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COVID scare temporarily closes two Eastie restaurants

By John Lynds

With the continuing spike in COVID-19 cases in East Boston and a positive test rate hovering at 11 percent, two popular neighborhood restaurants a few blocks from one another have closed temporarily due to a COVID scare.

On Monday morning, The Quiet Few on Sumner Street announced that a patron had tested positive for the virus after dining at the bar over the weekend and the restaurant will close for a week.

"While no staff member has tested positive we decided we are not going to wait for the possibility of a positive result before we shut our doors," said The Quiet Few in a statement. "We are going to do it now in hopes of getting ahead of a worse case scenario. Best case, everyone is fine and comes back well rested from a week off."

A few hours later the Cunard Tavern on Orleans Street made the same announcement.

"This afternoon we learned that a guest who dined with us on Saturday, November 7, tested positive for Covid-19," said the Cunard in a statement. "We are therefore closing Cunard to contact trace

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Jeveli's Restaurant decided to close its doors for the winter.

Jeveli's will close for the winter

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on the local restaurant industry over the past eight months.

At the beginning, restaurants switched to a delivery or take out only model until their dining rooms could reopen. That process was slow going and over the summer the city allowed for outdoor seating before cautiously moving to indoor dining-albeit with limited seating and capacity.

With most restaurants already operating on tight margins, last week's announcement by Gov. Charlie Baker that restaurants in Eastie and across the state would have to

close at 9:30 p.m. was the last straw for restaurateurs like Eric Jeveli.

Jeveli, the longtime owner of Jeveli's Restaurant in Day Square, told the Boston Globe Monday that he plans to close the restaurant for the winter. The restaurant began its hiatus Tuesday.

It seems Eastie's oldest Italian Restaurant that opened nearly a century ago in 1924 has become the latest victim of the pandemic and fear many have over indoor dining. Jeveli's did not provide outdoor seating during the summer months—a move many restaurants did in

Eastie to stay above water.

Jeveli told the Globe this week that the newest restrictions will make it

nearly impossible to keep his restaurant afloat during the winter.

"We tried. There's not enough customers to stay open right now," Jeveli told the Globe Monday. "It's the whole COVID thing right now. I think everyone's paranoid to come out."

Jeveli's has historically catered to an older crowd during the day and a lively bar scene at the restaurant's Terminal J Lounge at night.

With senior citizens staying away due to fears of contracting COVID, a disease that is far more deadly to seniors, coupled with the inability to stay open past 9:30 p.m. for the

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Crime in Eastie

Car breaks continue to skew overall stats in the neighborhood

By John Lynds

In what will be the last Boston Police Department's crime statistics report before the end of the year, the recently released report shows larceny from motor vehicles, or car breaks, in East Boston continue to skew the overall crime stats in the neighborhood.

Part One Crimes, the

more serious crimes the Boston Police track, are up 25 percent overall in Eastie when comparing Jan. 1 2020 through Nov. 8 2020 with the same time period last year.

The main culprit continues to be larceny from motor vehicles, which are up 105 percent in the neighborhood.

By this time in 2019 there were only 92 reported car breaks but that number has increased to 189. It seems the number of motor vehicle larcenies, an opportunistic crime that only takes seconds to pull off, is up all over Boston. Citywide the number has gone from 2,332 in 2019 to 2,932 so far in 2020, a 25.7 percent increase.

"The Department obviously takes great pride in the fact that arrests were made in all three incidents, nevertheless, we would like to take this opportunity to remind community members to employ common sense preventative measures to protect items

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Madaro blasts proposed MBTA service cuts

By John Lynds

At Monday night's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) meeting, Daniel Mueller of the MBTA laid out the T's plan to cut service on the Blue Line, a move that was immediately publicly rebuked by Rep. Adrian Madaro.

Mueller told JPNA members at Monday's meeting that the T's 'Forging Ahead' plan would reduce weekday and Saturday service on the Blue Line by one hour. The

Blue Line would now run from 5 a.m. to midnight instead of 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. Sunday service will operate from 6 a.m. to midnight instead of 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

The T, explained Mueller, will also reduce peak frequency by 20 percent and reduce off-peak frequency by an additional 20 percent on the Blue Line, as well as the other MBTA rapid transit lines.

Mueller said the Blue

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Eastie's positive test rate up 23 percent

By John Lynds

Eastie experienced a 23 percent increase in COVID-19 positive test rates last week according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) and is once again above 10 percent.

Last Friday the BPHC reported that of the 21,584 Eastie residents tested for COVID last week 11.1 percent were found to be positive for the virus, a 23 percent decrease from the nine percent reported two Fridays ago. Overall since the pandemic began 13.5 percent of Eastie residents

here have been found to be positive.

The citywide positive test rate was down 8.9 percent and went from 7.8 percent of Boston residents testing positive for the virus to 7.1 percent last week.

Eastie's infection rate rose by 7.8 percent according to the data released by the BPHC last Friday. Eastie's COVID infection rate went from 579.8 cases per 10,000 residents to 625.4 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 317.8 cases per 10,000 residents and Eastie still has one of the highest infection rates

in all of Boston.

So far 2,935 Eastie residents have contracted the virus

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 increased 5.6 percent last week and went from 21,206 cases to 22,407 cases.

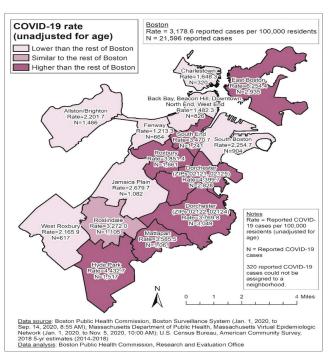
Thirteen more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 884 total deaths in the city

from COVID.

At his daily press briefing last week Mayor Martin Walsh reiterated that the citywide positive test rate fell to 7.1 percent for the week ending October 31, with both more tests taken and fewer positive results. He said that's a good sign, but the city and residents still have a lot of work to do.

"We are still averaging more than 120 new cases per day and, in neighborhood data, East Boston, Dorchester, and Mattapan remain at or above 10 percent positivity."

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



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of value when exiting their vehicles," said the statement. "As simple as it may sound, protecting your motor vehicle from a break-in starts with locking the doors and closing windows. Simple? Yes. And, highly effective."

In fact, simple steps can often spell the difference between your car being broken into and the would-be thief moving on to another, more desirable

"More than anything else, thieves look for the easy score," said the police. "So, don't make it easy. If you have items of value, be it a cell phone, charger, money or iPad,

take them with you when you exit your car. Because if a thief can see it, you can be sure he or she will do everything they can to steal it."

As for other Part One Crimes in Eastie there have been zero reported Homicides for 2020; Rape or Attempted Rape is down from nine to five; Robbery or Attempted Robbery is up from 47 to

54; Domestic Aggravated Assault is up from 40 to 47; Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault is up from 46 to 53; Commercial Burglaries are up from 21 to 27; Residential Burglaries are up by one from 46 to 47; other Larcenies are down from 162 to 158; and Auto Theft is up from 38 to 38.

So far this year there have been a total of 628 Part One Crimes, up from the 503 reported during the same time period in

Again, police are reminding residents that of the 125 additional reported Part One Crimes reported so far in 2020, 97 of those crimes have been traced back to motor vehicle larcenies.

As always, if you observe any unusual activity or observe a car theft or a break-in in progress, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1.

Environmental Leadership Scholarships available for local high school seniors

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards collegiate scholarships of up to \$20,000 to eight to 10 students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. As Henry David Thoreau Scholars, these select high school seniors may enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related

The Henry David Thoreau Scholarships are up to \$20,000 four-year scholarships awarded to eight students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. High school seniors awarded the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships can enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field. Henry David Thoreau Scholars are encouraged to enroll in internships or study abroad to broaden their awareness and understanding of environmental issues.

Henry David Thoreau Scholars have studied a wide variety of environmentally related areas, including biology, epidemiology, oceanography, international affairs and environmental law, and upon completing their undergraduate degrees, they became members of the Henry David Thoreau So-

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends, and providing networking opportunities. Upon graduation from college, Henry David Thoreau Scholars are inducted into the Henry David Thoreau Society. A sign of success of the Henry David Thoreau Foundation's mission to foster environmental leadership is the support past scholarship winners provide to present scholarship win-

To learn more about the Henry David Thoreau Foundation and the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships, visit thoreauscholar. org. An online application will be available on Oct. 15. Students have until Feb. 1, 2021, to apply.

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Line is operating at about 24 percent of its pre-COVID level.

"As a result of the decline in ridership that is similarly impacting transit agencies across the country, the MBTA is now only transporting 330,000 trips on an average weekday but is continuing to run the same high levels of service as it ran to serve 1.26 million daily trips prior to the pandemic, an unsustainable level of service delivery," he said.

Rep. Madaro said Tuesday that the proposed service cuts to the MBTA are very concerning.

"At a time during the COVID-19 pandemic when we are encouraging riders to distance on transit, less frequent service will result in more crowding, putting at risk the many frontline and essential workers who have no other option than to take the T," said Madaro. "Public transit is indispensable, and it will be critical to Massachusetts as we strive to recover from the economic impact of this global emergency. The MBTA needs stable. reliable funding. We cannot expect the T to rely on



about the T's plan to reduce service due to budget shortfall and decreased ridership.

ridership revenue during a global pandemic when ridership is down. Relying on ridership revenue creates a vicious cycle where falling ridership, and thus revenues, beget service cuts, which beget further falling ridership."

The plan, said Madaro, severely hampers the T's ability to serve essential workers and to be a driving force in Massachusetts' economic recovery from this pandemic.

"The Transportation Revenue Bill that the House passed in February would provide the MBTA with robust funding, and I will continue to advocate for this much-needed revenue," said Madaro. "I want to thank the many

tireless T employees and administrators who have worked hard to continue serving T communities during the COVID emergency, and who have done their best to keep the T operating with the funding and resources at their disposal. We must empower the T to continue to serve riders and workers across Greater Boston."

In addition to the JPNA meeting, the MBTA will be holding a number of public meetings to discuss proposed service cuts with communities and solicit feedback. The Boston meeting will be held online this Saturday, November 14, at 1pm. For details about this meeting and to register for it at www.mbta. com/events/2020-11-14/ forging-ahead-virtual-public-meeting-boston-and-milton-region-3.

"As always, I will continue to push for the most robust service possible for East Boston and our essential workers who rely on the Blue Line, the Bus, and the Silver Line during the pandemic,' said Madaro.

In a statement, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said, "COVID-19 has had a significant impact on ridership and the MBTA is releasing these proposed changes to adjust to the realities created by COVID-19, while protecting service for those who depend on it most. I want to reassure our riders that these service changes are not permanent, do not include any fare changes, and will not take effect immediately. We are carrying out a comprehensive outreach process and encourage all members of the public to provide comments and feedback, as we want to hear from riders to help us identify and protect the services that support transit-critical populations and communities."

late night bar crowd was

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the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

"Senior citizens they're not going out," he said, adding. "I have a few employees concerned about being so close to people all the time. I feel bad for my employees, most have been here forever. But it's COVID, COVID, COVID."

In 1924, Jeveli's grandfather Pasquale opened Jeveli's. At the time it only seated about 30 people but the restaurant was

In 1943, after Pasquale passed away, his son Armand took over the restaurant and after his death in 1957 Jeveli's father Ted became the owner of the family business.

It was under Ted that the restaurant began to expand with the addition of the "The Mediterranean Room" that added 120 seats to the restaurant. In 1982, Ted would build another dining room simply called the "New Room" which would add 75 more

seats to Jeveli's.

In 1987, Ted retired and Eric Jeveli took over day to day management of the restaurant.

Jeveli's most memorable achievement was when he had the honor and pleasure of personally cooking for President Clinton and over 70 of his staff in 1997.

After the President's visit, Jeveli transformed the "New Room" into the "Presidential Room."

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Since launching the city's "Get the Test Boston" campaign Walsh said the city saw an 8 percent increase in the number of people being tested last week. He said that continuing to increase the number of people getting tested will make a big difference, moving forward, in the city's ability to track and contain the virus. He thanked everyone who got tested for COVID-19 recently and encouraged others to do so.

"Our mobile testing sites are free and open to all, regardless of symptoms," said Walsh. "Since we launched them in May, our mobile testing teams

have administered nearly

and allow time for indi-

viduals to be tested. Cu-

nard will also be undergo-

ing an extensive sanitizing

of the entire restaurant.

At this moment no staff

members are experiencing

symptoms but as soon as

we have more informa-

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14,000 tests across Roxbury, Allston, South Boston, Mattapan, East Boston, and Dorchester. This week and next week, they are in East Boston at Central Square Park and in Mattapan at Jubilee Christian Church." In collaboration with

the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the free popup mobile testing site in Central Square will remain open through at least November 14. The hours there will be Tuesday-Friday 1:00 -5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Residents must call to pre-register at 617-568-4500.

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face covering whenever they are outside the house; keep washing hands frequently with soap and warm water and wiping down frequently used objects and surfaces; and keep maintaining six feet of distance from others while avoiding parties and

other gatherings. He also asked all Bostonians to familiarize themselves with the new state advisories that went into effect Friday. They include wearing a face covering at all times in public places; a Stay At Home Advisory for 10pm to 5am; and a closing time for in-person businesses of 9:30pm.

A web link and Details on how to participate remotely shall be provided on the organiza tion's website www.ebpierpac.org on or before November 15, 2020 at which time you may register to participate It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s) REGULAR MEETING a. Attendance 6:30b. Approval of Minutes October 20, 2020 6:35

c. Designation of Interim Treasurer (VOTE) 6:45 d. Treasurer's Report - 7:00 pm Old Business

e. Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion) 7:15 pm 1. Update on Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion) 7:20 pm

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the safety of the community, guests, staff and their families remains of the utmost importance. Two weeks ago Little

Asia in Orient Heights was forced to temporarily close due to a COVID scare but reopened Nov. 6 with temporary hours.

BPDA looking at transportation and mitigation efforts

By John Lynds

Anyone who has lived in this community prior to and after the removal of the Sumner Tunnel toll plaza and reconfiguration of the roads leading into the tunnel by MassDOT knows traffic has only gotten worse.

In his State of the City address back in January, Mayor Martin Walsh announced the creation of an East Boston Transportation Action Committee.

The Transportation Action Committee in Eastie will address the unique circumstances in the neighborhood. The committee includes local residents, advocates and stakeholders.

At Monday night's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) meeting Boston Planning and Development (BPDA) Nick Schmidt said the PLAN: East Boston initiative is now looking at ways to prioritize and implement transportation and traffic mitigation efforts in the neighborhood.

"One new thing to report is how we are thinking about is what is going to populate East Boston's transportation plan," said Schmidt Monday night. "Working with the Transportation Action Committee we are thinking about recommendations at three different tiers."

Schmidt said the first tier is looking at local streets and residential areas and enhancing or improving existing programs that align with Boston Transportation and Public Works plans. This, according to Schmidt may include repaving streets, extending sidewalks and curb ramps, painting better lines at crosswalks and two way streets and other nuts and bolts stuff that makes transportation for cars and pedestrians a little easier in the neighbor-

"Our focus now is to prioritize and then advance these projects for East Boston," said Schmidt.

The second tier would be focusing on Eastie's major squares like Maverick, Day and Orient Heights Squares and how traffic can be improved while at the same time enhancing traffic flow on major arteries like Bennington and Meridian Street.

"The third tier would focus on regional connectivity with an eye on bigger projects with a bigger picture on how to improve traffic," said Schmidt. "We would then start to establish a framework with support and help from our state colleagues." In November 2019,

Walsh announced a significant milestone reached on the implementation of the City's Go Boston 2030 transportation plan, with more than half of the 58 projects and policies identified in the plan currently underway. The comprehensive plan was unveiled in 2017, and is designed to provide, by the year 2030, a safe, reliable and equitable transportation system that also supports Boston's climate goals. In just two years, the Boston Transportation

ment and its partners have made significant progress on their planning goals, designed to increase safety, accessibility, equity and affordability in transportation for all residents. Twenty-one projects are already in implementation and another 17 are in de-

"Transportation is cru-

cial to ensuring our residents can get to their homes, their jobs and their schools, and my Administration will continue working hard to create the best transportation options for residents in Boston," said Walsh. "look forward to working with the East Boston community to make transportation better for all."

Important projects under consideration in Eastie include improving bus reliability on Meridian Street, designing Bennington Street to be safer and more bike friendly, and reimagining Day Square with additional public space.

In October the BPDA's PLAN: East Boston team released an interim report for the planning study, available on the BPDA website in English and Spanish (https://bpda.app. box.com/s/hgmqupurzxgjnuokzilvs7kk1894hwe1

The interim report follows two years of community meetings, workshops, neighborhood tours and other events that have engaged the Eastie community in the planning process to update the neighborhood's outdated Master Plan and zoning.

The BPDA's Director of Planning Lauren Shurtleff said the report measures the neighborhood as it exists today as a critical first step to adopting a new Master Plan for Eastie. Shurtleff said the document presents data and trends across six planning topics to establish various "baseline" conditions in the neighborhood. This, said Shurtleff, establishes important reference points for developing future PLAN: East Boston actions, including people, housing, climate and en-

vironment, transportation,

jobs, and urban form.

"These measurements establish important reference points for developing future plan actions, and eventually, measuring progress towards our goals," said Shurtleff. "The goals set out in this document are a reflection of our shared values and present an ambitious vision of the future of East Boston. Having established where we are today and where we would like to be in the future. our remaining task is to plan for how we get there from here. Future community engagement will focus on refining strategies and identifying specific actions needed to move towards our goals. All stages of the planning process rely on the robust participation of the East Boston community to be both meaningful and sustainable and we look forward to continuing the di-

Nonprofit Fresh Truck in Eastie two days a week

By John Lynds

Fresh Truck Program Coordinator Stephen James, who lived in Eagle Hill, was motivated to help families take on personal challenges with the philosophy of starting each day with proper food access to live a healthy lifestyle.

In Eastie and across Boston, James helps the Fresh Truck connect with volunteers, customers, and many partners in the community.

On Monday, James was at the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association's (JPNA) November meeting to discuss Fresh Truck, which is in Eastie two days a week, and promote it as another option for those facing food inse-

"We are a mobile market that is currently stocked with over 30 fruits and vegetables," said James. "We are another resource for families like local farmers markets and grocery stores and my goal here tonight is to share this information and even if you are not food insecure you may know someone in the commu-

nity that may be in need." James pointed out that food insecurity in Massachusetts has doubled from 8 percent to 16 percent due to the COVID-19 pandemic so the more food access options out there for families the better.

One program Fresh Truck participates in is the state's Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) for EBT/ SNAP clients.

James explained that the HIP program helps families or individuals buy more fruits and vegetables for their household through an incentive pro-



Fresh Truck Program Coordinator Stephen James.

Residents can use their SNAP benefits to buy fruits and vegetables from a HIP authorized farm or vendor like Fresh Truck and they will receive \$1 for each dollar spent on eligible fruits and vegetables, up to a monthly

"Any family or individual that has an EBT/SNAP card is already enrolled in the program," said James.

The Fresh Truck, James said, is in Maverick Square on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday's at the PJ Kennedy School from 2 to 4 p.m.

Fresh Truck was started by Josh Trautwein while he was working as a health educator at the MGH Charlestown Healthcare Center. He kept hearing from his families that it was difficult to shop for healthy food — at that time, the only grocery store in the neighborhood was shutting down for a year-long renovation. The health center had no way of solving for the fact that patients didn't have access to the food they needed to stay healthy. It was this experience that inspired Fresh Truck to rethink the traditional grocery store model, make it mobile and bring food closer to the people that need it the

In 2018, Fresh Truck expanded its efforts to address health disparities by developing Fresh Connect, a platform that makes it possible for health care providers to prescribe food as medi-



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Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as "the war to end all wars." It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 75 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. Today, we still have troops fighting -- and dying -- at various places around the world.

"Peace is at hand" has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 102 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation's appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation's founding has required the sacrifice of tens of millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.

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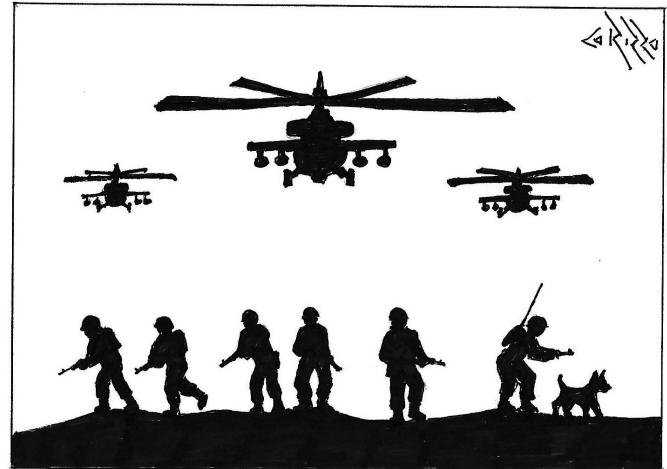
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GUEST OP-ED

Help your city by getting tested for COVID-19

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us in profound ways, and has impacted nearly every aspect of city life. Although we have made great progress since the spring in controlling the spread of the virus, Boston has been facing an increase in COVID-19 positive rates for the last few weeks. Currently, 7.1 percent of people who get tested are testing positive. Since anyone can be infected and spread the virus even if they don't show symptoms, testing is a key part of stopping the spread.

I recently announced a new campaign called "Get The Test, Boston," a pledge that encourages every Boston resident to make testing a regular part of their routine. It also encourages employers to let their employees know about testing resources available to them. The City of Boston is offering benefit-eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during their normal work hours. Several local businesses have also committed to signing the pledge, to ensure their employees know how and when to get tested for COVID-19.

I encourage everyone in our city to look at the testing resources we have worked so hard to make available, and seriously consider getting tested to protect themselves and their communities as we work to stop this increase in COVID-19 cases. Here are some reasons why you should get tested:

If you are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, like fever, cough, or shortness of breath

If you are at high risk for complications from COVID-19

If you have been in contact with someone who was infected with COVID-19

If you have traveled or

If you have traveled or have been in large gatherings
The City offers free

testing for residents with or without COVID-like symptoms through our mobile testing teams currently in East Boston's Central Square and at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan through Saturday, November 14. The teams change locations every couple of weeks to increase testing accessibility and availability, prioritizing neighborhoods that need dedicated testing efforts. For locations and hours of the more than 30 COVID-19 testing sites we have in the City, including these mobile sites, please visit boston.gov/ covid19-testing.

We are entering a criti-

cal time in this pandemic, and everyone who does their part will help save lives, and make a real difference. By following the safety guidelines, everyone can minimize the spread. In addition to getting tested, residents should continue to wear a face covering or mask, stay six feet apart from others, wash your hands often with soap and warm water, and avoid crowds

and gatherings.

Together, we will continue to keep our city and our communities safe.

Individuals and businesses that would like more information or to sign the pledge can visit boston.gov/testing-pledge. You can also share #GetTheTestBoston on social media to encourage your network to get tested.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

GUEST OP-ED

Democratic process must be protected by not succumbing to resentments based on differences in political views

By Cardinal Sean O'Malley

Today our country, one of the oldest democracies and most diverse societies in the world, should take pride in the success of the electoral process. We thank all the candidates who have participated in the elections and commend the historic voter turnout, a tribute to the citizens who voted in such striking numbers, in stark contrast to earlier elections. That encouraging sign has opened the way to begin a process of participation among all citizens however they voted. As Catholics we are committed to the common good, social justice and the Gospel of Life. Participation in the political process is a sacred duty. In a country facing the threefold challenge of addressing a global pandemic, repairing a fractured economy and renewing a national

commitment to the goals

of racial justice and equal-

ity, the broad participation

of citizens in the election

should be a foundation for rebuilding our unity as a people.

The President and those who will serve with him have both the opportunity and the challenge of rebuilding civic trust, of providing a sense of hope in a time of social crisis, and of calling us all to share our best talents and energies in a common task. Our prayers should be with all those called to lead the country.

The task we face is not

The task we face is not fully captured in the data; the numbers, charts and graphs, the task is also a spiritual challenge. As Pope Francis shared in the recent Encyclical Letter, Fratelli Tutti, we are called to promote 'friendship and an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere'. Each citizen, each person, across lines of color, ethnicity, of faith and philosophy, can and should be asked to place

solidarity over inequality,

compassion over revenge,

generosity over self-inter-

est.

An election is never only about who wins and who loses. It is always about a moment in time when a new beginning is possible. Such a beginning relies upon our best traditions and aspirations: belief in our common humanity and the unique dignity of each person in the land; beliefs which can bind us together, rich and poor, black and white, citizens and dreamers, women and men. We are now at a moment when a new beginning is not only possible but urgently necessary. The work at hand calls us to respect the opinions of others, to dialogue about differing perspectives, to seek reconciliation where there has been estrangement, to work for healing among the people of our country. I confidently believe that as a nation we can achieve these goals, to rise above our differences, to embrace our unity as brothers and sisters who

lives are a gift from God

and who share a mission

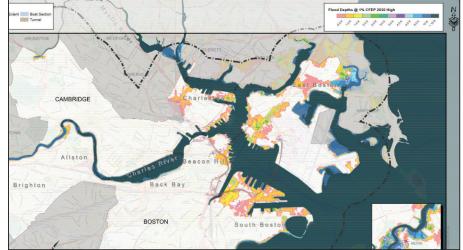
to build a just society. We must not succumb to resentments based in divergent political views and divisions that have emerged from the stress of recent months. The challenge is always to transform a crowd into a community, a people who share a commitment to building a civilization of love and a culture that can sustain democracy, freedom and respect for human rights. Let us remember the unity and charity we are called to at the celebration of the Eucharist and in the proclamation of the Scriptures. Let us witness to the ideals of the Gospel, striving to have a positive impact on our families, communities and the nation in these crucial days. Let us follow Jesus' call to love one another as He has loved us. Sean O'Malley is the

American cardinal of the Catholic Church serving as the Archbishop of Boston.

East Boston Resilience Assembly November 14, 2020 - 9:30-12:00

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

These have not been easy days for anyone, especially in East Boston and Chelsea, where COVID has been such a scourge. The virus has dominated our attention and claimed the lives of many of our neighbors. We have seen the toll it has exacted on our bodies and our spirits: jobs lost, rampant food insecurity, the inability to pay bills or for housing, children out of school, and small businesses closed. Coupled with the recently concluded national election, these twin perils have absorbed our attention and clutched our emotions like nothing else in memory. Our attentions have, of necessity, been diverted to these life-threatening and socially undermining challenges. This moment hurts and we can't even give each other a comforting and much-needed embrace!!



Nevertheless, life does go on. With a new administration in Washington, we can begin to piece together a more effective response to the virus and the economy, and to the ever-present threat of climate change. About this challenge, we can also work collectively to limit the danger. To that end, I am inviting you to an East Boston Resilience Assembly on Saturday, November 14th via Zoom. You can register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Az2Va_WJ43x2EKKHtkssqf_ljpQ0VhP-sQQBct5GLG6M/edit).

What does a Resilience Assembly mean? As you may know, NOAH has been hosting Climate Change events that began

with one at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center in Maverick Square right after SuperStorm Sandy in 2012. Our wonderfully diverse neighborhood is a peninsular landmass that makes East Boston and Chelsea particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise events such as hurricanes, which are increasing in regularity and intensity, which cause extreme flooding such as the two Bombogenesis floods in 2018. (We mention Extreme Temperature rise here as well since heat kills more than storms though storms cause more economic damage). Former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, will tell you he was surprised to find his home on Orient Heights damaged by a micro-storm four years ago. Who would have thought Orient Heights was subject to flooding?! The inevitable future storm surges will be worse than an intense thunderstorm so we need to prepare in order to be resilient - personally and as a community. We need to work together, now!

At the Resilience Assembly we will share several projections of the floods low-lying East Boston might experience with future storm surges, such as a 2018 Bombogenesis event as if it were to occur in 2030, under conditions of continuously increasing sea-level rise. Storm surges will slice through East Boston and create pockets of isolation throughout our neighborhood. We have also prepared a video to dramatize for you how Central Square, the tunnels, and Maverick Square will be impacted.

After our previous Climate events, residents have asked us, "What do I do in an emergency? Where does my family go? What happens to our schools and my ability to get to work? How will I get out of here? What should I take with me?" We know local agencies such as District 7 Police and our Health Center will respond, but few of us know what will actually happen in case of an emergency of this magnitude. A local activist, Chris Marchi, once noted that the escape route he found for East Boston led us up Bennington St. into Winthrop and Revere Beach — not exactly a safe harbor route driving into rising seas in one's face!

Since we did not have an answer to this important question, we decided to find out what residents knew of



Climate Change, were they prepared, and in the event of a storm, from whom did they receive trusted information? With a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), and in tandem with trained health and climate researchers from New York University (NYU), we conducted a neighborhood wide survey of nearly 300 persons last year. Our youth and Climate Delegates did a terrific job canvassing the community to administer this bi-lingual survey. Dr David Abramson and team from NYU have analyzed the data which we can share with you. In addition, the research team conducted a network survey in East Boston, which will also be shared with attendees.

The Assembly will:

- 1. Begin with remarks from authoritative comments from key agencies, including our highly regarded Neighborhood Health Center, the City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) and from Rich Serino (former Deputy Director of FEMA and former chief of Boston EMS). They have advice and experience in disaster preparedness we need to know.
- 2. We will have 'breakout rooms' in which people can discuss possible solutions to a real-life storm surge and what we can do in the weeks and months right after in order to recover. (There will be LatinX translators and Spanish-language breakout rooms as well).
- 3. We will conclude with discussions about how the community might coalesce around an organized Network of Resilience Leaders so that we can quickly and readily respond to an event. We note that our neighborhood has already spontaneously created generous, informal mini-networks in response to address food insecurity among the tens of thousands of families in need. From the Soup Kitchen, Project Bread, the Health Center, NUBE/Mutual Aid, Eastie Farms, The Chelsea Collaborative, The Food Project, Grace Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran, Main Streets, Maverick Landing, EB Social Centers, Salvation Army, Crossroads, United Way, NeighborWorks America and many other generous people, groups and corporations as well as our very active elected officials, Lydia, Adrian and Joe, very impressive indeed! We have a great neighborhood. (Please note, this is not intended to be NOAH network; it could be held at any institution which has the long-standing ability to notify multi-language peoples of all backgrounds together. However, to be pro-active, we will offer to help seed-fund such a project).

In conclusion, we hope you will share this notice with others and join us on Saturday morning. Maybe we can also share a virtual embrace of which so many of us are anxiously in need.

Reach Phil Giffee, pgiffee@noahcdc.org or 617.418.8240 with any questions, advice or comments.







The Veterans pictured on these pages have a special place in our community and deserve a special salute and thank you from the residents this Veterans Day!

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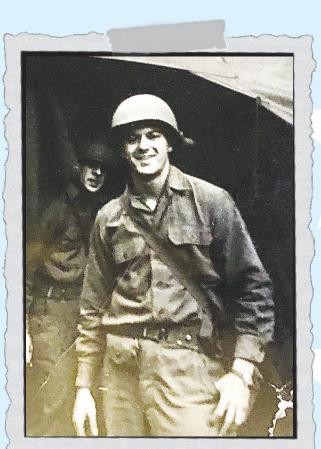
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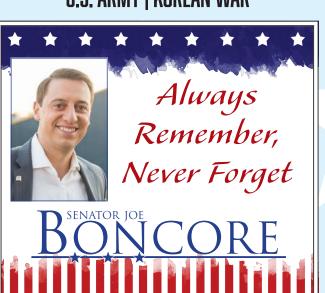
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REMEMBER TO THANK A VETERAN TODAY

New art exhibit comes to Clippership Wharf

By John Lynds

The art gallery at Clippership Wharf that opened last year unveiled its second exhibit over the week-

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The new exhibit, "Solace," that has been curated by Anna Salmeron and features contemporary works by local artists opened Saturday and the public can access the exhibit every first Saturday of the month from 12 to 4 p.m. through April 24, 2021.

The first art opening at ClipArt featured East Boston: Present Tense, curated by Marjorie Kaye that

was on view until January

ClipArt Gallery will highlight local artists in a rotating exhibition pro-

"East Boston has a proud history of being home to a thriving art community, and we are excited to continue that tradition at Clippership Wharf," said Nick Iselin, General Manager for Lendlease Development in Boston.

Clippership Wharf is also home to two public art installations, the result of both nationwide and local competitions. "Islands," designed by Volkan Alkanoglu, occupies a preeminent location on a newly created stretch of the East Boston Harborwalk and represents an interpretation of the five

former Boston Harbor islands that form today's East Boston. The brightly colored sculpture is fully interactive, inviting individuals to reorient and occupy the different shapes as they desire.

"Pillar" will reside in the courtyard at Clippership Wharf and was conceptualized by New American Public Art. The installation tells two very different stories, evoking both the massive Lepidodendron trees found in prehistoric East Boston and the great Eastern White Pine trees later used by the shipbuilding trades on the East Boston wharfs, including Clippership Wharf itself. Plaques describing each vision are at the site, inviting visitors to see which story resonates most with them.

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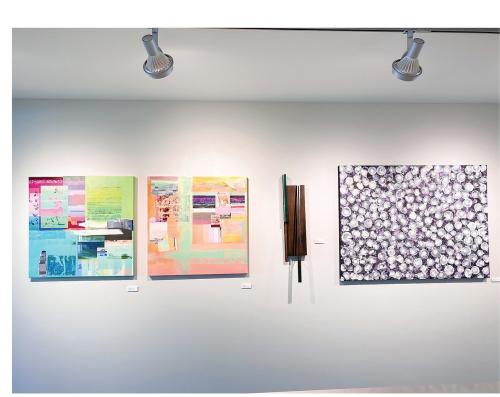
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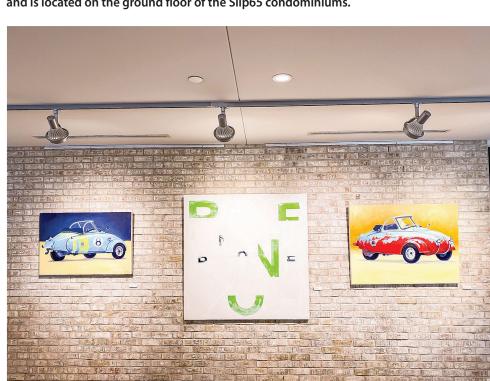
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own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two

of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.





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BUS AND BIKE LANE INSTALLED

CHELSEA - The new dedicated bus and bike lane is now fully installed on Broadway, and planners said the initial feedback has been good, while Chelsea Police continue to patrol the district and push the learning curve for drivers.

The new traffic pattern has squeezed down the driving lanes, ended persistent double parking, and brought an entirely new look to the downtown business district.

"We have started operations on the bus and bike lane two weeks ago now," said City Planner Alex Train. "We have most everything done on the project except for some typeface in the lane that needs to be finished in the next few days. We've put in new curbing, the red/ white pavement markings, sign installations, and other improvements. There's definitely going to be a period of learning for folks, or they will seek alternate routes to avoid Broadway. When we look at when Everett put in their lane and other cities too, there was a period of two to four weeks that driver behavior had to change and enforcement had to happen."

Train said Chief Brian Kyes and the Chelsea Police have been doing a great job getting the bus/ bike lane off the ground.

Kyes said they have been spending about 12 hours a day, seven days a week, on Broadway over the last two weeks to enforce the rules on the new bus/bike lane. He said the new lane will only be as good as the enforcement to teach people to use Broadway differently than in the past.

"The Police Department is trying to change driver behavior in and around the downtown and to help people get used to staying in one land," he said. "Broadway has never really been marked and the one land is very wide. That lent itself to problems. Now there is a much narrower lane and

that lends itself to a more expedient flow of traffic."

One key that Kyes said they are looking to really get known is there will be no more double parking on the bus/bike lane. That has been a problem for years, and Kyes said he will be glad to get rid of that habit.

"We have to eliminate the double parking, which to me has been a significant problem for years and years," he said. "Residents and stakeholders have been great. It will take some time to adjust, but we'll bring it out."

The Chief said he has been a strong proponent of a different configuration of Broadway for a long time. He supported two-way Broadway a few years ago, and while that didn't survive public discourse, he feels this is another good option to organize Broadway better.

As part of the new bus/bike lane downtown, Train said Northeastern University will be studying the air quality on the lane. They have already gathered readings for some time before the lane began operations. Now, they will continue to do so after operations have been in place for a while.

Funding for the bus/ bike lane project came from the MBTA and the MassDOT Shared Spaces grant program.

FIRST MARIJUANA STORE TO OPEN

CHELSEA - It seems like an eternity since marijuana was legalized in Massachusetts and people began talking about opening cannabis stores, but now Chelsea - one of the most welcoming communities to the new cannabis industry - saw its first adult-use store open on Nov. 10, yet it's more than the routine story of a "pot

Western Front held a short ribbon cutting ceremony on Webster Avenue in the Parkway Plaza, and then become the first marijuana business to open in Chelsea – a highly-competitive municipality for the new industry due to the City's early willingness to help and create clear ground rules for those seeking licenses. Western Front is an equity licensee, meaning they are minority-owned and focused in an Area of Disproportionate Impact (ADI) – meaning a place where the war on drugs hit harder than in other places. Chelsea is one of 29 ADI communities.

The 3,000 sq. ft. store offers all kinds of cannabis products, including gummies, flower/buds, tinctures, edibles and oils - to name a few - in an extremely highly-regulated and safe environment. A full new buildout of the store was massive, with it being a vacant building for a long time before the partners began work on the venture.

'It was a shell when we first came in," said owner Marvin Gilmore. "There was nothing here...We made it first-class and I think you can see that."

Indeed the store is now a first-class operation with plenty of natural light, ample space and numerous kiosks for choosing and purchasing products. There is also a teaching and learning component of the operation on the other side of the store that will focus on educating people about marijuana and helping aspiring entrepreneurs to learn how to start their own stores.

Yet one of the most interesting things about the store is not the once-illegal, now legal, sale of marijuana to those over 21 years of age. Rather, the real story comes in the ownership – particularly Gilmore.

The owners are all three Cambridge residents, including Gilmore, Dennis Benzan and Attorney Tim Flaherty. The three Cantabrigians have been longtime friends, with Gilmore being a mentor to both for a long time.

Gilmore is a World life story, and a life that hasn't slowed down with

always continue helping disadvantaged folks who might need a leg up.

There are a few reasons for that, he said, and getting into the marijuana industry as an equity applicant followed the same trajectory as when he couldn't get a veterans home loan - and thus founded United Bank, now OneUnited - the largest black-owned bank in the United States.

Gilmore's grandparents were born into slavery in Alabama, and he also served with distinction in World War II. Both are defining moments for him.

"My grandmother was born into slavery and lived to be 107," he said. "My parents had come up from Alabama to Cleveland and then to Boston. They sent me down to Alabama to learn and understand how we had been treated in the past. That inspired me to work for people and to work to make change and I've been doing that all my life. When this opportunity came, I knew Chelsea and where it had been in the old days. We put together a team and it has gone great...This is a very, very underprivileged and poor community. If we can bring this concept to Chelsea and get this store to take off and put people to work – it's a great idea."

Gilmore also served in World War II, and because he was black, he was not able to get on the airplane to come home with the white soldiers. He had to find another way home, as the white soldiers wouldn't ride with him.

"My beginning fighting prejudice came in the army because we had two armies in World War II the white army and the black army," he said. "I wanted to see if I could challenge that. I wanted to change it."

Meanwhile, once home, as a veteran he was entitled to a home loan, but they wouldn't grant it to him - which pushed him War II veteran with a rich to found the OneUnited Bank.

He currently serves on age – fueled by a desire to the Board of the Boston

COLD LUNCH



Recently, an unexpected jolt of snow to the region as Chelsea logged about five inches of snow in a surprising storm that brought a rare blast of winter before Halloween. The unexpected snow, however, didn't stop the dedicated School Lunch team from being in their stations on Friday. Here, they are pictured handing out lunches to students in the sudden snow.

Redevelopment Authority's EDIC, he's an accomplished musician that graduated from the New England Conservatory (playing the Vibes), started the successful Cambridge nightclub Western Front, and even traveled to the Deep South with Celtic legend Bill Russell during the Civil Rights Era to "make change."

Gilmore, who said he doesn't smoke cannabis, said all of his life has been an "uphill battle," and helping others get a leg up in any business - including cannabis - meshed with his long business and philanthropic career.

Benzan, the first Latino vice mayor of Cambridge and one of the only Latino liquor license holders there, said they are a team of firsts. He said he was impressed by the legislation that brought cannabis to Massachusetts - as it put a priority on minority communities, people that had been arrested disproportionately in the War on Drugs and sought to use the new industry as a way to create wealth for those that had been affected.

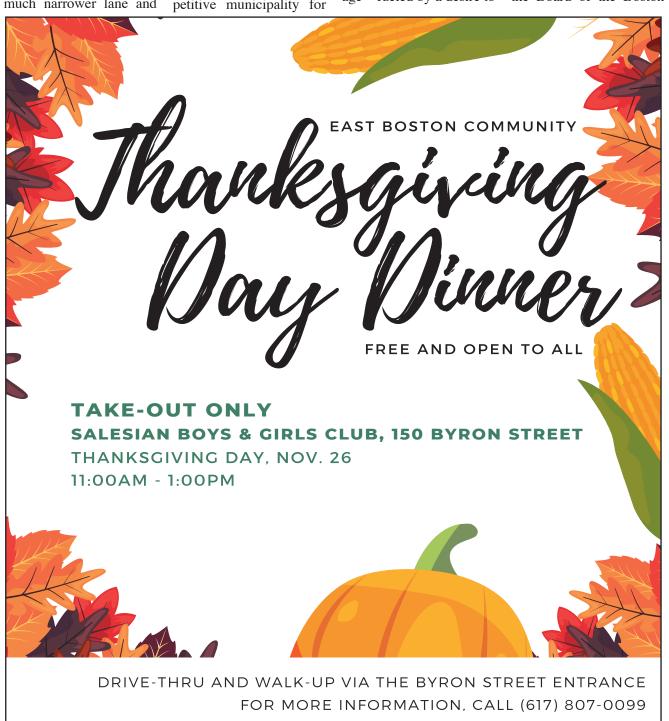
"Western Front and the cannabis industry was another opportunity to be first," he said. "We have investors that reflected the minority community really like no other cannabis company in Massachusetts. We're doing everything possible to provide opportunities for young people of color, whether Latino, African American or others. Truthfully, that's why I'm in this and for no other reasons."

Benzan said that's reflected in the workforce at the store, which features many people of color and those who simply need a

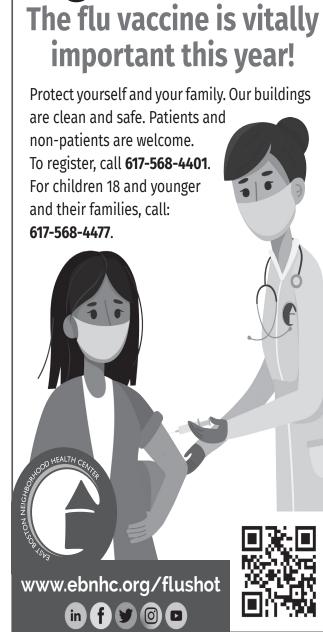
"When I first came in and saw the numbers of black and brown faces, I have to say I had a little bit of emotion," he said. "We're going through an incredibly difficult economic pandemic, and that's being felt mainly in the communities of color.

General Manager Cassandra Leetz, who lives on Suffolk Street, said she is one example of a Latina who has found great

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opportunity in the cannabis industry. Her mother came from Costa Rica and she grew up in New York. She joined the Navy and was deployed worldwide as an intelligence specialist. However, after discharged, she said she struggled to find opportunities. Employers didn't understand her skill set or didn't believe she had such skills, and she often found herself underemployed. That went on for many years, until Western Front took a chance on

could "They have brought in a cannabis industry professional from outside the state to run this, but they picked me,' she said. "It's been an honor to do this and I'm very proud to take my experience and be able to work with the people in Chelsea and the people we've hired."

Flaherty said they have truly enjoyed working the past three years with the City of Chelsea, and that everyone from the City Solicitor to the Planning Board to the Police Department has been professional and helpful. He said he felt like their company – which is looking to expand already to Cambridge and a third, undisclosed location - embodied what an economic empowerment applicant should be.

"From our investors to our staff, we have assembled what I think the state envisioned for economic empowerment candidates," he said. "It's exceptional."

COMMISISON TO MEET ON ZOOM

EVERETT - The intent of the new Diversity, Inclusion, Equity & Equal **Employment Commission** was to get public input and testimony about their true experiences with the **Everett Police Department** - testimony that was to come from young and old, no holds barred.

It seems, however, such a conversation was a little too much for many residents to have in public, so Chairman Bishop Robert Brown said they have decided to have such meetings with the Commission in more of a private format on Zoom.

Bishop Brown said last Wednesday's opening forum was moved last minute to a private forum with the Commission and those wishing to give testimony. "At the last minute,

folks started to feel a sense of intimidation talking about the Police Department," he said. "The kids didn't want to tell their truth in front of Chief Steve Mazzie. We talked about it and decided to do it anyway and postpone that format. We met with folks until 9 p.m. on Zoom in a different way. Folks were very, very open. Maybe talking about the City is one thing, but folks talking about the Police Department felt there could be retaliation."

He said it was still very important to find out the first-hand experiences that people had to share about their interactions with the

Police Department, which is why they continued on with the Zoom meeting. "In the end, I'm finding out it wasn't just young people, but the older folks too – especially in the immigrant population that are trying to stay clear of

any type of law enforce-

ment, particularly ICE,"

he said.

Brown said the Commission will continue to hear testimony and will present it in a final report that retains confidentiality so they can hear the real truth, but also protect those giving it.

"This has become a little more involved than we first thought it might be," he said. "So we have to do things a little different to get the information we want. We will have a public forum where we will relate these experiences confidentially to protect people who have concerns."

MCNEIL TO COACH IN SWAMPSCOTT

LYNN - When Kenny Leeder was named the head coach of the Swampscott High School girls soccer team, one of the first phone calls he made was to Ed McNeil, who retired as Lynn English High School girls soccer coach following the 2019

Leeder called to offer McNeil a position as the Swampscott junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach and the highly regarded 73-year-old coach from Lynn accepted the offer right away. He's glad to be back on the sidelines after 17 seasons at En-

'This position has been a perfect fit for me," said McNeil. "I had coached JV hockey at Stoneham for seven years and it was the best job. There's no pressure and you play all the kids a lot.

McNeil's JV team has a 3-2-1 record. The Big Blue varsity is 2-3-1, having defeated Gloucester, 5-0, on Senior Night Tuesday. "The varsity's record is a little deceiving because we've played Danvers, Beverly, Masco, Peabody, and Marblehead who are the best teams."

Swampscott plays at its games at Blocksidge Field. "We play on the artificial turf and it's great, said McNeil, noting that virtually all of the NEC schools now play on artificial turf.

The Big Blue varsity has an upcoming rematch with Danvers. "They're [Danvers] as good a team as I've seen in years," said McNeil. "We were tied 2-2 with 12 minutes to go in our first meeting and they got three goals in the last 12 minutes. They just keep coming at you and they're well coached. Jimmy Hinchion is a great coach."

McNeil said his routine has been to take a separate bus with his JV players to their 4 p.m. away games. He then drives back to the field for the varsity games.

While McNeil was at English, he coached against Leeder's Swampscott teams for four seasons. Leeder moved back to New Jersey before returning to the area and resuming his coaching career at Swampscott High. "Kenny's the best coach

I've worked with," said McNeil. "He's so knowledgeable and the kids really buy into his program. It's a shame it's a shortened season because we would have made the tournament easily this year. It would have been nice for me for the first time ever to participate in the tour-

nament.' McNeil has good memories of his coaching career at Lynn English. "The girls at Lynn English were terrific kids. I can't say

enough about them. We

had some great players -

Megan Forti went on to WPI and she was the New England Division 3 soccer player of the year in her senior year. She was a gem. I went to see Emma Trahant play soccer twice at Simmons last year; she's one of the nicest girls I've ever coached. Grace Gately, who is the niece of School Committeewoman raine Gately, Carissa Burton - I coached so many wonderful girls who went on to good colleges and became successful young women. My 17 years at English were wonderful."

And now the Swampscott High soccer girls are benefiting from Ed Mc-Neil's fountain of knowledge and outstanding coaching abilities.

KEVERIAN SCHOOL RECEIVES **FUNDING**

EVERETT - The Keverian School received final approval on Wednesday, Oct. 28, for \$1.5 million in funding for their Core Program and repairs to the building.

State Treasurer Debo rah B. Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts Sc hool Building Authorit y ("MSBA"), and John K. McCarthy, MSBA E xecutive Director/Deput y CEO, announced that the MSBA Board of Di rectors approved final a udits for three projects from three Districts tota ling over \$7 million in grants from the MSBA. The final audit stage is the last step in the MSB A building process and represents the successfu l completion and closeo ut of these projects.

"Every project undert aken by the MSBA is a step toward creating th e 21st century learning environment that all M assachusetts students d eserve," Treasurer Gold berg said. "We are deli ghted to have made the se important investmen ts in Massachusetts sch ools."

The Board approv the projects from the M SBA's Core Program an d Accelerated Repair P rogram, which consist of repair or replacemen t to roofs, windows/doo rs and/or boilers. The c ombined grant value of the audited projects wa s \$7,080,400.

"Approval of the fina l audits brings these vit ally-needed projects to a successful conclusion which benefits studen ts all across the Comm onwealth," said Executi ve Director Jack McCa

OVERNIGHT PARKING REVERE - Proving that

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the devil is in the details, several city councilors appeared before the Revere Traffic Commission at the October 29 meeting asking that certain multi-famapartment buildings be given parking permits for the Overnight Parking Program that was started on October 15. Ward 3 Councilor Ar-

thur Guinasso asked that the commission modify the regulations on certain buildings with six or more dwellings to allow their residents to obtain parking permits. Under the current regulations, tenants in these buildings would not be granted on-street park-

ing permits. Guinasso noted that the buildings that he would

like to see be exempted

from the regulation were

built before the year 2000, and many tenants have no place to park except on the neighboring streets. He noted that two buildings in his ward, Village Court Condominiums and Friendly Gardens, were built before 2000. "Tenants in these buildings have no place to park. There are not enough parking spots to accommodate all the tenants. As a city, if we can help we should," he said. Presently, many tenants at Friendly Gardens have to park on Revere Street or Waite Street or in St. Anthony's parking lot, and under the new overnight program they could face nightly parking tickets. He noted these build-

ings were built before the city required the number of off-street parking spots to correlate with the number of units. Guinasso further went on to say that there are buildings like Rumney Marsh that should not be included in the list of exemptions, because it was constructed only two years ago and should have enough offstreet parking spots.

"I concur with (Councilor) Guinasso," Ward 5 Councilor John Powers said. He pointed out that 1129 North Shore Road was built more than 50 years ago and no one has ever received a ticket until

Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna asked that certain buildings in her ward, such as 77 Bennington Street and 145 Bennington Street, as well as 45 Atlantic Ave., be added to the list to have tenants receive overnight street parking stickers. McKenna also pointed out that many single family homes that are on state roads such as Winthrop Parkway and the Lynnway should be granted stickers to park on adjoining city streets.

Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky also had a list of buildings to be added, including 41 Highland Ave., 525 Beach St., and 120 Walnut St.

"Many people have two cars, so there is a need to expand the relief," said Novoselsky. Resident Elizabeth

Kowalski of Village Court noted that many residents have two cars and their needs should be

addressed. "Right now, we have 76 spaces for 75 units, so we have a need," she said.

"These and other buildings should be added to a list to be discussed at a public hearing at the November 30 meeting,' said Traffic Commission Chairman Paul Argenzio.

James Rose, the city's Parking Director, noted that the first tickets that will be given out will only be warnings. The commissioners,

noting that time is of the essence, then voted to move the matter to a public hearing on November The commission also

approved plans from Rose to place parking meters in the Central Ave. lot that is off Broadway. The lot currently has 85 parking spaces and will be partitioned as follows:

- 56 two-hour meter spaces: • 18 business-permit
- spaces; and
- 11 spaces earmarked for seniors who are using the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center.

The meters will be at fifty cents an hour for a maximum of two hours. Area residents can park in the lot at no charge during designated hours. business spots would be charged at \$100 per year. During a snow emergency, the lot would default to emergency parking so residents have a place to put their cars off the streets. The motion was moved to a public hearing.

In other matters, the commission moved have three spots on Ford Street by the Turkish Cultural Center be made into metered spaces from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It was noted that these parking spaces would not impact the residents of the area and the motion was approved. With regard to a request

for a public hearing from the Point of Pines Yacht Club to have its members be able to park along their property, Councillor Powers said, "This motion should be tabled and we should hear from the residents who have some complaints."

After both Police Chief Dave Callahan and Fire Chief Chris Bright expressed public safety issues with the additional

on-street parking, commission tabled motion.

The commission also heard a request from McKenna for the installation of No Parking signs on both sides of Ocean Pier Ave.

The Ward 1 Councilor noted that during this past summer, with parking restricted on the beach cars were parked on both sides of the street. McKenna also pointed out that Ocean Pier Ave. is a narrow street. The motion was passed by the commission.

Commissioners proved three handicapped parking signs for 20 Hauman St., 202 Constitution Ave., 560 Revere St. while a motion to deny a handicap sign at 22 Burnett Rd. was upheld because the house has a very wide handicapped-accessible driveway. The request did not meet the criteria for a handicapped sign and the motion to deny was passed.

The commission also heard a request from Novoselsky for No Parking Anytime signs to be installed on the westerly side of Walnut Ave. from Kimball Ave. to the dead end. Novoselsky noted that with the wider sidewalks, there is no room for two-sided parking. The commissioners approved the motion.

Some of the requests that are headed to public hearing on November 30 include:

A request from Novoselsky to have a Loading Zone sign be posted at 1 Orr Square. Novoselsky noted that because of the wider sidewalks and the bump- outs, unloading trucks presently impede the traffic flow as they need to park more in the street while unloading.

Novoselsky also seeking a stop sign on Standish Road for eastbound traffic at Curtis Rd.

Councilor Patrick Keefe requested parking restriction signs at the old McKinley School be removed. Argenzio said that the McKinley is abandoned and the need for the signs does not exist.

Lastly, Ward 6 Councilor Richard Serino is seeking to designate no parking on one side of Brookline St.



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October revenue collections total \$2.089 billion, up from 2019 collections

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR)
Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder last week announced that October revenue collections totaled \$2.089 billion, \$62 million or 3.1-percent more than the actual collections in October 2019.

FY2021 year-to-date collections total approximately \$9.347 billion, which is \$118 million or 1.3-percent more than collections in the same period of FY2020. Not reflected in the total is approximately \$2.334 billion in deferred personal income tax payments and refunds processed in July and Au-

gust. Such payments and refunds have been recorded in FY2020 pursuant to legislation and are not shown in FY2021 year-to-date collections.

"October revenue was driven mostly by increases in withholding, non-withheld income tax, and regular sales tax. These increases were partly offset by decreases in meals tax, and 'All Other' tax," said Commissioner Snyder. "An increase in individual return payments, combined with a decrease in refunds, resulted in growth in non-withheld income tax in October. The moderate withholding increase

events, and timing factors. DOR will continue to monitor these revenue categories closely."

October is among the lower months for revenue collection, because neither individual par business

reflects unemployment in-

surance benefits, one-time

lower months for revenue collection, because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.5 percent of annual revenue is received during October, on average.

Collections in this month reflected the impact of the filing and payment due date extensions for regular sales, meals,

occupancy room taxes. The due date for these tax types has been extended several times this year for certain businesses. The most recent extension was announced on Sept. 15, 2020. With this extension, returns and payments of these taxes for certain small businesses originally due during period beginning March 2020 through April 2021 will instead be due in May 2021. Note that October revenues continued to reflect the impact of COVID-19 on the tax

Consequently, the October monthly and year-

base.

to-date figures should be used with caution.

Details:

Preliminary October Revenue Collections

•Income tax collections for October were \$1.175 billion, \$66 million or 5.9-percent more than October 2019.

•Withholding tax col-

lections for October totaled \$1.071 billion, \$22 million more than October 2019.
•Income tax estimated payments totaled \$61

million for October, \$1 million less than October 2019.

•Income tay returns and

•Income tax returns and bills totaled \$144 million than Octo

for October, \$6 million more than October 2019.

•Income tax cash refunds in October totaled \$101 million in outflows, \$39 million less outflow than October 2019.

•Sales and use tax collections for October totaled \$612 million, \$9 million more than October 2019.
•Corporate and business

•Corporate and business tax collections, including corporate estimated payments, for October totaled \$77 million, \$1 million more than October 2019.

•"Other tax" collections for October totaled \$225 million, \$14 million less than October 2019.

MBTA face covering enforcement now in effect

The MBTA announced face-covering enforcement efforts effective, Nov. 6, pursuant to the revised Executive Order issued on Nov. 2

issued on Nov. 2.

The revised Executive Order applies to any person over the age of five who is in a place open to the public, and expressly requires masks or face coverings worn over the nose and mouth when using public transportation. Mask use by children 2

years of age and up to the age of five is encouraged but also at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian.

The revised Executive Order effective Nov. 6 authorizes Transit Police to enforce the Order onboard MBTA vehicles and within the system by issuing a civil fine up to \$300 per violation.

The MBTA has issued internal guidance to its employees consistent with

the revised Executive Order. Customers observed not wearing a face mask or covering will first be reminded of the Executive Order. If the unmasked customer does not immediately put on a mask or face covering following the reminder, the observation will be reported to the Operations Control Center, who will report and coordinate next steps with

Transit Police.
The revised Executive

Order includes an exemption for individuals with certain medical conditions, but does not require a person who is so exempt to produce documentation of their condition.

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Pipefitters Union donates \$20,000 to The Greater Boston Food Bank

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, has received a \$20,000 gift from the Pipefitters Local 537 that is being used to address the increased demand for food aid among families hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. The donation will help to provide 60,000 meals for residents in over 190 cities

and towns across the state.

"We know how important it is to help families in need, especially right now," said Pipefitters Local 537 Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer Tom Kerr.

"During one of the most difficult times in our nation's history, we're happy to step up and provide for our fellow Bay Staters."

The contribution will provide nutritious, delicious meals to residents at risk of going hungry. Funds were directly collected from proceeds at the Local 537 Charitable Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament last year.

Tournament last year. Due to the impact of COVID-19, there's been a sharp increase in incidents of hunger among Bay Staters, a trend that's expected to continue. Since the onset of the pandemic in March, The Greater Boston Food Bank has experienced the sixth-largest distribution months in its 40-year history. That's a total of more than 58 million pounds of food distributed in only six months, or 2.5 million pounds of food per week.



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Baker nominates Justice Dalila Argaez Wendlandt to SJC

Governor Charlie Baker last week nominated Associate Justice of the Appeals Court, Dalila Argaez Wendlandt, to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Judicial Court. The nominee and her family joined Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito for a formal announcement today at the State House. If confirmed, Justice Wendlandt will be the first Hispanic person to join the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

"Justice Dalila Argaez Wendlandt is an intelligent and hard-working jurist whose attitude and determination will serve her and all those that come before her on the Court well," said Governor Baker. "Her knowledge of the law and unique professional background will be a much needed asset to the Supreme Judicial Court and I look forward to her confirmation."

The Supreme Judicial Court is the Commonwealth's highest appellate court, consisting of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices. The seven Justices hear appeals on a broad range of criminal and civil cases from September through May and issue written opinions that are posted online.

Dalila Wendlandt, Associate Justice, was appointed to the Appeals Court by Governor Charlie Baker in July of 2017. Since her appointment, she has authored over 30 decisions. She served on the SJC Ad-

visory Committee on the Rules of Evidence and is the Appeals Court liaison to the Probate and Family Court. Justice Wendlandt has also sat on several internal committees geared towards supporting the infrastructure of the Court - the Case Management Committee, the IT Steering Committee and the Policies and Procedures Committees. Born in New Orleans,

Louisiana, to parents who had immigrated from Colombia, Justice Wendlandt graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1993. While at MIT, she designed, manufactured and developed the non-collocated control of a climbing robot. She then earned her Juris Doctor degree, with highest honors, from Stanford University Law School in 1996, where she was an article editor of the Stanford Law Review.

Upon graduation, Justice Wendlandt clerked for the Honorable John M. Walker, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She joined the firm of Ropes & Gray LLP in 1997, eventually becoming a partner in the Intellectual Property Litigation Group of that firm. Her practice focused on counselling clients in

such diverse industries as semiconductor manufacturing, medical devices and pharmaceuticals, with particular emphasis on electro-mechanical devices and controls algorithms, regarding patent and trade secret misappropriation litigation. Her active trial and litigation practice included a successful appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court challenging a federal statute on constitutional grounds. She was also active in the firm's administration, particularly with regard to hiring and coordinating the firm's summer associate program. She also served on the firm's flextime committee, assisting lawyers who desired flexible work arrangements.

Justice Wendlandt has published widely on the subject of patent law, writing in technical journals like Biotechnology Law Report to more popular publications such as Forbes. She has also lectured extensively at specialized seminars, bar associations and a law school. Justice Wendlandt assisted clients in pro bono activities such as requests for political asylum and a death row inmate's post-trial petitions. She also served as a Middlesex County Special Assistant District Attorney in two appellate matters.

Courts extend start date for jury trial

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) and the Trial Court announce that the gradual resumption of jury trials will now commence the week of November 30, 2020. However, Phase 1 of the plan previously approved by the SJC order of September 17, 2020, has been scaled back due to the current situation in the Commonwealth with

respect to COVID-19. As recommended by the Jury Management Advisory Committee (JMAC) in its report on the resumption of jury trials, Phase 1 will last for two months. The number of jury trials and locations, however, will be reduced. Beginning the week of November 30, trials to juries of six will commence in 3 to 5 courthouses that have been identified by the Trial Court as meeting the environmental and engineering controls that were recommended by the JMAC. Only one trial each week will be conducted in each courthouse. Comprehensive protocols that address the health and safety of jurors and other trial participants will be in place at all stages of the trials, from receipt of a summons through conclusion of the trial and exit from the courthouse.

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guide court leaders as they consider moving to Phase 2 of the plan for the gradual resumption of jury tri-

The limited resumption of jury trials is intended to balance the safety of everyone who enters a courthouse with the fundamental constitutional right to a trial by jury. Careful compliance with the protective protocols and safety measures put in place by the Trial Court will allow the court to better protect both of those interests.

The Trial Court and the Office of Jury Commissioner have produced an informative video, What to Expect When You Are Summoned to Jury Duty, which details the extensive steps being taken to provide for the safety of jurors, court staff, and the public. Summoned jurors also are reminded to contact the Office of Jury Commissioner in advance of their date of service if they or a household member have an identified vulnerability to COVID-19, or other circumstances re-

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Samuel Small, Sr.

Boston Shipyards retiree



Samuel A. Small Sr., originally of East Boston, passed away on November 6 at Eastpointe Rehab in Chelsea after a long ill-

Sammy worked as a laborer for the Boston Shipyards until poor health forced his retirement. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the USS America.

The beloved son of the late Eleanor (Carlson) and Samuel L. Small, he was the devoted brother of Lillian Nesbit and Ronaele Polito, both of East Boston, Suzanne Small of Everett, Catherine Clapp of Rosedale, MD and the late Carol Kilbreth, Eleanor Shepherd, Marion Cheffro, Patricia Brown, Charles Small, Barbara McCormack and William Small. He was the father of Nadine Small and Samuel Small Jr., both of Revere. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chel-



sea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston on Thursday, November 12 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Please note: All COVID protocols will be in effect. Occupancy limits will be enforced and masks must be worn in the funeral home. Please pay your respects to the family and leave the building allowing for others to visit.** We encourage all those who cannot attend to express condolences to the family on out Tribute Wall

MagrathFuneralHome. com Private interment with Military Honors will take place in Massachusetts National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sammy's memory to the New England Center for Homeless Veterans would be appreciated.

Concetta Zingariello

Of Revere, formerly of Italy

Concetta (DeSimone) Zingariello, 77, of Revere passed away November 4.

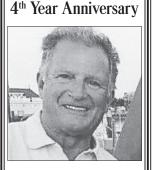
Born in Montella Italy

on January 29, 1943 to the late Vito DeSimone and Generosa (Cianci), she was the beloved wife of the late Salvatore Zingariello; devoted mother of Carmine Zingariello and his wife, Paula, Cristian Zingariello, and Marco Zingariello and his wife, Crysta; cherished grandmother of Salvatore and Matias and dear sister of Maria DeSimone and Luciana DeSimone, both of Italy and the late Alfonso DeSimone of France, Cristina DeSimone of Italy, and Mario DeSimone of Argentina. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Revere on Tuesday November 10. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu flowers, donations may be made in Concetta's name to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011 or at Alz.org. For guest book please vis-

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Gerald Govostes

Retired Machinist

Gerald "Jerry" T. Govostes, 80, of Orient Heights East Boston, formerly of Woburn, passed away on Monday, Novem-

Jerry was a machinist by

trade. He worked at Electronics Corporation of America (ECA) in Cambridge for many years as a Group Leader in the Drill Press Division before ECA's closing in the late 1980's. He was also employed for many years as a private contractor for Security Services at U.S. Coast Guard-Boston Support Services until his retirement.

The cherished son of the late Theodore "Ted" and Rose Ann (McManus) Govosteses, he was the beloved husband of Dorothy (Portrait) Govostes, loving father of

Gerald Govostes Jr. and his wife, Vanessa of Quincy; adored grandfather of Nicholas Govostes; caring brother of Shirlee Michalis and her late husband, Harold of California and the late Robert and Paul Govostes; brother in law of Annemarie Young and her husband, Joseph and George Portrait and his wife, Evelyn and brother in law of the late Camille Portrait. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Jerry was a machinist by trade.

Funeral arrangements were by Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. For online guest book please visit: www.vazzafunerals.

John Mellone

Longtime auto salesman

John S. Mellone, 39, of Somerville and Revere, died on November 2. John worked in auto

sales for many years, and in his youth he was an avid hockey player. The devoted father of

Siena Mellone, he was the beloved son of Adriana Bedry of Revere and Giovanni Mellone of Italy. John is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. A Funeral Mass was

celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Revere on Monday, November 9. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Arrangements were un-



der the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Luigi Buttiri

Of Revere

Luigi Buttiri of Revere passed away on November 3 with his loving wife by his side at the age of 85.

Born in Rovingno, Italy on November 21, 1934 to the late Angelo and Francesca Buttiri, he was the beloved husband of 60 years to Adelina (Raduazzo); devoted father of Angelo Buttiri and his wife, Lina of Wakefield, Joseph "Joe" Buttiri and his wife, Kim of Groveland and Lori Curley and her husband, John of Peabody; cherished grandfather of Caitlyn and Cameron Curley of Peabody, Michael and Sophia Buttiri of Wakefield and Joseph and Joshua Buttiri of Groveland and the dear brother of Tullia Marino and her late husband, Aniello of Italy. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews in Italy.



A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Revere and Entombment was at Holy Cross Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Luigi's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at stjude.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.



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Phyllis Margaret Carbone

October 27, 1943 - October 7, 2020

Phyllis Margaret (Anzalone) Carbone passed away October 7, 2020 in Jupiter, FL.

Born in East Boston, she later moved to Newton and finally relocated to Jupiter, FL to be closer to family. A graduate of East Bos-

ton High School and later Boston College, she always excelled at her studies and whatever she put her mind to. Phyllis loved to read, travel and enjoy her family's company. She was content in always being a devout Catholic, always being kind to others and passionate about great conversation. She will be forever missed, but always in our hearts.

She is survived by her two sons; Edward Carbone and Paul Carbone (Susan) her three grandchildren; Caroline Carbone, Cecilia Carbone and Nico Carbone. She is also survived by her sister, Geraldine Costigan of Massachusetts and her brothers and their wives: Edward and Marie Anzalone and William and Carol Anzalone, all of Florida.

Her Funeral Service was held November 7 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1701 Indian Creek Parkway, Jupiter, FL 33458. Online condolences may be made at aycockfuneralhomejupiter.com.

MVES seek volunteers for social engagement

Valley der Services (MVES) is seeking volunteers for its Social Engagement and Money Management Programs. Both programs are vital to MVES' consumers by supporting independence and fostering com-

The Social Engagement Program is designed to help improve the health and well-being of isolated older adults in the community by providing meaningful social connection—whether be through regular visits (when safe to do so), telephone calls, or email.

Not only has the COVID-19 coronavirus placed older adults and adults living with disabilities at very high risk of serious illness or death, but it has also made them more susceptible to social isolation and loneliness. Many older adults already live with a deep sense of disconnection from their community but the pandemic and related social distancing measures have made their sense of social isolation much worse. There are three differ-

ent options for program participants. Volunteers may choose one that is best for them, or could be involved in two, or all three. Options include a Telephone Reassurance Program, where a volunteer calls the isolated individual and provides a social contact and friendly conversation; an Email Correspondence, for online engagement with others via technology; and a Friendly Visitor Program, in which the consumer receives home visits (when safe to do so) that focus on in-person socialization and companionship

As part of the program, volunteers will be paired up with consumers who are participants in MVES' home care program. Volunteers in all parts of this program will receive training and ongoing support. Considering that the goal of this program is to offer meaningful connections, we do ask that volunteers commit to a minimum of 1 year of service. Our expectation is that everyone would begin by being matched with just one person, however,

if you are interested, we

could potentially match

you with up to 5 individu-

als looking for someone to connect with.

Massachusetts Money Management Program from Mystic Valley Elder Services exists to make sure that seniors and adults with disabilities can keep track of their bills, translate confusing financial statements into plain language, and make timely payments. This program can help manage debt. And this program is completely free.

Volunteers in our Money Management Program are trained to be an assistant who can help organize and read financial statements, keep bills in order, assist with writing checks, and create and keep a budget to help make ends meet. During these uneasy times, the program has adapted to meet the various needs of consumers, while also protecting them and our volunteers. Each consumer will require a different level of service and interaction to ensure effective service. While some can be served through telephone and virtual means, others will need some contact through safe drop offs or modified visits. All volunteers will be given detailed information and will have the ability to determine the level of service they are able to pro-

Current volunteer needs include the roles of Bill Payers, who help low-income older adults and adults living with disabilities by assisting with bill-paying tasks including paying monthly bills and maintaining the check register; Representative Payees, who provide on-going direct service to low-income consumers who have been designated by the Social Security Administration as incapable of handling their financial affairs; and Cash Distribution Specialists, who provide support to the Money Management team by working with program recipients who need a weekly allotment of cash but are unable to access funds on their own. If you would like to

vide during this time.

learn more about volunteering for these programs, please contact Leah Mulrenan at (781) 388-2375 or lmulrenan@ mves.org.

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State releases new metric guidelines for school districts

Last week, Gov. Charlie Baker and COVID-19 Command Center leased updated metrics for schools and municipalities. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education also released updated school guidance.

This update builds on the state's ongoing efforts to refine data that is reported publicly to track the impact of the virus in the Commonwealth. The updated metrics for communities will give school districts more data to make informed decisions regarding in-person learning. Local officials have also used these metrics to make decisions for schools and businesses in their communities.

Understanding of the virus continues to evolve. Studies have shown that there is low transmission in schools, even in communities where there are high rates of COVID.

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The updated metrics adjust for the reporting of cases by a municipality's population size. These metrics incorporate cases per 100,000 residents

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Using one metric to determine school re-openings community by community does not reflect the state's current understanding of the virus in the Commonwealth that there is more transmission across the Commonwealth due to increased cases of COVID-19.

The Command Center has also been reviewing metrics used by other states as well as what is available in the academic and national data sets. This updated metric also will better account for communities that conduct a significant amount of testing.

This metric will continue to be used to determine whether a community is in Step 1 of Phase 3 or Step 2. Communities currently in Step 1 of Phase 3 will need to have 3 weeks of data where the community is designated yellow, green or grey in order to move to Step 2 of Phase 3.

Under the new methodology, the color coded designations are: 16 red communities, 91 yellow communities, 79 green and communities,

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grey communities based on this week's data.

DESE's UPDATED SCHOOL GUIDANCE:

In coordination with this data metric update, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has issued updated guidance to prioritize in-person learning statewide and support municipalities.

Scientific evidence and

COVID-19 transmission data supports that with strong health and safety protocols in place, schools are able to operate safely and successfully with in-person learning. This updated guidance was developed in conjunction with medical professionals and public health experts.

Under this guidance, districts and schools in communities designated gray, green or yellow are expected to have students learning fully in-person when possible.

The guidance states that schools in red communities should implement hybrid models while maximizing in-person learning for high-needs students.

In communities with the highest numbers of COVID-19 cases, DESE and DPH will work with local school officials to develop and implement risk reduction strategies.

Fully remote instructional models should be implemented only as a last resort, and classrooms should reopen after appropriate mitigation strategies have been implemented.

This update replaces previous guidance, Interpreting DPH COVID-19 Health Metrics, issued on August 11, and structured learning time requirements for students and related regulatory and statutory standards remain in effect for all districts.

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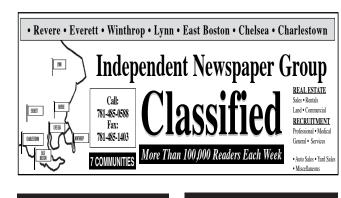
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Zonta Club of Chelsea changes name to represent cities served

The Zonta Club of Chelsea has been serving and advocating for women & children locally and internationally through out the years. The Zonta Club was started in Chelsea in 1980 by local professional women with the desire to volunteer and help others. Our club is a chapter of Zonta International, a non-profit women's service organization. We participate in local service projects and support local, national and international projects. For the past 40 years the club has provided many services: given holiday food certificates to needy families, provided school supplies for children living in shelters, given scholarships for graduating high school girls, and has supported local domestic violence shelters and many other causes dedicated to assisting women and children. Since we service the communities of Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Saugus we felt it was time to change the name of our club to represent the

are now the Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore. In order to raise money to support and fund our causes we usually have 2 fundraisers a year but like most things in the world right now fundraising will and has to be different. This year we are selling a "Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore Lottery Calendar" from now till December 24th. The cost of this Lottery Calendar for the month of January 2021 is \$25.00 and there will be a drawing on each day of the month. Each day a prize will be given away. The prizes given away will be gift cards, cash, lottery tickets, and other prizes. The total value of the prizes to be won is \$1295. Winning names will be re-entered into the remaining drawings. If you are interested in purchasing a "January 2021 Lottery Calendar" please contact Christine DePrizio at 617-466-1596 or at c5dsmom@yahoo.

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