to reopen with limited capacity or outdoor seating, retail stores that have closed are reopening and residents feel a little safer being out in public.

One sign that the worst of the pandemic is over for now and summer has arrived is the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) Let’s Get Movin’ Farmers Market in Central Square.

This year’s Farmers Market will kick off today, Wednesday June 1 at 3 p.m. and last through October 1. The market will be open each Wednesday until 6 p.m.

However, EBNHC and the Let’s Get Movin’ staff are making several changes to this year’s market in order to protect the health

### Zumix’s annual Walk for Music will be virtual

By John Lynds

For nearly 20 years, Zumix has participated in Boston’s annual Walk for Music fundraiser, which brings music organizations from all over the city together to help raise money for local arts programs.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic has put the breaks on large outdoor events in the city for the remainder of the summer.

As a nonprofit that has continually adapted throughout the pandemic, Zumix has decided to hold the annual Walk for Music virtually.

“For almost 20 years, we have come together to celebrate the Zumix community through the Walk for Music,” said Zumix Co-founder and Director Madeleine Steczynski. “Over the years we have faced a number of challenges, but not-

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Shown above: EBHS Class of 2020 graduates Juan Velez and Isabella Londono stand next to a Coronavirus Can’t Stop the Class of 2020 sign Saturday. Left: An EBHS graduate ceremonially throws his cap in the air after picking up his diploma Saturday. Shown below: cars decorated with balloons and signs congratulating the EBHS Class of 2020 parade by the high school.



### EBHS holds special diploma pick up day for seniors

By John Lynds

It wasn’t the graduation East Boston High School (EBHS) seniors who worked so hard for four years expected or deserved, but the staff at East Boston High School held a special event over the weekend for the Class of 2020.

Organized by EBHS senior advisors Tianna Tassinari and Andrew Faiz with the help of their colleagues, the EBHS seniors were able to put on their cap and gowns Saturday, head up to the high school and pick up their diploma from Headmaster Phil Brangiforte.

The seniors were also given goodie bags that included voter registration forms along with their diplomas.

“Congratulations to the East Boston High School Class of 2020,” said Brangiforte. “You overcame the challenges of a global pandemic to achieve this milestone. Our community couldn’t be prouder of your achievements. We provided each graduate with a pre-stamped voter registration form along with their diploma, and instructions on how to fill it out. We need to ensure that this spring’s graduates are this fall’s vot-

ers. I look forward to their voices being heard in our democracy.”

Tassinari said EBHS seniors deserved all the celebrations in the world, and was proud of the Eastie community for coming together and making the diploma pick up event as special as possible.

“To the Class of 2020, this isn’t the way you imagined it would end, but I hope you still felt the pride and joy that this day should have been,” said Tassinari. “You did it. You achieved so much to get to this moment. If you can overcome this you can do anything you put your mind to. Thank you all for teaching me what it means to be resilient. It really does take a village to do this work and we are fortunate to have a community that truly believes in the motto “when

all give all gain.” I can’t wait to see what amazing things the Class of 2020 will do.”

The event also included special guests Rep. Adrian Madaro as well as City Councilors Lydia Edwards and Annissa Essaibi George, a former EBHS teacher and coach.

“Congratulations to all the graduates,” said Rep. Madaro. “I was glad to be able to celebrate with you today. We look forward to seeing what you do next. Special thanks to Tiana Tassinari and Andrew Faiz for helping to organize this celebration and preparing the senior gift bags with the voter registration information.”

Phyllis Delvecchio, whose son Dominic was

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### NO TRASH DELAY

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### City Council passes Mayor’s budget, Edwards breaks ranks with uber progressives

By John Lynds

With the ongoing racial tension sweeping across the nation and calls for police reform in almost every major U.S. city there was an emotional debate last week in the City Council over Mayor Martin Walsh proposed budget.

Since the killing of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, big city Mayors like Walsh have heard the calls to restructure police budgets loud and clear.

Walsh proposed to reallocate 12 million in Boston Police overtime funds to invest in social equity and inclusion programs in Boston.

The Mayor’s proposed budget passed by a slim margin in an 8-5 vote after some councilors argued the cuts to police spending did not go far enough.

In a surprise move, City Councilor Lydia Edwards broke ranks with uber progressives on the Council

and voted to adopt Mayor Walsh’s budget.

Edwards joined Councilors Frank Baker, Kenzie Bok, Liz Bredon, Annissa Essaibi-George, Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn and Matt O’Malley in voting to pass the budget.

City Council President Kim Janey and Councilors Ricardo Arroyo, Andrea Campbell, Julia Mejia and Michelle Wu all voted against the budget.

“Over the past few weeks, I have received an extraordinary amount of calls and emails from my constituents about this vote,” said Edwards. “I want everyone that took the time to write or call to know that I really appreciate you letting me know your thoughts. Civic engagement and participation are key to a successful democracy and listening to people’s concerns is a responsibility that I take seriously as an elected official.”

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### Eastie COVID-19 Updates

By John Lynds

Those testing positive for COVID-19 in Eastie dropped once again last week and the infection rate in the neighborhood continues to slow.

Since the pandemic began in March Eastie has been a COVID ‘hot spot’ with some of the highest infection rates in all of Boston.

However, according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Friday only 8 percent of residents tested positive for the virus and the rate of infection only rose by only 1.5 percent.

On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston

neighborhoods.

In one week Eastie’s COVID-19 infection rate rose only 1.5 percent from 337.1 cases per 10,000 residents to an infection rate of 342.1 cases per 10,000 residents as of Friday.

As of Friday there were 1,607 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Eastie, up from the 1,582 cases reported by the BPHC the previous week.

Last week the BPHC reported that 6,235 residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that only 8 percent percent of those tested were COVID positive, down from the 10 percent reported last week. 28.1

Overall since the pandemic began 26.1 percent of Eastie residents were found to be COVID positive.

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# Eastie’s Nina Gaeta Coletta and Magdalena LaBattaglia picked as ‘Commonwealth Heroine’s’

By John Lynds

Two East Boston women that have made a huge impact on the quality of life for countless fellow residents were picked as 2020 Commonwealth Heroines.

Nina Gaeta Coletta and Magdalena LaBattaglia were honored last week as members of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women’s 2020 class of Commonwealth Heroines.

Senator Joe Boncore and Representative Adrian Madaro recommended Coletta and LaBattaglia for this recognition because of their strong commitment to the East Boston Community.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women virtually celebrated the 17th Annual Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2020 with a slideshow provided through a shared link last Wednesday.

As a lifelong East Boston resident, Coletta serves as the Director of the East Boston High School Family Center, where she empowers and mentors families through a range of circumstances.

In addition to ensuring youth have access to fundamental resources through her role as Key

Club advisor, she encourages them to volunteer in a variety of activities, including the community’s annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Eastie’s Elves, the largest holiday toy drive in our area.

Coletta is an ardent advocate for improvements to our public schools. She has contributed to numerous community efforts, including the Kiwanis Club, the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) for a major development in our neighborhood, and the Edwards Empowerment Fund.

She has also modeled a love of service to her community for her fellow East Boston residents, instilling in them a strong commitment to civic duty.

“Thank you to State rep Adrian Madaro for nominating me as a Commonwealth Heroine for 2020. It’s brought me great joy to assist families and youth at EBHS,” said Coletta, who has been recovering from a bad bout of COVID-19. “It’s allowed me the opportunity to ensure we all shine our brightest and support my beloved community.

Thank you to my family including my husband Ed and my children for their love. Please wear your masks to stop the spread of COVID-19!”

LaBattaglia is Founder and Executive Director of The Harborkeepers, an East Boston based grassroots coastal resiliency organization.

A multilingual native of Argentina who grew up in New York and New Jersey with a Bachelor’s from Montclair University in International Relations, LaBattaglia came to Boston in 2003 to work and raise a family.

She very quickly discovered that Boston, as a coastal city, experiences a dichotomy between socio-political economic progress and the challenge to building equitable resiliency. LaBattaglia said she believes these changes will require shifting the resiliency narrative and making systemic changes in climate resiliency-building, multi-sector collaboration and developing more innovative models of stakeholder engagement.

She brings her extensive experience in community engagement, cross-sector partnership building skills and knowledge of multicultural sensitivity to find points of collaboration between diverse stakeholders in order to advance local, state and regional climate resiliency plans and assure that environmental policies work for more impacted communities.

“I’m humbled and grateful to have this recognition by Senator Boncore’s office and the Commonwealth,” said LaBattaglia. “This critical coastal resiliency work in East Boston would not be possible if it wasn’t for the support, partnerships and collaboration of a wide range of community, city and State stakeholders. I plan on continuing doing that deep resiliency work with passion and dedication until we, as a community, build a more resilient coastal neighborhood.”

The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don’t make the news, but make the difference. Thousands of women in every community of the state perform unheralded acts on a daily basis that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live. Commonwealth Heroines use their time, talent, spirit, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others



Magdalena LaBattaglia.



Nina Coletta.

in their community. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators who strive to protect and represent the interests of seniors, victims of violence, children, immigrants, and other vulnerable populations. They are the glue that keeps a community together.

“Magdalena embodies the very definition of the Commonwealth’s Unsung Heroines as someone ‘who doesn’t always make the news, but truly makes the difference,’ which is why I was so proud to nominate her for this recognition,” said Sen. Boncore. “Magdalena has a vision for East Boston’s future; one that is equitable, sustainable, and uplifts our entire community. She is a fierce advocate for environmental justice, climate action, and access to recreation. Nina’s commitment to the East Boston community and her dedicated work with our youth make her equally deserving of this recognition. We are so grateful to both Magdalena and Nina for their leadership and service.”

Rep. Madaro called Coletta and LaBattaglia “bedrocks of the Eastie community”.

“Nina’s hard work supporting youth and families across our neighborhood, and Magdalena’s environmental and educational initiatives along our waterfront are outstanding” said Rep. Madaro. “Their tireless dedication and commitment to volunteerism is an inspiration to us all, and we are all thankful for their longtime efforts to foster community spirit. As amazing mentors to East Boston’s youth, Nina and Magdalena’s strength, resiliency, and positive spirit make them both true embodiments of Commonwealth Heroines.”

# Even during times of crisis, Roca continues to prove that change is possible

Staff Report

Nobody wants to be defined by their challenges but Covid-19 has highlighted a crisis among a population that, in the best of times, was struggling to thrive. Roca believes in the most vulnerable young adults in the Commonwealth. They are a human service organization, with 5 sites across Massachusetts (Boston, Chelsea, Lynn, Holyoke and Springfield) and a site in Baltimore, MD. Roca engages with young adults, police and systems in the center of urban violence to address trauma, find hope and drive change.

The young people that Roca works with live with fear that never turns off. They are at the center of urban violence and poverty, they are court and gang involved, have not finished high school, have no job history and don’t know where they are sleeping tonight. Amongst this group is over 200 of the highest-risk, highly-traumatized, systems-involved young mothers in Massachusetts. They are not willing to accept home visitors, not ready to go to education or training programs, and in need of intensive outreach and case management over several years. This group of young mothers falls between the cracks of most current state and federal funding.

The Covid-19 crisis has drawn these women from the shadows and has truly highlighted the disparities of an already unequal system. While teen pregnancy rates are declining across Massachusetts, they are increasing within this group, exacerbated by increasing domestic violence. When times are tough, more people

are in need, which exacerbates these disparities.

Laura started in Roca’s Young Mothers’ Program two years ago when pregnant with her third child, referred by DCF after losing custody of her daughters (then) ages 1 and 3 as a result of domestic violence. She came to Roca with low literacy, diligently worked on her basic literacy and ESL, and finally confronted her reality. She filed a restraining order against her partner and started domestic violence and parenting classes.

After 1.5 years and 3 DCF workers, Laura finally regained custody of her two daughters, now 4 and 6. She got a housing voucher and moved into a small apartment in Everett, ready for a fresh start. Then, the pandemic hit and so did an unprecedented economic crisis.

Laura lost her job, her childcare and was unable to pay her rent. She was threatened with eviction and was unable to get into a shelter. Laura was scared. She had Covid-19 symptoms, but was afraid to get tested out of fear of being separated from her children and potentially losing them again. On May 25, it got worse as Laura found out that she did have Covid-19. “The day started out so great” she said. “I was celebrating because after almost two years, my DCF case was closing. I have worked so hard and now, I am beside myself.”

Sunindiya Bhalla, Chief of 2gen programming at Roca said: “Our young moms program is already experiencing the negative effects of this health and economic crisis. We’ve had to turn away referrals and are looking at graduating some of our participants

earlier due to monetary constraints.” When asked to describe her participants, she said “Our young mothers are amazing. They are resilient, courageous and nothing is more important to them than their children. But as we become unable to support the needs of our moms and their kids, they will cost the state even more over the coming years.”

Even during this health crisis, Roca’s nationally recognized programming is transforming the lives of these young women by providing a safe environment for mothers to succeed and for their children to thrive. This team continues to provide socially-distant in person outreach, intensive crisis intervention and case management, and has dramatically increased virtual programming.

Despite their challenges, thirty (30) young mothers have closed their DCF cases with Roca’s help in the past year. In the past three months of the COVID-19 pandemic, young mothers have increased participation in educational and behavioral health programming. Roca has also launched a domestic violence support group and has expanded their parenting classes during a time with it is needed more than ever. “We give our moms and their kids the support they need,” said Scott Scharffenberg, executive Director of Roca, MA. “We have engaged and committed partners who like our organization, are forced to tighten our belts and make tough decisions due to this economic crisis that isn’t going away any time soon.”

For more information on Roca, Inc., please go to their website: [www.rocainc.org](http://www.rocainc.org).

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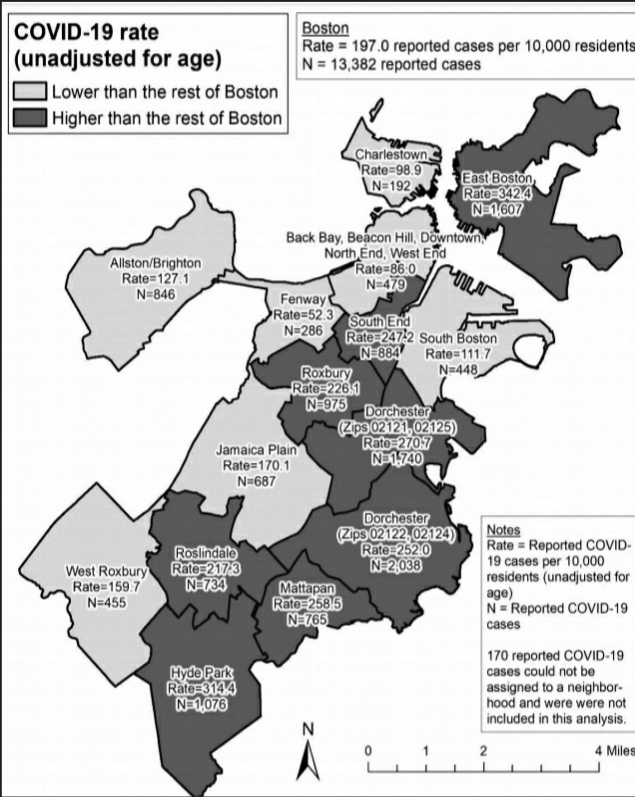
tive, down from 28.1 percent reported last week.

However, Eastie still leads the city in the percentage of residents testing positive for COVID-19. Places like Mattapan, parts of Dorchester and Hyde Park all experienced a big drop in positive tests last week. For example only 4 percent of Mattapan residents tested last week were COVID positive.

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.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose only .08 percent from 13,326 cases to 13,441 cases in a week. So far 9,384 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus.

Deaths from COVID-19 rose 1.7 percent from 697 deaths to the 709 deaths reported last week.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

## NOAH receives Boston Resiliency funding

By John Lynds

Eastie’s Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) that has focused on helping residents during the COVID-19 pandemic received additional grant money from the Boston Resiliency Fund this week.

Mayor Martin Walsh announced the fund’s Steering Committee distributed \$500,000 in funding to the Eastie organization as well as 17 others across Boston during the 11th round of the Boston Resiliency Fund.

NOAH has been helping to support the neighborhood’s most vulnerable residents since the pandemic began.

“Through the generosity of so many individuals and organizations, the Boston Resiliency Fund has allowed us to support over 225,000 Boston families in every neighborhood of our city,” said Mayor Walsh. “We will continue to use this incredible generosity to partner with our most impactful community based organizations to support our residents and families in need.”

NOAH’s Executive Director Phil Giffée said NOAH will use the funding

to provide emergency gift cards to Boston households severely impacted by the pandemic, especially those facing financial hardship and/or experiencing homelessness.

NOAH’s staff, volunteers, and partners will distribute emergency grocery gifts to between 50 and 70 households weekly. The amounts of the emergency grocery gift cards given will range from \$50 to \$200, depending on the size of the households.

“NOAH is proud to partner with the City in these life-saving emergency relief measures,” said Giffée. “With the weakened economy and so many layoffs, thousands of hard working families are bereft of income. It is down to survival for adults and children. Fortunately we will live in a community which has a strong moral code and wants to help people, no matter their background or status. NOAH has been providing emergency food relief for months now. We know how to be efficient and we know who needs assistance. There is a solid network here in East Boston. We are glad for this support and we will

disperse it wisely.”

Since the first round of fund distribution, the Fund has raised over \$32 million from over 6,400 donors. The Fund serves every neighborhood in Boston, but has focused on the neighborhoods hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Resiliency Fund has allowed the City of Boston to provide critical services and supports.

“Every child and adult in Boston should be able to go to bed nourished and secure in the knowledge that tomorrow and every day after, their essential food needs will be met,” said Aziza Musa, Director of Philanthropic Partnerships at Health Leads. “We are incredibly grateful for this philanthropic investment from the Boston Resiliency Fund. This donation enables Health Leads to uncover and address the structural barriers and inequities preventing families from accessing critical food and other essential health resources. Together, we can ensure that those hardest hit by the pandemic and its secondary socioeconomic impact are able to receive the essential health resources they need, when they need them the most.”

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FOURTH OF JULY

It goes without saying that this will be a Fourth of July unlike any other in the history of our nation.

Americans traditionally have celebrated the Fourth both with large community gatherings and with smaller get-togethers.

The Fourth of July rekindles fond memories from our childhood of the times when we spent the holiday with our families and friends for gatherings at barbecues, at the beach, and at municipal fireworks displays in the evenings.

However, the coronavirus has changed everything. The recent attempts by states to reopen their economies, even in those states that were the most cautious and with seemingly well-designed plans, have resulted in skyrocketing rates of infection that have placed millions of Americans at risk of contracting this dreaded disease.

A story on a cable news channel earlier this week highlighted a California family in which 18 family members contracted COVID-19, with some requiring lengthy hospitalization and one, the family patriarch, dying.

There was no single gathering at which the infection could have been spread. The family thought that they had been taking the proper precautions during their interactions.

However, the disease only needed a small window of opportunity to be transmitted among three generations of this family, with tragic results.

In addition to the coronavirus, the Fourth of July in 2020 comes amidst unprecedented unrest and turmoil throughout our nation. The tragic events and subsequent protests and demonstrations have demonstrated that our nation utterly has failed to live up to the lofty ideals upon which we were founded:

“... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

When Thomas Jefferson wrote those words, he literally meant “men” only, and white men in particular. His lofty language was the ultimate in political hypocrisy: It did not apply to millions of enslaved persons nor to women, who were considered not much more than their husband’s property .

It is indisputable that those twin legacies have cast a shadow over the promise of America that continues today, 244 years later.

Another “traditional” aspect of the Fourth of July is that it encourages far too many among us to engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody, and in no event should be allowed in the hands of children. It is a sad -- but inevitable -- fact that countless Americans will be maimed for life because of accidents involving fireworks this weekend.

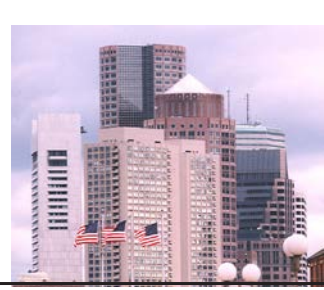
Alcohol abuse is rampant in our country and the Fourth unfortunately provides an opportunity -- which is to say, another excuse -- for those who have alcohol abuse issues to indulge way more than they should, especially when operating a boat or automobile.

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that the Fourth is enjoyed safely not only by ourselves, but by those whom we care about. If someone has had too much to drink, take their keys. None of us wants to say to ourselves the next day, “If only I had not let them drive....”

In addition to those usual safety precautions, we also must ensure that however we celebrate the Fourth this year, we must do so wearing masks and observing physical distancing -- none of us wants to be the cause of another person’s death because we were the vector who brought the coronavirus to a family member or loved one.

Admittedly, this is not a happy time in America. But we must make the best of it.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Fourth of July.



Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Juneteenth to July 4<sup>th</sup> — The Promise Matters

By Phil Giffie

This weekend, we rightfully celebrate the human centered principles upon which our nation was founded, but it is also a moment for reflection, confession, justice and eventually, healing. But healing cannot happen with words alone, that is why the urgent but unfulfilled Promise of July 4th Matters to us all, especially now!

From Juneteenth to July 4th is a mere two weeks, but it’s taking a couple centuries longer for the promise of freedom, equality and opportunity to be more than a belated memo delivered to Black American citizens in our struggling and beloved nation. We need to do much better, faster, so current BLM calls for Re-allocating the Police budget to spending more on services including housing and demilitarizing the way we approach safety and security are small but secure first steps we need to endorse in order to deliver on the promises of our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution.

I know some are offended by (BLM) Black Lives Matter. I’m not. We need to hear their urgency. In our laws, if there are legitimate grievances, and the people cannot get responses, the people have rights to petition the government for redress. That is what these largely peaceful protests are about. I am not defending random looting or the torching of police cars, but righteous anger over repeated and deadly chokeholds, unannounced forced entries, relentless poverty and massive incarceration of young Black men is just not acceptable. We are much the poorer for repressing the talent, skills, passions and beauty in the Black community. Repression, neglect, no longer.

It makes some uncomfortable I know, but meaningful change does not come easy, politically or personally – me either. Certainly the public murders

and killings of unarmed Black men and women over these past years give graphic credence to those who think everyone is (or has been) equal and no affirmative responses are required. These are not Black problems. Our fellow citizens did not cause their own lynchings, burn crosses, assassinate leaders, deny mortgages, or ask to live in poverty. Nor are these just policing problems. Our system has been training folks, and ourselves, in this bellicose way for generations. These Blues, men and women are on the front line of order and safety, and we respect them, but true order and safety come through mutual respect, good jobs, solid families, small businesses, low crime rates, affordable housing, decent schools, houses of worship....

Now is a time for re-training. It is likely we all need re-training, re-thinking. Me too. A good deal of the kind of work needed is not the kind of work Police want to do anyway. Fortunately, in Boston, the City is ahead of the game and willing to go further to make the system equitable and safe. Yes, there is a debate about how far, how fast. Locally, we thank Councilor Edwards for working for sophisticated resolutions that meet budget needs as well as the need for re-allocation of resources. We thank the Mayor for his heavy investments in housing and openness to reforms. We encourage continued dialogue and debate on these critical issues.

For NOAH’s part in the racial pandemic amidst the COVID contagion, in alignment with our Mission\* we will:

- Listen to and work alongside voices of dissent to better understand problems and potential solutions
- Accept the discomfort that accompanies significant changes; respect the voices of those who are not yet ready
- Promote non-violence in all we do.

- Be inclusive and non-partisan in our approach

- Re-commit ourselves to justice and equality of opportunity

- Stand with those who propose extensions to eviction moratoriums and support lenders and landlords in restructuring debt so no one is harmed

- Push for more housing funds for Rent Relief as well as affordable and workforce housing at the City and State levels

- We respect the flag; respect those who serve; respect those who ‘take a knee’; even respect those who won’t respect those who do.

- Recognizing that discrimination has kept people in poverty for centuries and that there are wide disparities in wealth, we support City/State funding and public/private partnerships which build good schools and systems which will support families and respect women at the same time.

- Women of all cultures have been marginalized and discriminated against forever. Like Black Americans, it took a Constitutional Amendments to permit women and people of color to vote. We cannot forget women are only beginning their journey to full personhood and participation in the life of our nation.

- Since this is a moment focusing on equality, we realize that human rights are for LGBTQ, Trans, Native Americans and others who have faced significant discrimination

- East Boston is half a LatinX community. We will support true immigration reform which encourages a path towards citizenship for our undocumented neighbors. We encourage people to sign up for the 2020 Census so Massachusetts does not lose funding opportunities for resources such as tax credits for housing.

- We will work with others to encourage Everyone to vote, not for a particular

party, just vote!

- We will continue to build leaders of all backgrounds in the community so residents can raise their voice and be heard in the democratic process

- We will fund youth environmental work. Young people need to get involved in community affairs, particularly in climate change and environmental activities. After all, it’s their future!

- Young working adults can bring new blood, ideas and capital to a neighborhood, build culture and thrive, but absentee investors and speculators ‘need not apply.’ We will continue to work with the City and other non-profits such as City Life to prevent displacement and protect vulnerable tenants

- Climate Change/Sea-level rise/extreme temperatures threaten the economic well-being and safety of all East Boston residents, no matter their background. We will work with the City, multiple neighborhood associations, small businesses and like-minded non-profits such as Belle Isle Marsh, GreenRoots, Mary Ellen Welch Greenway advocates, Harborkeepers, Eastie Farms, NUBE, UCB and others to preserve the integrity and vitality of our precious neighborhood.

- We will continue to raise funds and spends tens of thousands of dollars to work with our local non-profits to provide Emergency Food Relief for vulnerable or undocumented families in our community thrown out of work by COVID.

- We believe each person has their own interior beauty and God-given attributes, no matter the color of their skin. As Dr Martin Luther King said shortly before he was murdered by a white supremacist (and there are still plenty out there and some in the highest levels of government), “I have a dream that my four little

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LETTER to the Editor

EDWARDS IS ON THE MARK

Dear Editor:

As a retired police officer of 28 years who retired in 2013, i thought City Councilor Lydia Edwards was right on point in her recent commentary ( Pro-

gressives too, can back the blue, June 22).

Edwards is right that in today’s hostile atmosphere filled with righteous emotion sometimes does highlight the worse of every issue and pushes all of us into opposite corners

in some kind of boxing match. As she states and I wholly agree, “Life isn’t black or white...in order to move forward from this moment together, we need to learn how to have tough conversations...about the changes (needed) to see

and working to make those happen.”

We are all Americans and we should always have more in common than what separates us. We can emerge stronger together.

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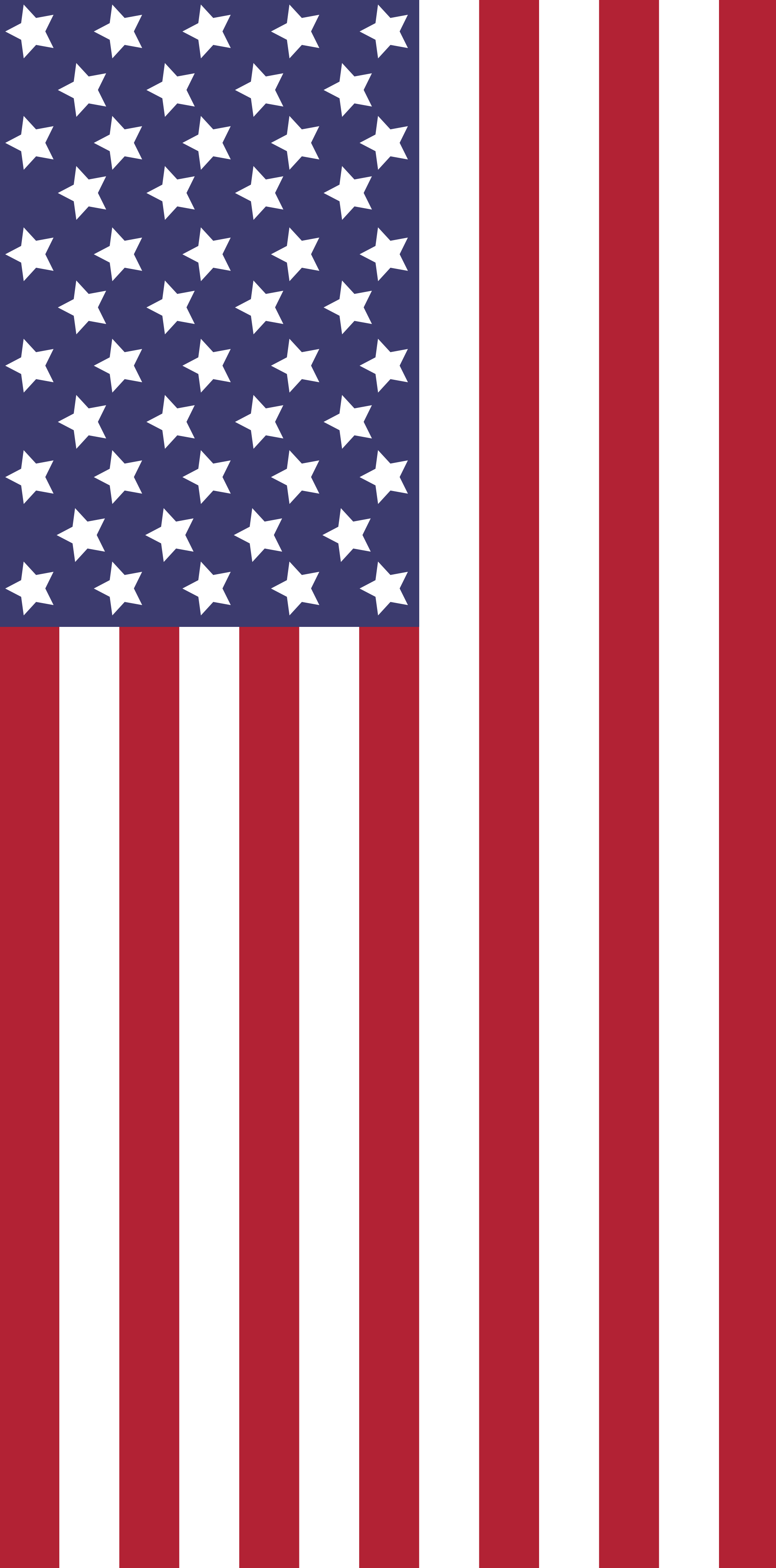
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# Boston Pops to air virtual 4th of July special; no live fireworks

By Lauren Bennett

This year, instead of gathering around the Hatch Shell, you'll have to gather around your tele-vision for the Boston Pops virtual Fourth of July spectacular. There will be no live performance or fireworks on the Esplanade this year because of COVID-19.

The three hour special, which is set to broadcast on Bloomberg Television and Radio, as well as simulcast on WHDH-TV from 8-11pm on July 4, is called "A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes" and will honor those who have fought on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic and those who have lost their lives. Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart has expressed his sadness that the Pops won't be able to perform live, but they are looking forward to presenting this special to viewers near and far.

"All of us at the Boston Pops are pleased to have this opportunity to present A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes, a special broadcast that will pay trib-

ute to the many frontline workers who continue to do so much to keep our communities safe and running during the COVID-19 pandemic," Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart said in a statement.

"One of the positive things we have learned during the last few months is that even in the middle of a health crisis so many Americans are strong, resilient, helpful, and hopeful. It has been absolutely inspiring to see our frontline workers show such extraordinary dedication to the well-being of others, with their amazing acts of sacrifice, generosity, support, and kindness, as well as the incredible skill and know-how they bring to every situation. We also think it is essential to address one of the most crucial/fundamental themes of our times—the truth that we must do better as a people to confront racism and achieve a just and equal society for everyone throughout our country. These messages of honor, unity, diversity, equality, and fellowship will resound throughout

the 2020 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular broadcast by way of inspiring retrospective performances by our most popular artists of the last few years, side by side with brand new content developed over the last two months."

As previously reported by the Boston Sun, the special will highlight memorable moments from previous Boston Pops Fireworks Spectaculars, such as performances by Melissa Etheridge, Andy Grammer, Queen Latifah, and others, along with an appearance by the first youth poet laureate of the United States, Amanda Gorman, according to a release from the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO).

The program will also feature new content, including a performance by singer Renese King and Keith Lockhart on the piano, as well as a video performance by the Boston Pops of their recent "viral hit" Summon the Heroes, which will feature an introduction by the song's composer, John Williams. Other new content includes a



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The Boston Pops, led by Keith Lockhart, at a previous July 4th Fireworks Spectacular on the Charles River Esplanade. Due to COVID-19, this year's celebration will be purely broadcast on TV and radio.

virtual performance by the Boston Pops Viola Section of "Over the Rainbow," a performance of Leroy Anderson's Bugler's Holiday by the BSO Trumpet Section, and a video message from General James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

"Look for surprises throughout the evening; special messages from musical and community figures, and a tribute to our nation's first responders that we're going to put together," Lockhart said in a recent announcement.

Also included in the special are Boston Pops traditions such as the patriotic sing-along, a performance of John Philip Sousa's The Stars and Stripes Forever, a performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture, the US Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, and a fireworks display from past years to round out the program. Brian Stokes Mitchell will open the program with "America the Beautiful."

According to the BSO release, Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart will also "put a special focus on intrinsic messages of the Independence Day holiday and fundamental themes of our times around achieving

a just and equal society for everyone."

The show will be hosted by Keith Lockhart and Kim Carrigan, Joe Shortleeve, and Janet Wu of Bloomberg Media.

Additionally, the Boston Pops is asking fans to participate in the Great American Picnic Sweepstakes.

"Between now and July 6, the Boston Pops wants to spotlight the many ways people around the country plan for and celebrate the Fourth," the BSO said in a release. "Contest participants can snap a photo or film a video of their celebration and post them on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter. By tagging #GreatAmericanPicnic @thebostonpops participants will be automatically entered into a sweepstakes for a chance to win great prizes," such as "prime seating" for the 2021 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, with airfare and hotel accommodations for four guests, the release states.

Up to ten winners can also be the recipient of a "Be a Star!" video, where participants can play "kitchen spoons, shake maracas, snap fingers, or play air guitar and we'll edit it together with footage of the

Pops to create a video keepsake," according to the release. A third prize includes a Coca-Cola branded Yeti cooler with a variety of products.

For more details and sweepstakes rules, visit [bso.org](http://bso.org).

The BSO and Boston Pops are also seeking donations, "as these challenging times of COVID-19 force the cancellation of live performances by the Boston Pops (its 2020 spring season) and Boston Symphony Orchestra (part of its 2020-21 Symphony Hall season and the entire live performance season at Tanglewood)..." the release states. Visit [www.bostonpops.org/donate today](http://www.bostonpops.org/donate today) to make a donation.

For a complete list of how to watch the broadcast, visit [bostonpopsjuly4th.org](http://bostonpopsjuly4th.org).

"We hope everyone throughout the country will gather around their televisions or radios, or watch the show on their phones or tablets," Lockhart said, "and join us as we show our appreciation for the heroes of our times and celebrate the intrinsic messages of Independence Day that unite us all in this great and beautifully diverse country."

Performances from previous Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular Programs are as follows in order of appearance, as provided by the BSO:

- Broadway legend Brian Stokes Mitchell sings "America the Beautiful" and "Wheels of a Dream"
- Amanda Mena, America's Got Talent semifinalist from Lynn, MA, sings Pink's What About Us and the national anthem with the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters
- American folk-rock singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge performs her mega-hit "I Wanna Come Over"
- Amanda Gorman, first-ever Youth Poet Laureate of the United States, performs a new take on the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" entitled "Believer's

- Hymn for the Republic"
- Broadway star Leslie Odom, Jr., sings "Sarah" from The Civil War, and "Without You" from Rent
- Grammy Award-winning artist Rhiannon Giddens, lead singer, violinist, banjo player, and a founding member of the acclaimed country, blues, and old-time music band the Carolina Chocolate Drops, performs her hits "Pretty Little Girl" and "She's Got You"
- Rita Moreno, iconic singer/actor/dancer and winner of the Academy Award for best supporting actress for the 1961 film version of West

- Side Story, narrates excerpts from Ellis Island: The Dream of America
- Great American folk singer-songwriter, Arlo Guthrie and The Texas Tenors sing "This Land Is Your Land"
- The incomparable Queen Latifah, American rapper, singer, songwriter, actress, and producer sings "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy"
- Multi-platinum Singer/Songwriter Andy Grammer performs his hit "Give Love"
- The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus join the Pops for "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

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# Kennedy responds to Tom Steyer endorsement

Staff report

Congressman Joe Kennedy III issued a statement regarding billionaire Tom Steyer’s endorsement of Senator Ed Markey in the U.S. Senate race.

In 2013, Steyer funneled hundreds of thousands of outside dollars into Massa-

chusetts to help elect Senator Markey. At the time, the Senator had entered into a People’s Pledge with then-opponent, Congressman Stephen Lynch. Markey denounced the Steyer money, with his campaign saying: “Ed Markey has repeatedly repudiated Tom Steyer’s threats and ultimatums in this race and

once again calls on him to end his involvement in the special election. This race should be focused on big issues, not big-money outside interests.”

Steyer’s endorsement today follows Senator Markey’s decision to allow another Super PAC to formally enter the race for

him, spending \$200,000 in non-disclosed dollars to help prop up his campaign already this month.

For months, Congressman Kennedy has been asking the Senator to sign a People’s Pledge to keep dark money out of the primary. The People’s Pledge can only go into effect if

both candidates sign the agreement.

“I have made it clear that I want to run this race without Super PACs, without dark money, and focused solely on the issues and on the merits of our candidates,” said Congressman Joe Kennedy III. “That’s why, so far, I have rejected Super PAC money on my behalf. From day one of the campaign, I have asked Senator Markey to sign the

same pledge he signed seven years earlier. But Senator Markey — a so-called progressive champion — has refused and already allowed dark money to infiltrate this race. That is why, for the last time, I am calling on Senator Markey to finally commit to transparency and sign the People’s Pledge with me — the same pledge he signed in 2013. An agreement only works if both parties sign the pledge.”

# Five Eastie schools get art expansion grants from EdVestors

By John Lynds

With the fear looming that state budget cuts will impact education programs due to the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, EdVestors is stepping up to the plate to ensure art remains a vital part of student learning in East Boston.

Last week President & CEO of EdVestors Marinell Rousmaniere announced five Eastie schools will share in \$360,000 in Arts Expansion Grants.

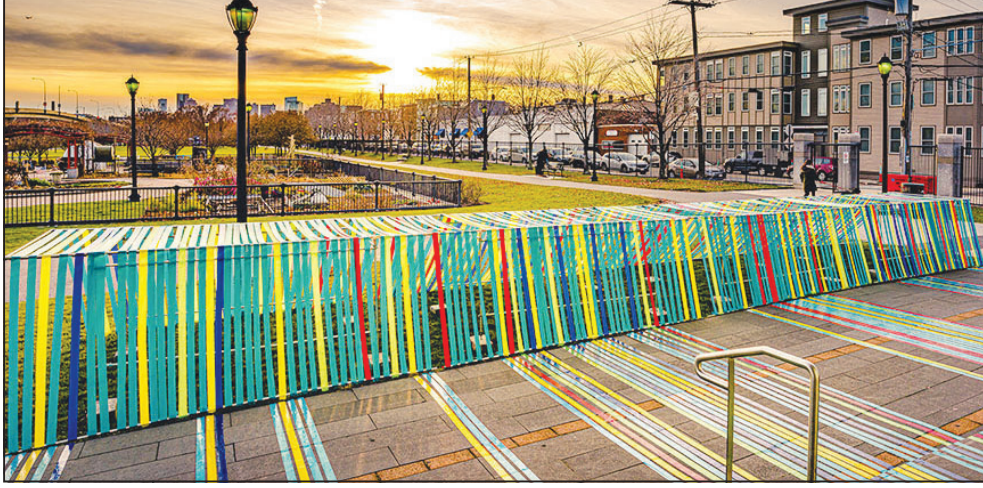
Rousmaniere said with the uncertainty around the nature of next year’s school year due to the pandemic, the grants aim to ensure students across Boston continue to receive high-quality arts education which is essential to meeting their academic, social, and emotional needs.

leaders, teachers, and arts partners have done in the last three months. We are proud to work with all our partners in keeping this commitment to ensure BPS students have access to high quality arts education.”

Superintendent of the Boston Public School Dr. Brenda Cassellius said the newly announced grants for the 2020-2021 school year highlight the importance of arts education, particularly in the current climate. Cassellius said given the uncertainty and the challenges faced by families throughout Boston, students need arts education now more than ever, as it helps them creatively engage with their classmates and communities, combat isolation, process their feelings, and express themselves.

cal instruction virtually. In the last month, EdVestors, in partnership with Open Door Arts, an affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation; Boston Public Schools (BPS); Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) and the YMCA of Greater Boston secured and distributed thousands of art supply kits to Boston students in need so they had access to necessary supplies and tools to be creative that are otherwise unavailable to them during the shutdown.

“Over the years, we’ve been proud to collaborate with BPS, EdVestors and members of the arts community to develop and increase access to innovative arts programming” said Nicole Agois Hurel, Managing Director of Open Door Arts, an affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation that increases access, participation, and representation of people with disabilities in the arts. “Given the unprecedented challenges that students faced in adapting to online learning and the uncertainty concerning what the 2020-2021 school year will look like, the BPS Arts Expansion initiative plays an even more important role in bringing together members of the education and arts communities to ensure that our students have equal access to a wholesome arts education experience.”



RisingEMOTIONS: East Boston was an art installation outside the library on the East Boston Greenway that brought attention to sea-level rise and climate change last summer. The art installation is now up for an award.

# Last year’s library art installation up for an award

By John Lynds

Last April, the community joined together at the East Boston Branch Library to unveil an art installation outside the library on the East Boston Greenway that brings attention to sea-level rise and climate change.

Science has told us that Boston expected to experience damaging flood level due to climate change by the end of the century.

With Eastie being particularly vulnerable to the impact of sea level rise the Friends of the Greenway, the library, and community members partnered with Carolina Aragón, public artist and assistant professor of Landscape Architecture and Narges Mahyar, assistant professor of Computer Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst to bring RisingEMOTIONS: East Boston to the neighborhood.

Using colorful ribbons to signify just how high flood levels could be along the Greenway RisingEMOTIONS was constructed in collaboration with community groups and was on display

along the Greenway in the front area of the library last summer.

The bands were carried across the library’s patio and upward against the building windows. The height of the frames and the lines on the building represented the height for the projected 1 percent annual chance flood for Eastie in 2070, about 3.7 feet.

Now the public art installation is up for the internationally acclaimed CODAAward and Eastie residents have been voting online all last week in hopes that Eastie’s powerful art installation gets picked.

The annual CODAAwards celebrates the projects that most successfully integrate commissioned art into interior, architectural, or public spaces. The CODAAwards program honors the individuals and the teams whose collective imaginations create the public and private spaces that inspire us every day.

The CODAAwards jury voted to select the Top 100 most successful design projects and RisingEMO-

TIONS and voting for the “People’s Choice” category opened on June 18 and closed on Tuesday.

The final winners will be announced on August 30.

All the colorful ribbons used in RisingEMOTIONS included writing from local students who express their concerns over climate change.

Some of these writings were very striking and there were a lot of concerns about sea level rise in Eastie.

Professor Mahyar said the RisingEMOTIONS project also piloted the implementation of digital technologies to gather data on public’s emotion related to flooding due to sea level rise as part of the overall art installation. The goal was to increase the public’s engagement with climate issues and connect participants to ongoing governmental and grassroots efforts.

RisingEMOTIONS was funded by the Friends of the East Boston Greenway and was supported by the Boston Society of Landscape Architects with scientific data provided by Sustainable Solutions.

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children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

I recognize any list is inadequate, but we have to re-start and re-commit to justice and equality. After all, The Flag flies over all of us. It doesn’t belong to any one narrow person’s view or color, and no one is excluded, especially our Black American brothers and sisters who’ve helped build this nation in so many ways and for whom this time is most painful still. Our personal response and national character are at stake. The Declaration tells us we have a sacred duty. “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (and women) are cre-

ated equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Justice demands we act, now. We need to work together to build the Promise of July 4th.

Blessings on all of us.

*Phil Giffey, Executive Director, NOAH*

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DACA RECIPIENTS STILL ON EDGE DESPITE FAVORABLE RULING

CHELSEA - There might have been a celebration after the Supreme Court decision that rejected President Donald Trump’s bid to end the DACA program after more than 10 years, but any such celebration in Chelsea was muted and wary of the future.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week that the DACA program – which allows those brought illegally to the country as children to be held harmless in regards to immigration deportation and work rules. It has been in place for more than 10 years, brought in under great fanfare by President Barack Obama – allowing hundreds of Chelsea young people at the time to go to school, work legally and pursue their dreams.

Now that those young people are grown up, the threat to end DACA made many very nervous, and the decision blocking the effort to end it makes many even more nervous.

“The one thing about the decision is it give the administration a roadmap to maybe try again to revoke authorization,” said Daisy Gonzalez, Immigration and Citizenship Coordinator at the Chelsea Collaborative. “Even though it’s a victory, we still understand that decision gives the Trump Administration another chance and this roadmap to try again. We believe if he’s re-elected, he will try again and they will have a better understanding how to do it properly. We’re striving for those with DACA to have permanent residency and eventually citizenship. It’s a long way to go.”

The decision by the high Court did not reject the proposal outright, but as Gonzalez said, rejected it on a technical problem. The de-

cision identified the problem, and many believe that another effort will be made to file it correctly.

Ahead of the decision, Gonzalez said many residents with DACA were apprehensive to re-file for renewal – worrying they would lose their application fees and maybe they would be identified for deportation if their status was revoked.

Most of the DACA recipients in Chelsea are now older, though when the program was issued, there were many in high school and college. Unfortunately, Gonzalez said a lot of them were not able to finish college due to finances. Being able to work legally, many were counted on to get jobs to support the family and not focus on school.

“A lot of them started out trying to pursue their college education, but due to the economic impacts now and responsibilities they acquired, the simply did not complete the college education they hoped for,” she said. “They are now very concerned about their children...They are also concerned about the new public charge laws too. They have a lot of concerns, and this decision was just a temporary relief.”

DISCUSSING THE COLUMBUS STATUE

CHELSEA - More than 500 years later, Christopher Columbus’s checkered past is finally catching up with him – at least in Chelsea and many other communities where he has been honored with statues and celebrations of his voyages.

Several members of the Chelsea City Council put forth an order at the June 15 Council meeting to immediately take down the Christopher Columbus statue in Chelsea Square and replace it with a thoughtfully designed memorial to the indigenous peoples who inhabited Chelsea prior to

white settlement.

Council President Roy Avellaneda and colleagues Melinda Vega Maldonado, Naomi Zabot, Judith Garcia, Damali Vidot, Enio Lopez and Yamir Rodriguez introduced an order calling for the immediate removal of Columbus. They asked that the Chelsea Historical Commission and the Chelsea Arts and Culture Commission place on their agendas a motion to collaborate a discuss “a memorial for the original indigenous inhabitants of Chelsea to remember their place in Chelsea’s history.”

Council President Avellaneda moved to pass the order, but was held up by Councillor Giovanni Recupero, who said he would like a conference to discuss the matter. He said he isn’t in favor of removing the statue or replacing it. It has stood in its place since Dec. 12, 1938. It proclaims on its base that Columbus was the ‘Discoverer of America.’

Councilor Calvin Brown said he felt that the Council needed to slow down the effort, and he advocated for Recupero’s conference to discuss it.

“It’s been there 70 years so I wonder if we have any obligation to find out any history about it and who put it up,” he said. “I don’t know the history of it. I think we’re moving too fast...I see no problem in the order, but I do see you still have some obligation to the public to have a discussion. We have conferences about almost anything if it’s controversial and I think this is controversial.”

Councillor Damali Vidot said if the Council is going to fight structural racism, this is the move to make.

“We’re talking out of both sides of our mouths if we’re talking about fighting structural racism and then we don’t want to do this to fight it,” she said. “But I’m in favor of dialog all the time.”

Said Zabot, “Dialog is always important, but it is also important to stand up always for what we believe in.”

Councillor Todd Taylor said it is important to talk with the community about

TRADE AND TALENT NELSON SALDANA WORKS AS A MECHANIC, SPEAKS AS AN ARTIST



Chelsea artist Nelson Saldana works on his “We Are 1” Mural at the TD Bank building on Broadway Saturday.

and then make a decision. He said the place to make the decision is not quickly during a remote Council meeting.

“This is a decision that needs to be made by the community in a discussion,” he said. “If the community wants it taken down, take it down. Being a trained historian and understanding how history is taught in American universities, there should be a dialog before we take this action. It’s only fair we talk about these things before we do them.”

The consensus of the Council was to move it to a Subcommittee on Conference, which has yet to be scheduled. There, the Council and members of the community can look carefully at the issue.

The statue has gone barely noticed for probably the last 20 years or more since the Knights of Columbus folded in Chelsea. There is no Columbus Day celebration in Chelsea for years, and the statue is obscured to a great degree from the street by large trees.

Some didn’t even know the statue existed until the recent debate.

According to the base of the statue, its sponsors were Armando Diaz Society, the Chelsea Council #83 Knights of Columbus,

Sons of Italy Chelsea Lodges #1460, Chelsea Ladies Lodge #1772, Chelsea Girls Junior #80, Victorian Junior #81, the S. Arcangelo Trimonte Society, the S. Stefano Medio Society, Societa Regina Degli Angioli, and the Ward 5 Precinct 2 Club.

CITY RAISES PRIDE FLAG FOR FIRST TIME

EVERETT - School Committeeman Marcony Almeida Barros has taken to the podium at City and School events – and even state events for the Attorney General’s Office – many times, but none were as intensely personal as when he stepped to the microphone last week as the City’s first openly gay elected official to see the Pride flag raised for the first time in City history.

“For me as the first openly gay man elected in the City’s history, it is a special moment today,” he said. “It’s been a long journey since the Stonewall riots on June 28, 1969...Since that fight, the fight for equal rights brought marriage equality rights to Massachusetts in 2004. That is the year I met my husband in City Hall – right behind us. I arrived from Brazil to Everett and met my Everett born husband in Everett City Hall...It is a special moment not only for me as a gay man, but for the City also.”

On Monday, the City of Everett held their 1st Annual Pride Flag raising ceremony in honor of Pride Month. Led by Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the ceremony featured a short speaking program, and then the raising of the flag on the ceremonial pole outside the Church Street entrance.

“The City of Everett has come a long way – I am proud to stand with you today as we turn a corner as a

community,” said the mayor, noting that the first time the flag was raised was 41 years ago in San Francisco. “Everett is a melting pot of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation. In Everett- everyone is accepted, welcomed, and at home.”

The flag will be flown on the Church Street entrance of Everett City Hall throughout the month of June.

City officials, Mayor DeMaria, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representative Joe McGonagle and Almeida Barros all spoke in front of a crowd of approximately 50 people.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico talked about his fight to pass the Transgender Bill in the State House only a few short years ago, and the pushback he got from within the Legislature and within parts of the community.

“It seems like an easy decision today, but at the time it was not,” he said. “I spoke on the floor in favor and said it’s time to change the word fear to the word fair. That’s exactly what we do.

Mayor DeMaria spoke about the recent Supreme Court decision that affirmed that an employee cannot be fired or removed simply because of his or her sexual orientation. That ruling came only two weeks ago, but it elicited a lot of discussion in Monday’s comments.

“The fight is not over,” said the mayor. “Now more than ever, we must come together in unity with members of our community. We all must advocate for equality for everyone. LGBTQ rights are human rights,” Mayor DeMaria said.

Almeida Barros said his message for the day was to the LGBTQ youth – who are found to be more at risk of suicide than their peers.

“My message today is for our LGBTQ youth,” he said. “Be proud of who you are. Do not let someone tell you that you aren’t important. You are.”

OUTDOOR DINING SPACES POPULAR

EVERETT - As restaurants throughout the City have the green light from the state to begin using indoor spaces to serve, the popularity and creativity for outdoor dining spaces has picked up to an even greater degree.

It seems counterintuitive, but City officials and some establishments in Everett indicated they have had tremendous response from patrons to their outdoor dining options, and there is also some speculation that not all patrons will be comfortable inside eating – though they might take a stab at summer dining outside.

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bles inside that a restaurant can use – slashing indoor capacity by 50 percent in some cases. To make up for that, restaurant owners and the City of Everett have turned to being creative in order to “recover tables” lost inside at the outdoor space.

“We’re up to close to 15 establishments that are already doing it or looking to do outdoor dining and we expect that number to grow,” said Tony Sousa, planning director. “We do expect there will be more restaurants and eateries participating. Now that indoor dining is allowed, we believe there will be more. It’s another option for businesses to have outdoor dining. Many of the guidelines for COVID-19 inside limit space and tables, so having outside also is helpful. For the diner’s perspective, having the outdoor option is very important for safety and comfort.”

To that end, the City has begun partnering with restaurants and eateries and cafes to build extra space on sidewalks, in City parking lots, on parking spaces and on sidewalks. It has been a whirlwind of work whereby the City’s Facilities Department has used experience from building a parklet dining area last summer to create even more on a much faster pace – including in the municipal parking lot for La Hacienda, and outside of Bakes and Cakes on Norwood Street.

They also expect to be working with Taco El Paso, the 8/10, Oliveira’s, Stewarts Pub, and Square Deli. Pretty much any business that asks for help will get a consideration. Already, on private property, Ferry Street Grill, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays, Bone Up Brewery, Village Bar & Grill, and Night Shift Brewery have entered into the outdoor realm with great success.

At Village and Bone Up, on the parking lot there is a beer garden on one side, which is separated from a larger tent for food service from Village.

Bone Up owners Jared and Liz Kiraly said they opened outdoor on Weds., June 17, and it was a quick success.

“It has started off fantastic,” she said. “It was definitely great to be open. To go sales treated us well, but that is not what our brewery is built for. The last four months have been life-changing. Everything is going well so far. We’ve been on a wait list and we’re doing first come first served.”

The beer garden aspect is something she said they have really liked and hope that it can stay all summer – maybe even next summer. While they will re-open the inside, they said they are having a good response from customers.

“A lot of people are really happy to be outside again and be able to do something fun. There have been a lot of really bored people sitting at home.”

At Village – another early outdoor dining location – the tent next to Bone Up has been extremely popular

and attracting several diners for lunch and dinner.

And the City believes outdoor dining – even if right now it’s by necessity – is here to stay in Everett.

“The mayor sees the opportunity here and doesn’t want it to pass without doing this,” said Tom Philbin, a spokesman for the mayor. “I think he understands it’s time to seize the moment and it’s here to stay.”

Said Sousa, “Outdoor dining is here to stay. It’s an opportunity, a real place-making and activation that isn’t going away.”

To that end, the name of the game is moving fast on behalf of the restaurants.

After a hiccup with the License Commission a few weeks ago in approving the first batch of outdoor dining establishments, the Commission and the mayor agreed to turn over approval process as an administrative process. That means anyone applying who has their plan in order and insurance/liability in place will be approved by Sousa or the Planning Department, and they are moving quickly.

“When it’s a simple extension or expansion of an existing license, we agreed to allow that all to be made at an administrative level,” he said. “The only exception is if there is a special permit required or if there are any complaints, the License Commission would retain that. Instead of having the License Commission meet one time a week, we’ll do it administratively. Already it’s helped to streamline it and move faster and turn these around in 24 hours – even on the weekends.”

PRIDE FLAG  
RAISED IN LYNN

LYNN - The raising of the Pride Flag encourages the North Shore Pride members to express who they are and their personal individuality. This traditional event is a celebration to bring the community together no matter what sexual or gender you are.

In June of 1969 the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City brought people out to stand up for equal rights for all individuals regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. A recent Supreme Court ruling prohibits work place discrimination on the basis of sex that equally applies to gay and transgender Americans.

Mayor McGee presented a City of Lynn Proclamation recognizing the LGBTQ community and declaring June is Pride month; he said, “The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) took a positive stance against discrimination and to promote their dignity and equal rights in freedom and fairness”. He continued to state, “The LGBTQ contribute greatly to neighborhood revitalization, economic vitality, arts and culture, and the social fabric of our city”.

Congratulations to the LGBTQ community celebrating Pride Month and their on-going community commitments in the City of Lynn.

RONALD JANNINO  
DEAD AT 75

REVERE - The Revere community is mourning the loss of one of its longest-serving and most dedicating public officials.

Ronald Jannino, who served as Revere’s representative on the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School Committee for 35 years, died on June 20. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Jannino was not only widely admired in Revere but throughout the entire Northeast school district that includes 12 communities. He was re-elected to the committee with tremendous votes in the elections that are held district wide.

A graduate of Everett Vocational School, Class of 1963, Mr. Jannino was a strong advocate for the many Revere students attending Northeast Regional. He was always accessible to parents of eighth grade students who were considering applying to the Wakefield vocational high school, explaining the many specialized programs in trades and the many potential employment opportunities that await Northeast graduates.

David DiBarri, superintendent of the Northeast School District, expressed his condolences to the Jannino family on behalf of the school. He praised Mr. Jannino’s outstanding service on the Committee.

“We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of longtime School Committee Member Ronald Jannino,” said DiBarri. “A Revere resident and retired woodworking teacher from another district, he joined us in 1986 and was re-elected to the board for nearly 34 years – a true testament to the calling he felt to promote the best interests of students and educators alike. We are so thankful for his service to our district and the thoughtfulness and care with which he undertook his role on the board and our hearts are with his family during this difficult time.”

City Council observes a moment of silence

The City Council observed a moment of silence for Mr. Jannino at its meeting. Ward 5 Councillor John Powers said he and Ronald Jannino were close friends for 40 years.

“Ron was our city’s representative on the Northeast School Committee and he did a very effective job helping young people from Revere who wanted to pursue their education at the school,” said Powers. “I can’t think of anybody who was as effective as he was in that position. He was a good, honest, sincere person. I wish his family my deepest sympathy.”

City Council President Patrick Keefe served on the Revere Pop Warner Board with Mr. Jannino’s daughter, Melissa Elam, who was the organization’s cheerleading director, and son-in-law, Craig Elam, who Keefe’s predecessor as RPW president.

“I’m very friendly with his son-in-law and daughter and his grandchildren,” said Keefe. “Ron and I are brother Knights at the Knights of Columbus.



An artist's rendering of what the station will look like once completed in 2021.

New District A-7 police station coming along

By John Lynds

For over two decades the residents and police officers in East Boston have awaited the construction of a new police station at the City Yards in Eagle Square across from American Legion Playground.

Last year, Mayor Martin Walsh and Police Commissioner William Gross joined elected officials and the community to break

ground on a new state-of-the-art police station at the City Yards.

The \$30 million project will create a more efficient and better station for police and replace the aging District A-7 station on Meridian Street near Maverick Square.

In the Mayor’s Five Year Capital Plan released as part of the recently approved budget guarantees money remains in city coffers to

fund the ongoing construction of the new station.

The station will be roughly 27,000 sq. ft. with an entrance on the corner of Condor and Trenton Streets. There will be parking in the rear of the station for 50 vehicles and the building will be LEAD Silver Certified.

According to the city the public art will be placed on the future new Area A-7 Police Station in Eastie with the aim of creating a new public building that is welcoming to the community, while having a civic presence through public art and community space.

The station will also contribute to Mayor Walsh’s “Percent for Art” program by permanently housing a piece of public art. The “Percent for Art” program is the City of Boston’s five-year commitment to granting \$13.4 million to public art pieces over the timeframe. It is a part of the City’s cultural plan, Boston Creates, founded in 2016.

The City has identified several potential sites for the artwork, including the entrance lobby, the community room, and three locations outside of the station.

The project is expected to take approximately two years to complete.



Under construction and moving along. The \$30 million project will create a more efficient and better station for police in East Eagle Square and replace the aging District A-7 station on Meridian Street near Maverick Square.

LOCAL STUDENTS  
EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL RESIDENT  
RECEIVES  
DEGREES

Late this spring, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) celebrated the Class of 2020 with a socially distanced commencement season in place of its traditional 152nd Commencement exercises.

Marilyn Galdamez of East Boston, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering.

Since the Class of 2020 was unable to receive diplomas in person this year, they instead received personal commencement packages, mailed to their home, that that included their diplomas, commencement regalia, and other items to celebrate their successes, as well as a congratulatory video message from President Laurie Leshin. In total, WPI awarded 1,043 bachelor’s degrees, 674 master’s degrees, and 54 doctoral degrees.

In her video message, Leshin made the traditional Commencement walk to the WPI’s iconic Earle Bridge, which students walk over during New Student Orientation and then again when they graduate. She then stopped, turned, and told graduates, “You should be here. But make no mistake: Today is still your day. You’ve walked this bridge together once, and you will walk it again. I can’t wait to see you do just that. Until then, it’s my honor to wait for you.”

WPI plans to hold in-person undergraduate and graduate Commencement ceremonies in the future, at

a date to be announced.

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SCHOOL

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# OBITUARIES

## Stephanie Ciampa

VA Dental service retiree

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, June 29 in St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop for

Stephanie M. (Plakias) Ciampa who passed on Thursday, June 25 after a five month struggle with metastatic cancer at the Kaplan Family Hospice of Danvers. Interment was in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section), Winthrop.

Born in Newport, RI, she lived in Winthrop her entire life, attended Winthrop Schools and was a 1974 graduate of Winthrop High School and a 1976 graduate of Northeastern-Tufts Dental Assistant Program. She spent almost 40 years in the Dental Service Profession and had a 32-year career with the V.A. Administration, Dental Service. Recently, and until the onset of poor health, she worked with Doctors Becker, Becker and Silvius Dental Service of Shirley Avenue, Revere.

Stephanie was a petite, vivacious and always... “exciting” personality, always to be remembered and loved. Nothing was more vital and fulfilling than her role as a Devoted Mom, Doting Grandmother, Cherished sister and Special



Aunt.

She was the adoring daughter of the late William and Lillian (Ricupero) Plakias, the devoted mother to Boston Police Patrolman Francis R. “Frankie” Ciampa and his wife, Christina G. Ciampa and the doting grandmother to Francis C. “Frankie” and Leo M. Ciampa, all of East Boston, formerly of Winthrop and adoring sister to Paul T. Plakias of Winthrop. She is also lovingly survived by her niece, Dena M. Plakias and her fiancé, Hershel Beard and her grandnephew, Colton H. Beard, all of Winthrop. Stephanie also leaves a legacy of extended family and friends, many of which she has enjoyed since her years at Northeastern-Tufts Dental Assistant Program.

## Angelina DeLeo

Of the North End of Boston

Angelina M. DeLeo of the North End passed away on Monday, June 29.

The beloved daughter of the late Alfonso and Maria (Guardino) DeLeo, she was the dear sister of Lillian Buscanera of East Boston and the late Frank, Leo, Nat, James, Rose, Grace, Kay and Anna and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Angelina’s life by gathering at Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish in the North End of Boston, on Thursday, July 2 from 9 to 10 a.m. before a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Angelina being laid to rest at Saint Michael Cemetery, Boston.



Services will be held in accordance to Phase 2 of the MA reopening plan. All attendees will be asked to wear face coverings during any services and maintain social distancing practices. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

## Rita Padova

Of Revere

Rita (Santoli) Padova of Revere died on June 26 at the age of 98.

Born in Boston on July 23, 1921 to the late Nicola Santoli and Theresa (Selvella) Santoli, she was the devoted mother of the late Lorraine Padova, and James Padova and his surviving wife, Bernice of Florida; cherished grandmother of Jenna Harrity and her husband, Tim of Revere, Jimmy Padova of Florida and Anthony Padova of Revere; adored great grandmother of Charlotte and Declan Harrity; dear sister of the late Frank and Benjamin Santoli and late step sister of Dorothy Schena. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on



Thursday, July 2 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Prayer Service at Holy Cross Cemetery. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Carroll Center for the Blind, 770 Centre St, Newton, MA 02458. For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

## Anna Patricia Blair

A Stay at home mother with a huge heart and a bright smile

Anna Patricia (Pepe) Blair passed away peacefully on June 19 in her home, surrounded by her loving family at the age of 87.

She was a stay at home mother with a huge heart and bright smile, who devoted everything to her loving family. For those who had the pleasure of meeting and knowing her, they made friendships that lasted a lifetime.

We Lost a Remarkable Woman full of life, courage and determination with such style, elegance and a personality that lit up a Room.

Anna was the family’s matriarch, historian and storyteller. Her talents were endless. She will be missed, loved and remembered by all. Our Tears were no match for the Cheers in Heaven.

She was the beloved wife of the late Kenneth P. Blair, Sr.; devoted, Loving and Amazing Mother of the late Kenneth P. Blair, Jr, Vincent, Janet, Lee-Ann and Edward Blair, all of East Boston and Joseph and his wife, Sally Blair of Lincoln; Adored and Proud Grandmother nine grandchildren: Kristina (Blair) and her husband, Andrew Howard of Washington, DC, Casey (Blair) and her husband, Dave Hunt of Londonderry, NH, Robert G. Vitale, Jr. of Peabody, Olivia (Danielle) Fernandez of East Boston and Matthew, Thomas, Andrew, Joan and Emma of Lincoln; two great grandchildren, Cody and Mack-



enzie Hunt of Londonderry, NH and the late Linda Bohnicky of Maynard.

Anna was born on July 26, 1932 and was a lifelong resident of East Boston. She was the cherished daughter of the late Joseph A. Pepe, Sr. and Pasqualina (Grieco) Pepe of East Boston, originally from Bonito Avellino, Italy and the cherished sister to the late Alexander (Sonny) Pepe and his late wife, Pam of Marstons Mills, Cape Cod, MA Gilda (Pepe) Morgan and her late husbandm Jack of Moreno Valley, CA and Anthony and his wife, Fran of Punta Gorda, FL and Joseph Pepe, Jr and his wife, Marie of East Boston. Anna was loved and adored by many nieces, mephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral Services for the family were held on Wednesday, June 24 at Ruggiero Funeral Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston with a Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Brooks St. East Boston. She was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. For more information, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

## Barbara Lombard-Angiulo

Authority, honesty, leadership, life of the party... are all the things she abided by

Barbara A. Lombard-Angiulo of Nahant passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 23 at her Nahant residence surrounded by her loving family. She was the life partner of the late Jerry J. Angiulo.

Born in Boston and raised in East Boston, Barbara was the daughter of the late Stephen A. and Edith L. (Cuddi) Lombardozzi.

Authority, Honesty, Leadership, Life of the party... are all of the things that Barbara abided by. There are not many people that could say they achieved nearly as many adventures as our MOM has completed in her 80 years.

From her start as a cocktail waitress at Jay’s Lounge where she met Dad in the 1960’s, to her many travels around the world such as skiing the Swiss Alps with Auntie Laurie, Italy with our late sister Thais, and jet setting here, there and everywhere to visit family and friends, Mom made all holidays extra special and always included the whole extended family by reaching out with her amazing Christmas Cards.

Her latest accomplishment was becoming “Nanna A.” to Baby G. She was a one of a kind and extraordinary woman who could light up a barstool with a glass of Cutty and a Benson and Hedges in her hand, no matter what the “rules” were. Mom always kept her “girls” near and dear but made room for the Johnny-come-lately’s and brought them under her enormous wings and swept them into the kitchen in Nahant. Never missing a



dancing ball or a milestone birthday, Mom celebrated in style at every possible occasion and will continue setting trends along her final ride.

Barbara is survived by her two beloved children, Gennaro Jay Angiulo and his fiancée, Gabriella and Barbara Jay “B-Jay” Angiulo, all of Nahant; her step-son, Jason B. Angiulo of Nahant; her cherished grandson, “The Prince” Gennaro Francesco Angiulo; her brother, Stephen A. Lombardozzi and his wife, Nancy of Florida; three nephews: Stephen Lombardozzi, John Lombardozzi and his wife, Lisa, and Christopher Lombardozzi and his wife, Tracy. She was predeceased by her step-daughter, Thais Susan Angiulo. Barbara is also survived by many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews; and her loyal companion, Ziggy the cat.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara’s memory may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter at [northeastanimalshelter.org/donations/memorial-tribute](http://northeastanimalshelter.org/donations/memorial-tribute) or to the MGH Cancer Center in Danvers at [giving.massgeneral.org/cancer/donate/](http://giving.massgeneral.org/cancer/donate/).

## Assunta Luongo

Devoted parishioner and choir member of St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church and Don Orione Home volunteer

Assunta “Suzy” (Polcaro) Luongo of East Boston passed away on June 26.

Suzy was a long time devoted and dedicated parishioner of St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church in East Boston as well as a member of their choir which she enjoyed greatly. She was also a volunteer at the Don Orione Home in East Boston.

The loving wife of the late Joseph Luongo, she was the devoted mother of Joseph, Gregory and Rosano Luongo; cherished sister of Joseph Polcaro of North Carolina, Alba Maiorano of Revere and the late Giovanna Contrada, Giuditta Pagliuca, Giuseppina Giannelli and Antoinetta Baldassarre and the adored grandmother of David, Rebecca, Emma, Jackson, Evan and Ellinor.

Due to the ongoing health concerns regarding the COVID-19 Pandem-



ic, all services will be held privately. Suzy will be laid to rest at the Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum in Everett. A memorial service in celebration of Suzy’s life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley Street, East Boston MA 02128. For more information, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

## Lisa LaCorte

Of Revere

Lisa M. LaCorte of Revere passed away on June 23.

She was the loving daughter of Gaetano “Guy” and Muriel (McCormick) LaCorte, devoted mother of Zachary LaCorte and cherished sister of Noelle LaCorte and her husband, Carl Testa and Joseph LaCorte and his wife, Melissa. She is aAlso survived by many loving family and friends.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East



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## Gloria Perullo

Colonial Provision retiree

A Graveside Service was held on June 25 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden for Gloria J. Perullo, 88, who passed on Saturday, June 20 at the Boston Medical Center, following a brief illness.

Born, raised and educated in East Boston, she lived there until moving to Winthrop in 1986. Gloria had a 27-year career with Colonial Provision of Boston as a packer and processor. Family always and forever meant everything to Gloria and she most enjoyed the company of her daughter, Carol, Vinnie and her three boys, Anthony, Santino and Dominic. Gloria was a long-time member of the Third Order of St. Francis (Mt. Carmel Chapter) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, East Boston. She was most proud of her affiliation with the Third Order and received much comfort and joy from her association.

She was the daughter of the late Louise and Maria (Santoro) Perullo and the cherished mother of Carol F. Sorrentino and her husband, Vincent of Winthrop; the devoted grandmother to Anthony J. Perullo and



his former wife, Renee of Winthrop. She is also lovingly survived by her two great-grandsons, Santino and Dominic Perullo. She is the last of her siblings and was the dear sister of the late Philomena Lepore, Frank, Anthony, John, Edward and Charles Perullo, Louise Tolentino, Yolanda Tramonte, Anna Birchett and Virginia and Michael Perullo. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Funeral Arrangements under the direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

## Maria Recupero

Of East Boston

Maria Recupero of East Boston passed away on June 22.

The beloved wife of Francesco Recupero she was the devoted mother of Catena Ford and her husband, Robert of East Boston, Joseph Recupero and his wife, Lucile of Peabody and the late Giovanni Recupero; loving grandmother of Kayla and Joseph A. Recupero, Robert

and Veronica Ford, cherished great grandmother of Jaden, Dante, Savannah and Aria and the dear sister of Brigida Stefano.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston. Entombment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. For more information, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

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Docket No. SU20P0839EA  
Estate of: Loretta Helen Giuffre  
Date of Death: 03/19/2020  
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**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 08/04/2020. 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.  
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a 2020 EBHS graduate, praised the school staff for Saturday's event.

"This is not how I imagined my son would receive his diploma but I think East Boston High School did a great job handing out diplomas and awards acknowledging our seniors," said Delvecchio. Domenic is a member of the National Honors Society and received the school's highest award, the Blue and Gold Award for academics and sports. "A big thank you to Headmaster Brangiforte and

his staff for making Eastie what it is. Also a big thank you to all the school's wonderful teachers, coaches, and administrators for giving the students every skill and encouragement to succeed in class as well in their futures after high school." Brangiforte said he hopes that if the COVID-19 pandemic slows considerably over the summer EBHS will be able to hold a proper outdoor graduation at the East Boston Stadium sometime in August.



Sary Soler (left) and Stephanie Faiella (right) show off their brightly decorated graduation caps during Saturday's diploma pick up event.



Stephanie Faiella, Isabella Walsh, Milena Gil, and Steven Walsh.



Senior Advisor Tiana Tassinari prepares the goodie bags for seniors that include voter registration forms.



Sary Soler and EBHS Senior Advisor Tiana Tassinari.



EBHS Class President Andrew Allen and his family with EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangiforte and City Councilor Lydia Edwards.

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Graduate Cesar Flores Ayala with EBHS Senior Advisor Andrew Faiz.

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- Eutaw Street -estimated work 7/6/20 - 7/7/20
- Meridian Street -estimated work 7/7/20 - 7/8/20
- Trenton Street- estimated work 7/9/20 - 8/15/20

The impacts residents can expect are noise, parking restrictions, traffic detours and possible water disruptions.

For questions please contact:  
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Graduates Cesar Flores Ayala and Luis Yuvini Rodriguez Moran.



Edwin Pineda Landaverde shows off his decorated car Saturday.



Santiago Perez Guzman, Luisa Fernanda Saurez Usuga and Senior Advisor Andrew Faiz.