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Greenway group host Mary Ellen Welch Greenway extension Open House Halloween Stroll/Roll

By John Lynds

On Saturday the Greenway Extensions Committee hosted a Halloween-themed Open House to collect feedback and share information about the future extension of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway to Winthrop. The Greenway Extensions Committee includes the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, Bike Winthrop, Friends of Belle Marsh, and AIR, Inc.

This multi-site open house included four sta-

tions situated along the potential route from Orient Heights to Winthrop and gave participants the opportunity to talk to Greenway members, bike to Winthrop, and meet the project team.

The stations included Orient Heights, Saratoga Street by CVS, Bayswater Street near Constitution Beach, and Morton Street at Belle Isle Marsh Marine Ecology Park entrance in Winthrop.

Saturday's Open House is part of a six-month "Feasibility Study" plan-

ning process for the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway extension to Winthrop that is overseen by an Extensions Committee and led by the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. Kittleson and Weston & Sampson are the consultants working on this study.

Last year Madaro secured \$100,000 in the state budget for an engineering, environmental and feasibility study to extend the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway past Constitution Beach to Belle Isle Marsh and eventually to Win-

throp and Revere.

Support for the decades-old plan to connect the Greenway with neighborhoods north of Eastie has been long supported by the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

Recently, the group began engaging residents to gauge the number of residents that would use any future extension of the park system for commuting, running, biking, leisurely strolls, walks with family members or simply

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BPS provides update on reopening timeline

By John Lynds

Due to the fact that COVID-19 positive test results among Boston residents are still over 4 percent, Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public Schools (BPS) have been forced to once again push back the move from 'remote' learning to a 'hybrid' learning model.

While students in certain grades were expected

to begin 'hybrid' learning this week the new timeline will start Thursday Oct. 29 and Monday, Nov. 2 for Grades K0-3; grades 4-8 will begin hybrid learning on Thursday, Nov. 5, and Monday, Nov. 9; and Grades 9-12 will begin hybrid learning on Monday, Nov. 16, and Thursday, Nov. 19.

Hybrid learning was to officially begin for K0-3 on Oct. 15; however, Bos-

ton is now designated as a 'red' zone by the state as the positive test rates have been consistently above 4 percent for several weeks now.

"We pushed Phase 3 back a week, which means half of the students in kindergarten through third grade whose families opted in are due to begin hybrid learning Oct. 29," said Mayor Walsh. "We will be monitoring the

data closely over the coming days to determine if it is safe for Phase 3 to move forward."

The Mayor reminded everyone that the City paused its phased-in reopening plan for BPS due to the recent uptick of COVID-19 activity.

"We continue to ensure that all of our schools are safe environments," said

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Walsh touts Eastie's COVID testing sites

By John Lynds

At his daily press briefing last week, Mayor Martin Walsh unveiled a new COVID-19 testing resource website that includes a map of testing sites in East Boston.

Mayor Walsh announced that the city has recently created a second mobile testing team through a partnership with East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. This partnership will allow for expanded COVID testing through Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Health Center's Central Square testing site on Border Street across from Liberty Plaza Shopping Center (see sidebar for hours).

In addition, CVS on Saratoga Street in East Boston began testing this past Friday (see sidebar for hours). This site is a drive-thru testing site

through a partnership with the city.

These two expanded sites join the Health Center's drive-thru and walk-up testing site on Orleans Street (see side bar for hours).

Walsh said all the information on expanded testing can be found at the new resource website at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/map-covid-19-testing-sites>.

"As the City monitors the data, we continue to support residents with outreach and testing access," said Walsh last week. "We have two mobile testing teams in operation: one in Central Square, East Boston and one in Nubian Square, Roxbury. Both sites are testing at no cost to you, and you do not have to have symptoms to

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APPRECIATION

Marjorie Colwell, a warm and ever-present figure in Eastie, dies

By John Lynds

Marjorie Colwell, a lifelong East Boston resident and volunteer known for her warm personality, devotion towards Eastie and deep love for her husband, Peter, has died.

Mrs. Colwell died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Oct. 10 after a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

"My mom brought peace to this world with her positive spirit and endless enthusiasm," said her son, Peter Colwell. "She was one-of-a-kind, and will be dearly missed. Her peaceful spirit will live on in the hearts of her family and friends."

Throughout the years Mrs. Colwell and her husband became the epitome of love and affection-enjoying social gatherings across Eastie. Whether it was a Golden Age Club luncheon, political fundraiser, or community event, Mrs. Colwell and Peter were always arm-in-arm and the first couple on the dance floor, tenderly dancing with one another.

"Margie was one of



Marjorie Colwell, a lifelong East Boston resident and volunteer known for her warm personality, devotion towards Eastie and deep love for her husband, Pete.

most beautiful women I've ever known. She was a kind and gentle soul, yet fun and enthusiastic," said friend Nancy Parker. "She took a genuine interest in everyone she met and always had a smile. She lived with purpose and absolutely adored her husband, Peter. They cared for each other like no couple I have ever known- soulmates, for sure. Margie was truly a special woman, and will forever be remembered. My children

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Changes made to next month’s Madaro Family Community Fund’s Thanksgiving Day Dinner

By John Lynds

Planning for the Madaro Family Community Fund’s annual Thanksgiving Dinner is in full swing, and Rep. Adrian Madaro has announced a major change to the yearly event due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The event, which will be held on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 26), usually helps feed the elderly, homeless, low-income or residents that just need a little company during the holiday.

While the charitable dinner, founded by Rep. Madaro’s predecessor former Rep. Carlo Basile, was always held in per-

son--this year’s event will be “take-out” only.

“This is our second year switching from Sacred Heart Church to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club,” said Madaro. “Because the Club has done an outstanding job as a food distribution site in Eastie and has a large parking lot, we will forgo in-person dining and switch to a ‘take-out’ only operation. This move will ensure that we practice social-distancing and keep the community safe while still being able to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to families in need. This is an especially difficult time for many in East Boston with reductions and job loss so we antic-

ipate more dinners will be served during the holiday.”

Madaro said he anticipates an increase from 500 dinners to 600 dinners on Thanksgiving.

“Volunteers will be on hand preparing food on Thanksgiving Day, and we ask the community to begin arriving at the drive thru site at the Salesian Boys & Girls at 11 a.m.,” said Madaro. “We will be offering to-go Thanksgiving meals until 1 p.m.”

Madaro said he is excited to once again partner with the Boys & Girls Club for this year’s Madaro Family Fund annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

“It worked out well last

year but we could never anticipate that a global pandemic would threaten our efforts this year,” said Madaro. “But working with the Boys & Girls Club we came up with this plan and think we can effectively feed hundreds of East Boston residents during the holiday with this new model.”

Madaro said the event has grown year after year and services residents from throughout Eastie.

“The Boys & Girls Club is a little more centrally located than Sacred Heart,” explained Madaro. “Last year, we served over 500 meals, including deliveries, all over East Boston from Orient Heights

to Jeffries Point. While we won’t be able to offer in-person dining and music I think it will still be a great event that will help a lot of families impacted by COVID.”

Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Michael Triant said he is thrilled to be partnering on the successful event once again.

“Adrian is a Club kid ,and he cares deeply about Salesian Boys & Girls Club,” said Triant. “He provides so much assistance to us year round. This is a great chance for us to be of assistance to him. It is an amazing opportunity to help Adrian and the Madaro Family Community Fund provide

this dinner to the community we serve. Our facilities are such a great resource to the children and families in our community, especially during this pandemic.”

Like years past, the food will be prepared by Spinelli’s chefs, which included salad, a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert.

“There are a lot of families struggling and a lot of local organizations helping families,” said Madaro. “The Boys & Girls Club is one of those organizations and it is an honor to work with them once again on this noble cause that is community driven.”

City announces Mayor’s pumpkin carving contest

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that it will be celebrating Halloween with Mayor Walsh’s Pumpkin Carving Contest featuring a grand prize provided by Xfinity.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Parks Department recognize the effort that Boston residents of all ages put into carving their jack-o’-lanterns and want to give everyone the chance to display their artistry. In keeping with current social distancing guidelines, the City of Boston is hosting an online pumpkin carving contest with photo submissions welcomed from October 14 until midnight on Halloween (11:59 p.m. on October 31). Complete rules and submission instructions are available at boston.gov/pumpkins.

Enter your jack-o’-lantern into the contest and you will be eligible for the chance to win one of three iPads provided by Xfinity. Winners will be selected from three categories: Most Creative; Scariest; and Boston Parks themed.

Need inspiration? We have downloadable stencils available for use as a

guide to help you carve your pumpkin. Stencil images include the Parks Department logo, a death’s head from a historic gravestone, George Washington, Mrs. Mallard, and a Boston Park Ranger silhouette. Visit boston.gov/pumpkins to download and print the stencils.

Share your work with us and we will publish our favorites on social media. Feel free to tag @Xfinity and @BostonParksDept on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Hashtag your posts with #BosPumpkinDept and you may see your pumpkin.

After Halloween, be sure to compost your pumpkin. Keep an eye out for dates, times, and locations where you can “Feed the Monster,” a pumpkin composting event hosted by the Parks Department working in partnership with the Boston Environment Department that will be featured in parks across the city. If you can’t make it to “Feed the Monster”, you can compost your pumpkin during the Leaf and Yard Waste pick up dates provided by the Department of Public Works.

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and I have many small gifts she gave us over the years. Our sympathies to Peter, ‘Little’ Peter and Susan. Our family shares in your heartache.”

As unofficial ambassadors of Eagle Hill, many will remember Mrs. Colwell and Peter walking through their neighborhood for decades, holding each other’s hands, never afraid to show their love for one another. They always shared stories of unconditional love and pride about their children, Peter, Susan Boriso and their grandchildren.

“I’m truly heartbroken to hear this. Marjorie was one of the kindest, loving, and sincere people I’ve known,” said Eagle Hill Civic Association President Debra Cave. “She and her husband were the epitome of a loving couple... always holding hands and so obviously in love. She’ll be missed.”

Mrs. Colwell specialized in the Tonsorial Course of Study as a student at Boston Trade School and received her high school diploma from the Boston Trade School the same day she earned her diploma from the New England Barber School in 1956.

Known for her spontaneous sense of humor and a sharp, truthful response to current issues of the day she entertained people in nursing homes, prisons, and performed at birthday parties. She was a hostess of the traveling entertainment show called “The Singletones” – performing with her brother Charlie and her husband Peter.

For many years Mrs. Colwell was a member of the BCYF Paris Street Community Center.

“Margie was a longtime member of the BCYF Paris Street Community Center, where she would greet us with her contagious smile and a piece of candy every time she came in our doors,” said Paris Street Director Nicole DaSilva. “She was never short in finding a kind word about someone. On behalf of the staff and members at Paris St we extend our deepest condolences to Margie’s family. Your mom and her loving, kind ways will always be remembered and will be greatly missed by so many.”

Mrs. Colwell was also a longtime Sunday school teacher for several years at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Eastie.

Above all, Mrs. Colwell



Marjorie Colwell and her husband Peter were a loving and omnipresent couple at many Eastie events.

loved her family and was known for putting on fun and elaborate family gatherings. She was especially known for her baked haddock dinners, great haircuts, and her warm hospitality. Her energy lit up a room and imparted on people what families are all about – enthusiastic love for each other.

Mrs. Colwell’s first priority was her family. She was a cheerleader, always encouraging her husband, children, and grandchil-

dren to be their very best.

Mrs. Colwell also contributed much of her time volunteering at her children’s schools: assisting the teacher at Montessori School, organizing events and being “lunch lady” at St. Rose Elementary School in Chelsea and soliciting yearbook advertisements for Boston Latin School.

Mrs. Colwell was a rock in her community, well-known and well-loved by so many people.

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Walsh. “We continue to serve our highest-needs students, who depend for their health and safety on in-person services. And we will not increase the number of students in schools unless public health au-

thorities approve.”

However, with 1,300 ‘high-needs’ students attending schools each day since the Boston Teachers Union (BTU) recently sought an injunction in Suffolk Superior Court so

teachers won’t be forced to teach in-person until the positive test rate in Boston goes below 4 percent.


However, the courts rejected the emergency injunction last week.

“While we view the lan-

guage in the safety agreement differently, what is most important is that we figure out a collaborative plan as soon as possible that includes safe staffing ratios, that reduces the viral footprint in our school

buildings, and that ensures high-quality in-person instruction for our highest-needs students,” said the BTU in a statement after the ruling. “Since the start of the pandemic, we have affirmed the value and importance of in-person instruction for high needs students, and hopefully, this ruling will accelerate our ongoing conversations with the district so that students and staff are learning and working in the safest environment possible when in-person. That means having no more adults in the build-

ing than are necessary to ensure high-quality instruction for high-needs students and reducing the viral footprint through more collaborative and intentional scheduling. Safe staffing ratios and reducing the viral footprint are still possible with or without an injunction if the district works with us to formulate the safest possible plan. We will continue to advocate for the health, safety and equity of learning experiences for all of our students, and respect for our educators.”



Virtual Public Meeting

Orient Heights Redevelopment

Thursday, October 29
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/OH3PublicMeeting
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 338 9211

Project Proponent:
Trinity Orient Heights Limited Partnership

Project Description:
The Orient Height Redevelopment project as previously approved by the BPDA Board consists of the one for one replacement of 331 existing state public housing units over multiple phases of construction in a combination of townhouse and mid-rise buildings, new public open space, community gathering areas, approximately 265 on and off street vehicle parking spaces, and public realm improvements.

On October 13, 2020, the Proponent submitted a Notice of Project Change to the BPDA for Phase 3 of the project which consists of the demolition of 112 state public housing units and an existing community center building, and new construction of 81 affordable replacement units in a combination of townhouse and mid-rise buildings in addition to the renovation of 42 existing affordable state public housing units in townhouse buildings.

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get tested. Overall, Boston has nearly 30 active testing sites across the city, which can be found on the testing map.”

The Mayor urged everyone to get tested, especially if you have been out of the house, at a gathering, or have any concern at all about your exposure. He said there is no cost to get tested, it doesn’t hurt, and it is a quick process.

“It’s very important for both your personal health and our city’s progress,” he said.

The Mayor also said the city has a team of officials from across departments meeting and working together on enforcement measures for COVID restrictions. They include the Boston Public Health Commission, the Health and Human Services cabinet, Inspectional Services, the Parks Department, Neighborhood Services, and the Boston Police Department.

“We are discussing efforts to tighten enforcement on gathering limits, restrictions on unpermitted public events, and unsanctioned activities in parks,” said Walsh. “We are working to help restaurants follow restrictions on table size, distancing, and masks. We will be conducting spot checks and visits with businesses to ensure regulations are being followed. And we will continue our prevention efforts to remind everyone of the risks and guidelines.”

The Mayor said he understands the pressure that small businesses are under, and that the City wants to provide support to them.

“If you own or manage a restaurant, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our Small Business team at boston.gov/SmallBusiness,” said Walsh. “We have guidance and we still have funds available to help you implement the

steps you need to take.”

Wlash said the team is giving special attention to gatherings and house parties here in Eastie and across the city that are putting people at risk. One such party on Marion Street was recently broken up by police.

“We continue to get reports of house parties in neighborhoods,” said Walsh. “We are in conversation with elected officials who have expressed their concerns. We are tracking locations where parties continue to happen, and will be working through Inspectional Services to curtail these events. If you are concerned about a party, call 9-1-1.”

The Mayor spoke directly to people who have been going to parties. He said he understands the need to socialize, but right now, residents need to focus on activities that don’t cause the virus to spread.

“Roughly half of our new cases continue to be people under the age of 30 years old, and that is a trend happening nationally,” said Walsh. “A study was published recently on COVID hotspots around the U.S. It found that, a month before an area sees major activity, you see elevated rates in young adults. They are more active, many are taking fewer precautions, and the virus takes hold. Then, a month later, the virus is spreading throughout the community.”

Because of this behavior, the Mayor said older people are getting the virus, more people are in the hospital, and more people will die.

“If you are thinking about going to a party, don’t just think about the people at that party,” he said. “Think about all the people that everyone at that party has been in contact with, and will be in contact with. Think about

the person a month later who gets sick or loses their life, and their family can’t visit them. And think about our need as a city to prevent another surge and avoid shutting down. That’s what’s at stake when you go to a party. Not going is a small sacrifice you can make. This time will pass, we will have parties again, but, right now, it’s up to all of us to keep each other safe. So I thank everyone who is taking precautions, and I would appreciate everyone’s cooperation. We can’t do this without everyone’s help.”

Testing sites in East Boston

CVS Pharmacy drive-thru
1150 Saratoga Str., East Boston 02128
Contact CVS for hours

East Boston Community Health Center

Central Square Park - Border Street across from Liberty Plaza Shopping Center
Contact: pre-register by calling 617-568-4500
Hours: Wednesay. Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 22 - Friday Oct. 23, 1-5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

164 Orleans St., Boston, MA 02128
Contact: pre-register by calling (617) 569-5800
Hours: Drive Thru Testing: Monday-Friday 8-11:30 a.m.; Walk-Up Testing: Monday-Friday 1-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER OCT. 26

You are invited to join us for Evening Prayer (Vespers) Monday, October 26 at 7:00 pm. This ancient liturgy of light in the darkness is set to beautiful contemporary music.

We will stream on Facebook at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in English and Nuevo Amanecer in Spanish.

GSCA OCT. 26 MEETING AGENDA

The GSCA monthly meeting will be held ONLINE (and on phone) via ZOOM. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, at 6:30 PM. Registration is required. If you have not received an invitation to register or have difficulty registering or attending, please go to <https://govestreet.org/zoom>, send an email to secretary@govestreet.org or contact (781) 951-4111.

Though the agenda is subject to change, we plan to discuss the following items:

- Attendance Roll Call
- Welcome and Announcements
- Boston Police updates - Captain McCormick
- Office of Neighborhood Services updates - Lina Tramelli
- Neighborhood updates - Nat Taylor
- Project Presentations
- 1 168 Gove Street – Change occupancy from 4 to 8 units, add vertical addition and roof deck – complete renovation of existing building – Richard Lynds

NEWS IN BRIEF

• A status report regarding the Davis Companies/EBNHC proposed construction projects along Bremen and Orleans Streets.

JPNA P&Z OCT. 21 MEETING AGENDA

The JPNA P&Z Meeting will be held ONLINE via ZOOM. The registration link is provided in the meeting notice below. If you have any difficulty registering or attending, please contact us at board@jeffriespoint.org.

The JPNA will be recording these meetings and may post the recordings online.

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AGENDA (subject to change)

• 51 Jeffries, 1st Presentation: Extend living space into the basement and add a roof deck. . Developer: Claudia Sierra

• 44 Cottage Street - 2nd Presentation: Raze Existing structures and erect a four-unit residential dwelling with roof-deck and parking for four vehicles. Developer: Richard Crespo; Represented By: Richard C. Lynds

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Annual Kitty Connection silent auction goes online

Kitty Connection, an all-volunteer non-profit dedicated to rescuing and finding safe, loving homes for local cats and dogs, will hold its fourth annual Silent Auction online this year due to health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic. The online event will run from 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 through 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at www.mymini-auction.com/kittyconnection.

“Last year’s event was a great success,” said Kitty Connection President Marie Mazzeo. “With funds raised, we were able to care for animals in need and help them find their new forever homes. Unfortunately, the number of homeless, abandoned, abused and unwanted pets in our community remains a challenge. We’re hopeful our online auction this year will go a long way toward helping to meet these needs.”

Kitty Connection volunteers rescue 450 to 500 cats and several dogs each year. The organization provides critical high-cost medical care, including surgeries, for 30 to 50 cats annually, as well as funds for low-cost medical care

to 30 to 50 adopters following adoption of their pets. Volunteers provide foster homes for animals until they are adopted, and Kitty Connection ensures that pets are spayed/neutered, tested for common illnesses, and vaccinated prior to adoption.

In addition, Kitty Connection runs a low-cost spay/neuter program for pet owners in need and provides education and outreach in the community about the importance of responsible pet ownership. The organization anticipates restarting its feral cat trap/neuter/return program when it’s safe for volunteers, after the pandemic has subsided.

Kitty Connection will share auction guidelines and policies on the auction website the week before the Nov. 12 – 15 online event. Items up for bid will be listed at the auction start time.

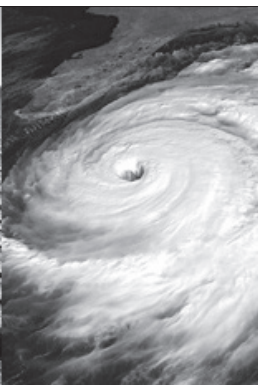


Kitty Connection is still accepting donations for the silent auction. To donate, or for any questions, please email kcsilentauction@gmail.com. To learn more about Kitty Connection and pets available for adoption, visit: www.kitty-connection.net

Let’s get it Together - Together!

Save the Date for the East Boston Resiliency Assembly

Saturday, November 14 - 9:30 am -12:30 pm

Please save the date for the East Boston Resiliency Assembly, a virtual (ZOOM) meeting that will bring together City health and emergency management leaders, first responders, non-profits, civic associations, LatinX groups, and residents to think about “Blue Sky” actions we can take to prepare for emergencies and disasters before they occur and “Dark Sky” actions we can take once disasters strike.



The potential future effects of global climate change include more frequent wildfires, longer periods of drought in some regions and an increase in the number, duration and intensity of tropical storms. Credit: Left - Mellimage/Shutterstock.com, center - Montree Hanlue/Shutterstock.com.

From the NASA Global Climate Change webpage (<https://climate.nasa.gov/effects/>), “change will continue this century and beyond, temperatures will continue to rise, More winter and spring precipitation is projected for the northern United States.....Projections of future climate over the U.S. suggest that the recent trend towards increased heavy precipitation events will continue. Droughtsand heat waves (periods of abnormally hot weather lasting days to weeks) everywhere are projected to become more intense, and cold waves less intense everywhere.”

In a recent survey we conducted of East Boston residents, over 80% reported that they expected to experience a major flooding event, snowstorm, or heat wave over the next five years, and yet fewer than 20% were sufficiently prepared. Similarly, over 80% of East Boston residents believe that climate change will hurt their

family or their community, but only about one-third think they have a role to play in any political process.

Preparedness for these major emergencies that range from natural hazards and extreme weather events to pandemics requires effort at the individual and household level as well as at the community and political level. The East Boston Resiliency Assembly will be the forum for us to think about the best opportunities for action to protect our community, and how to make them happen. Many local groups are already developing social networks to respond to COVID and emergency food relief efforts so we are already headed in the right direction.

Scheduled speakers at the Assembly include former FEMA Deputy Director Rich Serino, who began his emergency services career in East Boston, as well as top officials from Boston’s Office of Emergency Management and the Boston Public Health Commission, among others.

Please reach Phil Giffie at NOAH (pgiffie@noahcdc.org) for questions or more information about the Assembly and how you can participate.



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VOTING HAS BEGUN!

Thanks to the early voting laws, every registered voter in Massachusetts has the opportunity to cast their ballot for the upcoming Presidential election in the two weeks prior to Election Day itself, Tuesday, November 3.

Although the exact locations and times for early voting will vary in each municipality, the bottom line is that every city and town across the state will offer early voting through Friday, October 30, including this upcoming weekend.

Every voter should check their local clerk's web site for the locations and voting hours because they will vary in each city and town. However, every city and town will offer multiple opportunities to vote in person through October 30 without the hassles of long lines, bad weather, or inconvenient times, which are especially important considerations for all of us amidst the pandemic.

We would note that even if you requested and received a ballot in the mail, you still can vote early in-person if you feel uncomfortable about dropping your ballot in a mailbox.

In short: There is no excuse for failing to vote -- so do it!

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 24

With all of the excitement (for lack of a better word) being generated by the upcoming election, a record turnout of voters is being predicted both in Massachusetts and across the country.

Americans are voting early and in huge numbers that far exceed any previous election.

However, you can't participate in the fun if you aren't registered to vote.

The good news is that there still is time to do so and the deadline to register is this coming Friday, October 24.

So if you are not registered to vote, or unsure if you are, check with your local clerk's office. Don't be left out of what is the most consequential election of our lifetimes that will have ramifications for all of us for years to come.

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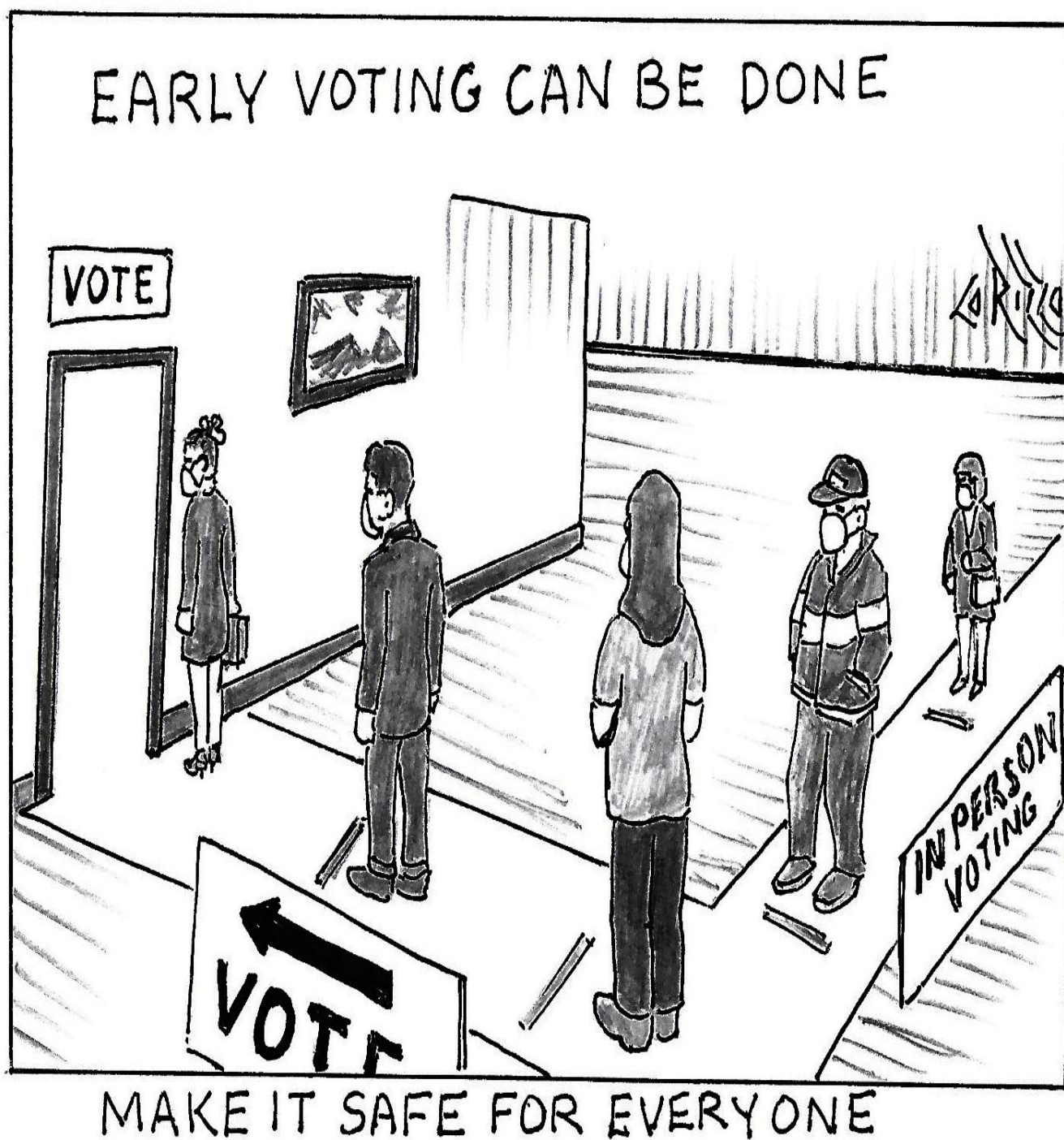
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Halloween is coming and Americans are scared

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Halloween is typically a relaxed day for America's kids to fill their coffers with candy. Children and adults often don their favorite wacky attire for a day of comic relief.

America needs a day of some kind of relief and maybe Halloween will provide some insanity or terror relief. Because nothing about Halloween is as scary as what America and the world has been experiencing.

We have buried over 220,000 Americans from Covid-19. Over eight million have been sick. Nursing homes and Intensive Care Units have become horror wards. The projections for more sickness and death scare most Americans. We are afraid to go to church, out to eat, and to the grocery store. The airplane, hotel and restaurant industries are in peril as many have already

closed or are on the verge of closing. Over 12 Million Americans are now unemployed and many in financial devastation because of Covid-19.

Congress continues to haggle over what and how much the government can further indebt our nation to keep us afloat for the present. With an approximate 28 trillion-dollar deficit and growing when will America file for bankruptcy? What will it take to keep Social Security and Medicare going? More taxes for a broader range of Americans and increased payroll taxes are on the near horizon, most Americans fear. It's more than a little scary.

On top of Covid-19, job loss, business failures and increasing poverty Americans are masked fatigued. Children are tired of being home from school. Adults miss the camaraderie and social dynamics of their workmates. Working at

home first felt good and welcomed but has become old for many Americans. The thought of this going on for another six months or even a year or longer is more than scary - it's terrifying.

On top of all this we have a major election in front of us. Americans are terrified about the election. We are frightened about who will be elected. Trump being reelected terrifies millions while millions are terrified Joe Biden will be elected. We are horrified of what may come as the result of this election and what either of the candidates may bring to America the next four years.

We are further scared by each other. The hostility of Americans toward people with different views is out of hand. Hurting people, cursing people, destroying property are not hallmark qualities of a civilized society. We

have sadly stopped being civil in America. Rude and crude are no longer shy in this nation. Pushing, shoving and outright fighting with people is becoming too normal. This is not what the average American wants and is disdained by most of us. Let's face it, people who act this way scare most Americans.

It's Halloween time in America and there is plenty of fright to go around. The best treat we can give our country is treating each other the way we would like to be treated.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

LETTER to the Editor

REMEMBER THIS WHEN YOU VOTE

Dear Editor:

During the Obama Administration the price of regular gasoline was \$4.00 per gallon, plus surpluses were added to deliveries of goods by trucks, vans,

et. al. Surpluses were added to air flights and cruises. The fishing industry barely survived. All this because or mainly of regulations imposed by Climate Change Zealots!

Today the price of regular gas is \$2.00 per gallon

under the Trump Administration and no surpluses! Savings in the past 47 months has been in the thousands of dollars! Every American home has one or more cars. The savings have been better than a tax cut or bonus!!! All

this due to de-regulation of Climate Change Zealots.

Remember in November!

Peter A. Gravallese
A 96-year old Democrat and Veteran

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Eastie’s COVID-19 positive test-rate decreases again as infection rate climbs only 2.6 percent

By John Lynds

East Boston’s COVID-19 positive test rate decreased for a second week in a row and the infection rate rose by only 2.6 percent, but health experts warn these numbers could increase dramatically as Boston and surrounding communities are

experiencing spikes in the virus.

According to the data released by the Boston Public Health Commission Friday, Eastie’s COVID infection rate rose only 2.6 percent and went from 525 cases per 10,000 residents to 538.7 cases per 10,000 residents. The last increase two weeks ago

was 1.8 percent. The city-wide average is 271.5 cases per 10,000 residents, and Eastie still has one of the highest infection rates in all of Boston.

Eastie experienced an all-time high with an 11.8 percent positive test rate back in August, but efforts by the city and health officials brought that number

down to 5.1 percent.

However, a month ago the positive test-rate number climbed to 6.1 percent and, three weeks ago, jumped 44 percent to 8.8. The positive infection rate reported last week was at 5.4 percent.

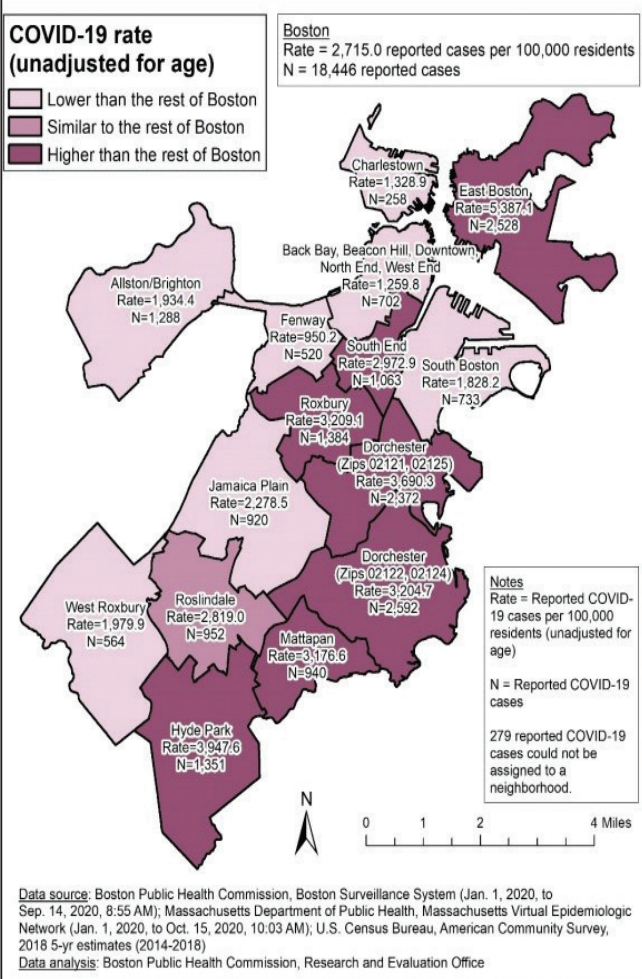
As of Friday 64 more residents became infected with the virus in Eastie, and there were 2,528 confirmed COVID-19 cases, up from the 2,464 reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Of the 19,021 Eastie residents tested for COVID last week 5.4 percent were found to be positive for the virus, a decrease of 17 percent from the numbers reported two weeks ago. The citywide positive test rate climbed from 4.1 percent to 4.5 percent over the course of last week.

Overall since the pandemic began 13.7 percent of residents here have been found to be positive.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 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 by 5 percent last week from 17,937 cases to 18,834 confirmed cases. So far 16,110 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and 8 additional



Next-phase Nantucket Lightship restoration underway

By John Lynds

Since 2009, Eastie has played host to a national treasure. The giant red lightship docked on Marginal Street at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina was declared a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1989. Since then, there has been a push locally to restore the historic Nantucket Lightship, also known as Lightship No. 112, or simply LV-112.

Leader of the ship’s museum, the U.S. Lightship Museum (USLM), Robert Mannino, Jr. said the next phase to historically restore the Nantucket Lightship is well underway, jointly funded by grants from the City of Boston’s Community Preservation Act and a National Park Service “Save America’s Treasures” grant.

“LV-112’s dry-docking had been delayed, due to the backlog of commercial vessels waiting to be dry-docked at the Fitzgerald Shipyard in Boston Harbor, so the USLM has scheduled as much as possible of the restoration and maintenance work at LV-112’s homeport berth while the ship is in the water,” said Mannino. “However, the majority of the restoration work required is located at and below the waterline, which can only be accomplished while LV-112 is in dry-dock.”

Mannino said LV-112’s port and starboard pilot house doors, both badly corroded, were removed and taken to the Lightship Group’s offsite facility and dismantled to be fully restored.

“The corroded sections will be cut out and new steel sections will be cropped, welded and cosmetically finished. The



A crew from AMEX Industrial Services performs maintenance work, removing rusted areas with pneumatic needle scalers and preparing for paint coatings on LV-112’s steel exterior deck houses.

door latch mechanisms also will be restored,” he said.

Recently, the efforts to restore and preserve the Nantucket got a huge boost when it was awarded a Save America’s Treasures (SAT) grant from the National Park Service, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment of the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The USLM, the non-profit organization that has been overseeing the Nantucket’s restoration, received a \$487,500 grant to restore internal structural components and provide general maintenance critical to maintaining the integrity of the ship’s hull and ability to remain open to the general public for decades to come.

At the time of its NHL

designation the Nantucket was the last serving lightship and one of only two capable of moving under its own power.

The ship, which was docked in Oyster Bay, Staten Island at the time, and was purchased for \$1 by the USLM under the leadership of Mannino. The ship arrived in Eastie in October 2009.

The U.S. Lightship Museum’s primary mission is to restore and preserve the Nantucket Lightship as a National Historic Landmark, National Treasure, and operate the ship as a museum and floating educational center in Eastie that is open to the general public. In addition, the museum provides interactive educational programs for grade-school students and under-served youths in Boston, especially in the Eastie.

“The funds from grants directed towards LV-112’s



The historic Nantucket Lightship , also known as Lightship No. 112 or simply LV-112, is currently being restored.

restoration and preservation also benefits the community and local economy, as we will hire local contractors and purchase materials, equipment and services from regional vendors and suppliers,” said Mannino. “Moreover, the generosity of private and public donors helps maintain our nation’s important and unique historic sites, critical to preserving our country’s heritage for

everyone to learn from and enjoy. Learning from our past is so important in guiding us into the future.”

Last year, the USLM also was awarded \$575,000 from the City of Boston through a Community Preservation Act (CPA-Boston) grant. The CPA-Boston grant serves as the required matching funds for the SAT grant.

“The USLM is sincerely grateful to everyone

for their support and assistance that were so instrumental in helping us obtain these two transformational grants, directed to Nantucket LV-112’s restoration and preservation,” said Mannino. “To perform the necessary restoration and maintenance work, LV-112 will need to be hauled out of the water and dry-docked, for which preparations are currently underway.”

Greenway // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



This multi-site open house included four stations situated along the potential route from Orient Heights to Winthrop and gave participants the opportunity to talk to Greenway members, bike to Winthrop, and meet the project team.

VOTE EARLY BOSTON 2020

LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Registered Boston voters can vote at any early voting location in the City, including City Hall. Pick a time and place that is best for you.

Los votantes registrados en Boston pueden votar en cualquier centro de votación adelantada en la ciudad, incluyendo en la Alcaldía de Boston. Elija la hora y el lugar que sea más conveniente para usted.

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112 Paris Street, East Boston, MA 02128
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885 Washington Street, Chinatown, MA 02111
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Thelma Burns Building
575 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA 02121
Another Course to College Cafeteria
612 Metropolitan Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136
BCYF Roche Gymnasium
1716 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132
Dewitt Center
122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Fenway Park (Gate A)
4 Jersey Street, Fenway, MA 02215
Jackson Mann School Auditorium
500 Cambridge Street, Allston MA 02135

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20 12PM - 8PM
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112 Paris Street, East Boston, MA 02128
BCYF Tobin (Lower Level)
1481 Tremont Street, Roxbury, MA 02120

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James F. Condon School Cafeteria
200 D Street, South Boston, MA 02127
BCYF Perkins Gymnasium
155 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124
Mildred Avenue K-8 School Gymnasium

5 Mildred Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126
Saint Nectarios Greek Church Banquet Hall
39 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, MA 02131
Margarita Muñiz Academy Gymnasium
20 Child Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
BCYF Shelburne Gymnasium
2730 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119
The Salvation Army Kroc Center
650 Dudley Street, Dorchester, MA 02125
Boston Public Library - Central Branch (McKim Building)
700 Boylston Street, Back Bay, MA 02116
Honan Allston Branch Library (Community Room)
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55 Hallet Street, Dorchester, MA 02122
Boys and Girls Club Mattapan Teen Center
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If you miss the early voting period, you can still vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

Si decide no votar por adelantado, todavía puede ir a votar en persona el día de las elecciones, que es el martes, 3 de noviembre.

In order to vote early or on Election Day, you must register to vote by October 24. Check your voter status at boston.gov/election

Para poder votar por adelantado o el día de las elecciones, debe registrarse para votar antes del 24 de octubre. Consulte su estatus como votante en boston.gov/election

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh

a route to access businesses and amenities in places like Winthrop or Revere.

This summer there was a community survey completed by over 500 people, including Winthrop and East Boston residents of all ages, where 30 percent of the respondents were

youth.

Survey highlights included:

- 76% would use the greenway for walking; 50% would use it for recreational biking
- 55% would use the greenway just for recreation; 35% would use it

for both recreation and transportation

- 41% ranked separation from cars as the most-important feature desired
- 56% ranked existing parks, beaches, and nature trails as the most-desired connection

“This fall the project team will continue to build on this work to join community meetings to discuss the proposed Greenway extension to Winthrop and collect additional feedback,” said Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway coordinator Michelle Moon. “The Greenway extension to Winthrop will connect people for both recreation and transportation between the communities. There are several other Greenway Extensions to Revere and Chelsea that have also been identified as opportunities to build out a regional greenway network that connects people to local beaches as well as transit.”

Funding for this work is from the State 2019 budget for a Feasibility Study for a Greenway extension to the Belle Isle Marsh Trails and Boardwalks in Winthrop from the Orient Heights MBTA Blue Line station, which was led by Rep. Madaro and supported by Speaker Robert DeLeo and Sen. Joe Boncore.

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Baker celebrates annual STEM Week with virtual kickoff

Gov. Charlie Baker, STEM Advisory Council Co-Chair Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, MIT President L. Rafael Reif, educators, business leaders and state officials kicked off the Third Annual Massachusetts STEM Week. This week, throughout the Commonwealth, academic and employer partners will be engaging in virtual events, design challenges, speaker panels, lessons, and activities in an effort to encourage more young people to explore science, technology, engineering and math coursework and careers, and to “See Themselves in STEM.”

During a virtual kickoff event hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair, Gov. Baker signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 19-23 Massachusetts STEM Week. This year, the STEM Advisory Council has partnered with the Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership to highlight the importance of mentoring, supporting, and identifying with underrepresented youth, particularly girls and students of color, in STEM fields and careers.

Since taking office in 2015, strengthening STEM education in schools across the Commonwealth and deepening the STEM workforce pipeline has been a priority of the Baker-Polito Administration, and it remains committed to expanding opportunities and resources in and out of the classroom. Schools across the Commonwealth have strengthened career coaching and planning, and state education officials are working to help school districts develop and expand programs that give students rigorous college-level courses in STEM subjects through

early college and career pathway programs.

“Our administration is committed to providing students in every corner of the Commonwealth with every tool, resource and opportunity necessary for them to excel in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields of studies and careers,” said Gov. Baker. “I am proud to join Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council to kick off the third Massachusetts statewide STEM Week, and we are grateful to our partners in education and the workplace for their continued collaboration and support on behalf of our students.”

This year, the STEM Advisory Council coordinated with seven organizations across the state to offer options for STEM-focused Design Challenges. Each challenge includes professional development for teachers prior to STEM Week, and STEM-focused activities, curriculum, and engaging challenges during STEM Week that can be accessed virtually, in-person, or through a hybrid model. Design Challenge partners include: Kids In Tech, Museum of Science, Gale Force Education, Fit-Money, MIND Research Institute and STMath, WPI STEM Education Center, the Wade Institute for Science Education, the Lloyd Center for the Environment and the National Marine Life Center.

“Since the Baker-Polito Administration launched STEM Week two years ago, learners of all ages, in every region of the Commonwealth, have participated in engaging, inclusive, and fun learning experiences to spark a passion in STEM education,” said Secretary of Education James Peyser. “Despite the challenges this year brings, the STEM Council, educa-

tors, and employers across the state are committed to sustaining this momentum and look forward to engaging all learners during STEM Week and beyond.”



“At MIT, we are energized by scientific discovery, passionate about seeking solutions to the hardest problems, and dedicated to making STEM education accessible to learners of all backgrounds,” said MIT President L. Rafael Reif. “It is especially important that young people—tomorrow’s leaders—understand the new technologies that will shape our future. MIT is proud to host the kickoff of the third annual, and first virtual, Massachusetts STEM Week. We are grateful to Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council for their leadership in making STEM education and employment top priorities for the Commonwealth.”

“Getting kids hooked on science is all about creating fun, hands-on experiences where they can explore these topics in the real world alongside scientists and mentors,” said Jeffrey Leiden, M.D., Ph.D., Executive Chairman of Vertex. “Those experiences might look different during a pandemic, but as leaders and educators, we have an opportunity to innovate in how we deliver them to students. At Vertex, we created an all-virtual summer internship experience for our Boston Public School partners, and we’ll continue to work with the community to ensure students – particularly women and those who are underrepresented in STEM – have the opportunities they need to succeed.”

To find out more about STEM Week events, visit the Mass STEM Week website at <https://www.massstemweek.org/>.

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Fall Commuter Rail schedule changes take effect Nov. 2

The MBTA is reminding customers of upcoming schedule changes coming to the Commuter Rail network this fall effective Monday, Nov. 2. These updates are being made in response to changing ridership patterns on the Commuter Rail as a result of the pandemic. Upcoming Commuter Rail schedules are available at mbta.com.

The goal of these schedule changes is to accommodate traditional ridership while also adapting service where commutes have changed (to accommodate new staggered work start times, for example) and where the Commuter Rail may become a new option for some customers. These schedules aim to level out service consistently over the course of the day and

eliminate gaps in mid-day service, providing more options to riders that promote social distancing.

More Information on Fall Changes Effective Nov. 2:

- Full schedules effective Nov. 2 are available at mbta.com. Train counts will increase on weekdays from 505 in fall 2019 to 544 in fall 2020, utilizing the same number of train sets and crews as October 2019. Thirty-two of the thirty-nine new trains (82 percent) will serve either Fairmount, Brockton, or Lynn:
- Lynn service: This fall, mid-day service will operate every thirty minutes (fall 2019 service ranged thirty to ninety minutes).
- Commuter Rail Fare Pilot Updates:
- The Lynn Zone 1A pilot remains in effect through Dec. 31. This pilot provides additional

travel options for North Shore customers, eases crowding on nearby bus routes, and allows the MBTA to collect ridership data related to the effects of temporary fare changes on relieving crowding.

- The Five-Day Flex Pass pilot will be extended to Dec. 31. The Five-Day Flex Pass on mTicket is a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a 30-day period.
- The Youth Pass is currently valid on all Commuter Rail Zones with this pilot extended to Dec. 31. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50 percent reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses and was previously only available on bus and subway.

Courts extend start-date for jury trials to Nov. 9

Trial Court Chief Justice Paula M. Carey has announced that the earliest potential start date for jury trials will be extended to Monday, Nov. 9.

The Supreme Judicial Court had authorized Phase 1 in the resumption of jury trials to begin no earlier than Oct. 23.

Courts have been working toward the gradual resumption of jury trials. Plans call for initially conducting a limited number of jury trials, with six-person juries, in a designated number of courthouses, per the report issued by the Jury Management Ad-

visory Committee.

The Office of Jury Commissioner is canceling jurors summoned for the weeks of Oct. 26 and Nov. 2.

“We continue to review building systems to minimize any risk to jurors, court users and court staff,” said Chief Justice Carey. “We are following CDC guidance in terms of occupancy levels and want to take a few more weeks to prepare. This is a complicated process, given the coordination required.”

Any trials scheduled prior to Nov. 9 will be rescheduled.

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# Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for September

The state’s September total unemployment rate is down 1.8 percentage points at 9.6 percent following a revision to the August rate at 11.4 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts added 36,900 jobs in September. This follows last month’s revised gain of 62,500 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 49,200 jobs as gains occurred in Education and Health Services; Leisure and Hospitality; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Other Services; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; Manufacturing; Construction; Financial Activities;

and Information. Government added jobs over the month.

From September 2019 to September 2020, BLS estimates Massachusetts lost 351,800 jobs. Losses occurred in each of the private sectors, with the largest percentage losses in Leisure and Hospitality; Other Services; Construction; and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

The September unemployment rate was 1.7 percentage points above the national rate of 7.9 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 240,900 from 3,548,600 in August, as 279,000 more residents were employed and 38,000 fewer residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 6.8 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 – increased to 66.9 percent. Compared to September 2019, the labor force participation rate is down by one percentage point.

September 2020 Employment Overview

•Education and Health Services gained 11,100 (+1.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Education and Health Services lost 52,700 (-6.5%) jobs.

•Leisure and Hospitality gained 10,800 (+4.7%) jobs over the month. Over

the year, Leisure and Hospitality lost 134,000 (-35.7%) jobs.

•Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 8,800 (+1.7%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 51,400 (-8.9%) jobs.

•Other Services gained 6,300 (+6.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Other Services are down 27,100 (-19.6%) jobs.

•Professional, Scientific and Business Services gained 5,400 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Professional, Scientific and Business Services lost 27,500 (-4.5%) jobs.

•Manufacturing added 2,000 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Manufacturing lost 10,500 (-4.3%) jobs.

•Financial Activities gained 2,000 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Financial Activities lost 3,600 (-1.6%) jobs.

•Construction added 2,000 (+1.4%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Construction has lost 19,300 (-11.8%) jobs.

•Information gained 800 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Information lost 2,200 (-2.4%) jobs.

•Government lost 12,300 (-2.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, Government lost 22,700 (-5.0%) jobs.

Labor Force Overview  
The September estimates show 3,424,200 Massachusetts residents were employed and 365,400 were unemployed, for a total labor

force of 3,789,600. The unemployment rate at 9.6 percent was down by 1.8 percentage points from the revised August estimate of 11.4 percent. The September labor force increased by 240,900 from 3,548,600 in August, as 279,000 more residents were employed and 38,000 fewer residents were unemployed over the month. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was up 4.1 percentage points over the month at 66.9 percent. Over the year, the labor force was down 40,200 from the 3,829,800 September 2019 estimate, with 298,200 fewer residents employed and 258,000 more residents unemployed.

## New England Governors call for modernization of regional wholesale electricity system

Recognizing the critical role that New England’s regional wholesale electricity market plays in addressing climate change and cost-effectively reducing economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions, Gov. Charlie Baker and Governors from four Northeast states last week issued a statement calling for reforms needed to achieve their states’ respective goals for clean, affordable, and reliable electricity.

“To meet to our Administration’s goal of net zero emissions in Massachusetts by 2050, the Commonwealth needs a regional electricity system that can support the delivery of clean, affordable, and reliable energy

to residents and businesses,” said Gov. Baker. “My administration looks forward to working with our partner states, ISO-New England and stakeholders to build a more transparent, modern and cost-effective power system that will allow New England states to meet our ambitious climate change and clean energy goals while creating a better future for our residents.”

The statement, signed by Gov. Baker, Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont, Maine Gov. Janet Mills, Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo, and Vermont Gov. Phil Scott, calls for reform of the regional electricity market design, transmission planning process, and the govern-

ance of the ISO-New England, the independent system operator for the New England power system. A Vision document outlining specific areas for reform will be released later this week through the New England States Committee on Electricity (NESCOE), a non-profit entity that represents the collective perspective of the New England states in regional electricity matters.

In the coming months, the states will convene open and accessible forums to ensure that all interested stakeholders have an opportunity to participate in further refinement of the principles of the shared Vision.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU20P1589EA  
Estate of: Adela Sommer  
Date of Death 12/26/2014  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Doris Sommer of Newton, MA and David Frenkel of New York, NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Doris Sommer of Newton, MA and David Frenkel of New York, NY be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so,

you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/19/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 13, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 10/21/20 EB

### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU20P1692GD  
In the matter of: Kevin F. Salazar RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person  
Of: East Boston, MA  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed Luz Barrera of East Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Kevin F. Salazar is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Luz Barrera of East Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for

certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/29/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 15, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 10/21/20 EB

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## OBITUARIES

### Eleanor Caruso

Lifelong resident of East Boston

Eleanor M. Caruso, 90, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away on Thursday, October 1 at her daughter's home in Salem, NH.

Mrs. Caruso was the beloved wife of the late Ernest, loving mother of Patricia Swan and her husband, Ed of Salem, NH and Janet Bright and her husband, Dan of Shapleigh, ME; adored grandma to Danny Bright and his wife, Claudette, Laurie Guange and her husband, Anthony and Michelle Swan and her companion, Jason Morin; special great grandma to Brea and William Bright and Anthony Guange and loving sister of MaryLou Cogliano of East Boston.

Funeral arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Boles Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. En-



tombment was at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum, Malden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack Street, Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. To leave an online condolence, please visit Eleanor's tribute page at [www.dewhirstbolesfuneral.com](http://www.dewhirstbolesfuneral.com).

### Lena DeVita

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Lena "Pasqualina" (Carpiniello) DeVita of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on October 17.

The beloved daughter of Antonio and Maria (Fasano) Carpiniello, she was the loving wife of the late Carmelo DeVita, adored mother of Guy DeVita of Revere, Anthony DeVita and his wife, Linda of East Boston, Robert DeVita of Las Vegas and the late Paul DeVita; dear sister of Pasquale Carpiniello and his wife, Petrina of Middleton and formerly of Revere, the late Filomena Serraino and her husband, Antonio and the late Lucrezia Agosto and husband, Nicole.

She is also survived by loving nieces and nephews.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. Parking at-



tendants at front door. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated after visitation at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 350 Revere St., Revere. Services will conclude with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lena's memory may be made to St. Jude Society, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences and/or directions, please visit: [www.watermanboston.com](http://www.watermanboston.com).

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### Michael Lucente, Sr.

His Italian traditions were passed on to his family who will continue his legacy

Michael Lucente, Sr. passed away on October 15 at the age of 90.

Born in Acerenza, Italy on November 13, 1929 to the late Canio and Antonia (Miglionico), he was the beloved husband of 57 years of the late Rita (Napoleone), devoted father of Anthony Lucente of Wakefield, Gina (Lucente) Farrell and her husband, Stephen of Wakefield and Michael Lucente Jr. and his wife, Renee (La Voie) of Westford; cherished grandfather of Kaitlin (Farrell) Dolan and her husband, Michael of Wakefield, Kathleen Farrell of Wakefield, and Nicole, Marissa and Michael Lucente III, all of Westford and adored great grandfather of Madelyn Grace Dolan and the dear brother of the late Maria DeBonis. He is also survived by five loving nieces in the United States and many loving family members in Italy.

Michael (Mike) spent his early years in the beautiful town of Acerenza in Southern Italy. While growing up in Italy he was trained as a blacksmith. Following World War II, at the age of 18, he immigrated to the United States arriving at Ellis Island in 1948. After arriving in the US, he lived with his father in East Boston and met his beautiful wife, Rita during a visit to Revere Beach.

After marrying, Mike and Rita lived for several



years in East Boston before settling in a home in Revere built by Mike with the help of his friends. His blacksmith training as a youth led to his lifelong work as a lighting fixtures model maker. He loved gardening and making wine, was a talented cook, and loved working with his hands. Mike was deeply rooted in Italian traditions which he has passed on to his family who will continue his legacy.

Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere, Ma 02151. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations may be made in Michael's name to the Italian Home for Children, Attn: Development, 1125 Centre St, Boston, MA 02130 or at [italianhome.org](http://italianhome.org). For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

### Stephen McMillan Sr.

Of Revere

Stephen McMillan, Sr., of Revere, passed away on Tuesday, October 13.

He was the beloved husband of Patricia Ann Mulligan, devoted father of Alice Hall and Robert of Dracut, Angela Murphy and Donald Connors of Manchester, Stephen Jr. and Shawna of Randolph, Jennifer Mulligan of Revere and the late Andrea McMillan; dear brother of Phyllis LeBaron of Ohio, Thomas McMillan

of Revere, Charles McMillan of Ohio, Robert McMillan of Boston and the late Daniel and Richard McMillan. He was the cherished grandfather of 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston. For more information, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### John Pastore, Sr.

A proud veteran



John Pastore, Sr. will be remembered by friends and family for

his welcoming presence, good humor and sincere heart

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 20 at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett for John C. Pastore, Sr. Affectionately, known by family and friends as "Chuck," he passed on Friday, October 16 at his Revere residence, following a long illness.

Born, educated and raised in East Boston, he was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1959. For many years, John "Chuck" "CHURCH" and his beloved wife, Judith A. (Longo) Pastore, were devotees of the Immaculate Conception Parish Community of Revere, serving on several committees and were members of the "counting" team at I.C.C. for over 20 years.

John also known to many as "Chuck" will be remembered as a wonderful and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, uncle, proud veteran and man of great Catholic faith. He always put his immediate and extended family as his first priority. He had the gift to say "just the right thing" when you needed it most.

John grew up in the West End of Boston where his love story started with his girlfriend, Judy who became his devoted wife of 57 years. The West End community was a tight knit group of caring people who maintained deep and lasting lifetime friendships. John loved to attend West End events. John shared endless West End stories which would have anyone laughing for hours.

John was very proud of his service in the US Army and his missile work. He had many entertaining stories of his Army experiences while stationed in New Mexico. Those experiences and friendships shaped him in the most positive way for the rest of his life. He was a proud veteran!

John spent over 25 years with Northeast "Yellowbird" and Delta Airlines Air Freight in



many roles. He worked with many clients globally and enjoyed his team. His work provided him with many opportunities to travel to locations like Disney, Bermuda and Las Vegas including a cameo appearance in "Honey-moon in Vegas" in 1994. The "Delta Gang" was a group of lifelong friends that regularly got together to reminisce at the Hilltop and Kowloon. John spent endless hours of planning so that the gang would be together.

Chuck will be remembered by his friends and family for his welcoming presence, good humor and sincere heart. Saint Mother Teresa's quote says it best about Chuck, "Spread love everywhere you go Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

He was the beloved husband of 57 years to Judith A. (Longo) Pastore, cherished father of Lucy McCarthy and her husband, David of Lynnfield and John C. Pastore, Jr. and his wife, Karla of Wellesley; proud grandfather to Madelyn E. McCarthy and Liam V. McCarthy, both of Lynnfield and Cole D. Pastore and Chloe A. Pastore, both of Wellesley; dear brother of Florence Marcotullio and her late husband, Robert of Peabody, Patricia Marshall and her husband, Merrill of Bridgewater and the late Angela Griffin. He is also lovingly survived by several nephews.

Remembrances may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioand-smith.com](http://www.vertuccioand-smith.com). The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals is honored to have assisted the family with the completion of funeral arrangements.

### Mary Russo

Lifelong East Boston resident

Mary G. (DeCosta) Russo, a life-long resident of East Boston, passed away on October 13.

Mary and her late husband, Frank were employed in the hotel industry for more than 25 years which started at the Marriott Hotel in East Boston. Frank was a musician and Mary was a dancer. They both loved show business which is how they met and bonded over their passion for 58 years.

The loving daughter of the late Mary (Traverse) and Richard DeCosta and the beloved wife of the late Frank Russo Sr., she was the devoted mother of Cynthia M. Russo of Maine and the late Frank Russo Jr.; dear sister of the late Richard DeCosta Jr.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston and a Mass celebrating Mary's life



was celebrated at Saint Joseph-Saint Lazarus Church on Oct.19. Services concluded with Mary being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden with her beloved husband. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in Mary's name to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 15829 Arlington VA 22215, 800-342-2383. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

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Deanna, Grandma & Auntie*

## OBITUARIES

### Elaine Byrne

Passed in the company of her God  
and her caring family

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church on October 19 for Elaine (Karas) Byrne, 78, of Revere and East Boston who passed away on October 14 following a brief illness and in the company of her God and her caring family.

The beloved wife of the late James M. Byrne, she was the adoring mother to James M. Byrne, II and his wife, Melissa A. and cherished grandmother of James M. Byrne, III and Riley R. Byrne, all of Danvers; dear sister of Phyllis D'Antona and her late husband, Leo and Lucille Ciampa and her late husband, Louis, all of East Boston and the late James Karas; faithful sister-in-law to Barbara Bernis and her husband, Edward of Somerville and the late Pauline Marchant and Margaret Brady. She is also lovingly survived by many devoted nieces,



nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and cousins. Entombment was in Holy Cross Community Mausoleum (Chapel Hill Site), Malden. 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.vertuccioand-smith.com](http://www.vertuccioand-smith.com). Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

### Rina Martelli

Of East Boston

Rina (Perissinotto) Martelli of East Boston passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 14.

She was the loving daughter of the late Mario and Giuseppina (Mucelli) Perissinotto, beloved wife of the late Emanuele Martelli, devoted mother of Sebastian Martelli and his wife, Angela of Winthrop, Mario Martelli and his wife, Gail of East Boston, Franco Martelli and his wife, Helen of East Boston, Francesca Martelli Menditto and her husband, Ron Menditto of Revere; dear sister of the late Lisetta, Sirro, Gino, and Dino Perissinotto; cherished grandmother of Tiffany and Mario Martelli Jr., Netania and Rina Martelli, Fred, Lou, Darlene, Ange, and Celeste.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,



971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston. Services concluded with Rina being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Emanuele, at Saint Joseph Cemetery, Lynn. May they rest in peace. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Jonathan Nunez

Of East Boston, formerly of Everett

Jonathan C. Nunez of East Boston, formerly of Everett, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 17.

The loving son of Nancy (Holland) Nuñez of Saugus and Carlos Nuñez, he was the devoted husband of Filipe Dos Santos of East Boston, dear brother of Brian Nuñez of Saugus and is also survived by his loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family and friends will honor Jonathan's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston on Thursday, October 22 from 4 to 8 P.M. and again on Friday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, East Boston, for a Funeral



Mass celebrating his life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Jonathan being laid to rest at Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge. All services will be held in accordance with Phase-3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts phased reopening plan due to COVID-19. Face coverings are required to be worn and social distancing measures are encouraged. To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Marie Roucher

Devoted wife and mother

Marie C. (Coco) Roucher of Revere, formerly of East Boston, died on October 10 after a long illness.

The beloved wife of the late John A. Roucher, she was the loving mother of Jude Roucher and her husband, Josman Colon and John J. Roucher and his wife, Graciela and the daughter of the late Carmela (Sciuto) and Maria-Coco.

Marie worked for over 30 years at Lacy's Department Store in East Boston until her marriage. She was a full time devoted wife and mother until her death. Private Graveside Services were held at Woodlawn Cem-



etery, Everett. Donations in Marie's memory to Oceanview Kennel, 705 North Shore Road, Revere, MA 02151 would be appreciated. Please send messages of condolence to Marie's family on the funeral home Tribute Page - [MagrathFuneralHome.com](http://MagrathFuneralHome.com).

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### JENNINGS JOINS STAFF AT CPS

CHELSEA - Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) is proud to welcome Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, a talented leader to CPS, as the first ever Officer of Equity, Diversity and Excellence.

“I am excited to have Dr. Aaron Jennings join our team. Dr. Jennings is passionate about equity in excellence and has a proven track record of working with and lifting up youth of color. Our goal with this new position is to deepen the work of equity and excellence in all our schools,” said Supt. Almi Abeyta.

Dr. Jennings will be charged with ensuring that equity goals are incorporated throughout CPS operations and providing strategic and policy direction on equity issues.

“I am blessed to become a member of Chelsea’s community,” he said. “Being a part of a city where its institutions, leadership, and residents are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging seems only possible through dreaming. I look forward to learning from the community and leading with the community - so together, we can further make Chelsea a Beloved Community in our region.”

This position will report directly to Supt. Abeyta and is a Cabinet position. Chelsea Public Schools prioritizes an inclusive working environment and values the diverse backgrounds and characteristics of all people. As such, a goal of CPS is to diversify District staff - a diverse staff will better reflect the District’s diverse student population.

Jennings is described as an equity warrior and agent of change, who is committed to working at the nexus of education, community, and government. He has orchestrated beneficial cross-sector resources and partnerships for children and families through collaborative action, capacity building, and system-level change. After obtaining his Master of Social Work from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Jennings worked at DC Public Schools as a child

and parent advocate for families from Ward 8, his home ward. After an impactful tenure, he returned to the Brown School as the founding Manager of the Urban Education Initiatives. In St. Louis, Dr. Jennings led efforts to change the narrative and scale of impact for social work professionals engaged in urban education at the micro, mezzo, and macro-levels throughout the region. After many years of demonstrated impact, he returned to academia to pursue his Doctor of Education Leadership at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE).

At HGSE, Dr. Jennings enjoyed diverse learning and leading experiences. He advised and planned diversity, inclusion, and belonging programs with Harvard College and the Graduate School of Education administration and staff. During his ten-month doctoral residency, he was the Health and Human Services Doctoral Fellow at the City of Somerville Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Jennings also served as the Gordon M. Ambach Fellow for the Children’s Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Internationally, Dr. Jennings has traveled to Israel, India, and the Greater Antilles to study educational systems and to examine how social inequities influence education policies and impacts the lives of marginalized students. Dr. Jennings co-developed a work plan and provided best practice recommendations to support English Language Learners following new federal immigration policy changes for Eagle County Schools in Colorado. At the completion of his doctoral degree, he worked as a Vice President of Education and Impact for an EdTech startup that concentrated on ending chronic absenteeism and improving national attendance within the K-12 sector. Recently, Dr. Jennings co-led equity and anti-racist professional development for Grossmont Adult Education educators and staff.

As a proud graduate of the University of Virginia, Dr. Jennings studied religion and government, creating an unofficial social

justice focus that provided him a foundation for his mission in life - Connect, Serve, and Lead.

### LOOKING AT THE CITY THROUGH A LENS

CHELSEA - Chelsea photographer Darlene DeVita had long been working on the People of Chelsea project – a photo and text project that tells the story of regular people in Chelsea – before COVID-19 forever changed the city.

However, as that change was going on, she continued the project and came away with an amazing, if not historic, look at the city and its people in one of the most trying times in its long history.

She is showing the fruits of her work this week in a banner project at the library, and in the City Hall Gallery.

“The pandemic definitely turned it into something quite different – the People of Chelsea Pandemic Edition,” she said.

DeVita said she had been working on her latest installment on the series, which was funded by the Cultural Council in January. Once the pandemic hit, everything was in question. However after a few “camera walks” she began to find that life and people in Chelsea were now even more interesting.

“Early on, I took a walk around Chelsea with my camera,” she said. “I came to one corner and saw a mural that said, ‘Then and Now!’ I stopped and realized a month ago we were in the ‘Then’ and we were at that moment in a very new ‘Now.’ I realized this is an important time and I really decided to just get out there. I still think about that a lot – the new now.”

That new now has found itself in the form of a number of different photographs with back stories in English and Spanish. Those stories have been transformed into banners that adorn the fence along the Library, and in the City Hall Gallery.

DeVita said she continued shooting people in the pandemic until the end of March, when things just got too dangerous with

### COLLABORATIVE ANNOUNCES THEY WILL CONTINUE FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS FOR THREE YEARS



A volunteer unloads pallets of food from the new USDA program that will provide meat, dairy and eggs to those in the Collaborative distribution for the month of October. The Collaborative announced this week they will continue their food distributions – which started on a front porch and with personal vehicles in March – for another three years. Here, Collaborative Director Gladys Vega and Council President Roy Avellaneda in the emergency food pantry at the temporary location on Sixth Street. They will keep the food operations there until next year, then find a more permanent location in Chelsea. Vega said she doesn’t see the need in Chelsea ending any time soon.



COVID-19 at its surge. It was then that her project took another turn, that being to the food pantries and the Chelsea Collaborative.

That led to an even deeper dive into the people and the community – and what individuals were going through. DeVita met volunteers helping to distribute food, and she met and profiled Chelsea people who were in line to get food.

“I was comfortable with the photography, but getting the stories and text was new to me,” she said. “When I was there, I would ask people were comfortable telling me their stories. They were. I also found it was important and people wanted and needed to tell their stories. It’s important. The people in lines were there because they didn’t have their jobs anymore. They weren’t homeless people. They were trying to survive.”

Nathalie Pardo, who curates the City Hall Gallery, said the show was an inspiration, and one they are using to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month – as it tells the true stories of people in Chelsea.

“It’s worth noting that there is translation (into Spanish) of all the text and goes a long way in having an inclusive gallery at City Hall,” she said. “We usually do an Hispanic Heritage Month show, but this year it was nearly impossible to connect with artists. Chelsea inherently is an Hispanic community and by translating the text and putting in all these stories, it really is a story of that.”

The show will be up through November, and DeVita said she wants to continue on with the project.

“I really want to continue on, especially with the banners,” she said. “For the people of Chelsea,

there so much to be done and so many stories. I want to go back to the early days and focus on what makes Chelsea, Chelsea.”

### DEVANEY HIRED AS NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria hired the former state Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) Director Erin Devaney as the new chief of staff.

Devaney considered a very talented government, upper-level manager, and had steered the RMV in a good direction for a few years before having to resign in June 2019. Devaney once worked at City Hall some years ago with the mayor, and now will make a return as his top aide.

Devaney, who is an attorney, will serve as the

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Mayor’s Chief of Staff. She holds a JD from Suffolk University Law School and a BS in Political Science from the College of the Holy Cross. With more than 20 years in government service, Erin brings a wide-range of experience in upper level performance management, project administration, and strategic planning.

His former Chief of Staff, Kevin O’Donnell, is still working close to the mayor and, sources said, is heading up a human resources role as those in that department have been reallocated to critical positions outside of City Hall.

Devaney’s hiring brings in a seasoned manager of a statewide agency, and comes also with two other hires in the Communications Department – with the recent departure of Michelle Fenelon and reallocation of Tom Philbin. Hired for Communications were Michelle Doucette and Vanessa Alvarado.

“I am excited to welcome Erin, Michelle, and Vanessa to the City Administration. I am confident in their abilities and willingness to help further the mission of the City of Everett and my Administration,” said the mayor. “It has been my commitment to hire more bilingual employees. Michelle and Vanessa are a great start.”

All three of the new employees started work on Tuesday.

Doucette, MBA, will serve as the City’s Communication Specialist. She holds a Master’s in Business Administration, as well as a BS in Marketing and Public Relations both from Suffolk University. Doucette brings an extensive background in Communications, website development, and content creation. She will bring her extensive background in government communications to Everett’s team. Doucette is also fluent in Italian.

Alvarado will be serving as the City’s Public Information Officer. She is a recent graduate of Loyola University New Orleans where she received her BA in Mass Communication with a minor in Latin American studies. Alvarado brings a new perspective to the Communication’s team with an extensive background in journalism, graphic design, strategy, and branding. She is fluent in Spanish, and will further the City’s communications efforts with English and Spanish media outlets.

COUNCIL APPROVES BUDGET

EVERETT - In an in-person meeting that was difficult for the online public to decipher, the Everett City Council voted 7-2 to approve the General Operating City Budget for this fiscal year on Weds., Sept. 30.

The Council voted 7-2 in their City Budget meeting on Sept. 30 to approve the \$202,615,099 operating budget, which comes late due to COVID-19 concerns. City leaders had been using an month-by-month budget since July, but had to pass a permanent budget in October. Councilors Fred Capone and Gerly Adrien voted against the City Budget.

Those voting for the City Budget were Councilors John Hanlon, Jimmy Tri Le, Peter Napolitano,

Anthony DiPierro, Michael McLaughlin, Stephanie Martins, and Michael Marchese.

One of the hallmarks of the meeting was the desire of the public to participate, but the inability of anyone to hear what was being said or follow what was going on due to the Council being in-person, but the meetings online.

“I think you should fix the sound so constituents can be part of your process,” said one resident, whose name could not be heard completely.

Aside from one gentleman on Ferry Street who was upset by his neighbor keeping the grass too high, most of those that called in wanted to discuss the priorities of the budget – particularly calling for more investment in social services and less investment in the Police Department.

Several constituent – though it couldn’t entirely be heard well enough to quote – said the long lines at the Food Pantry demanded more investment in Social Services. Some of the others wanted that money for such services to be shifted from Police Department salaries to those humanitarian efforts.

One man named Edwin from Jefferson Avenue spoke for more than five minutes on the topic, but what he said could not be heard in total.

However, those requests and comments came too late as the Council had a thorough review of the City Budget – line by line – on a Saturday in September, a marathon session of many hours. By the time the hearing on Sept. 30 came around, the Council could not remove any line items. Even so, the Council is restricted by Charter from shifting any monies within the Budget – which comes to them from Mayor Carlo DeMaria. They can only make cuts, and cannot make additions. That is the case in most municipalities, including Boston. However, in Boston there is a move afoot to put a question on the 2021 City Ballot to change the charter in a way that allows their Council to make more changes to the City Budget. That could be duplicated in Everett, were it brought forward.

Councilor DiPierro sympathized with the many callers who expressed a desire to shift monies to social services, but explained the Council didn’t have that power.

“I certainly appreciate the many residents that called in to make their voices heard, but unfortunately we can’t change the line items and we can’t reallocate funds. I understand some might be frustrated, but all we can do is look at what’s given to us and cut it or not. If there are residents that want to get more involved in the budget process, I suggest they get in touch with the mayor’s office going forward. At this point, what is given to us is what it is, unless we cut it.”

With that, he called the question and the 7-2 vote transpired.

The second piece of the hearing was the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is vastly smaller than in a normal, non-COVID year. The \$18,453,000 CIP Budget was approved also by a 7-2 vote, with Councilors Adrien and Capone voting against.

The Water and Sewer Enterprise Budget of

\$20,922,321 – which is fully funded by ratepayers in the city – was approved by a vote of 8-1, with Councilor Adrien voting against.

The final vote came for the ECTV Budget of \$505,416, and it was the closest vote of the night at 6-3. Those voting against were Councilors Capone, Marchese and McLaughlin.

VETERANS SERVICES TO BE VIRTUAL

REVERE - Marc Silvestri, director of veterans services for the City of Revere, has announced plans for the observance of Veterans Day (Nov. 11) in the city, stating that the annual ceremony will be a virtual one due to the coronavirus.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day.

“We’ll be holding a Virtual Town Hall where some other veterans and I will be speaking about our experiences in military service,” said Silvestri. “I’m going to try and get as many eras covered as I can.”

Silvestri, a highly decorated United States Army veteran who received the Bronze Star in Valor medal, will ask his fellow veterans to talk about their experiences in service and “what it was like when they returned home.”

“This is an old Native American tradition,” related Silvestri. “When the warriors in the Indian tribe used to go to war, immediately upon their return, they would sit down with the whole village and share their stories. Instead of holding the burden of war upon themselves, it was spread across the tribe. That’s where the veterans town hall comes from.”

Silvestri said he spoke at a Veterans Day Town Hall on the North Shore a few years ago as a guest of Congressman Seth Moulton, who is also a decorated war veteran.

“It’s a tradition that I’d like to bring here and there’s no better year than now.”

Mayor Brian Arrigo will also deliver remarks at the ceremony. Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novelsky, Past Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Massachusetts, will also speak during the ceremony.

Novolsky, who co-chairs the Revere Veterans

Dinner Committee with Al Terminiello Jr. said the annual Veterans Day Dinner Dance at the Beachmont V.F.W. has been canceled due to the coronavirus. The event has been held annually for the past 16 years.

CONSERVATION COMM. APPROVES SEVERAL ITEMS

REVERE - The Revere Conservation Commission held its monthly meeting on Oct. 7 and approved several items on the agenda.

The major request brought before the commission was the petition by the Point of Pines Yacht Club (POPYC) to repair, and then place, approximately 15 of its docks on the nearby dune grass.

Jay Bolton, who spoke on behalf of the yacht club, noted that this is the same process as last year and that an additional four docks are to be placed next to the yacht club’s building. He noted that all of the vegetation recovered for the spring and summer and that this is now the dormant season for the grass.

Bolton said that the club is making the request because the neighbors near the club do not want to see the docks stacked too high during the winter months.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers said that the yacht club is both a good neighbor and has been helpful to the City of Revere. Powers noted the club has allowed its facilities to be used as a polling place and that the Revere police and fire rescue boats are docked at the club.

“I would like to see a meeting in the spring with the neighbors, the Conservation Commission, and members of the yacht club to see what can be done on matters like this,” Powers said.

“Let’s figure it all out then and keep everyone happy.” Conservation Commission chairperson Nick Moulaison said. “The best option is to let them do it and if the grass does not grow back, then they will have to pay to replace it. We should plan for a meeting in the spring.”

The motion was passed with a negative determination, which is a finding that the local conservation commission has decided that the proposed work is not subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) and there-

fore can proceed without additional approvals from the commission, and a proviso that the yacht club must restore the grass if it does not grow back.

In another matter, the commission approved the installation of a new, 12-inch drain and a four-foot catch basin on Alden Avenue at Rice Ave. The project is being overseen by CDM Smith of Boston. Adrien Fleury of CDM Smith told the commissioners that presently there are 28 private properties that are illegally connected to the existing pipe. He said that usage of the pipe must be discontinued because the overflow water is being discharged in violation of state and federal law. The new, 12-inch pipe will be connected to the city drain and excess water will be discharged properly.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers noted that this situation has existed for a number of years and in that time the basements in almost all of the homes were kept dry when there was danger of flooding, which was a major concern from present homeowners about the new project.

Fleury assured Powers that this new drain will be more than able to handle the water flow from private pumps when the need arises and will discharge the water pursuant to state and federal mandates.

The motion to issue the order was passed unanimously.

The commission gave the green light to Innovative Mosquito Control to start spraying the marshland along the North Shore Road Rear area in an effort to kill the non-indigenous phragmites that are overtaking the native plant life in the marsh. There are about four acres that will be sprayed.

The motion was passed unanimously with a negative determination.

Rick Salvo of Engineering Alliance appeared before the commission to seek permission to demolish and then rebuild a retaining wall 23 feet closer to the limit line of the marsh.

The location of the work is listed at 320 Charger Street. Salvo noted that most of the vegetation in the area is non-indigenous. After the work is completed, there will be 177 new, indigenous plantings that could be started as early as this fall, but definitely by spring. It is estimated that it will take 60 days for the project. The commissioners approved the request.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4. A major item on the agenda will be the hearing on the Amazon parking lot on American Legion Highway and the fate of the mature trees that are on the site.

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By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Fall is the perfect time to treat both you and your dog to a nice, long, saunter around favorite spots. A saunter is a leisurely stroll. Think about your usual dog walks. How many of them fit this description? How many of them have a hurried, get-your-business-done because I have a lot-to-do theme?

While none of us can take the time to saunter every day, we can make a date to do it occasionally. Communing with nature is good for the entire pack so think about destinations that will provide a bit of space and a dose of good old “Vitamin N” as in nature and time spent in natural settings.

Calming Places for Everyone

We all have places that excite us, calm us, or just make us smile. Dogs too! In Massachusetts, we’re fortunate to have natural settings for many tastes. Once you think of a place right for you, check its current open or closed status and dog rules.

For example, leash laws vary from town to town. If you decide to visit Revere Beach, that town requires your dog to be on a

leash no longer than eight feet. If Castle Island, the Charles River Esplanade, Belle Isle Reservation, or Emerald Necklace is your favorite nature spot, Boston’s leash length limit is ten feet.

For hill and scenic view lovers, there’s the Blue Hills Reservation. “Great Blue Hill reaches a height of 635 feet, the highest of the 22 hills in the Blue Hills chain. From the rocky summit visitors can see over the entire metropolitan area,” according to the state website.”

Some people prefer a wooded, freshwater spot. For those, the Middlesex Fells Reservation has the added advantage of having an off-leash dog area, Sheepfold Dog Park. Directions and rules for this spot are on the Sheepfold Dog Park Facebook page.

How to Saunter

If yours is a high energy dog, you might need to have a fast-paced walk to your saunter destination. Once you’ve both had your fill of aerobic exercise, let your dog do favorite doggie stuff, like sniffing, for a bit.

While Mr. Pup investigates the ground, you can take a moment to notice the fragrances in

the air. Take a sniff of a nearby flowering plant or pine tree. Draw in a deep breath of salt air if you’re by the sea.

Join your dog in watching and perhaps inching forward when a squirrel, chipmunk, or bird is spotted. Notice the movements, fur, or feathers of these critters.

Perhaps your favorite part of a saunter will be the opportunity to sit for a bit on a bench or log with your best friend beside you and simply enjoy this time you’re spending together in nature.

Protect Natural Settings

As nature lovers, we all have to do our part to protect the places we love and leave them in the same or better condition than we found them. With the carelessness of some people, it may be time to update Chief Seattle’s quotation, “Take only memories,



A stroll in the country or by the seashore could do wonders for you and your dog.

leave nothing but footprints.” We suggest you add “... and a bit of trash from the uncaring.” As long as you are strolling, bring a small bag and carry out your own trash and

a bit extra.

Finally, if we are to keep natural spaces open for recreation with our dogs, we have to protect that right by following the rules or becoming part of

changing them.

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New help to quit menthol tobacco products available

Smoking and vaping may put people at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, especially because they can weaken the immune system and damage the lungs. So, this is an especially good time for those who smoke or vape to try to quit.

In addition, as a result of a new law, menthol tobacco products have been removed from regular stores in Massachusetts. With menthol tobacco products unavailable and COVID-19 risks continuing, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has found

a new way to help people quit. The Massachusetts Smokers’ Helpline is now offering up to three gift cards totaling \$50 to people who use menthol tobacco products and the Helpline’s free coaching services. Residents can call the Helpline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) about the program and for free coaching and support 24 hours each day, seven days a week. They can also enroll online at [makesmokinghistory.org](https://makesmokinghistory.org).

Helping people who use menthol products quit is especially important because the tobacco industry

has strategically and successfully targeted Black, Latinx and LGBTQ+ people with menthol products. As a result of aggressive marketing practices and pressures related to discrimination and daily stressors, menthol tobacco use is high in these communities.

Massachusetts residents who use menthol tobacco products who speak with the Helpline’s supportive coaches can receive a \$10 gift card after completing the first coaching call, a \$15 gift card after the second and a \$25 gift card after the third coaching call.

In addition, up to 8 weeks of FREE nicotine patches, gum or lozenges are also available to residents who speak with a coach (with medical eligibility).

While supplies last, the offer of gift cards can motivate smokers and vapers to call the Helpline. For more information contact Edgar Duran Elmudesi at the Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership at 617-451-0049 x549or [eduran@hria.org](mailto:eduran@hria.org).

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