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City of Boston's Veterans Affairs Commissioner Robert Santiago presents East Boston resident and World War II veteran Salvatore Murano with a special citation on his 100th birthday during a parade past his Leyden Street home Sunday.

City officials, neighborhood honor World War II Vet on his 100th Birthday

By John Lynds

On Sunday the City of Boston officials and neighbors honored East Boston resident and World War II veteran Salvatore Murano with a special parade past his Leyden Street home

for his 100th birthday.

Mr. Murano, a lifelong Eastie resident who served as a rifleman in the U.S. Army in Italy from 1944 to 1945, sat outside his Orient Heights home and watched as the parade of patriotically donated ve-

hicles, police cruises and fire engines from the local fire station drove by to salute him on his birthday.

"We need to celebrate, honor, and recognize all our WWII Veterans," said the City of Boston's Veterans Affairs Commissioner

Robert Santiago. "As a Veteran myself, it's always an honor to help celebrate the WWII Veterans who sacrificed so much to save the world. These celebrations never get old.

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Edwards holds hearing to further protect tenants

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday, City Councilor Lydia Edwards held a hearing with the Boston City Council's Committee on Government Operations to recommend passage of her ordinance extending and enhancing protections for tenants facing displacement by condominium or cooperative conversion.

As Chair of the Boston City Council's Committee on Government Operations, Edwards ordinance will strengthen existing protections afforded by the current ordinance in light of the rapid increase of small apartment buildings being converted to condominiums in East Boston and throughout the city.

Since 1983, the Com-



City Councilor
Lydia Edwards.

monwealth of Massachusetts has afforded municipalities the option to enact protections for tenants residing in properties subject to condominium conversion. Boston's condominium conversion ordinance, updated in 2014, affords residents of covered properties a notice period, right of first refusal to purchase their unit, relocation assis-

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Unsung hero

Eastie's Abdi Mohamed Warsame Dirie honored with state's Black Excellence Award

By John Lynds

In honor of Black History Month, East Boston resident Abdi Mohamed Warsame Dirie received the state's Black Excellence on the Hill during a State House ceremony at the end of February.

The Black Excellence on the Hill award celebrates black culture, excellence, and achievement in the Commonwealth. The award by the Massachusetts Black and Latino Caucus honors the unsung heroes that make our communities thrive.

Abdi Mohamed Warsame Dirie was nominated for the award by East Boston State Rep. Adrian Madaro.

"I was honored to nominate longtime East Boston resident Abdi Mohamed Warsame Dirie for the 2021 Black Excellence Award from The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus," said Madaro. "Last year, Abdi created the Eastie Anti-Racism Coalition, a grassroots community group advancing equity and racial justice work in East Boston. Since then,



Eastie's Abdi Mohamed
Warsame Dirie.

he has helped increase civic engagement on issues of racial justice by heightening awareness of legislative efforts and community affairs impacting Black and Indig-

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APPRECIATION

Longtime East Boston Activist Dr. Edith 'Edie' DeAngelis at 91

By John Lynds

When you think of the women that made a lasting impression on East Boston, the names Mary Ellen-Welch, Fran Rowan and Dr. Edith DeAngelis are without doubt the triumvirate, and their contributions to the trajectory of this community was unmatched.

Dr. DeAngelis, who dedicated more than seven decades to improving greenspace in the neighborhood as well as being a longtime supporter of numerous Eastie organizations, died at Brooksbury Village in Peabody on February 28 after a long illness. She was 91 years old.

Dr. DeAngelis was born in Eastie on March 22, 1929 and raised in East Boston. She graduated from East Boston High School in 1947, attended



Dr. Edith 'Edie' DeAngelis.

Sargent College at Boston University and received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in 1951, Master's Degree in 1955, and a Doctor of Education in 1977.

Dr. DeAngelis, or "Edie" as she was affectionately known in the community, dedicated her life to teaching and began her career in Winthrop Public Schools. Later, after receiving her doctorate

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John DiMille, well-known local DJ and dedicated Savio Alum, at 66

By John Lynds

Just a few short months ago, longtime East Boston DJ and Savio Alum John DiMille took to Facebook on New Year's Eve and offered words of hope for the New Year.

"Happy New Year's Eve, everyone and let's say goodbye to 2020," wrote DiMille, who was the house DJ for the former Jimmy Maggs for many years. "Let's pray for a great 2021. For those who went to Jimmy Maggs in East Boston I would play (Frank Sinatra's) 'My Way.' This song would be playing and I would do the countdown with big screen live from New York City."

DiMille called 2020 a 'tough year' for many and looked forward to getting past the pandemic and back to a life of normalcy. Sadly, on Friday, March



John DiMille.

6 DiMille, a lifelong resident of Orient Heights, died with his wife and sons by his bedside.

DiMille worked as a healthcare Management Information Systems Director for many years but was best known as East Boston's "Number One DJ Johnny D".

"Today the airwaves are quiet and dance floors are empty as we have lost one of the great ones, DJ

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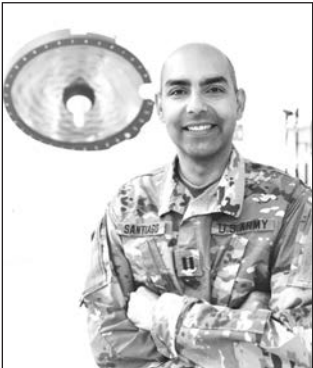
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Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz endorses Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston

Just over a week after Jon Santiago launched his campaign, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz from the North End has endorsed Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston.

“I am proud to endorse Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston. Our city stands on the precipice of a new era of leadership and I know Jon’s experience as a doctor, a veteran, a Peace Corps volunteer, and as a state representative make him the most qualified to lead us into that new era,” said Representative Michlewitz. “He will help us recover as a city and region.”

Michlewitz represents the Third Suffolk District, which comprises the neighborhoods of the North End, Waterfront, Chinatown, South End, Downtown, Leather District, Bay Village, and portions of the West End, Beacon Hill and the Back Bay. In 2019, he was



Jon Santiago.

named Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and continues to hold that post. Born and raised in the North End, Rep. Michlewitz and Santiago have delivered for Boston neighborhoods on a variety of legislative initiatives including COVID-19 relief, landmark education reform, transportation investments, and the expansion of affordable housing.

“Having worked with Chairman Michlewitz on Beacon Hill to deliver urgently needed results for

our city and state, I’ve seen firsthand how much he cares about our city and expanding opportunity for all,” Santiago said. “I am humbled to receive his endorsement and look forward to working with him and community leaders throughout Boston to bring our city back stronger than ever.”

Jon Santiago is currently serving his second term as the State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District representing the South End, Roxbury, Back Bay, and Fenway neighborhoods of Boston. He is an emergency room physician employed at Boston Medical Center, the city’s safety net hospital. He serves as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and has deployed overseas. Prior to these experiences, Santiago served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. He lives in the South End with his wife, Alexandra.

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tance, just cause eviction, and relocation benefits if the unit is converted to a condominium.

Edwards explained the ordinance increases relocation benefits for residents facing displacement, provides additional notice requirements, and establishes a condo conversion permit and notification system within the City of Boston’s Office of Housing Stability and Inspectional Services Department. In addition, the ordinance establishes a look back period of 12 months which will assist in determining whether the tenants are provided all of their rights and benefits in cases of a building clear out.

“The proposed language strengthens the current ordinance, closes loopholes, and further protects tenants from displacement during this citywide rental housing emergency,” says Councilor Edwards. “I’d like to thank my Boston City Council colleagues, especially City Councilor Ed Flynn, Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon and Tim Davis at the Department of Neighborhood Services, and all administration officials who worked diligently to make this happen”.

Last year, Councilors and administration officials held a hearing and working session on July

27, 2020 and October 15, 2020 examining issues of building clearouts that occurred prior to a building owner starting the formal process to convert a building.

The aim of hearing and working sessions was to increase the relocation assistance provided in order to better reflect the economic realities of the current rental market, and expand the groups covered by the ordinance beyond protected classes to include families with children and tenants that have lived in a unit for longer than five years.

“I support this proposal,” said Councilor Ed Flynn. “I want to strengthen the ordinance like we all do, and look forward to seeing what we can do to provide more protections for our seniors, persons with disabilities and our immigrant neighbors to make sure Boston is a city for, for all.”

Councilor Michael Flaherty thanked Edwards for her advocacy on this issue.

“I look forward to working on this and to continue to improve the quality of life for folks that have been faced with eviction,” said Flaherty. “We have a responsibility as a government to try to protect our residents and neighbors and keep them in their homes, particular-

ly those that are born and raised in neighborhoods. Through no fault of their own, through speculation and investment, they’re being squeezed out of their property. Rents continue to creep up so anything we can do to keep people in their homes and to give them whatever support they can as tenants being evicted I say, ‘sign me up.’ So I appreciate the work Councilor Edwards is doing.”

District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon also thanked Edwards for her leadership and added, “I really want to echo the sentiments of my colleagues that this is critically critically important in protecting folks who are vulnerable to eviction and displacement by condo conversions.”

Chief Dillon said the previous ordinance had too many loopholes.

“We all are here to extend the condo conversion ordinance that wasn’t strong enough,” said Dillon. “It had too many loopholes and it needed to be strengthened. What we’re discussing here today is really going to make a difference for tenants and it’s going to be harder for them to be displaced so (developers) can achieve a condo conversion.”

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enous communities and communities of color.”

Dirie is a compassionate leader who invites

people to take action to further equity, fairness and justice.

“Abdi is a proud Soma-

li immigrant and refugee, and he embodies the very best of East Boston,” added Madaro. “Congratulations, Abdi, and thanks for all you do for our community.”

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she taught Physical Education and Recreation, as a Professor and Department Head, at Boston State College (later UMass Boston).

But it was Dr. DeAngelis’s dedication to the community she loved made her an iconic community leader for over 75 years.

Dr. DeAngelis participated or volunteered for countless committees here in Eastie and citywide as well as state and national organizations.

However, she had passion for many organizations that focused on the environment.

In her youth growing up in Eagle Hill Dr. DeAngelis was well aware of the lack of greenspace in Eastie and the environmental impacts city and state industry was having on her beloved community.

From a young age she dedicated herself to improving the quality of life for her neighbors through what she called the “Greening and Rebirth of East Boston”.

Dr. DeAngelis was instrumental in the creation of the Condor Street Urban Wild, and supporter of other greenspace expansion projects like the East Boston Greenway, Piers Park, community garden initiatives as well as environmental mitigations projects throughout the community.

“Edie planted, both literally and figuratively, the idea of greenspace being essential to human-kind and specifically East

Boston,” said former City Councilor Diane Modica. “If you marvel at our beautiful parkland in Eastie, think of and thank Edie as she thought of all of us as beneficiaries of her persistence. She lived a number of years with indigenous peoples and her sensibilities were enhanced by that experience. She was a very accomplished woman. She was a formidable advocate for East Boston against the big guns that had endless resources. Whether it was Massport, the City of Boston or any other agency or private corporate mogul she did not back down when Eastie’s interests were being threatened. She was also a warm, kind and humble woman who never forgot where she came from. If you were fortunate enough to walk the path she walked with her then it was a gift.”

Dr. DeAngelis was also a longtime supporter and champion of neighborhood programs like the Trinity House on Meridian Street and the Fran Rowan Meridian House substance abuse treatment center.

“Edith was a part of all causes great and small,” said friend and neighbor Khrista Crystal. “She could tell you about every detail on the airport expansion and the importance of the Meridian House and motivate you to get involved all in one conversation. She would be at community meetings even when she struggled to move with ease. When

she got on in years she moved out of East Boston to housing that better fit her needs. But I will tell you she may have moved but she certainly was still here. In any documentary or case study of which East Boston was the topic, any one producing such would be asked, ‘Before we start, have you spoken to Edie yet?’ You couldn’t really fact check the community’s history unless you spoke to her first. Above all she was a smart well spoken, caring heart and a friend to all and was passionate about her family and her community. Today I think of her and think of the great loss to East Boston and how many will never know her true contribution but will certainly benefit from it.”

Like Mary Ellen Welch, City Councilor Lydia Edwards said she was influenced by the impact Dr. DeAngelis’s contributions and passion for Eastie.

“I’m devastated to say that East Boston has lost another giant in our community,” said Edwards. Edie set the standard for activism in East Boston. I am grateful for her wisdom and will never forget her tenacity to champion causes of equity and justice. I, and so many others, stand on her shoulders as we continue her exemplary legacy both in words and action. My thoughts are with her family and friends, especially her dear (sister) Florence, during this difficult time.”

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John DiMille,” said fellow DJ Jimmie Espo, who was mentored by DiMille. “He is the man that gave me my start as a DJ. John was instrumental in teaching me what it takes to be successful with a career in music. At 16 years old, John put me in bars and clubs--out of my element and forced me to learn all decades and genres of music making me the DJ I am today. There isn’t a moment of success I’ve had that John hasn’t congratulated me on. He was truly one of my biggest cheerleaders. For those that knew him, John was kind, caring and full of life... I will miss him with all my heart.”

Longtime friend and fellow St. Dominic Savio High School classmate Joseph Ruggiero said DiMille’s love for his family and friends was unmatched.

“From the streets of East Boston to the classrooms of St Mary Star-of-the-Sea School, through the corridors of St. Dominic Savio High School and into the Gymnasium

of Savio High or onto the sports fields of his favorite team, John was always there cheering or lending a helping hand,” said Ruggiero. “In September of 1973, John entered St. Domenic Savio as a freshman and became a Spartan. As a Spartan, John was devoted to classmates and the Salesian community with an unconditional friendship that started and never ended.”

Ruggiero said DiMille devoted himself to his school, classmates and the Spartan way.

“After four incredible years he graduated and made a commitment that few ever follow through and that was to keep the Class of 1977 together through the years,” said Ruggiero. “John continued his education but never forgot a Spartan, a Salesian and East Boston.

John’s education took him into computers and advanced himself quickly, soon becoming an MIS Director for healthcare--running MGH and Dana-Farmer Institute sys-

tems. During that time, he always was in touch with a fellow Spartans and a Salesian Brothers or Priests. He volunteered his DJ skills and equipment for non profits particularly the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and the Make a Wish Foundation.”

Ruggiero said while doing all these things he met the love of his life, Dorothea Papa in 1981.

“Within two years they were married,” said Ruggiero. “Dorothy had already heard and learned about John’s love and devotion. She was a remarkable wife always standing by his side and always helping and supporting him.”

Mariann Chiulli Sampson-Nicoletti remembered DiMille as one of the nicest guys around.

“I always loved engaging in conversation with him and reminiscing about our Disco Days,” she said. “He was one of the best DJ’s to have come out of East Boston, along with Jimbo and Chris Lapore. Keep spinning those records in the sky and watch over your beloved family. You are truly going to be missed.”

George Ferullo said DiMille was truly “Mr. Savio”.

“I remember coming in as a freshman at Savio in 1976. I felt out of place,” he said. “There were lots of East Boston and Revere students and being from Chelsea I felt like I didn’t fit in. During the first week there was a pep rally for the football team and John led that rally. It was fun with a lot of energy. At that point I knew I wanted to be a Spartan and knew I made the right choice. Thank you John DiMille for having such a positive effect on my life at such a young age. May you Rest In Peace, fellow Spartan.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** a public **MEETING** of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka **PIERPAC**) will be held via remote participation in light of the ongoing State of Emergency declared in connection with the COVID-19 Pandemic

A web link and Details on how to participate remotely shall be provided on the organization's website www.ebpierpac.org on or before **March 12, 2021** 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 6:30 pm

b. Approval of Minutes December 12, 2020 6:45 pm

New Business

a. President's Comments – 7:00 pm

b. Appointment of Subcommittee on Membership – 7:15 pm

c. Appointment of Subcommittee for 2021 Operation and Maintenance Review – 7:20 pm

d. Treasurer's Report - 7:25 pm

Old Business

a. Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion) 7:30 pm

b. Update - Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion) 7:40 pm

c. Motion to adjourn

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED
AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND

A copy of this notice has also been posted on the organization's website at: www.ebpierpac.org and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 5 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

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By: Louise Montanino, President

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News in Brief

OHNC MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting for the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council will be held Monday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. For your information and so that you may post and share it, the agenda is below:

Zoom meeting information: <https://zoom.us/j/96604094404>

Agenda

Public Safety

Station 7 Community Update: Officer Dan Simons

Announcements & General Presentations

PLAN: East Boston

Presentation from Boston Planning and Development Agency representative Jason Ruggiero.

Orient Heights Design Review Committee

A March meeting of the Design Review Committee was not held and

no proposals are currently scheduled for April, though we expect that to change as requests come in.

Brief overview of development presentation application form.

Development Presentations

INFO

1187 Saratoga Street - Correct existing code violation of basement Unit by removing basement kitchen and door unit separations between unit 1 and basement and then extend living space into the basement area from unit #1 to connect directly into the first 1st floor unit and remove rear second floor interior stairs and construct new exterior stair from the existing rear porch.

Presentation: <http://bit.ly/30nBdM2>

ISD Refusal letter: <http://bit.ly/3v6ybtJ>

VOTE

90 Ashley Street - 90 Ashley Street - erect a two-family dwelling on a vacant lot.

137 Leyden Street - New three-story building with six 2-bedroom units varying from 961 sq ft to 1,199 sq ft with a total of five parking spaces.

Presentation: <https://bit.ly/3pHG4CR>

76 Montmorenci Avenue - change the building occupancy from Single to Two-Family Dwelling and erect an addition on the existing 5,397 square foot parcel.

Presentation: <http://bit.ly/3bgFK89>

1132 Saratoga Street / 70 Shawneen - -Erect a 6 unit residential dwelling with 7 parking spaces on newly created 9,285 square foot lot.

Adjournment

The next OHNC meeting will be held on Monday, April 19.

Piers Park Phase III meetings set for March 29-30

By John Lynds

At a recent community meeting of the Trustees of Reservations, Amy Eynatian announced that there are two upcoming meetings scheduled to discuss the Piers Park Phase III project.

The meetings will be held on March 29 and March 30 in both English and Spanish.

“We hosted our first public design meetings in January and had about 150 folks attend those two meetings and got a lot of questions and feedback that was very helpful to the team as we continue working on the design for the park,” said Eynatian.

Residents can register for the virtual meetings at <https://onewaterfront.thetrustees.org/community-events-list/2021/3/29/piers-park-iii-public-meeting-the-trustees-boston-waterfront-initiative>.

The meeting will include a presentation by the Trustees of Reservations Boston Waterfront Initiative and landscape architect Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc (MVVA).

A first draft of the future park design will be shared during this event. This initial design was created using input from the January public meetings and from the online community survey. Attendees to this month’s meetings will be encouraged to give input on this first draft and will be invited to ask questions.

Feedback from this meeting and from the online survey will inform the next draft of the design for the future waterfront park.

The online survey can be found at <https://onewaterfront.thetrustees.org/survey>

“By the time of the meeting we’ll have some new design images and options to review and discuss with everyone so we will be able to have a little more conversation around that,” said Eynatian. “So that should be exciting to see updates from what you would have seen back in January.”

Eynatian said the Trustees of Reservations will also be hiring a part time community outreach coordinator to help with ongoing outreach related to the design process.

“So we’re looking specifically for someone who’s bilingual in English and Spanish to make sure that we’re reaching folks across East Boston,” she said.

Two years ago, the Trustees of Reservations submitted the only bid to Massport’s call for a private/public partner to come forward and help fund the design and construction of Piers Park Phase III.

The dilapidated pier adjacent to Massport’s award winning Piers Park and the future Piers Park Phase II is being eyed by Massport as the future site of a third waterfront park.

The Trustees of Reservations operate 120 miles of protected coastline which includes over 60 miles of trails, and a bunch of beaches and all sorts of other natural habitats in the state.

Massport has been working with the community and other stakeholders over the last two to three years to build out Piers Park Phase II. It was around this time the Trustees of Reservations started having conversations with Massport about their waterfront initiative.

The Trustees of Reservations spent a lot of 2019 working with Massport and others to really investigate the site and understand what the conditions were so the Trustees of Reservations could start to piece together what the possibilities would be for a waterfront park that is active and engaging.

Boston dog licensing deadline is March 31

With a current increase in dog adoptions during the COVID-19 quarantine, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s Animal Care and Control Division is reminding city dog owners that the annual deadline for licensing their pets is March 31. All dogs in Boston require a new license each year.

“A license is your dog’s fastest ticket home if they become lost, and it’s the law,” notes Animal Care and Control Director Alexis Trzcinski. “A dog license is like an ID for your pet. If they ever get lost, the chances of you being reunited are much higher with a license.”

In preparation for the 2021 licensing deadline, the Animal Care & Control Division analyzed licensing data from last year to reveal the most popular dog names of 2020. The top five dog names registered in Boston were Luna, Bella, Charlie, Lucy, and Lola. Rounding out the bottom of the top 25 were Buddy, Riley, Finn, Coco, and Winston.

All dog owners must license their dogs by Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Dogs must be licensed if they are older than six months. Owners must provide a copy of their dog’s current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. For an in-depth guide on dog licensing, including a link to license your dog online, visit Animal Care & Control’s how-to article.

The fees for licensing your dog are \$15 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$30 for an intact male or female. Dog owners who pay online with a credit card will be subject to a 2.7 percent service fee (the minimum service fee is \$1.00). License applications may also be picked up in person or requested by mail; walk-in and mailed payments are accepted via check or money order.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, Animal Care and Control office hours are limited; please contact the office ahead of your visit. Whether you provide your information and payment online, by mail, or in person, your dog’s license will be mailed to you.

If you are renewing a dog license, you will need to provide your dog’s license number. The dog licensing fee is waived for service animals and residents age 70 and older. Owners must also pay any outstanding Animal Care and Control fines. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50. Please call (617) 635-534 or email animal-control@boston.gov with any questions about the licensing process or to update your information in the database.

For current social distancing guidelines in City of Boston parks, please visit www.Boston.gov/coronavirus.

Top 25 dog names of 2020

Based on City of Boston 2020 Licensing Data

1. Luna
2. Bella
3. Charlie
4. Lucy
5. Lola
6. Daisy
7. Bailey
8. Cooper
9. Max
10. Penny
11. Oliver
12. Teddy
13. Maggie
14. Stella
15. Ollie
16. Molly
17. Lily
18. Scout
19. Rocky
20. Milo
21. Buddy
22. Riley
23. Finn
24. Coco
25. Winston

MVES to hold free virtual workshop series April 7

Mystic Valley Elder Services will present a free virtual workshop series—A Matter of Balance—on Wednesdays, beginning April 7 to May 26, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A Matter of Balance is a free, award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. You’ll learn how to see falls as something you can control; set goals for increasing your physical activities; make modifications to your home to reduce fall risks; and practice exercises that will increase your strength and balance. This workshop is designed for anyone—whether you are concerned about falls, have a history of falling, or are interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength.

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WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?

Patrick Henry, the fiery American patriot and orator during the American Revolution, famously said, “Give me liberty, or give me death!”

However, Republican governors in some of our Southern and Midwestern states have, under the guise of “freedom,” given that phrase during the current pandemic a 21st century twist:

“Give us liberty AND give us death!”

Ever since COVID-19 first was discovered, there have been a lot of unknowns about the disease and how it is transmitted. Scientists and medical professionals still are discovering new things about this bug and no doubt will continue to do so for years to come.

However, there is ONE thing about which there is now universal acceptance: Masking is THE most effective means we have for stopping the spread of this terrible disease.

Some Republican governors have refused to order public mask mandates for reasons that clearly are about politics and have nothing to do with the health and safety of their citizens.

They make the argument that they want to reopen their states because the economic benefits outweigh the potential negative health consequences. That, at least, is a debatable point.

However, the need to wear masks during a pandemic that features a virus that is spread by airborne particles from our noses and mouths is not debatable. More to the point, requiring citizens to wear masks is not inconsistent with “reopening” states’ economies. A state can still allow all of its businesses to operate fully AND also require that everyone wear masks at all times.

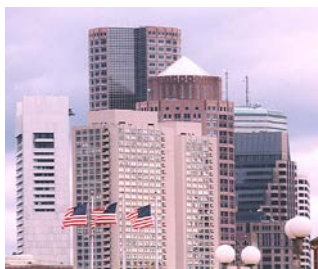
President Joe Biden remarked that these governors, mostly notably Bill Abbott of Texas and Kristi Noem of South Dakota, are “neanderthal” in their thinking. Although the pundits quickly joked that Biden gave the Neanderthals (who became extinct, by the way) a bad name, it is no laughing matter that their dangerous policies will lead to entirely preventable deaths in their states, exposing front-line workers, first-responders, and healthcare providers to unnecessary risk of harm.

Ms. Noem’s state of South Dakota for example, has the fifth-highest COVID death rate and second-highest infection rate among the 50 states.

Every state has speed limits, stop signs, and red lights on its highways. Every state requires every citizen to wear pants in public at all times. The suggestion that a mask mandate during a public health crisis represents an impingement on personal freedom is absurd on its face (no pun intended).

We are fortunate that in Massachusetts and surrounding states, masking at all times has been widely-accepted since the beginning of the pandemic. We have a governor and a public health infrastructure that have left no doubt about the need for everyone to wear masks while among others.

There may be a lot of unknowns about COVID-19, but the efficacy of wearing masks is not one of them.



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Water Day 2021: Cleaner Rivers for Massachusetts

By Julia Blatt

As Massachusetts observes World Water Day this year, our state’s communities have particular reason to celebrate. The Massachusetts legislature recently enacted (and Governor Baker signed into law) a state sewage notification bill. This important new law has been a long time coming.

World Water Day falls on March 22nd of each year. Since it first became a United Nations Observance Day in 1993, World Water Day has served as a time to think about, and take action to address, the water crisis. In 2021, World Water Day focuses on the environmental, social and cultural value people place on water. The day provides Massachusetts residents an opportunity to consider the importance of clean water. Clean water is not something to take for granted.

On this year’s World Water Day, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, the Voice of Massachusetts Rivers, is celebrating a major step the state has taken toward ensuring safer rivers. For years, Mass Rivers led advocacy efforts with many

partners to pass a state law requiring sewer operators to establish a notification system. The goal was to let the public know when there is a sewage discharge into a public waterbody, so residents could avoid contaminated waters.

Fecal bacteria poses many public health threats, including ear and eye infections, skin rashes, hepatitis, and inflammation of the intestines. Emerging research also suggests that fecal bacteria can spread COVID-19.

Many cities in the Northeast combine sewage and stormwater collection systems, a relic of long-ago urban engineering. These systems are designed to bypass wastewater treatment facilities if the volume of water is too much for the facilities to handle. For these aging systems, heavy rain sends a mixture of untreated sewage and stormwater into local waterways. Until now, there was no way for the public to know when these discharges occurred, leaving people downstream at risk of contact with contaminated waters.

In 2018, an especially

large volume of sewage pollution was discharged into the Merrimack River. As a downstream community, Newburyport bore the brunt of all this sewage winding up in their waters.

The problems experienced in Newburyport, however, are not unique. Sewage discharges regularly harm water quality in our state. In Massachusetts, there are 181 combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls, and 24 CSO permittees. In a typical year, Massachusetts’ waterways receive almost 3 billion gallons of untreated and partially treated sewage mixed with stormwater from CSOs. These outfalls are concentrated in urban areas, like Fall River, Lawrence, and Lowell, making CSO pollution an environmental justice issue, as the closest waterways to residents of urban neighborhoods may be contaminated without their knowing.

The Massachusetts sewage notification bill was filed during five consecutive legislative sessions. Finally, in the summer of 2020, the bill passed the Massachusetts House of Representatives unanimously, and

was sent to the Senate, where it sat until the final hours of the legislative session in January 2021. In quick succession that night, the Senate voted to pass it, and the House agreed to Senate modifications, sending the bill to the Governor’s desk. Governor Baker signed the bill on January 12, 2021.

Raw and partially treated sewage should never be discharged into our waters. Public notification of sewage discharges is an important first step, and Mass Rivers hopes the new law will lead to a greater public willingness to invest in much needed water infrastructure, including separating these combined sewer systems. These are expensive projects, but these investments are critical to protecting our environment, public health and safety, and ensuring environmental justice and climate resiliency. On World Water Day 2021, Mass Rivers encourages all Massachusetts residents to pledge themselves to the goal of clean, safe water for all.

Julia Blatt is the Executive Director, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance.

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Longtime Santarpio’s cook, Baliram Rishi “Richie” Boodoosingh dies at 46

By John Lynds

If you picked up a Santarpio’s Pizza from the kitchen during the week you most likely got to know Baliram Rishi “Richie” Boodoosingh.

Richie was one of Santarpio’s top pizza cooks and for the last 25 years was like family to the Santarpios.

Sadly, on March 1 Richie died suddenly at his home in Revere at the age of 46.

“He was here working two weeks ago but wasn’t feeling that great,” said Joia Santarpio. “He went to the hospital and they



Longtime Santarpio’s cook, Baliram Rishi “Richie” Boodoosingh dies at 46

kept him for two nights. They did every test possible and then sent him home with some medication. Two days later he died.”

Joia said the Santarpio Family and longtime

staffers at the famed pizza place on Chelsea Street are beside themselves.

“He started working as a prep cook in the mornings when he was 21,” said Joia. “His brother also worked with us and eventually he became our Monday, Tuesday and Thursday pizza cook.”

Richie soon cultivated a loyal following of pizza enthusiasts who would order Santarpio’s on the night Richie was cooking.

“Every customer has their favorite pizza cook here,” said Joia. “If they liked the way you cooked pizza they’d come on your night and Richie had a

loyal following.”

Joia said the entire Santarpio Family and staff are deeply saddened by the loss of Richie.

“I call everyone down here my work family,” she said. “Because everyone’s been here for so long they just become part of your family. You know we spend more time with each other than we do with our own families.”

Joia said Richie was always a lighthearted joker who kept spirits up on the busy nights he was working.

“He was also a very hard worker,” said Joia. “He got everything done

that needed to get done. We are so saddened by the loss. Everyone is kind of at a loss down here because it does not make sense. He wasn’t overweight, he wasn’t a big drinker or smoker, he didn’t do drugs. We still don’t know the reason for this. Everyone from our staff to our customers to our vendors are just in shock.”

Richie was born in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and came to the United States at age 12. He was raised in East Boston and recently moved to Revere.

Aside from being a talented pizza cook he also used his talent with elec-

tronics as a technician at Parkway Sound.

He was the beloved father of Mileena, Bally and Maditau; Grandfather of Ajani Grant; Loving son of Anand Bassant and Parbati Boodoosingh; Brother of Ganesh Boodoosingh and his wife Stacy; and Uncle of Ganesh Jr., Naliah and Bianca.

“Richie I will always remember our Eastie days,” said friend Jessica Colon. “The memories are endless. My heart aches for your family. You were so loved. I will carry those memories forever. May you rest in paradise.”

Baker-Polito Administration announces \$2.5 million in Urban Agenda grants

The state last week announced a total of \$2.5 million in Urban Agenda grants to support 30 projects in 23 communities, including Chelsea and Revere.

Launched by the Baker-Polito Administration in 2015, the Urban Agenda Grant Program promotes economic vitality in urban neighborhoods by fostering partnerships that capitalize on unique local assets and community-driven responses to specific challenges. Urban Agenda grants are competitive one-year awards that offer these partnerships flexible funding to implement programming and projects based on creative, collaborative work models to support economic progress in urban communities.

To address the unique challenges created by the unprecedented and far-reaching impact of the global pandemic, this year’s program primarily

sought proposals that intended to develop or implement COVID-19 economic recovery strategies.

“Directing these critical resources to support community-led partnerships in neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by the pandemic helps expand our fight against COVID-19,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We are proud to make these targeted investments in programs that address key needs of urban communities across our Commonwealth, providing vital support to fight the pandemic while also helping to strengthen these communities for the future.”

This year’s Urban Agenda grants represent the largest round of awards since the program started. Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded \$8.5 million in grants through the Urban Agenda Grant Program, which is administered by the Executive

Office of Housing and Economic Development.

The Urban Agenda Grant Program is now exclusively part of the Administration’s Community One Stop for Growth, the recently established single-application portal that provides access to a variety of competitive community and economic development grant programs.

The portal will streamline the experience for the applicant and better coordinate the process of engagement, application review, and grant making for programs and staff. It also redefines the Commonwealth’s role as an active partner in economic development strategy, priorities, and investment. Learn more about the One Stop.

Local FY2021 Urban Agenda Grant Awards:

•East Boston – Maverick Landing Community Services: \$100,000 for the East Boston Resilience

Project, for the creation of two to three new outdoor sustainable markets that will enable immigrant cooperatives to access recycled materials, gain English language skills, and raise family incomes.

•Jamaica Plain – Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation: \$80,000 for the Constructing Wealth Project, which will provide technical assistance and training to minority- and women-owned business enterprises to build long-term financial stability and create jobs in communities of color.

•Chelsea – La Colaborativa: \$100,000 for the Good Jobs Coalition to support a rapid re-employment program that will provide job assessment, soft skills training, and job navigation counseling to 400 Chelsea Latino and immigrant residents to assist families affected by the pandemic.

•Revere – Neigh-

borhood Developers: \$100,000 for Revere Works Workforce Development Continuum. Through this initiative, 300 participants affected by the Covid pandemic

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East Boston Central Catholic School Carson Scholarship Award



East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) is very excited to announce that **Dante Minacapilli** has been named as a 2021 Carson Scholar.

The Carson Scholars Fund was founded in 1994 by world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Benjamin S. Carson and his wife to motivate and reward academic excellence in young people.

Recipients must be nominated by several educators. However, only one student may be recommended from an individual school annually. The candidates must epitomize the highest level of academic excellence with a minimum GPA of 3.75

while displaying leadership and humanitarian qualities through community service and social justice efforts.

Dante Minacapilli was selected as a nominee through a rigorous application process at East Boston Central Catholic in the fall. Qualified students from grades 4-8 were asked to complete an essay explaining why he/she should be named to represent EBCCS. Dante was chosen by the six-person inner-school panel because of his high academic achievement, integrity, civic and social responsibility.

Moving on the national level becomes extremely competitive. The Carson Scholarship is highly selective and given to only 500 scholars across all 50 states and Washington, D.C.

ABOUT DANTE MINACAPILLI

Dante Minacapilli started at East Boston Central Catholic School in preschool and has been an active member of the school community since day one.

He has participated in The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, the Relay for Life, and various other events and activities during his years at EBCCS. Dante currently serves as a captain in Kolbe House as part of the EBCCS Middle School House program where students learn to take on leadership roles, as well as, participate in community building activities in and around the school.

Dante will be attending Boston College High School in the fall where he will also receive the Magis Scholarship and the Walsh Scholarship.

ABOUT EBCCS

EBCCS was established in 1974 as the first multi-parish collaborative elementary school in the Archdiocese of Boston. The school currently serves students from Pre-K through Grade 8 from East Boston and the surrounding communities.

Dante is now the second EBCCS student to win this prestigious award. Gabrielle Ribeiro also won in 2015.

These two awards compliment the two Excellence in Academic teaching Awards EBCCS received from the Archdiocese of Boston presented to Sharon Rozzi, grade 5, and Kathy Summa, Pre-K.

EBCCS is dedicated to Equity, Excellence and Education. Enrollment for 2021-22 school year is now open. Please visit the school website at EBCCS.org to learn more and rediscover excellence for your child.

Congratulations Dante!



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2021

Massport is currently accepting applications for the following Scholarships:



• Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service or employment in the city of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop, with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

• Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a female high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in East Boston, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA.

• Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a high school senior who resides and is involved in community service in the city of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, or Winthrop, with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

• Diversity STEM Scholarship

Awarded to high school seniors of color who reside or attend school in the city of Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Worcester, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, or Lincoln, and are involved in community service with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021.

For more information on these scholarships, including application checklist and criteria please visit

www.massport.com

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It's inspiring to meet people like Sal Murano, who returned home and continued to serve his community. His work with the Disabled American Veterans touched many lives, and the great turnout here today is a testament to the impact he's had on his community."

During the parade Santiago and other officials stopped to present Mr. Murano with citations from the city.

"He really was excited," said his daughter Elaine Murano. "It was outstanding and more than we could have ever expected. Everyone did a great job helping my sister Diane set it up. They really went above and beyond the call of duty. It was great."

Murano was born and raised in Eastie and worked for many years for Logan Instruments with the Gambale Family--a business that began in Eastie on Maverick Street and later moved to Ever-

ett.

"He retired just five years ago," said Elaine. "He was only working two days a week and no longer working the machines, but he'd go down there and order the equipment to make the surgical tools (they distribute). It was good to get him out of the house a few days a week."

Mr. Murano was involved with the Disabled American Veterans after the war. He served as the Treasurer of his DAV Chapter, was the Columbus Day Parade Veteran of the Year in 1992, and was Chief Marshal of the Columbus Day Parade in 2012.

"I was so happy to be able to take part in Salvatore's Birthday parade," said neighbor Kelly McGrath. "So amazing to see the turnout. God Bless Salvatore and we are all forever grateful for his service."



Neighbors decorated their cars for the parade past East Boston resident and World War II veteran Salvatore Murano's Leyden Street home for his 100th birthday.



The parade of decorated cars lined up at Suffolk Downs before the start of the parade.

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City officials, family, friends and neighbors gather around East Boston resident and World War II veteran Salvatore Murano on his 100th birthday.

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Bunker Hill Community College launches esports program

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) has announced the launch of a varsity esports program for enrolled students. Esports are video game tournaments in which student teams compete with other colleges and universities through virtual game rooms. With Athletics on hold due to the health concerns of COVID-19, BHCC's Athletic Department is sponsoring only esports this spring.

"Just like the more traditional varsity sports,

esports involves commitment, practice, time, teamwork, strategy development, standards, rules, games, wins, and losses," said Director of Athletics Dr. Loreto Jackson.

With the expertise of caring, engaging coaches, BHCC athletes gather virtually to participate in practices or games. "We've been at the forefront of esports in our National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) region and we are looking for more students

to join us in helping us continue to grow the program," said Head Coach Andrew Rezendes.

According to an article from Community College Daily, community colleges around the country are turning to varsity esports as a way to recruit and engage students. It is a good fit because it does not require large fields nor athletic facilities. Practices and competitions can take place at times that fit students' schedules.

BHCC played in the

NJCAA Region XXI during the fall semester and placed second in the Region after a six-week season, including play-offs. In February of 2020, BHCC competed in the New England College's League of Legends International hosted by Uptime esports in Hanover.

To view a recording of all BHCC esports games and the upcoming schedule go to: www.twitch.tv/bhccbulldogs/.



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Metro Credit Union opens college scholarship opportunities for area students

Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, today announced that it will provide scholarship opportunities for the 2021-2022 academic year. To be eligible, the applicant and/or their parent or guardian must be a member of Metro Credit Union.

"Metro is committed to providing opportunities to further the education of our members and their families," said Robert Cashman, CEO and president. "We look forward to seeing what's in store for high school students in the communities we serve, and we are happy to help guide them toward rich

futures filled with possibilities."

Metro Credit Union Scholarship Program

Thirteen scholarships, for \$1,000 each, will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited undergraduate program.

The application deadline is April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. To be considered for the scholarship awards, all applicants must apply online. Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and as-

pirations.

Cooperative Credit Union Association's Massachusetts College Scholarship Program

Metro Credit Union is a sponsoring credit union in the Cooperative Cred-

it Union Association's Massachusetts College Scholarship Program. The Association will award six (6) \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college de-

gree program during the 2021-2022 academic year.

The application deadline is Friday, April 9, 2021. Applications will be evaluated based on essay, grades and extracurricular/community activities.

Full details for both opportunities can be found at metrocu.org/scholarships.

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit metrocu.org, or connect with us on LinkedIn.

State DUA announces additional anti-fraud identification measures

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has announced that the Department has implemented new security measures to speed up identity verification and to protect claimant accounts. These measures also address the continued surge of fraudulent claim attempts.

The Department has contracted with the security vendor ID.me, a federally certified identity verification provider that specializes in digital identity protection. ID.me will implement solutions designed to reduce wait times on identity verification issues for unemployment claimants.

This new mobile-friendly method of identity verification will help protect the integrity of the system and allow DUA to make payments more quickly

to legitimate claimants. ID.me is being implemented for the traditional Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. The identity verification process for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program (PUA), which provides financial assistance to groups like the self-employed, is not undergoing any changes at this time.

The initial group of claimants who will benefit from the introduction of ID.me are those who are currently waiting for identity verification issues to be adjudicated. DUA has implemented ID.me for existing UI claimants. ID.me will be added for new claimants in the coming weeks.

For all claimants clearing the ID.me process, a Notice of Approval will be issued from UI Online, and if otherwise eligible, payments to the claimant

will commence within several days.

DUA is also implementing additional Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) measures within the UI Online system to help reduce the risk of fraud and cybersecurity attacks. MFA is an authentication method that requires the user to provide an additional form of verification

to gain access to a system. Generally, this is a code sent to the claimant's cell phone or email that the claimant must then enter to access UI Online. MFA is one aspect of a strong identity and access management policy that strengthens access to these critical systems and reduces the likelihood of any cybersecurity attacks.

Livestreaming for all high school sports and events to be available this month

Imagine sitting home and watching football live from the comfort of your home. In March? Get ready!

Livestreaming options for all high school events will be available later this month with the emergence of a new live high school broadcasting channel.

bBIG Communications, which has been livestreaming high school hockey games under the flagship MyHockeyLive.com for the past seven years, is now launching bBIGLive.com, giving schools the option to easily offer professional-quality livestream broadcasts of everything from upcoming football and baseball games to concerts and plays.

"We have all of our MyHockeyLive.com production tools available from the work we've been doing inside the rinks for the past seven years, and we have a great relationship with high school and prep school athletic directors across the state," said Mark Igo, Chief Operating Officer at bBIG Communications. "Extending into other school-run activities, from spring sports to school events, is a natural extension of our services."

bBIGLive.com will debut in late February when the early spring sports season starts, which includes high school football, after it was postponed from last fall's sports calendar. bBIGLive.com will then transition into traditional spring sports like baseball and lacrosse.

At the same time, Igo notes that if schools are offering any plays or concerts and wish to have larger events like graduation ceremonies broadcast live, bBIGLive.com is equipped to cover those events as well.

Igo notes that during this pandemic-limited hockey season, many games have

seen over 3,000 views per game as they can not only be viewed live but also shared with family and friends for viewing later, as well as used by coaching staffs to help with their film review.

"We want to be a full resource to all high schools and prep schools for their on-demand needs," said Igo.

Schools, teams, programs or booster organizations that are interested in scheduling games or events are urged to contact Mark Igo at migo@bbig-communications.com as soon as possible.

bBIGLive.com charges a small production fee to teams, often paid by the boosters, schools or local advertisers. Oftentimes, teams will split the cost to make the game coverage even more affordable. As an added perk, coaches have access to the game film following the game that they can use as part of their video sessions with their student athletes.

bBIGLive.com, owned by bBIG Communications, Inc., also owns My Hockey Live, which reaches the largest school hockey community in the Northeast via livestreamed broadcasts and a growing digital and social media presence. Our dedicated team delivers the latest in hockey news from all around New England. MHL is the ONLY digital, social, mobile media network designed exclusively for local community hockey families, players, fans and coaches, providing instant access to LIVE and ON-DEMAND hockey games, which can be viewed from your smartphone, laptop, tablet or big-screen TV. To learn more, visit <https://www.myhockeylive.com>. To schedule a game for your high school team, contact Mark Igo at migo@bbig-communications.com.

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John DiMille

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John M. DiMille, a life long resident of Orient Heights, East Boston, passed away peacefully on March 6 with his loving wife and sons by his bedside.

John worked as a MIS Director for many years but he was best known as East Boston #1 DJ Johnny D.

John's love for his family and friends was unmatched from the streets of East Boston to the classrooms of St Mary Star-of the Sea School, through the corridors of St. Domenic Savio High School and into the Gymnasium of Savio High or onto the sports fields of his favorite team, John was always there cheering or lending a helping hand.

In September of 1973, John entered St. Domenic Savio as a freshman and became a Spartan. As a Spartan, John was devoted to classmates and the Salesian community with an unconditional friendship that started and never ended. John devoted himself to his school, classmates and the Spartan way. After four incredible years, he graduated and made a commitment that few ever follow through and that was to keep the class of 1977 together through the years.

John continued his education but never forgot a Spartan, a Salesian and East Boston. John's education took him into computers and he advanced himself quickly soon becoming an MIS Director for health care running MGH and Dana-Farmer Institute systems. During that time, he always was in touch with a fellow Spartans and a Salesian Brothers or Priests.

He volunteered his DJ skills and equipment for non profits particularly the Salesian's Boys and Girls Club and the Make a Wish Foundation. While doing all these things, as only DiMille could, he met the love of his life, Dorothea Papa and within two years they married in 1983. Dorothy had already heard and learned about John's love and devotion. She was a remarkable wife always standing by his side, helping and sup-



porting her John. They are the proud parents of two sons, Jonathan and Nicholas. As John took care of them while in good health, when John became sick, they took care of him. John led by example and his family followed. Nothing showed that more then their unconditional love for John, especially this last several days.

The son of the late Giovanni and Geneva (DiNicolantonio) DiMille, John was the son in law of the late Vincent and Dorothy Papa; beloved husband for 37 years to Dorothy (Papa) DiMille; devoted father of Jonathan DiMille, Nicholas DiMille and his fiancé, Jaime Miglionico; dear brother in law of Diana and Bill Morton of Arizona, Linda and the late Buster Scalfani of East Boston, Vincent and Hildy Papa of Revere and John and Joanie Papa of East Boston. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends.

Family and friends will honor John's life by attending visiting hours today, Wednesday, March 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston and again on Thursday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, Ashley St., East Boston for a Funeral Mass in celebration of John's life at 10 a.m.

Due to John's love for and devotion to the Salesian community, please, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: The Salesian Boys and Girls Club 150 Byron Street, Boston, MA 02128. You may also donate online at <http://www.salesianclub.com>.

Edith DeAngelis D.Ed.

Educator and Community Activist

Edith G. De Angelis D.Ed. Doctor Emeritus, of Brooksby Village in Peabody, passed away after a long illness on February 28.

She was born in East Boston on March 22, 1929, graduated from East Boston High School in 1947, attended Sargent College at Boston University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1951, a Master's Degree in 1955 and a Doctor of Education in 1977.

Her teaching career began in the Winthrop Public School System. She later went on to teach Physical Education and Recreation as a Professor and Department Head at Boston State College/ University of Massachusetts, Boston, until her retirement.

Edith traveled and attended many other colleges and universities to obtain graduate credits in her fields of study. She completed her Doctoral Dissertation on the Costumes, Dance and Traditions of the Native Americans. Edith volunteered countless hours to the Trinity Neighborhood House in East Boston. She made a life-long commitment as an activist for open spaces, recreation and nature, through the parks and recreation system in Boston.

She was a veteran member and active participant in Piers Park, Freedoms Foundation, East Boston Greenway and numerous youth organizations, just to name a few. She was a founding member of the East Boston Community Gardens. She also belonged to the East Boston Historical Society and was twice featured in Who's Who for Profes-



sional Women in America.

Near the time of her death, she was still actively working on the Chelsea Creek Project. She was a devoted member and generous benefactor to the Holy Redeemer Church, where she and her sister served as Franciscan Ministers.

She truly was a dedicated individual and dauntless worker who never sought recognition for herself. She loved her family and had many friends and colleagues.

She leaves her sister and best friend, Florence R. D'Avella and was also the sister of the late, Joseph and Robert DeAngelis. She also leaves her nephews: Joseph DeAngelis and his wife, Ellen, Richard A. D'Avella and his wife, Lisa, Joseph R. Zarba and the late Christopher R. Zarba, and nieces, Carol Ann DeAngelis Moulton and her husband, James and Patricia A. D'Avella and many grand nephews and nieces.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private service will be held for family members and close friends only at Magrath Funeral Home in East Boston and a Celebration of Life is planned for a later date. To leave a message of condolence for the family please go to MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Anthony Joseph Ruggiero, Jr.

Attorney



Anthony ("Tony") J. Ruggiero, Jr., of Kinston, North Carolina, formerly of East Boston, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, February 16, at the age of 80.

Tony was born on March 11, 1940 in East Boston and graduated from Boston Latin School, Tufts University, and Boston University with a degree in law. He served as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps of the U.S. Navy, had a successful career as a corporate attorney, and established a private practice later in life. He and his family moved from Massachusetts to North Carolina in 1979.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Anne (Gordon) Ruggiero of Kinston, NC, daughters Amy Ruggiero, and Bethany Ruggiero of Durham, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony Joseph Ruggiero, Sr. and Julia (Fatalo) Ruggiero and his sister, Maryann Ruggiero of East Boston.

Tony's work ethic, perseverance, and compassion when representing his clients was unmatched. He represented the underdog. He was dedicated to the practice of law and could talk for hours on the finer points of legal principles. He also spoke five languages.

In his spare time he enjoyed reading nonfiction, particularly American History and the history of World War II, as well as gardening, listening to music and watching movies with his family. He loved to reminisce and tell stories. He would often tell stories about growing up in East Boston, about his friends from the neighborhood and the fun times

he had with his friends from high school and college. But all would agree that his greatest talent was making others laugh with his great sense of humor – sometimes silly, sometimes witty and sometimes just plain goofy. Tony lovingly supported his wife in all of her endeavors and nothing was more important to him than his two daughters, who will forever miss his wisdom and guidance.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Tony's honor on Wednesday, February 24, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Kinston, NC. The Mass can be viewed virtually via Facebook Live on the Howard-Carter Funeral Home Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Howard-Carter-Funeral-Home-378804352516347>. A graveside service was held at Eastern North Carolina Veterans Cemetery, with military honors. The graveside service may also be viewed via Facebook Live on the Howard-Carter Funeral Home Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

Howard-Carter Funeral Home in Kinston, NC assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent through howardandcarter.com.

Blood donation essential amid COVID-19 pandemic

A year ago, many things in the world paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But, the need for blood never stopped. Today blood donations are just as essential, and the American Red Cross urges individuals who are healthy to make an appointment to donate blood.

For patients in the emergency room, fighting cancer or coping with a life-threatening illness, help can't wait. Their health is reliant on the selfless generosity of blood donors. However, the blood supply continues to face challenges from the ongoing pandemic and extreme winter weather that impacted much of the U.S. last month.

More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed now to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and everyday medical treat-

ments. Schedule a blood donation appointment by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

March is Red Cross Month, and the Red Cross is celebrating blood, platelet and plasma donors for stepping up to meet the constant need for blood amid the pandemic. In thanks for being a vital part of the organization's lifesaving mission, all who come to give March 15-26 will receive an exclusive Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

•Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's

immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Testing may also identify the presence of antibodies developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for high levels of COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center

follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities March 15-31:

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3/17/2021: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Old South Church, 645 Boylston St.
3/19/2021: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., AC Hotel by Marriott Boston Downtown, 225 Albany St.
3/19/2021: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Big Night Entertainment Group, 110 Causeway St.
3/26/2021: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Big Night Entertainment Group, 110 Causeway St.
- Chelsea
3/31/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Logan Airport Chelsea, 145 Beech St.
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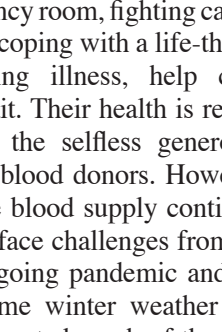
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Reported losses topped \$3.3 billion – an increase of around \$1.5 billion over the previous year. The top scams were identity theft, impostor scams and online shopping scams. Most of these same scams are still active in 2021, which is why it's important to avoid answering calls from unknown phone numbers or clicking on links from texts or emails from suspicious or unknown senders. And as long as COVID remains a challenge, beware of offers for miracle cure or a shortcut to a vaccine.

Be a fraud fighter! If one can spot a scam, one can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

and 406 women-owned, businesses; 295 recipients are located in Gateway Cities, and 329 businesses awarded grants have not received any prior aid.

With public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction, including a decline in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations, and as vaccination rates continue to increase, the Administration is taking steps to gradually reopen the Commonwealth's economy. On Monday, March 1, the Commonwealth advanced to Step 2 of Phase III of the Administration's reopening plan. In addition, the Administration also recently announced its plan to transition to Step 1 of Phase IV on Monday, March 22, provided that public health metrics continue to improve.

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“LIZ” MCBRIDE DIES AT 100

CHELSEA - Mrs. Elizabeth “Liz” McBride, who served on the Chelsea School Committee for many years and was a member of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, died on March 1. She was 100 years old.

McBride was a beloved public figure and attended numerous events hosted by local organizations and was warmly welcomed by all. She had incredible energy and spread her goodwill efforts throughout the community.

Mrs. McBride was a pioneer in the local Kiwanis Club, becoming its first female member. Kiwanis President Sylvia Ramirez lauded Mrs. McBride’s dedication to the club, stating that she was “a vivid and passionate member whose presence has been missed at our meetings.”

“We are saddened by this huge loss to our community,” said Ramirez. “I just hope to be at least a tiny percent of what she was for Kiwanis during my Kiwanis years. Not only was she active in Kiwanis, she was a member of the School Committee, engaged with our children, and passionate about bicycle safety – she was a great woman and we will miss her terribly.”

Ramirez said the members will be paying tribute to Mrs. McBride at her memorial observance. “We will all be wearing our red jackets to honor her.”

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson described Mrs. McBride as “a wonderful lady.”

“Liz devoted her life’s work to the Chelsea schoolchildren and Chelsea School Committee,” said Robinson. “Through the Kiwanis Club and her advocacy for our students, the Kiwanis Club has been a generous donor of scholarships to

Chelsea High students and Liz made it happen,” said Robinson.

Chelsea School Committee member Rosemarie Carlisle served on the committee with Mrs. McBride. She was also a friend and neighbor on Sagamore Avenue.

“She was a wonderful lady who cared about all the students in the City of Chelsea,” said Carlisle. “She made sure that the decisions she made in the educational system were in the best interests of the students. She cared about all the teachers and made sure the teachers were happy in the classroom.”

Carlisle recalled how Mrs. McBride would visit the Mary C. Burke Complex and read books to the elementary school students there. They would lovingly call her, ‘Grandma’, related Carlisle.

Carlisle said she has great memories of serving on the School Committee with Mrs. McBride and being a partner in the effort to bring Boston University officials to Chelsea to manage the local school system. “Liz McBride, and Morry Seigal, Lydia Walata, Andrew Quigley, and Chubby Tiro – all of us worked together to bring Boston University to reality in Chelsea.”

As a neighbor, Carlisle often saw Mrs. McBride near her home in Prattville.

“I grew up with all her kids – she was a wonderful mother,” said Carlisle. “She loved her husband, John, and they were good parents to their kids. They were all brought up the right way in the City of Chelsea. They’re really Chelsea people.”

CITY HALL TOWER GETTING A FACELIFT

CHELSEA - While a lot of Chelsea City Hall has been modernized or upgraded in the last 10 years, the tower and

dome have literally remained a time capsule – though the time may not have always been right on the tower clock.

Nevertheless, this month the City’s Department of Public Works began a complete restoration project for the tower – getting rid of 100-year-old rickety stairs, fixing leaks, re-pointing the brickwork, righting the clock and even applying a new layer of gilding to the Hall’s golden dome.

“We’re doing a full restoration of the tower, and that will include gilding the entire dome,” said DPW Director Fidel Maltez. “That will be done later this summer and when it’s done, it will really look awesome.”

The impetus for the restoration comes from many directions.

First and foremost, the leaks in the tower had become expensive and disruptive. The tower sits right above the Council’s Conference Room, and more than a few storms had brought water into the tower, where it stood in puddles and leaked down into the Conference Room. That caused extensive damage and lots of repairs.

“What happens is on the north side of the tower, we had a lot of water coming in and would destroy the Conference Room,” he said. “In my four years here, we’ve re-done that roof four times. That was the driving force of this project. Once we started that, we pushed the Council for a holistic project that restored the entire Tower. We believe after this we won’t have to tackle the Tower for another 100 years.”

That part of City Hall was built in 1909, and it does show.

Right now, Contracting Specialists Inc. (CSI) are working on the brick work and the masonry to stop all the leaks. They are also repairing all four

RESTORATION OF CITY HALL TOWER, DOME



Looking out over Chelsea from the height of the clocks on the City Hall Tower, one can see Boston and beyond. The vista from the tower is incredible, and this rare view is courtesy of the full restoration of the tower that has started and should be completed by June.

faces of the clock, and the clock will be computerized so that it looks historic, but also keeps good time and resets itself automatically. In fact, all four faces of the clock were to be removed on Tuesday of this week.

They will also be installing new stairs on the inside of the tower, and, of course, the new gilding on the dome – along with some other smaller repairs.

Maltez said the plan is to have the restoration complete in June, and he hopes that upon completion, residents could be invited up to the tower to see the inner workings of the clock.

The Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places, and so the renovations are being held to historic standards.

The project costs a total of \$1.8 million, with the City getting a \$150,000 boost from the Community Preservation Committee.

DEMARIA SEEKS RE-ELECTION

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria officially announced that he would be seeking re-election as mayor of Everett in 2021.

The mayor’s Cam-

paign Committee had indicated previously in the Independent that he was going to run and he has informally said over the last several months that he would, indeed, seek another four-year term.

In his official announcement, he said he still has big goals and big plans, and hopes to continue them in 2022.

“I have big goals, aggressive goals, but I’m confident they can be accomplished if given the opportunity to continue to serve as your Mayor,” he wrote in an op-ed to the paper. “I am excited to get back on the campaign trail this year and hope to have the opportunity to discuss our past accomplishments as well as bold plans for the future with you directly. Your early support and encouragement will fuel this campaign.”

The mayor relayed many of the actions and accomplishments from 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, and said he’s ready to move past last year and re-claim the City’s momentum.

“I am committed to continuing to move our City forward – together,” he said.

“As Mayor, I prom-

ise to continue to make strides towards bettering our community in all aspects, including, but not limited to, transportation, capital improvements, and infrastructure. The pandemic required the City to shift gears and adapt to a global crisis; however, we are ready to pick up where we left off and continue to move Everett forward.”

He said a lot of what will be done the remaining part of his current term, through 2021, will be helping residents and businesses get on their feet and ready for the plans he has in 2022.

“Since then, our City has truly come together to support one another,” he said of the actions after schools and City Hall were closed on March 14, 2020. “We have distributed 1.4 Million pounds of food, delivered 130,000 meals to the elderly, and provided financial assistance to residents and local businesses alike. In 2021 my Administration will be focused on getting our children back into the classroom, providing all residents an opportunity to get vaccinated, and distributing additional financial as-

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sistance to residents and businesses.”

He also mentioned that in 2020, Everett was name one of the top places to live North of Boston by the Boston Globe, noting that Everett was a “winning bet” with the recent increases in property values. He added that even with those increases, Everett has the one of the lowest single-family tax bills in Greater Boston.

DeMaria said serving as mayor has been an honor, and he hopes to be able to do so for another four-year term.

“Serving as Mayor has truly been an honor and a privilege,” he said. “It is something that I have never and will never take for granted. The trust and encouragement provided by the residents over the years continues to inspire my family and me. I look forward to continuing this journey with you, the great people of Everett.”

DARREN PIERRE PAINTS HIS WAY

EVERETT - In front of a two shades of blue and on top of a red floor sits a lonely and isolated young man - empty and seemingly without hope.

It is the stark picture of how the pandemic started for Everett High star artist Darren Pierre, who won a Silver Key art award late last month for the painting – which he titled ‘Isolated’ and for which so many students and staff have come to relate to as how they also felt.

Pierre, 18, said he has won Silver Keys in the past – one of the district’s most consistent winning artists – but this one was a little more personal because the painting (dubbed ‘Isolated’) bore more raw emotion than he usually lets into his work.

“At the beginning of the Quarantine I was in a really bad spot and wasn’t really trying to come out of it,” he said. “I stayed in my room 24/7 and never went out even if my mom let me go out. I would only go out if she sent me to the market. I didn’t want to associate with anyone for a while. I was depressed. This painting described how I felt. I did that painting when I felt exactly like that – isolated.”

Like many young people, Pierre struggled

though many months, but has emerged and figured out how to remain creative and not fall into the depths of where he was when he painted isolated – though he said he values the painting because it’s an honest representation of how he felt.

Art Teacher Evan DeMarzo said so many students and staff have had strong feelings about relating to the painting, but a remarkable think for Pierre – DeMarzo said – is that after that painting his work began to show his growth within the situation.

“He had a drawing later on that showed him in the same corner, except this time he’s laying down on the floor and there’s a guitar by him, plants growing around him and he’s smiling,” said DeMarzo. “You see through his art that he’s kind of figured this thing out. It’s such a great contrast.”

Pierre is the rare artist that has as much interest in what he calls his “weird art” as he has in a more commercialized form of art – which he practices in his own home-based business that has been humming with orders and projects over the last several months. Meanwhile, he has also kept his artistic flair alive painting from home while taking remote classes and beginning the transition to go to Monserrat College next fall.

Pierre said his business is what has kept him going with art, kept him interested and able to perform at the level that would earn him another Silver Key award.

“Me being able to do this business has kept things going,” he said. “If it wasn’t for the business, I would have stopped doing art by now. It’s keeping me extremely busy and getting orders left and right. I’m just really excited to see it come to life now. That’s exciting and it keeps me going.”

The business is based in fashion, where he customizes clothing or objects for customers. That’s something he hopes to continue doing when he moves on to Monserrat, as the teachers there have told him they like his fashion portfolio and it’s something he could investigate in his artistic journey there.

That said, Pierre’s art career didn’t begin on a pair of designer jeans or on a canvas even.

When he was very young, he said his dad was studying to become an architect and would always be doing architectural drawings at his work desk.

“He would always be drawing buildings for his school and I was intrigued,” said Pierre. “Then, every time I got a book I would draw the characters in the book on the back pages of the book. I also drew on the walls, but my mom did not like that.”

Pierre started his schooling at the Keverian School and then moved up to Everett High, where he is a senior. At Everett High he has taken a number of classes including Studio Art, Advanced Art and Illustration – among so many others.

Yet, it was a contest sponsored by the MWRA that truly pushed him to begin thinking about art.

“My very first time really trying to do serious art was in the fifth grade for the MWRA Poster Contest,” he said. “That was crazy. I had always wanted to win that and hear my name called over the speaker at school. As it happened the day I actually won was one of the few days I was late to school. When I got there my friends were telling me I won the award. The one day I was late to school, and I missed my moment.”

But other moments would come and are yet to come.

Art Director Amanda Gil said the teachers at EHS expect big things out of Pierre, but not just on the canvas. He is also a talented singer, and certainly has a mind for business too. Plus, she said, he is a kind and caring young man.

“It’s not because Darren is super successful in his talent and his art, but his character is one of a kind,” she said. “He’s humble and kind and it speaks a lot about who he is as a person and an artist.”

In addition to Gil and DeMarzo, Pierre said he had been greatly influenced by teachers Annette LeRay and Brianna Pierce.

He is the son of Jean and Darlene Pierre.

A WINNING CAREER FOR NGUYEN

LYNN - Van Nguyen was an ideal student-athlete in the St. Mary’s High School girls basketball program. She began her career as a freshman, worked hard on her game in the off-season, and became an important contributor to the team’s success. Nguyen said she has immensely enjoyed her four-year athletic and academic experience at St. Mary’s.

Nguyen, who lives in Lynn, played her last high school basketball game for the Spartans and it ended in a 46-40 victory over Bishop Fenwick in the Catholic Central League Cup final.

Nguyen was a key part of a terrific senior class that helped St. Mary’s win a state title in 2020 and claim more than 80 victories overall. The 2018-19 team also won in the Garden and played in the state final in Worcester.

Nguyen spoke about her career after joining the team in accepting the first Catholic Central League Cup Feb. 20 at the Tony Conigliaro Gymnasium.

“I just want to say thank you to Coach Newhall and Mr. Ridley for everything that he has done - he helped me out through all four years and it’s been a long run, but I finally made it,” said Nguyen.

Nguyen said the key to her improving her basketball skills was playing basketball all year round. “I worked hard in the off season and I made sure to stay close and around and kept playing and did whatever Coach Newhall said,” related Nguyen.

Among the highlights was playing (and excelling and winning) at the Boston Garden.

Nguyen played basketball for the Breed Middle School team and traveled to various parks in Lynn for games. Often times, she was the only girl competing on the court.

With the encouragement and support of her mentor, Jim Ridley, Nguyen enrolled at St. Mary’s High School.

St. Mary’s Coach Jeff Newhall lauded Nguyen for her contributions to the program over the past four years.

“Van is just a great kid who worked hard

and was admired and respected by all of her teammates,” said Newhall. “Our senior class really stepped up this year during a challenging year and Van set a great example for the underclassmen with her dedication, positive attitude, and team spirit.”

Nguyen said she is considering Emmanuel and Salem State for college in the fall.

REVERE HIGH TO PARTNER WITH NSMHA

REVERE - Through a state grant, Revere High School will partner with North Suffolk Mental Health (NSMHA) to deliver mental health and substance abuse services to students.

The Baker-Polito Administration made the announcement this week and the partnership between Revere High and North Suffolk is part of \$4.9 million in grants awarded to six agencies in the state.

The state funding to treatment and behavioral health centers like North Suffolk will create evidence-based and data-driven substance use disorder/mental health response teams at Revere High.

These teams will be embedded in the high school in Revere and nine other communities to offer intervention and treatment services, and provide alternatives to school suspension for substance use.

“Disruptions to in-school learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic have taken a social and emotional toll on many students, and especially those most at risk for substance use and mental health issues,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. “This grant will allow much-needed resources to reach students remotely and offer a mental health-driven alternative to suspensions.”

The program at Revere High will respond to students’ and their families’ needs, increase collaboration with schools, and provide support to students in crisis.

“We are very excited to partner with North Suffolk on this grant program,” said Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kel-

ly. “It will allow us to increase access to mental health professionals for all of our students; which is a district priority. Because this grant is specific to high school students and based on the needs there, the program plan will focus on students with substance use issues and students with risk factors that typically lead to substance use. The deeper layer of individual intervention available through this grant will complement our existing support group program for students with substance use disorders and those who are at risk of substance use disorders.”

The grant at Revere High will be distributed over the course of six years with a total of \$136,864 spent per year to support the partnership between Revere High and North Suffolk.

The state program is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response grant. The grant will serve to support the Commonwealth-wide adolescent addiction workforce that is specifically trained and certified to provide targeted substance use interventions and treatment to at-risk students, reducing their risk of developing an opioid or substance use disorder.

The grant in Revere will support Massachusetts schools’ efforts to effectively respond to student substance use and mental health concerns, as access to high-potency marijuana products increases, rates of on-campus vaping surge, and the overall perception of harm associated with adolescent substance use decreases.

“Massachusetts is taking action to reinforce protections for children affected by substance use and mental health issues in these unprecedented times,” said Deirdre Calvert, Director of the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services at the Department of Public Health. “This grant program will ensure that at-risk youth receive the services they need to prevent substance use, help combat the opioid epidemic, and support families during the COVID-19 state of emergency.”

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21PO351EA

Estate of: Andrew Tyler Headen

Date of Death: 09/25/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by William Perry Headen, III of San Mateo, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the

Petition. The Petitioner requests that: William Perry Headen, III of San Mateo, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/07/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days

of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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Weekly COVID positive test rate decreases

By John Lynds

Last week the cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate in Eastie stayed the same while the weekly positive test rate decreased once again.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), of the 35,811 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 18.9 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was the same percentage reported

by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Last week, 1,876 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 3.9 percent were positive--a 13 percent decrease from the 4.5 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, 28,793 residents were tested and 3.6 percent were COVID positive--a 2.85 percent increase from the 3.5 percent testing positive two weeks ago but still below the 5 percent threshold of

concern.

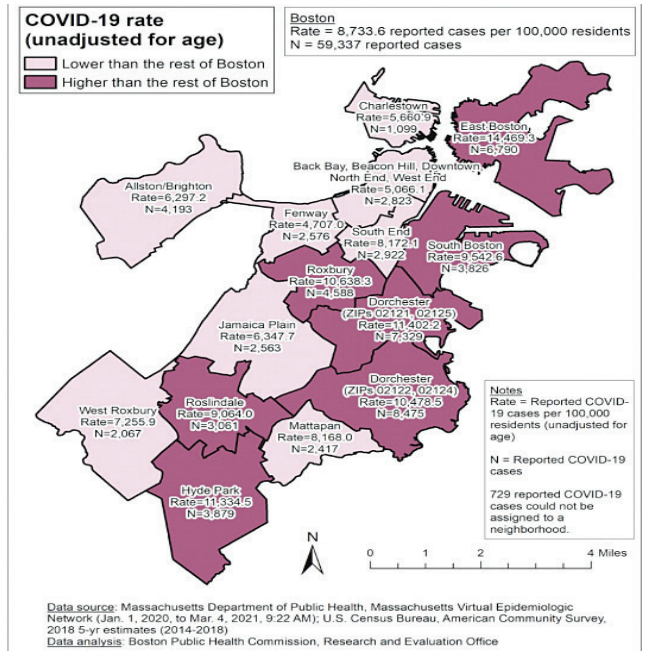
Eastie's COVID infection rate increased by only 1.1 percent last week and went from 1,431 cases per 10,000 residents to 1446.9 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 873.3 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 74 Eastie residents contracted the virus and there are now 6,790 confirmed cases, up from the 6,716 reported two weeks ago.

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 1.7 percent last week and went from 58,901 cases to 59,953 confirmed cases in a week. Thirteen additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,286 total deaths in the city from COVID.



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

MBTA Spring 2021 subway and bus schedules effective March 14

The MBTA reminds customers that upcoming spring 2021 subway and bus schedules will take effect on Sunday, March 14. These changes are part of Forging Ahead, the MBTA's plan to preserve transit access and quality of service available to transit-critical customers and were approved by the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) in December 2020 along with other service adjustments to other MBTA travel modes. These short-term service changes for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) help match service levels with current and near-term low ridership demand.

For full and complete listing of all upcoming service changes, including all changes to bus routes, Commuter Rail lines, subway, and ferries, please visit mbta.com/ForgingAhead.

•Subway Service Changes Effective March 14:

There will be no changes in the hours of operation or any elimination or consolidation of any subway routes.

Service frequency will be reduced by 20 percent on the Red, Orange, and Green Lines. Frequency on the Blue Line will be reduced by up to 5 percent.

•Bus Service Changes Effective March 14:

In order to better reflect ridership levels and preserve access and quality of service for transit-critical communities, a number of bus schedule changes will go into effect on March 14.

Bus routes with high ridership serving high transit-critical communities have been prioritized in the Forging Ahead plan and will not change. Other routes will operate with less frequency, with both increased and decreased frequency depending on the time of day, or with their hours of service changed. A number of bus

routes will be suspended, consolidated, or have routing or trip changes with service alternatives and details available online.

For complete bus route schedules, please visit mbta.com/servicechanges or each route's individual schedule page.

•Paratransit Service (The RIDE) Changes:

As a result of changes to subway, bus, and Commuter Rail service, The RIDE will implement the following changes in the coming weeks:

*Some RIDE ADA trips may become premium fare trips, complementing the changes to fixed route changes. RIDE ser-

vice boundaries will not change.

*Trips will be scheduled 40 minutes from request time instead of 30 minutes.

*Premium service hours will be adjusted to complement Commuter Rail hours of operation.

RIDE customers impacted by these changes will be notified in the coming weeks.

As part of its Forging Ahead initiative, the MBTA organized a months-long process to solicit the public's input, including more than 7,000 comments from riders and stakeholders. This process and the feedback received

were used to shape the final plan approved by the FMCB.

The MBTA and FMCB continue to discuss how the MBTA will add back and increase service. Ridership will be monitored with MBTA staff returning to the FMCB every month to show where ridership stands compared to service planning scenarios. Other data sources will also be monitored, including passenger surveys, employer surveys, roadway data, general travel data, and economic recovery planning. FY22 service levels will be planned as part of the FY22 budget process.

March is National Pet Poison Prevention Month

Staff Report

Watching your dog or cat get sick from toxic items or poison is a nightmare for any pet owner. Symptoms of poisoning can be especially traumatic, ranging from seizures and vomiting to nosebleeds and diarrhea.

"Nobody wants to see their pets suffer in such a painful way or, worst-case scenario, have a fatal incident. That's why it's important to make sure your home environment keeps dogs and cats as safe as possible," said Dr. Erin Katribe, veterinarian and medical director for Best Friends Animal Society.

As March is Pet Poison Prevention Month, Best Friends encourages pet owners to protect their pets from potential ingestion of any of the following:

- Antifreeze
 - Bait for rodents
 - Batteries (which can contain corrosive fluid)
 - Car care products, such as cleaners or oils
 - Fertilizer
 - Gorilla Glue (or similar products)
 - Household cleaners
 - Ice-melting products
 - Medications – prescribed and over-the-counter
 - Nicotine products
 - Pesticides for insects
 - Pool or pond products
- "Pets can be very inquisitive, so it's always best to keep these items in a sealed cabinet area that your pets cannot have access to, whether that's in the home, in a shed, or in a garage," Katribe said. "If you use any of these products, always make sure to clean up any spillage immediately and thoroughly

so ingestion can't happen that way, either."

Food can be toxic to pets, so it's always important to remember to never give or allow your pets to have access to any of the following:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Substances containing caffeine, such as coffee
- Chocolate
- Fatty foods, especially drippings and grease from cooking
- Chicken and turkey bones
- Grapes and raisins
- Onions and garlic
- Macadamia nuts
- Salt and sugar
- Yeast or bread dough

"Plants can also be toxic and poisonous to pets," Katribe said. "These plants include English ivy or holly, lilies, Chinaberry, iris, poinsettia, pokeweed and daphne. For cats, even contact with the pollen of

some lilies can be severely toxic."

Should your pet show any signs of poisoning, which include vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, blood in stool, paralysis, loss of appetite, bruising, nosebleeds, irregular heartbeat or inability to urinate, a veterinary consult is in immediate order.

"Call your veterinary office or an emergency clinic as soon as possible to let them know of your pet's symptoms and what they could have possibly ingested. The veterinary staff may be able to provide instructions on how to help decrease the severity of the situation prior to coming in or they may advise that you come in immediately," Katribe said. "Time is of the essence when it comes to minimizing the dangerous effects of any poison, so every



COURTESY BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY

Keep your pets safe with tips from Best Friends Animal Society.

second counts."

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters from an estimated 17 million per year to around

625,000. Best Friends runs lifesaving programs all across the country, as well as the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary. Working collaboratively with a network of more than 3,200 animal welfare and shelter partners, and community members nationwide, Best Friends is working to Save Them All. For more information, visit bestfriends.org.

Applications now being accepted for Treasurer Goldberg's Women in Finance Fellowship

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment is accepting applications for the 2021 Women in Finance Fellowship program. In its fifth year, the initia-

tive places Massachusetts' female-identifying undergraduate students into financial departments within the State Treasury. The Fellowship did not run in 2020 due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

"This fellowship will provide young women who seek careers in finance, the opportunity to enhance their skills, build confidence and develop relationships with mentors and their peers," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, "By providing firsthand job experience with exposure

to financial leaders in both Treasury and throughout the community, we are investing in the future success of our fellows, and also building toward a more gender balanced sector."

The Women in Finance Fellowship seeks to identify and foster female talent for the financial services industry, build a network

and pipeline for women in finance, and advocate for the placement of women in leadership roles. The Fellowship will help recruit, retain, and foster female talent, and promote awareness of the benefits of hiring women at all levels of management. Although the Fellowship will be virtual this year, the Office of Economic Empowerment

is incorporating educational sessions throughout the summer with leaders in the industry.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, March 17. The program launches on June 1, and will conclude on July 30. For more information about the Women in Finance Fellowship or to apply, visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/what-the-women-in-finance-fellowship-offers>.

On her first day in office, Treasurer Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment, led by a deputy treasurer, with the deliberate goal of implementing a range of economic empowerment initiatives that include closing the race and gender wage gap, addressing racial equity, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education. For more information about OEE visit www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-economic-empowerment.

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