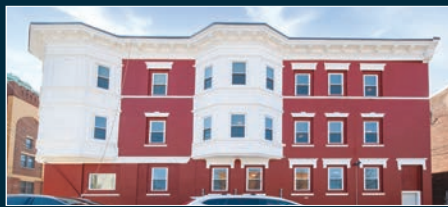


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Maverick Street Mothers-1968

The group blocks trucks heading the airport at the corner of Maverick and Jeffries Streets.

## Historic newsreel depicting the Maverick Mothers protests of the 1960s digitally remastered

By John Lynds

Historic news footage of the group of East Boston mothers that took on Logan Airport Expansion in the late 1960s has been digitally remastered.

The Maverick Street Mothers protest was in response to the construction trucks bringing fill for a Logan expansion project.

The trucks drove very fast down the densely populated Maverick Street, creating an unsafe situation for children, the elderly and the mothers that took their children out for walks or to run errands.

The 11 minute film shows the mothers blocking Maverick Street and forcing the construction trucks to a standstill. State

police arrive on the scene and manhandle some of the Eastie mothers--led by Eastie icons like Anna De-Fronzo and Karen Maddalena, arrested men that joined the protest as well as on site speeches by former State Rep. George DiLorenzo and State Sen. Mario Umana.

The news footage culminates with former May-

or Kevin White arriving in Eastie to join with the Maverick Mothers and community and put an end to the trucks using the residential street.

The news footage was painstakingly restored by Eastie resident and Head of Special Collections and University Archivist at

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## Firelei Baez will be the ICA/Boston 2021 Watershed artist

By John Lynds

The ICA Watershed, opened in the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina in the summer 2018. After two successful seasons, the Watershed was forced to close for the 2020 season and push back the scheduled commission by acclaimed artist Firelei Baez.

Throughout the pandemic the Watershed was repurposed as an important food distribution site to address a direct need within the Eastie, which has experienced one of the highest rates of COVID-19 in Boston. In partnership with community organizations in the neighborhood and the museum's caterer, The Cattered Affair, more than 2,000 boxes of



Firelei Baez will finally have her shot as the ICA/Watershed's resident artist, after last season was canceled due to COVID. The installation will be Baez's largest sculpture to date.

much-needed fresh produce and dairy products were delivered to Eastie families throughout the spring and summer last year, and this will continue through spring 2021.

However, with summer coming, and more and more residents being vaccinated, ICA Director Jill Medvedow is confident Baez's art will finally

be on full display for the 2021 season.

"With the cooperation of Firelei Baez, our East Boston partners, ICA staff and generous donors, we re-directed the resources of the ICA and the Watershed in particular to address a direct need within the community (in 2020)," said Medvedow. "Art projects were includ-

ed in each box of food to provide families with new and creative activities to do at home during that challenging time."

Medvedow said Baez's work that will be on display this summer at the Watershed is the artist's largest sculptural installation to date. Baez's work

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## EBNHC may receive \$14.7 million from American Rescue Plan

By John Lynds

U.S. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley announced last week that East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) could receive up to \$14.7 million in grant money through the American Rescue Plan.

EBNHC has been serving patients from Eastie, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and the South End throughout the pandemic with increased testing and vaccination programs.

Pressley said EBNHC will join 12 other Community Health Centers in her 7th Congressional District in sharing a total of \$56,833,875 in American Rescue Plan funds.

Once all the details are ironed out EBNHC can use the funds to expand their COVID-19 vaccination and treatment services. The resources are part of the American Rescue Plan's investments to expand access to vaccines in historically underserved communities.

"Throughout this pandemic and well before it,

our Community Health Centers (CHC) have served as a critical lifeline for our most vulnerable communities in the Massachusetts 7th and all across the Commonwealth, providing life-saving and patient-centered resources to our children, people experiencing homelessness, immigrant families and veterans," said Pressley. "With our vaccination efforts underway, this new funding through the American Rescue Plan will go a long way toward helping our CHCs—which play a central role in working towards equitable vaccine distribution—continue their important work."

EBNHC can use the funding to expand COVID-19 vaccinations, testing and treatment for vulnerable populations; deliver preventive and primary health care services to people at higher risk for COVID-19; and expand health centers' operational capacity during the pandemic and beyond, including modifying and

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## FEMA to reimburse families up \$9,000 who lost a loved one due to COVID-19

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. With many families struggling through the pandemic with loss of jobs and income the added expense of providing a funeral for a loved one that succumbed to the virus has been a heavy burden.

This has been especially true for working class neighborhoods like East Boston, but a new program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aims to ease some of those financial burdens.

Last week FEMA launched a new program that began providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to COVID to, "help ease some of the financial stress and burden

caused by the pandemic".

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the new program will reimburse local residents who lost a loved one to COVID up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses.

"At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters," said Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton. "The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although we cannot change what has happened, we affirm our commitment to help with funeral and burial expenses that many families did not anticipate."

Over at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,

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# Gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing outlines his climate plan for Boston

By John Lynds

With recent state legislation passed that will once and for all set criteria of what defines environmental justice communities like East Boston --Gubernatorial Candidate, former State Senator and Eastie resident Ben Downing outlined his climate plan that he'd make a priority if elected to the state's corner office in 2022.

In his plan, the Pittsfield native who now lives in Orient Heights with his wife and two sons, said he wants to achieve 100 percent clean electricity in the Commonwealth by 2030 and 100 percent clean energy by 2040.

Downing, who became a clean energy business leader at a leading renewable energy company after leaving the Senate in 2017, unveiled his plan via his newly launched BEN TV (<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=305705040944045>).

Downing said the first part of his campaign's policy agenda would be to focus on climate action.

"The Downing Climate Plan" is focused on urgency, equity, innovation, justice and jobs.

Aside from reaching

100 percent clean energy Downing said he's also committed to requiring 50 percent of climate spending to directly benefit environmental justice communities; undertake "Restructuring 3.0" to reform utilities and modernize the grid; create a climate impact mandate across state government; and maximize the economic economy of a clean energy economy in Massachusetts

"For years, the Massachusetts state government has approached climate change with sluggishness and delay," said Downing during the launch of his climate agenda. "So barely two weeks after we finally saw a major climate bill signed into law, we still find ourselves behind. It's past time we had a Governor who understands the fierce urgency of our changing climate, the disparate impact of our failures on disenfranchised communities, and the reality that if there is one resource we are flat out of, it is time. In the years ahead there is no greater priority for our state than undertaking an aggressive, all-hands-on-deck campaign to bring emissions down, reform

our energy sector, maximize green jobs, build up climate resilience, and fortify communities shouldering environmental injustice."

Downing said his climate policy plan is the first of many in his campaign.

"It's critical to me that voters understand my vision and priorities from the start," said Downing. "Our campaign's policy agenda will be a living, breathing effort, and we're looking forward to sharing ideas in the months ahead, getting feedback, listening to concerns, and building out a collective vision for a fairer, stronger Massachusetts."

Downing was a leading voice for climate action during his 10 years in the state senate. He served as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy where he passed transformative legislation to improve energy efficiency, jumpstart renewable development, and help the state meet its carbon reduction goals.

He later served as Vice President at Nexamp and also served on the board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

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improving physical infrastructure and adding mobile units.

Pressley said she has been a steadfast champion for community-based

health care programs throughout her time in Congress. She is an active member of the Congressional Community Health Centers Caucus and has

advocated for increased resources for Community Health Centers before and during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Funeral Director Joseph Ruggiero III has been contacting families and providing information on the new program.

"It hasn't been an easy time for anyone," said Ruggiero. "This new program will help families recover some funds for the unexpected death of a loved one during the pandemic. The timing couldn't be better for many families here. With unemployment benefits set to expire and other benefits running out this new FEMA program can help ease a big financial burden."

Both Ruggiero and Dayle Magrath Vecchione of the Magrath Funeral Home on Chelsea Street are prepared to help families navigate the FEMA paperwork if need be.

"I think it's a wonderful program for people to take advantage of," said Vecchione. "I think it's good because a lot of people have definitely been caught off guard and certainly not prepared for a loved one dying from COVID. We had a lot of unexpected deaths here and this program can be a big help to many of our families."

Like Ruggiero, Vecchione said her funeral

home's staff will be on hand to help people fill out and file the necessary paperwork for the benefits.

"We can sit down and help navigate the process cause we are familiar with a process like that and have experience dealing with paperwork," she said.

Ruggiero added that families can also contact his funeral home for help because it is up to the families to apply for the funds and not the funeral director.

"But we can definitely help throughout the process," he said. "If you have COVID-19 related funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation."

Ruggiero said types of information should include an official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. Other important documents are funeral expenses documents that include the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.

"Proof of funds re-

ceived from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs," said Ruggiero. "This is important because we are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources."

To be eligible for FEMA's funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

FEMA began accepting applications Monday, April 12 and additional Information may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>.

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reimagines ancient ruins as though the sea had receded from the Watershed floor to reveal the archeology of human history in the Caribbean.

"The Watershed's location—in a working shipyard and as a trade site and point of entry and home for immigrants over decades—provides a pivotal point of reference for the work," said Medvedow. "Her installation will invite visitors to walk through passages, travel through time, and experience the many streams of influence and interconnectedness that the artist conjures," Báez was born in 1981 in Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, to a Dominican mother and a father of Haitian descent. Her upbringing between Hispaniola's two countries, which have a long-standing history of tension predicated on ethnic differences, informs her concerns with the politics of place and heritage. She currently lives and works in New York City.

"Báez's visual references draw from a wide variety of sources in the past, and are reconfigured to explore new possibilities in the present," said Eva Respini who is organizing the installation. "Her site-specific installation at the Watershed combines her interests in various diasporic narratives—African, European, Caribbean—to cast cultural and regional histories into an imaginative realm,"

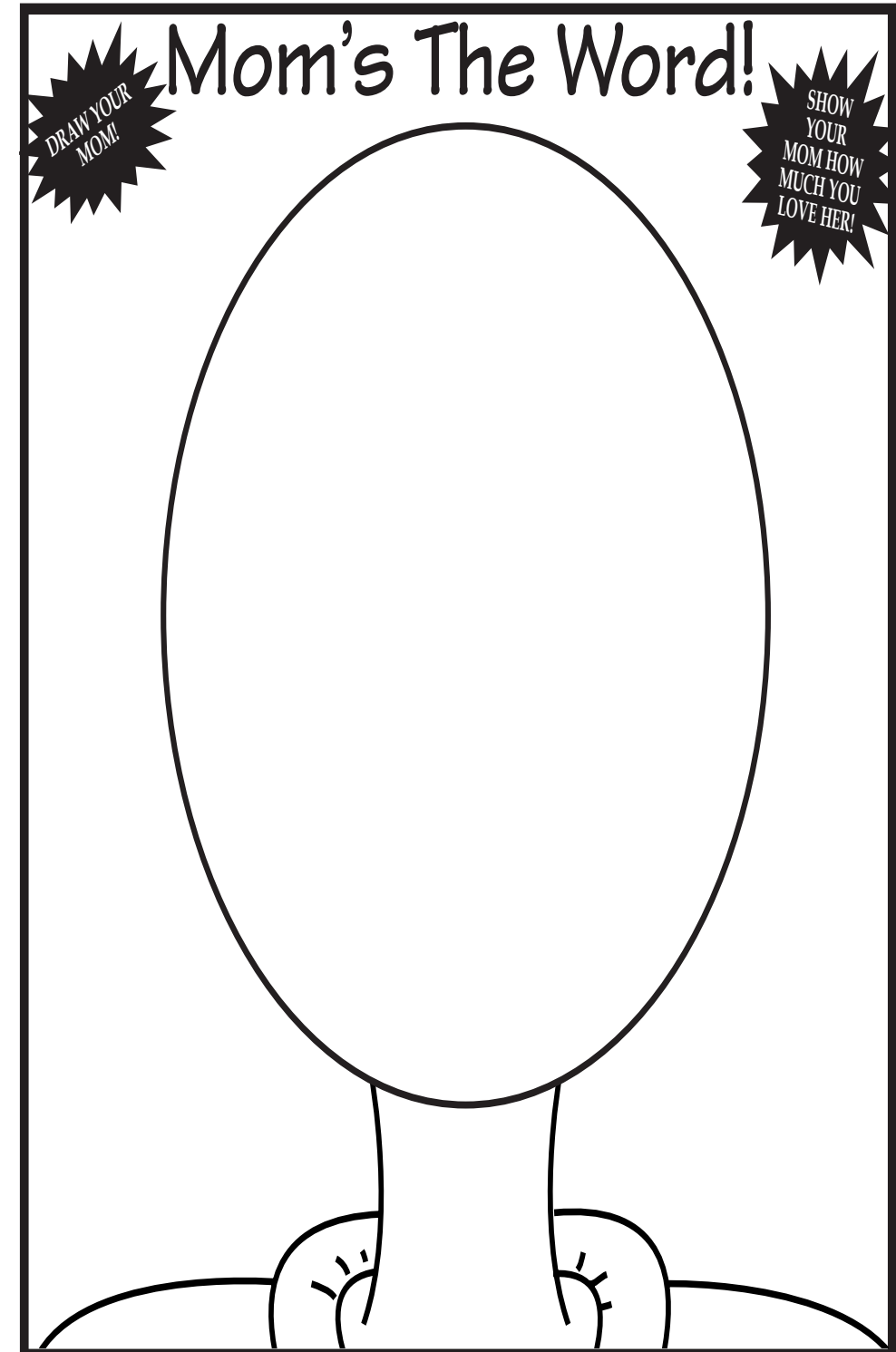
According to Respini, Báez's architectural sculpture is adapted from the Sans-Souci Palace in Milot, Haiti, built between 1810 and 1813 for the revolutionary leader and first King of Haiti, Henri Christophe I. The Haitian Revolution, led by self-liberated enslaved people against the French colonial government, was an early precursor to the abolition movements of the United States. Once a space of militant splendor, since an 1842 earthquake, the castle has been an archaeological ruin.

At the Watershed, Báez

reimagines these ruins emerging from Boston Harbor's sea floor. She embeds Sans-Souci within the geological layers of Boston, where histories of revolution and independence are integral, including often overlooked related narratives from non-European locations.

"Báez's intricately painted architectural surfaces include symbols of healing and resistance as well as sea growths native to Caribbean waters," said Medvedow. "The patterning of the sculpture's surface is drawn largely from West African indigo printing appropriated from enslaved people in the 17th-century American South. American indigo was a driving force in the early national economy, and one of the primary trade goods shipped from colonial-era Boston."

The sculpture will be on view later this spring and is organized by Respini, Barbara Curator Lee Chief and Curatorial Project Manager Cara Kuball.



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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. - 7:00 pm – Trustees of Reservations Update on Piers Park III – public comment to follow

b. - 7:20 pm – Subcommittee Updates for Membership and Operation Security and Maintenance (scheduling of meetings)

c. - 7:40 pm – Treasurer's Report (Month Ending March 31)

Old Business

a. 7:45 pm - Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)

b. 7:55 pm - Update - Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion)

c. 8:00 pm – Anticipated adjournment

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.

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But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Mask wearing in America

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With just about all of the states now reopening their economies, the conventional wisdom among most Americans is that the worst days of the coronavirus are behind us.

Yet the reality is that hundreds of Americans continue to die and tens of thousands more are contracting the disease each and every day.

This past Monday, April 12, for example, the New York Times -- which gets its data from Johns Hopkins University -- reported that 476 Americans died from the virus and that there were 72,286 new cases on that day.

Admittedly, these numbers pale in comparison to the 3000 Americans who were dying and the 300,000 new cases that were being reported each day at the pandemic's height this past winter.

But even these lower daily figures still are huge, rivaling the numbers that were in evidence last spring and summer.

Yet despite the ongoing tragedies of friends and family members across the country who are succumbing to the pandemic, there has been a complacency developing among most Americans about the virus.

To be sure, all of us are suffering from virus fatigue, attributable to the quarantining, restrictions, and omnipresent fear of catching the disease.

In addition, with the vaccine rollout proceeding ahead of projections, most of us believe that the worst is behind us.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Like most everyone else, I'm tired of wearing a mask.

Every time I go to the grocery, a restaurant, church, or work I have to put on a mask. Not long ago, if we wore a mask into a bank or convenience store, the attendants would be alarmed and call 911. Today if we don't wear one, we are in trouble and not welcomed.

A lot of people have died from Covid-19 and thus I understand masks are important in this pandemic era. I don't want a disease. I have had two Pfizer shots and I wear a mask most every place I go.

Is it our American, God given right to take off our masks? While we are free to take off our masks, others are free to ask us to

put them on. The business owner has the freedom to require a mask. The airlines have the freedom to require masks. The religious assembly has the freedom to require you to wear a mask. People with whom you socialize may ask that you wear a mask. Of course, you are free to not patronize those businesses, forsake religious assembly and not hang out with certain people.

You are free to go maskless if you want to. However, you aren't free to be in someone else's face without a mask if they don't want you there without one. There are many places where you aren't allowed to smoke. There are some businesses that will not allow your pet. They have the freedom to refuse you service and you have the freedom to

go somewhere else. This is America.

We've all been to the funeral home around sick people. A dear friend of mine eulogized a funeral in late November. Two people were in attendance who had Covid-19. He caught the virus and was dead by mid-December. He spent his last two weeks of life isolated in intensive care. He meant well in trying to help out a family in their time of grief. It cost him his life. He had been very active and healthy.

I've spoken in churches and to groups where people would come up and shake my hand and then say, "Well, I've been sick, but I came anyway." They acted like they should have received a trophy for coming and contaminating everyone. In reality,

their actions were inconsiderate of everyone else's health.

State governments may remove mask mandates. However, keep in mind that business owners still have the right to require masks. Churches still have the right to require masks. You don't have to let anyone in your home without a mask if you choose.

We have freedom in America to make choices - all of us.

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

### Don't let pandemic delay advance care planning

By Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN

*Note: This article is published in observance of National Healthcare Decisions Day.*

Times of our lives may be forever defined as what happened "before the COVID-19 pandemic" and everything after that.

One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of having conversations with your family and health care professionals about your preferences for medical care if you were unable to speak for yourself.

In fact, the pandemic has only highlighted why it's so important. Patients and family members who had advance care planning discussions prior to the pandemic are prepared when faced with a serious illness or medical crisis. They're comfortable shar-

ing these discussions with healthcare professionals, as in, "IF mom gets COVID-19, and IF it is severe, she would/would not want X, Y, or Z."

Unfortunately, few families are that well prepared. Only one-third of U.S. adults have discussed or completed advance directive documents such as a health care proxy, power of attorney, or living will that help guide family members and health care professionals as to what kind of medical treatments you would or would not like to receive if you were unable to speak for yourself.

•Don't wait for a crisis

One of the biggest challenges I've seen during the pandemic is working with families who have not had any in-depth advance care planning discussions. Whether due to

COVID-19 or some other illness, their loved one's health suddenly was declining, and they had not been able to spend much time together because of the pandemic. Perhaps the patient lived in a facility with visitor restrictions or the patient limited visits out of infection concerns. The patient's decline SEEMED sudden to the family, who was not seeing it happen as they normally would over days, weeks, and months. It was hard for them to believe, and thus hard to think in that moment about the crucial need for advance care planning conversations.

Many older adults have vision, hearing, or cognitive deficits and in-depth conversations over the phone or video are difficult. And video chats are not the same as in-person

discussions. The conversation flow is different and there often are technical issues to overcome.

It is never too early to start thinking and talking about your wishes for care if your health status were to change. Choose a health care agent wisely who will be your voice when you cannot speak for yourself and have those important discussions about health care preferences before a crisis occurs.

The COVID-19 pandemic opened a lot of eyes about advance care planning. Giving guidance to your family and friends will help you get the care that you want. Your loved ones can feel confident they are voicing YOUR wishes, not their guesses!

*Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN, is a palliative care nurse practitioner at Care Dimensions.*

## LETTER to the Editor

**COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE**

**Dear Friends and Family,**

The last year has been nothing like any of us would have expected. Due to these once in a generation circumstances, Congress passed legislation allowing The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide financial assistance for families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19. To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen

national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

How to Apply

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number Applications begin on April 12, 2021

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Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

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ing the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

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Additional Information may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

This reimbursement is for up to \$9,000. If you do not have a copy of your fu-

neral expense documents already, please reach out to your funeral service provider for a copy of your funeral home contract and receipt. Proof of payment beyond that must be provided by the applicant in the form of a canceled check or credit card statement. Official death certificates may be obtained by contacting the City Hall in City/Town in which your loved one passed away. Boston death certificates may be obtained <https://registry.boston.gov/death>

We are happy to discuss this further with you. You may contact us at [info@ruggieromh.com](mailto:info@ruggieromh.com) or by phone Monday-Friday 10AM-2PM at 617-569-0990.

As always, your family remains in our thoughts and prayers

**Joe Ruggiero and Staff of the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home**

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# Weekly COVID positive test rate keep rising in Eastie

By John Lynds

East Boston’s weekly COVID 19 positive test rate increased another 10 percent after reporting a 20 percent increase three weeks ago.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), last week, 2,017 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 6.6 percent were positive -- a 10 percent increase from the six percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago. The latest spike comes after Eastie reported an in-

crease of 16 percent and 20 percent respectively week over week since late last month.

Of the 38,062 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 19 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was an increase of half a point from the 18.9 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

However, positive test rates citywide decreased but still remain at the five percent threshold. According to the BPHC,28,091 residents were tested and five per-

cent were COVID positive--this was a 3.8 percent decrease from the 5.2 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago. The 5 percent threshold has been used to plan Boston’s phased reopening strategies.

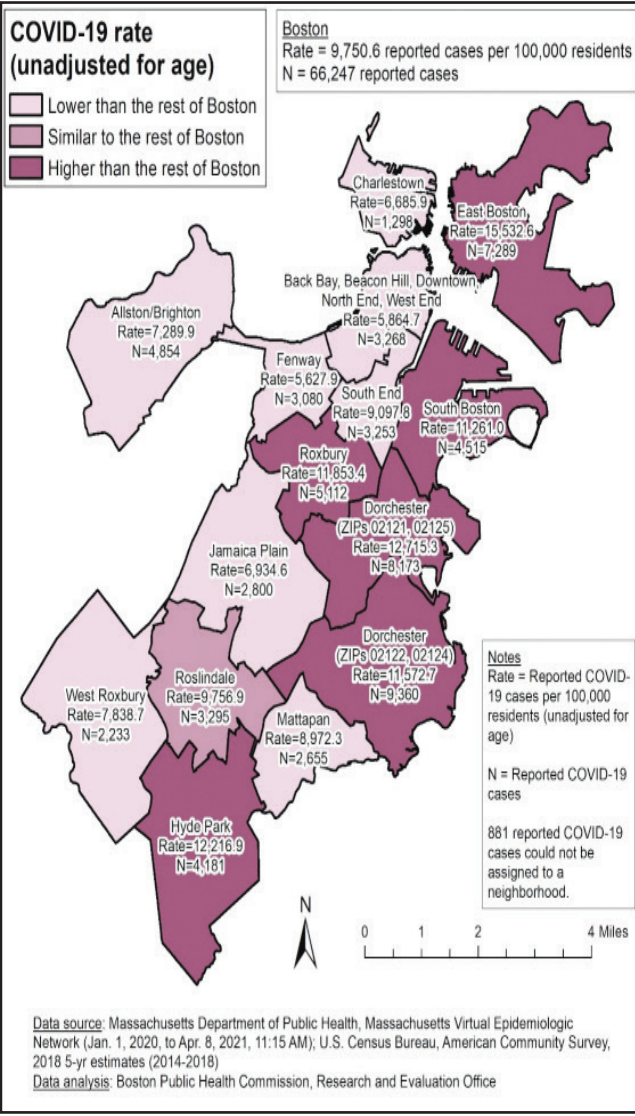
Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased by 2 percent last week and went from 1,522.3 cases per 10,000 residents to 1553.2 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 175 Eastie residents contracted the virus and there are now 7,289 confirmed cases, up from the 7,144 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 2.7 percent percent last week and went from 65,474 cases to 66,977 confirmed cases in a week. Five additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,358 total deaths in the city from COVID.



# Acting Mayor Kim Janey launches campaign for full term

By Seth Daniel

Already sitting in the corner office and being the first African American and woman to lead the City, Acting Mayor Kim Janey released a video at to officially announce she would be running for mayor in the September Preliminary Election.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey – the former Council President – announced on Tuesday that she will officially join the race for mayor.

her announcement — Mel King, Melnea Cass, Bruce Bolling, Ayanna Pressley, Rachael Rollins and many others. In her own words, Janey then tells her story and the story of Boston — the challenges the city faces and her commitment to building a more equitable city for every resident.

“You’ve heard the problems,” she said in the video. “It’s a broken record. Affordable Housing isn’t actually affordable. Deep racial inequities. The median net worth for white Bostonians is \$247,000. For Black folks it’s eight. Eight Dollars. It’s all centuries in the making. But women — Black women — have been stepping up to do the work, and we’re winning. They’re inspiring little girls and boys everywhere, including my own grandkids. And my life’s work, from education advocacy to leading the City Council, has been centered around making sure every child has the opportunity to learn and

succeed in a more just city than the one I grew up in.”

Janey recalled being part of the desegregation of schools era, and the pitfalls of being bused to attend the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown when she was 11, before joining the Metco program in high school and graduating from Reading High School as one of only two Black students in her class.

“I was part of desegregation busing,” she said. “Eleven years old having rocks and racial slurs thrown at me. I’ve been at the center of Boston history. The bad and the good. I’m ready to lead our city. To listen. To collaborate. To fight this pandemic and the racial and economic inequalities that COVID only worsened.”

She said the pandemic is an opportunity to change the City into a more just place to live for everyone.

“We can’t go back,” she concluded.

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

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# Starbucks at Logan Airport gas station reopens

By John Lynds

Two years ago Jeffries Point residents were excited that they no longer had to walk or drive to Central Square or McClellan Highway to get their Meridian Market or Starbucks fixes.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the new convenience and filling station on Logan Airport's Tomahawk Drive particularly hard--forcing the Starbucks to temporarily close and Meridian Market to pull out of the new location due to loss of revenue caused by the pandemic.

The new gas station, which was relocated closer to Jeffries Point in 2019 due to the Terminal E modernization project, promised to be an economic boon for the gas station operator, Meridian Market and Starbucks. Total gross sales of the former gas station near Terminal E were \$10,840,340 in 2018. This amount included fuel pump sales as well as sales at the Dunkin' Donuts, deli and convenience store.

However, the downturn in travel and the fact most people stayed home during the height of the pandemic evaporated any profits at the new Starbucks and Meridian Market.

While the loss of a closer and more covenant Meridian Market was disappointing to Jeffries Point

residents, the Nouria Corporation who was picked to operate the gas station reported that Starbucks has returned.

At Monday night's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) Nouria Corporation's John Hamza said his company has reopened the 24-hour Starbucks at the Logan Airport location complete with a drive-thru.

"We want to obviously make sure that people know that we're open and put the word out that Starbucks is up and running and open 24 hours," he said. "As many of you already know Meridian Market is out of the Logan location because of loss of revenues. To replace them we will open "Logan Market" at the location. They are in the process right now of receiving permits from the city and we hope to get the operation up and running by the end of the month. So with that the entire business will be running and we're very excited about serving the Jeffries Point community once again like we did prior to the pandemic."

The new station features a Shell gas station with open space and a park-like layout.

At the time of its opening in the summer of 2019, Massport picked Meridian Market as a community partner to run its sandwich shop and deli. The involve-



Starbucks opens at the Logan Airport gas station.

ment of Meridian Market was part of Massport's plan to increase more local business opportunities at the airport.

As part of this project and due to its close proximity to the Jeffries Point neighborhood, Massport improved the physical space around the new filling station. The space features a number of amenities including public open green space with a patio, electric vehicle charging stations, and walk-able access to the community.

The design of the space was inspired by the outdoor veranda at the Bremen Street Library that overlooks Massport's Bremen Street Park.

## Part One Crime down so far this year

By John Lynds

In 2020 Part One Crimes, the more serious crimes that the Boston Police track, was up 21 percent overall in Eastie but so far this year crime is down 15 percent in the neighborhood.

This week the Boston Police released a report that compares the overall crime stats from January 1, 2021 through April 11, 2021 with the same period in 2020.

So far the only crimes that have increased slightly are Domestic Aggravated Assault, Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault, Larceny and Auto Theft.

Domestic Aggravated Assault went from 15 to 16 when comparing 2021 to 2020; Non-Domestic Aggravated Assault increased from 12 to 13, Larceny increased from 48 to 67 and Auto Theft increased from 6 to 7.

However, all other crimes are down.

Robbery and Attempted Robbery has dropped from 15 to 9 when comparing 2021 to 2020, Commercial Burglaries are down from 8 to 4, Residential Burglaries are down 22 to 21 and there have been no homicides so far this year. There were no homicides reported in 2020 as well.



Larceny From a Motor Vehicle, which was a huge problem in the neighborhood last year and rose 100 percent between 2019 and 2020, are down. According to the stats Larceny from a Motor Vehicle is down 55 percent from 76 to 34 when comparing 2020 to 2021.

Rape or Attempted Rape remained the same with 2 so far this year. This was the same number reported during the same time period in 2020.

Overall there have been only 173 Part One Crimes between January and April compared to the 204 reported by this point last year, or a 15 percent decrease

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Brevard, Nathaniel	Amazir Boyaco LLC	69 Bennington St	\$1,360,000
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Phillips, Kristy M	120 Bremen LLC	120 Bremen St #1	\$432,000
Payne, Elizabeth	Matos, Priscilla E	193-195 Chelsea St #1	\$442,500
Roberts, Sarah C	Coppersmith Way LLC	1 Coppersmith Way #2	\$449,000
Brewer, Colin M	Tays Realty LLC	113 Falcon St #3	\$735,000
Trotta, Paul	Kondratenok, Anna	46 Geneva St #2	\$643,900
Boothman, Brett	Slip 45 Owner LLC	45 Lewis St #103	\$575,000
Condron, Tracy J	Slip 45 Owner LLC	45 Lewis St #104	\$580,000
Khavandgar, Nicholas	Slip 45 Owner LLC	45 Lewis St #107	675,400
Belkin, Michael	Slip 45 Owner LLC	45 Lewis St #111	\$780,000
Anandjiwala, Jaimin	Slip 45 Owner LLC	45 Lewis St #116	\$920,000
B H&Robert D Johnson LT	Slip 45 Owner LLC	45 Lewis St #118	\$874,100
Su, Lucy	Slip 45 Owner LLC	45 Lewis St #302	\$440,100
Krokhmal, Vlad A	Currea, Julian	45 Lewis St #PH16	\$772,000
Myatt, Alice G	Jeffery, Richard D	63 Marion St #2	\$800,000
5 Monmouth St Realty LLC	5 Monmouth Street LLC	5 Monmouth St	\$757,000
Trailhead Properties LLC	Crespo Holdings LLC	119 Princeton St #4	\$720,000
May, Patrick D	CB Equities Saratoga St	946 Saratoga St #101	\$575,000
Mckenna, Kyle	Lenkauskas, Megan E	44 W Eagle St #3	\$619,990



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## Mayor Janey announces towing for street cleaning to resume citywide

Mayor Janey today announced that the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) has updated parking enforcement regulations in the City of Boston. Starting Tuesday, April 20, parking enforcement will return citywide, including towing during posted street sweeping and for parking in spaces without an appropriate resident sticker. Also, BTD will not be ticketing residents with an expired inspection sticker until May 31.

Additionally, on April 20, the Boston Transportation Department's ticket amnesty for healthcare workers will expire. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, BTD announced that healthcare workers could have non-public safety violations dismissed upon appeal if the ticket was received while working. The intent of the program was to assist local healthcare workers as they dealt with the public health emergency.

The City of Boston and its municipal partners in Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville will continue to offer all essential workers in metro Boston a free 90-day pass for the public bike share system, Bluebikes. More information is available at [boston.gov/bike-share](https://boston.gov/bike-share).

"As we continue to plan our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, I am grateful to all of our residents for their cooperation in following our parking enforcement," said Mayor Janey. "As warmer weather comes, it's important that we take the necessary steps to keep our streets clean."

RESIDENT PARKING AT METERS

Boston residents with resident parking permits will continue to be allowed to park at meters within their neighborhood without having to abide by the time limits or pay the meter.

DISABILITY PLACARDS

BTD will resume ticketing for expired disability placards/plates starting on May 31. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is only processing requests for disability placards/plates by mail.

To view a complete list of parking codes and fines in the City of Boston, residents can visit [here](https://boston.gov/transportation) or call 311.

The Boston Transportation Department will continue to evaluate additional parking enforcement changes throughout the phased reopening. For more information, please visit [boston.gov/transportation](https://boston.gov/transportation).

## Notice of Public Hearing

### CITY of BOSTON

The City of Boston's **Department of Neighborhood Development** announces a public hearing seeking citizen input on the housing and community development priorities for the Program Year 2021 (7/1/21 - 6/30/22) Action Plan, in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105(b).

The Action Plan is submitted annually to the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and serves as the City's application and plan for using \$28 million in HUD resources from: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

**Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, this will be a Virtual Hearing held on 4/27/21 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**

**Interpretative services** in Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin will be provided. To request another language, including American Sign Language, email [dndcomments@boston.gov](mailto:dndcomments@boston.gov) at least 7 days prior to the hearing date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

To access the hearing link, go to: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/hearings-and-public-comment>

**Tim Davis, Deputy Director (DND)**



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- **Be a Credit Cruncher! Learn About Getting and Keeping a Strong Credit Score**  
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# Maverick // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Northeastern University Giordana Mecagni.

On September 28, 1968 a group of mothers gathered in what was to become a historic protest against the Port Authority and airport expansion.

The group became known as the ‘Maverick Street Mothers’ and their protest became the true beginning of environmental justice in Eastie and marked the opening salvo and first victory in the neighborhood’s famed transportation justice struggles.

“As a young mother, my involvement as a community activist started,” said Maddalena during a Massport dedication of a plaque honoring the mothers in 2015. “I joined my friends and neighbors to protest the huge trucks carrying fill along Maverick Street to the bird island flats section of the airport.”

After a series of meetings with Massport officials there was no relief in spite of the residents simply asking the Port Authority to use another route to haul the fill.

Frustration was growing in the neighborhood and DiLorenzo met with the Maverick Street residents and the group decided to meet on the street the next day and block the trucks. People felt this radical ‘sit in’ approach could be effective.

It was decided that only women and children would participate in the demonstration because many felt if men were involved it might lead to fights and violence. The group notified the media, put out a simple press release and on the next day, September 28, the demonstration began.

As the dump trucks arrived the mothers, most pushing their children in baby carriages, blocked the street.

“When the first truck arrived there was a lot of noise with the drivers yelling and cursing at the mothers,” Maddalena remembers. “The trucks began to roll closer and closer to the protesters and someone called the State Police.”

As seen in the film the

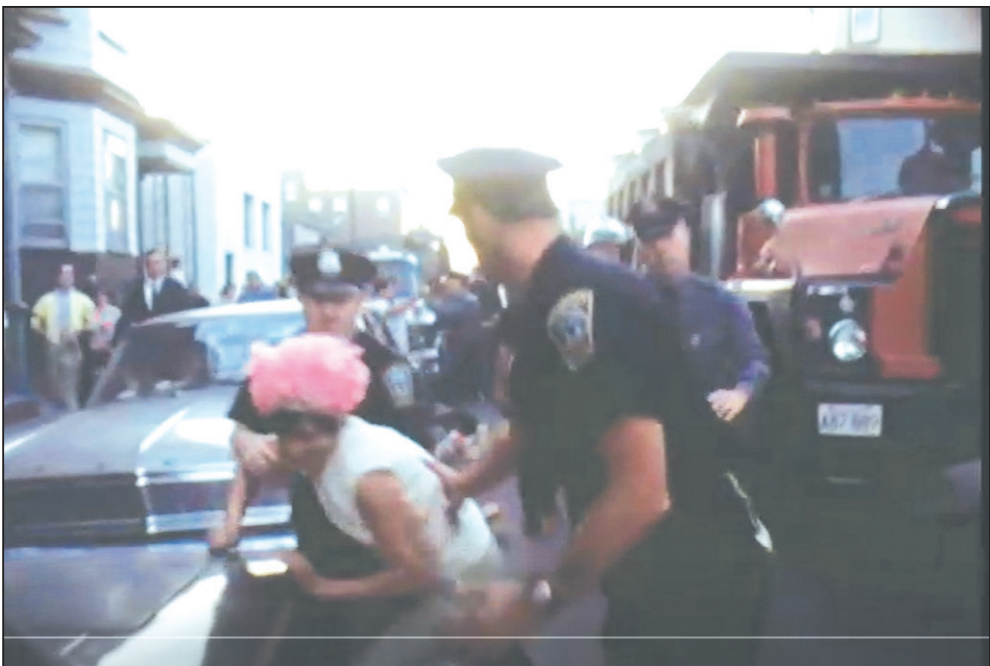
State Police arrived to restore order to the street and when the Maverick Mothers refused to back down the State Police began to drag and push the mothers to the sidewalk so the trucks could continue. However, White, who was being kept abreast of the situation, sent in the Boston Police to counter the State Police’s use of force.

The Boston Police made the trucks stop and ordered the protest to continue.

That night the event was all over the evening news.

When Massport caught wind the protests would not end and continued the next day, Eastie’s elected officials pointed out that there were several other viable truck routes on Massport property that could be used.

After negotiations, Massport agreed to use the alternative truck routes and the Maverick Mothers scored a major victory during the era of Logan expansion.



An Eastie mother that was part of the Maverick Mothers protest is pushed to the ground by State Police during the historic 1968 protest against Logan Expansion.



Former State Sen. Mario Umana is interviewed by the news about the protests.




Mayor Kevin White stands with the community and talks with protesters.



Eastie legend, former State Rep. George DiLorenzo.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Rest is best

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you ever noticed that the stew you made over the weekend tastes much better as a Monday leftover? That may be, in part, because you didn't have to cook after a busy day, but it is also because a stew, in our opinion, is one of those dishes that is at its best after it has had a rest.

For us, the same is true of chili, braised meat, and some soups. This recommendation, like so many in the food world, has its friends and foes. After extensive testing, The Serious Eats Food Lab concluded that with these foods, it really doesn't make a difference and told readers to do whatever they wanted, rest or don't rest.

The popular no-knead bread dough recipes call on long, slow, cool fermentation to improve the flavor, texture, and some say the bread's digestibility. It also allows the baker more flexibility about when they want to bake a

loaf.

**A Must for Chowder**

In his book, "50 Chowders One Pot Meals, Clam, Corn & Beyond," Boston Chef Jasper White recommends the step of letting a chowder rest or "cure," as New Englanders call it. He writes, "Do not underestimate the importance of this process. It is during the resting and cooling-off period that chowder undergoes a metamorphosis, emerging with a deeper flavor and richer texture."

We find this is also true of other soups. We make a variety of soups that are combinations of vegetables with a sausage. After a day in the refrigerator, a sausage like kielbasa or chorizo will have shared its seasoning with the rest of the soup to a greater degree than when first cooked.

**Short Naps**

Rest time may be short or long. If you've grilled a steak, you may have learned to cover it with

foil and let it rest for five to ten minutes to allow the heat in the meat to finish cooking and for the juices to redistribute. That time will extend to 20 to 30 minutes for a large roast.

When we make quick pickles, salad dressings, or herb and yogurt sauces like riata or tzatziki, we'll make those first as we begin to cook, so they have some time for the herbs and seasonings to infuse into the liquids.

In baking, the rest times are often for totally different reasons. Cookie and pastry dough call for a time out in the refrigerator to allow the flour to be completely hydrated by the wet ingredients and let the fat, be it butter or lard, reharden for a tender or flaky result.

**Food Safety First**

While telling you to let your chowder cure, Chef White, a long-time restaurateur, addresses the food safety aspect of allowing food to rest. He says, "A 1-hour resting will im-



This Rhode Island clam chowder is a dish that benefits from a rest or, as Jasper White calls it, "time to cure."

prove your chowder immensely, and refrigerating overnight or longer is even better! If you decide to refrigerate your chowder, let it cool at room temperature for 30 minutes, then place it in the refrigerator uncovered. Covering can prolong the cooling pro-

cess, resulting in a warm center that is ideal for bacterial growth. Bacteria ruins the flavor and shortens the shelf life of food. Cover the chowder only after it has chilled completely."

We would add that you should always use a food thermometer to ensure that

your resting food stays out of the danger zone of 40°F to 140°F, where bacteria proliferate.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

CITY PAWS

Shed pounds this Spring

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Many people are talking about the weight they gained over the past year. Some call it "COVID curves" or the "Quarantine 15." It might surprise you to learn that the website Daily Paws reported that a survey in December found, "... one-third of pet owners report that their animals have gained weight during the pandemic." The good news is that you and your pets can make losing the extra pounds a joint effort.

**Starting Point**

Any major change in your routine diet and exercise, the two elements of weight loss for both humans and animals, should begin by checking in with your doctor and veterinarian. In both cases you should discuss an ideal weight goal that takes into account age and any medical conditions.

**Measure and Record**

You can schedule reminders for regular weight checks for the entire team and shop for any supplies you might need to reach your goals. This might include better walking or hiking shoes for the humans, more active toys for cats, a long training-leash that would let dogs run

in large circles in a safe place like a beach or field, more appropriate food, and healthier snacks for everyone.

Anyone who took up baking during the pandemic may have learned the value of weighing ingredients instead of just measuring them. If you don't have a kitchen scale, this may be an essential weight loss purchase.

We've weighed our Poppy's food since she was a puppy and, as a result, she has maintained her weight at a healthy level for eight years. Ed weighs her and himself every Thursday. That helps both of them stay fit.

You should also measure out any treats. Perhaps set up a treat jar or container that everyone knows is the pet's daily limit. This can help get the whole family onboard for control of treat distribution.

**Plan Treats**

Snacks and treats add pounds quickly. First think about size. You can break up larger treats if they happen to be a favorite or switch to smaller ones. We use tiny oatmeal and fruit dog treats that are less than an inch long and very skinny. They also provide food value with very simple human food ingredi-

ents.

You can also prepare a daily supply of snacks that you and your dog can share. One of our dog's loved carrots and was just as happy gnawing at one as she was scarfing a dog biscuit. Hard boiled eggs can be cut up and will be a nice high protein treat for dogs or cats.

You can also make home-made treats. We suggest ones based on oatmeal and yogurt which are both okay for feline or canine pals. There are plenty of recipes on the web.

**Exercise More**

Adding more exercise and playtime for your dog or cat will naturally add more calorie burn to their day. This is an area where you have to start slowly and work up to a high-

er level of exercise, a bit more each week. While weekends would seem to be the perfect time to go all out, you might find you or your furry friend limping and exhausted by Monday.

One added benefit to increased movement is that you and your animals might sleep better.

We've all heard the old adage that a tired dog is a good dog. The same is true for cats. You might even find yourself in a better mood and ready for sleep after you have enjoyed an evening stroll with your dog or some quality playtime with your cat.

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## To All Our Customers

As many of you know, the Winthrop Marketplace has been closed since April 3. The floors that we installed two years ago were defective and had to be replaced. When we went ahead with installing the new flooring, we decided to make some changes with the checkout lanes as well. The original checkout lanes were designed for plastic bags and, due to the plastic bag ban, they were no longer effective for our store. Therefore, we sought out a local professional that could personalize our checkout lanes to fit out store environment while also allowing an efficient checkout process.

Since starting this project we have run into some major problems, which pushed us back. What was supposed to be a four day project has gone on almost two weeks. We knew that the building was an older building and has unique characteristics, but we didn't foresee some of the issues that have arisen. After facing these delays and changing companies, our new flooring company has been moving along well and we can't thank them enough for getting in here under such short notice.

On another note, we want to thank all our employees and our customers for your ongoing support. The phone calls, the e-mails, and the text messages have really helped us get through this long and frustrating project. It has been made even harder because we have not been able to give concrete answers to when we will be open. We want nothing more than to open our doors again to all of you and can't wait to welcome everyone back.

The Winthrop Marketplace plans on being in this community for a long time and continue to be big part of the town of Winthrop now and in the future.

Thank you,  
Marc and Chris Wallerice

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# MBTA updates pilots including extends Five-day Flex Pass on mTicket

The MBTA this week announced updates to current fare pilots that include an extension of the Five-day Flex Pass on mTicket, as well as upcoming fare change proposals that include improvements to the Youth Pass and converting all Outer Express Bus Routes to Inner Express Bus fares. These changes help to improve reduced fare programs and simplify

complex fares for both customers and operations. “We’re pleased to temporarily extend the availability of the Five-day Flex Pass, which has been a popular fare option for our Commuter Rail riders as travel patterns have adjusted and evolved during the pandemic,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We’re also excited about our

upcoming fare proposals that make improvements to the Youth Pass and Express Bus Route fares. If approved by the FMCB next month, these proposals – converting all Outer Express Bus Routes to the lower Inner Express Bus fare, and providing Youth Pass users with reduced fares on Commuter Rail, Express Bus, and ferries – will allow the MBTA to

continue to meet the needs of riders through incremental fare improvements that matter now more than ever as we enter the ‘new normal’.” Fare Pilot Updates MBTA staff announced that the Five-day Flex Pass will be extended, the Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot will end on June 30, as previously planned, and Quincy Center Station’s

Zone 1A fare designation will end June 30: •Five-day Flex Pass: An attractive option for riders with in-person work schedules limited by the pandemic, the Five-day Flex Pass has continued to serve Commuter Rail riders with over 5,600 passes sold through March 2021. The Five-day Flex Pass will continue to be available on mTicket for 90 days following the end of the Commonwealth’s state of emergency. •Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot: Zone 1A fares were piloted in Lynn to relieve crowding on nearby buses and improve social distancing and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on ridership data and surveys of Lynn riders, it was found that the Lynn Zone 1A Fare Pilot has not reduced crowding on nearby bus routes. As a result, this fare pilot will end June 30, as previously announced with Lynn Station returning to a Zone 2 fare beginning July 1. •Quincy Center Zone 1A mitigation: Zone 1A fares were temporarily accepted at Quincy Center Station in order to mitigate Red Line service impacts during both the closure of Wollaston Station and North Quincy Garage Development construction. Wollaston was reopened in August 2019, surface parking currently provides sufficient access to North Quincy, and the North Quincy Garage is anticipated to open later in 2021. As a result, Quincy Center Station’s Zone 1A fare designation will end June 30, 2021, with Quincy Center returning to a Zone 1 fare beginning July 1. Proposed Fare Changes MBTA Fare Transformation staff today presented two fare change proposals to be voted on by the Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) on May 10, 2021, that aim to benefit nearly 2,200 current Youth Pass participants (about 4,600

pre-pandemic) and to simplify Express Bus fares: •The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50-percent reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses on the bus and subway. MBTA staff have proposed that the Youth Pass also be valid for reduced fares on Commuter Rail, Express Bus and ferries. Youth Pass holders are already able to purchase half-price Commuter Rail tickets through a reduced fare pilot that ends on June 30. This proposed fare change, if approved by the FMCB, would make the Youth Pass Commuter Rail pilot a permanent policy and also provide reduced Express Bus and ferry fares effective July 1, 2021. •MBTA staff also proposed converting all Outer Express Bus Routes (\$5.25 per trip) to Inner Bus fares (\$4.25 per trip) effective July 1. Maintaining a separate fare for a small number of Outer Express Bus Routes has become unnecessarily complicated for riders and bus operators. Due to service changes as a result of the pandemic, the MBTA is currently operating only a single Outer Express route (352/354), which is most recently serving about 100 Outer Express rides per day. The route also serves an Inner Express stop and requires a complicated procedure to avoid overcharging customers. As a result, if approved by the FMCB in May, the MBTA has proposed converting fares for Express Route 352/354 as well as any future Express Bus Routes to the Inner Express fare of \$4.25 beginning July 1. The public is able to comment on these proposed changes at mbta.com/2021FareChanges. The Title VI analysis will be shared with FMCB and posted to mbta.com by April 26.

## OBITUARIES

### Frank Delespro Of East Boston

Frank R. Delespro of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on April 7 at the age of 97. The beloved husband of the late Maria (Forti) Delespro, he was the devoted father of Irene Navarro and her husband, Michael of Saugus, cherished grandfather of Michael and Frank Navarro and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends will honor Frank’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston on Sunday April 11 and again on Monday morning, April



12 before leaving in funeral procession to St. Anthony’s Church Revere St., Revere for a mass in celebration of Frank’s life. Services concluded with Frank being laid to rest with his beloved wife, Maria, at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. May they rest in peace. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

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### Norma Davis

She had an unbreakable faith and devotion to God and her life purpose was giving back to those in need

Norma (Sasso) Davis, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away surrounded by her loving family on April 10 at the age of 89.

Born in Revere on November 8, 1931 to the late Peter and Sophie (DeMatteis), she was the beloved wife of the late Richard Davis, devoted mother of Elaine Moschella of Revere, Stephen Davis and his wife, Denise of Ohio and Nancy Maniscalco and her husband, John of Revere. She was the cherished grandmother of nine, adored great grandmother of four, dear sister of Robert Sasso, Edward Sasso, and Elaine Marino, all of Revere, and was preceded in death by Lucy Savastano, Thelma Manz, and Jean Sasso. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Norma had a passion for cooking since a very young age and was her happiest when serving her famous recipes to her family and friends. In addition to cooking, some of Norma’s pleasures included traveling, playing scrabble and cards with friends, watching Jeopardy, volunteering at the historical society, and playing in a bocce league. Norma took pride in making everyone feel welcome in her home. She adored caring for not only her own grandchildren, but many of their friends who adopted her as their grandmother as well. Norma had an unbreakable faith and devotion to God. Giving back to those




in need was Norma’s life purpose. Her generosity is well known by anyone who has met her and she held a special place in her heart for the many foundations she contributed to.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St., Revere today, Wednesday, April 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. We ask that you make your visit brief to allow others to pay their respects. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony’s Church in Revere on Thursday at 10 a.m. (Everyone meet directly at church). Masks and social distancing are required at church and the funeral home. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Norma’s name to the Reid Landry Garratt Foundation, RLG Foundation in care of Paula Garratt, 20 Berry St, Unit 2110, North Andover, MA 01845 or at [reidsrebels.com](http://reidsrebels.com). For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

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## Area child In need of life-saving transplant

With the cost of a life-saving transplant often exceeding \$800,000, most transplant families are unable to shoulder that financial burden. The Children’s Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national 501(c)3 charity dedicated to organizing and guiding communities in raising funds for transplant-related expenses. In Newburyport, volunteers are raising funds for COTA in honor of transplant patients like local child, Heeth Atanasoff.

Heeth is the son of Molly and Todd Atanasoff. Born in 2012, Heeth was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. The transplant team at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, recommends a life-saving bone marrow transplant. Newburyport volunteers are raising \$100,000 for COTA to assist with transplant-related expenses. Volunteers are needed for this COTA community campaign. Individuals and groups interested in more information should contact Community Coordinator Kerry Marshall at 978.609.0866 or [kerry-marshall48@gmail.com](mailto:kerry-marshall48@gmail.com).

COTA helps transplant families avoid financial devastation. Transplant procedure costs range

from \$100,000 to more than \$800,000. Once the transplant is complete, families face significant transplant-related expenses, including medication; transportation to and from the transplant center; lodging; and expenses while parents are out of work and often living with the hospitalized child far from home. These out-of-pocket expenses add up to tens of thousands of dollars annually for transplant families with lifetime totals often exceeding \$1,000,000. In cases where a shortfall exists, COTA helps bridge the financial gap.

Heeth’s family has asked for assistance from the Children’s Organ Transplant Association. One hundred percent of all funds raised for COTA in honor of patients assist with transplant-related expenses.

Contributions may be sent to the Children’s Organ Transplant Association, 2501 West COTA Drive, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403. Checks should be made payable to COTA, with “In Honor of Heeths Hope” written on the memo line. Secure credit card gifts are accepted online at [www.COTAforHeethsHope.com](http://www.COTAforHeethsHope.com).



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STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL

CHELSEA - Little Rebecca Guerra Ulloa pressed her face to the school bus as it rounded the corner and pulled into the parking lot of the Mary C. Burke Complex last week just around 8:30 a.m.

Anxious teachers – many of whom had not been back to their classrooms for more than a year since school shutdown for COVID-19 in 2020 – waited for their students coming off the bus.

Ulloa had never actually been to a Chelsea school – having transferred in last year after COVID closed the schools. Though she had about a year of Chelsea schooling under her belt, she had never been in a Chelsea school.

She had never met her teacher, either, except on Zoom.

And so as the bus stopped, the first grader recognized her teacher and when the doors opened, she sprinted as fast as she could to give her teacher a fist bump and revel in the excitement of really meeting and really going to school.

Monday signified the first day that students in special education classes or sub-separate classrooms, who amounted to the first students to return to the schools since last year, came back to school.

They will be going five days a week, with all the protocols and testing procedures in place.

Barring any major setbacks, on April 12, in-person learning will expand to Grades 1-4 at the ELC, Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly and Sokolowski Schools – plus the grades 5-6 Caminos a the Kelly. It amount to the rollout of a re-opening plan that no one thought would ever happen this year, even as recently as late January.

Last week, the School Committee approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Teacher’s Union and the Superintendent.

Supt. Almi Abeyta was at the Berkowitz School Monday morning, and welcomed back students and teachers coming in for their first day.

“Welcome back to in-person teaching to many of our educators,” she wrote in a letter later in the day. “It has been

just over a year since we have delivered instruction in-person to our students in the Chelsea Public Schools. It was so nice to see so many teachers and students face-to-face this morning. We saw many smiles underneath the masks, toe bumps, and beautiful teacher-student first moments in-person.”

GOVERNOR TOURS VACCINATION SITE

CHELSEA - Gov. Charlie Baker was the most recent elected official to tour the La Colaborativa/ East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC) vaccination site recently, where he held his COVID press briefing and announced a mobile vaccination program for Chelsea.

Gov. Baker toured the 6th Street Food Pantry with Health Secretary Marylou Sudders and other elected officials before coming to the vaccination site on Broadway to see the operations and give the weekly press briefing.

There, he announced that due to the partnership with the federal FEMA program at the Hynes Convention Center mass vaccination site – announced last week – they would be able to stand up mobile units that would come to Chelsea, Revere, Boston, Fall River and New Bedford.

“Our collaboration with the feds gives us the chance to create a hub and spoke model which means a portion of the vaccine we get from that central hub can be distributed to mobile vaccination units in nearby communities and pop-up clinics with a focus on vaccine equity,” he said. “Starting next week we’ll be working with local communities to launch mobile vaccination clinics in Chelsea, Revere, Boston, Fall River and New Bedford...These cities were selected based on the CDC’s special mobility index and their proximity to the Hynes. The effort will ramp up but we’ll be able to do 500 vaccines per day in these communities.”

As part of that program, which began this week in Chelsea, the mobile units would pick up the vaccine at the Hynes and then come to Chelsea and set up in a park or parking lot for easy access.

That program is expected to last about eight weeks.

Sec. Sudders announced that Chelsea would get \$150,000 as part of the BEST Value grant program that is awarding \$4.7 million statewide. That money will be used however Chelsea deems it necessary, though it must be used for programming that would further the vaccination efforts.

Meanwhile, she also announced that the 20 COVID equity communities – including Chelsea – will see more than 200 grass-roots organizers hitting the streets to spread awareness and information about vaccination.

“Starting next week more than 200 bi-lingual, locally-hired community organizers will hold 83 outreach events in all 20 of out equity communities,” said Sudders. “There will be door-to-door outreach and business walks. It’s like a political campaign that’s vaccine canvassing. We’ll also support phone banking efforts to help with vaccine registrations.”

EBNHC CEO Manny Lopes indicated that the Chelsea vaccination site would now be able to open seven days a week, and some of the sites operated by EBNHC would also be open 12 hours a day – all furthering the mission of helping people on their vaccine journey.

“Today I’m happy to announce we will expand our efforts at this Chelsea location and at all our locations,” he said. “We will begin operating seven days a week and at some locations 12 hours a day. Although we’re acting as fast as we can, I’d like to take this opportunity to preach patience. Everyone has their own vaccine journey. For some, it will take time and especially in communities like Chelsea where distrust is widespread. Vaccinations in Chelsea isn’t just about ‘yes’ and ‘no,’ it’s about facts, feelings, frustration, family, finances and of course, about fair. Addressing these barriers is what we have in front of us.”

La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega used the opportunity to call for young people in Chelsea and the Latino community to get vaccinated and protect loved ones.

“I ask those between the

THANK YOU, EASTER BUNNY



The Easter Bunny presents Kevin Guarado with a nice Easter basket on Thursday, April 1, at La Colaborativa’s Easter Distribution. The Easter Bunny set up just ahead of the food lines and children were allowed to visit him and get one Easter basket – giving kids who have been through so much a reason to smile. The event was organized by Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado and School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia, along with many volunteers, and mirrored a similar large event form Christmas.

ages of 20 and 35 to please make a decision on vaccinating,” she said. “We’ve been doing door knocking and that’s been our biggest challenge – convincing individuals that are 35 and under. They don’t believe in the vaccination, but they believe in parties and having gatherings. I urge you to make that choice and if you’re not able to make that choice, make it for the family member – the grandmother that wants to give you a hug. Do it for the sake of others. This is not a joke. You’ve seen the numbers. You’ve seen how many families have lost loved ones...Don’t be afraid of the vaccination; be afraid of COVID-19 that has taken so many lives away from us.”

•CHELSEA GETTING SHORTED BY THE FEDS

Gov. Baker and others also touched on the news over the last three weeks with Chelsea getting much less than expected in the federal Rescue Plan last month – much less than more affluent communities, in fact.

He thanked Sen. Sal DiDomenico for his advocacy on the matter, and reiterated they had directed \$100 million to Chelsea and three other communities to try to make up for the shortfall that got past the federal delegation.

“Just this month we worked with local leaders to make sure Chelsea got the funds it deserved from the federal relief package,” said the governor. “As many know, the federal bill passed had restrictions that severely limited dollars that would have gone to some communities hardest hit by COVID, including Chelsea and Everett – both of which are in Sen. Sal DiDomenico’s district.

“So it probably shouldn’t come as a surprise that the first person I heard from at the state level after having conversations with folks at the

federal level was Sen. DiDomenico,” he continued. “We very much appreciate the relationship and also the head’s up on that issue.”

Vega said the governor visiting was a dream come true, and thanked him for his quick action on the federal shorting of the City.

“It’s a dream come true to have the governor here; it’s incredible we have his whole team here,” she said. “It’s also incredible he responded to the call for funding. For me I was extremely appalled we didn’t get much funding two weeks ago and when we called the governor’s office and organized – he responded to our call...People kept saying we wouldn’t hear from the governor’s office for about a month, but you responded in days...It’s an incredible day for Chelsea. It’s hopeful because we now have resources to work with.”

TAKING A STAND AGAINST HATE CRIMES

EVERETT - When long-time Everett High Principal Erik Naumann walked to the podium at Wehner Park with his elderly mother – the popular and light-hearted educator was nearly moved to tears and the hate crimes inflicted on Asian Americans all over the country in the last month were clearly weighing on him.

He held his mother, Iko’s, hand tightly, and said for the first time in his life – he is worried about what might happen to her.

“I’m proud to say I’m from Everett and lived in Everett most of my life – 37 years as a student, educator and administrator in the Everett Public Schools,” he said. “I never thought I would have to worry about my mother walking down the street. This is my mother; her name is Iko and she’s from Okinawa. Am I con-

cerned? Yes, a lot. My mother is my hero. She’s a human, a person and a mom. Get to know your neighbors and the people around you...Even if it’s not easy, we need to stand for all marginalized populations and step up against hate.”

MANY FAVOR TRANSPORTATION PLANS

EVERETT - A new survey unveiled this week by the Reimagine Broadway effort shows that a majority of those surveyed – those that use the bus and those that don’t – approve of the idea of having a one-seat ride from Glendale Square to downtown Boston.

In that survey, 442 people in Everett were surveyed online and on the street, and 277 used the bus primarily and 165 did not. However, 341 of them wanted to see the bus continue from Everett Square to downtown Boston in a dedicated lane. Another 312 wanted to see the dedicated bus lane continue from Everett Square to Glendale Square. New dedicated bus lanes on Sweetser Circle and during the afternoon hours northbound on Broadway were key provisions in the Reimagine Broadway initiative launched early last fall.

The survey paves the way for the potential of a new extension of the Silver Line using dedicated bus lanes in Everett to take residents on a quick trip into jobs and amenities and unlocking the potential for more housing development along the Broadway corridor.

“Getting people from Everett to downtown Boston on a one-seat ride would be a game-changer,” said Julia Wallerice, a program manager for the Institute for Transportation & Development

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Policy (ITDP). “There is a value for sacrifice and not having parking on the curb. The more you recognize what you get back for that, the more you are willing to make that sacrifice. Everett will most likely be included in that (Silver Line) corridor. Everett is a great partner and is willing to build out infrastructure. Everett is on track to continue to be a leader in access and mobility...Everett is doing everything the right way.”

Reimagine Broadway is a partnership between a number of organizations like ITDP, Ad Hoc Industries, the City and the state – among others. It has become a precursor for the Silver Line Extension study that is underway right now, and that has a public meeting scheduled on April 27. For Everett, enhancing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facets has been a major priority for Mayor Carlo DeMaria since his Administration introduced the region’s first dedicated bus lane southbound on Broadway many years ago.

The Reimagine effort has included adding the northbound afternoon lane to Everett Square, adding a spur on Main Street off Sweetser Circle, and adding the permanent lane on Sweetser Circle. Other measures have been branding pieces that include new color schemes for bus facilities and COVID-19 safety kits/markings (called the ‘Distance of Care’).

There’s also a part of it that includes a little fun and enjoyment for riders – all courtesy of Adrien Gill of Ad Hoc Industries, who has been intimately involved in the planning of Reimagine and previously coordinated BRT oddities such as the Flower Bomb on Everett Square bus stops two years ago.

“When you’re looking at transit, we’re also looking at overall experience to maximize the engagement we have with people,” he said. “We want to make sure BRT is accessible not just in transit circles, but also for the broader community...A lot of times people focus on getting on and getting to where they want to go quickly. The place they experience the pain is during the wait. So we focus on the wait and acknowledge it is a pain point.”

Another pain point is crowded buses, a major issue during COVID-19. However, the survey showed that after Reimagine Broadway, respondents that use the bus reported the buses were less crowded.

“They said that before they were hesitant to get on because the buses were too crowded,” said Wallerice. “They felt that after the bus lanes were in, the buses were less crowded. That’s probably because without the buses being stuck in traffic, they could run more buses up and down the corridor and reduce crowding.”

In the survey, some 42 percent reported having refused to get on a bus in Everett because it was too crowded. However, they also said they felt the buses were now less crowded with the new bus lanes. Some 231 out of those surveyed agreed buses were less crowded, and only 26 said a definant ‘no.’ Many (139) were not sure.

As for safer bus stops in COVID due to the ‘Distance of Care’ campaign and markings at the stops,

178 said they felt safer and that it had produced less crowding and more direction for people waiting for the bus and those walking past the stop.

The overall survey of the Reimagine Broadway measures showed 259 were satisfied, 66 were somewhat satisfied, 61 were neutral, 13 were somewhat dissatisfied, 24 were dissatisfied and 19 did not respond.

One part that gave mixed results was the Shared Street initiative.

Gill said part of the overall effort was to also make feeder routes for pedestrians getting to bus stops more safe. That included slowing down vehicles and using temporary measures like parklets to change driver behaviors.

“The Shared Streets effort was mixed and some of that might have been how it was rolled out,” said Wallerice.

While people surveyed agreed with the concept of slowing down traffic on major bus stop feeder roads, they didn’t like how it was simply plopped down one day last year without a lot of notice.

Of those surveyed, in cooperation with local community groups like the Everett Haitian Community Center, the majority of those asked responded in Haitian Creole (193), with the second largest language being English (180). There were 50 that responded in Spanish and 19 in Portuguese. Some 256 responses were collected online, and 186 on the street.

The key takeaway for Wallerice and Gill was the fact that so many wanted to see an extension of the dedicated bus lanes and the potential of making the Broadway corridor a major transit corridor for quick mobility to Boston and Cambridge without a car. Some 70 percent wanted to see it extended to Glendale Square, and 77 percent wanted to see it extended to Sullivan Station or downtown Boston.

“No matter how people use the corridor, even if they don’t use the bus, the survey shows us they see the importance of the bus lane and know transit is key to this corridor in Everett,” said Wallerice. “It sets up Everett as a priority community to transit...The more that is publicly recognized and there is buy-in of what might seem like a sacrifice...it supports the vision of a sustainable and equitable future for Everett.”

GRAND OPENING HELD

LYNN - During this pandemic era a new business model has emerged. Since many people work at home, some may soon need additional space. The INC.UBATE COWORKING facility inside the Flatiron building on Washington Street in Lynn now offers flexible workspaces with amenities, such as High-Speed WiFi, Technology Platform, 24/7 access, and much more.

CEO Michael Lucerto expanded his Workbar business recently into Lynn as he said, “There is a need for shared office space, since people are working remotely from home much more. The city of Lynn is in a unique situation with a dynamic workforce of local entrepreneurs; the downtown development area

is attracting new business people into the city. I am hoping for this space to be a melting pot within this community.”

INC.UBATE COWORKING offers memberships to freelancers, business owners, and remote workers. The Workbar concept is convenient and affordable for anyone in need of a private office, a place to meet clients or a conference rooms for meetings.

Daily and monthly flexible membership plans are available. Other Workbar facilities are located in Winthrop and soon to be in Hamilton. For more information call 617-455-8674 or email – michael@incubatecoworking.com.

ARRIGO DELIVERS THOROUGH RESPONSE ON RESCUE PLAN FUNDING

REVERE - When Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti requested that Mayor Brian Arrigo appear before the Ways and Means Sub-committee at its April 26 meeting to discuss the \$30 million in funds that the city will receive via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, there seemed to be some negative connotations.

In fact, Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito stated during the ensuing discussion that he was sure that Visconti had ‘no ill intentions’ with his motion.

And Morabito was right. Visconti, understanding like everyone else that \$30 million is a lot of money to be added to the city’s coffers, just wanted to know the mayor’s plans for the spending of the funds. Other councilors inferred that the process should be “transparent” and all actions should be conducted in consultation with the Council.

They didn’t have to wait long for Mayor Arrigo to respond to Visconti’s request. Forget April 26.

Arrigo responded within minutes via Zoom at the meeting and the mayor was so transparent, so informative, and so forthcoming with the process, that there was stone silence from the Council – and no further questions were necessary.

“I certainly appreciate everyone’s confidence in our ability to make sure that this process of receiving and then getting this money out to the public is done is done in a transparent way and a collaborative fashion,” said Arrigo cordially.

The mayor explained that the City of Revere will be receiving \$30 million from the federal government.

“There are four areas where we can send money – No. 1 is responding to the public health emergency that we’re still faced with and the economic impact including assistance to households, small businesses, and aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality,” said Arrigo.

The mayor said a second area is related to premium pay (up to \$13 per hour) to eligible employees who perform essential work, a formula to be determined by Arrigo himself.

The third area is replacing city revenues. “Any revenue reductions that we had due to the pandemic – this is a really important bucket because by replacing revenues, we

can then free up dollars to other things,” said Arrigo.

The mayor said the fourth area of fund distribution is centered “around investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.”

Arrigo said the basic framework for the funds will focus on “three really core values” - leveraging the money that the city is receiving from the federal government with other potential funding sources such as state and federal grants; providing for all of Revere’s residents that ensures a level of quality of life; and making sure that the city is investing for recovery and that the city is measuring how it is doing “in terms of the results and the recovery for our residents.”

“We’re going to make sure there is a significant investment in urgent health and economic needs,” said Arrigo. “It’s certainly going to be a priority to make sure we’re making short-term investments with long-term benefits. That’s where we want to be when we’re spending these dollars and we want to get them out quickly.”

Arrigo also informed the Council that the city has until 2024 to spend the funds and the \$30 million will be allocated to the city in three-to-four installments.

“We’re eagerly anticipating that money,” concluded Arrigo, promising an ongoing conversation with the Council.

The mayor had made his point very well. It will be a transparent effort and a team effort and the Council will be included in the discussions.

SECURITY DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL MEETING

REVERE - City Councilors Joanne McKenna and Richard Serino have requested a security presence during Council meetings when the meetings become open to public again at City Hall.

The Council has been meeting remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Public Safety Sub-Committee, chaired by Councilor-at-Large Jessica Giannino, discussed the proposal Monday.

“I believe we should have some sort of security in the Chambers when the public is allowed to come back to our meetings,” said McKenna, noting the rise in incidents nationally regarding the safety of the public.

Serino said, “these are different times for sure.”

The Ward 6 councilor recalled an incident following a Council meeting last summer when “us councilors had to actually be escorted out of City Hall by the Revere Police Department because there were crowds that were very much in our faces after a contentious vote.”

Serino that the councilors deserve to feel safe and having security at meetings “is just the way that we have to go in this crazy world these days.”

Ward 3 Councilor Arthur Guinasso said he is in his 32nd year on the Council and the incident to which Serino referred “was the first that I had ever witnessed and was part of something like that, where the police officers had to walk us out of the Chamber for our safety.”

Guinasso suggested that a police officer be stationed

at the entrance to the building during public meetings.

“I definitely agree with this [proposal] and I think the Council as a whole should adopt it as soon as possible,” said Guinasso.

Councilor-at-Large Gerry Visconti said he was completely in favor of the proposal if his colleagues favor such a measure.

“Security is important and the safety of my colleagues is important as well,” said Visconti.

Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito said some issues will lead to heated conversations in the Council Chamber “so I think it’s very important to weigh those factors.”

“Having a police presence not only protects the people in the Council, it makes people feel safer when a contentious topic is being discussed,” said Morabito. “So I’m in favor of this motion.”

Council President Anthony Zambuto said he would support his fellow councilors’ wishes for a security presence at meetings.

Stressing the importance of her colleagues feeling safe at all times during meetings, Giannino said, “The City of Revere should always be a safe place to work and be and we’re included in that.”

Giannino said the “security presence” could mean a current police officer or auxiliary police officer, a retired police officer or “other options” for being present at meetings.

The Public Safety Sub-Committee unanimously supported the measure.

COUNCIL HEARS RATE STUDY, COVID UPDATES

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met remotely on Tuesday, April 6, where it heard a water study proposal and updates on the pandemic. Around 25 members of the public attended.

Council President Phil Boncore opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Michael DeGregorio, a Winthrop resident who passed away this past week after a battle with Parkinson’s Disease.

Pres. Boncore congratulated resident Jeff Turco for his victory in the election for State Representative. He also issued a special citation to Winthrop’s own Jillian Dempsey, the Captain of the Boston Pride in the National Women’s Hockey League, calling her an inspiration to “athletes of all ages and genders.”

Water Loss Study

The Town is working with the Abrahams Group and with Environmental Partners to realize a study of the town’s water loss and water rate. The aim of the study is to answer the community’s questions about the recent water/sewer rate increases.

The study is already underway and a full report should be delivered in early June in time for the FY22 budget. The full presentation will be available on the town’s website. A comprehensive overview will also be featured in next week’s publication.

COVID-19

Winthrop is currently in the Yellow Zone with a 2.75 percent positive rate, slightly higher than two weeks ago. The town has had 2,155 cases with 35 deceased and 48 in isolation.

To date, 7,282 Winthrop residents have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine, or almost 40 percent of residents over the age of 18. Starting April 19, all members of the public age 16 and older will be able to get vaccinated.

The schools welcomed children back for in-person learning on April 5, in what Council Pres. Boncore called “a successful day.”

“Kids were fantastic and flexible,” he reported. “All the kids were happy to be back in school and see their friends and teachers.”

Students can now be tested for COVID on-site using rapid testing technology.

Winthrop was allocated \$1.83 million in COVID relief funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. An additional amount was granted to Suffolk county, bringing Winthrop’s total to \$5.4 million, paid out in two installments. The funds must be used by the end of the 2022 calendar year. Rather than treating this as “found money”, Town Manager Austin Faison intends to “plug the gaps” leftover from 2020, and to boost the sustainability of ongoing health projects.

The town manager still plans to open Town Hall to the public beginning on May 1. In-person business will take place Monday through Thursday from 9am to 12pm by appointment only. Sanitization and mask-wearing will be compulsory.

Faison is also working with technology experts to prepare the Harvey Room for in-person meetings for boards and committees. To date, it has been unable to accommodate both remote attendance via Zoom and live streaming by WCAT.

General Updates

The Council for Apointments, Commissions and Committees has finished its reviews of town employees. A vote to accept the reviews will be held at the next council meeting.

The Town will be installing four additional fully-accessible bus shelters on town sidewalks in the hopes of increasing bus ridership.

Work continues as scheduled in the Center Business District, with all utility due to be completed in the coming weeks.

The School Department approved a preliminary budget for the next fiscal year in the amount of \$23.5 million.

There are immediate openings on the Airport Hazards Committee, the Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee.

The juveniles responsible for the fire at Ingleside Playground earlier this year are being given the option to repay their debt to the community through a program that helps non-violent youth offenders avoid the criminal justice system.

Upcoming Events

A public hearing of the Ordinance Review Committee will be held on April 8 at 6pm.

The Town Manager’s Office will present the FY22 Budget Proposal on April 20 at 6pm, followed by the Annual Spring Forum at 7pm.

The Middle School Zoning Committee and the Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on April 22 at 7pm.





# All FIRED UP for Flavor

FAMILY FEATURES

Grilling is a great way to get a whole lot of flavor that goes way beyond plain burgers and basic barbecue. Lean meats, juicy marinades and zesty toppings add up to terrific flame-kissed dishes that will make guests want to kiss the cook. Here are some easy ways to take big flavor from the grate to the plate:

## Grill Up the Unexpected

- A lot of fruits and veggies are easy to cook over the coals. Try:
- Zucchini
  - Eggplant
  - Portobello mushrooms
  - Corn
  - Romaine hearts
  - Pineapple
  - Onion (sliced thick)
  - Stone fruits like peaches, plums and mangoes

## Marinate Meats

- When grilling lean meat, use a flavorful marinade with some acidic ingredients (like citrus juices) to help break down tough meat fibers. Make sure the marinade covers the meat entirely, and let it do its magic for several hours or overnight. Some bold ingredients to experiment with:
- Chili sauce
  - Olive oil
  - Lemon or lime juice
  - Soy sauce
  - Worcestershire sauce
  - Molasses
  - Garlic
  - Red pepper flakes

## Top It Off

- In addition to the good old grilling standbys like ketchup or barbecue sauce, set out some tasty toppers that can work on just about anything:
- Roasted red peppers
  - Caramelized onions
  - Spicy Wholly Guacamole
  - Pickled jalapeño peppers
  - Chipotle or basil mayo
  - Wholly Salsa
  - Smoked cheese slices

When you're ready to fire up some flavor, try these recipes from Wholly Guacamole. Made with all-natural ingredients, Wholly Guacamole can be found in the produce section of your grocery store. For more recipes, visit [www.eatwholly.com](http://www.eatwholly.com).



## Guacamania

Guacamole isn't just packed with flavor, it's packed with healthful ingredients. Avocados are full of the good kinds of fats — the same ones in olive oil and almonds. They're loaded with magnesium, Vitamin E, folic acid and lutein, a natural antioxidant. Avocados have 60 percent more potassium than bananas. Add in the benefits associated with tomatoes and onions and you have a remarkably low-calorie, good-time food.



## Beef Steak Soft Tacos

- Serves: 6
- Marinade:**
- 2/3 cup prepared Italian dressing
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
  - 1 tablespoon chili powder

- Beef Tacos:**
- 2 boneless beef chuck shoulder steaks, cut 3/4 inch thick (about 1-1/2 pounds)
  - 12 small flour tortillas, warmed

- Toppings:**
- Thinly sliced lettuce, chopped tomato, dairy sour cream, guacamole (optional)

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl. Place beef steaks and marinade in food-safe plastic bag; turn to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 6 hours or as long as overnight, turning occasionally. Remove steaks; discard marinade. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, uncovered, 14 to 17 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Carve into thin slices; season with salt. Serve in tortillas with toppings.

## Wholly Lime Cheeseburgers

- Serves: 6
- 2 pounds lean ground beef
  - 1/2 lime, juiced
  - 1 teaspoon garlic
  - 1/2 cup diced onion
  - 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
  - 6 slices Monterey Jack cheese
  - 6 hamburger buns
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In a large bowl mix together ground beef, lime juice, garlic, onion and tomatoes. Form meat into 6 patties. Cook burgers to desired doneness on a preheated grill. Add a slice of cheese to each burger during the last minute of cooking. Serve on toasted buns with a healthy dollop of guacamole. This recipe also makes great sliders. For a leaner version, use ground turkey instead of ground beef.

## Avocado Stuffed Salmon

- Serves: 4
- 2 packages lemon butter grilled salmon, defrosted
  - 1 cup spicy Wholly Guacamole
  - 1 egg yolk
  - 1/4 cup bread crumbs
  - 1 teaspoon lemon zest
  - Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to taste

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut a pocket into the side of each piece of salmon. In a bowl, combine guacamole, egg yolk, bread crumbs and lemon zest to make stuffing. Stuff fish with avocado mixture; season each fillet with salt and pepper. Bake for 8 minutes and serve immediately.



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# ‘New Light: Encounters and Connections’ highlights MFA’s collection

Spanning cultures and geographies, and sometimes millennia too, “New Light: Encounters and Connections” presents more than 50 works of art from across the MFA’s collection, many of which are on view for the first time. The exhibition is organized into 21 conversations—in each, a contemporary piece that has recently joined the collection is juxtaposed with one or two objects acquired earlier in the Museum’s history.

The contemporary pieces include work by emerging as well as local or Boston-born artists—among them Dana C. Chandler, Jr., Eben Haines, Stephen Hamilton, Tomashi Jackson, Lavaughan Jenkins and Alison Croney Moses. The objects in conversation with these recent additions range from a carving of a princess from ancient Egypt to experimental miniature vases made by French ceramicist Auguste Delaherche. Placed in dialogue, these objects old and new invite visi-



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE ARTIST.  
Joseph Lewis as Eze Nri (2018), Stephen Hamilton.

tors to explore an array of subjects. A portrait by Stephen Hamilton featuring weaving and dyeing techniques learned in Nigeria engages 20th-century textiles from southwestern Nigeria and Gee’s Bend, Alabama in a meditation on ancestral heritage, while encounters elsewhere address childcare, queer communities and Native resistance, among other topics. Together, these conversations reveal the potential of every ad-

dition to the collection to spark unexpected connections and new narratives. “New Light: Encounters and Connections” is generously supported by the Callaghan Family Fund for Contemporary Exhibitions. Additional support from the Barbara Jane Anderson Fund, The Bruce and Laura Monrad Fund for Exhibitions, and the Diane Krane Family and Jonathan and Gina Krane Family Fund.

# Flawed COVID-19 study may be putting school workers and students at Risk

Staff Report

On April 2, members of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health’s (MassCOSH) Health Technical Committee had a letter to the editor published in the Clinical Infectious Diseases journal that rebutted findings of a study published by the journal that played a role in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) changing its social distancing guidelines in public schools from 6 feet to 3 feet. The guidelines are being adopted by districts nationwide.

The letter questions the methods conducted in the journal article, Effectiveness of three versus six feet of physical distancing for controlling spread of COVID-19 among primary and secondary students and staff: A retrospective, state-wide cohort study. Authors of that article only looked at the written plans for distancing, not the actual implementation of those plans. They excluded all schools that were remote during the study period, which were most of the major cities in Massachusetts. They did include schools that were open just 5 percent of the time, which may have been much more influential on COVID-19 risk than their written distancing plans.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Massachusetts (DESE) has used this flawed study to require that schools open for full, in-person learning across the Commonwealth. The result is classrooms filled to a much higher capacity than what may be safe. Last week, even before students returned to the classroom at higher numbers, Massachusetts saw the most COVID-19 cases in schools yet, a combined 1,045 infections between

students and staff. “It is critical that decisions about the return to in-person learning be based in science,” said Jodi Sugerman-Broz, MassCOSH Executive Director. “Unfortunately, a problematic study riddled with flaws, conducted right here in Massachusetts, has led to what is likely a dangerously high number of students returning to classrooms across the country at a time when cases are on the rise.” The return to full-in-person learning in the Commonwealth comes shortly on the heels of a DESE decision to remove all capacity limits on school buses in Massachusetts. To justify this decision, DESE claims that two

things make social distancing unnecessary: the effectiveness of masks and the high ventilation rates on a school bus. Neither the CDC nor any other leading public or occupational health experts support DESE’s position that masks or ventilation make social distancing unnecessary. Bus drivers have already been hit hard by the pandemic. In Boston, two active school bus drivers and a bus manager died of COVID-19 in April 2020. A recent study of COVID-19 deaths among Massachusetts workers found that, from March to July of last year, transportation workers lost their lives to COVID-19 at twice the rate of the average worker.



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# New stamp celebrates Americans love of Coffee

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates America’s love of coffee this month with the issuance of four new stamps. Whether milky, dark as night, sweetened, flavored or highly concentrated, many coffee drinks have one thing in common — they begin with espresso.

This booklet of 20 stamps features four unique designs illustrating popular espresso drinks — espresso, cappuccino, caffe latte and caffe mocha. It may be purchased at usps.com.

Capturing the inviting atmosphere of an early 20th-century café, artist Terry Allen created each digital illustration with the style of 1920s and 1930s advertising posters in mind.

The names of the espresso drinks appear in art deco-inspired lettering above or below each enticing cup.

Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by Allen.

Espresso drinking in the United States is at an all-time high. With the grow-



ing popularity of artisanal coffee shops, extensive research on the roasting and brewing process, and continued innovation in machinery to make the perfect cup, specialty coffee is better than it has ever been.

When it comes to espresso, most Americans rely on a barista working at a coffeehouse to carefully craft their specialty

drink, but at-home espresso machines are also growing in popularity. Whether a routine part of getting going in the morning or a reason to gather socially at a local café, drinking beverages made with espresso has become increasingly trendy.

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These meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to hear an overview of the Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project including project overview, schedule, and traffic impacts. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Please note the presentation will be the same at both meetings. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both virtual meetings.  
All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. All attendees who sign into the meeting and provide an email address will be entered into the project’s email database to receive project updates. Prior to the meetings, if you have specific questions or concerns for the project team, please email us: [sumner100@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:sumner100@dot.state.ma.us).

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