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StoryWalk series comes to **Eastie**

By John Lynds

A family-friendly outdoor multilingual program that combines reading with the outdoors kicked off last week and will run through May 10 at American Legion Playground as well as the East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library on Bremen Street.

The city's second StoryWalk series will be held at American Legion Playground and the East Boston Branch Library in both English and Arabic.

At the park there will be a multicultural "board book" that lets young children explore the area. The board book's bold illustrations show children the people or animals they will meet, and objects that they will see and hear during the outdoor park experience. Laminated pages from children's books are attached to wooden stakes and installed along outdoor paths. As visitors stroll through the park, they are directed to the next page in the story.

According to the Boston Public Library the chosen book is "Listen, Listen" This beautifully illustrated story explores the different seasons and the amazing sights and sounds of na-

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SPRING CLEAN-UP ON THE GREENWAY



The Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway met with neighborhood volunteers in the community recently for a spring clean up of the Greenway. The group met at the Greenway's Gove Street Crossing and made their way around various parts of the park for several hours picking up trash and debris. The group also planted flowers around the public open space as well as mulched tree pits and added new soil around flower beds. The Friends group and volunteers practiced social distancing throughout the event From top clockwise, Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway and volunteers begin cleaning up the Greenway around the Gove Street Crossing; volunteers plant new flowers as part of the spring cleanup; a volunteer plants flowers and adds mulch around the fenceline of the Greenway near Gove Street.

EBNHC to receive city Vaccine Equity Grant

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) was one of 11 community-based organizations to receive grant money as part of the Boston's new Vaccine Equity Grant Initiative.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey, the Boston Public Health Commission and the Office of Health and Human Services made the announcement last Thursday that EBNHC and the 10 other organizations will share in a total of \$1.5 million to increase vaccine access and awareness in communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we continue to recover from COVID-19. it's critical that we are intentional about our efforts to support Bostonians disproportionately impacted by the pandemic," said Janey. "I am proud to award this funding to community-based organizations committed to expanding access to and awareness about the COVID-19 vaccine. Thank you for your partnership in helping our most vulnerable communities."

Applicants to the new initiative, which kicked off in March, were charged with developing

strategies to enhance and ensure equitable vaccine access for specific communities, neighborhoods and groups experiencing higher rates of COVID-19 or facing barriers in obtaining the vaccine

These groups include Black/African American, Latinx, Asian, Indigenious, and immigrant communities; with disabilities; individuals over the age of 65; in the neighborhoods of Eastie, Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Roslindale and Chinatown, where positivity rates have consistently been higher and vaccination rates have been lower than the citywide average.

"We are very pleased to be receiving funding from the City that will help us continue to address and advance vaccine equity in our community," said EB-NHC Vice President Steve Snyder. "We look forward to partnering with more community organizations who can assist with outreach to their constituents – it's going to take a great team effort to get us to the level of vaccinating our whole community."

Snyder said the Health Center will use the funds to support ongoing collaborations to administer the vaccine to Eastie's underserved population.

Merger

Rockland Trust will acquire East Boston Savings Bank

Officials from East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB) and Rockland Trust announced last week that the two banks have inked a merger agreement for Rockland to acquire EBSB's parent company, Meridian Bancorp., thus acquiring EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

Under the agreement each Meridian stockholder will receive 0.275 of Rockland common stock for each share of Meridian common stock.

According to officials the merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2021.

EBSB President and CEO Richard Gaveganao said last week this transaction brings together two strong banks with a long and rich history serving and investing in local communities.

"We are excited to join a like-minded organization dedicated to creating exceptional customer experiences, built on trust and quality service, while also providing an attractive return to our stockholders,"

said Gavegnano. Rockland President and CEO Christopher Oddleifson added this merger is consistent with Rockalnd's strategy of acquiring banks in overlapping and adjacent markets who share his bank's "relationship-focused style of banking".

"East Boston Savings Bank has been committed to building meaningful connections with their customers since 1848 and we are excited to work alongside them to deepen those relationships with expanded products, services, and technology," said Oddle-

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City recycle bins made from ocean waste delights

By John Lynds

East Boston resident Magdalena Ayed founded The Harborkeepers. The goal of the organization is to improve environmental justice, harbor stewardship and access to the neighborhood's 15 miles of coastline.

"Our mission is building coastal community resiliency and environmental advocacy in East Boston through engage-

ment, education and stewardship," said Ayed. "This is a very grassroots effort. We have been out there cleaning the harbor. It's a uniting community activity. We want a vision of the waterfront to be the vision

of the community.' So when Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced on Earth Day that the city will begin distributing new recycle bins made partly

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BCL CHAMPIONS



Christian Feudo sails into the end zone for the Jets' first touchdown. The East Boston High School football team defeated South Boston High, 36-0 to clinch the Boston City League championship. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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BIDEN'S CLIMATE CHANGE BILL: TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE?

President Joe Biden's ambitious proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 50 percent (from their 2005 levels) by 2030 marks a dramatic moment in the environmental movement.

Those of us old enough to remember the first Earth Day -- 51 years ago this past week -- know how difficult it can be to induce American consumers and businesses to adopt environmentally-friendly habits.

The first Earth Day was inspired by the images a few months before of Cleveland's Cuyahoga River catching fire when the chemical pollutants which industries poured into the river (which in turn streamed into Lake Erie) were ignited by a spark from the shore. The shocking river fire and the Earth Day movement

in turn led to the creation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the full support of then-President Richard M. Nixon, a Republican.

The EPA soon initiated policies that began to improve America's air and waterways, most notably with the elimination of lead in gasoline.

However, despite the tangible accomplishments of the EPA over the past 50 years, our air and water -- the essentials of life for all living things -- have remained as harmful to our health as ever.

A recent study by the American Lung Association concluded that almost 50 percent of all Americans still breathe polluted air.

The 1967 movie, The Graduate, predicted the rise of plastics ("Benjamin...I have one word for you: 'Plastics.' There is a great future in plastics.") in everyday life. But what the movie did not anticipate was that within a few decades, micro-plastics not only would contaminate the oceans around the world, but also would be found in every major organ in our bodies.

And of course, there is the matter of global warming, which soon is set to reach a point that will make life as we know it unsustainable in many parts of the world, including our own, where rising sea levels will inundate the Massachusetts coastline.

However, what is encouraging about President Biden's plans is that for the first time, major U.S. companies are supportive of policies that are good for the environment. Although we would like to think that they are doing so for the right reasons, the reality is that these companies realize that climate change will have a catastrophic effect on their business interests.

The U.S. military has warned for the past decade that climate change poses a major threat to our national security and now private industry finally has jumped on the bandwagon. According to an article in the New York Times last week, "Rising temperatures are likely to reduce global wealth significantly by 2050, as crop yields fall, disease spreads, and rising seas consume coastal cities...The effects of climate change can be expected to shave 11 percent to 14 percent off global economic output by 2050 compared with growth levels without climate change, according to a report from Swiss Re, one of the world's largest providers of insurance to other insurance companies."

So we applaud President Joe Biden's dramatic pro-environment policies, which incorporate many aspects of the Green New Deal put forward by our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, in tandem with New

York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. And we are heartened that American business is fully on-board with the president's proposals.

Hopefully, the shift in our national policy will not be

a case of too little, too late.

On the other hand, for those of us who celebrated the first Earth Day in 1970, we have to say, "Better late than never."

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Baker relaxes COVID restrictions

Staff Report

On Tuesday, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries effective May 10, and put plans in place for further reopening on May 29 and August 1.

The Administration continues to take steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy with public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction. This includes drops in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations. Massachusetts remains first in the nation for first vaccine doses and total doses administered per capita, among states with more than 5 million people. The Administration will also relax the Face Coverings Order for some outdoor settings, effective this Friday, April 30.

Face Coverings Order:

Effective April 30, the Face Coverings Order will be relaxed for some outdoor settings.

*Face coverings will only be required outside in public when it is not possible to socially distance, and at other times required by sector-specific guidance.

*Face coverings will still be required at all times

in indoor public places. Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking.

*At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required. The \$300 fine as an enforcement mechanism will be eliminated.

•Phase IV, Step 2 **Industries and Gathering Changes:**

On March 22, Massachusetts loosened capacity restrictions and advanced to Step 1 of Phase IV of the reopening plan. Since then, case rates dropped by 20%. The positivity rate has dropped to the lowest levels recorded since last summer.

Effective Monday, May 10:

*Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12% will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.

*The Commonwealth will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries including amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to

the Department of Public Health.

*Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.

*Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.

*Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

•Effective May 29:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.

•Subject to public health and vaccination data, additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including:

*Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50% of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health.

*Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, the restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

•Effective August 1:

*Subject to public health and vaccination data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including:

*Dance clubs, nightclubs

*Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities

*Indoor water parks *Ball pits

*All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices. The gathering limit will be rescinded.

*Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date. The Department of Public Health will also continue to issue guidance as needed, including guidance to still require masks indoors.

For more information, visit mass.gov/reopening.

EBSB // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ifson. "At the same time, we look forward to increasing our presence in and around the city and reinforcing our position as the Boston area's premier community-focused commercial bank."

EBSB currently has 42 full-service locations, one mobile branch and three loan centers in the greater Boston metropolitan area. As of March 31, 2021 Meridian had \$6.5 billion in total assets, \$5.3 billion

in loans, and \$5.1 billion in deposits. "Following this merger,

Rockland will have approximately \$20 billion in assets," said Oddleifson.. "In addition to the market leading commercial

lending capabilities, this acquisition will further enhance our core deposit franchise value and allow for the expansion of Rockland's broad financial product set to an expanded business and consumer customer base."

The boards of directors of each company have unanimously approved the transaction. The transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the receipt of required regulatory approvals, approval by the stockholders of both EBSB and Rockland and other customary conditions.



EBSB and Rockland Trust officials announced last week that the two banks have signed a merger agreement that will allow for Rockland to acquire EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

StoryWalk// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Over at the East Boston Branch Library-themed book bundles will be available for families for the duration of the Story-

walk installation. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department teamed up with the Boston Public Library, the High-

land Street Foundation,

the New England Patriots

Foundation, and Xfinity to

StoryWalk installations at 10 neighborhood parks across the city. After completing the

with a three-month Kindle

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StoryWalk, City of Boston residents are invited to scan the QR code and enter their information to enter to win one of five grand prizes of a Kindle outdoors.

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courtesy of Xfinity.

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library as an innovative way for children and adults to enjoy both reading and the The distance between

stations will naturally sup-

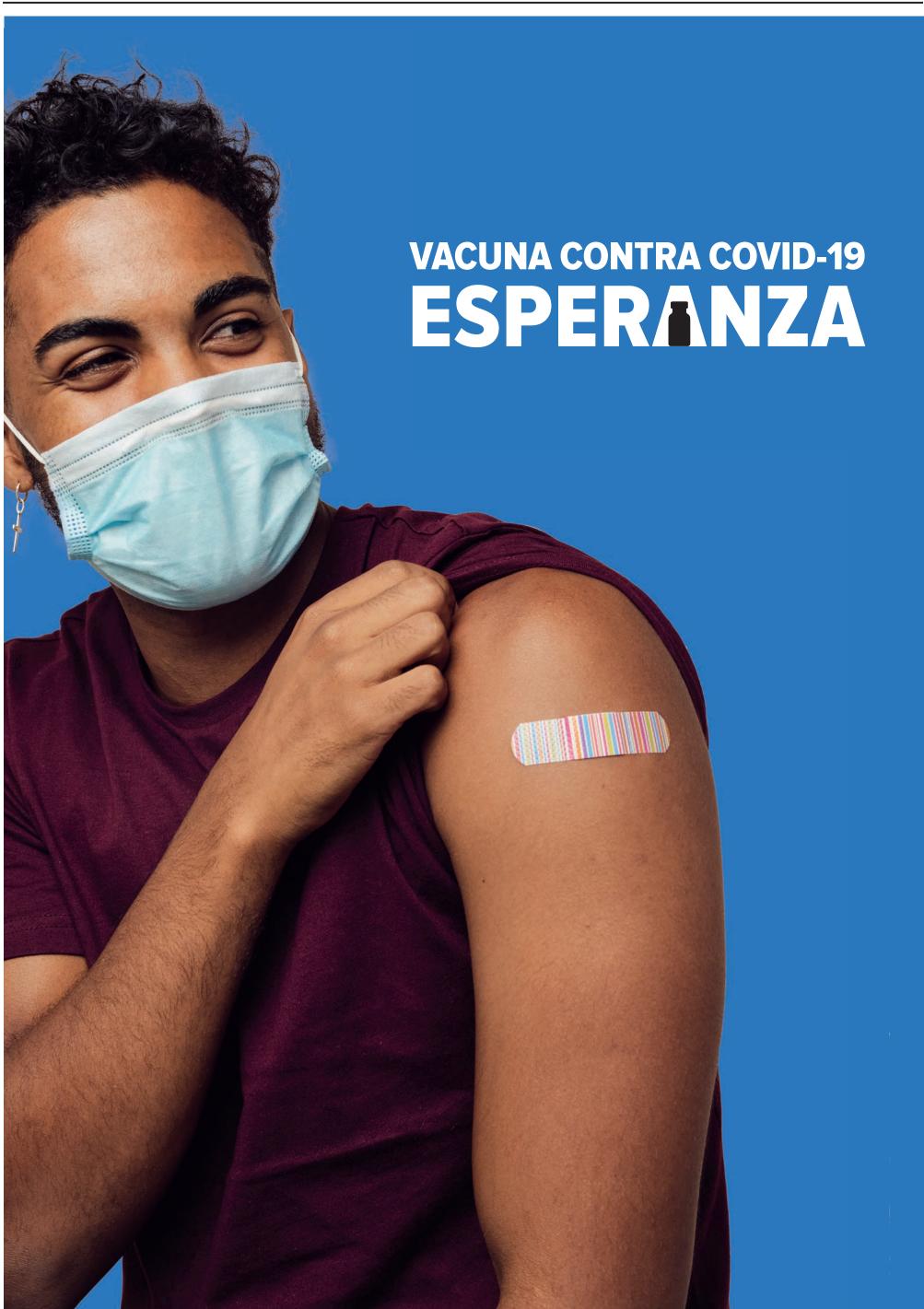
port social distancing, but visitors are reminded to stay six feet away from those who are not members of their own household. Face coverings must be worn in public parks. If participants find the StoryWalk to be crowded, they are encouraged to come back another time or choose a different Story-Walk location.

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Weekly COVID positive test rate drops in Eastie

By John Lynds

After experiencing increases week after week for the past month, East Boston's weekly COVID 19 positive test rate has finally decreased last week.

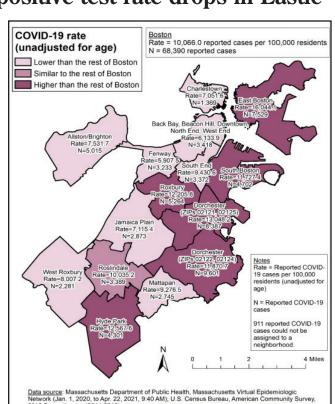
The weekly positive test rate has increased 16 percent, 20 percent, 10 percent and 12 percent week over week since the end of March.

However, according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), last week 1,789 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 5.9 percent were positive--a 20.2 percent decrease from the 7.4 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Of the 39,168 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 19.2 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was an increase of half a point from the 19.1 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased for another week and is now well below the 5 percent threshold.

According to the BPHC, 23,196 residents were tested and 3.6 percent were COVID positive--this was a 26.5 percent decrease from the 4.9 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two



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

weeks ago. The 5 percent threshold has been used to plan Boston's phased reopening strategies.

Eastie's COVID infection rate increased by 1.3 percent last week and went from 1583.5 cases per 10,000 residents to 1604.4 cases per 10,000 residents.

residents contracted the virus and there are now 7,529 confirmed cases, up from the 7,431 reported two weeks ago.

An additional 98 Eastie

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its

weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.6 percent percent last week and went from 67,685 cases to 68,795 confirmed cases in a week. Three additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,364 total deaths in the city from COVID.

Recycle // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

from ocean-bound plastic, Ayed was elated.

"As leader of a local Boston organization that does everyday ocean conservation and sees how plastic pollution impacts the environment, I am extremely excited and inspired to see these containers in our streets," said Ayed. "To see the City is finding alternate ways to purchase plastic recycling products sends a strong message to the rest of the nation that indeed we can make better choices, choices that will help reduce plastic use and pollution and thus help reduce carbon emissions.'

The Ocean Core cart is made from 40 percent post-consumer recycled material, 10 percent of which is recycled oceanbound plastic found near lakes, beaches, and water-

ways leading to the ocean. Distribution of the new recycle bins will be through a partnership between the City of Boston and the Rehrig Pacific Company who makes the bins. This partnership will supply over 10,000 residents with the new Ocean Core recycling carts over the next two years.

"As Mayor of a coastal city that cherishes its surrounding waterways, Boston is proud to be at the forefront of this technology," said Janey. "By recycling distributing carts composed of reusable ocean bound plastics, we're taking another step in our pursuit to become a zero waste city, and to



On Earth Day Acting Mayor Kim Janey unveiled new city recycling bins that reuse ocean-bound plastics.

and sustainable for future generations."

Recent studies have shown that there is far more plastic waste in the Atlantic Ocean than previously thought. With Ocean Core carts, Boston will reuse the equivalent of 61 miles of 2-liter bottles stretched end-to-end. That's the equivalent of running the Boston Marathon nearly two and a half

times over. The Public Works Department will begin distributing the new Ocean Core carts to residents who have a broken or damaged recycling cart in need of replacement. Requests for a new cart should be submitted through 311, the City's 24-hour constituent hotline.

"As the first City in the nation using this new innovative technology, Boston is leading the way for other municipalities across the country to acknowledge the importance of addressing environmental issues today that will impact us tomorrow," said Public

ensure Boston is healthy Works Superintendent of Waste Reduction Brian Coughlin. "Today's announcement on Earth Day symbolizes the dedication that we as a City have towards achieving our zero waste goals."

For the past few years Ayed and The Harborkeepers have seen first hand how ocean-bound plastic is hurting the local environment and planet.

During one recent cleanup along Eastie's waterline behind Shore Plaza, Harborkeepers' volunteers collected nearly fifty bags of trash, a shopping cart, half-dozen tires, a bicycle, toys, pieces of rubber, old phones, a TV, and other assorted debris.

"The amount of trash that has been collected so far, which is now saved from being washed away by the tide into the harbor, is noteworthy," said Ayed. "However, it is also a wake-up call that a larger multi-stakeholder effort to address marine debris and improve Harborwalk areas on the East Boston waterfront must be a priority."



The Ocean Core cart is made from a groundbreaking 40 percent post-consumer recycled material, 10 percent of which is recycled ocean-bound plastic found near lakes, beaches, and waterways leading to the ocean.

Mobile COVID-19 vaccination buses to visit local communities

By John Lynds

East Boston's total COVID cases represent roughly 10 percent of all the cases in the City of Boston. So it is no secret that the neighborhood has been hit particularly hard by the year's long pandemic.

Now there's a push both by the city and other health care providers to reach traditionally underserved communities like Eastie and ensure more and more of the population is vaccinated against the virus.

Last week Tufts Health Plan and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care kicked off "Mobile Vax", an effort to vaccinate more people among Black and Brown Communities and non-English speaking populations in Eastie.

The Mobile Vax van spent the day in Central

Square Saturday giving hundreds of Eastie residents their first COVID vaccination shot.

The initiative is supported by The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) and Last Mile Vaccine Delivery, a new public/private partnership service that aims to accelerate vaccine distribution.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black and Brown communities and it is critical that these communities have easy access to vaccines," said CEO of the combined organization of Tufts Health Plan and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Tom Croswell, "By bringing mobile vaccination clinics directly into the community, this collaboration is removing obstacles to accessing these

life-saving vaccines." EBNHC Senior Vice President and COO Greg Wilmot said this collaboration brings COVID-19 vaccine directly to the hardest hit communities.

"It underscores that equity is a priority for us and that we're committed to finding new and creative ways to reach our community," he said.

The Latino Equity Fund (LEF), the only philanthropic Latinx-focused fund in Massachusetts and an affiliate of The Boston Foundation, facilitated its connections to work with the combined organizations of Tufts Health Plan and Harvard Pilgrim to offer vaccine access to Eastie and help overcome vaccine hesitancy.

"Many Latino families will not be able to take time off from work to stand in line at a mass vaccination center, but if you bring the vaccine to



The new Mobile Vax van kicked off a new vaccination effort on Saturday in Eastie.

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them, then people will be more comfortable being vaccinated," said Vice President and Corporate Business Diversity Officer at the combined organization of Tufts Health Plan and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Juan Lopera.

Lopera is also Co-Chair of the Latino Equity Fund. "We have an opportunity to increase vaccine access in hard-hit, underserved communities

while contracting with minority-owned firms to bring culturally-relevant resources to help families register."

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Three Eastie organization receive Boston Cultural Council grants

By John Lynds

Three popular East Boston non-profits will receive a portion of the latest round of Boston Cultural Council grants totaling \$489,000.

Zumix, the Veronica Robles Cultural Center and Eastie Farms will join 150 other Boston arts and cultural organizations in sharing \$489,000 through the Boston Cultural Council grant program.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey, together with the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture and the Boston Cultural Council (BCC), made the announcement last week.

Janey said these grants support the organizations' general operating expenses, with the goal of enhancing the quality of life in Boston through the arts. "The arts are integral

to ensuring our city is a culturally vibrant place where everyone is able to thrive," said Janey. "These organizations have done incredible work over the past year to engage our communities during such a difficult time, and we are proud to support them as they continue to carry out this much needed work."

Over at Zumix, Eastie popular music and performing arts program on Maverick Street, Director of Advancement Kim Dawson said the neighborhood non-profit is planning to use the money to help reinstate community arts events - particularly the Summer Concert series this year and Big Worlds concert series come next fall/winter.

"We are very much looking forward to bringing back these events and the opportunity for our community to be joyful through music," said

For the second year in a row, grant amounts were determined by budget size. Organizations with budgets under \$2 million received grants between

\$2,000 and \$5,000. This funding strategy aims to better support small- to medium-sized organizations. Organizations were evaluated on a series of criteria, including diversity of the organization, service to historically underrepresented populations, benefit to the public, and reflection of the goals and ideas of the Boston Creates cultural plan.

A virtual reception celebrating this year's grantees will be livestreamed to the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture's Facebook page (@ArtsinBoston) on May 20, 2021 from 6-7

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Creative Writing BFA, Class of 2021. About Emerson College

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News in Brief

EDWARDS TO HOST NEIGHBORHOOD **COFFEE HOURS**

Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards will be hosting a neighborhood coffee hour at Pazza on Porter in East Boston this Saturday May 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pazza is a locally owned restaurant specializing in Italian food. After the coffee hour, Councilor Edwards and volunteers will canvass the neighborhood to collect the required signatures of registered voters for Councilor Edwards to appear on the ballot for this fall's municipal elec-

tion. In announcing these coffee hours, Councilor Edwards expressed her excitement to safely meet with community members one-on-one in an informal setting in order to address concerns and improve the quality of life for residents. Coffee will be provided and all are welcomed to attend. Covid protocols will be followed. Those interested in volunteering to collect signatures can sign up at http://bit.ly/EdwardsVolunteer2021.

MAY HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION **MEETING**

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association,

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(HVNA), will be on May 3 at 6 p.m. Please note this meeting will be presented in English and Spanish for our Harbor View residents. The meeting 117 Coleridge Street will be on Zoom. Please check the website (harborvieweastboston.com) for instructions to participate by video or telephone. HVNA will continue to stream the meeting via facebook live as well as Facebook, https://www. facebook.com/groups/ harborviewna.

Agenda Welcome/Introduction Presentation,

Announcements Love Your Block, HVNA Garden and Birthday wishes. (5min)

Boston Police Station 7 Update Officer Dan Simons and Sgt. Cintolo

490 Bennington Street - Second Presentation and VOTE, Attorney Richard Lynds for EB MHRC Holding LLC. Demolish existing single family home and erect a four sto-

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ry mixed use building with retail space on the ground floor level. 9 Units with roof decks and 6 parking spaces. (25min)

Second Presentation and VOTE, David Choi, Architect for owner Jorge Betancur. Proposal to expand the rear porches and construct new side porches. Also to renovate the existing basement, legalize it and change occupancy from 3 to 4 Units to be sold as condos. (25min)

184 Cowper Street 1st Attorney Richard Lynds for owner 184 Cowper Nominee Trust. Proposal is to demolish the existing 2 family home and erect a 3 story, 8 Unit dwelling. Anticipated variances IPOD, Use, FAR, Stories, Side Yard, Rear Yard and Parking. (30min)

The next meeting will be on June 7.

Visit us at http://www. facebook.com/groups/

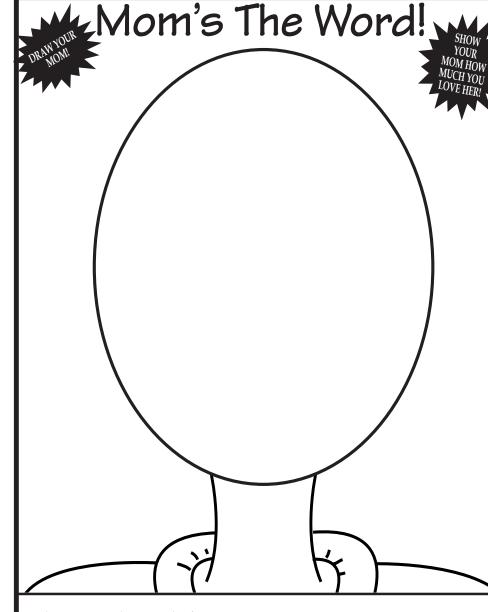


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Deadline for entries will be Friday, April 30th.

The Charlestown Patriot Bridge

EAST BOSTON HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM CLAIMS BCL CHAMPIONSHIP

The East Boston High School football team defeated South Boston High, 36-0, last Friday in the annual game that is usually played on Thanksgiving morning.

The victory clinched the Boston City League championship for Coach John Parziale's Jets, who had earlier won the BCL North Division title.

Taelor Thompson showed his multi-faceted skills with a touchdown

run, an interception return for a touchdown, and a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jashua Delacruz.

Prior to the game the Jets recognized their senior players for their outstanding dedication to the program and their teammates. East Boston High's seniors on the cheerleading team were also recognized for their support of the team and their program.





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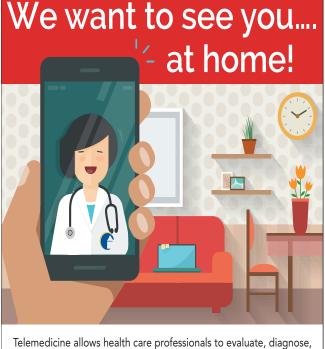


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Alex Valencia sets up for a pass to his receiver.



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Taelor Thompson turns the corner for a big gain on the ground.

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Baker signs executive order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Staff Report

As part of the Baker-Polito Administration's celebration of Earth Week in Massachusetts, Gov. Charles Baker last week joined state and local officials at the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) bunker to sign a new Executive Order building on the Administration's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across state facilities.

The Order, Leading by Example: Decarbonizing and Minimizing Environmental Impacts of State Government, sets goals and requirements to accelerate the state's decarbonization efforts in state agencies and public institutions of higher education, prioritizing electrification of buildings and transportation. The Order builds on the Commonwealth's national leadership on climate change, including an announcement by Governor Baker that the Administration has met its commitment to invest \$1 billion in climate spending by 2022, surpassing that benchmark in April 2021.

"Addressing climate

change requires bold, urgent action, which is why I am proud that our Administration has achieved an ambitious goal of investing \$1 billion in climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, an accomplishment we will continue to build on through this Executive Order," said Baker. "The Leading by Example Executive Order will boost the state's adoption of innovative clean energy strategies, and I'm grateful for the efforts of our state agencies and institutions to help us take on the challenge of climate change."

The Executive Order

reinforces Massachusetts as a leader in emissions reduction efforts through a variety of strategies. To reduce emissions and increase energy resilience, the Order underscores the need for significant energy efficiency measures across the state portfolio, as well as the deployment of renewable energy and energy storage at multiple facilities. Additionally, the Order:

•Requires all new construction at state agencies and campuses to meet stringent energy performance standards, install high efficiency heating and cooling systems, and meet DOER's new Specialized Stretch Energy Code when it is promulgated.

•Requires all state fleets to buy zero-emission vehicles starting next year.

•Requires the doubling of electric vehicle charging stations installed at state facilities by 2030.

•Establishes specific and measurable emission reduction targets associated with building and vehicle fossil fuels consumed by state entities.

•Requires agencies to incorporate emissions reduction strategies into all budgetary and planning efforts.

•And requires state agencies to appoint Leading by Example coordinators in support of the Executive Order's goals.

Gov. Baker was joined

by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides, Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Commissioner Patrick Woodcock, and Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) Commissioner Carol Gladstone. The MEMA bunker

features a comprehensive

Staff Report

energy efficiency and renewable energy project completed in 2020, overseen by DCAMM and partially funded by DO-ER's Leading by Example Program.

Through the Leading by Example Program, state entities have collectively reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 35 percent from a 2004 baseline, reduced heating oil use by 85 percent, eliminating more than 18 million gallons of fuel oil, and reduced energy use per square foot by 14 percent. Since 2015, state entities have installed 184 electric vehicle charging stations, deployed more than 20 MW of solar, created 42 new pollinator-friendly habitats, and completed 57 LEED Certified buildings, 35 of which achieved a Gold or

The MEMA bunker is the site of a compre-

hensive energy efficiency and renewable energy project, which includes a state-owned 275 kW parking lot solar canopy. The project will generate 376,000 kWh of renewable electricity annually and result in an estimated \$100,000 in annual benefits to the site from electricity cost savings, Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) Program incentive payments, and demand charge savings. Over 20 years, the project is estimated to provide the site with roughly \$2 million in total cost savings and generated revenue. The project received a \$453,750 DOER Leading By Example grant, which reduced the construction cost by approximately 27 percent, reducing the project's payback period by

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State officials award \$30.4 million in grants

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Last Friday, Baker-Polito Administration announced awarding \$30.4 million in grants to 602 additional Massachusetts businesses though the COVID-19 business relief program administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC).

With the addition of

these grants, the Administration has awarded a total of over \$682.4 million in direct financial support to 15,004 businesses across the Commonwealth.

Among the 602 businesses receiving funding, grants were awarded to 126 minority-owned, and 115 woman-owned businesses; 97 recipients are located in Gateway Cities, and 100 businesses have not received any prior aid.

MGCC's business-relief grant program was established to provide direct support for businesses, with a focus on specific economic sectors and priority demographics known to be the most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

\$630,000

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Virtual Public Meeting

This business relief program is a key part of the Administration's larger strategy to support small businesses and foster economic recovery across the

Commonwealth. Through Small Business Technical Assistance grants, as well as matching grants for Community Development Financial Institutions and Community Development Corporations, the Administration is investing a record amount of funding in the organizations across Massachusetts that are providing services and capital to small businesses, many of them owned by women, minorities and veterans and serving disadvantaged communities.

These awards are part of a steady deployment of grants and capital funding to support economic recovery throughout Massachusetts.

Last week, the Administration announced the award of 37 grants totaling \$5 million to cities, towns, and non-profit entities through the Regional Pilot Project Grant Program. Among the funded proposals are projects to launch business empowerment and marketing initiatives, activate vacant storefronts as pop-up retail, support regional supply chain resiliency, and create small business support networks.

This week, the Admin-

istration also awarded \$1.6 million to 59 tourism organizations, chambers of commerce, and cities and towns through the new Travel and Tourism Recovery Grant Pilot Program, in order to promote recovery in the tourism industry. Many of the supported projects are aligned with the Commonwealth's My Local MA marketing initiative to encourage residents to support their local economies by shopping at Massachusetts

four years.

businesses and attractions. As part of the Partnerships for Recovery economic strategy announced in October, 125 communities are currently working with consultants to pursue locally driven, actionable strategies to support downtown and commercial districts thanks to \$9.5 million awarded through the Local Rapid Recovery Planning program. Additionally, the Commonwealth has invested \$21.1 million since June 2020 in municipal projects through the Shared Streets and Spaces program, designed to help cities and towns implement changes to promote commerce like outdoor dining while sup-

porting public health.

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Docket No.

PETITION FOR

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OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL ADJUDICATION** Docket No. SU21P0633EA Estate of: Philip A. Marino Date of Death 11/30/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Cathy A. Marino of Winthrop, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Cathy A. Marino of Winthrop, MA be appointed as Personal Represen-

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Date: April 07, 2021

Register of Probate

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In the matter of: Sheska Vanessa Ulfo A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sheska Vanessa Ulfo of East Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Sheska Vanessa Mignone Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/20/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this

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Felix D. Arroyo,

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and the City of Boston are building off of the climate vulnerability analysis and resilient strategies developed through Climate Ready Boston (2016) and Coastal Resilient Solutions for East Boston (2017) to analyze site conditions and develop implementable design options to protect the East Boston waterfront and community from future sea level rise and coastal storm events.

East Boston Resilient Waterfront

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

Make a difference as a hospice volunteer

Staff Report

Care Dimensions, the largest hospice and palliative care provider to adults and children in Massachusetts, will hold online training classes for those interested in becoming volunteers for the nonprofit organization. Training will be held via Zoom June 1-24 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and June 7-30 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of our patients. Are you able to visit with a patient; listen to the patient's concerns and provide a supportive,

comforting presence? Can you hold a hand or engage in a shared interest or hobby? Are you able to help with letter-writing or life review; read to a patient; play games with a patient or family member? No matter what your skills, talents or motivation, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! As more of the popula-

tion becomes vaccinated against COVID-19, our volunteers will resume in-person visits with patients in their homes and will be provided with all necessary personal protective equipment. If patient visits are not the right fit for you, you can contribute in other ways, such as



online trainings beginning on June 1.

providing administrative office support or making check-in phone calls to current patients or bereaved family member.

To apply online visit www.CareDimensions. org/VolunteerApplication. coming a hospice volunteer or to register, please contact Fran Clements at FClements@CareDimensions.org or call 978-750-9349.

For information about be-

Legislation seeks to improve road safety

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration filed legislation this week to improve road safety, entitled, "An Act Relative to Improving Safety on the Roads of the Commonwealth." The legislation includes provisions previously filed by the Administration in 2019 and several new proposals, including increasing penalties for individuals who cause personal injury while driving on a non-administratively suspended license.

"These proposals will make Massachusetts roadways and streets safer for all travelers and will help reduce roadway fatalities across the state," said Gov. Charles Baker. "This legislative package builds upon laws enacted in 2019 to prevent and enforce distracted driving, and we look forward to working with our partners in the Legislature to take additional steps to improve road safety.'

An Act Relative to Improving Safety on the Roads of the Commonwealth, includes proposals on the following new and previously filed topics:

•Primary Seatbelt: allaw enforcement to stop motorists for not wearing a seatbelt. •Haley's Law: increases

penalties for individuals who cause personal injury while driving on a non-administratively suspended license. New provisions would create three levels of new "aggravating factors" to driving while suspended: 1) Driving negligently/recklessly: fine up to \$1,000 and up to five years in prison; 2) Causing "serious bodily injury:" fine up \$3,000 and house of correction up to two-and-a-half years; and 3) Causing death: fine up to \$5,000 and mandatory two years to a maximum of 10 years in prison. Current statute simply penalizes for driving while suspended.

•Traffic Camera Enforcement Local Option: allows localities to place red light cameras at intersections (and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)/ MassDOT-owned roads that serve as local roads with DCR/MassDOT permission). Cameras would be restricted to collecting photographs only upon a violation and only of the vehicle license plates. Violations would include running a red light and

making an illegal turn on a red light. •Bicycle Safe Passing:

requires a driver to maintain a 3 foot "safe passing distance" and to travel at a speed that is reasonable and proper when passing a bicyclist or pedestrian when there isn't any physical separation (such as a protected bike lane or curb). Thirty-six other states have "safe distance" requirements.

•Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Changes: a refile of previously filed changes to the state's CDL laws, which include updates to conform to feder-Crash Data Reporting:

proposes adding to reporting requirements crash information involving "a vulnerable user," a term which would include pedestrians, bicyclists, public works or public safety personnel working in the right of way, individuals on farm tractors, and users of other mobility devices such as scooters and inline skates. Current statute requires drivers to report any crashes resulting in serious bodily injury, death, or property damage in excess of \$1,000. This reporting on crashes involving vulnerable users

will assist municipalities and state transportation entities to identify problem areas or emerging

•Side Guards and Additional Mirrors: requires all Commonwealth-owned and operated vehicles over 10,000 pounds to have side guards, convex mirrors and crossover mirrors. Additionally, all Commonwealth and municipal contractors would be required to have these devices by Jan. 1, 2024. Side guards protect bicyclists and pedestrians from being swept under large vehicles, which can happen, for example, when vehicles are making tight turns at intersections. The convex mirrors complement the side guards.

•Low-Speed Mobility Device Advisory Working Group: given the growth in use and acceptance of micro-mobility solutions like electric scooters and bicycles, and their unclear status in state law and local regulation, this bill calls for MassDOT to convene an advisory group to recommend a new statutory framework to ensure safe while encouraging these low-carbon transportation alternatives.

Care Dimensions is looking for hospice volunteers, with

OBITUARIES

Donna DiLeone

Of Lynn, formerly of Revere

Donna (Gentile) DiLeone of Lynn, formerly of Revere, passed away suddenly on April 23 at the Born in Boston on Au-

gust 5, 1959 to Gina (Iacoviello) and the late John Gentile, she is survived by her loving partner, John Ierardi of Lynn and her former spouse, Gennaro Dileone of Italy. She was the devoted mother of Vincent Dileone and his wife, Nichole and John Dileone, all of Revere; cherished grandmother of Jaidyn and Gemma and dear sister of Mary Jane Batchelder and her late husband, Robert; adored aunt of Ryan Batchelder and his wife, Cassie and Robert Batchelder.

A Visitation will be held at St. Anthony's



Church, 250 Revere St, Revere on Monday, May 3 from 9 to 10 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. Mass. Capacity limits will be enforced. Masks and social distancing are required when entering the church. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. For guest book, please visit www. buonfiglio.com

Alan DeAngelis

Longtime Amtrak employee

Alan DeAngelis of Everett, formerly of Revere, passed away surrounded by his loving family on April 20 at the age of 66. Alan was a former em-

ployee of Amtrak dedicatedly serving the company for over 33 years He was the beloved

husband of Bernadette (Lupis) DeAngelis, loving son of the late Edward and Helen (Johnson) DeAngelis; devoted father of Jennifer Weaver and her husband, JR of Plainville, Nicholas DeAngelis and his wife, Kristin of Woburn and Melissa Booth and her husband, Roy of Chelsea; adored grandfather of Alexis, Frankie, Marcella and Bella.

Family and friends honored Alan's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Fam-



ily Memorial Home, East Boston on Friday, April 23 and a Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 24 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Revere. Memorial donations

may be made in Alan's name to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923. To leave an online condolence please www.ruggieromh.



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Officials award \$720,000 for young adults in recovery programs

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and the Department of Health (DPH) announced \$720,000 grant award to the national organization Young People in Recovery for the development of statewide support programs for young adults recovering from substance addiction. With fundthis

ing, Young People in Recovery will develop, build, and maintain seven recovery support networks strategically positioned in areas of critical need throughout the Commonwealth, providing young people ages 18-25 the life skills and peer supports they need to recover from opioid use, stimulant use, or other substance use disorders and co-occurring substance use and men-

tal illness. The program launches in April 2021 with the capacity to serve approximately 1,400 people annually.

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year mark of fighting the

remain aware of its serious impacts on those struggling with addiction, especially young people who may be experiencing social isolation as they social distance to stay safe," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "This award builds on the Commonwealth's ongoing efforts to provide support to those who are seeking a way out of addiction and from the grip of the opioid epidemic." The COVID-19 pan-

COVID-19 pandemic we

demic has created an extraordinary public health challenge in Massachusetts, particularly for many young adults, whose social, emotional, and mental well-being has been adversely affected. For those affected by substance use, this grant initiative seeks to forestall the kinds of trauma that can have long-term consequences when faced at such an important developmental stage.

"Studies have indicated that people between the ages of 18 and 25 are among the most impacted by substance use disorders," said Health and **Human Services Secretary** Marylou Sudders. "This program will provide young people the support, engagement, and skills they need to maintain recovery as they transition into adulthood, making important resources accessible during a time when we are combatting social and emotional isolation **In Loving Memory**

pandemic's impact on our lives." The grant award will be

caused by the COVID-19

distributed over the course of FY21-22. The program is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR)

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May he rest in peace dear Jesus, in thy Heavenly home above, With the Sacred Heart of Jesus in His Own Eternal Love. Along the road to yesterday, That leads us straight to you Are the memories of happy days, together we once knew. A silent grief that's in our hearts, No human eye can trace, For many a broken heart is hid, beneath a smiling face

Miss You Always Your Loving Family

Michelle Wu tours Eastie businesses

By John Lynds

One topic that is sure to be a major focus in the Boston Mayoral race is each candidate's plans to help local businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic down-

running Candidates for the city's highest office have been making the rounds in East Boston with Mayoral Candidate and City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu being the latest candidate to meet with logical business leaders to hear first hand the tools and resources they'll need for recovery.

neighborhood's The small businesses that dot the community have been the backbone of Eastie's local economy and many have been severely impacted by the pandemic with loss of revenue, employees and customers.

However, as more and more residents get vaccinated and COVID infection rates come down

there is light at the end of the tunnel.

On Friday Wu toured Eastie businesses and met with small business owners and workers to hear from them about the pressing issues facing local businesses in and around Maverick Square.

On her listening tour, she heard from business leaders about their difficulties during the pandemic, recovery plans and needs from Boston's next Mayoral Administration. She was intentional about visiting restaurants and other small businesses that directly serve the community, and have been impacted by the pandemic.

"I loved meeting with small business owners and workers in and around Maverick Square," said Wu of Friday's tour. "The revitalization of our communities after an incredibly difficult year starts with our neighborhood businesses which bring people together and jumpstart our economy. We as a City need to do everything

in our power to listen, respond to the problems they face and help them continue to serve as anchors of our neighborhoods."

Stops made during the Eastie small business tour included Las Americas Travel; Dirty Water Dough Co.; Brasil Brazil; 809 Barbershop; Taco Mex; and Illusions Hair

Before becoming an elected official Wu helped her family open a small local tea shop when she was serving as caregiver to her mother and legal guardian to her sisters. Wu said part of what inspired her to run for office was the bureaucracy and red tape she faced in trying to get her small business off the ground.

Now, with the pandemic wreaking havoc on local business, Wu said small businesses owners need support like never before from the next mayoral administration to ensure they thrive in the post-pandem-

As part of her campaign



Mayoral Candidate and City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu toured Eastie's small businesses impacted by the pandemic last Friday. Wu made stops to several small businesses including Dirty Water Dough (above), Brasil Brazil)below) and Illusion Hair Salon (left).



platform Wu has acknowledged small businesses are facing unprecedented challenges as they struggle to pay rent, serve their customers, keep their workers safe, and navigate reopening and recovery.

"We must work with entrepreneurs and advocates to ensure that those with the most need have access to relief and services," she said. One plan is Wu's idea to

create specialized support for restaurants. "Restaurants have

been hit especially hard during the pandemic with government-mandated shutdowns and restricted capacity adding to the stresses on an industry

with already tight profit margins," she said. "Boston should work closely to connect federal, state, and local resources to neighborhood restaurants and work to rebuild the local restaurant scene with technical assistance, place-making, programming, and publicity."



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Cradles to Crayons' launches new resilience fund

Cradles to Crayons a steady and dependable (C2C) has announced the launch of its 2021 Resilsetts recovering from the current health crisis. The local nonprofit organization is committed to being

resource for families and most affected by the pandemic's impact.

During times of crisis, injustice and income

insecurity, families rely on C2C to provide rechildren in need, and the sources for their children. sist families in Massachu- the trauma felt by those C2C has seen an increase in urgent requests for essential items from across the state, as many parents are forced to decide between buying groceries, medicine, and other critical items. In fact, more than one in four children live in households struggling to pay rent, buy food, or pay for other expenses. The creation of the Resilience Fund is intended to directly address these issues while strengthening and empowering struggling families. This will allow C2C to acquire, process and distribute children's essentials such as new diapers, face masks, and hygiene products to

> "I have been working with a mother who recently moved into a family shelter while pregnant. Thanks to Cradles to Crayons, we are able to provide her school age child with clothing for school, and also provide mom with clothes and diapers for her

the hardest-hit families.

healthy newborn daughter, who was just delivered last week," said a Service ience Fund to directly as- Fund intends to help heal Throughout the pandemic, Partner, local to Boston. "We try our best to supply our families with any resources we can find, but it is often difficult to find a family what they need. This would not have been possible without Cradles

> to Crayons." "Spring is finally here, and with it comes the feeling of hope and renewal," said Aubrey Conquergood, Executive Director of Cradles to Crayons Boston. "Although spirits are lifting and things are heading in the right direction, it will be a long and difficult road to recovery for the families we serve. We need to keep these children and families at the forefront of our collective philanthropy, and our Resilience Fund will help us provide basic essentials so that families can do more than survive-they can thrive."

Those interested in donating to the Resilience Fund can do so by visiting Cradles to Crayons' web-

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Kitty Connection spring online auction starts this Friday

Staff Report

Kitty Connection, an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to rescuing and finding safe, loving homes for local cats and dogs, will hold an Online Spring Silent Auction from 8 a.m. Friday, April 30 through 8 p.m. Monday, May 3 at www.myminiauction. com/kittyconnection.

"Just in time for Mother's Day, Kitty Connec-

tion's Spring Silent Auction is a convenient way to find unique gifts for all the mothers and other special people in your life while supporting local pets in need," Kitty Connection President Marie Mazzeo said. "Our February online auction raised \$2,700 in one weekend and we are hoping our spring event will top that – providing much-needed funding to care and provide homes

for the many cats, dogs and other companion animals we rescue and foster every day."

Kitty Connection volunteers rescued over 700 cats and several dogs last year, many in need of major medical care. The organization provides critical high-cost medical care, including surgeries, for 30 to 50 cats annually, and provides funds for low-cost medical care to

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

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

Dozens of items will be up for bid during the Online Spring Silent Auction will allow bidders, including themed baskets and other gifts perfect for Mother's Day. Auction items will appear on the auction website, along with guidelines and policies, at the auction start time (8 a.m. Friday, April 30). Please direct any questions to kesilentauction@gmail.com. To learn more about Kitty Connection and pets available for adoption, visit: www.kittyconnection.net.

SJC issues new order regarding court operations

Staff Repo

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) has issued an updated order regarding the operation of Massachusetts state courts and courthouses during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The new order goes into effect on May 1, and will replace the existing order issued on Feb.

24, 2021. The new order allows for the resumption of 12-person jury trials in Superior Court criminal and sexually dangerous person cases as part of Phase 3 of the plan for the gradual resumption of jury trials. The Phase 3 recommended by the Jury Management Advisory Committee (JMAC) in its report of July 31, 2020, has been modified in some respects, but in general the new order authorizes the courts to conduct as many jury trials as possible in as many locations as possible, consistent with the recommended health and safety practices. To maximize the number of jury trials that can be conducted during Phase 3, certain cases that typically would

be tried to juries of twelve will continue to be tried to juries of six (i.e., Superior and Housing Court civil cases), while others may continue to be tried to juries of six with the consent of the appropriate parties (i.e., Superior Court criminal and sexually dangerous person cases). In addition, certain jury trials will be subject to limitations on the number of peremptory challenges. The cases that will be tried during Phase 3, as well as the locations, are subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of the applicable Trial Court Department. Priority will continue to be given to conducting jury trials in cases where a party is in custody.

Phase 3 will continue until the SJC issues further direction regarding the resumption of jury trials. As throughout the pandemic, all plans and expectations may be adjusted at any time in the ongoing effort to balance the safety of everyone who enters a courthouse with the fundamental constitutional right to a trial by jury.

"We are ready to increase the number and lo-

cations of jury trials," said Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Kimberly Budd, "but our courts will need to follow recommended health and safety practices, including mask-wearing, frequent hand washing, physical distancing, and courtroom and courthouse occupancy limitations, for some time to come."

Otherwise, courts will continue to conduct business virtually and in-person and courthouses will continue to be physically open to the public. Judges will continue to schedule and conduct bench trials and other hearings, either virtually or in-person. Each Trial Court department will continue to post notices to the court system's COVID-19 webpage identifying how (virtually or in-person) it is addressing various categories of matters.

Clerks', registers', and recorder's offices will continue to be physically open to the public, while still endeavoring to conduct business virtually as much as possible.

Gubernatorial hopeful Downing urges state to abandon plans for new women's prison

Following news that the state continues to move forward with plans to build a new women's prison in Norfolk, former state senator, clean energy business leader, and current gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing today urged state leaders to abandon the project.

"Investing in incarceration is the exact opposite of what Massachusetts needs. If there is a genuine desire by state leaders to focus on more 'trauma-in-

formed' care for those interacting with our justice system, then our dollars should be directed towards decarceration, community-based alternatives, housing, mental health care, education, job training, and the endless other ways we can support -rather than punish -- those carrying trauma. Our state government should also engage transparently and in good faith with the advocates for whom this is deeply personal; the women and children and families living with the generational consequences of incarceration every day.

"The Baker Administration and Department of Correction should abandon this project, and the state legislature should expeditiously pass Rep. Tyler and Sen. Comerford's legislation to protect against this kind of misuse of state dollars moving forward."





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POLICE TRAINING **PROGRAM**

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Police Department and the MIT Center for Ethics and Transformative Leadership collaborated this past spring on a unique police training program looking to build empathy and compassion into implicit bias training programs.

Acting on an existing relationship with the MIT Center that was used to form the innovative Chelsea HUB model, both organizations brought the program to the Chelsea Police and three other departments for six weeks of training in how to add new tools to keep situations from escalating on the street - and to take police departments into more of a direction of community service and safeguarding.

The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, of MIT, ran the program - known as Transformative Citizenship - and said it focuses on understanding how officers view their community, how the community views them and the pressures that mount on officers due to the dangers inherent in the job - and often times incorrect public perceptions of them.

The most recent cohort in Chelsea was the first to take place in the United States, and could potentially next go to Seattle. There were 33 officers from Chelsea and three other departments, and they had in-person and online meetings for two hours at a time.

"This is the first time we are trying to create a model or pilot for a U.S. Police Force and maybe others too," said Tenzin. "I do believe this is something that could help all of them. This is one of the most important set of tools they will have. It will prevent even simple things, when they escalate, they will have these tools and will be able to recall them to de-escalate situations very quickly. These are the things that play a role in the way officers discharge their duties every day.

"In the end, these are very dedicated individuals that are trying to shift the culture so communities have better experience with what the police do and police forces do more than just policing," he continued.

Chief Brian Kyes said he was happy to lead

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the effort with MIT, and found it a valuable forum for peers to share their experiences.

"This unique partnership provides our Officers with valuable insight and a forum for shared experiences with peers from neighboring communities," he said. "It also helps to expand their resource toolkit, something that is important especially when presented with complex situations. We are happy to be leading with MIT in this effort."

Tenzin said confidence in policing in the U.S., both perceived and real, is putting additional stressors on the very people that are depended on for public safety. Often, police officers internalize the public criticism that erupts whenever there is an event where use of force is exercised, whether warranted or not. Many times, men and women who have made a pledge to protect fellow residents feel that the world is against them regardless of the outcome. This presents a real danger both in regards to mental health and also with any future interactions these officers may face in the future.

"The important aspect is many are drawn to policing by their desire to serve the community," he said. "There's a lot of frustration because...you're only judged by the worst in your department. It only takes one or two bad instances for the community to pass judgment on those good officers in the department at the same time. They are only interested in doing good for the community and they're frustrated because of internal environments and external perceptions."

The program also touches on how officers internalize anxiety - the idea that they may not come home at the end of the day – and it also focuses on how officers view their community. A key aspect of the program is to help develop an emotional resiliency so they can have compassion and empathy on those they encounter even in the most challenging circumstances.

"One thing they look at is the perception officers have of the community they are serving," he said. "The second thing with that is a focus on emotional resiliency. It is a high-pressure job at any given time. We give them another tool to help address situations with compassion and empathy.'

Transformative Citizenship aims to address these issues in a meaningful and impactful way by exploring the thought process and emotions these events can trigger. The focus of the program is to work through implicit biases in decision-making and to promote emotional resilience and trust both within the department and in the communities they work.

"I am extremely grateful to the Chelsea Police Department and the MIT Center for Ethics and Transformative Values for the opportunity to take part in this course and include more than two dozen officers from several PAARI-affiliated police departments," said Allie Hunter, Executive Director of PAARI. "This program provided a unique and meaningful opportunity to enhance officers' leadership skills, especially as they engage in public health and social service oriented community policing programs that support individuals with substance use and mental health disorders, as well as those experiencing homelessness."

Tenzin added, "The work of police department is perhaps one of the most challenging and demanding for professionals. Our goal with this course is to further build and strengthen trust in communities where it may have eroded. That is critical to the safety and well-being of everyone."

The next step is to create ongoing sessions for more police departments locally and throughout the U.S., using what was learned in Chelsea. In a period where the public is asking for the "re-imagination of police" this course offers opportunities for difficult conversations that can lead to solutions and not just volatile rhetoric, he said.

Anyone interested in learning more about Transformative Citizenship can contact Tenzin via e-mail at The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT, info@thecenter.mit.edu.

Chief Kyes, Police Chiefs Association agree with verdict on Chauvin

Chief Brian Kyes, president of the Massachusetts Major City Police Chiefs Association, hasn't always been totally in step

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with every police reform it to be thought by residents and taxpayers that that has come down over the last year, but this week we just sit around and do Kyes said he believed the no work." jury got it right when it City CFO Eric Decame to the murder conmas said there has been

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of line with what you might see in other communities," he said. "Between the casino and the change in assessments, there's been a tremendous amount of activity going on in the last five years as the City continues to grow an flourish. We have to make sure we're doing everything we can to protect the residents."

As that has happened, Mejia said it has been smarter to use outside legal services rather than to hire new staff and have to pay benefits and a pension.

"I think it has been very responsible not to hire more employees and not have more unfunded liabilities with pensions and insurance and salaries," she said. "It doesn't make sense. If you average out all the costs we spend, it's still less expensive (than hiring someone)."

Both Demas and Mejia also pointed out that some fees paid to the City's outside counsel - KP Law actually isn't paid by taxpayers. KP Law usually has an outside attorney present at most Zoning Board and Planning Board meetings, but some of that expense is picked up by developers.

Using the 53G accounts that can be charged to larger developers for transportation, engineering and legal services, the City is able to be reimbursed by developer dollars through those accounts for part of the KP Law fees.

Communications Chief Deanna Devaney, who is also an attorney, said in her experience working at other cities and towns, Everett outside legal fees are well-within the usual range.

"This is a common practice using outside law firms," she said. "If we compared to other cities and towns outside Everett, I would say it's more than comparable...I believe Everett is very reasonable

outside legal fees."

as to what they have for

On Monday, April 18 the Winthrop Vikings hosted Lynn English at the Winthrop Golf Club.

Shown above, Eli Wickham from the fairway on the second hole.

Shown left, Zachary Shea works his way out of a bunker.

BRUSH FIRE SHOWS EXTENT OF PHRAGMITES

EVERETT - A massive brush fire, fueled by the ignition of Phragmites via a homeless encampment near the Gateway Mall, has brought an immediate effort to identify and clear the invasive Phragmites from Everett's waterfront and marsh areas.

The fire on April 6 came just as officials, including the City Administration, Fire Chief Tony Carli and State Rep. Joe McGonagle had been calling for the removal of the Phragmites near the Gateway Mall as a safety measure.

However, facing some pushback from the state, nothing had gotten done and soon after the blaze ignited and threatened many of the nearby structures - and potentially the lives of firefighters who were unknowingly in harm's way from the homeless encampment's

stash of propane tanks.

"Deputy Cardinale did a great job getting to the area and knocking it down quickly - preventing it from spreading to the Mall," said Chief Carli. "We knew there were homeless people living along the River. We knew a couple groups of them were up closer to Malden. This encampment caught us by surprise because it was so close to the highway that you couldn't see it. Once we saw how quick that fire was moving, we got it down fast. Ten or 20 years ago, we didn't have too many structures near that area. It's just not good to have that interface between the vegetation and these structures."

Due to the concerning nature of the fire and the threat to nearby buildings, Chief Carli issued an emergency order to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) – with the sustained advocacy of Rep. McGonagle – that allowed for the Phragmites to be removed immediately as a public safety measure. With that, crews moved in immediately - with approval afterward by the Conservation Commission - to remove the invasive Phragmites along the Malden River and its tributaries. A longer-term plan for the Malden River has been to remove the Phragmites and other

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trial of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin reached its verdict, finding him guilty of all three charges," said the Chief in a statement. "As members of the Mass

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Major City Police Chiefs Association we strongly believe that not only was the defendant afforded due process as is required by our Constitution and in conformance with our system of justice, but that the honorable and informed jury absolutely

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this historic verdict."

after some members of the City Council questioned the outside legal fees paid for the tax valuation case that took place for several years between the City and Exelon Power Plant, members of several City Departments said the expenditures since 2017 are not out of the ordinary. There is a need often to get attorneys specializing in unique areas of the law as many surrounding community cities have done, said City Solicitor Colleen Mejia. She also said that the notion that her department doesn't work or farms out all of the legal issues is not correct.

"It is absolutely not true that we're farming out all the legal work," she said. "We work all day every day - as well as nights and week-ends. Virtually every department head in the City calls us at night and on weekends. This isn't a 9 to 5 job. We use outside legal services to supplement and help us resolve issues we need help with. We don't know

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invasive species, and to replace them with native plants and shrubs that lived along the Malden River years ago. The fire has seemingly sped up that process.

Meanwhile, Chief Carli said another issue is the safety of firefighters as they moved in to put out the fire and didn't know of the homeless encampment. No one in the encampment was present or injured, but there were several propane tanks that were stored in the area that could have exploded and injured fire crews. Luckily, Carli said, that didn't happen.

"It really could have been a dangerous situation for the membership," he said. "There were probably in excess of 20 to 25 propane tanks down there. They could have exploded from the fire, but thankfully they didn't. When we show up at a fire like this, we don't expect to see that in that area. At a grass fire in a location like that, we don't expect to see humans there."

Chief Carli reiterated he issued the emergency declaration because the situation just wasn't safe.

"We want everyone to be safe, and that wasn't a safe situation," he said.

LOCAL BUSINESS **OWNERS** RESPONDS TO NEEDS

LYNN - You can be sure that Lindsay Wallin, owner- operator of the McDonald's restaurant on Boston Street, will be considered for the prestigious Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year Award.

When the pandemic hit last year, Wallin knew she wanted to do something to support her crew, and her community, through the challenging times. From allowing team members to bring food home to their families after a shift to paying an extra dollar an hour, Lindsay did what she could to alleviate the building stress of the coronavirus situation.

In her community, despite closed in-restaurant dining areas, Lindsay sought new ways to bring the McDonald's magic back to children and families in her community. On Halloween, she organized drive-thru trick or treating events at her restaurants to provide a safe but exciting event for the local children.

'Since I became an operator, opening my first store with a newborn on my arm, I've thought about my business from a mother's perspective," she says. "Along the way, I'm always looking to find ways McDonald's could support parents and children in our communities and I couldn't be more grateful to have the support from my crew behind me."

Wallin, who resides in Lynnfield with her two children, officially came the owner of McDonald's on Boston Street in early 2020. In the past years, she had been operating the Lynn restaurant which was previously owned by her father, Bob

"I've been running the restaurant for awhile, so I was already familiar with the restaurant and with the people, so it was not a super-tough transition, but the pandemic made it tricky, for sure," said Wal-

A graduate of Winchester High School and renowned Babson College, a school known for its superb business curriculum, Wallin also owns eight other McDonald's restaurants on the North Shore, including the two on Route 1 (North and South) in Saugus. McDonald's on Bos-

ton Street stayed open throughout the pandemic. "We closed the restau-

rant for dine-in and takeout at first, but kept the drive-thru operating the whole time," recalled Wallin. "We also had delivery, which is actually a very big part of our business in Lynn." Recognizing the stress-

es caused by the pandemic to her employees and customers. Wallin felt one of the most helpful things she could do was to allow her employees to take home a

meal for their families at the end of their shift.

"It was just one less thing for people to worry about, with grocery shopping and the availability of food and all that at the beginning of the pandemic - it seemed like something that we could very easily do to help them out," said Wallin.

A mother of two children (ages 10 and 12), Wallin said her experience as a parent "helped me a lot to recognize what parents need and how we can better serve our employees and our customers. As a parent, I was able to see a lot of things that were helpful to them. While it was a challenge, it really helped me a lot in recognizing that."

Wallin has been a generous contributor to the Lynn schools. Fundraising nights, in which a portion of sales go to the school, have been very successful.

"We've done a lot of what we call 'Teachers Nights' with the Lynn Woods and the Harrington Schools - basically we give 20 percent of sales back to the schools," said Wallin. "Of all my nine stores, the Lynn fundraisers are always the most successful. And we love to give back. Anytime anyone asks us to do anything, we always say, 'Why not?' - that's kind of our go-to response. We look forward to doing more with Lynn as schools start to reopen."

Business has been very good at her McDonald's in Lynn, which should only increase as crowds (hopefully) return for sporting events at nearby Manning Field and Fraser Field.

"Lynn is my highest-volume store, it has the most potential and I do look forward to growing it even more," said Wallin.

And the city of Lynn is fortunate to have its midst, Lindsay Wallin - a philanthropic businesswoman and an authentic role model for aspiring female business owners everywhere.

ARRIGO, **BOH START** VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo and the Revere Board of Health (BOH) announced the launch of its campaign to reach a goal of 70 percent of residents vaccinated by July 4, a key milestone toward reaching herd immunity and ending the pandemic. The campaign, "Let's Do This, Revere," features residents and community leaders in a multilingual print and digital campaign, as well as a citywide thermometer tracking system that will provide weekly updates for residents.

"The vaccine rollout is our path forward in returning to normalcy after an incredibly challenging year," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "The 'Let's Do This, Revere' campaign aims to create excitement around the possibilities of a fully vaccinated Revere. The more residents vaccinated, the closer we are to going back to the activities we loved prior to the pandemic."

As of Thursday, April 15, 23.6 percent of Revere residents had been fully vaccinated. Yesterday, April 19, the statewide vaccine phasing program opened eligibility to all adults 18 and older.

The campaign features:

- 7 thermometers positioned around the city, which will be updated weekly to provide the community with progress updates and motivation
- The vaccination stories of dozens of community leaders, dubbed "vaccine champions," that represent the diversity of the city. Our vaccine champions include Mayor Brian Arrigo and Daveen Arrigo, Representative Jessica Giannino, Alberto Vasallo, Dr. Nathalee Kong, Felix Arroyo, Father Xavier, Dimple Rana, Michael Hinojosa, Olga Tacure, Fatou Drammeh, Dean Paskos (Frankie Fannabla), Kourou Pich, Nezha Louaddi, Brandon Brito, Father John Sheridan, Angelica Cardona-Ramirez, and Diana Cardona.
- Billboards and flyers featuring community

leaders and driving residents toward vaccination resources

 Downloadable Facebook frames for residents and community leaders to use to share their vaccination story in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Portuguese.

Outreach continues with the Revere COVID ambassadors, who routinely distribute multilingual clinic flyers to businesses, employees, houses of worship, and neighborhoods. COVID ambassadors provide multi-lingual support at the Revere Board of Health vaccine clinics and help answer questions at the Revere Vaccine Ho-

tline (781-286-8182). Currently, Revere can receive their vaccination at a number of different clinics and pharmacies. Residents are urged to sign up for Revere Board of Health updates at www. revere.org/vaccine-signup to stay in the loop with vaccination clinics hosted by the City. Sign up with the State to be notified when they have an appointment available for you at a MassVax site or call 2-1-1. East Boston Neighborhood Health Center continues to vaccinate at the Wonderland Ballroom - please call 617-568-4870 or visit www.ebnhc.org to sign up for an appointment.



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Winthrop Marketplace makes updates

By Kate Anslinger

As the manager of the Winthrop Marketplace, Chris Wallerce knows how important it is to stay updated with current trends and best business practices, which is why he made the decision to make some physical updates to the store.

Replacing the floors and cash registers was a top priority for Wallerce, and in early April, during a brief store closure, New England Flooring worked around the clock to replace the floors, and local carpenter and loyal customer, Ben Schad, installed the newly designed

cash registers. "We installed new vinyl flooring almost two years ago, a big change from the old VCT floors that we had for almost twenty years," said Wallerce.

"Unfortunately, the flooring was defective and it would only turn into a safety hazard. As such, it had to be replaced."

Wallerce said they opted for a similar style vinyl wood plank flooring that maintained the desired aesthetic appeal that he had in mind, providing a warm and welcoming environment and easy maintenance. With the store closed briefly for the floor Wallerce replacement, made the decision to replace the cash register stands, just in time for the plastic ban going into effect for the Marketplace on May 15th.

"The register stands with the bag carousel was an outdated model to use. We wanted something that fit our wooden décor, was efficient to use, and looked good as well."

The registers are made

of maple and pine, with a solid maple butcher block top and designed and built by Schad.

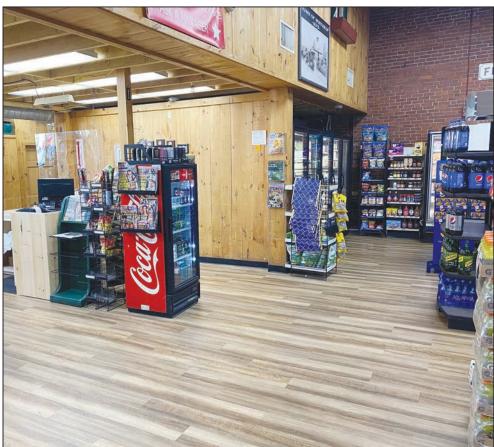
"The registers far exceeded our expectations. The new wooden stands completely change the look and feel of our store. The front of the store feels more open and spacious and allows for a more expedited checkout process. With space in our store being at a premium, the new streamlined stands create space for more product offerings for our customers. The renovations and changes are never completed for a grocery store. That means that new Point-Of-Sale register systems will be coming in the near future to allow for better reporting for our employees and more innovative sales and marketing for our customers. In addition, we are looking to add



Aesthetically pleasing floors and cash registers brighten up the store.

new produce cases and a grab-and-go refrigerated case to provide our customers with more options for quick and healthy

received wonderful feedback from the customers, who were patient and supportive during the brief closure. The last time the Winthrop Marketplace had to shut down for a rewhen the original VCT flooring was removed and replaced with vinyl flooring. During that time, a new bakery rack and front end displays were also in-



New cash registers allow for more space at the front of the store.



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